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Clinton works to sway young voters toward mom

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A visit from Chelsea Clinton proved to be more than a rumor Wednesday as she arrived at Bishop Café to address student questions about her mother's campaign.

Students filled the café to ask Clinton questions about Hillary's position on such issues as education, healthcare, foreign policy, the environment and the national debt. According to Cole Hatcher, director of media relations, the location was chosen by organizers because it was informal and familiar to students.

When asked why she thinks students should vote for Hillary over Barack Obama, she said students should think about what issues are important to them.

"Students should follow what they care about and pick an issue," Clinton said.

Students attended the event regardless of whether they support Obama or Clinton. Sophomore Jamie Castelveter, a Clinton supporter, said she feels like a minority on campus, because of the overwhelming Obama support.

"I came out to hear her speak because I agree with her platform," Castelveter said. "I feel like this was a good opportunity for OWU to hear Hillary's message."

Freshman Sam Weedon, an Obama supporter, came to the event because he wanted to hear Chelsea speak and because everybody deserves to be heard.

"Obama is the manifestation of hope in politics. Politics doesn't matter to me as much as policy does, and she voted for the war," Weedon said. "She has always gone with popular sentiments about the war, like 'support the troops but not the war,' but she



Chelsea Clinton answers questions from students concerning her mother's policy positions in a crowded Bishop Cafe on Wednesday

photo by Danny Eldredge

supported the war from the beginning. That's the crux of my decision to vote for Obama over Hillary."

Junior Tricia DiFranco, a former Edwards supporter, said she is undecided.

"I will support whichever candidate is nominated by the Democratic National Committee," DiFranco said.

The issue of higher education was

one of the first brought up by students. She said her mom is "the most radical candidate" when it comes to higher education reform. She not only wants to double tax credits for families of students and eliminate the FAFSA form, she also "wants the federal government to get back in the business of direct lending to students."

When asked to distinguish between

her mother's healthcare plan and that of Obama, she said, "It helps that it actually is universal."

"I'm proud that my mom, in '93 and '94, stood up for universal healthcare before it was fashionable," Clinton said. "I'm glad it's become one of the tenants of the Democratic party."

She said the fact that her mother's plan is truly universal is important to

the American public.

"If everyone is covered, the personal cost will go down for all of us," Clinton said. "My mom sees we need a coalition of businesses, drug companies and hospitals to take on this goal."

Clinton was asked what it means for the U.S. democracy if Hillary is elected, because only two families will have been in the White House for six

consecutive terms.

"Well, I think it's really tragic that we had a second President Bush," Clinton said. The crowd responded with laughter.

"I would hope you vote for my mom because of my mom, not because of my dad," Clinton said. "I would also hope you wouldn't not vote for my mom because of my dad."

When asked what Hillary will do about the national debt, Clinton said, "She is for getting rid of it."

Clinton said the national debt has soared to \$9 trillion and that her mom is for fiscal responsibility.

Amir Paul, president of College Democrats, said the group has not endorsed a candidate for president, and that they weren't involved in planning the Clinton visit.

"We just want to engage the campus for a Democratic candidate," Paul said. "We know people are torn between Obama and Clinton."

Senior Amanda Masters said she learned a lot by coming to the event.

"I thought she was very well spoken and had an intimate knowledge of her mom's positions," Masters said.

Junior Danielle Pomorski was not impressed by the Hillary's decision to have Chelsea on the campaign.

"I think Hillary is exploiting everything," Pomorski said. "I love it when people exploit their children for their own benefit. It's one of my favorite things. I only wish (Chelsea) were younger."

Freshman Bobby St. Clair said Clinton's visit helped put him on the fence when deciding between John McCain and Hillary Clinton.

"Chelsea can speak to younger voters, and I think it is good that she's on the campaign," St. Clair said. "Hearing this was a big eye opener for me, hearing about how she feels about all the issues."

Campus reacts to first TB case in years

by Michael DiBiasio
Transcript Reporter

An international male student is being treated for pulmonary tuberculosis at an undisclosed off-campus location, an acquaintance of the student confirmed this week.

Simon Brown, moderator the International House (I-House), said he knows the student personally and that he was a member of the Small Living Unity (SLU) community. Brown declined to release the student's name.

Kathy Baird, university spokeswoman, declined to elaborate on the student's identity and any additional information.

"The university is unable to release any information that may breach the student's right to confidentiality," said Baird, director of university communications.

The student is no longer attending classes or living on campus, but would not disclose where the student is undergoing treatment, Baird said.

The university issued a campus-wide e-mail to alert students and employees of the student's illness.

The Delaware General Health District advised the university to identify anyone who has had close contact with the student within the last six

months.

The OWU Wellness Center sent letters and e-mails to 65 individuals who fit the criteria for TB skin testing, Baird said.

Students were tested last Friday in the Wellness Center and results were read Monday.

"The university will notify the campus of the results as warranted based on the advice of public health officials," Baird said.

It is impossible to predict how many of the 65 tests will come back positive, said Joan Bowe, a registered nurse with the Delaware General Health District.

Close contact with individuals diagnosed with pulmonary TB means possible contraction of the disease, said Jesse Carter, a health district spokesman.

Student Health Services has no memory of a similar TB scare within the last 18 years, Baird said.

TB is a disease caused by spreading germs through the air from person to person, and usually affects the lungs, but can also affect the brain, kidneys or spine, according to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.

More information on TB is available in the Wellness Center in Stuyvesant Hall, or students can call the Delaware General Health District at 740-368-1700.

Wireless initiative begins with residence halls

By Danny Eldredge
Editor-in-Chief

Ohio Wesleyan will soon begin the implementation process to provide wireless access throughout the university's campus.

Theresa Byrd, chief information officer and director of libraries, said the university is in the final stages of selecting a vendor.

"We expect to start implementation in the residence halls by the end of the month," Byrd said.

David Robbins, interim president and provost, said the university will begin implementation immediately after a contract is signed.

"It is a rather significant project that covers over 200 acres," Robbins said. "We want to get started as soon as possible."

Jason Lamar, director of information services, said the sheer scope of the project creates the biggest challenge.

"This implementation will involve nearly 400 industrial-strength access points -- and each access point will need to be strategically mounted on ceilings, on walls, and in other locations around each campus facility," Lamar said. "Plus, keep in mind that each access point also has to have a cabled connection back into the main OWU network. So, ironically, this wireless project is going to require a significant amount of wiring to make it happen."

According to a Connect2 article, there will be a five phase implementation process, beginning with the residence halls. The residence halls should be wireless about six weeks after beginning installation, Byrd said.

The second phase gives access to all of the buildings along the jaywalk, and the third phase includes the Conrades-Wetherell Science Center along with Elliot, Phillips and University halls. Byrd said these phases should be completed by the end of the spring semester.

The fourth phase will accommodate the rest of the academic buildings and the athletic facilities, while the fifth phase will finish up implementation with the on-campus fraternity houses, the small living units, Stewart Annex, and parts of Austin Manor. The last phase will need to be done over the summer because it would otherwise interfere with residents. There will also be access in many outdoor areas on campus.

Byrd said this movement toward wireless access has been student led.

"For the past four years (wireless) is all I've heard about," Byrd said. "If I had a magic wand, I would've waved it years ago to get wireless to the students."

Lamar said it is important to meet the student's technological expectations.

"Technology across the board is going mobile, and students coming to college today

certainly have expectations that they should be able to access the Internet wherever they are on campus, without being tethered to a network cable," Lamar said. "At the same time, there are many colleges that have already had campus-wide wireless for years, so there's no question this is a move to keep OWU relevant and competitive in the higher education market."

Robbins said he thinks wireless access will generate more student activity in the residence hall lounges and study rooms.

"I think your generation likes to work where there is activity, like in internet cafes," Robbins said. "Even if it doesn't, wireless will still allow for more flexibility in individual rooms."

Junior Kevin Fahey said there are no drawbacks to having wireless and that it is long overdue.

"Wireless access is good, especially when studying outside in the warmer months," Fahey said. "It is good indoors because you can move to study rooms and have internet access."

According to the Connect2 article, Byrd said accessing the wireless network will require an OWU user name and password. She said the university had to secure a password protected network to comply with national security guidelines put in place by the federal Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act.

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New faculty adjusting well to OWU campus

By Kaitlin Thomas
Transcript Reporter

Ohio Wesleyan hired 12 new faculty members for the 2007-2008 academic year. As the fall semester is now over, the professors are no longer the new kids. They came from various backgrounds and various areas of the country, but they are all enjoying teaching here at OWU.

Before joining OWU as a professor in the neuroscience program, Jennifer Yates held visiting positions at various schools in the northeast.

She is now an assistant professor of psychology.

Yates said she prefers OWU to her other schools and that the university is what she would have expected from a private liberal arts institution. She was hoping for smart and friendly students and for a school with interests in research.

"All those things I was hoping for and got," she said.

Entering a new environment can be difficult as a student or a professor. As for adjusting to the OWU community, Yates said she is hitting her stride.

"People in the college have been super supportive making sure I get on my feet," she said. The usual problems of knowing where to be and where to get copies of tests were all that Yates had to deal with.

"Nothing that held me back for too long," she said.

This was the trend across campus among the new faculty. Assistant Professor of English Mark Allison said that it took him awhile to learn how to get certain things done.

"At any institution there's always a learning curve," Allison said. "But everyone was extremely helpful so the problems never became big problems."

Allison earned his undergraduate degree from Kenyon College, a small liberal arts college in Gambier, Ohio.

From his own experiences, he said he had some idea of what to expect at OWU.

"I enjoy how friendly and supportive the environment is here," he said. "I was pleased

to see OWU lived up to my expectations."

Allison Baird Lovell, assistant professor of humanities and classics, recently left Stanford University in Stanford, Calif. She said at Stanford students had been more aggressive. The relationship between student and professor from the students' perspective was one of customer service with a "you're here to serve me" mentality.

"Here I find it a little more traditional," she said. "People have more respect for the faculty."

But that is not the only reason Lovell prefers OWU to larger learning institutions. For starters her position is tenure track meaning a long-term commitment and a future. At Stanford she said it was a revolving door position or a stepping stone.

At Stanford Lovell taught as a Postdoctoral Humanities Fellow. Each quarter she was responsible for three classes of mandatory humanities courses.

She described the environment as a "transient situation."

"I prefer the environment of a small liberal arts college," Lovell said.

"I can cultivate connection ties with students and develop mentoring relationships with students over a period of time as opposed to the one course."

Lovell also said she liked that she has more of a say in what she is to teach here at OWU.

"[At Stanford] there were drawbacks. I did not have autonomy over my courses. We were assigned courses to teach. We did not choose the readings or the pace of the course. Here I can design my courses. There are a lot more possibilities."

Overall Lovell agreed she had a good first semester at OWU. Next semester she will be teaching some of her own courses in the humanities and classics. She said the only thing she had trouble with in the transition from California was getting used to the colder weather.

Other faculty members who were new to OWU last fall were David Alexander, Kristina Bogdanov, Christopher Fink, Frank Hobbs, Zackariah Long, Lisa Patrick, Melinda Rhodes and David Walker.

Chicago Mission Team raises the dough serving pizza

By Emily Hastings
Transcript Correspondent

While some students spend spring break vacationing in Cancun, 12 OWU students will donate their time learning about and helping with different aspects of urban poverty in Chicago.

On Feb. 6, the Chicago Mission Team hosted a Chicago-style pizza luncheon, with a \$5 admission fee per person.

According to senior Amy Tuttle, the team leader for the trip, the luncheon is one of the main fundraising events for the team.

Altogether the group raised a total of \$645 which will be used to help pay for the cost of the trip. All the extra money goes to the organizations they are working with.

"I was very happy with the turn out of the luncheon," said sophomore Claire Everhart, the team's spiritual guide. "We had more support than we were expecting. From here on out, all the money that we raise can go directly to the organizations."

The team, comprised of 12 students and two faculty advisors, Julie Blaszak, assistant director of Residential Life, and Chris Mickens, public safety officer, will leave Saturday, March 8, and return the following Saturday, March 15. According to Everhart, the group will be staying in the basement of a church, which will save a lot of money.

The students were selected based on an application process and an essay that each wrote in early September.

While in Chicago, the group will work with five specific organizations: Chicago Hopes, which focuses on homeless children; Inspiration Café, which serves meals to the homeless; AIDS Care, which takes in homeless people in the last stages of AIDS; Uptown Christian Ministry and Daughters of Charity.

According to Tuttle, the team's goal is to help at as many places as they can. They also plan to meet with speakers to learn more about the many issues of urban poverty.

"I am excited and at the same time scared to witness the poverty that we will see there," Everhart said. "I anticipate an emotionally draining week as the team, together, really gets to see how difficult so many people in this world have it," said Everhart.

This will be the first time an OWU mission team goes to Chicago to focus on urban poverty. The specific trip idea was proposed by Blaszak.

"I proposed the mission of working with urban poverty and homelessness because my heart has been touched by hearing the stories in the media about people who do not have their basic human needs met in this country," Blaszak said. "I am frustrated by the disparity that exists between people who have money and people who don't in our country."

The trip is sponsored through the Chaplain's office.

"We have a very interfaith group," Tuttle said. "It's not necessary to have a religious affiliation, but we do focus on spiritual needs, especially focusing on the spiritual needs of those in poverty."

Everhart, "During this time, as a spiritual guide, I usually attempt to in some way facilitate discussion or simply challenge members to think about how our spiritual backgrounds and beliefs are connected with the mission of our trip."

Later in February the team will sponsor an Urban Poverty Awareness Day. According to Tuttle, this day is more geared toward campus awareness rather than fundraising.



Dr. Judylyn Ryan gives a speech to prospective students on the responsibilities associated with college as a part of multicultural weekend. Students were flown in from 12 states to Ohio Wesleyan in order to attend lectures and classes as a part of the weekend's activities.

Multicultural weekend showcases diversity

By Micah Klugman
Transcript Reporter

A multicultural campus is a cornerstone of the Ohio Wesleyan community, boasting students from 43 states and 45 different countries. One way OWU maintains such a diverse campus is through long running programs such as Multicultural Weekend.

Multicultural Weekend gives high school seniors from all over the nation the opportunity to experience OWU and all it has to offer minority students. This year the students were flown in from 12 states including California, Michigan, Nevada and Hawaii, and based in by OWU sponsored vans from surrounding Ohio cities.

Prospective students who are contacted by the OWU admissions office spend the weekend exploring the OWU campus by meeting with professors, alumni, and coaches.

Prospective students also take time out to learn more about what it means to be a minority student at OWU. They take part in activities such as lectures and classes arranged by the minority student affairs office.

Judie Patton, senior associate director of Admissions and organizer of the weekend's events, said multicultural weekend is a great opportunity for younger and prospective students to meet existing OWU.

"It is beneficial because students are exposed to the campus," Patton said. "They get a chance to see what opportunities are available to them as a minority student."

She also said it is good for new students to have friends



Students enjoy food and camaraderie.

when they arrive on campus.

"Often times minority students want to feel a sense of connection and cohesion on campus," Patton said.

Students who attended the weekend and its activities had to meet a certain number of criteria in order to participate and take full advantage of what the program offers. The requirements include a 2.7 cumulative GPA and having completed at least part one of the application for admission. Students with these requirements were also eligible for travel assistance provided by the university.

For prospective students, the weekend began on Thursday when they arrived on campus and met with their OWU student hosts for the weekend. Later that night the prospective students were treated to a night at Gameworks. On Friday, students attended classes of their choice and informational sessions about financial aid at OWU.

Students also attended a luncheon sponsored by VIVA which included presentations by various minority organizations on campus including SUBA and BMF. The weekend wrapped up its activities on Saturday morning with a presentation by English Professor Judylyn Ryan, who spoke about the responsibilities of stepping up as a college student.

High school senior Mark Browning from Colorado said his weekend spent at OWU was informative and relaxing. He also said he felt the weekend is helpful to high school seniors who are still deciding what they want in their college experience and that it gives them a chance to see what college can really be like.

Costly textbooks hit students where it counts: in the pocketbook

By Catie Coleman
Transcript Reporter

As winter break winds down, students across the nation get hit with a cold, hard realization--and it's not the weather. It's the bill for textbooks.

When junior Laura Binkley sat down to study from her abnormal psychology book, a makeshift bookmark stuck between the pages caught her attention. It was a receipt from the Normandale Community College bookstore for that very book. Binkley purchased the book for \$100.25, but some lucky Minnesotan bought it for only \$94.50 in a newer condition last July.

The bookshelves in dorms across campus look a lot like Binkley's.

Zoology major? According to a sales associate at Case Western Reserve's bookstore, a new copy of John Alcock's "Animal Behavior" cost Case students \$92.95 last semester. At OWU, the book costs \$101.30 (a 25 percent increase from the publisher's price).

Dean Scudder, sales associate for the book's publisher, Sinauer Associates, Inc., said campus bookstores are offered a 20 percent discount.

"The list price of Alcock: 'Animal Behavior, Eighth Edition' is \$94.95. Eighty percent of that is \$75.96," Scudder said.

According to Kevin Stith, OWU bookstore manager, there is good reason the prices are what they are.

"The publishers control the pricing. They send an invoice with the suggested retail on it and that's what we go by, unless it's some obscure little publisher and freight isn't covered," Stith said.

The OWU bookstore purchases new books from the publisher and used ones from students and other bookstores. According to Stith, a used book may go up in price from one semester to the next because the publisher raised the price of the new version and the used prices are raised in accordance.

Online textbook sales can ease the burden of textbook purchases for some

students, but if the professor waits until the first day of class to notify the students of the required texts, many feel pressure to buy from the bookstore to keep up with assigned readings.

"Once classes start, readings are assigned," Binkley said. "I need the books on time or else I'll fall behind."

If the student is lucky enough to get the textbook information before the semester starts, websites like amazon.com, half.com and college swap shop can help keep their wallets padded.

Binkley's abnormal psychology book could be found online for as little as \$67.95. New and used copies of "Animal Behavior" were anywhere from \$25 to \$104.

The textbook required for students in Research Methods in Psychology costs \$143 at the OWU bookstore, but brand new copies were sold online for \$68.

Because bookstores realize the appeal of online ordering, they've tried to keep from losing out with strict return policies.

Vogel Lecture honors Delaware bicentennial with historic recount

"One of the spas was a mansion house which closed in 1837 because of the economic depression," Lentz said. "The mansion became Ohio Wesleyan University property in 1842. It became Elliott Hall and is named after the conference leader of the Methodist Church, Charles Elliott."

By Ryan Armstrong
Transcript Reporter

Historical Consultant Ed Lentz presented "A Bicentennial Remembrance" last Thursday about the historical origins of Delaware. The presentation, given as the 24th annual Joseph and Edith Vogel Lecture, kicked off Delaware's bicentennial celebration by honoring the city's milestones.

Barbara Terzian, chair of the history department, introduced Lentz in the Benes Room after the pre-lecture dinner preceding the presentation. She honored Lentz and the committee that is planning the events for Delaware's bicentennial.

Lentz studied studied history at Ohio State University and Princeton University. He has remained a local and state historian for the last 40 years and his interest lies in historic preservation.

Lentz served as an archivist for the Ohio Historical Society from 1969-1982 and was director of the Columbus Landmarks Foundation from 1983-1988. In 1989, he founded the historical consulting company Pastfinders, which still exists today.

Lentz said people have been living in this area for about 10,000 years.

"We don't know what happened to these people, but some of the Indian mounds in central Ohio give us remnants of their history," Lentz said. "Licking County is one such place. These mounds have been nominated to be one of the ten new wonders of the world."

Lentz said Moses Bixby was most directly involved in forming Delaware County, back in 1808.

Bixby started by buying up land warrants, paid to the veterans of the American Revolution, because no adequate money system existed in America. With the land he established Berkshire around 1806. In 1808, Bixby set up a date to meet with his friend and associate Supreme Court Justice, Henry Baldwin, in Pittsburgh.

"The two meet up in Pittsburgh, the two decide to make a deal, and the rest as they say is history," Lentz said.

"What they come up with is a plan to build an entire new town essentially over west side of the Olen tangy River."

Lentz said the Sulphur Springs had one of the first major impacts in skyrocketing Delaware business in the 1820s when spa resorts opened.

"One of the spas was a mansion house which closed in 1837 because of the economic depression," Lentz said. "The mansion became Ohio Wesleyan University property in 1842. It became Elliott Hall and is named after the conference leader of the Methodist Church, Charles Elliott."

Other historical significancies of Delaware include it being the hometown of President Rutherford B. Hayes. Also, it was a center for the Underground Railroad, with over 315 major sites in the Delaware area. The *Delaware Gazette* started publishing in 1818, shortly after the War of 1812.

In the last decade, Delaware County has been considered the fastest growing county in Ohio and one of the fastest growing counties the U.S. throughout the 1990s.

Ezra F. Vogel (50), professor emeritus of East Asian studies at Harvard University, started the endowment in 1985 in honor of his late parents, who lived in Delaware. Vogel wanted to give the OWU community a broader understanding of the Delaware region's past.

Vogel said his father took pride in helping out people because he believed in the Delaware community.

"My father could never go to college," Vogel said. "He gave me and my sister the opportunity for a better life. I thought giving back with something living would be better. Starting the Vogel Lecture seemed like the natural way to honor my father."

For more information about the history of the Vogel Lecture, visit owu.edu.

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Lamar said students will no longer be able to use personal wireless routers.

"We realize that many students have put in their own personal wireless routers out of necessity, because there was no other way to get that kind of access -- but our new campus Wi-Fi systems should provide all the wireless performance and availability that students need," Lamar said. "Therefore, once this new campus-wide system is operational, students will no longer be allowed to run their own, independent wireless systems. That way, we can better ensure the security and integrity of OWU's main campus wireless system."

Byrd said the only thing that has held the university back from obtaining campus-wide wireless access was funding, and that Robbins should be

credited with procuring the money necessary to go ahead with the project.

Robbins said this follows the route communication is going as a whole.

"Today, people aren't using land phones as frequently; they're using cell phones," Robbins said.

"People also aren't reading newspapers or reading books as often as they are surfing the internet. I want us to be on the forefront of this new technology to bring us up to date with other schools and the way we're moving as a society."

"I think this will make our campus more attractive to our current students and prospective students," Byrd said. "This was the strongest student wish I've heard in a long time. We're trying to meet the needs of students, and that's why we're here."

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U.S. hegemony declining in global money market

By Kyle Sjarif
Transcript Reporter

David Steigerwald, professor of history at Ohio State University, said the global economic market is becoming multi-polar and the United States is no longer the front runner.

For those reasons, blacklisted enemies now, such as Cuba, Iran and North Korea, do not suffer as severe repercussions as blacklisted states in the past, due to their comparatively higher statuses.

The main focus of Steigerwald's presentation on Friday at the William St. United Methodist Church circulated around the issue of the "enemy" label placed by the American State Department on specific states. More specifically, they are placed on the State Department's list of state-sponsored terrorists or as states involved in terrorism. Steigerwald presents the question, "Is it effective to blacklist countries?" He explains that the track record in the past has not been very good.

Steigerwald teaches a variety of courses on modern America, ranging from the Gilded Age to the present, including the Vietnam war and the 1960s.

He is the author of "Wilsonian Idealism in America" and "The Sixties and the End of Modern America." He co-authored, along with Michael Flamm, "Debating the 1960s: Liberal, Conservative, and Radical Perspectives"

He is currently working on a multi-volume study of the idea of culture in contemporary thought.

Ultimately, Steigerwald's said he thinks the blacklisting of particular nations by the United States is not warranted anymore because the states placed on the blacklist no longer depend heavily upon the United States to survive financially and politically.

"There's a broader shift in the world economy where it's becoming multi-polar," he said. "The blacklisted countries have found stability from other sources. In fact, due to the United States' fixation on the troubles in Iraq, the fall of the value of the dollar and the weakening of the economy, they are no longer viewed in the same light as former years."

Typically the repercussions of being placed on the list include the severance of political and financial ties with the United States government. Steigerwald pointed out that it is not coincidental that the three countries placed on the list, Cuba, Iran and North Korea, have no diplomatic relations with the United States.

Cuba has not had formal

diplomatic relations or an American embassy for over 50 years, while Iran has not had relations since the 1970's revolution. Steigerwald said he can not remember if the United States has ever had diplomatic relations with North Korea.

"Is there cause and effect in place?" asked Steigerwald. "It seems a state's nefarious deeds of not having diplomatic relations results in their placement on the State Departments list. Or is it the state's deeds which cause them to be on the list?"

Now countries are looking towards Europe as well as China, India and Brazil, which have emerged as growing economies. Thus, even a developing nation like Iran no longer relies upon the United States to continue its development.

Steigerwald said the sanctioning of particular countries does not "teach them a lesson" but instead causes the common people to suffer.

"People in need of medicine, food and business men looking to advance in their careers through trading are those affected the most by the blacklisting of their state," said Steigerwald.

It is apparent that the sanctioning is unsuccessful in altering the behavior of the adversary state, Steigerwald said, noting that it did not prevent Saddam Hussein from remaining in power for so long.

Steigerwald said views on the foreign affairs policy are based on two perspectives, the realists' and idealists'.

Realists are described as people who believe that the United States is unable to change the decisions of other nations while idealists are described as having a tendency to serve as policymakers aiming to illicit change.

Steigerwald identified himself more as a realist because he does not believe it is necessary to force other nations to change.

The failure of President George W. Bush in "democratizing the Middle East" serves as a perfect example of the skepticism of idealists by realists, he said.

Steigerwald said he believes that that diplomacy is the answer to improving relations with other nations and specifically mentioned the need of an embassy in Havana.

"The dispute with Cuba has lasted for fifty years and I still see Fidel Castro walking around," joked Steigerwald.

Friday's program was the third in the series. Next week's discussion will be led by Economics Professor Barbara MacLeod. MacLeod's presentation is titled, "U.S.-China Business and Economic Relations."

Super Tuesday = Super Fun!



Photo by Danny Eldredge

Tricia DiFranco can't choose between Democratic rivals Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton.

Students support favorite candidates during P&G Super Tuesday election party

By Mark Dubovec
Transcript Reporter

On Feb 5., several days after Mock Convention, students attended the Super Tuesday Party in Benes Room B to catch late-breaking results and discuss campaigns in between bites of cookies and pretzels. The Politics and Government Student Board organized the event, which lasted from 7:30 p.m. until midnight.

Over the course of the night, around 75 people passed through to hear Wolf Blitzer and Anderson Cooper announce the winners of each state on the big screen that dominated the room's view. While most only stayed to hear the winners, at least 30 students always remained in between announcements.

"We wanted to give the students an opportunity to watch the election returns in a fun atmosphere," said senior Caitlyn Nestleroth, board member. According to Nestleroth, senior Joey Yost, another board

member, handled preparations for Super Tuesday.

"This is a historic night," Yost said. "It might not happen again in a lifetime."

Yost stressed the importance of such political activities.

"The campus can be more politically active. Things like this and the Mock Convention help with that."

Joan McLean, associate dean for first-year students and professor of politics and government, commended the role students around the country have played in the election.

"Everyone's been skeptical about young people because they usually show interest early on and then drop out, but they're still turning out," she said.

McLean was a supporter of John Edwards before he dropped out of the race and now is undecided.

Throughout the evening, students mingled and explained who they would vote for and why. Most

supported Barack Obama. Politics major Jason Grovenburg, a junior from Chicago, said, "My worked for Obama's candidate when he ran for Senate."

Shannon Hopkins, a member of Model United Nations team and Students for Barack Obama, said, "I've been following Obama since 2006. It'll be an interesting race."

Sophomore Kevin Fahey said he'd like to see Obama win on the Democrat side and would like to see him go up against Mike Huckabee. "I want to see Huckabee clobbered," he said.

Although she has not decided who she'll vote for, sophomore Noel Williams considers Hillary Clinton the underdog. "There are no Facebook groups called 'One Million Strong Against Obama,' like there are for Hillary," she said.

Sophomore Tiffany Ware, a Republican, said she would support Obama. "We're so divided," she said. "The only way to unite the country is

to elect someone who appeals to both parties."

The Politics and Government Board also had its picks. "I'm pulling for John McCain," Yost said. "The war is the big issue, and we need a president with military experience."

Nestleroth said, "I'm a huge Edwards fan. Now that Edwards dropped out, I'm leaning towards Obama."

Craig Ramsay, chairperson and professor of politics and government, discussed the results of the evening and their effects. "The big issue tonight is whether Obama makes a significant statement that translates into votes," he said. "Does he just hold his own against Hillary, or does he break through?"

Ramsay said he would be giving a lecture to the Union Club in Cleveland on Thursday Feb. 6, to discuss the results of Super Tuesday. When news that Clinton and Obama remained evenly matched was reported, he said, "There were no surprises."

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Rare bird graces Delaware Run



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While walking to Sanborn Hall on Feb. 7, senior Rebecca Deatsman spotted and identified this Horned Grebe (*Podiceps auritus*) in the Delaware Run. Horned Grebes are rare mid-winter visitors to central Ohio and expected to appear on expansive open water, not small creeks. The bird was most likely forced to land during the storms on Wednesday night. It remained for two days and was easily viewed from the Elizabeth Street bridge as it frequently dove for fish. Grebes are close relatives to loons.

Columbus nightlife offers alternatives for weekend play

By Patrice Murphy
Transcript Correspondent

Some students like junior Kristen Scott travel to Columbus to find leisure on the weekends.

"Ohio Wesleyan is known for academics, not parties," Scott said.

Scott said she gets her work done during the week so when the weekend comes she doesn't have to deal with it.

Scott spends most weekends in Columbus with friends from Capital University.

"We often just drive around Columbus," she said. "We can always find a movie to see and club to go to. Columbus offers a variety of things to do, unlike Delaware."

Junior Delmar Flournoy said the Short North district in Columbus offers gallery hopping on the first Saturday of the every month.

"Gallery hopping in the Short North is the best; you get to go with your friends and just have a good time looking at great art," Flournoy said.

Home of the Columbus Blue

Jackets hockey team, the downtown Arena District offers variety of things to do, from restaurants to movies to hockey games.

Senior Meredith Gerrick said the best bars and nightclubs are in the Arena District.

"The Arena District's bars and clubs are always crowded," Gerrick said. "I'm always bumping into someone I know. I get to see a lot of OWU alumni when I'm out"

Gerrick said its more fun for older students.

"The key to having fun in Columbus is being 21," she said. "There are a few clubs you can go to if you're not, but Columbus is about the bar scene."

Flournoy said the OWU nightlife is about fraternity parties and Clancey's, which is just not for him.

"After three years of going to the parties and bars at OWU you get tired," Flournoy said. "It is just not fun anymore, everything is boring."

Scott and Gerrick said they are done with OWU parties and are moving on to Columbus nightlife.

OLs prepare for incoming freshmen

By Shade Fakunle
Transcript Correspondent

The applications are in, and the interviews have begun. Student Involvement is looking for 42 students to introduce the class of 2012 to life at Ohio Wesleyan.

"[The orientation leaders] make or break the new class, whether they realize it or not," said Debra Lamp, director of Student Involvement.

All this week and next week, there will be individual interviews with returning and new orientation leaders.

The application asked for students who have pride in being OWU students, a willingness to learn, leadership potential and the ability to work long hours, among other qualifications.

Though they are looking for a variety of personality types, "an orientation leader cannot be a shy person," Lamp said.

After the interviews are complete and the orientation leaders are picked, the students will finish the year and return to OWU on Aug. 17 to begin training.

"[The orientation leaders] sacrifice quite a bit," Lamp said

as she described the time commitment. Once training is complete, the new students arrive on campus, and all the hard work is put into action.

Between Aug. 21-24 daily orientation events occur. Then comes Bishop Week, from Aug. 24 to Aug. 30, during which the orientation leaders are hard at work all day.

According to Lamp, the leaders are told everything they need to know about how to acclimate the incoming students, but the leaders are left to come up with their own activities for the students.

Lamp finds that the games are what students complain most about. The best part of orientation, according to evaluations filled out by students, is meeting new people.

"It's a double-edged sword," she said

Freshman Monique Cherry loved meeting everyone and learning how to get around campus.

"It was so fun!" Cherry said. "If it wasn't for the orientation, I would not have known my way around."

Freshman Chardae Spencer

said, "The programs were good because we got a chance to meet a lot of different people."

Members of the orientation committee who are in charge of the program are looking to change a few things about freshman orientation.

According to Lamp, there is too much free time, and this may cause students to miss out on some events because they are in their rooms.

"There was a lot of stuff I skipped!" said Cherry as she tried to remember more events during orientation.

This is exactly what Lamp wants to avoid.

"[If the events] are more back-to-back, there is a better opportunity for students to interact with the students in their orientation groups and with their orientation leader," Lamp said. "This also prevents the opportunity for home sickness."

This will mean more work for the orientation leaders as they will have less free time as well.

Students who applied will find out if they were selected to help bring in the class of 2012 within the next few weeks.

Rafiki Wa Afrika hosts Valentine's Day dance to fundraise for Africa

By Myra Blackburn
Transcript Reporter

Rafiki Wa Afrika will host a Valentine's fundraiser on Saturday to help the Ghana Student Education Fund (GSEF) award scholarships to students in Ghana and supply them with educational resources.

The GSEF is an international, non-profit organization established in 2006 by faculty and students at Ohio Wesleyan.

The goal of the organization is to help students in Ghana receive the best education and resources so they can excel in academics and compete with other students across the country.

Another goal is for the Ghana Cultural Immersion Team to purge the learning environment of Ghana's culture, customs and traditions and assist the GSEF in a nation-wide scholarship luncheon to award students such as Millicent and Belinda, two students from Ghana, with scholarships.

Osei-Bonsu said Millicent



by the Arab-Sudanese military known as Janjaweed.

The leaders of Rafiki Wa Afrika, juniors Nicholas Oteng and Stan Osei-Bonsu, raised approximately \$1,800 for the Darfur Crisis and set aside \$400 for the GSEF.

"We are trying to invite [everyone] to the event," Osei-Bonsu said. "The OWU community has a history of activism, and when the South African apartheid was going on, OWU stood up. [We] have a large number of international students who bring diversity to campus."

Osei-Bonsu said Ohio Wesleyan is open-minded and brings "the act of giving and the spirit of love" to campus.

The fundraiser is from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Hamilton Williams Campus Center in Benes rooms A and B.

The dress is cocktail attire or semi-formal. Tickets are \$10 for singles and \$15 for couples, with a \$2 discount for students who received an invitation via mail.

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Arts & Entertainment

'Stop Kiss' offers contemporary take on love and violence

Mary Beth Scherer
Transcript Reporter

The Department of Theater and Dance's production of "Stop Kiss" by Diana Son was "remarkably done," sophomore Michael Wagner said.

"The actors and actresses did a great job of putting on a show that required such a small cast," Wagner said.

The production opened on Feb. 8. For those who have not seen the play or would like to see it again, "Stop Kiss" will also be showing on Feb. 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Chappellear Drama Center Studio Theater.

"Stop Kiss" follows the friendship of two women, Callie and Sara, from their first meeting and through the aftermath of a savage hate crime. The setting of the play is New York City.

The contemporary play premiered at the New York Shakespeare Festival in 1998.

Assistant Professor of Theatre and Dance Edward Kahn directed the play.

He said he chose the play because he thought it was a love story and sent a wonderful message to society.

Kahn said some of the themes of the play are "the value of friendship, the process of discovering oneself, the fear and exhilaration of taking a



Photo by Kit McCann

From left, senior Jenny Herron as Sara, senior Allison Draper as Callie and senior Dan Whalen as George.

chance and, of course, the mystery and magic of love."

There are 23 scenes in "Stop Kiss," and the scenes switch back and forth from those that

take place before the attack, to those that take place after.

Senior Allison Draper, who played Callie, said, "It's a challenge as an actor to go from

scene to scene." This was partially because there were a lot of costume changes, Draper said.

Draper said it was interesting to play Callie because there are

a lot of aspects about the character she can relate to. Draper said playing Callie forced her to go through a lot of emotions.

"Playing Callie is like run-

ning a marathon," said Draper. "Not that I've ever ran a marathon before, but I would imagine it's like running a marathon."

Senior Jenny Herron said "it was a joy" to play her character Sara. Herron said she relates to her character's mentality of "just go for it." Herron said the play is entertaining and sends an important message.

"I would say the message of the play is just follow your heart and don't worry about society or what people think," Herron said. "Just stop and kiss."

Senior Dan Whalen, who played George, said playing his character was a roller coaster. "[George] gets to have some fun and be a little goofy, but he also needs to show he really cares about Allison's character," Whalen said.

Whalen said the message of the show is "maybe love isn't where you first look; sometimes it's unexpected."

Other members of the cast included senior Barbara Eldredge as Detective Cole, senior Bryn Trogdon as Mrs. Winsley, senior Brandon McMickens as Peter, sophomore Joanna VanSickle as the nurse and senior Jon Distad as the musician. There will also be a "Stop Kiss" post-show discussion on Feb. 15 at 10 p.m. at the Women's House.

Reading calls out OWLs, brings them to Beehive

Rafaya Sufi
Transcript Reporter

The Ohio Wesleyan Literary Magazine (OWL) held its first reading event on Friday, Feb. 10, at the Beehive Bookstore. Senior Nitin Das Rai, editor-in-chief of the "OWL," said the reading was "a great success for the literary society."

Rai, a native of India, said he was impressed with the crowd and its diversity.

"I didn't think we would have such a great turnout," Rai said. "I pretty much walked into Beehive one day and met the owner. We got talking, and I proposed the idea of the reading. She was open to it and it worked out great for us. Beehive is a great place for the literary society of OWU and Delaware."

Rai said the event highlighted the passion for literature and arts in and outside of campus.

"It's difficult to promote literature on campus," Rai said. "Love for reading is something that is very personal and it comes at a young age. Having said that, the diverse crowd showed the appreciation of literature at the event and gives us hope to hold more open mics and readings."

Senior Robyn Case performed two of her own songs on the acoustic guitar, one called "Contentment."

Senior Raza Naqvi read "Toba Tek Singh" by Sadaat Hassan Manto, a short story

from the subcontinent.

"The story highlights the literary traditions of Pakistan which are underrepresented and under-advertised at a global level," Naqvi said.

Sophomore Bea Pantoja said the reading was interesting but was expecting students to read some of their own works.

"I was hoping to listen to some of students' own creations," Pantoja said. "I was, however, extremely impressed with Robyn's performance. I have a feeling she will be successful in the music career one day."

Junior Sahar Mazhar said her favorite reading was Sasha Burdick's selection from Marianne Moore's poetry, named "Poetry."

"I'm not an English major, but I enjoyed everything," Mazhar said. "I was very impressed with the set-up and the event. Robyn was delightful as well."

Debunking rumors of the "OWL" being pretentious, Rai said he was happy the editor of "Confiscated" (Burdick) read because both publications are vital to OWU's literary society.

"While 'Confiscated' is anti-establishment and the 'OWL' is funded by the English department, they both promote literature on campus," Rai said. "If being very selective about publishing works in the 'OWL' is pretentious, then I guess we are, but we don't mean to be."

Columbus hosts Ohio music showcase this weekend

Tavish Miller
Transcript Correspondent

This month marks the five-year anniversary of Donewaiting.com, and to celebrate those associated with the blog are holding two nights of music featuring bands from Columbus and Cleveland.

Donewaiting.com is a blog based in Columbus with articles covering Columbus music, arts and life. Not everything is local; there are also articles relating to life on the rest of the planet.

Donewaiting has assembled a strong line up for both nights. On Friday, Deathly Fighter, This Moment in Black History, Sinkane and Grave Blankets

will be featured.

Grave Blankets are dirty and at times bluesy. The band's MySpace describes them as dridge pop.

This Moment in Black History is a punk band from Cleveland. The music is frantic, jarring and grating. It's uncomfortable music made in uncomfortable times.

Sinkane isn't as loud or abrasive as either of those bands, and that's not a bad thing.

Columbus Alive voted him one of five bands (it is the solo project of Ahmed Gallab) to

watch this year.

In the write-up, Chris Deville said Gallab's music has expanded while on his own.

"Gallab went a step further and created an entire world, one populated by backwards guitars, free-spirited horns, cascading drums and lots of otherworldly keyboards."

Deathly Fighter's MySpace said, "Founded in 2002 by Christopher Well, composer and chief electronic wizard for the group."

Saturday night, the bands are El Jesus de Magico, Blueprint and Brainbow, Miranda Sound and Mike Shiflet.

El Jesus de Magico, when pressed in an interview, called

themselves "post-primitive."

Blueprint, a Columbus rapper, and Brainbow, a Columbus psychedelic band, are performing together for the first and last time.

Miranda Sound members described themselves as "Indie pop chargers."

Mike Shiflet does some experimental stuff with a laptop, but will have a full band in tow.

Most of these bands have MySpace pages: your opinion about the music matters more than mine.

The Friday show at Carabar (115 Parsons Ave.) is free. Saturday's show is at Skully's (1151 N. High St.) which usually has a cover.



'Juno' propelled by likable, real characters in an old situation

Few independent movies become smash hits, but every once in awhile a few break free from mediocrity and achieve recognition.

"Napoleon Dynamite" was huge. So huge in fact, that the movie's stars Jon Heder and Aaron Ruell came to speak at OWU my freshman year. This year



Kaitlin Thomas

"Juno" is following in Napoleon's dancing footsteps.

I remember reading about this movie long before the trailers were playing. As a regular reader of most entertainment magazines, I heard of this former stripper named Diablo Cody, who had penned a screenplay that was supposed to be fantastic.

It was about 16-year-old Juno MacGuff (played by Ellen Page) who had been impregnated by her geeky best friend (portrayed by the always delightful Michael Cera). Instead of

keeping the baby or getting an abortion, she does the responsible thing and carries it to term and gives it up for adoption. It seemed like a bad episode of "7th Heaven."

So when I started seeing previews and watching interviews with Jennifer Garner and Jason Bateman, the married couple who are to adopt the child, I realized this movie had serious potential.

I was right. This movie is fantastic. "Juno" is witty and sarcastic but not too over the top like it is struggling for laughs.

As a character Juno has a charm about her that I have not seen in any other recent movies about teenage girls. She had a good sense of the real world, at least for a 16-year-old, and she was more level-headed than any of the girls I went to high school with.

I knew when I walked out of the theatre this would be one of my favorite movies. And, O.K., that's not saying much because as I write this I can look over at my shelf and see my movie collection and see about 100 movies and about 50 television

DVD sets. But I digress. I knew this movie was special.

I do not like to toot my own horn but I was right. "Juno" has been nominated for multiple Academy Awards, including a best actress nomination for Ellen Page. She might not win because she is up against veteran actors like Cate Blanchett and Laura Linney, but at least she beat out Keira Knightley for her work in "Atonement."

All together the movie is nominated for four awards. Diablo Cody is nominated for Best Original Screenplay and Jason

Reitman is nominated for his work as director. And to top that off, the movie is up for the Best Picture award.

If you have not seen the movie yet, I suggest you head down to The Strand because it will be playing through the end of the week. Plus I can almost guarantee you will laugh throughout the movie. You might even cry. But that would only be because you were laughing too hard and you could not breathe. Juno is a winner even if it does not take home any awards, so go see it.

Opinion

Clinton's visit benefits campus, community

Chelsea Clinton's visit to campus was as exciting as it was informative. The rumor and the eventual certainty of her arrival succeeded in sparking the interests of students not only because of her high profile but because of the unparalleled uniqueness and importance of this Democratic primary race.

We think the increased political conversation caused by her appearance was not only beneficial to Ohio Wesleyan, but to the entire Delaware community.

We were highly impressed with the substance of Clinton's answers, and the quality of the questions raised by the students. There is no doubt that Clinton knew her mother's positions inside and out -- from her views on violent video games all the way to border security. She clearly had an overall positive reaction from all the students who attended, regardless of whether or not they supported Barack Obama or her mother.

The only qualm we have with the event was the choice of location. Of course, we understand the politics of using a student cafeteria to hold the event, but the Bishop Café was clearly not the best choice. Many students were unable to see, and even more were likely unable to enter at all. There are obvious better choices, including the Benes rooms and Gray Chapel.

However, this is a very minor gripe in what was an exciting and informative event at Ohio Wesleyan. We hope to see even more major political actors visit our campus.

Mystery of stolen bicycle remains thus

Somebody has stolen my bicycle. It was taken last weekend from the main Welch bike racks. It is a black Schwinn bike from the 1960s. It's a fairly unique looking machine. It was closely associated with my campus image.

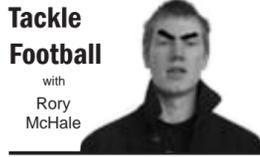
There's currently a shoot-to-kill order out on the thief. At the very least, I would like for said thief to be tackled upon identification. As an incentive, I promise to marry anyone providing information that leads to the bicycle's return.

My own theory is that the unlocked bicycle was taken by some drunken students on Friday or Saturday evening for a "joy ride" of sorts.

Logically, because it happened to me, such an action could not have been humorous. But I'm sure this drunken hero partially amused his (for some reason, perhaps a type of subconscious gender-bias, I can only imagine the perpetrator of this crime being a male. I hope no one will take offense that I am momentarily letting 50% of the campus population

Tackle Football

with Rory McHale



off the hook) inebriated chums with such a noble act as stealing a bicycle and depositing it in some shrubbery.

My own personal tragedy aside, it is an interesting point that the drunks cannot be satisfied. We all know/can be the drunks I refer to: day-to-day normal students, who, thrice-weekly, mutate into poorly-balanced speech-slurrs. They will not be satisfied. The cement garbage cans posted by the dorms are regularly smashed by these people.

For Christ's sake, garbage cans are for the common good. They keep the campus clean for the benefit of all. Who the hell is smashing them? Same deal for the cigarette butt containers that are tipped over. They were created for the benefit of smokers, conveniently placed,

and then destroyed by people who cannot justify themselves. I would like to see these people smashing garbage cans and beer bottles outside a dorm on a Sunday morning. That would be acceptable.

Take the familiar sight of drunken students urinating everywhere on a given weekend night. I guarantee if you provided porta-potties or even buckets around campus for these students, they would ruin them. You would see such buckets or portable toilets tipped over the next morning. These drunkards are a type that refuse to be assisted.

And, hey, I don't claim to be the pope. I'm known to knock back the occasional wine cooler. But I draw the line at stealing Rory's bicycle, as any civilized person would. After ongoing discussions with the police, we have come up with a composite sketch of the cowardly monster. Unfortunately, doctors have declared that the mere sight of the sketch, of the face, of the ogre, would cause blindness in *Transcript* readers. I am too

great a man to do that to my loyal following.

Nevertheless, we shall be vigilant. I will be distributing semi-automatic rifles to all members of "bike-watch" (a soon to be created facebook group). Members will be immune from prosecution. We'll establish a military curfew at 9 p.m. Any members of the community seen out after that time will be assumed thieves and dealt with accordingly.

Classes shall be suspended indefinitely. Henceforth, each day all students will attend a three-hour lecture on the history of my bicycle and bicycles in general. Fridays will include a Powerpoint presentation of pictures of me on the bike, and Monday will involve discussions of punishments of famous thieves.

All art, woodshop, and home-ec classes will be devoted to building replicas of the bike of varying sizes, with awards given weekly for the best effort.

This is a trying time for us all. God willing (there is no god), we shall succeed.

Musing on gender issues gets to the pit of the matter

By Catie Coleman

If you haven't noticed, this is my first column, and I should set a few things straight before we go any further. My intentions for this column certainly aren't wholesome, but every week will bring a completely new subject and quite possibly totally different views. For example, just because I sound like a raging feminist this week, doesn't mean I won't take the opposite stance next week.



This column is purely for entertainment purposes and it is not guaranteed to accurately represent my own beliefs, but if you must take it personally, feel free to write a really nasty letter to the editor.

The E"pit"ome of Man

So after a recent trip to the health center, I walked away wondering, "What goes through the typical female student's head when she sees the person who performed her pap smear?"

I mean, those people know what your downstairs looks like better than you do. Sure, Seventeen magazine tells you to take a mirror in the bathroom and get up close and personal with yourself, but how many people actually do it? I think I'd only do it if:

- A. I was really (I mean *really*) into personal grooming, or
- B. I had a burning/itching sensation.

They (admittedly, I don't know who they are) say the eyes are the windows to the soul, but I argue it is, in fact, the vagina. I mean, have you seen how long those Q-tips are?

The only problem with this theory is that men don't have vaginas, so how do you get to their souls? Of course, there would be an alternate route, but men tend to get extremely irritable when "something's crawled up their butt."

So, for the sake of argument, let's assume men don't have souls. Logically it makes sense. Men are always arguing about who's bigger. It doesn't matter what they're talking about- *everything* has to be bigger with them. So how, dare I say "queer," would men look in the afterlife bickering over who has a bigger soul?

Men need something more disgusting than a soul.

I think they have something more like a pit -- similar to the ones in the center of a peach, but much bigger and not as pleasing aromatically. Their pits are hard, brown (sometimes black) and grainy. Most of all, they stink, and they will never smell better because they are the e"pit"ome of what it is to be MAN, a filthy creature with only 3 basic needs: 1. Weaker men to serve as ego boosts. 2. Beer. 3. Sports (this may include video games). Note that women are a close fourth.

And I have a theory about death. When a woman dies, her soul is released in a peaceful, graceful manner, like a gentle breeze. But, when a man dies, his pit just falls out and rolls around, running into other pits and leaving little pieces of pit all over for someone else to clean up -- just like in real life.

Mom didn't think nephew graduated, aunt reveals

Dear Zach,

Hey! How are you? It's your Aunt Jubjub! Here I was talking to your mom the other day about you and I said, "How is Zach liking high school?" And she said, "High school!!? Try college you old witch!!" (That's the kind of relationship we have. We call each other funny names like "witch" or something equally offensive.) "Yep I never thought he would make it, but I was wrong! Dead wrong! Look at me everybody -- might as well call me the village idiot!"

I went on like that for some time. We both did some riffs on it; you know your mom and I used to be in a comedy troop that visited the soldiers! Some



Letters I found in the dumpster

by Tavish Miller

days I wish I were back there, wearing a bikini and a silly hat that made it look like a bone was going through my head. (You might say I was a regular "bone-head"! haha I still got it!)

What do they say? Absence makes the heart grow fonder? I guess I'm just a warmonger. Do you think if there were another war, they'd have any use for me? I don't know. I don't read.

Love, Aunt Jubjub

P.S.: I included some pictures of your mom and I when we were younger. Show 'em to your friends!

Dear Aunt Jubjub,

Thanks for sending me a letter. That was really nice.

You look a lot different in those pictures, but it could be because I haven't seen you since Halloween when I was 8 and you were dressed like the bearded lady.

I guess that was some of the classic Avgamees comedy gen; though at the time, I didn't get it. That is also funny that my mom didn't believe in me. I guess you could say she is a real bitch! Haha. (She called you a

witch, and I called her a bitch because it sounds the same, there's a joke in there somewhere!)

I bet those army men would love to see you in a bikini with a bone in your head! That's the sort of joke that never gets old.

(Un)fortunately for you, we aren't at war; however, I bet there are many outlets in the community for you to display your talents. Also I hear Vegas needs a new act! And if you cant be the main attraction, I hear prostitution is legal out there! Haha!

Love, Zach

P.S. We have the kind of relationship where I can say that stuff right?

Between passivity and integrity: Moldova speaks

Existing but not extant seems to best describe the forgotten Eastern European state, Moldova. In its alarming need to cling to a political momentum, Moldova's president stoically affirmed his position, involving a clear detachment from NATO.

Such words are powerful, given the source's lamentable economic and political stance. Appreciation and attention were certainly fostered by the state's new Westernized attitude. Instead, the credibility behind the words and tactics employed by one of Russia's puppets is threatened in the short run.

A country surrounded mostly by Ukraine--and neighboring Romania in its Western and Southern parts--and reminiscent of the Greater Romania as is evident by the common cultural heritage, Moldova wandered onto a straight road towards Russification in all her societal characteristics. Without any political model in this Slavic neighborhood and, unfortunately, Romania's limited material support to a country that needed more internal guidance than

A Global View

Alexandra Panait



monetary base, Moldova came under strong influence from Russia, which carefully molded it as it did Belarus. Russia maintained domestic discomfort such that Transnistria could guarantee a continuous economic impasse, directly linked to strong dependence.

The internal interest of the country was promoted in the economic and political sphere, but Moldova played its cards in Russia's name, too blind or too scared to use its own voice. With the Russian shield that manipulated it, Moldova was put to rest, increasing passivity and lack of interest outside its internal turmoil in Transnistria.

And with such a background comes pure contradiction with the word, "neutrality," emphasized by the political. Russia's political shadow hovered over

Moldova. It is not one hundred percent condemnable for a country to aspire to and project its status from a long-term perspective. Similar to other Eastern European countries liberated from the Iron Curtain that steadily embarked on the Westernization path, Moldova needs to rise from its silence and integrate itself into the strongly connected economic and social net that is driving the outsiders decades behind.

But illusions have no place in political realism. From a pragmatic point of view, Moldova needs a stronger foundation and more internal solutions to issues than aspiration to unreachable and outside policies. Russia's chains are detrimental; so is the well-fed independent movement persistent in Transnistria. And there is no sign these factors will be wiped from the country's profile anytime soon.

Europe is perfectly aware of the political strategy a future membership for Moldova in the European body would secure for Russia, which would have a second voice in European

affairs; similar to one Bulgaria is currently performing.

No comparison with Sweden's neutrality and verbal demand for Russian recognition of political neutrality can play out right for Moldova. The driving forces behind such affirmations are well known and too embedded in a Slavic tradition that is playing for Russia's benefits.

A first step for President Voronin would be to supplement such words with facts, with real changes in its domestic sphere and a clear departure for Europe at the expense of Russia's strong ties. It would be a high price to pay, but it would be the most conspicuous movement to real independence, despite constitutional claims.

It is just a matter of political tactics whether the president works for his people's best interest or for maintaining a traditional relationship of comfortable subjugation to a fading power.

The choice has to be one, with no political codependence allowed -- for Europe or Russia.

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Bishops Sports



Senior Lindsey Macklin plays defense against Oberlin in action last week.

Photo by Cliff Williams

Football stays on track despite season

Jae Blackmon
Transcript Reporter

Even though getting up at 6 a.m. is hard, it's all worth it, agree OWU football players Shaun Mack, Brian Adams, and Zack Rojek.

Although the playing season for football has been over for a while, the football team has been kicking it into high gear ever since Christmas break ended.

While most OWU students are still sleeping, the OWU football players normally are getting ready for a morning filled with running, drills and weight lifting.

While 6 a.m. may not be the best part of the off-season, all three football players agree that it is most definitely worth it.

"Sometimes it's nice to get up; it helps build up team morale," said junior Brian Adams, left guard for the team.

"It's a great way for the team to get together after break," junior running back Zack Rojek said.

While all the guys agree that morning practice during the off-season is a great team builder, they also all agree that it is not easy. While things like drills for the different parts of the team, running and weight lifting are huge parts of these practices and are essential, the three athletes have parts of practices they definitely do not like.

For Adams and Rojek, lower body exercises are something they can both do without. Sophomore middle linebacker Shaun Mack said running is something he can live without.

While all three may have their pet peeves and anxieties about 6 a.m. practices and different exercises, they all have the same goal in mind, which is winning the conference next season.

"We may all hate waking up early," Mack said, "but it's all going to be worth it if the team wins conference next year"

Women's basketball fails, loses to Denison rivals

Brian Test
Transcript Reporter

The Bishops scored first, but Denison ran away with the game. After freshman Kayla Gordon scored to open up the game, Denison went on a 13-point run in North Coast Athletic Conference play in Granville. The Bishops went on a scoreless drought for 7 minutes during the Big Red's run.

Midway through the first half, freshman Pamela Quigney made a 3-pointer, then stole the ball and converted a 3-point play to bring the Bishops within 5. Denison extend the lead to 28-17 by halftime and throughout the rest of the game Ohio Wesleyan was unable to close Denison's lead to within 12.

Coach Nan Carney-Debord said there was a need for scoring--any type of scoring.

"We had a cold shooting night," Carney-Debord said. "We came into the game tied for

2nd place in the NCAC. Denison was on their home court and played with great pride."

She said the team was unable to gain any momentum, making them discouraged throughout the game.

"We were able to hold Denison well below their scoring average with outstanding defense," Carney-Debord said. "Our pressing game forced Denison to make 25 turnovers."

Carney-DeBord said Denison's defense was tough and very physical.

"Denison came into the game with a home court advantage on their 'Think Pink' game and the crowd was very much into the game," Carney-Debord said.

She said the team needs to get "back to the basics" and become tough heading into the final games of the season.

Quigney, who plays guard, said the team missed way too many lay-ups and shots around the basket.

"In order to win we have to make our foul shots, shots around the basket, and limit our turnovers," Quigney said. "Against Denison we missed our lay-ups."

She said they also shot poorly from behind the arc.

"Teams live and die by the three," Quigney said. "That's why it is important to make the high percentage shots. We can not rely on the three as much as we did."

As a team, Ohio Wesleyan shot just over 22 percent for the game and would only go 1 of 19 from behind the arc. Denison shot 49 percent and just over 44 percent for 3-point shots.

Quigney led the Bishops with 12 points, and senior post Kelli Lester had a team-high 7 rebounds. Katie St. Clair led the Big Red with 17 points, Sarah Perrine and Haley Dahlgard added 11 each. Carolyn Simpson finished the game with 10 points and 12 rebounds.



Senior point guard Kathleen Cooper dribbles through traffic against Oberlin at home last week.

Photo by Cliff Williams

Golfers' hopes well below par for upcoming spring season

By Clay Davis
Sports Beat Reporter

There are those who say it can't be done, but to the golfers at Ohio Wesleyan, it can be. The dream is simple: win a national championship this year in Braselton, Ga.

"The goal for our team is to send our best players to the NCAA Division III tournament and to win a national championship title," sophomore Scott Hassee said.

While most sports teams have only one season in which to worry about competing, golf does not have that same luxury. After what sophomore Jordan Benner described as an "average season" in the fall, the team is ready and willing to work harder to reach the fairway in Georgia.

"We won our first two tournaments, but we did not click as well as we are capable of," Benner said. "That is why we are working harder than any other team in the country right now."

Golf, in a lot of aspects, is unique. For one, the loud, thunderous applause that football and basketball teams

get when they take the field or court does not exist in a golf tournament. The pressure also builds for each individual golfer, as the fate of the team rests on the shoulders and arms of each person.

"The best parts of playing golf and the hardest parts of playing golf are physical and mental challenges that the game presents," Hassee said.

The mental aspect, Hassee said, can separate the best players from the rest of the pack. That is why OWU hopes to have an edge when they take to the green this spring.

"That is the thing about golf--the best players are unwavering in their minds," Hassee said. "They have won before the match has started, and they are at a whole other level than most golfers."

While Hassee was not ecstatic about the way his season went in the fall, he is ready and more determined for a successful season coming up.

"Individually, I struggled throughout the fall but the team really kept me hanging in there and helped me stay positive and worked hard," Hassee said. "At the end of the fall, I began to play much better and I am looking to carry out that kind of performance in the spring."

Benner said golfers have a lot of fun.

"We travel all over the country, spend hours together

on the course everyday, and hang out together on the weekend," Benner said. "It is definitely the closest team I have ever been a part of."

While the team enjoys a close-knit relationship, there is a price to be paid, and that is lots of hard work and dedication to the sport in order to be successful.

"We play in tournaments in the fall and spring, and we also practice in the winter," Benner said. "A typical week during the season would involve about three hours of practice each day, then a two-day tournament that takes up our entire weekend."

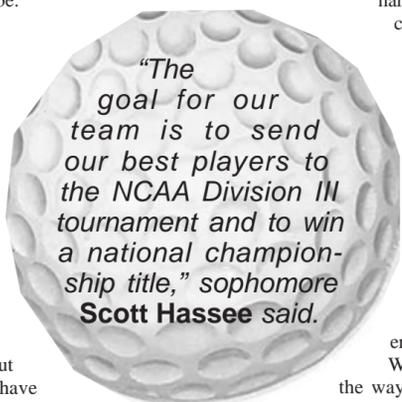
Hassee mentioned that golf practice is "full of hours of repetition, mentally and physically, until we are fine-tuned machines, but even then, there is still room for improvement."

Both Hassee and Benner hope to see that improvement this spring, as Hassee intends to be "one of the best players on the team, and hopefully win a tournament or two."

Something has caught the attention of Hassee and Benner when it comes to golf, and that is why they are still playing the game they have come to love. Hassee, through the inspiration of his dad, has been playing the game since he was eight. Benner, however, has not played the game as long, but has really enjoyed what he does.

"I decided golf was for me after my sophomore year in high school," Benner replied. "Before then, I was really into basketball, but I realized that golf was more fun for me because it is a much more independent sport."

The first tournament this spring for the OWU Golf team is in Georgia in March.



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Bishops Sports

Bishops roll over Terriers in 6th straight home win

By Alex Humbert
Sports Editor

The Bishops did not need the inspiration of the 1988 National Championship team to cruise past an overmatched Hiram Terrier squad 85-71.

Despite a second half charge that brought the Terriers within nine points, the Bishops dominated a majority of the game. The Bishops led by as many as 20 points in the first half, seemingly having their way with the less skilled Hiram team.

Senior Brian Cafarella, who finished with 15 points, 12 of which came off 3-pointers, was on fire in the first half from long distance.

Coach Mike Dewitt said Cafarella has the green light whenever he is on the court.

"If Brian is open, he is supposed to shoot," Dewitt said. "He is a great perimeter shooter, and we have confidence in him to take and make good shots."

Hiram clawed away at the 20 point deficit, bringing the gap to within 12 with only five minutes remaining in the half, but Cafarella and sophomore Robby Gardiner snatched the momentum back with a clutch 3-pointer and floater in the lane right before intermission bringing the score to 49-32.

At halftime the '88 Championship team was honored at center court with a tribute to their accomplishments.

Dewitt said it was inspiring for his team as well as the university to see the '88 team return.

"It was a great day on Saturday with the return of the 1988 National Championship team," Dewitt said. "I hope it reminded everyone what can be accomplished here at OWU in every sport."

The second half scoring opened up with an emphatic two-hand dunk in traffic by Hiram's Hassan Muhammed that swung the momentum into the Terrier's favor.

From that point on, Hiram chipped away at the lead, and with many of the Bishop's starters on the bench in foul trouble the Terriers brought the game to within nine points with a little over seven minutes remaining in the game.

Dewitt said Hiram played with inspiration and never called it quits even after being down by 17 at the half.

"Hiram didn't quit and played with tremendous intensity in the second half," Dewitt said. "They defended us a little better and forced us to miss shots that we were making in the first half."



Photos by Cliff Williams

ABOVE: Senior Brian Cafarella plays tight defense on a Hiram Terrier on Saturday. Cafarella shot the ball extremely well, hitting four 3-pointers in the game. BELOW: Sophomore Robby Gardiner looks to pass the ball to avoid the double team. Gardiner got the start at point because of an ill Casey Teeters. Gardiner led the Bishops with four assists.



However, led by yet another strong performance by senior post Jesse Jean, who finished with a strong double-double of 20 points and 11 rebounds, the Bishops proved to be too much for the Terriers down the stretch.

The Bishops slowly crushed the comeback of Hiram with the help of a few late buckets by senior Dustin Rudegear to bring the game back to double digits.

When all was said and done the Bishops had a convincing 16 point victory, their fourth double digit win at home, their-

sixth straight home win and their eleventh win out of their last thirteen games.

Dewitt said he attributes the Bishops recent success to a tough out of conference schedule in the beginning of the season.

"We played an extremely difficult early season schedule which has prepared us for our NCAC schedule," Dewitt said. "Playing well against the good teams we played early has given us the confidence that we can win every time we play."

Ohio Wesleyan athlete food drive benefits community, allows for fans' free admission

By Willy Yoder
Transcript Reporter

It was a different atmosphere at the entrance to the men's basketball game Saturday as fans of the Bishops filtered into the arena to not only see the basketball team take on the Hiram Terriers, but also to see the 1988 Men's National Championship team honored at halftime.

"Come in; admissions is free," Associate Athletic Director Cindy Holliday said over the crowd.

Holliday was stationed at a table by the door with several female athletes who were collecting food donations as part of a food drive put together by the Ohio Wesleyan Athletic Council (OWAC).

The basketball team, in an event co-sponsored by the *Delaware Gazette*, had waived admission in order to attract members of the community to

come to the game and donate. The group was collecting non-perishable food items, food points and cash donations.

Holliday said OWAC planned to take the food and proceeds collected to Delaware's People in Need (PIN), an organization that provides a food pantry to local families in need.

According to PIN's website, it is a private, not-for-profit organization which has been serving the people of Delaware, Ohio, for the last 50 years. Most donations to PIN come from the Delaware United Way and the community.

"Today was a great time to have the event," Holliday said. "There are a lot of alumni, students, and members of the community here because we're recognizing the 1988 championship team, and a lot of people are donating."

Sophomore Sam Borkovic, OWAC representative, said this

was a good way for OWAC to reach out and try and connect with the community. OWAC is a group traditionally oriented towards helping student-athletes at Ohio Wesleyan.

"We wanted OWAC to try and do more than just help athletes," Borkovic said. "We're trying to have some type of bigger purpose by helping people in need."

Saturday's food drive for PIN was the first of two events occurring at OWU basketball games this month.

This Saturday, free admission will be given to all those who wear pink to the women team's game vs. Allegheny.

Contributions will be collected at the door and proceeds will go towards breast cancer research. This will be a part of larger, nationwide initiative, "Think Pink," put on by the National Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

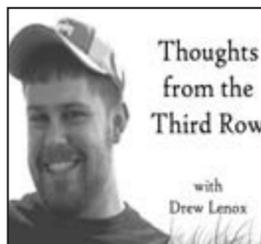
20 years later, champions return



Photo by Cliff Williams

Members of the 1988 Men's NCAA Basketball National Championship team returned to OWU on Saturday to commemorate the 20th anniversary of their accomplishments. Their national championship banner still hangs proudly on the wall of Branch Rickey Arena. Pictured above are several of the senior players from that team, including Scott Tedder (middle with glasses) who was named the Division III Player of the Year in '88. Head coach Gene Mehaffey (not pictured) was awarded with the Division III Coach of the Year. These players comprised the first and only basketball team to date, men's or women's, to win a national championship. The senior class won the NCAC championship all four years that they played, another feat that has yet to be matched in OWU history. The team was honored at halftime of the Hiram game at center court with individual introductions.

MLB Mitchell Report mayhem



After looking into over 2,000 electronic documents, perusing over 115,000 pages of other documents and conducting hundreds of interviews over a 20-month period of time, the 409 pages of the "Report to the Commissioner of Baseball of an Independent Investigation into the Illegal Use of Steroids and Other Performance Enhancing Substances by Players in Major League Baseball" was released last December.

Nearly two months later, what is more commonly referred to as the Mitchell Report, has served little purpose and brought a lot of bad publicity to our national pastime.

The Mitchell Report was highly anticipated, and when it was released, it named 89 players, representing every Major League Baseball club, and stated what George Mitchell had found out to be their involvement with anabolic steroids and the Human Growth Hormone (HGH).

Some of the names, such as Jose Conoco and Barry Bonds, were not surprising. Other names, such as Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens, have sent baseball into telephone arguments, television interviews and congressional hearings.

But after all the dust settles and accusations from all sides stop, the Mitchell Report will mean very little.

If the Mitchell Report is meant to be gospel, then any athlete mentioned in it can be considered a cheater, but if it is

not gospel, then the accusations contained within it are speculation and the report is pointless. And what was the point of the whole thing?

If someone's name appears in the Mitchell Report, it means someone, either a trainer, coach, teammate or other player, said they used steroids.

So, the good investigative journalists want the truth and they ask the accused.

The accused said the allegations are false. Then what do we do? One side says someone is guilty, and the other side says he is innocent. Neither side budges, and the he said, she said cycle goes on and on.

Roger Clemens is accused of using steroids. These are serious allegations because of the prominent career he has had. His trainer said he did it. His teammate said he did it. Conoco said everybody did it. Clemens said he didn't.

Then, to try and sort out the liars, Congress gets involved with lots of depositions. Everybody sticks to their original stories--and still nothing is accomplished.

A study involving performance-enhancing substances is not clear either.

Anything that a player takes to help him for a specific competition can be seen as a performance enhancing substance because they all enhance performances.

Aspirin or Tylenol could be enhancing performance. I'm not saying we should ban everything and that steroids aren't bad, but I am saying that every athlete is probably guilty of taking a substance that enhances their performance on a given night.

The only thing that the Mitchell Report can possibly affect is Hall of Fame voting. Players mentioned are not suspended from baseball now.

But the Hall of Fame vot-

ers have to decide whether a name in a lengthy study is good enough to ban great players from everlasting glory in Cooperstown.

Any player that is found to have used steroids should be labeled a cheater and not voted into the Hall of Fame. But I'm not sure a speculation is good enough to warrant the stamp of disapproval.

I don't see how a voter can rationalize putting one person in while keeping another out. This means they would have to vote every person that might have used steroids from the steroid era out of the Hall of Fame. Based solely on speculation, this seems unreasonable.

What if new names emerge? The government will probably look into them, too.

The whole Clemens story makes me sick. There are two sides presenting opposite opinions and the case is at a stand still. McNamee says he has evidence. Clemens says he can prove some of McNamee's stuff wrong.

Until there is physical evidence, it all pretty much means nothing.

And why involve and accuse Mrs. Clemens of using HGH? What does that accomplish, other than sensationalizing the issue? Do the substances Mrs. Clemens takes make Roger throw better, strike people out or win games?

The main point is that it is all speculation; the Mitchell Report means nothing and is right now just putting even more of a black spot on baseball.

The only thing that matters is that Roger Clemens might have done steroids and the Hall of Fame voters will have to decide whether Clemens was just a really good pitcher whose performance was never enhanced or if he is "The Rocket" because he was always shooting up.