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Chicago seniors taste OWU life

By Danny Eldredge
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For the 11th straight year, the Admission office has flown prospective students in from Chicago.

Laurie Patton, senior associate director of Admission and events coordinator, said while all Admission events are important, this one is unique.

"It's a little different from the events in the fall because all of these students have already applied and been admitted," Patton said. "So this is their final chance to come visit the campus before they make their final decision."

Lauren Colpitts, assistant director of Admission, said the program also stands out because it involves students from a specific geographic area.

"When I visited Chicago, I told every student about the program," Colpitts said.

The 29 prospective students arrived on campus at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday to meet their hosts, and they spent the day on campus. Later, at 7:30 p.m., the prospective students and the hosts were invited to Gameworks to play video games and eat for free.

On Monday, the prospective students do more typical things, such as going to classes and meeting with faculty and coaches.

"We chose the Easton area so we can show them the city," Colpitts said. "They do have the option of staying on campus if they wish."

Patton said they assumed students from a metropolitan area would be more comfortable knowing they were close to Columbus.

"We've done Gameworks the past few years, but we've also gone to a hockey game (the Columbus Chill, which no longer exists), a play, and a jazz music concert," Patton said. "We feel like Gameworks appeals to most. Some students might not like jazz, or might find a play boring."

Patton said there are two more key reasons they choose to make the excursion to Gameworks.

"The first is that the host may enjoy it," Patton said. "We also know we are asking them to give up more time than usual, so they are not required to come. We realize they have more to do than just hosting."

Freshman Lauren Wells, a host and

former prospective from Chicago, said this event gives a good impression of what Ohio Wesleyan is like.

"I like that with this overnight visit, because it's longer; prospective students get to see how campus really is," Wells said. "Any school can look good if you just focus on the best parts. But on my visit and with my prospective I showed them the good and the bad. I love it here and I just hoped they would too."

Patton said they first identify students from Chicago when looking for hosts, and then go to their list of people who host regularly. She said pairing students up with those of similar interests is extremely difficult.

"We ask for a personality description, so that helps a little bit," Patton said, adding, "but unless you know both really well, it's hard. So sometimes we'll do similar academic or athletic interests so we'll know they'll have that to talk about."

Colpitts said the prospective students are from all different backgrounds, and are from public and private high schools.

Patton said another unique aspect of this event is that the prospective students bond as a group because they all fly together.

"It seems they exchange cell phone numbers and IM's more than at other events," Patton said. "That may help with retention. I know some of them end up rooming together when they come here."

Patton said the program started 11 years ago when Evan Corns gave the Admission office money to do a fly-in program.

"He didn't say it had to be Chicago, just where it would be beneficial," Patton said. "I don't know exactly why we chose Chicago, but it's a good market, although I'm sure that there are others that are just as worthy."

A student must have a 2.7 GPA for the university to pay for the airline ticket. Patton said the school invites anyone who can get to the Midway in Chicago, and that the program has had students from Wisconsin and Indiana make the trip in the past.

Wells said she likes the extended visit in this program.

"I had visited once before and I was fairly certain of the school, but the Chicago fly-in sealed the deal for me," Wells said.



Photos courtesy of Hartwick College

Margaret Drugovich meets with students on a recent visit to Hartwick College.

Drugovich to be president of Hartwick College

By Michael DiBiasio
Transcript Reporter

Margaret Drugovich, vice president of strategic communication and university enrollment, will leave in July to become the 10th president of Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY.

Drugovich officially applied for the presidency in October. She made her campus visits in late January and was offered the job on Feb. 7. Two days later she was at Hartwick, celebrating and meeting with their Board of Trustees, current president and staff.

"My experience at Ohio Wesleyan has been invaluable in preparing me for this presidency," Drugovich said. "This is a very intellectual community. I have been challenged in ideas that I've had. I have been engaged at a level of conversation and collaboration that I had not been previously."

Drugovich came to Ohio Wesleyan in 1998 as the vice president for admission and financial aid, and in 2006 she took additional responsibility for university marketing and communications.

"This is an institution that really prides its shared governance in a way that I had not experienced in the past," Drugovich said. "And that experience has really



Drugovich talks to current Hartwick President Richard P. Miller, Jr., during her visit.

prepared me for sharing the governance platform with all constituents. I think that's going to be very helpful to me."

Drugovich said she has thought about becoming a president for some time, but only in the past two years

did she make it an official goal.

David Robbins, provost and interim president, said Drugovich's breadth of experience at Ohio Wesleyan will help her lead Hartwick in a positive direction.

"Margaret's experience with admission, financial aid and now marketing and communications will be a tremendous asset to Hartwick," Robbins said. "As an officer of the university, Margaret has been part of almost every decision made by the president, and as such has gained tremendous experience on issues campus-wide."

Drugovich said she will miss the diligence at Ohio Wesleyan as well as the friendships within the staff that she has cultivated.

"I will miss the people I work with here," Drugovich said. "We have one of the best staffs in the country. Over my ten years, I've made friends here, even among my colleagues. Leaders can't always do that, but I feel that I have."

Karin Eldredge, Drugovich's administrative assistant, said she has appreciated Drugovich's encouragement and considers her a mentor.

"She really cares about all of us and wants us to

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David Robinson ready to fight for Democratic Party in upcoming election

By Greg Stull
Managing Editor

David Robinson, a Democratic candidate for the congressional seat in Ohio's 12th district, said he has a good chance at unseating Patrick Tiberi, the Republican incumbent who has represented the district since 2001. An audience of only nine students listened.

Robinson spoke last Thursday in the Willa B. Player Center (the Cave) about his personal background and his political campaign for the 12th district, which includes Delaware, Dublin, Gahanna, Reynoldsburg, Westerville and parts of northern Columbus. After talking about himself and his policies, Robinson addressed student questions.

Junior Amir Paul, president of the College Democrats, said the crowd was small because many of the students who might have attended instead went to see Hillary Clinton, who spoke at The Ohio State University the same evening.

Robinson conveyed his strategy to oust Tiberi in boxing terminology. He said he is going to hit Tiberi from the left with health care and the economy and from the right with fiscal responsibility.

"The uppercut is going to be the Iraq War," he said. "We are going to say this is a foolish redirection of our resources. I think we've got a really good chance of taking this guy down," he said.

To face Tiberi in the general election on Nov. 4, Robinson will first have to beat out Aaron Dages and Russ Goodwin for the Democratic nomination in the 12th district's congressional primary on March 4.

Tiberi will face Blair Ryon for the Republican nomination.

A Democrat hasn't held the 12th congressional seat since 1983, when Bob Shamansky was in office. But Robinson, a Barack Obama supporter, said he is in a good position to swing the voting momentum from the Republican side to the Democratic, especially if

Obama is on the ticket. Robinson said Obama would generate a larger turnout of Independents.

Paul, who plans to vote for Robinson, also said Robinson has a good chance of winning the election.

"I know the tide is changing," Paul said. "The people in Delaware feel very disenfranchised (with the Republican party)."

Robinson said the three major issues facing this country—energy security, climate change and job shortages—could all be addressed with one major policy that alters the way the United States produces and consumes energy. He said if the country were to significantly increase its efforts to produce alternative energies, many jobs would be created, greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels would be reduced, and a greater energy supply would be secured.

Sophomore John Hering said he likes how Robinson's environmental policies

are aimed at slowing climate change as well as stimulating the economy. "I like his idea of killing two birds with one stone," he said.

When asked about his stance on the Patriot Act, Robinson said, "I think generally that we have excessively violated our civil rights (with the Patriot Act)," he said.

He said the U.S. needs to strike a balance between protecting the country and protecting civil liberties.

"We have to be smart and realize there are organizations that want to kill Americans, but at the same time we cannot diminish our democracy at home," he said. "I think we need to be smarter about the causes of terrorism and hostility towards America."

"In terms of protecting the country, I think we can retain the essence of our constitutional democratic government while maintaining homeland security."

When asked how, if elected, he would approach the conflicts over how

to resolve the Iraq War, he said, "Rapid exit as responsibly as we can."

"I begin with the premise that it is unacceptable for us to be there very long," he said. "We need to get out soon."

He said the United States should make it clear that it has no intention to establish permanent bases in Iraq.

Robinson has never held political office, but said his life experiences have given him all the qualifications he needs for a career in politics. For example, he said teaching English in Taiwan for a year gave him a greater perspective on the U.S.—a perspective that is only obtainable when looking from the outside in, he said.

After teaching in Taiwan, Robinson completed doctoral work in psychology and theology at Emory University. He then moved to Columbus and began working at a small manufacturing company, Marcy Enterprises, Inc.

In 2007, Robinson became a

presenter for Al Gore's Climate Project Initiative, a position which led him around Ohio to give presentations on climate change, energy independence, and technology and policy solutions to the issues of global warming.

"I've been a lover of nature since I was a kid," Robinson said.

He said working for Al Gore helped him build on his penchant for nature and establish a strong environmentalist stance.

Though he enjoyed lecturing on climate change, he said, he thought becoming a legislator would be a more direct way to make the changes that he had been advocating through the presentations.

"Climate change is the major issue of our time," he said.

"In solving or addressing climate change, we are addressing many other problems as well," he added, such as dependency on foreign oil and job shortages.



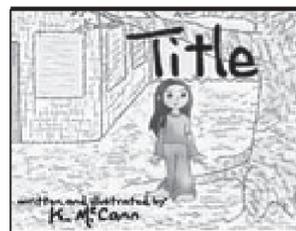
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Students discuss hate crimes, respect, progress

Mary Beth Scherer
Transcript Reporter

On Feb. 12, nearly 23 students came together with Eric Johnson, assistant director of Counseling Services; Edward Kahn, assistant professor of theatre and dance; and Colleen Cook, assistant dean of Student Life and coordinator of Counseling, Career and Health Services, to discuss hate crimes and other issues addressed in the play, "Stop Kiss."

During the discussion, students spent time talking about the use of the word "gay," and how hurtful it can be when people say things like "that's so gay." Students also talked about how welcoming, or unwelcoming, Ohio Wesleyan is to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) community, as well as other communities.

Kahn said during the discussion, "Let people express their concerns about the community" and talk about what they would like to improve.

Students came up with several ideas about how to improve the OWU community. The suggestions included: starting a workshop where professors include more diverse materials, forming a committee that addressed GLBT issues, including more gender-neutral language in the classrooms, revising the current diversity course requirement, including more diverse colloquium speakers and forming a group that focuses on stopping people from using the phrase, "that's so gay."

Johnson said he thought the students had some excellent ideas. "The student voice is a powerful one on this campus, and if a group of students organize around any of their ideas and use their collective energy and talent to further their cause, they will be successful," Johnson said.

Sophomore Amber Cole was one of the discussion participants. "I think this university has a lot to work on, and if we join together as a community with a

focus, then perhaps we can incite some change," Cole said.

Cole said the best thing that came out of the discussion was students are beginning to form a game plan.

Some members of the original discussion panel were not able to attend because of inclement weather, but others were satisfied with the event nonetheless.

Senior John Betts, a panel member, said he was "very pleased" with the way the discussion turned out. "[Because] the panel was cancelled, I didn't really know what was going to happen," Betts said. "[The discussion] went better than I expected."

Betts said there is a possibility of the original panel members coming to Ohio Wesleyan in the future.

Johnson said he was disappointed that the hate crime experts couldn't make the discussion, but was thrilled with the turnout.

"[The discussion] was a success in that anytime we are able to bring members of the campus community together to discuss issues such as the prevention of hate crimes and creating a respectful, safe and inclusive environment on campus for our GLBT students and all students, we are moving in the right direction," Johnson said.

Kahn said he wasn't surprised by how well the discussion turned out. "I know that students are very thoughtful and intelligent and feel passionate about the issues involved," Kahn said.

Betts said it was nice to get people together who had a common goal and were willing to talk about important issues. "I hope that we can see some of the short-term goals that we made through completion, and that I can see them completed before I graduate."

The discussion was positive in the sense of seeing students who wanted to make changes for the good, Kahn said, adding there was a desire for people to help make OWU better, and students weren't afraid to recognize what could be improved.



Senior Kit McCann shows off her recently published children's book, 'Title.'

Photo by Mark Dubovec

Senior sees world through child's eyes

By Mark Dubovec
Transcript Reporter

Senior Kit McCann felt as if she never really grew up, and that's why she wrote a children's book about perception and how people see the world.

"Title," 48 pages of text and illustrations, follows Molly, a little girl who finds everything around her has turned into words.

"Everything is described with only one word," said McCann, a fine arts and psychology double major. "A tree is covered with the word, 'tree.' A boy has 'boy' (on it) and so on."

This proved challenging for McCann when she drew the pictures.

"For grass, I wrote 'grass' millions of times," McCann said.

When Molly gazes into her own reflection, she discovers she's made up of several different words: words such as "love," "friend," "girl" and "giggle."

McCann believes this lends a certain poignancy to her book.

"Everything has more than one meaning," McCann said. "When Molly realizes this, the colors and everything else return to normal."

McCann hoped her book would carry a relevant theme.

"I feel pretentious saying it's deep," she said, "but it's almost philosophical. It has more scope to it than something like 'See Spot Run.'"

McCann selected "Title" as her title because she was drawn to the idea of misconceptions and how they stem from the labeling of people and things.

"I really believe that a lot of times, things aren't what they seem, and usually, that's what makes them beautiful," McCann said.

Growing up on such classics as the works of Dr. Seuss and "Harold and the Purple Crayon," McCann always felt an affinity towards the genre, and last semester, as part of her independent study, she brought her idea to fruition. "There's almost an element of nostalgia to children's books," McCann said. "You get that same feeling of joy you had as a kid."

McCann said she will most likely write again, but that doing so is very time consuming, noting that it took her from September to January to finish "Title."

McCann published "Title" through

Lulu.com, an online publishing company. While she edited, compiled, and designed the layout of the book, Lulu printed and sold it.

McCann was pleased by this arrangement. "It's free," she said. "I would recommend it to anyone who wants to publish."

For each copy sold, Lulu.com sends McCann \$2, her share of the profit. "The book costs \$15, 13 of which goes to Lulu for the cost of printing," she said. With "Title" now published and available only at <http://stores.lulu.com/mccannk>, McCann considered other concepts for children's books.

"I'm not sure I'll turn it into a book, but I got this idea of following the sun as it rises," McCann said. "Starts in one place and goes around the world."

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succeed and do the best we can. Even though we all work very hard, we have fun together too. She has created a wonderful atmosphere for all of us," Eldredge said. "I will miss her very much. Not only has she been a wonderful boss, she has become a good friend as well."

Robbins said he will miss Drugovich's selfless dedication to the success of the university.

"She approaches all challenges with a strategic eye and optimism that is so very important for successfully solving the issues of higher education today. She will be a difficult person to replace," Robbins said.

Before leaving in July, Drugovich said she will focus on bringing in the Class of 2012, distributing financial aid and putting together documents to ease the transition of her successor.

"It's really important to end well and start well, and so I do have very important work to finish here," Drugovich said. "In the meantime I will be spending a little bit of time at Hartwick, so it won't feel as though I'm brand new on July 1. I won't be starting cold. I can ease my way into that."

In 10 years, Drugovich said she still sees herself at Hartwick.

"If you're going to make a commitment like this, you better be thinking of making a commitment for more than a year or two. In my opinion, you can't do anything in a year. If you

really want to make a contribution you have to stick with it," Drugovich said. "I will consider myself a successful president if I can build trust with faculty and others who are working there, so that we can work toward our goals together."

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OWU sends love to Ghana for Valentine's Day



Students dance the night away at a Valentine's Day celebration supporting the Ghana Cultural Immersion Team on Saturday.

Photo By Emily Hastings

By Emily Hastings
Transcript Reporter

On Saturday students celebrated Valentine's Day in style with the Ghana Cultural Immersion Team.

The team hosted a Valentine's dance to raise money for the Ghana Student Education Fund (GSEF).

The GSEF is an Ohio Wesleyan student organization and international philanthropy that awards scholarship money to Ghanaian children. The GSEF was proposed by juniors Stan Osei-Bonsu and Nicholas Oteng, both Ghanaian natives and the two student leaders of the trip.

Overall, the team raised about \$700. Of the money raised, 50 percent goes toward the cost of the trip and the other 50 percent goes to the children, said Osei-Bonsu.

As of now the team is not being funded and relies solely on fundraising, said Osei-Bonsu.

"We will talk to WCSA later to see if we can get some funding, but we want to raise as much as we can first to show them that we made the effort," Osei-

Bonsu said.

"The dance turned out to be really successful," said Sally Leber, director of the Columbus Initiative and one of the faculty advisers for the team. "This was our first team event, and we were really pleased in terms of both fun and fundraising."

The team comprises 11 students and two faculty advisers, Leber and Randolph Quaye, director of the black world studies program, and will leave for Ghana late in December.

"Our goal is to have a very broad team," Osei-Bonsu said. "We have many different people of diverse backgrounds, such as African Americans, Caucasians, and Asians. We were looking for candidates to be open to different cultures and to support the cause."

The Ghana Cultural Immersion Team has two purposes. One is to continue the GSEF and the other is to expose OWU students to Ghanaian culture.

According to a press release, the GSEF was launched Dec. 13, 2006, at the Global Outreach Show, which raised \$1,800.

Part of the money went to the Darfur cause and part

went to the GSEF.

"GSEF is part of FACE, Funding African Children's Education... one nation at a time. FACE is the broader dream. We'd eventually like to expand this program," Osei-Bonsu said.

To delve into Ghanaian culture, the team will take a one-week tour of the country visiting different cultural sites, such as traditional Ghanaian palaces and meeting with tribal chiefs, Osei-Bonsu said. The group will also visit a national rainforest park where they will be able to walk the tree canopy.

"One big thing we hope to do is to expose the roots of the slave castle and allow OWU students to see where slavery started," Osei-Bonsu said.

The team plans to stay at a guesthouse about five minutes from Osei-Bonsu's home.

The trip is a joint partnership between the black world studies department and the Chaplain's Office, Leber said.

The team is now getting ready for their second fundraising event, the Global Outreach show on Feb. 29.

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Relay for Life passes the baton to those who truly need it

By Chelsie Pacha
Transcript Reporter

Ohio Wesleyan students and community members are going to come together to fight cancer on Friday, March 28, for the Relay for Life.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature event held annually to encourage volunteers to support cancer research and education. Participants help raise money for and awareness of the American Cancer Society's mission to get rid of cancer.

Sophomore Randi Amstadt said this year will set the foundation for the tradition of having Relay for Life at OWU.

"Traditionally, it takes nearly a year to plan a Relay For Life," Amstadt said. "However, with Colleges Against Cancer being a newly formed group, we had to make the decision at the last minute. We have been planning since about December.

"There will be plenty to improve upon for next year, but the planning committee has been doing an amazing job given the time constraints and our lack of experience."

Junior Megan Evans said the fun begins at 6 p.m.

"There will be entertainment and prizes throughout the night," Evans said. "Opening ceremony begins at 6 p.m. There will be the Luminaria ceremony later in the evening, and the event will finish with the closing lap at 12 p.m. on Saturday, March 29. The event will be all night long (18 hours total) in the Gordon Fieldhouse."

Amstadt said, "The event is about celebration, remembrance and hope.

"The duration of the event originated from the idea that 'cancer never sleeps.' One person from each of the teams is required to be walking around the track at all times. In addition, we also have ceremonies for survivors, food, music and (other) entertainment. The event is a very meaningful experience to those who participate, and it can also be a lot of fun."

Evans said a minimum \$100 registration fee is required for each team, which should consist of at least 6 people.

"Each participant that raises at least \$100 gets a Relay For Life t-shirt," Evans said.

Sophomore Andrew White said his team's name is "Snuffepagus."

"Currently the team consists of seven people, including myself as the team captain," White said. "We plan on raising the money through family and friends and we are considering having a candy bar or bake sale."

Other students have made teams out of their already formed sports teams.

"We are the Swimming and Diving Team," freshman Bridget Fahey said. "We have about 15 participants. Once we choose a theme, we will be able to come up with a fundraising activity. As of now we are hoping to raise money through friends and family through our on-line website and personal contributions."

Students participating say the program is important in many ways.

"It's important to all of us because we want to do what we can to help make a difference," White said.

Fahey says Relay For Life is important to her because she has had personal experiences with cancer.

"For me, this program is extremely important because I have been touched by cancer in my family and through my friends," Fahey said.

"Not only does it scare me that we cannot cure this horrible

disease, but that we are still so far away from viable cures. Hopefully, by helping with Relay, we will be able to get even closer to a cure."

Fahey also says many students are involved due to a combination of factors.

"I cannot speak for my teammates, but I'm sure those involved know someone who has survived or perished due to cancer, believe it is a good cause, think it is a lot of fun or have some other drive," he said.

Evans said she hopes the event will not only spotlight cancer awareness, but that it will also bring the OWU as well as the Delaware community together.

"Everyone is affected by cancer in some way or another," Evans said. "Relay is a great way to celebrate and show support for cancer survivors and their caregivers, remember those who have lost their lives to the disease, and fight back against cancer in hopes of finding a cure.

"Not only will Relay raise money that goes directly to cancer research and other American Cancer Society programs that support cancer patients, hopefully this event will raise cancer awareness on campus and bring together the OWU community."

Take a pledge; recognize a gift



Photo by Micah Klugman

From OWU Online

Women raise their hands and declare, 'My body is a gift, and not every man deserves a present!' as part of Gloria Long-Groves' Brown Bag Lunch Series lecture, 'The Noose and Other Images That Hurt.' The presentation was held Friday, Feb. 15, at noon in the Benes Room as part of Black History Month. According to OWU Online, Terree Stevenson '95, interim director of minority student affairs, said the Black History Month events are open to all and that people should look at the celebration as an opportunity to have fun and to learn. 'I hope people who attend will learn something new and that they share that knowledge with someone else,' she said. 'I also challenge people to think of issues from a new perspective.' Shade Fakunle, class of 2010, who has been helping to coordinate the new program, added, 'As minorities on campus, there is a different experience both academically and socially.' During this particular event, Long-Groves focused on historic and contemporary images that do damage to women and minorities. Many of the images she showed in a Powerpoint presentation reflected the Hip-Hop community and the messages it sends to audiences. She told participants that based on the high turnout of women students, she made the presentation especially 'femme-friendly' or targeted discussion toward issues relevant to them.

Alpha Sig date auction goes to the dogs again

By Myra Blackburn
Transcript Reporter

Alpha Sigma Phi held its annual Servant and Date Auction philanthropic event on Tuesday, Feb. 12, to assist Canine Companions for Independence (CCI).

The organization trains dogs to accompany and assist adults and children with physical or developmental disabilities.

According to its website, CCI is a non-profit organization that provides a six-to-nine-month advanced training program for dogs to assist people with different disabilities and to enhance their independence or quality of life.

"I serve as Philanthropy Committee chair, so I had the (opportunity) to visit the CCI and see their facility," sophomore Jeremy Franz said. "They are really good at what they do. They give the (canines) to the participants for free."

Approximately 24 Alpha Sig fraternity brothers performed in the Benes Room, where they were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Audience members made their bids after each brother's performance.

This year Alpha Sig raised \$1090.50 in bids, down from over \$2,000 last year.

Junior Barclay Richey said last year the fraternity attracted more students to its event, and there were more Alpha Sig brothers who participated.

"It's a talent show where we get auctioned off," Franz said. "For a day, we can clean the (buyer's) room or take them out on a date, depending on who they are."

Sophomore Zach Barbara, who collaborated with Richey in the solo guitar performance, went for \$66.

He received the highest bid, followed by junior Justin Skaggs, who was auctioned off for \$65.

"I didn't set up the date for my girlfriend yet," Barbara said. "She had to attend an (NCAC) swimming competition."

Sophomore Yu Hu performed with sophomores Rob Anthony, Jeremy Franz, Thomas Kent and senior Andrew Miglietti in the group called Harder to Breathe.

Hu received the lowest bid at \$10.

"It was a very funny show and we enjoyed ourselves," Hu said. "I tried to entertain the audience, but I was nervous because I didn't know how much people would bid for me. A lot of fraternity men have girlfriends, so their girlfriends bid on them. A Delta Zeta sister bid on me for \$10. As long as I contributed, I don't feel ashamed by giving \$10."

The most unique performance of the auction was "The Belly Dancers," who skipped around the Benes Room floor with their shirts covering their heads and bellies painted like happy faces. The group consisted of sophomore Richard Ott, who was auctioned off at \$20; junior Grant Daniels, who was auctioned off at \$29; and junior Lee Schott, who was auctioned off at \$35.

"Besides being oxygen deprived, I felt pretty cool," Schott said. "I had a great time. It was actually my mother's idea (to perform the belly dance). She saw this performance while she was in college and said it was funny."

Schott said he would definitely do the belly dance performance again.

CCI is a nation-wide philanthropy for Alpha Sigma Phi.

The North Central Regional Center for the organization is located at 4989 State Route 73 in East Delaware.

Hip-hop dance group busts a debut move

By Patrice Murphy
Transcript Correspondent

Rafki Wa Africa's Global Outreach show is a fundraising event for the Ghana Student Education Fund, but it also is a talent showcase for many groups, such as the Hip-Hop dance group Streamline.

Freshman Andre Saunders has been dancing since the sixth grade and loves it. "Dancing helps me to express my self," Saunders said. "It relieves me from stress."

Freshman Chardae Spencer said dancing is a way to express one's self without barriers. Saunders, along with Spencer and freshman William Hogan, created the Hip-Hop group Streamline.

"We created the group because there is nothing else like it on campus," Spencer said. "There are other ensembles with

different focuses. We saw a need for this group, a place for students to creatively express themselves and even learn how to dance."

Saunders said being in the Global Outreach show will allow people to recognize the talent in his group.

"I'm not doing this to win," Saunders said. "I don't want to win. I honestly just want more people to join so I can get the group started."

Spencer said they are hoping to become a school-sponsored organization that would compete in events throughout Ohio.

"Competing would be another way to show people what Ohio Wesleyan has to offer," Spencer said.

Streamline has eight members right now.

Saunders and Spencer hope to see the group grow in the coming year.

Spencer said, "Hopefully soon, with

the help of other students, we can turn this into a melting pot, by having people that can bring a different feel to the group, and it will make our organization stronger and more interesting."

Freshman group member Brandi Alston said, "We are always looking for more people to join. You don't need have to experience."

"You just need to have a want and a drive to work hard and dance hard," Saunders said.

"I hope that in the future we will be able to include people from all types of genres: ballet, modern dance, salsa, meringue, break dancing and such," Spencer said. "We are really in need of a break dancer and someone specializing in gymnastics at the moment."

The group meets on Mondays in Stuy Smoker or in the Cave at 8 p.m. "If anyone wants to join, just show up ready to dance," Spencer said.

Journalism largely consists of saying 'Lord Jones is Dead' to people who never knew that Lord Jones was alive.

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Campus News

Ramsay talks to pre-med students about healthcare crisis

By Kyle Sjarif
Transcript Reporter

Craig Ramsay, chairperson and professor of politics and government, spoke before the Pre-Med Club on Thursday, Feb. 14, about the state of the U.S. healthcare system and, more specifically, how its direction will affect the futures of Ohio Wesleyan's pre-med students.

Sophomore Sarah Bonnet, president of Pre-Med Club, invited Ramsay to present because she felt it was impor-



Ramsay

tant for "pre-med and pre-health students to learn about the overall structure and condition of the healthcare industry."

Ramsay divided his presentation into three parts: the cost of the system, access to the system and quality of care delivered by the system.

An underlying concept focused on by Ramsay throughout the presentation centered on the costs paid by care-seekers, which, in turn, translates to the income generated by the future health professionals.

"The United States by far has the costliest healthcare system in the world," Ramsay. "It costs 30 percent more per American (to receive healthcare) than any

other country in the world."

He explained that there are several factors driving the costs of healthcare continuously higher, but that mainly it is due to constant technological developments.

However, in the end he described how everybody winds up paying the costs because it becomes an issue for the federal budget, he said.

Nowadays, insurance plays a larger role that ever before in financing healthcare, as well gaining access to it.

Typically, insurance companies and doctors form agreements, which result in discounted prices if care seekers use the particular insurance promoted

by the specific doctor.

Ramsay said this is a relatively new development compared to the past, when insurance companies made universal healthcare reimbursements.

Ramsay also said the insurance business has driven care-seekers without insurance to great troubles.

"For those with no coverage, they wouldn't go for little pains but only when it becomes big pains," said Ramsay.

The reality of today's healthcare system is that doctors are more reluctant to administer treatments to people without insurance, Ramsay said.

He said this proves to be a major problem in the U.S.

healthcare system because more than 50 million people remain uninsured.

The last issue that Ramsay touched on was the quality of care delivered in the system. "The challenge as physicians hoping to be practicing doctors in the next 10 years or so is to protect your professional sovereignty," he said.

Doctors must work for the legal authority to practice residency, as well as to maintain the long-standing tradition of the American Medical Association, he said.

One of the main problems with having the doctor serve as the main decision-maker is that 30-50 percent of procedures

diagnosed by general physicians are inappropriate and waste enormous amounts of money, he said.

However, there is the general belief that undermining the doctor's decision threatens their professional integrity, said Ramsay, who believes it would be in the best interest of doctors to collaborate and cooperate without having their egos crushed.

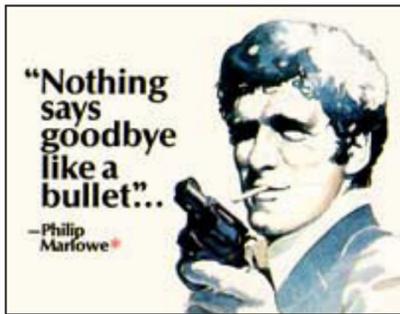
The presentation served to educate the Pre-Med Club regarding the nature of today's healthcare system.

Bonnet said, "The healthcare industry is a critical element of the current presidential election, and Dr. Ramsay's perspective on this topic was enlightening."

OWU Community Film Series set for March

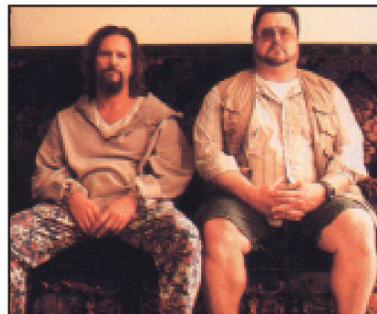
Ohio Wesleyan's 2008 Community Film Series will run from March to April, with showing times at 9:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, with the exception of the Tuesday and Wednesday over the university's mid-semester break. The films will be shown at the Strand Theatre, 28 E. Winter St. Admission for each movie is \$6.

The annual film series – presented in conjunction with Ohio Wesleyan's Introduction to Film course – is open to the public. The following films -- all but one released in the last 10 years -- will be shown as part of the series:



9:15 p.m., March 4, and 7 p.m., March 5
"The Long Goodbye" (1973)

Full of twists and turns, this film tells the story of private eye Philip Marlowe as he navigates through – and becomes part of – a mysterious murder investigation.



9:15 p.m., March 18, and 7 p.m., March 19
"The Big Lebowski" (1998)

This cult favorite comedy follows a slacker (Jeff Bridges) mistaken for a millionaire as he's entangled in a kidnapping plot.



9:15 p.m., March 25, and 7 p.m., March 26
"About a Boy" (2002)

Although bachelor Will Freeman (Hugh Grant) initially joins a single-parent support group to meet women, he ends up meeting a 12-year-old boy who teaches him to "grow up."



9:15 p.m., April 1, and 7 p.m., April 2
"Take Care of My Cat" (2001)

The Korean drama follows five friends as they struggle to retain their close-knit friendship after high school.



9:15 p.m., April 22, and 7 p.m., April 23
"Or" (2004)

Set in Tel Aviv, this film follows teenager Or as she tries to manage the household and care for her drug-addicted prostitute mother.



9:15 p.m., April 8, and 7 p.m., April 9
"Pan's Labyrinth" (2006)

Nominated for six Oscars, this Spanish drama tells the story of a girl who creates a fantasy world to escape from the harsh reality with her pregnant mother and ruthless stepfather.



9:15 p.m., April 15, and 7 p.m., April 16
"Bamako" (2006)

In this African film, bar singer Melé watches her marriage fall apart as the World Bank and IMF stand trial for loan-sharking in the bar's courtyard.



9:15 p.m., April 29, and 7 p.m., April 30
"Hannah Takes the Stairs" (2007)

The film follows an intern, Hannah, as she flirts with two writers at her production company and wonders if the potential relationship will disturb the friendship "triangle."

School spirit can struggle at small college

By Jae Blackmon
Transcript Reporter

When many people think of school spirit, they think of mascots, cheerleaders and school colors, but, ultimately, they think of dedicated fans. It is truly the fans that make sporting events worth going to. So one definitely has to wonder: What kind of school spirit does Ohio Wesleyan University have?

According to sophomores Kaisha Oliver and Lisa Peterson, there is no kind.

Oliver said, "OWU doesn't have the same level as most schools have, because everyone isn't as involved as a well spirited school is."

Peterson said, "I feel like if anybody shows any kind of spirit, it's not for the OWU Bishops, but more for the OSU Buckeyes instead."

Mona Spalsbury, office manager of the Student Involvement Office, holds a slightly different opinion.

"I don't think that the size of the university has anything to do with the level of the school spirit," Spalsbury said. "I think that it all depends on whether you have a winning team or not. People will support a winning team, regardless if it's a professional, high school or university team."

Although school spirit may not be a big issue to some, it is huge issue to a certain group of students on campus: the student athletes.

Andre Saunders, a freshman football player, believes that school spirit is a huge boost to OWU teams.

"The amount of fans that come out to the games plays a huge part in how we play," he said. "Seeing people with the school colors and cheering for us is a great boost for team momentum."

While Saunders believes that OWU school spirit is great already, he does believe that there is room for improvement.

"I think we need to promote home games better, because sometimes people don't know about the games and then we hardly have anyone in the stands."

While Peterson could not agree more, and complains about the "one dinky email she receives about home games," Oliver believes there are also other reasons. "While I go to games sometimes, most of the time I can't because I have so much work to do," she said.

Overall, while OWU might not possess the same level of school spirit that a bigger school like OSU has, there is a great amount that can be found on campus. Saunders said, "The more school spirit that is showcased at the games, the teams will work harder, and there will definitely be more winning."

Faculty hear reports on tuition increases, campus construction

By Kaitlin Thomas
Transcript Correspondent

Ohio Wesleyan's faculty met on Monday to discuss tuition increases, campus construction and the incoming class of 2012.

David Robbins, provost and interim president, announced that the total cost of attending OWU will be raised to \$41,970 next year.

This is a 5.5 percent increase in tuition and a 3 percent increase for both room and board. In addition, the technology fee will be raised another \$40.

Last spring, the Board of Trustees increased the total cost of attending OWU to \$39,960. They said that raise helped to balance the school's budget.

However, that budget, as well as the tuition increase, were approved prior to the announcement of former President Mark Huddleston's departure from OWU. The presidential search that followed his exit last June was therefore not taken into account when the budget was accepted. However, Robbins said the original budget was on track without taking into consideration the cost of the search.

Robbins said the university plans to beautify OWU's campus by replacing the memorial gate on Sandusky St. leading to Slocum Hall.

The renovation was made possible by a gift from the class of 1959.

The school plans to construct a plaza in front of Slocum Hall using other funding. The plaza will honor the men and women who have donated at least \$1 million to the university.

Other works will be finished as the funds became available, Robbins said.

For example, he said he is

hoping to repair and replace the south wall of Selby Stadium when the school can afford to do so.

Margaret Drugovich, vice president for strategic communications and university enrollment, said OWU's number of applicants is increasing, despite the rise in tuition. The number of American applicants is up 14 percent while the number of international student applications is up 16 percent. Drugovich also said the number of cancelled applications is decreasing.

Drugovich said the number

of deposits that have already been received is higher than it has been in years. Admitted students have until May 1 to put down a deposit to hold their spot in OWU's class of 2012.

Referencing the new class, Drugovich announced that Slice of College Life, OWU's program to welcome admitted students to campus, will be held April 13 and 14.

Other topics discussed in the meeting include:

- Homecoming weekend will be Oct. 10-12. It will coincide with President Rockwell "Rock" Jones' inauguration.

- OWU's Phi Beta Kappa honor society will be celebrating its centennial this year. The celebration will be March 5 with speaker John Churchill in Gray Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

- A memorial was read by Dennis Radabaugh for the late William D. Stull, a former Ohio Wesleyan professor of Zoology who passed away last May. He was 95.

- OWU received a wire totaling \$3 million last week from the Manchester estate. This brought the Ida Austin Manchester endowment to \$7 million.

Arts & Entertainment

Exhibition puts art in context



Photo by Danny Eldredge

'The Space of Freedom,' which began Feb. 14 and lasts through April 6 at the Ross Art Museum, features some of the most important artwork by nonconformist artists during the Soviet period. The artwork is featured in a re-created communal apartment, to put the pieces into context. Russian artists were banned from displaying their work publicly, so they held exhibitions in their apartments. Many of these artists were suppressed, imprisoned, or killed for their expression. These exhibits were crucial to the development of nonconformist art.

Photographer captures the mundane here, and the dangerous at home

By Ryan Armstrong
Transcript Reporter

Alumni Mohsen Shirzadian ('83), owner of Accent Photographic, visited the OWU campus last Wednesday to showcase his passion for photography and achievement as a photographer in Iran.

He first studied photography and filmmaking in Sweden. He then came to America and studied fine arts and graphic design at Ohio Wesleyan University. He also completed his Master's Degree at The Ohio State University in photography and cinema.

Accent Photographic is a full time business. Shirzadian works about 10 hours a day and he does most of the photography on his own. The company does about 200 high school senior pictures, around 20 large wall portraits of families and 15-20 weddings. He also spends time doing some commercial and advertising photography.

Shirzadian said he took about

7,000-8,000 photos of Iran over the period of six weeks.

"I had to hide a lot because I didn't want to draw a lot of attention to myself," Shirzadian said. "I would shoot for an hour outside. Then I would disappear into a building and shoot for awhile."

Akbar Ali Mahdi, professor of sociology-anthropology, said Shirzadian photographed in areas people don't usually go.

"He took over 6,000 photos in dangerous places where people can get killed," Mahdi said. "Places photographers can get in a lot of trouble with gangs or the government."

Shirzadian said he had people assisting him at all times while in Iran.

"One was Reza, a high school friend with whom I served in the Iranian Army," Shirzadian said. "The second was Ali, a relative of mine, who was familiar with every corner of the town. The third was Morad, who helped with transportation and food locations."

Most of Shirzadian's photography work was done in Iran's capital, Tehran. Other towns in which he worked include Esfahan, Hamedan, Kashan, Masooleh, and Rasht.

"I believe a photo should stop the viewer by the meaning it takes," Mohsen said. "It has to have some kind of a visual power to draw you into it. That power may be either very romantic, poetic funny, grotesque, or even explicit in any way."

Mahdi said Shirzadian shows his commitment to the university by being a role model for OWU students.

"In photography there is a compelling scenario of interpretation," Mahdi said. "We can learn about Iran from dawn to dusk through Shirzadian's pictures and see all the different interactions with the people there."

"I was first drawn into photography when I was ten years old," Shirzadian said. "My father used to take pictures

all the time. He would take me with him to drop off his film for processing. I became fascinated with cameras when I had a chance to wander off and do a little window shopping."

Shirzadian said he plans to publish a book of his photography in the near future.

"I run a full time business now and work on my book a little bit at a time," Shirzadian said. "I would like to call my book 'Revisiting my Birth Place.'"

Mahdi said there are two different ways to look at meanings within photographs.

"There are pictures that capture meaning in a matter of fact," Mahdi said. "These are sociologically significant. Then there are moments that capture different meanings on accident usually through ambiguity."

"We either enjoy photos visually or learn from them," Shirzadian said. "As long as pictures are meaningful with important contributions to life, they inspire me."

Real Talk

Grammys got it wrong, here are 07's real winners



Simon Brown

After taking a look at all the winners for the 2008 Grammys (also seeing Kanye act stupid AGAIN!) I realize how much I don't agree with the Grammys. So what's the next best thing to do? Make my own list of awards. I got tired of people saying 2007 was a bad year for hip-hop. I have many reasons it wasn't.

The first category will be my five most disappointing albums of 2007.

This list is not saying any of these albums are bad, I just expected a lot more.

1. Mos Def - Mos Definite - Apparently not an official release, but the CD was very bland and boring
2. Wu-Tang Clan - 8 Diagrams - Decent album but the group doesn't have a unified sound anymore, it showed on this album.
3. Redman - Red Gone Wild - I simply could not like this album on a whole. The songs were average.
4. Fabulous - From Nothin' to Something - Too many girl songs.
5. Little Brother - Getback - A well done album, but for some reason I can't listen to it more than once.

The next category is the five most 'slept-on' albums. These are the 5 albums that were great in my opinion but did not get the deserved recognition.

1. Pharoahe Monch - Desire - Back to back intelligent word-play over masterful beats.
2. Talib Kweli - Eardrum - A pleasant listen from start to finish.
3. Freeway - Free at Last -

Though he has the most annoying voice in Hip-Hop, Freeway has a lot to say on a very well done album.

4. Joell Ortiz - The Brick (Bodega Chronicles) - One of the games smoothest lyricists with a flow similar to Big Pun.

5. Cassidy - B.A.R.S. - Cassidy may be known as a freestyle/mixtape rapper but he shows a lot of maturity on his latest album.

Now for the mixtape category I decided not to number them because I have not listened to most of the mixtapes released. It would therefore be unfair to say what the best mixtape of the year was. So I will just list a few mixtapes I liked:

- Busta Rhymes and J Dilla
- Dillagence - A great rapper and a great producer, priceless. R.I.P. Dilla
- Kanye West - Can't Tell Me Nothing Mixtape - Kanye makes a solid pre-release cd and includes a couple of friends also
- Joe Budden - Mood Musik 3 - Non-stop punch lines and clever story telling from one of Hip-Hop's most underrated rappers.
- Saigon - The Moral of the Story - When you have problems putting out an album what should you do instead? Make a mixtape that sounds like an album. If this is Saigon's mixtape I can't wait for the album.
- Kardinal Offishall - Do the Right Thing - The Jamaican Canadian proves his versatility while rapping over old school and new beats.

Last but not least here are my top ten albums for 2007. These are what I believe to be the top ten albums of a great year in hip-hop. If I kept an album off the list it obviously wasn't good enough to leave an impression on me. I'll do this list from 10 - 1 to give some additional suspense.

10. Young Buck - Buck the World
9. T.I. - T.I. vs. T.I.P.
8. Scarface - Made
7. Beanie Siegel - The Solution
6. Sean Price - Jesus Price Superstar
5. Ghostface Killah - The Big Doe Rehab
4. Lupe Fiasco - The Cool
3. Jay-Z - American Gangster
2. Kanye West - Graduation
1. Common - Finding Forever

'Juno' fan delighted by quirky television show about death and pie



Kaitlin Thomas

The critically acclaimed television show "Pushing Daisies" (ABC) was renewed for a second season. Now, there are a lot of shows that were renewed for next season, so why am I writing about this show? Because I love it and that is the only reason I need.

Now, why do I love it? It has vibrant and saturated colors that are not found in any other show. This makes me sound like a four year old, but it has other attractions as well. It has pretty people. This makes me sound shallow, but just wait. It has a premise that I adore and a creator that I have followed for years.

The show stars Lee Pace as Ned, a pie maker with a strange gift. One touch from his finger can bring the dead back to life. The catch, and there always is one, is that the deceased can only come back for one minute. If they pass the one minute mark, the person who is physically near them suddenly dies. Sounds morbid, no? Maybe the pretty colors make up for it.

In all truth, the show is a happy fairytale and not just because of the colors. There is a love story as well as a mystery of the week. These things coupled with wonderful supporting actors who light up the screen each time they have a scene make this a truly enjoyable show.

Now, the love story involves Ned and his childhood crush, Charlotte "Chuck" Charles (Anna Friel). Ned's mother died when he was young. Following her death, Ned's father sent him to boarding school and he never saw Chuck again. Until she died.

Again with the morbid. But it is alright, because Ned brings Chuck back to life. The two are clearly in love, but are unable

to touch. For if they do, Chuck will perish forever (another catch).

Now you may be wondering how the mysteries tie in. Ned helps his partner Emerson Cod, a private investigator played by Chi McBride, by bringing murder victims back to life to find out how they died. They then collect the reward money. Emerson is the one who truly covets the cash, but Ned never refuses the money.

My favorite part of the entire show however, is Kristen Chenoweth. She plays Olive Snook, a waitress at Ned's restaurant, The Pie Hole (yes, as in "shut your pie hole").

Part of the reason I adore this character is because I adore Chenoweth. For those less-

Broadway inclined than yours truly, she originated the role of Glinda in the award-winning Broadway musical "Wicked." She steals every scene she is in and most of the comedy comes from her perfect delivery.

Now, as I stated above, I also love this show because Bryan Fuller, the creator. Fuller has been the mastermind behind some of my favorite television shows. "Dead Like Me" was a cult hit. It was about a young woman who died and became a reaper of souls.

In 2004, Fuller had another cult hit in "Wonderfalls." Again this show had a supernatural essence about it. Inanimate objects, such as a wax lion or a brass monkey, would tell the main character to do certain

things. Kind of like a "Joan of Arcadia" vibe, only we never know if it is actually God speaking or not.

Unfortunately for Fuller, these shows never made it. DLM was cancelled after two seasons and "Wonderfalls" only made it nine episodes on the air. I think I am just as happy to see Fuller succeeding with "Pushing Daisies" as he is. Due to the writer's strike, the first season was cut tragically short. The news of its renewal has made me (and presumably Fuller) jump for joy. So hopefully I have written enough to persuade you to join in on the magical fairytale of bright vibrant colors.

And did I mention the people are pretty?



Bishops Sports

Lady Bishops manage to hold off Allegheny

By Brian Test
Transcript Reporter

Senior Steffi Graf sparked the Bishops with 7 points in just 29 seconds on Saturday against Allegheny in Branch Rickey Arena.

Graf, who plays wing, helped Ohio Wesleyan hold off Allegheny in North Coast Athletic Conference play 69-57.

Allegheny had the lead 43-41 with less than 11 minutes remaining in the game, when Graf got hot. She was fouled and hit both free throws to tie the game 43-43 with 10:56 to play.

She then stole the ball and converted a lay-in giving the Bishops a 2 point lead, and as the Gators advanced the ball across halfcourt the next possession, Graf picked off a pass and proceeded to knock down a three. OWU lead 48-43 with 10:27 left in regulation.

Junior Katie Hamilton followed with a 3-point play and senior Kelli Lester added another 3-pointer, finishing off the 13-1 Ohio Wesleyan run giving them a 54-44 lead.

A lay-in by Stephanie Wolf with 7:23 to play ended the Gators' scoring drought.

Freshmen Tyler Cordell and Kayla Gordon followed up Wolf's basket with their own, giving OWU its largest lead 58-46 with under 5 minutes left.

Allegheny would fight back, making their free throws down the stretch to pull within 5, making it 58-53 with 2:31 in regulation. Graf would stop the Gator run with a basket and ultimately the Bishops would hold off the Gators in front of a crowd of 700 in Branch Rickey.

In the first half, both teams had cold shooting spells with Ohio Wesleyan hitting one of its first 10 shots, but Allegheny

could not take advantage. The first half went back and forth with Ohio Wesleyan finishing the half with an 11-3 run, giving them a 30-27 lead at half. The second half started much like the first half ended with the Bishops stretching the lead to 34-27.

Cordell, who plays wing, said the team tries to pride themselves with their defense.

"After a first close half we decided that we needed to step up our defensive intensity," Cordell said. "We came out in the second half and really turned it up defensively and boxing-out was a huge factor limiting them to one shot opportunities."

She said a big momentum swing was the defensive and offensive effort of Graf.

"Our team is really driven by our senior leadership that step up day in and day out," Cordell said. "Graf played like a true senior should and led our team with points and steals. Lester lead our team with 5 rebounds and when you have six players with 2 assists it just shows how much of a team we are."

Cordell said the zone defense that Allegheny ran slowed down their offense.

"Allegheny shot the ball really well from the three point arc especially Brittany Bell," Cordell said. "In the second half they shot 61% from field goal range which is still very high."

Head coach Nan Carney-Debord said both teams played tenacious defense, which contributed to the cold shooting start.

"It was a bit frustrating that none of our 'go to' offenses were clicking, but our depth prevailed," Carney-Debord said. "We had great contributions from our bench and our full court pressure helped force turnovers and decrease scoring

opportunities for Allegheny."

She said Cordell gave them a boost off the bench.

"She is strong in dribble penetration and transition," Carney-Debord said. "Our effort was admirable and we had tremendous unity with the entire team just wanting to win."

Carney-Debord said the team didn't take care of the basketball in the first half, but improved greatly in the second half.

"We have had several injuries throughout the season and it has been difficult without Aaron and Gentene, but the team continues to work hard daily," Carney-Debord said. "We have had such incredible improvement by so many individuals."

This was OWU women's basketball's alumni weekend and "Think Pink" for breast cancer awareness.

"Our alumni were amazingly supportive and added to the atmosphere in our favor," Carney-Debord said. "We were so fortunate to have so many former players return for the weekend."

She said Steffi Graf's performance can not go unnoticed.

"Her senior leadership was key in changing the momentum in the second half," Carney-Debord said. "She was supported in that leadership with Kathleen Cooper, Lindsey Macklin, and Kelli Lester."

Carney-Debord said they were pleased to have so many community members, faculty members, and staff in support of their initiative for Breast Cancer Awareness.

"We were able to raise a sizeable contribution for the Kay Yow Cancer Fund of the Jimmy V. Foundation," Carney-Debord said.

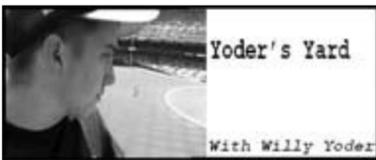
Graf led the Bishops with 20 points, while Cordell finished with 12 points.



Photo by Cliff Williams

Senior Steffi Graf lays the ball in against Gheny on Saturday. Graf led the Lady Bishops in scoring with 20 points and is second on the team this year in scoring averaging 10.9 per game. Graf was also recently named to the Academic All-District Team by ESPN the Magazine with a 3.82 accumulative GPA. The Lady ballers next game is at home on Saturday against the Terriers of Hiram.

Denying steroid use a 'Catch-22'; confessing the way to look good



The first wave of steroid accusations came in the form of Jose Canseco's book, "Juiced." Congress held a hearing; Sammy Sosa forgot English; Canseco forgot what his own book was about; and Mark McGwire went from hero to shriveled man in a day. The only person who came out of the steroid hearings looking good was Raphael Palmeiro.

Palmeiro simply denied any use. He even verbalized his punctuation: he was that clear. "Let me start by telling you this: I have never used steroids, period. I don't know how to say it anymore clearly than that"

Straightforward enough, I believed him, and a lot of other people with their willful ignorance did too. So it appeared, at the time, the way to dodge the steroid accusation bullet was to firmly deny, deny, deny. Then Palmeiro tested positive for steroids the very next season ... oops.

Since then the prescription for tackling the steroid pointing fingers has been a mixed bag. Bonds just yelled at anybody who pointed out the fact that there were briefcase loads of evidence that he juiced up. Some, like McGwire, have gone into hiding, their names only to resurface when a hall of fame ballot comes up. And Sosa still doesn't remember English.

The new wave of accusations that have come out this winter however are backed by Major League Baseball, and several stars have been indicted. The most notable being Roger Clemens, Andy Pettite, Brian Roberts and Miguel Tejada. This has left these players in a tricky situation, knowing with Palmeiro's test results, the firm, flat-out denial approach no longer works.

Clemens has come out on the offensive, letting anybody and everybody know that his accuser, Brian McNamee, was a troubled soul who would lie to get himself out of trouble. Yes, Clemens wanted us to feel bad for him. He covertly taped conversations, filed lawsuits,

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held two press conferences and even went on 60 Minutes.

So how does Clemens come off looking so bad? Isn't this what fans wanted? Hadn't we always told Bonds, "Well, if they're lying... sue?"

Maybe it's the effect of Bonds that has made the Andy Pettite and the Brian Roberts come off looking the best in this whole ordeal. Oddly enough it seems that those who have admitted using steroids are looking better than those that deny it. Could it be that fans are just tired of being lied to? Are fans just sick of having their intelligence insulted by people like Bonds who question our ability to say ... read?

It makes sense to me that it would turn out that way. The whole thought process behind using steroids in the first place is "I'm above the law" or "I'm more entitled than anyone else." To me that's the part of the steroid era that's the most bothersome.

But if the key to looking good coming out of the steroid era is to own up to it, what if on the off chance Clemens didn't do steroids? What is he to do then? Let his legacy be tarnished? Or fight back in what looks like a genuine attempt to find what he wants us to believe is the truth?

It appears then, that the lasting legacy of the steroid era will not be that players cheated. It will not be the false hope given to young fans of the 90's like myself. It will be the loss of trust of the fans to even their favorite players. It's a catch-22, and unfortunately for some, it may be the best thing for baseball if we all just move on

Seniors football players take away experiences, lessons

By Clay Davis
Transcript Reporter

Six in the morning practices and long hours in the unbearable heat during the summer are just some of the things that Chad Ellis, Patrick Trenor and Zach Dennis learned playing football here at Ohio Wesleyan.

But that is not what drove them to a whole new level of playing football, and while the physical exhaustion may beat some players up, it did not sway these seniors.

"I think the joy and pure adrenaline of playing on Friday nights or Saturday afternoons is what makes a person continue playing," Ellis said.

Ellis, a linebacker, said he has seen his game go to a whole new level at Ohio Wesleyan, and he hopes to cherish those memories.

In 2004, Ellis saw the Battling Bishops start off the year 0-4. However, the disappointment and the bad taste that was left in every player's mouth did not last long. The team ended winning five straight games and competing for the NCAC title before losing to Wooster, 24-6. Despite that, the improvement of the team caught Ellis' attention.

"As a team, our opportunity to play for a league championship after beginning the season 0-4 was a great accomplishment," Ellis added.

The inspiration behind playing football for Ellis, who began to take interest in the sport in third-grade, begins with those around him.

"I think the experience you get in playing with your close friends and the competition inspires you," Ellis explained.

Ellis also accomplished a lot over his four years here, including first-team all-conference recognition and a player of the week award at his position.

Dennis, a split end, said he sees his teammates as a driving force for his successes as a football player at OWU.

"Knowing that others rely on me makes me want to be out there," Dennis said.

For Dennis, it is the hard work, the six in the morning practices that has driven him further.

"I have basically learned to enjoy the work that leads up to success," Dennis said. "No matter if you are a starter or not, your teammates work just as hard as you and they deserve just as much praise as the starter."

To Dennis, football is more than just a "game." It is a variety of experiences that will never be forgotten.

"I will miss being out on the field with guys that I have been through so much with and having a blast no matter how hard the opponent was," Dennis replied.

Teamwork is not just important to Ellis and Dennis, but also to Trenor, a defensive end.

"The friendships that you build with your teammates are the ones that will be with you the rest of your life," Trenor said.

Trenor said it is more than just the work that motivates

people to continue to beat their bodies through physical and mental workouts all year long

"I have learned that people who go to play Division III football are people who really have a love for the game and want to continue to play after high school," Trenor said. "It is not all about the winning and the losing, but what you get out of that experience."

Trenor was named a team captain this year for the Bishops, and he was also second-team all-conference.

"I have always had a love for football from a young age," Trenor explained. "I have been around it my entire life and knew that I wanted to play in college."

Football has made an impact on all three of these seniors, as all intend to pursue a career involving athletics. Ellis said that he is pursuing a path towards teaching, but plans on "making coaching a part of that as well in football and as well in other sports."

For Dennis, he hopes to be in the collegiate rankings as a head coach, although where that will be is still yet to be determined.

Trenor is using his knowledge of athletics in the classroom, as he is a physical education major, and is also "planning to be a football coach."

Trenor said he takes the sport to heart.

"I want to stay around the game because I love it so much," Trenor said.

"I will most likely be involved in football and sports the rest of my life."

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Bishops Sports

Bishops defeat Wittenberg but lose to last-place Earlham

By Alex Humbert
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The men's basketball team became a part of history last week, putting an end to a couple of ugly losing streaks at the hands of the Wittenberg Tigers in Springfield.

With the 72-69 win, they ended a 43-game winless drought at Wittenberg, a streak that dates back to February 1953. Perhaps even more impressively, they snapped their streak of not sweeping the Tigers, which dates back to the 1949-50 season.

Senior point guard Casey Teeters, who had 10 points and three rebounds for the Bishops, said it was great becoming part of history, especially against the rival Tigers.

"It was amazing," Teeters said. "One thing our senior class has not been able to do in our four years here is winning at Wittenberg, so to do it our senior year was awesome. Being the team to end the streak is pretty cool I think."

The Bishops opened up the game with a 3-pointer from senior Brian Cafarella and did not surrender the lead for the duration of the first half. However, after halftime the Tigers came charging back and took the lead with 6:30 remaining in the game.

The Bishops answered in the late part of the game with big buckets from senior Jesse Jean and senior Dustin Rudegear, who led the Bishops in scoring with 24 points. A timely steal from Teeters sealed the deal for the Bishops.

The good vibes did not carry into the weekend as the Bishops stumbled at last-place Earlham, losing 79-73 to the 3-19 Quakers. The win was only the second win in the conference for Earlham, who were pummeled by the Bishops earlier in the year at Branch Rickey Arena by a score of 79-53.

Teeters said he can't really explain what happened Saturday night in Indiana, but said



Senior Jesse Jean plays defense against Wittenberg at home earlier this year. Jean played in his final regular season home game last night.

Photo by Cliff Williams

the team must bounce back and put the ugly loss behind them.

"I give all the credit in the world to Earlham, they showed up on their senior night," Teeters said. "They shot the ball extremely well, better than they had all season, and it's just a shame it had to happen against us. That's a part of sports, upsets happen. It's how you respond to them that matters."

Last night was senior night. Teeters said it is going to be hard to say goodbye but he has

many great memories that he will cherish, especially ones involving Cafarella.

"I'd say my best memories will be anything that B-Caff said or did at practice or at the bars," Teeters said. "That kid is a walking comedy. In terms of basketball, I would have to say beating Witt twice this year was awesome, especially the home game. I'm also glad we could restore some of the respect in our basketball team around campus. It really shows in the

turnouts for our home games and it's really nice to be a part of making tradition at OWU."

With last night being the final regular season home game for the Bishops, Teeters said the team, especially the seniors, is not ready to stop playing.

"Expect six seniors who aren't ready for their careers to be over to show up for the tournament," Teeters said. "Expect us to do whatever it takes to keep on playing as long as possible."

Men's Lax star Eccles named Top Ten Player

By Alexandra Lesser
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Senior lacrosse standout Chris Eccles was named the ninth best player in Division III Lacrosse this past January.

Going into his fourth year playing lacrosse for the Bishops, Eccles has twice been named an All-American and also a two-time Player of the Year. Eccles, who is from Secane, Penn., knew he was coming into a team that has had great success in the past, and said he was excited to start his college career here.

Head men's lacrosse coach Sean Ryan said he has enjoyed watching Eccles grow not only as a player, but also as a leader and a person.

"Chris, over the years, has shown a steady growth of maturity and leadership," Ryan said. "As a lacrosse player he is fun to watch because he is just so good. Being named one of the top men's lacrosse players really gives younger players something to strive for."

When the top ten players in Division III came out in January, the team was excited for Eccles as well as excited for the upcoming season.

Eccles, who is entering his fourth and final season as a collegiate athlete, said he was

honored to receive the recognition and said he is looking forward to what the season will bring.

"I am very excited for this season," Eccles said "The team looks the best it has in the four years that I have been here, and I expect there to be a positive outcome to the season".

Ryan said Eccles has been named a team captain this season and takes his job as leader seriously.

"Chris really focuses on being a team leader and really wants the team to do well," Ryan said. "He has an incredible amount of team spirit, and I think he is a great role model. The younger players really thrive off of his enthusiasm and play."

This being his final season as a collegiate player, Eccles did express interest in playing after graduation. He said he may or may not pursue it.

For the time being, he said he is focused on the season and his team rather than his personal accolades and future.

"I was excited to be named one of the top players, but I would not have been able to achieve this without my teammates, on and off the field," Eccles said. "Hopefully we can achieve our goals this season and succeed."

Bishops start season with a win in St. Louis

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The Bishops gained their first win this past weekend in their season opener against Fontbonne with a score of 13-6.

Junior attacker Nick Gallagher led the Bishops with four goals, junior attacker Karl Zimmerman helped with two goals and an assist, senior midfielder Chris Eccles finished with one goal and three assists and senior attacker Harrison Iuliano added one goal and two assists.

Head coach Sean Ryan said he was pleased with his team and their efforts, but said there is no room for complacency.

"There were a lot of highlights and flashes of excellent play, but there is still a lot of work to be done," Ryan said.

Sophomore Eli Pierce said the game wasn't really as close as the score made it seem.

"We dominated them in the first half," Pierce said. "In the second half everyone played."

The team performed strongly in many different areas of the game. Ohio Wesleyan had 59 ground balls to the opponents 27, as well winning 17 out of 22 face-offs.

Senior Trevor Jones said the team was satisfied with the win, but said they would have to continue to improve if they wanted to compete with some of their

Help wanted on King's court



The East won, Superman soared, Kapono won another shootout and Williams showed that he has skills.

Although the season was put on hold for the All-Star festivities in New Orleans, the focus in the NBA is on the trades that have and haven't been made.

The trend this season has been for teams with realistic playoff and championship aspirations to go get star veteran players from teams at the bottom of the league.

These teams are struggling and are sometimes looking to unload the large salaries of the big names while these veterans are sometimes looking to play for a better team.

The Suns traded to get Shaq from the league-worst Miami Heat. Many think Shaq could hurt the Suns because of their running style, but a team doesn't need all five guys to run the break. On defense, the 7'1, 325 lb center will take up a lot of space inside.

The Celtics went to what are now the league's second and third worst teams and got Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen. Everyone can see the affects of those deals as Boston has the best record in the NBA at 41-9.

The Lakers wanted to get some help for Kobe so they went to the fifth worst Memphis Grizzlies and got Pau Gasol. So far, the deal is working out and Kobe is happy with his new big man.

The Atlanta Hawks dealt four players to the tenth worst Sacramento Kings for Mike Bibby. Time will tell whether Bibby can shed his royal armor and fly with his new feathered friends.

Many think Jason Kidd will get out of New Jersey and get sent to the Dallas Mavericks but as of the time I am writing this; that deal has not yet occurred.

But, the help that Steve Nash, Paul Pierce and Kobe Bryant are

getting doesn't seem to be the strategy in Cleveland for LeBron James.

When the Cleveland Cavaliers had the first overall pick in 2004, they selected heralded high school star LeBron James. With this huge pick, they also changed their colors and their logo.

It was a time to change the franchise and move toward the future. But, although they reached the NBA Finals and young Daniel Gibson is definitely progressing, it doesn't seem as if Cleveland is committed to getting King James a lot of help.

James has been looking for help for a while now. He was vocal about his interest in both Kidd and Bibby. But Bibby is now in Atlanta and Kidd is probably headed to Dallas.

So, where can the King get some help? If Cleveland keeps the trend, they would have to look at the other teams toward the bottom of the NBA totem pole.

I'm not sure the Knicks have anything the Cavs, or anybody else would want. The Bobcats have a young core that they probably still want to see how they turn out.

But there are a couple of possibilities. They could try to make a deal to get Michael Redd from the Bucks and bring him back to Ohio. Or they could go to the Clippers and try to get Elton Brand or Corey Maggette.

They could go after Jermaine O'Neal with the Pacers or try to get one or two of the Baby Bulls.

And if they don't get something, either in trades, free agency or some kind of help from the draft, I don't think they will win a championship.

I don't know that Gooden and Varejao are the answers, and if Cleveland doesn't find some subjects for the King, eventually he might be that player who teams up with the other teams to try and win a championship.

Jordan never won a championship without Pippen. Bryant has yet to win one without O'Neal. And until Cleveland gets someone to be that second Cavalier, the King will never wear the crown.

Men's tennis aces Muskingum



Photo by Cliff Williams

The Bishops dominated Muskingum 8-1 in their non-conference meet with at home on Saturday. Pictured above is junior Garrett Paknis who won a split decision in No. 4 singles as well as a win in No. 1 doubles with sophomore Brandon Luttinger. The win was the team's first of the season with a record of 1-3.