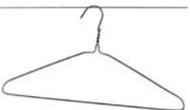




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Court serves mental health needs

On Dec. 5, the Delaware Municipal Court became the 18th municipal court in Ohio to establish a mental health docket for mentally ill offenders.

Municipal Judge David P. Sunderman was joined in Courtroom A of Municipal Court by Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton and Judge Kenneth J. Spicer of the Delaware Juvenile Court to dedicate the specialty docket, which officially began on Dec. 19.

Justice Stratton has received state and national recognition for her work on the impact of mental illness on Ohio's court system. Judge Spicer began a mental health docket in Juvenile Court two years ago. Together, they were "the logical choices" of judiciary to assist in the opening of the new docket, according to Sunderman.

The new docket, which Sunderman characterizes as a "problem-solving court program," will offer certain mentally ill offenders charged with misdemeanors a program of intense supervision and treatment rather than jail or further criminal sanctions.

The docket is a voluntary program that will take up to 20 individuals and offenders have to meet the minimum legal and clinical criteria in order to be eligible for acceptance into the program.

Should the participant be successful in completing the challenging program, which consists of three phases that take up to two years to complete, the underlying charges are dismissed.

The intensive supervision will be provided by the docket coordinator and a community control officer. This will be the first program in Ohio where the municipal and common pleas court systems share personnel and resources.

Diane Conn, LISW, is the docket coordinator; Zac Dean, an officer with Delaware County Adult Court Services, is the community control officer. The Delaware-Morrow Mental Health & Recovery Services Board awarded a contract to Maryhaven in March of 2007 to fund the position of the coordinator; the two courts will share Dean's salary.

The Mental Health docket is the culmination of almost three years of work on the part of Judge Sunderman, Steve Hedge and the Delaware-Morrow Mental Health & Recovery Services Board.

Kicking up Kwanzaa spirit



Photo by Catie Coleman

The freshmen members of the Student Union of Black Awareness performed a skit about discovering Kwanzaa at Tuesday's dinner celebration held in the Benes Rooms.

Drugovich seeking presidency of Rockford College

By Miranda Simmons
Editor-in-chief

According to the Ohio Wesleyan website, the university has 18 administrative, faculty, staff and athletic position openings, not including the presidency. The position of vice president of Strategic Communications and University Enrollment could be number 19.

Margaret Drugovich, who holds the job, is among four candidates being considered for the presidency of Rockford College in Rockford, Ill.

Drugovich said she visited Rockford last week. "Their search committee is considering their time with each candidate and will decide their next step," she said. "At the same time, I am thinking over my experience with them."

She said the college has not made an offer, nor has she accepted one, and she will only take an offer if she feels the college is the right fit for her.

"Not all leaders are right for all universities at all times," she said.

A representative from the Rockford Presidential Search Committee refused comment.

Drugovich said she has been considering going after a presidency for several years and saw an opportunity when a friend mentioned Rockford had an opening. She said making the decision to go after such a position was really a personal process as she tried to figure out if she could effectively handle the responsibilities that go with a presidency.

"This is something at this point I thought (it) was time for me to explore," she said.

A source close to the admissions office said, "I think a lot of people on campus generally suspected she would eventually seek that position But as far as I know, no one knew about it until she announced it to the admissions office on Nov. 27."

Drugovich has been at OWU since 1998 and currently oversees 39 employees. Her job includes all recruitment, admission, financial aid, marketing and communications strategy development and implementation for Ohio Wesleyan. She said administrators typically stay at a university for five to seven years before moving on, so "for someone with my career, (nine year's) a long time."

The source close to the admissions office said, "I think (Drugovich possibly leaving) would give us a good opportunity. I think a lot of people would be afraid to have someone leave in the situation we're in now, but at the same time we're in an era of change within our administration, and as we replace the positions that are now open, it would give us the opportunity to strengthen the administration and build a group of officers who we know will work well together and be able to accomplish a lot for the university."

According to the Rockford website, the college is home to 1,200 students and has graduated a Nobel laureate, Jane Addams.

The website said, "At Rockford College, our vision is to be Jane Addams' college in the 21st century. We seek to create a world that is more just, more humane, and more democratic. Students at Rockford College today, like Jane Addams before them, think critically, act compassionately,

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Controversy remains between WCSA, student activists

By Shade Fakunle
Transcript Correspondent

Despite earlier reports, questions still remain concerning WCSA's decision not to fund a group's trip to the School of Americas in Fort Benning, Ga.

A group of OWU students were denied funding for the trip because the Budget Committee, and most of the members, viewed it as a politically charged event.

The proposal was presented to WCSA on Oct. 22 for a trip that was to take place Nov. 16-19. The letter briefly described the School of Americas, now renamed WHINSEC, as "a combat training school for Latin American soldiers whose graduates have consistently turned their training against the poor, labor, and religious communities in their own countries."

The event was organized by School of Americas Watch, or SOA Watch, whose mission statement reads, "SOA Watch is a non-violent grassroots movement that works to stand in solidarity with the people of Latin America, to close down the SOA/WHINSEC and to change the oppressive U.S. foreign policy that the SOA represents"

This is not indicated in the proposal the group submitted to WCSA. This being the second year the group was denied funding for the trip, WCSA President Tricia DiFranco mentioned concerns that the proposal was altered to accommodate the modified budgetary guidelines.

According to DiFranco, the main reason the group was not funded was because of the clause in the budget guidelines that states that WCSA will not fund student transportation to any off campus event whose focus is "any activity in which participation manifests itself primarily or centrally through action of any type intended or reasonably expected to influence government officials."

The budget committee showed a flyer from the SOA Watch website during the discussion.

"(Showing the event flyer) was something we discussed at our committee meeting, and something we saw as appropriate to shed light on the true nature of the event," Robert Shelala, a member of the Budget Committee, said.

He said there was "consensus both within the budgetary committee and in the full-body that this event constituted political activism."

Sophomore Catherine Corrai, a member of WCSA does not agree with this.

"Although (the flyer) did explain why they thought this trip was solely focused on political issues, I do not think it was fair because the picture displayed was of people protesting, and our students were not going to be involved in any picketing protest," Corrai said. "I thought that these images distracted (from) the purpose of the trip"

Senior Allison Ebersol, a member of both WCSA and the group that went on the trip, was the designated speaker for the meeting. Ebersol said she, senior Amanda Matthews and junior Ben Goodrum spent the night before preparing what to say at the meeting.

Ebersol said most of what they prepared was not heard by WCSA members. Many WCSA members spoke up. Ebersol said a lot of accusations were made and they had no chance to defend themselves. She said there should have been an opportunity to address the concerns about the SOA Watch group.

"You can call any gathering of

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Second finalist presents different outlook

By Michael DiBiasio
Transcript Reporter

On Monday, Robert Entzminger, presidential search finalist and vice president for Academic Affairs at Hendrix College, held open sessions with OWU faculty, staff and students to introduce himself and field questions.



Entzminger

Entzminger told students he was not only attracted to the university's similarities to Hendrix but to its differences as well, and the more he considered the presidency, the more he was drawn to OWU.

Entzminger spoke about the many challenges facing the university including improved retention, scholarship and technology, as well as improving buildings and grounds.

"I think there are a lot of challenges here that I have some experience dealing with. I've had the privilege of being at some institutions that took some very significant leaps forward while I was there, including Hendrix, and so I feel that I might offer some leadership and guidance as OWU attempts to do the same thing," Entzminger said.

Monday was Entzminger's first time on campus, and after only several hours on campus, he said he got a strong sense of community, and added that it was "impressive."

"My first impression is that it's a very lively and engaged place. I've been very pleased in what I've seen here in terms of the way the community has invested in itself; the way there seems to be a similar concern about the issues that need to get addressed," Entzminger said.

Entzminger said he though the role of the president at this level of higher education is to be committed to the ideas of a liberal arts education and to interact effectively with a broad range of people.

"You have to be genuine in all the roles you play because sooner or later if you're not genuine, it's going to catch up with you," said Entzminger.

Junior Sam Wallace said she thought Entzminger was too casual in his open session and disagreed with his belief that OWU and Hendrix are similar institutions.

"He was a very casual speaker, but at times too casual. He didn't have much of an introduction prepared and left most of the time for students to ask questions. I think that the school he is coming from is nothing like OWU, personally," Wallace said. "His institution is not very culturally diverse, he admitted to that, and had very few study abroad programs. I feel that our next president needs to have experience in these areas as they are a crucial part of student life at OWU."

Unlike Wallace, however, sophomore Hasani Wheat said he was pleased with Entzminger's knowledge and experience. He said he feels that Entzminger would make a much more visible president than what students have been used to.

"I believe that Dr. Entzminger meets the qualities that the next

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Campus News

Delaware County groups stay clean and win awards

Several citizens, community groups, and businesses were recognized for supporting litter prevention and recycling at Keep Delaware County Beautiful's annual awards reception Thursday, Dec. 7.

Award recipients were:

- The Strand Theatre in downtown Delaware, which received the Recycling Award for its groundbreaking efforts to recycle nearly all the trash produced by its patrons. Strand Manager Kara McVay was praised for her persistence in breaking down barriers to launch the recycling program.

- The Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial committee in Sunbury, recipient of the Beautification Award. The memorial commemorating Ohio's Middle East war dead was recognized for its striking appearance and for the grass roots organization that led to its creation. Jerry Jodrey accepted the award on behalf of the committee.

- Republic Waste, recipient of the Business Award for providing cardboard and other recycling services to Olentangy Local Schools at no added cost.

- Preservation Parks of Delaware County Planner Ted Miller, recipient of the Garrison Brown Award for recognizing initiative. Miller was praised for efforts including design work on the Alum Creek Lake osprey viewing platform and creation of maps of local greenways and possible future trails. The award is named for the late Charlotte Garrison and former Mayor Janet Brown of Ashley, both passionate supporters of community beautification.

About 60 Keep Delaware County Beautiful friends and supporters attended the reception in the Rutherford B. Hayes Building.

State Division of Recycling and Litter Prevention Chief Derek Anderson addressed the crowd, and Susan Sutherland of the Delaware General Health District gave updates on progress stemming from the 2003 Delaware County Litter Summit.

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people there for a cause a protest," said Masters.

She reiterated that the group was in no way affiliated with SOA Watch.

"Since the students were not taking part in an actual protest, I think that the issue should have been evaluated differently," Corrai said. "The trip consisted of students taking part in a full day of educational programs, not dealing with the SOA, and then the following day, the group would take part in a vigil at the SOA and not a protest."

Goodrum said he did not like the accusations either.

"We were there to mourn the [victim's] deaths, not to protest," Goodrum said.

He said he felt as though the meeting was an "attack on [the group's] integrity."

He said he didn't feel as though the group was taken seriously at the meeting.

The decision cannot be looked at again once it has been made, but DiFranco leaves the room to say groups such as this may be able to get funding in the future.

DiFranco said if the group were to present in a new manner, WCSA might provide funding.

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compassionately, and embrace the ideals of citizenship."

Several OWU administrative offices were contacted, but none would comment.

Hendrix men storm OWU campus

By Michael DiBiasio
Transcript Reporter

Wednesday afternoon, Rockwell (Rock) Jones, the last of three presidential search finalists and executive vice president and dean of advancement for Hendrix College, began his three-day campus visit with an open session with students.

Jones was quick to say that the university's strengths lie in its students, faculty and alumni.

"I think its first strength is its student body. You have a bright, highly motivated student body. An equal strength is the faculty. Your faculty is as equally credentialed as any in the country. They are absolutely committed to the students in everything they do. You also have the benefit of alumni and trustees who love the institution and who want to support it and see it be better than it's been," Jones said.

Jones also said that OWU faces many of the same challenges that other liberal arts institutions are currently facing.

"It's a very competitive world for students, for faculty, for donor resources. It's a rapidly changing world for technology that has brought all kinds of changes. So the challenge is to find ways to adapt in the changing world without losing the core values of the liberal arts," said Jones.

Overall, Jones was impressed with the faculty's commitment and how student-oriented the campus felt. He attributed the future success of the university to the efforts of these aspects of university life.

"I'm struck by the fact that it's a very student centered place; a place where the faculty teach because



Photo by Mike DiBiasio

Rockwell Jones speaks to students on Wednesday.

they want to teach undergraduate students and they want to conduct their research in that context," said Jones. "People that work here do so because they want to be a part of a life changing experience and undergraduate educational environment. The students here are passionate about what they do. Wesleyan has a terrific history, but also a bright future."

To be the president of a liberal arts institution, in Jones' words, is to "to keep the institution at the front and center of his or her mind every waking moment and to help the institution achieve its full potential.

"That's done by charting a vision,

working collaboratively with all the constituencies of the institution in framing that vision, and gathering the resources to enact that vision and celebrating the accomplishments when that vision is achieved."

If selected as the next president, Jones promises to bring his experience, leadership and love for collaboration to OWU.

"I have a background in the planning efforts, I've participated in the leadership of major campaigns, but most importantly I love people and I love working with people and to be involved with the students and faculty of this institution is the passion and focus of my life," Jones said.

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have: confident, knowledgeable of deficient areas such as fundraising and awareness for the cultivation of diversity groups, and being a person who is willing to be around on campus, not just for big events but for everyday events such as hanging out in Ham-Will at lunchtime."

Entzminger said he enjoys engaging with students on campus and used his daily interactions with Hendrix students as examples of doing just that.

"I try to get out of my office everyday, not to go to a meeting, but to get out of the office and walk across campus to give students the opportunity to stop me and bend my ear about something that's on their mind. Frequently I've been eating lunch in the student center and typically students are not shy in coming up to me," Entzminger said.

Entzminger mentioned that, if selected as the next president, he would try and market the university better and shake it free of its modesty, which he said often constricts many liberal arts institutions.

"The trouble with being modest is that people believe you, and institutions can't afford for people to believe that they're modest," he said.

"You have to put your best forward, you have to say what's good about who you are, and why people should invest the kind of money we're expecting them to invest in the education," Entzminger added.

Obstacles make Run-A-Mok 2 unique race

By Mary Beth Scherer
Transcript Reporter

Runners who participated in Run-A-Muck 2, a fundraiser for Ohio Wesleyan's track and field program, on Dec. 1 jumped over hay barrels, ran through a creek and got a little muddy.

According to Laura Finkes, assistant cross country and track and field coach, the 5K race was a European style race.

"A European style cross country race is one that includes natural- and man-made barriers as well as hills, trails and grass," Finkes said.

The race took place at Methodist Theological School located on Columbus Pike and began at 10 a.m. The cost to participate was \$20 for individuals and \$28 for relay teams. The profits benefit the track and field and cross country program, Finkes said.

"The extra money helps us to supplement our budget and allows us to do some things that we might not be able to afford without fundraising," Finkes said.

According to Finkes, the first 150 runners who registered received a goody bag with a commemorative long-sleeve t-shirt. The race was sponsored by Second Sole of Delaware.

Finkes said the idea for the Run-A-Muck fundraiser is loosely modeled



Submitted photo

Freshman Katlin Zimmerly took home the women's title of Run-A-Mok 2 on Dec. 1.

after the "Let's-Get-Dirty" race held every year by Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, where she previously coached.

"I saw how much fun the runners had competing in the unusual event and thought it would be great to

adopt for the Delaware community," Finkes said.

According to Finkes, the name of the race is a word play on the idiom run amok, or run amuk.

"One definition of this phrase is to behave chaotically, or to run wild,"

Finkes said. "We put our own twist on the name to highlight the potentially muddy nature of the race, as well as describe the wild nature of the event compared to an every day road race, which would be very straightforward by comparison."

Sophomore Ashlie Britton participated in the race both last year and this year.

Britton said she decided to participate because it seemed like a fun activity to get involved in and it benefited the track team.

Britton said the most difficult part of the race was getting used to the cold. The best part of the race was seeing all the people who participated, she said.

"It was great to see some of my friends, and especially the people that have already graduated," Britton said.

This particular fundraiser provided a great opportunity for people to have fun and compete with their friends, Finkes said.

"I think that the most exciting thing about the race is that it connects the OWU track and field and cross country program with the local running community," Finkes said. "We get to meet a lot of local runners that we might not otherwise know, and that is fantastic. Running is really a community sport, and we like making connections with other people."

CareerFest networks employment opportunities

By Mary Beth Scherer
Transcript Reporter

On Feb. 1, students have an opportunity to meet recruiters face-to-face.

The Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) CareerFest 2008 will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Aladdin Shrine in Columbus on Stelzer Rd. across from Easton.

According to Assistant Director of Career Services Nancy Westfield, the purpose of the OFIC CareerFest is "to provide a means for employers and students to connect regarding jobs and internships."

Meeting with recruiters gives students a sense of the job market and allows them to see what employers are looking for, Westfield said.

"[The OFIC CareerFest] is a chance for students to ask questions, make contacts and hopefully make a great impression in order to be asked for an interview," Westfield said.

Director of Career Services Tom Vecchione said

CareerFest 2008

the OFIC CareerFest is a major and increasingly well attended event among both employers and students.

"A review of the companies scheduled to attend clearly illustrates the broad nature of companies that cover a wide range of career fields and opportunities," Vecchione said.

According to the OFIC website, a few of the many participating employers for OFIC CareerFest 2008 are Charles Schwab, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, JPMorgan Chase, WRFD Radio and

Teach for America.

Vecchione said students who choose to attend the OFIC CareerFest should dress in business attire and come with a professional looking folder with plenty of resumes in it.

Vecchione said he recommends students be open to talking with any company.

"Many students come away very excited about companies they had never intended to talk with, sometimes never even heard of," Vecchione said.

Westfield said she recommends students research all the organizations they are interested in "to better focus their efforts and be able to ask relevant questions." Students should have an idea of the type of job or internship they are looking for, Westfield said.

Vecchione said he thinks Ohio Wesleyan is the closest school to the event and wants to have the best turnout.

"This is right in our own backyard," Vecchione said.

Campus News

OWU staff 'adopts' holiday families

By Laura Noyes
Transcript Correspondent

For some, the holidays are a cheerful time of year; others, who struggle to make ends meet, find the holidays can be anything but joyous. Ohio Wesleyan's Clerical Staff Council has adopted two Delaware County families this year, in hopes of brightening their holiday seasons.

More than 400 families in Delaware County have registered with People in Need, Inc., an organization that provides aid to deprived families year-round.

Even though PIN organizes collections and drives all year, Executive Director Kevin Crowley said the most important collection drive of the whole year is during the holiday season.

For the past 52 years, people have been encouraged to donate non-perishable food, new toys and clothes, as well as tax-deductible monetary contributions. The money is used to purchase gifts and to supplement the approximately 16,000 meals PIN hopes to provide to families who have registered for assistance.

According to United Way of Delaware County's website, last year PIN provided 37,332 meals to needy families, distributed 2,126 toothbrushes, filled 539 prescriptions, provided 340 insulin syringes and provided school supplies to 291 children. At Christmas time alone, PIN assisted 845 children, 572 adults and 371 families.

The Clerical Staff Council has adopted two families through PIN to help independently of the organization's fundraising. The group has raised approximately \$900 this year with the help of the OWU community. The first of the two families this money benefits includes a 5-year-old girl, 9-year-old girl and an 8-year-old boy. The second family has a 2-year-old girl and a 4-year-old girl.

For confidentiality reasons, the families' names could not be released for interviewing purposes.

The committee used the money to purchase pants, sweaters, sweats, pajamas, hats, gloves and toys for each child. They also purchased gift cards for Wal-Mart and Kroger's for each family to use. The rest of the money will be sent to PIN to be used to help other families in need.

"This is my second year to be involved with this great project, but it has been going on at Ohio Wesleyan for several years," said Academic Affairs Secretary Karen McNeal.

McNeal is a member of the Clerical Staff Council, along with secretary of student life, Brenda Fogle; accounts payable clerk, Rosemary Bell; chemistry secretary, Barbara Williams; Mary Lou deJonge in university relations; and Fred Donovan, who works for buildings and grounds.

For more information and for ways to help PIN, contact the organization at its offices at 274 S. Sandusky St. in Delaware. PIN's phone number is (740)-363-6284.

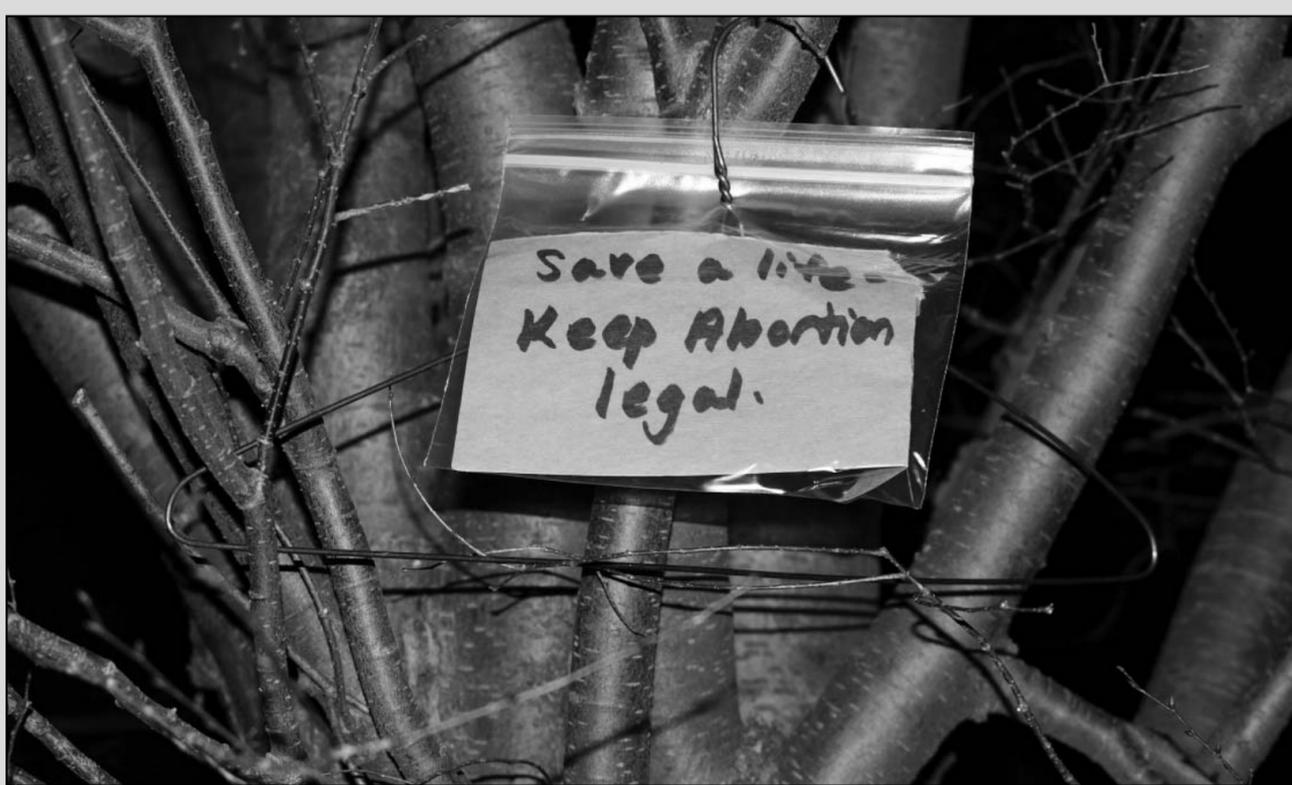


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Coat hangers displayed on campus are designed to remind viewers of a time before Roe v. Wade.

Coat Hanger Project promotes women's rights

By Emily Rose
Transcript Correspondent

For some, wire coat hangers represent just one way to ruin a perfectly good sweater.

But for pro-choice activists like senior Allison Draper, the coat hanger is a symbol of the violent deaths many women endured from botched abortions before the practice was legalized in 1973.

This week, Draper will be working in conjunction with "The Coat Hanger Project" in order to memorialize the women victimized by illegal abortions and to raise awareness of women's reproductive issues.

"The Coat Hanger Project" is a documentary about the history of and issues surrounding abortion and gives information on how to engage in pro-choice activism. (For more information, visit

thecoathangerproject.com.)

A member of the Women's House, Draper was inspired by "The Coat Hanger Project" after visiting the Women's Resource Center earlier this semester and learning that it had been a past house project.

Small Living Unit members are required to complete at least one house project a semester. Draper's project involves hanging wire hangers adorned with pro-choice slogans on trees throughout campus. She said she looked forward to using such powerful symbols to promote her activism.

"I chose to do 'The Coat Hanger Project' for my house project because the coat hanger is a disturbing symbol. It's a reminder of the time when women didn't have access to safe, legal abortions. As a result, many of them died gruesomely because they didn't have reproductive rights."

Junior Whitney Smith, also a Women's House member, believes the project will help raise awareness of women's issues.

"It will open the campus's eyes to the realities of coat hanger abortions," Smith said. "Through this project, Ohio Wesleyan students who aren't as aware of the facts about illegal abortion can see how dangerous and detrimental overturning Roe v. Wade would be."

Draper is participating in the project partially to make this issue more real for young people in particular.

"Our generation has never lived during a time when abortion was illegal. Now people just hear a lot of rhetoric surrounding the issue, people on both sides, but they don't stop and think that unsafe and possibly deadly abortions would be a reality if this law was overturned."

Claire Everhart, a member of

several Christian groups on campus and the president and founder of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, said she found the symbol of the coat hanger to be too disturbing a symbol to display all over campus.

"This issue is very sensitive, and the opinions people have on abortion vary widely and incite a variety of emotions. As college students, I believe that we can find more productive ways to discuss the issue of abortion that don't involve such graphic images," she said.

Draper is a self-identified Christian herself and does not anticipate any backlash from Christian groups on campus. "I'm not doing this to discuss or reveal any sort of 'truths,' because I think truth is a subjective term and impossible to define anyway. I am a Christian and a pro-choice activist, and I am taking part in 'The Coat Hanger Project' in order to help women."

Mailroom clerk brings smiles amid holiday stress

By Ngọc Minh Pham
Transcript Correspondent

It's 10 minutes before the mail room opens, but students are already lined up all the way to the back door of HamWill. This has always been a busy time for Ann Houser, to whom students frequently refer as the "mail room lady."

Every student on campus has met and talked to Houser, a woman with curly long hair and a big smile, but there is hardly anyone who knows her name.

"I see her quite often, but I never have a chance to know her name," sophomore Echan Yang said.

Ann Houser is the coordinator of the student mailroom. She has been working there for about 13 years. The mail room is open from noon until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, but Houser comes to work at 6 a.m..

Houser said she needs to come early to sort the mail, put it in the boxes and write up the packages. She needs to have things ready before students come in.

This semester students no longer see Houser as much since she only works until 2 p.m. now.

"Last semester I was working overtime from 6 a.m. until 4 p.m., but this year the university lets me work until 2 p.m. only," Houser said.

"It is hard to imagine how a woman can do such job of a man like Houser (does), especially when she used to work for more than 10 hours a day," sophomore David Brown said. "She is doing a tremendous job."

There are about 1,850 students on campus, and Houser needs to deal with their packages every day. "Anny is very hard working, and she worries a lot about the students. She always wants to bring the best to the students," Nancy Tumeo, card office

manager, said.

"It's already hard for Houser to deal with current students' packages alone but she even has to deal with packages from students who study abroad and those who already graduated," Tumeo said.

Tumeo said during holidays, especially Christmas, Thanksgiving or before exams, a lot of parents send packages to students. There are many big and heavy packages and Houser carries them all.

Those things are not the hardest things for Houser. "The thing I find most difficult is how to explain to the students why their packages have not arrived, because all I can tell them is that their packages are not here," Houser said.

Houser said students sometimes get angry but they will listen once she explains to them. "For me, the most important thing is to take care of the kids. I love the kids and talking to them," Houser said.



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Arts & Entertainment

TerpsiCorps, annual student dance show, tonight



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By Katie Ferguson
Transcript Correspondent

From jazz to hip hop, modern to belly dancing, theatrical to swing, TerpsiCorps brings it all to the stage. Tonight, the 35 members of this student-run organization will dance their hearts out on stage.

This year's dance showcase consists of 12 student-choreographed pieces.

Senior Bryn Trogdon, who co-choreographed a piece with Senior Philip Rademeyer said they have been rehearsing two hours each week since September.

"It took us about five weeks to get all of the counts completed, and the last three weeks have been devoted to cleaning and working out some kinks," Trogdon said.

Sophomore Jaimito Fuentes, who is in five dances, said the rehearsal schedule has been pretty hectic.

"That's five two-hour rehearsals every week," Fuentes said. "But I can't complain: it's a lot of fun."

Junior Ariel Haytas is not only choreographing but also dancing in two pieces. "The rehearsal process was relatively relaxed and flexible; we always got a lot done," Haytas said.

For junior Jessica Ferguson, the process was a learning experience. "We started by learning pieces of the dance in sections and then slowly put them together. After that we changed some things that didn't look aesthetically pleasing and just practiced, practiced, practiced," Ferguson said.

Senior Molly Mehl, TerpsiCorps president, said joining is an easy thing to do, as the club is open to any students with a passion for dance.

"When I joined last year, I had very limited dance experience," Trogdon said. "You don't have to be a technically sound dancer to join."

While this annual dance showcase is the main event TerpsiCorps members are involved with, they stay connected as a group throughout the rest of the year by attending dance performances in Columbus or at other schools.

The show is tonight at 7 p.m. in the Chappellear Drama Center. Admission is two non-perishable food items, which will then be donated to the Delaware County People In Need.

PS officer recounts 'The Great Awakening': A real Christmas story

By John Clochetty
Public Safety Officer

Dateline: December 1982
Time: 8:30 a.m.

Culprits: The Parkersburg Area Jaycees and the West Virginia Department of Welfare.

Location: Harts Department Store

Purpose: To give as they have never given before.

The Jaycees had a mission, and it had to be carried out no matter what the risks or uneventful circumstances. On this cold and snowy Saturday morning, 100 little people assembled-bright eyed and patiently waiting, for perhaps this is the day in which they and their families will cherish forever!

The entrance doors were opened! The earth shook! Screams filled the air! The Jaycees ran for cover!

THEN ... silence. These little people looked around silently. The Jaycees came out of hiding

and embraced these needy and underprivileged children, proudly proclaiming the message, "Yours is for the taking, Go for the Gold!" Each child was given \$75, and the children went everywhere -- children to the east, children to the west, each brightly eyeing the treasures which awaited them.

Hundreds of orders were taken, calculators were placed on maximum override for two straight hours, and the Harts store management and employees proudly sensed their purpose during this season. And so, the requests rang out: "a dolly for Susie and a G.I. Joe for Tommy, a tie for daddy and a dress for mommy." Of course, there were those who cried, "This, this, this, for me, me, me!"

But there was something wrong with one child named Randy, only 5 years old. A couple of the Jaycees could not place their finger on it. As time went on, Randy was assisted in picking out an impressive Colt 45 and Winchester rifle set with holster and gun belt, two G.I.

Joe's, a G.I. Joe helicopter and G.I. Joe Assault Vehicle, one paint set with two brushes and 16 oil paints, two jackets (one being two sizes too big), a hot wheels car and track set, two boxes of Playschool toys ... and two boxes of Christmas lights?

As the total of merchandise was rung up, Randy was \$7 short. One of the Jaycees paid the difference. When the children finished their shopping, the next stop was to go to a nearby church to wrap presents.

Randy smiled bigger and bigger as he was helped in wrapping each gift. Still something gnawed at one of the Jaycees.

Soon, Santa arrived to greet this joyous flock. At the end, it was time to go.

As two of the Jaycees entered Randy's home, Randy's mother, his sisters and brothers were seen huddled near the gas fireplace. The living room was scarcely kept with little furniture to seen. A Christmas tree sat in the corner without "lights."

The family provided the Jaycees with coffee and cookies. Randy ran to his room and hid every gift under his bed. He came back into the living room and said, whispering, "I wish I could have a rifle and pistol set like that someday." One Jaycee looked at the other, not understanding what Randy meant.

"That rifle set is for you, isn't it?"

"No, sir, it's for my baby brother."

All the gifts were for his entire family: baby and big brother, two sisters and his mother. Not one penny did he spend on himself.

The hearts fell out of these adults, and tears ran flooded down their cheeks as they drove home.

It had been stated, "thousands of years ago in Israel ... and a child shall lead them."

Today, one little 5-year-old child, in the midsts of a very complex and complicated world "led" two adults to the real and most overlooked message -- the real meaning of Christmas.

Middle Eastern conflict seen through the eyes of youth and artist

By Kyle Sjarif
Transcript Correspondent

The Beeghly Library is home to thousands of books and resources. For the next month, seven large latex paintings will hang from the ceiling and on the walls of the library depicting a bloody, tragic and violent issue.

The artwork currently presented in the Beeghly Library is brought to the Ohio Wesleyan community by the House of Peace and Justice. The exhibit originates from the Bread and Puppet Theater in Vermont and depicts the harsh realities of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict that has been going on for years.

The exhibit is ironically titled "University of MAJD" and is a story of a Palestinian youth named Majd, captured by the Israeli armed forces and imprisoned since 2002. Peter Schumann is the artist who created the exhibit and was informed of the

story by a family friend of Majd's.

Upon first viewing, the seven large latex paintings present a horrific image of a naked body presented in an oppressed state.

The body is contorted in grotesque positions, illustrating the torment underwent by Majd.

On the brief artistic synopsis, Schumann explains that the texts on the paintings are e-mails from Ed Mast, the person who informed Schumann about the piece. Furthermore the synopsis explains that Schumann used shrouds of fabric for the large paintings and surrounded the seven main pieces with brightly colored flowers representing Majd's youth and life.

Some of the sentiments found on the painting portrayed the worry and concern of Majd's family, as they were unaware of their son's location.

The lawyer they hired eventually found him in an Israeli prison however he had been in "the closet," a

small, confined room too small to stand up or lay down in with a single hole for air to pass through. This type of treatment is illegal in most countries and the image painted is that of a twisted human body in a crouching position.

His family finally sees him after a year when he is put on trial. He is charged of a drive-by shooting and sentenced to 30 years in jail in a case where no one ever accused him of participating in the shooting. He was 20 years old when he received the sentence.

Ironically the title of the exhibition, "University of MAJD," "shows his valor and positivity amidst his horrible predicament.

A line from the exhibit reads, "He is undertaking to use his time in university well. He is learning Hebrew and studying for the end of high school exam he is hoping to take."

Junior Erin Dezell is responsible for bringing the exhibit to the OWU

community.

She originates from Vermont, where the Bread and Puppet Theater is based and is proud to bring a piece of Vermont to campus.

As a member of the House of Peace and Justice, Dezell explains that every member is responsible for bringing an issue relating to peace and justice to the school community over the year. She chose the Bread and Puppet Theater piece because she is highly familiar with their work and admires the way in which the theater presents current issues of war and peace.

"I hope to spark dialogues over the two perspectives. The exhibit is a creative way of portraying social and political justice issues and paves the way for other avenues of expression through multiple mediums," said Dezell.

Furthermore she hopes that the exhibit serves to provide more information and a motivation for the campus

community to speak out regarding issues of political and social justice around the world.

"Freedom of expression is part of our first amendment and also democracy so I hope to spark expression of opinions within our school community," said Dezell.

In addition she commented that programs like these provide a way to connect the conflicts of the world with the small campus community in Delaware, Ohio.

The House of Peace and Justice is a small living unit found on campus that focuses on social justice issues in the world.

The exhibition is one of several programs arranged by the house to expose the campus community to justice issues around the world such as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The exhibition is the first showing of the work since its creation and will remain in the Beeghly Library until Jan. 11, 2008.

Ghostface Killah on his own one week before '8 Diagrams'

This week I was going to do a bunch of album reviews like last week. I changed my mind. After hearing Ghostface Killah's album "The Big Doe Rehab," I decided to give this album a forum of its own.

Ghostface is one of my favorite rappers of all time. He has a flow that is unparalleled and compares to no-one.

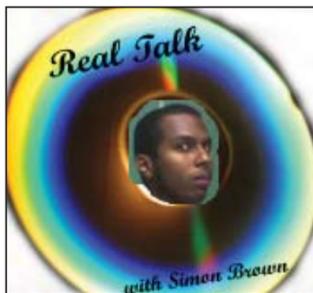
Back in the days, Wu-Tang, Method Man, RZA and Ol' Dirty Bastard were the famous faces and expected to be the most successful as solo artists. All of that changed when GFK dropped "Supreme Clientele."

GFK is famous for his witty lyricism and storytelling abilities. He has made consistently good albums

with "The Pretty Toney Album" and last year's "Fishscale."

On "Big Doe Rehab" GFK starts with his usual intro skits to set the mood right. The second track is a speaker blowing street banger, "Toney Sigel a.k.a. Barrel Brothers," that may cause me to buy a new set of sub woofers. The single has hardcore lyrics (most of which I can't reproduce in a public newspaper) that make you stop, rewind, play then think about just starting the whole song over to witness creative street lyrics.

Ghostface then goes into story mode." Track three, "Yolanda's House," sees him telling a story of walking in on fellow Wu-Tang member Method Man while he



is having sex. The story is well constructed and entertaining with the visuals delivered well.

"Jettin' up the stairs, them pigs want revenge like porky's/so I slid, hid behind the wall, opened the door/like ooh I see my man Meth going

in raw/So he jumped up, I hid in the closet/I'm dying laughing, he said 'Yo, Starks be quiet.'

Ghostface then has the happy celebration style song, "Celebrate." This isn't one of the strongest tracks, but the church melody gives it a nice feel, and it's always good to hear old-school DJ Kid Capri on songs.

Ghostface then takes people on a journey with "Walk Around." He offers vivid imagery of himself wandering in a daze after killing someone at point-blank range. He makes the listener experience the mental break down of someone who committed a murder. This shows the extent of Ghostface's talent.

"I can't speak I'm in a state of shock/about now they should be

yellow taping the block and raiding my spot/ I'm feeling a little bugged out insane/I lost my mind people telling me ghost you acting mad strange."

He also has a funny song, "White Linen Affair," where he has a mock awards show with a large host of celebrities.

Other strong songs include tracks like "Supa GFK," "I'll Die For You," "Killa Lipstick" and the smooth "Slow Down."

Ghostface is one of the most consistent and entertaining rappers ever. This album is a testament to how unique he is.

Simple and plain, get off your behind and run and go buy the album as soon as you can.

Season's Greetings

Holiday Scenes from Downtown Delaware



Opinion

Through ups and downs, *The Transcript* will persist

A letter from the editor

Dear OWU Community,
As usual, I hope this, my last letter from the editor, is finding you well.

Fall semester 2007 was both an exciting and trying time for *The Transcript*. We completely re-did the layout, spreading things out and providing more white space. We also went to broadsheet, becoming what we consider a legitimate news publication. That's not to say we didn't struggle, however. We went through three A&E editors, had an overgrown page size for two weeks and had so-so copy editing throughout the semester. Also, we started with a full-time staff of about 15, which dwindled to a consistent seven or eight.

I would first like to thank those consistent seven or eight for sticking it out to the end. Writing, editing and publishing on a weekly basis could be a full-time job without classes. That these people do it on top of a full class schedule and other extracurriculars is extremely demanding and admirable. So if you see a *Transcript* staffer, congratulate them. They deserve it.

A huge thanks goes to journalism professor Melinda Rhodes for all her support and pushing me beyond my limits. *The Transcript* probably wouldn't have gone to broadsheet without her. When she approached me after mid-semester break about the change, telling me it was the perfect time, I was hesitant. The paper was work enough as it stood; why would I want to make it bigger? Turns out, it was the best decision I made for the paper this semester and one I hope stays in effect permanently.

To the section editors, Danny, Emily and Nathan – my dysfunctional family from Monday through Wednesday – sorry I had to be the crotchety dad; it was the only way stuff would ever get finished. Emily, I will never listen to Mariah Carey again, and Nathan, the same goes for Gregorian chants, but I didn't listen to those in the first place. Danny, good luck with those two – you'll need it.

For those of you who don't know, our current sports editor Danny Eldredge will be taking my position as editor-in-chief for the spring. He will be assisted by Greg Stull as managing editor and Emily Rose and Nathan Truman will remain in their posts as news and A&E editors, respectfully. The journalism editing class will also be making layout contributions. And Pooja Goswami will serve as business manager for the newspaper, boosting our ability to publish in color with additional revenue.

It seems like just a few weeks ago I let out a shriek of delight into the night that my first *Transcript* as editor was finished. Now I'm letting it go – trusting what I consider my baby and perhaps greatest contribution to OWU to others I hope have as deep a commitment to this paper as mine.

If they don't, it is your job as the OWU public to hold them accountable and make this paper yours. Write letters to the editor or join the staff. A semester on *The Transcript* is enough to make most say they'll never do it again, but at least you'll leave with a new respect and outlook on the media.

I hope my time here has been as satisfying for you as it has for me and I wish all of you the best as you continue on at OWU.

Yours truly,
Miranda Simmons
Editor-in-chief

No sappy goodbyes from this columnist

As I sit in front of my computer with a Red Bull to my right and Adderall in my pocket, having slept a total of seven hours over the last three days, it didn't hit me until I started typing this that I will actually be done with all my work by the time this is published.

Not just with my work, but also with college. But for the 11 people who will read this, fear not. I will continue this column next semester throughout my move back to New York City as a professionally confused and likely emotionally unstable graduate. That's right. *Brutally Honest* will receive national circulation in 2008. And when I say "national," I mean I'll probably show this column to a few close friends in Manhattan when we're drunk at the bar.

With this departure comes a huge list of people and things to thank, all of whom have positively impacted my time here. Thanks to Journalism professor Jim Underwood, who, in displaying my list of traffic violations to the entire class as part of a seminar on how to obtain public records, made me a more conscious driver.



Then there's professor of education Samuel Katz, whose mandatory field work in "Role of the School" made me realize that teaching was the wrong field for me not because I was incapable, but because I hate children. I must also thank English professor Judylyn Ryan, whose comment in one of our conferences where she accused me of "questioning her role in this class as the arbiter of knowledge," provided the inspiration for the most popular two-minute bit in my stand-up comedy act.

Hot Potato has a special in my heart because of its carb-filled deliciousness always hitting the spot in the wee hours of the morning. I must

also thank the horn on my car for providing some much needed encouragement to fellow motorists in Delaware (my middle finger also merits an accolade in this regard). Special shout-outs go to gloves, Pepto Bismol, shrimp and crab dumplings at Avesta's, and the city of Columbus. Last, but certainly not least, I have to thank Facebook for providing an excellent method of procrastination and documentation of my most ridiculous moments.

You'll notice that unlike many hip-hop stars and professional athletes, I didn't include Jesus in my list of thank-you's. That's because based on the countless profane tirades made while writing papers and general lack of clothing that my four years here have entailed, nobody had less to do with my college diploma than Jesus. He didn't help me a bit. If it were up to him, that evangelical dude that does the Bible rant on the Jaywalk at the beginning of every semester would be walking and not me.

To loosely quote Kathy Griffin's Emmy acceptance speech, all I have to say is suck it, Jesus. This diploma is my God now.

Philly's end provides countless other chances

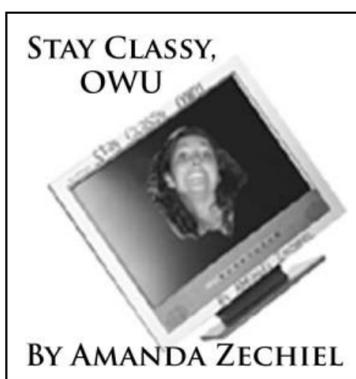
So I guess my time in Philly is finally coming to an end, no matter how much I try to deny it or pretend like it can't be true or generally ignore it. Work is over, program obligations are completed and I am spending the week trying to figure out just how to go about moving out of a city and apartment that I really just moved into.

My friends and I have our own creative ways of looking for the answer. Our cable is shut off, so we're watching "Dawson's Creek" on DVD 24/7, and I'm starting to think that emotional coping may come by way of having sexual relations with a high school teacher or maybe having the same conversation 30 times using various seven syllable words.

But maybe not.

Maybe it comes from spending every last penny in my bank account at hole-in-the-wall shoe stores and restaurants that I've been meaning to get to but haven't had the chance, just so I can feel like I'm leaving here with things checked off my list. Or maybe I'll cope by sleeping until 2 p.m. and eating chocolate cake with my roommates and reminiscing over days gone by and days ahead.

I guess I don't really know how to put closure to this little three-month excursion that has been my life, so I settle for a little bit of each (except for the whole sexual relations with a teacher thing) and accept the fact that endings are never easy and closure is probably figment of my hopeful imagination.



But in the wake of hours of "Dawson's Creek," I'll borrow a little inspiration from Dawson Leery himself, who said in a recently viewed episode, "Relationships begin and end with honesty." I'd like to think that saying goodbye to Philly isn't about relationships ending, but it does seem the appropriate time for a little honest.

I'm honestly more excited than ever about the rest of my life and the fact that I have no idea what I'm going to do with it. Who knows what cities I will live in, what languages I will speak, what jobs I will hold, and most of all, what people I will come to know and love?

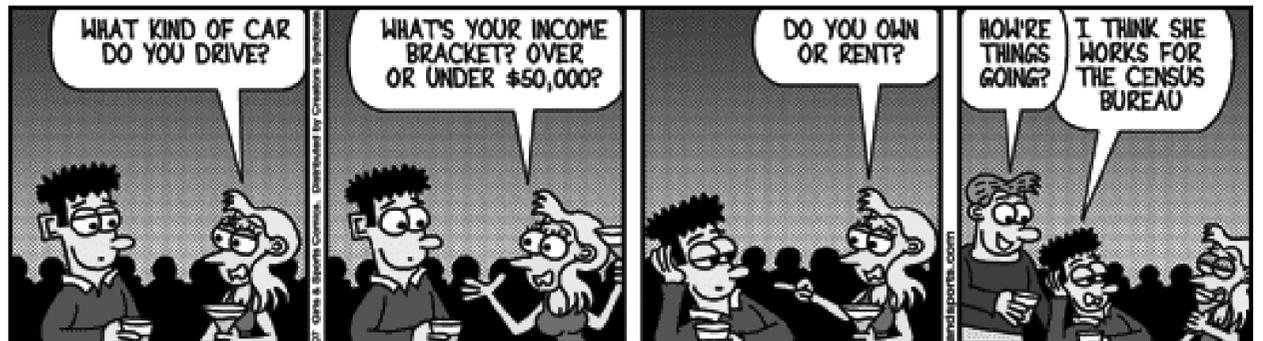
Just a few months of meeting new people in Philly and having them change me and mold me shows me that sharing the adventure with others

is, for me, what having the adventure is all about.

I have honestly learned more than I ever imagined by taking a semester away from campus, and I'm begging each of you to take the opportunity to do so as well if you can make it work. It wasn't always easy, and I've certainly missed OWU, but I'm not the same person I was when I left.

I've grown up in ways I never anticipated, and we should all be so lucky as have such an experience. So take the risk, say the goodbyes and get on the airplanes. The country is big, the world is bigger, and your mind and heart will expand to hold all you can see and learn. And you won't regret it for a second.

Girls and Sports by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



Kosovo shakes things up for UN, NATO and Europe

Kosovo will lead the newspaper headlines in the following weeks. The reason is simple: the Dec. 11 unilateral declaration of independence from the tiny territory within Yugoslavia.

The consequences are hard to grasp within just days and with such an anxious mood hovering over the UN Security Council and key Balkan players. The world should, more than ever, pay attention to this region as such a process might be irreversible and become a snowball in the Balkans.

How the world will react depends entirely on the nation state's narrow interest. Nevertheless, this is a time when more than ever a convergent opinion among the "great powers" should form a singular voice addressing Kosovo.

As it encompasses 90 percent Albanians and 10 percent Serbs, Kosovo can be unequivocally characterized as Albanian. Yet it remains a region of the decimated Yugoslavia that no longer wants its territory portioned.

After all the promises from NATO and the



UN, Kosovo is taking a stance and will most certainly proceed with its goals as a result of a long, ineffective process which relied upon the wishes of the outside world.

Certainly, Russia will oppose such self-determination, fearing a similar scenario within its own territory. China, facing the same domestic troubles, will take Russia's side and, thus, undermine the region's aspiration towards independence.

In stark contrast, the U.S. is vehemently sponsoring such an initiative as it indirectly expressed its reluctance to be entangled in such

a "messy" region.

Despite the UN Security Council's stance, further problems will occur related to the spillover of Albania within Macedonia; the possible collapse of Yugoslavia, a country just bridging NATO members; and concerns targeting an increasingly ineffective European voice that cannot come to a consensus even within its fringes. Is the EU prepared for another Bosnia? Is NATO leaving the Balkans if such turmoil is rising, threatening Hungary, Greece and Romania? How will Russia respond?

Such rhetorical questions might find their answers within weeks, and maybe months after such a political turn occurs. One thing is sure: the course is irreversible.

For the sake of world security, these powers that battle one another on economic terms better have an alternative when faced with such a bold political move from a territory within the historically complex, and nationalistic Balkan states.

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Opinion

Students fight genocide even though government won't

By Mark Dubovec
Transcript Correspondent

One of the biggest misconceptions in American history that I learned was that the U.S. government knew nothing about the Holocaust during World War II. Officials met with members of the Jewish underground, airplanes over Europe observed the concentration camps, and the State Department deliberately denied Jewish refugees visas.

In addition, Hitler adopted his policies of racial superiority from the American eugenics movement while companies like IBM made millions

'It doesn't seem right that America would allow dictators to slaughter their own people ...'

selling processing equipment to be used in the death camps. America prides itself on being the world's leading democracy, but facts like these undermine that statement. I learned a lot about the Holocaust and America's dark side during my senior year of high school in Dr. Gray's "Holocaust: Results of Hatred" class. But it wasn't just Hitler's atrocities we explored: Armenia, Cambodia, Iraq, Somalia, Rwanda, Bosnia, Kosovo and Darfur were included. With the exception of Armenia, all of these genocides occurred after the Holocaust; so much for, "Never again."

The masterminds behind the violence, the victims, the locations, and the methods of killing differed from genocide to genocide, but one thing always remained constant: the United States and the world enabled the perpetrators either directly or through inaction.

It doesn't seem right that America would allow dictators to slaughter their own people because it was inconvenient or not economically or politically beneficial. We never should have turned our backs on the Rwandans, abandoned the people of Somalia, or given chemical weapons to the likes of Saddam Hussein.

Another thing Dr. Gray had us do was bring to class each week an article about the current genocide in Darfur. It was actually quite difficult because



so few newspapers actually ran stories about ongoing developments in Darfur, and even when a publication actually had a story, it all sounded repetitious: another rejected U.N. proposal, more denial from the Sudanese government, more humanitarian groups pulling out for lack of safety, etc. The only changes occurred in the body count of the victims; it always climbed.

When I went to college, I heard about this group called STAND, or Students Taking Action Now Darfur. STAND is an international, student-run organization dedicated to pressuring people to help end the current genocide in Darfur and to prevent future ones; the group raises awareness for any situation where human rights are at stake.

When I came to Ohio Wesleyan University, I found out that there was a branch of STAND on campus. With what I knew about our nation's past and what was going on in Darfur, I joined STAND. I wanted to make a difference for the better. It is my belief that if I wasn't in STAND or some other equivalent organization trying to stop the genocide, I would be a bystander and an enabler to the

killings.

With my fellow members of STAND, we've collected donations to give to relief groups, written letters to our representatives, sent petitions among the student body to be signed, shown movies and documentaries to raise awareness, attended rallies on other campuses, and spoken with the university about divesting from companies that do business with the government of Sudan.

Most recently, we took part in the nation-wide Darfur Fast, sacrificing a luxury item or a meal and giving that money we would have spent on ourselves to civilian protection in Darfur. We managed to raise over \$260; to put that in perspective, \$3 is enough to provide protection for one Darfurian woman for an entire year.

I don't mean to badmouth America or imply that any of us are ignorant or wicked. I love my country and believe we have the best ideals in the world with freedom and justice.

That is why I get angry when the United States stands by when genocide happens or perpetuates it; we're better than that. The fact is we've got to start living up to those beliefs.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY JANUARY EVENTS

Through Feb. 3 – "Celebrating Creativity," a multimedia exhibition by members of the Ohio Wesleyan fine arts faculty, at Richard M. Ross Art Museum, 60 S. Sandusky St. The museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. (The museum will be closed Dec. 21 through Jan. 14 for mid-year break.)

8 p.m. Jan. 11, 18-19, 25-26 – Ohio Wesleyan's Perkins Observatory, 3199 Columbus Pike, will hold its January evening programs on the dates listed. Program content varies, depending on sky conditions, but may include a planetarium show, observatory tours, and star gazing with the 32-inch Schottland Telescope. Advance tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children and seniors. Call (740) 363-1257 for reservations.

8 p.m. Jan. 20 – Senior recital featuring Matt Jackson, alto saxophone. The recital will take place in Jemison Auditorium inside Sanborn Hall, 23 Elizabeth St.

3 p.m. Jan. 20 – 23rd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day worship service, featuring Frank W. Hale Jr., Ph.D., vice provost and professor emeritus at The Ohio State University. The service, organized by Ohio Wesleyan and the Delaware County Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee, will take place at First Presbyterian Church, 73 W. Winter St.

8 a.m. Jan. 21 – 15th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day breakfast celebration, featuring Frank W. Hale Jr., Ph.D., vice provost and professor emeritus at The Ohio State University. The breakfast, organized by Ohio Wesleyan and the Delaware County Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee, will take place in the Benes Rooms of Hamilton-Williams Campus Center, 40 Rowland Ave. Individual breakfast tickets are \$15, with eight-person table sponsorships available for \$120. For reservations, contact Theresa Byrd at (740) 368-3246.

Noon Jan. 21 – Food for Thought and for the Soul, Martin Luther King Jr. Day brown bag luncheon featuring Aaron Granger '93, a respected attorney, discussing how he lives King's dream and how others can achieve the dream as well. The event will be held in Benes Room A of Hamilton-Williams Campus Center, 40 Rowland Ave.

1 p.m. Jan. 21 – Dreams in the Beloved Community, Martin Luther King Jr. Day-inspired discussion to explore ways to fulfill being the dream within the community. The discussion will be held in the Internet Café in Beeghly Library, 43 Rowland Ave.

7:30 p.m. Jan. 21 – Peace Celebration Ceremony, Martin Luther King Jr. Day event featuring OWU students and employees demonstrating how they personify King's dream and sharing messages of peace. Song, dance, poetry, skits, and more will be incorporated. The evening will conclude with a "Prayer for Peace." The ceremony will be held in Benes Rooms A and B of Hamilton-Williams Campus Center, 40 Rowland Ave.

8 a.m. Jan. 21 – Creation of a Dream Quilt, Martin Luther King Jr. Day event with people asked throughout the day to share how they embody King's dream by sharing their visions, thoughts, and insights on squares of multicolored fabric that will be sewn into a dream quilt. Fabric will be available in the atrium of Hamilton-Williams Campus Center, 40 Rowland Ave., and at the information desk of Beeghly Library, 43 Rowland Ave.

8 p.m. Jan. 22 – Senior recital featuring Peace Twesigye, violin. The recital will take place in Jemison Auditorium inside Sanborn Hall, 23 Elizabeth St.

Candidate's religious devotion a threat to campus diversity

By Plamen Nikolov
OWU Alumnus '00

The challenge for the new Ohio Wesleyan president in 2008 is to take the school's extraordinary legacy and to use it as a foundation for our great future. As a recent alumnus of the liberal arts college that follows the development of our alma mater, I can articulate what most of our community already knows—that Ohio Wesleyan is at an important crossroads and needs a strong leader. Our leadership is always planning for the future, but the importance of the right presidential choice happens in the "here and now."

There is much to celebrate at Ohio Wesleyan: the vibrant and talented faculty that continues to provide the best possible education to students, year in and year out, while finding time for impressive scholarship. The diverse student body that creates fans across the nation and around the world with its impressive placement rates in medical schools, business schools, doctoral programs and leadership positions. As an alumnus, my impression is that we are in a position of needing to catch up with some of our college peers in Ohio and the Great Lakes College Association in the three areas of financial resources, strength of academic profile and in student satisfaction. While never finally approved by the Board of Trustees and not without its problems, last year's Strategic Planning Process spelled out several strategic objectives, which, by and large, confirmed that our institution is direly in need of change in these three areas.

With this in mind, I looked at the three candidates on our short list (also posted on our website), one of which will become the leader who will take risks and challenge the OWU community to push itself to its limits to better the institution. Two bring a lot of experience in academic affairs and the third candidate brings a lot of experience in fundraising and enrollment. Some have strengths in increasing the financial resources of a school. Some are better apt in dealing with raising the academic profile. Who will be a good choice given our priorities? Faculty, alumni and current students are the three groups represented on the search committee. The faculty members are set in their ways and content with their perch in the ivory tower so long as their personal fiefdoms are not intruded upon. Alumni are nostalgic for the way things used to be. And students—often the most discontented—will be alumni in less than four years and typically don't feel the influence of OWU's president in the short term. When I looked deeper into the candidates' profiles, I began to ponder who among the potential candidates is best suited to unite and to represent the institution given the outlined priorities in the presidential ad.

In particular, the background of the third candidate caught my attention. The Rev. Rockwell Jones served as a pastor at his current institution Hendrix College. While at his previous position as a dean of enrollment at Hendrix, he stated that the unifying aims of a Hendrix experience should be from its beginning to provide

opportunities for culturally relevant liberal education within the context of the Judeo-Christian heritage. Looking at an old Hendrix website, I noticed that as a chaplain, Rev. Jones may have even be involved with the Covenant Discipleship group whose objective was to lead a life of Christian discipleship and willingness to "watch over one another in love," according to John Wesley's model.

We have all chosen to live in a pluralistic community. This is one of Ohio Wesleyan's greatest virtues. Most people around us have made private choices quite different from our own. This does not mean, however, that we choose to live only in pluralistic communities and institutions within that pluralistic community. In a different domain of life, a more private one, virtually everyone among us chooses to participate in a community of individuals who accept one set of beliefs and reject others.

At times, these private decisions that we make, can and do, impact our abilities to lead and unite multifaceted and complex groups. I can think of several larger and even more complex academic institutions where appointing divisive figures have led to reputational mishaps, quarrels among stakeholders, major battles surrounding mission, declining relevance, lack of a vision for the future. I have a great deal of respect for people's commitments to their private choices, but as I was reading Rev. Jones' bio, I questioned how Rockwell Jones' background as a pastor will influence the perception of potential students and increasingly

diverse impact on audiences who relate to them. Ours is an institution of interfaith-laced chaplaincy and is, by and large, a non-sectarian liberal arts college.

The presidential ad states that we look for a leader that "shares our values, embraces the culture of a small liberal arts college, enjoys discourse about ideas, and appreciates (and can provide leadership within) the context of Ohio Wesleyan's tradition of a collegial and participatory approach to planning and governance." To my knowledge, one of the three objectives of the Ohio Wesleyan mission is "to place education in the context of values." The Wesleyan Board of Trustees deliberately did not specify these values to be Christian when it modified the college's mission in the late 1960s. Will Mr. Jones' background as a pastor be the unifying factor in our focus on intercultural, ethnic and cultural diversity? What in his experience speaks to his commitment to our values as an institution? How will our present, but even more importantly, future constituents perceive such an appointment?

While Rockwell Jones brings solid experience in the areas of fundraising, admission and enrollment, how will selecting him sit with our culturally and religiously diverse campus? Clearly this is a very pronounced trade-off. One of the greatest gifts a leader should possess is to awaken the common passions of its constituents. According to some on campus, this has been one of the deficiencies of Mark Huddleston. The gift to relate to constituents is related to

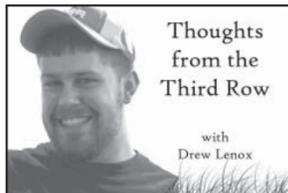
previous experience: knowing your audience or having similar direct experience. As a liberal arts college in Ohio, OWU competes with other liberal arts colleges in Ohio and the Northeast. In this sense, we share our important differences with Hendrix College. Will our legacy of continued recognition of the importance of diversity in approaches--spiritual and non-spiritual, religious and non-religious--in addressing issues in the curriculum and in the community be preserved? There is absolutely no doubt that Ohio Wesleyan is no longer the school that it was in the 1960s. Today Ohio Wesleyan is a vital community with an eclectic mix of races, ethnicities, faith traditions, and socioeconomic groups. My impressions are that Hendrix College is home to a more homogenous group of students.

The implicit commitment by our college's search committee is, among others, to put aside personal agendas, biases or political positions so that each candidate has an honest and fair evaluation and to represent the institution as a whole rather than individuals or group stakeholders. I urge the decision makers to be forward-looking, not backward-looking in what we aspire to be as a leading liberal arts college. It is when this happens that we can distinguish ourselves as a pacesetter in providing quality liberal arts education under strong leadership precisely at the time when we have an opportunity, perhaps even a duty, to make a vigorous effort to advance the OWU legacy in an international context.



Bishops Sports

'Twas the night in sports



Thoughts from the Third Row

with Drew Lenox

'Twas two weeks before Christmas, when all through the nation, the sports fans were stirring, for the joyous occasion.

The feds hung stockings in Michael Vick's cell. In hopes that Barry and O.J. would soon be there as well.

The Celtic fans were nestled all snug in their seats. With visions of championships that came with the big three.

And a suit on Tom Brady and a hoody on Bill, and with Randy Moss, they're undefeated still.

When out in New York, there arose such a clatter. With Isaiah and Stephon, something's always the matter.

And up in Detroit, they got their wish. Went out in the market and snagged two Florida fish.

The winds out in Green Bay could bring new fallen snow. Freezing so nicely the tundra below.

When, what, what was that? It was hard to hear. Brett Favre might come back for another year?

Tiger with an old driver, some gifts he'll be buying to keep his new little girl from crying.

McNabb with the Eagles; he might be done. But who needs a quarterback? Chicago needs one.

Now Poinsettia! Now Fiesta and many more games. There's too many bowls with sponsors in their names.

On top of the Lakers is still Kobe Bryant. Still in L.A. after acting defiant.

The Cleveland Browns have won eight games. But the Cavs struggle mightily when missing King James.

While the Heisman went to a young Gator, the Yankees tried to give gifts, but they all returned later.

And then, in a moment, it was heard from the Hall. They'd accept an asterisk on the big home run ball.

As the Red Sox and Yankees looked at their bullpen; they added to their wish lists a pretty good Twin.

Tressel was dressed very well with a red sweater vest, waiting another 50 days for a championship test.

The BCS gifts were to Illinois and LSU. And everyone looked around to find old Mizzou.

Kitna's eyes-how they welled up, with a little tear. As they lost their seventh game: no ten wins this year.

T. O.'s big mouth has been shut as he's shown good behavior. Who knew Tony Romo would be Dallas' savior?

Another loss to the Buckeyes caused Carr to retire. And the smoke is still there to see if Les is a liar.

Monday Night Football is better with Jaws. That guy on Sunday night, though, is not Santa Claus.

But Vince Young's bad season could be due to Madden. Another second place finish for Darren McFadden.

Everyone's waiting on the Mitchell report and UNC is still ruling the basketball court.

As Christmas is starting to get very near, the Dolphins might not get any presents this year.

And let's not forget soccer, tennis or hockey, or swimming or NASCAR or the horse and his jockey.

And hopefully no gambling with the referee whistle and no more QBs go down like a missile.

And with sports entertainment, wrestling's still probably fake, but Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good break.

Bishops break hearts again



Dustin Rudegeair, senior post, looks to make a pass into the key, while Jesse Jean, also a senior post, makes a move for the basket during games this season. In the Bishops' most recent game, the team lost to Wooster.

By Danny Eldredge
Sports Editor

The Bishops lost a second straight at home with an 80-77 loss in their NCAC opener against Wooster on Saturday.

The Bishops came back from as many as 13 down to lead 77-76 with 44 seconds remaining, but the Fighting Scots were able to take the lead back 78-77 after an offensive rebound and a put back with 18 seconds to go.

Senior wing Kyle Holliday lost the ball out of bounds while driving the baseline with 5.8 seconds to go, and Wooster sank two free throws with five seconds remaining. Senior guard Casey Teeters launched a long three at the buzzer, but it didn't fall.

Teeters said it has been really tough losing these last two games.

"Not only did we lose, but we lost at home and lost late leads to lose those games. What is most difficult about these last two games is we are now 3-4, and we have to continually remind ourselves that we are losing

games to quality opponents," Teeters said. "The more it happens, the harder it is to stay positive, and it just becomes more and more frustrating and disappointing. But that's the best part about having six seniors. We have experience both winning and losing and we know how to get things figured out and get back on the right track."

Teeters and Head Coach Mike Dewitt said there are some positives to be taken out of these games.

"It is difficult to lose two games in a row, but we have had a chance to test ourselves against some of the best teams in the nation and have proven we can compete with anyone," Dewitt said.

Ohio Wesleyan hurt themselves by shooting just 66% from the free throw line, and committing 13 turnovers. Dewitt said these mistakes really hurt them in the game.

"When these things happen, we are missing easy opportunities to score," Dewitt said. "And you have to take advantage of that against good teams."

Women shut down Hiram with strong defense, win 62-44

By Greg Stull
Transcript Reporter

Holding Hiram's offense to 44 points with a strong defensive effort, Ohio Wesleyan, scoring 62 points, secured their second NCAC win on Saturday at Hiram.

"Without our tough defense, the game could have looked a lot different," sophomore guard Lauren Gentene said. "We only shot 30 or 31 percent in the first half, so we had to rely on our defense."

Though the Bishops struggled from the field, shooting 8-26 (31 percent) in the first half, the Terries fared worse, shooting only 4-24 (17 percent).

At half, the Bishops were ahead 35-18, a score closely aligning with the first-half field-goal percentages. An early 11-0 run had helped the Bishop's ride to their secure halftime lead.

While the Bishops led by as much as 27 points in the second half, the Terries managed to narrow the difference to 18 by the end of the game.

As in the first half, the second-half field-goal percentages correlated with the score. Both teams shot 33 percent from the field, and the Bishops barely managed to outscore the Terries, at 27-26.

Freshman post Kayla Gordon said, contrary to the scoreboard, the game wasn't necessarily an easy win.

"There is no such thing as an easy game. If you go into a game with that mind set, you will lose. You may not lose by what the score board says at the end, but you will lose by not



Kayla Gordon

giving your fullest effort in every play of the game."

Gentene said her team had to prepare for the game strategically as well as mentally.

"Hiram did some things that we had not yet seen

this season defensively. We had a good, hard week of practice and our coaches did a great job of preparing us for what we might face. There is no such thing as an easy win, really, but with good preparation execution can be smoother."

Gentene said her team as a whole took steps forward during the Hiram game.

"It was a team effort and we were able to go deep on the bench, which will only help us in the long run. We kept Hiram in the 40s, which is great.

"However, I also believe that it is important for us to handle success as we would handle failure and learn from our game at Hiram and just keep working hard and getting better."

Junior post Lauren Lawson led Ohio Wesleyan in scoring with 10 points while Stephanie Zunic led Hiram with 15 points. Gordon led the Bishops in rebounds with 8 while Alex Dellas led the Terries with 9.



Junior wing Kyle Miller said turnovers weren't as big of a problem as the missed free throws.

"Free throws have definitely hurt us in the last two games," Miller said. "We've blown a lot of potential points by missing them, and that is something we must change to win against the caliber of teams we've been playing."

The Bishops did take advantage of being at the line when they started their 13-1 run late in the game. Wooster's Marty Bidwell fouled senior post Dustin Rudegeair, and then fouled out after being hit with a technical foul. Senior wing Brian Cafarella knocked down the technical free throws, and Rudegeair made his free throws to come within 72-66.

Teeters made a key lay up, and Cafarella knocked down a three pointer before senior post Jesse Jean tied the game up at 73 with a lay up. Cafarella hit two free throws to go up 75-73, and after a Wooster hit a few free throws of their own to go up 76-75, Jean made a huge basket to go up 77-76 with 44 seconds to go.

"We simply made shots. We had been getting good shots all game, and during that stretch we finally started to make them," Dewitt said.

Miller said the team needs to focus more on the little things to win these games against top teams in the country. "A little more focus on the smaller things, on a few more possessions, the outcome would change," Miller said. "We've lost four games, and the teams that have beaten us have a combined record of 24-3, I think. We lost to the number two team in the country by 7 points at their place, and then we lost two more games to top 25 teams by a combined 5 points. Just like coach said... it's the little things."

Teeters said it comes down to mental toughness to win these games.

"There should be no question that we're going to win and we are going to take the necessary steps to do so," Teeters said. "I think we are extremely close to that point and when we get it figured out we'll take care of business."

Bishops swim teams sail past Wilmington

from OWU online

Senior Rachel Ryan (Kinnelon, N.J.) and sophomore Kendra Klossner (Naperville, Ill./Neuqua Valley) each won an event and helped a relay team to a win to lead Ohio Wesleyan over Wilmington in a non-conference dual meet on Saturday in Wilmington.

Ryan won the 200-meter freestyle in a time of 2:27.70, while Klossner won the 50-meter freestyle in :30.51.

The duo combined with freshman Brenna Irrer (Ann Arbor, Mich./Pioneer) and freshman Marisa Obuchowski (Baltimore, Md./Pikesville) to win the 200-meter medley relay in 2:15.37.

Also winning events for Ohio Wesleyan were senior Kara Roby (Massillon/Washington), who won the 800-meter freestyle in 10:17.39 and added a third in the 100-meter breaststroke; junior Caitlin Hagen (East Lyme, Conn.), who won the 100-meter butterfly in 1:20.76; and junior Katie Keleshian (Richmond Heights/Regina), who won the 100-meter backstroke in 1:15.28.

Other standouts for the Bishops included Obuchowski, who placed second in the 200-meter IM and the 100-meter backstroke; junior Meghan Warren (Marlton, N.J./Shawnee), who finished second in the 100-meter freestyle and third in the 200-meter freestyle; junior Tarenne Ferenchak (Haddonfield, N.J.), who was second in the 400-meter freestyle and third in the 200-meter IM; freshman Kelley King (Darien, Conn.), who finished third in the 400- and 800-meter freestyles; sophomore Ashley Rosenquist (Willits, Calif.),

who placed third in the 50- and 100-meter freestyles; and freshman Caroline Miller (Woodmere, N.Y./Hewlett), who was third in the 100-meter butterfly.

Sophomore Usman Javaid (Lahore, Pakistan/Aitchison) won 2 events and the Bishop 200-meter freestyle relay team of sophomore David Gatz (Delaware/Hayes), sophomore Christopher Potterton (Needham, Mass.), sophomore Andrew Sisson (Greensburg, Pa./Greater Latrobe) and sophomore Kevin Fahey (Delaware/Hayes) won the final event to lift Ohio Wesleyan over Wilmington in a non-conference dual meet on Saturday at Wilmington.

With the Bishops trailing, 95 1/2-90 1/2, going into the final event, the Ohio Wesleyan 200-meter freestyle relay team won the event in a time of 1:48.19, edging the Quakers by a margin of just over 8/10 of a second to win the meet.

Javaid won the 200-meter IM and the 400-meter freestyle in respective times of 2:28.93 and 4:49.30. Also winning events for Ohio Wesleyan were Fahey, who won the 800-meter freestyle in 9:22.05 and added a second in the 100-meter butterfly; sophomore Nathaniel Cook (Delaware/Hayes), who won the 100-meter breaststroke in 1:14.89 and finished third in the 200-meter freestyle; and senior Robert Naples (Hamden, Conn./Notre Dame), who won the 50-meter freestyle in :27.27.

Other standouts for the Bishops included Gatz, who finished second in the 800-meter freestyle and tied for second in the 100-meter backstroke.