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Unseen work leaves B&G underappreciated

By Greg Stull
Managing Editor

Ohio Wesleyan's campus, spanning 95 acres, is the largest plot of land in the city of Delaware—larger than Mingo Park's 50 acres to the north and Oak Grove Cemetery's 80 acres to the south.

These 95 acres—encompassing 61 buildings, more than 1000 trees, numerous sidewalks, stairs, parking lots, fields and landscape beds—comprise the physical plant, the entirety of the campus and its operations.

These 95 acres also com-

prise the practically enumerable responsibilities of Buildings and Grounds, which tends to these buildings, trees, sidewalks, stairs, parking lots, fields and landscape beds, as well as many other structures integral to the functioning of the university.

B&G goes through around 7,600 light bulbs every year to keep the campus lights working. But it's only when a light doesn't flick on that Buildings and Grounds gets any recognition.

"The only time people call is when something is wrong," said Chris Setzer, director of

Physical Plant and Buildings and Grounds. "Rarely if ever do we get the phone call—the snow was cleared' (or) 'the light in my office worked."

"But that's what we're here for: to fix things that are broken and to make sure things don't break."

The staff of Buildings and Grounds (B&G) consists of 77 full time workers: 4 carpenters, 1 locksmith, 3 electricians, 4 grounds keepers, 8 in mechanical trades, 51 in building services and 6 office and clerical workers.

In each campus build-

ing taken care of by B&G, the superficial aspects—such as the paint, tile, carpet, furniture and exterior finishes—amount to only 20 percent of the buildings' cost of operation. The components accounting for the remaining 80 percent are hidden from view: the roofs, the boilers, the switch gear, the plumbing, the heating system, the electrical distribution, etc.

Setzer said because so much of what B&G takes care of is invisible to the campus, it is largely underappreciated for the many services it provides.

"There are things people

don't think about that we deal with on a day-to-day basis," Setzer said.

B&G spends about 12 percent of each year working on preventative maintenance—for instance, to make sure that the 57 boilers on campus remain functional, they replace two per year, given that the boilers have a 30 year life-span. In addition, each year they process over 14,000 work orders, 700 event set-up requests, 250 emergency call-ins and 1,150 priority-one requests, which include

It is only after finishing the preventative maintenance or

needed repairs on the electrical systems, the mechanical systems, the building structures, and after responding to emergency call-ins, that B&G can deal with work orders from students, faculty, or staff.

But despite the many priorities that come before attending to work orders, Philip Rademeyer, moderator of the Modern Foreign Language House, said this year B&G has been highly receptive to his house's problems.

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Public safety short-staffed compared to other GLCA colleges around Ohio



By Shade Fakunle
Transcript Correspondent

For its 1,850 students, Ohio Wesleyan employs six full-time Public Safety (PS) officers. These officers constitute the smallest campus safety department among GLCA schools of similar size.

Robert Wood, director of PS, doesn't expect to see the department grow any time soon.

"We are in a low-risk environment," Wood said.

He said he has made the argument to hire more officers, as he recognizes that the department is below average in terms of staffing, but he noted that money is limiting factor.

A starting officer costs the university about \$36,000 per year with salary and benefits.

"That money could be used towards something more beneficial to the university—like dorms," Wood said.

Compared to the colleges of Kalamazoo, Albion, Kenyon, and Wooster, Ohio Wesleyan has the second largest enrollment, following Albion. However, the size of PS here does not reflect this.

Kenyon has 259 fewer students than Ohio Wesleyan, yet it employs 14 officers. This is more than double the number of officers employed by Ohio Wesleyan.

Bob Hooper, director of Campus Safety at Kenyon, said there are 10 full-time parole officers and 4 part-time officers. This does not include student workers.

Ohio Wesleyan hires about

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Indie/hip hop fusion band Gym Class Heroes filled Gordon Field House with their unique sound Friday night.

Photo by Myra Blackburn

Gym Class Heroes rock SpringFest

By Myra Blackburn
Transcript Reporter

Screams echoed through Gordon Field House as Gym Class Heroes performed the title track on their gold album, "As Cruel As School Children," on Friday night.

The Gym Class Heroes consist of MC Travis "Schlepok" McCoy, drummer Matt McGinley, guitarist Disashi Lumumba-Kasongo and bassist Eric Roberts.

"The album went gold a half a year ago," McGinley said. "There were approximately 650,000 copies sold and the song on our album "Cupid Chokehold" actually went platinum after it sold a million copies. So that was pretty impressive since that was a song we were playing around with."

"As Cruel as School Children," the latest album, was released by Decaydance Records. "Cupid's Chokehold" reached number four on the Billboard Hot 100 and "Clothes Off!" reached number five on the United Kingdom singles chart.

"We worked really hard on

it," McGinley said. "We basically moved to New York City to do it. This was the first time we recorded at a high-end studio that ended up producing a big budget album."

McGinley said he met McCoy in a mathematics class during their freshman year in high school when they were members in two separate bands.

He said their band needed a singer, and McCoy's rap lyrics and style earned him a leading spot in the group. Plus, his talent and charisma collaborated well with the band.

"We got really lucky," McGinley said. "We are all very interested in music; we wanted to be a band and it just came together with Travis rapping

over the music. This set us apart from other bands."

The band gained notoriety by performing at different venues, such as birthday parties, festivals and clubs. Eventually, they traveled throughout the Northeast performing on Warp Tour.

The three groups that toured with Gym Class Heroes were: I am Avalanche, Kidz in the Hall and Tyga, who opened Gym Class Heroes.

"I'm a big fan of Gym Class Heroes," freshman Parone Mulrain said. "It was nice to see a lot of other bands trying to establish a fan base."

Mulrain said his favorite song on their latest album is "My Own Time." He said their live performance sounded better to him than listening to them on his computer.

McGainley said the group had the opportunity to tour overseas.

"We have traveled across the world to places like Japan, Germany, New Zealand, Australia, Sweden and the United Kingdom. At first, the record labels were very reluctant to

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Photo by Myra Blackburn

A student snags a photo of MC Travis "Schlepok" McCoy.

Four-year roommates graduate academic superstars

By Mary Beth Scherer
Transcript Reporter

Not many people can say they maintained a 4.00 GPA for all four years at Ohio Wesleyan. Seniors Megan Dillhoff and Katie Ayers not only have a 4.00 but have also been roommates throughout their entire time here.

Dillhoff, from Lima, Ohio, and Ayers, from Columbus, Ohio, were assigned to be roommates in Welch Hall their freshman year. They spent three years living in Welch and currently live in Austin Manor.

Both Ayers and Dillhoff said they didn't expect they would spend all four years living together.

"It's a residential life success story," Ayers said. "At first we had skewed impressions of one another, but mid-way through the first year it became clear we would live together."

Ayers said she came here because she thought she would receive more personal attention. She said she also liked the atmosphere.

"It felt like it was a place I would grow both socially and academically," Ayers said.

Dillhoff said she came here for similar reasons, and because she was interested in a liberal arts education and community service opportunities.

Ayers is a zoology major and a chemistry minor while Dillhoff is an international studies and religion major with a minor in history. Both also participate in a number of activities.

Dillhoff is a member of Pitch Black and on the student boards for both of her majors. Ayers was formally the president of Pre-Med Club and has been on the Honors Student Board for four years.

In addition to their individual activities, Dillhoff and Ayers are co-presidents of the Newman

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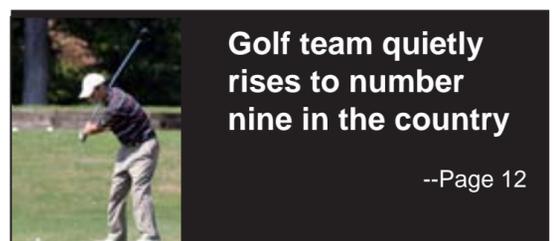


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Campus News

Bird of the Week: Coopers Hawk



Photo by Greg Stull

This spring a pair of Cooper's Hawks (*Accipiter cooperi*) has taken up residence on the OWU campus. Easily seen from Phillips Hall, their bulky stick-nest rests in a large sycamore along the Delaware Run. The hawks have long tails and short wings that allow them to quickly maneuver through trees to catch their prey, which are predominately birds. Despite their commonness, Cooper's Hawks are difficult to see, unlike the easily-seen Red-tailed Hawks that frequent roadsides.

Professor Dale Swartzentruber, whose office looks out on the nest, watches the birds daily. He described the spectacle as simultaneously "fascinating and disgusting," because he sees the hawks voraciously pluck apart their prey, as pictured above. The hawks have likely been nesting in the area in the past. Swartzentruber saw five hawks at once last summer, likely the parents and their young. Keep your eyes out for these captivating and secretive birds.

Scholar notes differences in Christian, Islamic values

By Ryan Armstrong
Transcript Reporter

On Monday, David Robbins, interim president and provost, honored guest Ali A. Mazrui, Albert Schweitzer professor of humanities, with the university's Doctor of Humane Letters Honorary Degree.

At 7 p.m. Mazrui presented "The United States as a Universal Nation: Between the Islamic Crescent and the Star-Spangled Banner" in the Benes room. Mazrui is currently the director of the institute of global cultural studies at Binghamton University, State University of New York.

Mazrui was born in Mombasa, Kenya, in 1933. He earned B.A. from Manchester University, his master's degree from Columbia University and his doctorate, in 1966, from Oxford University. Mazrui is widely a renowned scholar and political writer known for his work in African and Islamic studies. He has published more than twenty books.

Some of his past works include "The African Predicament and the American Experience: A Tale of Two Edens" and

"The Tower of Babel: Language and Governance in the African Experience."

Newspapers and magazines such as The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, *Afriqer* 2000 and International Herald Tribune have also published his work.

Mazrui said America is a frankly experimental nation where all can come to reach out for intellectual and spiritual matters.

"My central thesis here is that America may be the most widely diverse country as far as with immigration but have not been the best at integrating cultures," Mazrui said.

"The United States today is the greatest microcosm of global ethnic and racial diversity in history in our world and we need to help preserve all of the cultures."

Mazrui mainly focused on the convergence of Islamic and American values during the first half of the twentieth century and the divergence of the two during the second half of the twentieth century.

Mazrui said Islamic values and American values at one time had remarkable similarities.

"Some values converged indisputably, such as women's rights and the death penalty," Mazrui said. "Unmarried couples living together were stigmatized in the first part of the twentieth century."

"This is unlike the second half of the twentieth century, when we see a divergence between the American and Muslim cultures where the freedom of premarital sex increased dramatically and where women became more liberated."

According to OWU Online, Mazrui has served as the president of the African Studies Association and as the vice president of the International Political Science Association. Another proud accomplishment of Mazrui's is his critically acclaimed television series "The Africans: A Triple Heritage."

Mazrui said America is slowly giving cultural recognition to all nations but he hopes in urgency that we as any culture may know each other and may learn from each other as well.

"America the largest microcosm of the human race has now started to accept political and religious leaders from diverse races and nations," Mazrui said.

Assistance is a 'moral responsibility,' refugee says

By Mark Dubovec
Transcript Reporter

Representatives from the Columbus Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS) organization spoke to students in Corns 312 on Wednesday, April 16.

Program directors discussed the refugee crisis and offered ways that students could be involved.

"The U.N. definition of a refugee is a person who has fled his or her homeland based on a well-founded fear of persecution because of their ethnicity, religion or social group," said Colleen Rashirt, legal services

coordinator of CRIS.

Rashirt said, as of 2006, there are over fourteen million refugees globally, and the United States is the world leader in the resettlement of refugees, having resettled 41,000 refugees in 2007.

"This is one thing I like about our government," she said.

Rashirt said CRIS provides many services to refugees who have resettled in central Ohio. These services include: language interpretation, legal service, accounting, employment, English lessons, parental counseling and citizenship tutoring.

"We serve, on average, 1000 people a month," Rashirt said.

"We have a staff of 80 that works in about 20 different languages,"

She said the biggest problem is having enough staff to adequately fundraise to provide all the services.

"It's really difficult to have the staff to get fundraising," Rashirt said.

Karina Hary-Morrison, volunteer and internship coordinator of CRIS, discussed the ways students could become involved with the organization.

In addition to accepting student interns and volunteers, she said CRIS is always looking for people to help teach and tutor English as a second language.

"Many people will not hire refugees unless they have some English capacity," Hary-Morrison said.

She also discussed the refugee situation created by the war in Iraq.

"Our government is working to bring in some Iraqi refugees," she said. "There's an opportunity for central Ohio to house some of these refugees."

Mohamed Diini, who serves on the mayor of Columbus' religious advisory panel and was a refugee from Somalia, described his experiences and encouraged the audience members to help in any way they could.

"I was a little child...we left

Somalia right after the war," he said. "You can imagine what it's like having to abandon everything you've ever known and worked for."

Diini explained why he felt the refugee crisis was something for everyone to be working to solve.

"It's a moral responsibility," he said. "We're all interconnected with each other. My problem could very well be your problem tomorrow."

In addition, Diini elaborated on the cost of being a refugee.

"In 1993, 20 million people died because of poverty; 20 million people died because they didn't have anything to eat," he

said. "If someone is hungry, you got to feed him."

The presentation by CRIS was the house program of junior Audrey Jacobs, who lives in the House of Peace and Justice. All SLU members are required to organize at least one house program each semester, often relating to the theme of the house.

To arrange the event, Audrey contacted Hary-Morrison by e-mail.

Jacobs, an art and education major, plans to continue helping refugees and raising awareness of their plight through her artwork.

"I'm looking to be active through my art," she said.

Jewish studies expert keeps Holocaust history alive

By Ross McHale
Transcript Correspondent

On April 16, Ohio Wesleyan hosted prominent Jewish Studies expert Deborah E. Lipstadt.

Lipstadt, who is the Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University, received an honorary degree in humane letters from Ohio Wesleyan and delivered a speech that focused on the recurring problem of Holocaust denial.

She listed Anti-Semitism,

Middle East politics and racism as the three root causes of Holocaust denial.

Lipstadt also discussed the importance of preserving historical truths for future generations.

"The victims of the Holocaust were murdered and so was the memory of what happened to them," she said. "Most people who can attest to the atrocities committed were themselves murdered."

Lipstadt gained international acclaim in 2000 as the

subject of a libel suit filed by British historian David Irving, who claimed she had damaged his reputation by labeling him a Holocaust denier as well as an apologist for Hitler. Lipstadt successfully defended her claims in British court and had the suit dismissed.

Lipstadt discussed the difficulties of her six-year ordeal throughout her speech.

"British libel law puts the burden of proof on the defendant, so I had to demonstrate the existence of the Holocaust

in court," she said.

She credited her defense team as the difference makers, along with the power of first person testimony.

"We put together a dream team of historians, so we were able to adequately demonstrate the existence of the Holocaust," she said.

Lipstadt noted that unlike other genocides, the Holocaust was not limited to a certain country or region. Jews from all over Europe were rounded up and sent to various concen-

tration camps.

According to Lipstadt, the main motivation for studying the Holocaust is to gain a better understanding of what human beings are capable of.

Throughout her research she has encountered both anti-Semitism and skepticism; however, she remains unfazed.

"The best way to fight these prejudices is through facts," she said.

Lipstadt remains a vocal opponent of David Irving, noting the dangers of letting public

intellect go unchecked. "Education doesn't necessarily produce good people," she said. "In order for it to be effective it needs to be combined with strong values."

Lipstadt ended the evening with a note written by a victim of the Holocaust, which stressed only that people remember his name. "All this man wanted was to be remembered, and when I confront men like David Irving and prove them wrong, I am helping to keep the memory alive."

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Campus News

D.C. team gears up for trip to help the homeless

By **Catie Coleman**
Transcript Reporter

The warm weather has students thinking about their summer plans. Lounging on beaches, floating in pools...sleeping in bunk beds alongside homeless people?

The summer mission teams are gearing up for their upcoming trips and the Washington D.C. mission team, advised by Chaplain Jon Powers and Dr. Kim Dolgin, is anxious to hit the road to discover "The Crossroads of the Powerful and Powerless."

According to Chaplain Powers, the team will be living in the nation's largest homeless shelter, the Community for Creative Non-Violence.

During the 10-day trip, all 13 team members and both advisors will be working with the regular staff at the shelter on a variety of projects, which will include preparing and serving meals.

Junior Mark Miller decided to join the D.C. team after pre-



Photo by Catie Coleman

The 2008 Washington D.C. Mission Team

viously participating on two mission trips: the Appalachia service projects and the Habitat Collegiate Challenge.

"I am an economics major and the concept of the powerful

and the powerless interests me," Miller said. "Politics is an integral part of economic policy. I want to gain exposure and further understanding."

According to Chaplain

Powers, the group will visit a number of embassies while in D.C., including the Chinese and Jamaican embassies. They will also visit other sites such as the Holocaust Museum, the National

liberal-arts college for the deaf, the Supreme Court, the House of Representatives and the Pentagon.

Powers said it is the contrast between visiting such places as the House of Representatives and the Supreme Court and then returning to live and work in the homeless shelter that has such a big impact on the members of the D.C. trip.

Senior Simon Brown chose not to head back home to Jamaica after graduation because he hopes to learn some valuable lessons on the D.C. trip.

"I've never been to a homeless shelter in Jamaica and I want to see how they work here and maybe apply it back home," Brown said. "I want to see (the impact of) poverty outside my own country."

The team has begun working on a project for their trip while on campus.

For the first time, they have started up a collection of new and used goods for the homeless people at the shelter. They have placed blue bins all around

campus and are hoping to find them filled with clothes, linen, small appliances, canned food, books and anything else one wishes to donate.

There are a few members of the team who have done the D.C. trip before. Senior Chioke Barkari was a team member two years ago and decided to participate again.

"I had a good experience last time," Barkari said. "You become so much more enlightened. I want to learn what I can do to help (alleviate the effects of) poverty."

Senior Cate Daily has been a member on four different mission teams during her time at Ohio Wesleyan and chose to cap it off with the D.C. team.

"It's a good way to end my college career and I've never been to D.C.," Daily said. "This trip will allow me to see it from two different perspectives."

The D.C. Mission trip, formally called "The Crossroads of the Powerful and Powerless," will begin when the team heads out on May 14.

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students a year. "We use the students to the greatest extent that we can," Wood said. "It just doesn't work too well for us."

Hooper was surprised by the idea of student workers in the department at Kenyon.

With 1,950 students, Albion weighs in at 12 officers, putting it between that of OWU and Kenyon. Once again, they do not employ student workers.

The smallest school of these four is Kalamazoo with 1,250 students. Their department though, is larger than OWU's with eight officers. This may not seem to be a big difference at just two more officers, unless you consider the fact that OWU has 600 more students.

Closest in size to OWU with 1,800 students is Wooster. Its campus safety department has nine officers.

According to Wood, when he came to OWU in 2006, he recognized that "something wasn't right" with the department. He

decided to conduct his own surveys of similar schools and their campus safety departments.

"We were the worst school. It was so bad, I thought I did something wrong," he said.

After having a professional conduct a similar survey, Wood then truly realized the situation of the department.

"If we doubled our officers, it would put us at average," said Wood.

Also very similar to the other schools mentioned, OWU has various emergency "blue light" phones posted around campus. These phones were strategically placed around campus in the event of emergency situations. According to Gene Borden, the secretary of the Public Safety department, these phones are not used that often during the day.

"Most folks have cell phones and use them in emergencies.... However, they do it, they call and that's the important thing," Borden said.

There are nine lights located

around campus, and they are checked at least once a week to make sure they are operating correctly, according to Officer Chris Mickens.

According to Nicole Carpenter, in the campus safety department at Kalamazoo, there are between 25 and 30 blue lights. These phones are not just used in emergencies. Students are allowed to call if they are locked out. These phones are checked every month.

Kenyon has 23 blue lights around campus which are also checked weekly. According to Hooper, these phones are only seriously used about twice a year. They receive mostly prank calls.

This is the same for OWU. "Everybody wants them, but nobody uses them," said Wood. Mickens said that about 98 percent of the time, the phones go off as false alarms. He said that he believes the phones were a good idea when they were first brought to the university, but are not utilized.

Chris Setzer, the director of Buildings and Grounds, said that they also check the blue lights when they go on their safe walks each semester.

On these safe walks, they invite Wood, the dean of students, the Director of Residential Life Wendy Piper and two women from the Women's House. They meet at night and walk around campus to check for any situations that could cause harm.

Setzer said that in the past nine years he has added over \$200,000 in lighting based on student feedback. "We can't make it daylight at night," he said. They have also cut down bushes that a perpetrator can hide behind.

At the last safe walk, they looked at changing the older blue lights that are still on wooden poles. These are not as easy to notice said Setzer.

"It's hard to compare yourself to other campuses that aren't built the same... campuses vary so much," said Setzer.

Native plant of the week: *Sassafras albidum*



Photo by Greg Stull

Flowers of *Sassafras albidum* surrounding its developing leaves, which will either be unlobed, once- or twice-lobed. Leaf variability is a unique trait of sassafras.

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"We have not had any problems with B&G this year," Rademeyer said. "They have always responded to our requests quickly and have fixed problems in our house."

"Once or twice we have had clogged toilets; I called in the problem in the morning and B&G had fixed it by early afternoon."

"If I am in the house when repairs are being done, the B&G people are very friendly and helpful. I can't really think of any instances in which they haven't responded to a problem or haven't been helpful."

Rademeyer said if a request is not addressed, it is probably due to a communication breakdown.

"There is a long chain of communication from student to B&G (student speaks to moderator, who speaks to RLC, who speaks to B&G) and if something doesn't get done it is probably because this chain of communication was broken at some stage."

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Catholic Community, team members and team leaders for Spring Break Mission Week and volunteer for Delaware St. Mary's Youth Group.

The roommates said maintaining a 4.0 has been difficult, but they have also been able to maintain balance in their lives.

"Certainly courses are designed to be rigorous and challenging," Ayers said. "We work

hard in the classroom, but we also play hard."

Dillhoff said she might sacrifice more than other students to be able to maintain her grades, but she also has been able to do a lot of other things. Dillhoff said she and Ayers motivate and "unmotivate" one another when it comes to school work.

"We know when to motivate and when to have fun," Dillhoff said. "We do maintain similar study patterns together and are

motivated by similar things."

After graduation, Ayers has plans to go to medical school at either Case Western Reserve University or Vanderbilt University, while Dillhoff plans to go to law school at the University of Notre Dame. Though both roommates said it will be tough not living together, they are excited about their futures. Both said they are motivated to maintain their perfect 4.0 GPAs through the end of the semester.

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work with us because they did not know how to market our music, McGinley said. "They were wondering] if it was rock or Hip Hop music, but we just never really compromised." Either way, we eventually found success with what we natural do because we never branded

ourselves to a certain type of music."

Junior Andrew Doll, WCSA Representative for Campus Programming Board said it was a good turn out.

"It was about were we expected," Doll said. "I thought the performance was okay. It's not the kind of music I listen to, but I enjoy it for what it really was."

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Campus News

Nalgene bottles discontinued due to health concerns

By Mike DiBiasio
Transcript Reporter

Over the next several months, Nalgene will discontinue production of its polycarbonate (PC) bottles that include the chemical Bisphenol-A (BPA) in response to customer concerns, according to a press release issued on the company's website last Friday.

Critics of the chemical say that when Nalgene's popular PC bottles undergo high temperatures and aging, BPA leaches into the contents of the bottles and may pose a health risk.

However, on Jan. 29 the FDA issued a statement saying they saw no reason to ban or restrict the authorized uses of BPA.

As of Monday, Lesley Olson, a Campus Bookstore cashier in charge of inventory control, said the bookstore had 24 Ohio Wesleyan Nalgene bottles in stock made from PC.

Olson is considering marking down the price of the Nalgene bottles, and said she will not order more when the bookstore runs out. She said she would pull them from the shelf only if she knew that they were extremely harmful.

Chemistry Professor David Lever said drinking out of a PC Nalgene is an acceptable risk.

"Most of the studies I've read suggest that the amount of Bisphenol-A in [PC Nalgene] is small, but it's probably not a good idea to leave water in there for a long period," Lever said.

He said that alternative bottles can leak materials into water as well.



Photo by Mike DiBiasio

Nalgene bottles will continue to be sold in the book store until the current supply runs out

"The bottles that PC bottles replaced were High-Density Polyethylene bottles, and those have large amounts of plasticizers that can leech into the water. So are the plasticizers more dangerous or is BPA more dangerous? I don't know."

He said glass is an alternative that won't leach anything, but it is fragile, heavier and more expensive.

Sophomore Annamarie DelPropost said she will continue to use her Nalgene that she has had since November.

"It doesn't seem like that big of risk," DelPropost said. "We get small doses of a lot of chemicals all the time. If it is proven to cause harm over time then it will be a bigger issue for me."

Lever thinks that PC Nal-

genes should become safer over time as the amount of BPA in the bottles becomes depleted.

"The polymer, the PC, is absolutely safe. The problem is that some of the monomer, the BPA, is not completely consumed in making the polymer,

it gets trapped in the plastic and will leach out over time. When it's all leached out, there's no more BPA being created," Lever said.

"I don't think there are any studies saying that the polymer breaks down."

Lever said he did not know how dangerous it is to ingest all of the BPA in a PC Nalgene, but that it doesn't stop him from drinking out of PC containers.

He was surprised that Nalgene chose to discontinue the production of its bottles containing BPA.

"I would have thought that there are enough FDA studies out there that suggest that it's perfectly safe," Lever said. "Really, I think part of the impetus was California saying they were going to ban [BPA] in baby bottles. I think people are more likely to listen when something is affecting infants."

DelPropost was also surprised with Nalgene's decision, but she thinks it is courageous.

"I think their sales might suffer, but it's good that they're thinking about their customers' health if there is a problem with that chemical," DelPropost said. "I think it's brave. I think the fact that they are going to change will make their customers more loyal."

"I think the main issue is that of acceptable risk," Lever said.

"What is the risk? What are the risks of the alternatives? Some people choose not to ride motorcycles, others do. Riding a motorcycle is way more dangerous than drinking out of a polycarbonate water bottle," Lever said.

Student dissatisfaction abounds during 2008-2009 housing selection process

By Lindsay Dunbar
Transcript Correspondent

Rooms filled up fast during housing selection last Tuesday and some students were disappointed with their future living situations.

OWU students were split into three groups based on how many credits the students had earned at the end of the fall 2007 semester, according to Wendy Piper, assistant dean of student life and director of Residential Life.

"For the purposes of housing selection, including the off campus lottery, we have to measure credits that students have actually earned, which is why we base our numbers on the fall semester. We cannot predict that a student will earn all of the credits that he/she is registered for during the spring," Piper said.

Some current freshmen were especially upset with the turnout of housing selection.

"It's not fair, we all get screwed. I think it's unfair that the (incoming) freshmen get precedent over people that already go here," said freshmen Sam Owen.

Owen's plans for rooming turned out much different than she had hoped.

"I had originally planned to be in a quad and now I'm in a double. I didn't get Hayes and now I'm in Thompson," she said.

Freshmen Hailey Griffin's rooming situation went sour for a different reason. Not only were all of the quads filled in her desired dorm, Griffin said her roommate backed out on her at the last second.

"My friend and I had planned to live together for two months. We decided to live in a quad and found two random people to share it with," Griffin said. "There were no more quads in Stuy, but one more female double. She decided to live with

"Despite the philosophy of an entirely residential campus, we do not always have room for every single student to live on campus," said Residential Life director Wendy Piper.

someone else and took the last double."

Now Griffin will be living in Bashford Hall with someone she "hardly knows."

Even though many rising sophomores did not like their housing results, some people received their first choice housing. Freshman Betsy Lewis said she was glad to get into Hayes along with her three preferred roommates.

OWU students trying to live off campus next year said they are having difficulties getting permission.

Sophomore Tony Wong said he is being put on a waiting list until Residential Life can see how much dorm space is filled by incoming freshmen. He said he may not know if he is allowed to live off campus until sometime in the summer.

Wong said he thinks permission to live off campus "should be based more on merit than seniority."

He said it is unfortunate how some older students get lower grades and are still permitted to live off campus over younger students who are performing better academically.

Sophomore Ella Clancy said she planned to room with three other girls off campus next year, but does not currently know if she will be allowed.

"Although we all applied together and filled out all the paperwork correctly as we were told to, three of us did not get off campus. One roommate was released with no roommates, and we may no longer be able to live together," she said.

After repeatedly trying to

contact Residential Life about their situation, Clancy said she and her roommates are currently number one on the waiting list.

"Though it is likely we will get off campus, we can't find a lease until we know for sure," she said.

Lewis said there would be a positive side to letting more people live off campus.

"If people could live off campus there would be more room for people to get into the dorm that they wanted," she said.

Piper and Andrew Peterson, residential life coordinator, pointed out through OWU's mission statement what many students are failing to acknowledge about housing expectations. According to the mission statement, OWU is a "highly selective, coeducational, residential, privately supported liberal arts college."

The OWU student handbook states that "It is expected that all full-time students will reside on campus for their entire academic career." Only commuters are allowed to live off campus, and exceptions can only be granted through a written appeal.

"The ideas of community, social responsibility, and even education laid forth in the mission statement are all supported by the idea that students should be living together on campus. This allows students to create study groups together, more easily attend campus events, and in general be more connected to the institution and each other," said Peterson, who supports the idea that students at OWU should live on campus.

"Despite the philosophy of

an entirely residential campus, we do not always have room for every single student to live on campus, which is why we conduct the off campus lottery early in the spring semester," Piper said.

While some students think it as their right to live off campus, Residential Life staff views it as a way for the people that need housing to get it.

Housing selection is a difficult and busy time for residential life staff.

According to the staff, it makes it hard when students are unhappy or do not follow correct procedure.

"One big challenge I have noticed with housing selection is students not taking the time to read documents thoroughly enough to do what they are supposed to in order to be housed... and they wonder why they are unable to go through," said Brandon Moss, Residential Life coordinator.

He said many people try to turn in applications with rooms not full and prospective roommate names not matching.

"Another obvious challenge is that students get frustrated when they are unable to live in their desired buildings and certain stereotypes, which are often inaccurate, prevent students from wanting to live in other residence halls, which makes them even more upset when they are the only choices left," Moss said.

Though many students are not pleased with the whole process, residential life staff said they do their best accommodate students.

"I know I can't make everyone happy, and I know that housing is a big part of student satisfaction at OWU. But I try to keep it in perspective and not take things too personally... I know I won't hear a lot of 'thank you's' and I'm more likely to hear the complaints," Piper said.

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In order to honor the efforts of these health care workers, this week the Women's Resource Center will be celebrating (a belated) National Day of Appreciation for Abortion Providers (NDAAP). This event will give students an opportunity to advocate for comprehensive healthcare by supporting those who provide it. We invite students to participate in writing thank you letters and/or sending messages of solidarity to healthcare providers.

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Ashley Hartlaub's Untold Story

*Her views on college, life, travels
and living with Cerebral Palsy*

By Rafaya Sufi
Transcript Reporter

Ashley Hartlaub sat in her room, the light from the lamp softening her features.

"Do you want to see my scars?"

"I'm not quite sure what you're talking about, Ashley."

"I've had six surgeries done on my legs."

"I thought you had cerebral palsy, Ashley."

"You're so ignorant!"

Ashley Hartlaub, sophomore at Ohio Wesleyan University, is not your average college student. Facing a neurological disorder that affects approximately two of every 1,000 children in the United States, Ashley's cerebral palsy is well under control.

"Despite what others think of me, I do not have mental retardation," Ashley says, matter-of-factly. "I proved my doctors and surgeons wrong. They said I wouldn't be able to walk by myself. They said I wouldn't be able to go to normal school, let alone graduate from high school. Guess what?"

"What?"

"I'm the only one from my high school who even made it into college."

"That's amazing."

"Yeah, I guess. Wait ... Are you saying amazing like amazing I made it to college or amazing, like, wow, good for you?"

"Amazing like you're amazing. You don't take shit for granted."

"There's no reason you should be saying 'shit.'"

One frigid Sunday afternoon in February, Ashley sat in the Welch lobby chewing on her nails that were colored peach like candy.

"I'd be more comfortable if we sat in the lobby today," she said. Shyly, she told me her room was a mess. That afternoon, she wore purple flannel pajamas, a green sweatshirt a size too big and a soft, comforting smile.

Her hair, dark and wavy, was tucked behind her ears neatly. Her glasses were sitting on the tip of her nose. It seemed as if I were the one being interviewed. She looked straight into my eyes. "Who are you rooming with next year?" she asked me. "Have you decided? Where do you live right now?" she added. "Am I bombarding you with questions?"

"No it's okay, relax. Haven't decided yet, don't know and Hayes."

"Oh... 'cause I'm looking for a roommate for next year."

"Why would I want to room with you?"

"My room is amazing. It's in Welch, best dorm."

"Have they made any special living accommodations for you?"

"Well, yes. For example, I have..." she paused. She shut her eyes, seemingly going into a deep thought. Ashley sometimes does this. She shuts her eyes, puts her head back and rolls her hands into a fist. It's not voluntary, she explained to me once. Her fingers are constantly moving. It's a result of cerebral palsy. There's something in the brain that makes her hands twitch. But she's fine, she added.

"I have hand-held bars in my shower that they've arranged for me. They put in a new lock for me because it's hard for me to turn the key on my door knob. So now I have a code that I punch in. They also changed my doors because it's tough for me to slide the doors, so now I have this button I press which opens the door for me."

"Who's 'they'?"

"School people."

"Odd question, but how do you flush since your feet are weak?" I asked, curiously.

"I figured that out. I bend down and kind of sit on it, you get it?"

"Has technology ever failed you?"

"No, never. That's why I love this school. They are so accommodating. They make sure everything is always running smoothly."

"Which reminds me, I notice you don't park your scooter in the Welch lobby anymore. Where is it now?"

"How does that remind you of my scooter?"

she asked.

"I'm not sure" I laughed.

She laughed, too. "About two weeks ago some guy drove off with my scooter. I was looking for it everywhere. He just drove off with it. I had my book bag in it, my keys, my crutches. Everything. In the morning when I woke up, I couldn't find it anywhere. It was later found near the propped doors at the end of the hallway."

"Do such things happen a lot?"

"Not since I've come to college. People here are really nice."

"You always see the best in people."

"I know. If I could describe myself in three words, I'd say I'm 'respectful,' 'outgoing' and 'funny.'"

"Ashley, tell me about your good and bad experiences. Tell me about experiences that have made you stronger or ones that have made you weaker, lowered your self-esteem, etc."

Later, I regretted asking this question. Ashley had an unfamiliar expression on her face. She smiles all the time, much more than the average person. Except then. There were tears in her eyes.

"I'm sorry," I told her.

"No it's O.K. I've just been teased a lot. I can't be hunky-dory all the time," her voice cracked.

"I understand."

"When I was in elementary school, kids would pick on me a lot. They would make fun of me all the time. They would ask me questions like 'Why can't you walk? Why do you look funny? You're so gross. Eww, yuck.'"

"That's horrible, Ashley. I'm sorry."

"Don't be. It just made me a stronger person."

"How so?"

Ashley recalled when she started walking on her own when at the age of seven. "I proved everyone wrong. Oh I'll tell you more. I had to change districts in middle school and was even home schooled for a bit because city kids are just snobby brats. I didn't like school. Then for the longest time I didn't have any school to go to ... Then in high school, my morale was questioned, you know what I mean?"

"Not exactly. How was your high school experience?"

"Amazing. I liked my high school a lot. I went to high school in Kingston (Ohio) ..." she twitched again. This time it was for a longer period. She went quiet, shut her eyes and bent her head back and her fingers pointed in all directions. I was nervous. I asked her if this was normal for her. "Yes," she said smiling, feeling my uneasiness.

"I felt very comfortable in high school," she continued. "The only thing that bothered me was how independent girls were. Sometimes I felt intimidated. So you know what I did? I studied a lot and got the grades."

"Tell me about Pakistan," she asked. This was the first time in college anyone had asked me to "tell" them about Pakistan. "I went to high school in three different countries."

"Why?" she asked. She looked at me, squinting her eyes, concentrating. I told I would tell her all about my world travels one day. It was getting late.

"Do you wanna walk me to class tomorrow?"

"Sure," I said. I told her I didn't have class until 2 p.m. the next day, so anytime before that was fine with me.

"Okay, meet me in the Welch lobby at 6:30 a.m."

That night I couldn't sleep at all. I was nervous I would miss our meeting the next morning, so I decided to stay up. "You're not your bright usual self," she told me. "I'm not a morning person," I told her. She said, "I'm an early bird."

That morning, Ashley looked full of school spirit. She wore a crimson red Ohio Wesleyan University sweatshirt. She paired it with "OWU Bishops" sweatpants, black boots and a black OWU scarf.

"How do you wrap a scarf around your face so your ears don't fall off?" I helped Ashley wrap her scarf around her face, closely covering her ears and her nose. "So bad-ass," I told her.

She opened the door to the office in the lobby.

"You didn't see me punch the code in, did you?"

"No," I said, laughing. "Are you scared I'll steal your scooter as well?"

"No."

Leaving Welch, I observed Ashley closely.

She swung her scooter around and whizzed past me. "Should I slow down for you?"

"No, I'll catch up with you." I ran around campus that morning for a good two hours. I thought my ears would fall off and my lungs would give up on me. "You should do this with me every morning, good workout!" she laughed. "Are you going to interview me today as well?" she shouted as I tried to keep up with her.

"No, I'm going to observe you today."

"Stalker," she muttered under her breath. I couldn't help but laugh out very loud. It was still dark out and not a single car was visible. She stopped her scooter for a minute, put her hood over her head, the hood practically covering her eyes, and started racing again. At the pedestrian crossing, Ashley turned her headlight on and only crossed it halfway when a big white truck raced past her. I screamed and shut my eyes--almost sure she would be hit. When I opened them again, she had already crossed past the Small Living Unit, House of Thought. I ran to her, panting, and asked if she was O.K.

"I think I'm going to put my hood down. Can't see anything with this thing on."

At Hamilton-Williams, Ashley parked her scooter near the event room Benes A. "What do you usually do at this time?" I asked her.

"I usually eat - alone. I get breakfast and bring it back to my scooter and eat. Today we can go eat in the bakery." She started walking toward the lobby, stopping after every few steps to hold onto the wall. She caressed the red brick walls with the palm of her right hand, and started to walk again, aiming toward the nearest pillar.

"I want you try the hot chocolate here. It's on me, did I tell you already?"

"Yes. I haven't had the cocoa here. Is it good?"

"Yeah, that's why I want you to try it. But it'll be hot so be careful, O.K."

We sat down in the brightly lit Zook Nook that morning. She had a blueberry muffin, hot chocolate and a bottle of water. Although the hot chocolate was disappointing, the conversation wasn't.

"Why don't you like the hot chocolate?" she asked me.

"I never said I didn't."

"Your expression tells it all," she said, smiling. "I notice people's faces a lot," she added.

"All my life I've had people look at me in all kinds of strange ways. I now have this ability to tell whether they are happy or sad or cranky or feeling mean."

"I don't look content with my hot chocolate to you?" I asked her.

"You look nice in the morning, better under these lights than Welch ones."

"I'm a yellow light kind of a girl," I said.

"Oo-kay," she said, sarcastically. "So tell me about Pakistan."

"Pakistan is still developing Ashley. There's too much going on in that country."

"Do you love OWU?" she asked me, completely out of the blue. That is one thing about Ashley that really adds to her attractive personality - her ability to take completely different tangents but still able to keep the conversation going.

"Not as much as you do."

"How do you know I love OWU?"

"Everything you're wearing today says OWU on it! Very loyal to this school or what?" I asked her.

"Yeah. But they told me it was going to be very cold today so I wore all this stuff."

Ashley took slow bites of her blueberry muffin. "Sorry, I'm a sloppy eater," she told me, her lips lined with small yellow crumbs.

"It's O.K. So am I."

"Yeah but I have an excuse to be sloppy, I can't use my hands very well. What's your excuse?"

I almost felt embarrassed by that question.

"You like traveling?" I asked her, changing

the topic.

"I went to Disneyland, Orlando, last year. It's been my favorite destination by far."

"Where else do you want to go?"

"China and London, England!" she exclaimed. "China because of the music. London, because, well, don't you know? The British used to rule the world."

Odd, I thought. Those were the weirdest, most bizarre reasons anyone would want to go to such places for. "The music? You like Chinese music?" I asked her, surprised.

"Yes. My roommate is from Vietnam, and I like her music a lot."

"But that's Vietnamese music, Ashley." We laughed in unison, while she added, "Close enough."

"You know my parents are divorced, right?" she said. "I admire my mom a lot."

"I admire my mom a lot, too."

She interrupted. "But my mom never went to college. I've seen my mom struggle a lot, for me and for my condition."

"What do you want to do after you graduate?" I asked, changing the subject. I felt uneasy talking about her mother. I wasn't quite sure how to respond to her mother's hardships.

"I want to go to grad school. Marshall University: they have a great psychology department."

"Is that why you came to OWU? For its psychology department?"

"That too. But mostly because it's very flat. It's easier for me to commute on flat land," she added.

"I admire you Ashley, you've got your life all planned out for yourself."

"The only thing left for me is getting a boy, Rafaya."

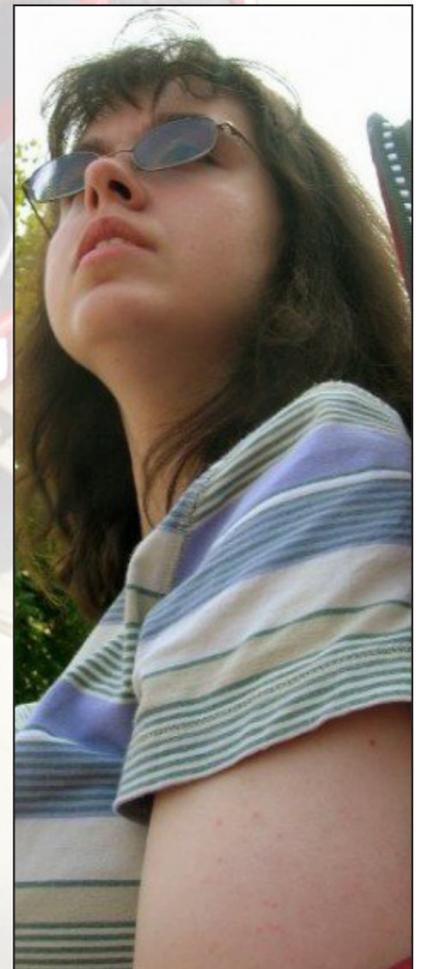
"You're such a catch though."

"I know," she said, laughing.

We sat quietly, sipping our hot chocolates. She smiled at me and took her glasses off, placing them gently on the smooth surface of the tables under the yellow lights of Zook Nook.

"I need to get good grades this semester," she said, breaking the silence. I nodded, agreeing with her.

She smiled at someone who walked in, nodded her head and looked down at her muffin, picking at it again. "I'm a muffin kind of girl."





COWBOY DREAMS SET ASIDE TO BUILD

a skater's paradise



By Ryan Armstrong
Transcript Reporter

The El Paso art hanging from his wall speaks volumes about the man. A western cowboy tips his hat, acknowledging the mountainside from a distance. His dusty hair whips in the wind like a tumble weed set astray. A breeze pelts his face with cool air. The man is exploring the open land, just him and his horse.

His horse gallops steadily along the edge of one of the Ozarks. Slowly rising mist blocks the ground from the sun. The cowboy traveled from the Ohio Valley down through Illinois to Indiana and then crossed the Mississippi River over into the future state lines of Missouri. At this point he entered the gateway to the west where St. Louis would become a metropolis.

He is a cowboy -- a loner seeking truth in the wilderness. Then the man takes a deep breath and realizes he is nowhere near the Ozarks. He's sitting in his pivoting leather office chair, dreaming his lunch break away. He wakes up motivated for the second half of his day. He's hoping to do something that will benefit the community around him.

His name is Randy Smith. The El Paso painting hangs on his off-white, light lavender office wall. He's an old cowboy spirit stuck in the contemporary Midwest. The portrait reflects the man. His paradise resides out West, adventuring in the hot dry desert. On the other hand, he has a passion for serving the general public as the director of the city of Delaware's Department of Recreation Services.

The Recreation Office is around the bend of Lincoln Ave. at Mingo Park, on the opposite side of the State Route 23 overpass.

Smith oversees all the parks and the planning of events involving the community and its use of recreation facilities and areas. Some of the department's activities include baseball, swimming, skateboarding, soccer, softball, triathlons, volleyball and ... project renovations. The last on

the list takes a lot of work, he thinks, but, it's his favorite part of the recreation field.

Smith's administrative assistant Theresa Webb shouts out that there is a parent in the lobby to ask a few questions about registering for a summer league.

"A gentleman is here to ask you a few questions about our summer baseball program," she says.

"Thank you Theresa. I will be with him in a moment," Smith responds.

He steps out to meet the parent. The man with the questions waits patiently.

"Hi, I'm Randy Smith," he says.

"What can I help you with?"

"I want to register my son for tee-ball, and I want to know when he would start?"

"He would start on the week of May 19 and go until mid-July," Smith tells the man. "How old is your boy?"

"Five years old, and he loves running around outside. When do the games start?"

The games will always be around 6 p.m. during weekdays and in the morning if it's a weekend game."

Smith grins and remembers being a boy, running around always getting dirtier than his mother was pleased with. He gets the paper work done with the parent, accepts the \$30 registration fee and offers a handshake as a good-bye.

Smith's day is different every day. Today is typical, though. He reflects back on more adventurous days. Days when major projects are the soul of recreation. When he can get his hands dirty or implement the next innovative community attraction. It's the high pressure situations that give Smith a thrill. When he can look back at the end of the day and say, "My mark has been made in the community."

Like the early days of planning for the skateboard park at Mingo.

He remembers being startled back in May 2002. The initial perception of skateboarding in historic downtown

Delaware: that it was a public disturbance. Smith still remembers the outcry against activities of this nature.

Regardless of the sentiment many letters to the editor had made their way to the doors of the Delaware Gazette, expressing the community's desire for a skate park. Smith knew some sort of action should be taken. He was interested in the attention this would receive.

Smith called a community gathering with permission of the Recreation Advisory Board. To Smith's shock, 135 people show up. The crowd didn't only include only kids. Parents, adult skaters, and even senior citizens, showed up. He thought maybe 40 kids would be there at best.

This proved a demand by the community. Smith started a project committee. He was the man in charge. Thirty locals joined and became part of the effort. With some advocate support and no money, Smith knew it was time to create awareness. This would be a community-driven project and he was going to aid in facilitating it.

Awareness would be built -- first, by educating the public and City Council regarding misconceptions of a recreational activity that is well, non-traditional. Smith knew the benefits of the skate park would serve the then under served 13- to 19-year-old age demographic.

At the same time, another type of project was underway. This is when projects usually start, concurrently. The other project reflected the wear and tear Law of Destruction. Delaware's Jack Florance public pool was falling apart and needed repair.

Cement was cracking around the outside of the pool, and water was leaking. The amount of swimming space also needed to be increased as Delaware is the fastest growing county in Ohio. The Baby Boom made it quite apparent there was a need for larger facilities. It was becoming too much of a problem to fix the pool.



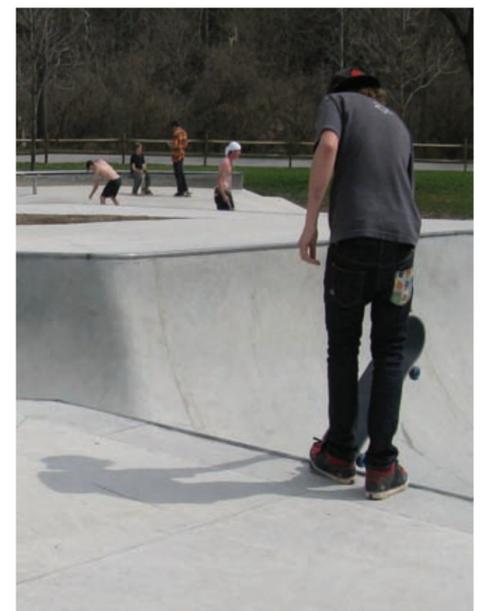
Losing balance and wiping out after attempting a trick.



A skateboarder soars after jumping a set of stairs.



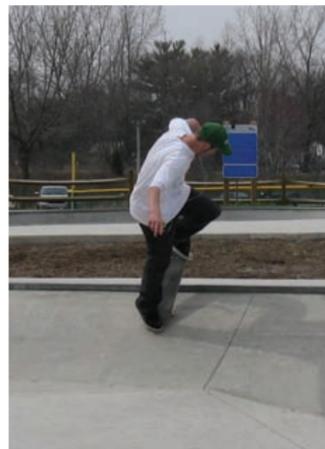
A skateboarder snaps his board high into the air just before landing it.



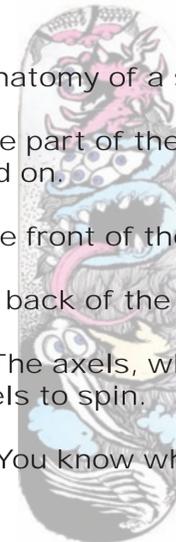
Preparing to enter the bowl at the skate park.



Gaining momentum.



Putting the nose of a board in the air.



The Anatomy of a skateboard

Deck: The part of the skateboard you stand on.

Nose: The front of the deck.

Tail: The back of the deck.

Trucks: The axels, which allow the wheels to spin.

Wheels: You know what these are.



Delaware resident Kelly Barr, 18, performs difficult maneuvers with his bike.

The renovation of the swimming pool was planned over a span of 10 years. All the work on the pool, it took \$1.7 million out of Delaware's budget. Meanwhile, Smith and his committee continued to build support for a skate park in Delaware. For a project that began with nothing, this was going very well. Smith knew this experience was something exceeding any normal expectations. Most communities are not motivated to follow through with projects of this magnitude.

Beginning contributions from Delaware started with the kids. Students in the Jobs for Ohio Graduates (JOG) Program at the County Career Center banded together. Fund-raising became the name of the game. The first effort was called "Battle of the Bands." It was organized by teens, highlighting local youth bands.

This concert series raised over \$13,000 over four years.

State Representative Jon Peterson was involved in getting \$50,000 from the state budget. Someone even gave \$20,000 anonymously. No one to this day knows who handed over the money. Smith doesn't even know about this mystery man or woman. He still thinks about who it might have been. Even though he does not know, he thanks to

the Samaritan.

Three years into this skate park excursion, Randy saw a tremendous gain in momentum. It was time to find a suitable location. The skate park officially entered the design phase.

All the generous and hard-working locals who gave money to the cause, brought in over \$180,000 for the construction of the skate park.

The Delaware City Council also contributed \$340,000 from the city budget. Smith figured out they would put the skate park in Mingo Park. It was time for the construction phase.

Construction started early 2007. Poured-in-place concrete was dumped over what would become the 13,000-square foot skate park.

Even during construction, Smith was out there getting dirty and watching the production of the future "skater's heaven."

When it was completed, recreation services staff hosted an official ribbon and scissor event Aug. 3, 2007. Smith had believed in the project since the day 135 showed up to the community gathering about the issue. But, he also continues to understand how rarely a community rallies behind a project like this one.

Smith stands up from his chair

after pondering the history of the skate park and glances out the window of the recreation office. The skate park is in his field of vision. He stares at the accomplishment. While standing at the window, he reiterates that the skate park project exceeds the quality expectations for recreation.

The project has met the long intended goals it proposed to meet:

1) Involve the youth in a community project

2) Show the community skate boarding is not a negative activity

3) Renovate an aging park and increase its importance in the community

4) Add a recreation facility to serve an under served segment of the youth

The bottom line is that recreation services are here for a large number of reasons. Smith knows he is needed in the community. And he wants to satisfy the greatest number of people he is able to while involved in serving the public.

Right now his career comes first. Afterwards comes hot air ballooning, skiing and white water rafting.

The motto of recreation services can be summed up in one quote: "We do not cease playing because we are old; we grow old because we cease playing."

For Smith, this is a quote to live by.

Heroes of the Humane Society of Delaware County



Hi, my name is Sassy. I'm a one year old black lab mix who was allowed to have puppies at a young age. I have brownish-yellow eyes and a white spot on my neck. I'm well behaved and respectful. I crave human contact, and want to please. I like to be brushed and touched. I've been through incredible stress in my young life, yet amazingly, I quickly warm up to new people as if to say, "tell me what you need from me."

The Humane Society of Delaware County (HSDC) was founded in 1972, and the cats and dogs were housed in foster homes until the shelter opened in 1987. Pete Martin and Ruth Schultz gave donations that enabled the construction of the present building located at 4920 State Rt. 37 E. in Delaware, Ohio.

Martin wanted his donation to operate a low-cost spay and neuter clinic to battle the growing problem of pet overpopulation. The HSDC Spay and Neuter Clinic opened in 1989 and has performed almost 50,000 low-cost spay and neuters. The shelter recently averaged about 1,400 adoptions per year.

Hi, my name is Kitty. I'm a dilute calico. I'm housetrained and love attention. I spend most of my time at the front desk of the HSDC greeting the volunteers and guests. I am 8 years old, and would love to find a home.

The current HSDC shelter director, Wade Beane, took on the position at the beginning of December 2007. Before becoming the shelter director, Beane spent his time doing humane education. Humane education promotes compassion and encourages responsibility, Beane said.

"It's everything from environmental understanding to social understanding," Beane said.

Beane said he believes everything a person does has an impact. "If someone is kind to an animal in their house, they will in turn, be kind to their children."

Beane said part of humane education is finding out what people are passionate about, or what they really care about, and then transferring those feelings into something else.

It's obvious what Beane is passionate about: he's passionate about animals. Beane currently has five dogs, one hamster, one gerbil and is fostering a litter of kittens.

Beane said he has always been able to communicate better with animals than people, and he feels a "peaceful energy" when he is around animals.

Hi, my name is Rocky. I'm a healthy male boxer/lab mix. I'm approximately 1 year old. I sit on command, but am too rough on cats.

Nicole Barkeloo is a caretaker.

Her schedule varies from day to day, but she typically works with the dogs. She usually comes in at 7 a.m. on Saturdays and leaves around 2 p.m.

On Sundays she comes to work at 7 a.m. and stays until the shelter closes. Some of her duties include walking the dogs and locking up.

Barkeloo has closing shifts at the HSDC on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. In addition to working at the HSDC for almost two years, Barkeloo has a full-time job stocking shelves.

"It's hard to have a job where you feel like you don't have a purpose," Barkeloo said. "That's why I like working at the shelter; I feel like I have a purpose."

Before working at the HSDC, Barkeloo worked for a pet store. Although she admits that her experience at the pet store probably qualified her for the job at the shelter, she clearly didn't believe in the way the pet stores operate.

"People are paying all this money for what they think is the perfect puppy," Barkeloo said. "They don't realize that those puppies can get sick too."

Like Beane, Barkeloo talked about the value of education.

"It would be nice if pet stores worked more with spay and neuter and educated people about the importance of it," Barkeloo said.

Hi, my name is Cash. I'm a 2-year-old yellow lab/husky mix. I'm very people-oriented and playful, but I lack good manners. I'm still learning to walk on a leash.

Sam Frost is a clinic assistant at the HSDC.

"I help out the medical staff, vaccinating animals, restraining animals when they are getting ready for surgery and helping out anywhere in the shelter," Frost said.

Frost started volunteering at the HSDC when she was 13 and was hired when she was 15. She's been working there for about seven and one-half years.

"I love working hands on with the animals and finding them homes," Frost said.

Although Frost said she loves her job, she also said it is difficult when the public doesn't understand the HSDC's limitations.

"Sometimes we can't help them, and it's really difficult when they don't understand that," Frost said.

Frost's mother, Wilma Frost, also works at the HSDC as the shelter supervisor. Frost's mother is usually the first person people see when they walk into the HSDC.

Hi my name is Ellie May. I have a beautiful reddish-brown coat. My owner got ill, and I need a new best friend. I walk nicely on a leash.

"Thank you for calling the Humane Society of Delaware County, can I help you?" This is a phrase that constantly comes out of Wilma Frost's mouth, and the "can I help you" part is key. Wilma Frost is the go-to-gal and second in charge.

As one staff person put it, "This is Wilma She knows all."

Wilma Frost demonstrated her care for the ani-

mals when one day a couple brought in two wild kittens.

"Were you called off the waiting list?" Wilma Frost asked.

"No, we didn't know there was a waiting list," the man with the kittens said.

"Well we have a couple of options," Wilma Frost said. "You can either spay and neuter them or pay \$10 each and put them down."

The man went back and talked to his wife. It seemed they had come to a decision to put down the kittens. When Wilma Frost heard their decision, she went back into the medical room. When she came back she had a new deal for the couple.

"How about paying \$75 to get both of them done? Is that something that's doable?" Wilma Frost asked.

The man asked his wife, and again they decided they had to put the kittens down. When Wilma Frost heard this decision, she rushed back into the medical room. When she came back she had a new deal for the couple.

"What if she fixed them for \$25 each?" Wilma Frost asked.

"We'll do it," the man said.

After the kittens were fixed, the couple took them home and agreed to find them a permanent place to live.

Hi, my name is Monty. I'm very sweet, but still a little shy.

Judy Orahood is a shelter assistant. She became involved with the HSDC around the same time as Sam Frost. Orahood also works at Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU) as the cataloging manager.

"I love all the interaction with the people here at the shelter," Orahood said. "It's a lot different from my job at Ohio Wesleyan."

Orahood said she enjoys finding homes for the animals. Orahood currently has three dogs and will soon have two cats, after she adopts a cat from the HSDC who recently had eye surgery.

"When are you going to get those stitches out so you can come home?" Orahood asked the cat as she scratched its head.

Orahood said sometimes she gets attached to the animals, but she genuinely would rather see the animals get adopted than stay at the shelter.

"It's only hard to see the animals go when I don't like the people," Orahood said. "Sometimes you get an intuition that some people aren't ready to take care of an animal."

Hi, my name is Ace. I'm a male black lab. I'm very playful. I like to have something in my mouth when people walk me.

The volunteers are an important part of the HSDC. They are constantly walking in and out of the shelter, whether it be to spend some time walking the dogs, playing with the cats or helping out with things that need to get done.

Rosie Pulaski has short dark-brown hair and a

child-like grin one her face. Her over-size coat engulfs her small frame. Pulaski goes to the HSDC once a week.

"I come just to hang out, give treats, pet the dogs and give them lovin'," Pulaski said.

Pulaski said she comes to volunteer because she loves the animals. "I feel bad for them," Pulaski said. "Animals should not be disposable."

People need to realize what a responsibility it is to have an animal, Pulaski said. "Sometimes if you get a dog that's a little older, it's a little easier than taking care of puppies," Pulaski said.

Pulaski stroked the head of the dog she was embracing and said, "Sometimes people forget puppies grow up."

About an hour later, Pulaski walks out of them HSDC. On her way out she said, "Wow, it looks like there were a lot of adoptions today. That's great."

Hi, my name is Teacup. I'm very scared because it's my first day at the shelter. Please handle with care.

Kelsie Patton is another volunteer at the HSDC and a student at OWU. "I come here mainly because we can't have cats on campus," Patton said. "It's a way for me to still have pets."

Patton has five pets at home. She held a cat and rubbed it up and down. The cat, who seemed to like the attention, rubbed against Patton's sweatshirt. While Patton played with the cats, someone from another room yelled, "Has anyone scooped the litter box or done anything helpful yet?"

Although there are about five other volunteers in the room, Patton is the only one to eventually stop playing with the cats and scoop the litter box.

"I think Katie got in a car accident," Patton said as she disposes of the first scoop of kitty litter. "She's been here a long time."

Patton knows all the cat's stories and continues to interact with them as she scoops.

"Don't bite me. Don't do it," Patton said to another cat.

Hi, my name is Maybell. I'm one of the older dogs at the HSDC. I'm a very sweet beagle mix who is easy to walk and very loving. I have been adopted, but then returned to the HSDC three times. I would love to have a permanent home.

Sassy, Kitty, Rocky, Cash, Ellie May, Monty, Ace, Teacup and Maybell all have different stories, but they all have one thing in common. They need a home. The people at the HSDC are trying to make that happen.

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Opinion

Historical repetitions halt sudden change

A Global View

Alexandra Panait



A year or a day does not change anything, or does it?

No matter how much effort is put in the present, despite the desire for betterment and a future change, there is the legacy of the past that haunts every pit of present and future. And that cannot be erased.

From both historical and political angles, these are truths that give an insight into a disappointing Eastern and Southern Europe and the macabre political stories untold in the 1990s.

It cannot be contested: Putin is continuing the Russian legacy of imperialism in its modern version. Even on the verge of his political departure, he is writing history.

And not only in Russian books, but in the U.S. foreign politics, which have focused on the Middle East and been influenced by Europe's indifference. Georgia, Italy and Libya were crossed off the Russian agenda as the last pieces to fill the list of political achievements marking Putin's presidency.

As a response to Russia's radical decision to establish separatist relations with the long-contested regions of Ossetia and Abkhazia, the Georgian minister for European Integration called for an immediate diplomatic discussion with both EU and NATO officials.

The Georgian and the international community response will determine the effectiveness of the rest of the world has in contesting Russian decision-making.

In the short run, such impetuous moves indicate an unrivaled Russia dominating the current political scene, with no one to take action.

Italy becomes a smaller mirror image of Russia, an observation extended in its most exaggerated scope; yet strong ties

and common political interest between the two countries are brought to the surface. Within a couple of days after the reelection as the prime minister, Silvio Berlusconi welcomed Vladimir Putin in Sardinia, a meeting announcing the emergence of a new Italic-Russian collaboration on gas and petroleum.

The symbolic meeting goes beyond the Russia approval for the Italian leadership. The political cards are finally down on the table, scrutinizing unthinkable and ruthless connections and political maneuvers when national interests are at stake. The results: for Italy, more energy independence and Russian partnership, and for Russia, new markets and balance in the EU.

Recently, Carla Del Ponte, former chief prosecutor of the United Nations International Criminal Law, pointed to the killing of 300 Serbian prisoners by Albanians in the Summer of 1999 in the Kosovo province, for the sole objective of trading organs.

Only the numbers and clear evidence indicate the untold truth of the underground networks prevailing in most Balkan states.

The result? An impotent Europe that, behind the diplomatic pressure and the prevalence of the rule of law and human rights, has not taken any concrete action. The consequence is the reign of horrible practices that bring profits to some dirty hands and to a greater degree delve even deeper into the country's poor economic performance and political credibility.

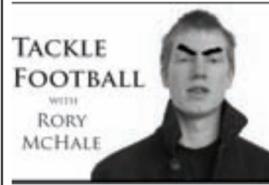
Repetition is part of life, and there is little room for immediate change.

Many barriers exist.

These general patterns are obvious and the greatest evil would be to become silent and indifferent to the surrounding world.

It takes not two, but hundreds or thousands, to tango. There is the humanity within each of us, the power to act, to say stop, even if it is costly.

The death of an ... err, American hero, love tunnels and student gods



Rory's column has been hijacked this week for whimsical reasons by a slightly alcoholic, egotistic and desperate attention-seeking youngster ... Somehow I doubt this article will be much different from its forgoers.

Soooooo, how is your relationship going?--Yeah, better get used to making the trip to the adult video store. Whoever the hell tagged spring as the season of love obviously never attended college.

On the college campus, spring is the season of heartbreak. Sure you thought it would last forever when those leaves were withering away last fall, but now you have more pressing obligations than the person who used to be the most important thing in your life.

You asshole.

Is your career really worth leaving your loved one?--Oh, you're just a junior? Well, now I am convinced you are a total prick. Couldn't you just keep it in your pants for a few hot pasty months?

And shame on you four-year couples who didn't plan ahead -- you need to get married right away. Don't you know this country is going to hell?

In the spirit of this and Rory, who is missing this week due to his sudden trip to D.C. to obtain American citizenship papers from the president himself (thus achieving one of his *many* campaign promises), I will be applying for a one-day, AND UNLIMITED, license to marry couples.

I will be marrying from dawn to dusk this Sunday in Gray Chapel, which can be reached through the underground ventilation/heating tunnel in Slocum (first door on the right before the bathroom), the byway tunnel in Merrick basement (just underneath the window Chris Kelley kicked in) or by any

unlocked door if you can find one. Now you have no excuse to escape your significant other and a long and lasting relationship.

I am asking for any historians to step forward and please explain what the hell the underground railroad was and whether it ran through Slocum. Because these aforementioned tunnels have the strangest rooms, with little brick stools in them, which I can't figure out.

Was it official university protocol to build these little rooms under all new buildings, or did some starry-eyed emancipationist architect hide it into the building plan?

One thing is for sure, if the rooms were ever used before, their inhabitants left no markings.

The only thing the late Rory McHale -- who, in the course of writing this article, died in a horrific plane crash, selflessly freeing us from his future tyranny -- and I discovered was a dated 1929 scratching attesting to the superiority of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the ques-

tionable sexuality of Delta Tau Delta.

Well, the Senior Art Show was a big hit. I was only disappointed in the sparseness of the asparagus platters, but at \$5 an asparagus, what can you do?

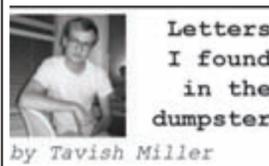
I personally offered to cater the event with the help of a few friends, just to gain favour with the artists, who are by far the coolest people on this campus. I would give anything just to be accepted into their glittering world of late night caffeine and adderall-riddled project marathons.

I heard that one student (lean and eight-feet tall with a peerless sense of fashion) who stayed up 72 hours straight on nothing but kettle chips and the pure enthusiasm of creation, was later hailed by Dr. Kent as "masterful."

Godlike women and men, who have realized the implications of ADD and its Liberating effects on one's attention, toil away in the gilded Edgar Hall tower.

The glass is half full!
Yes!

Letter from 'real' mother sends Zach to the fraud



Dear Zach,

It's your mom. I haven't heard from you in awhile, I'm starting to worry. Aunt JubJub said you two had a little discussion, and I wanted to say that I'm sorry if you took some of the things I said the wrong way.

I love you, son. My tiny son. When I said I didn't think you would make it to college, I meant I thought you would die. I hoped you wouldn't, obviously, but you did so many stupid things as a child; I lived in constant fear.

At night there were night-

mares of you with your adorable little smile asking me, "What's this do mommy?" and then you would jump into a giant blender, or stick your tiny hands into an electrical outlet.

In some dreams you were saved by a giant multi-colored cat; I would always try to thank the cat but he would always fly away with you nestled in his rainbow fur and I would run after yelling: "Take me with you. Take me to the land of rainbow cats!" The cat never turned around, but in his cat voice he would calmly boom, "Visit it in your dreams."

I yelled: "I'm dreaming now!" but the cat didn't say anything. You would go to rainbow cat land, and I would wake up into reality and go to work. I knew you were safe with those cats; that's how I could get through the day. I hope you

are with cats now, Zach. I don't think you are stupid son. I know your dad likes to call you "fat" or "dumb" sometimes, but don't listen--it's all in jest. He loves you too, I think.

Love,
Mom

P.S: What's rainbow cat land like?

Dear Mom,

I must say, I am confused by this letter as I thought we had been sending and receiving letters for a while now. I will admit the letters were full of misspellings (although surprisingly grammatically acceptable) and strange desires. I thought maybe you were playing a joke on me.

Admittedly, I was growing close with whomever I was speaking. I felt as if they were my real "moms."

I had been sending some socks that I found in the laundry room of my dorm. Maybe this person wasn't my mom, but they sure helped me through some difficult times, when you weren't able to be there for me, mom.

Sure, you'll always be my "real" mom, but they'll always be my real "moms". I've decided, during this letter, that I will use my upcoming break to find out who this person was that was such a big part of my life.

You might not see me for a while; but you should be used to that because you already haven't seen me in awhile.

Tiny Zach

P.S. I don't know what it's like, those were your dreams. I dreamt of a world of trampolines.

Letter to the new president urges consideration for those not able-bodied

Dear Rock Jones,

In the April 10, 2008, *Transcript*, a front page story said you were to focus on strategic planning needed in order to make the necessary changes to Ohio Wesleyan.

I, Beth Griffith, and the seniors of the Sociology/Anthropology department, find the lack of accessibility for those with physical handicaps on campus to be appalling. We hope that you will take our critiques to heart and make the needed changes on campus your personal goal.

We ask you to take a walk around campus and access all the academic and residence buildings through the perspective of a handicapped individual. On many of the academic

buildings, even when they are accessible, the door that could be used is often out of the way or inconvenient.

Take, for example, University Hall. In order to get into the building by wheel chair, a person would have to take a steep grade down to the basement, and, once he or she has done that, load onto a less than adequate "fork lift" only to be taken to the first floor.

For a person living in Welch, (one of the few wheel chair accessible dorms), something as simple as going to the Thomson Store takes strategic planning.

In order to do so, a person in a wheel chair has to go out a wheel chair friendly door in Welch and take a path to the only wheel chair friendly door in Thomson, not to mention the

lack of wheel chair accessibility inside the store.

However, an "able-bodied" student living in Welch would only have to walk down three steps that connect the two buildings together and could do this in his or her pajamas if he or she wanted to, whereas a student in a wheel chair would have to face the elements.

When at the library, more attention is drawn to someone in a wheel chair because that person has to find an alternative way to enter, because the turnstyle designates itself "able-bodied" only. Once in the library, the person might find it hard to find the elevator on his or her own since it is tucked away, unnoticed behind the circulation desk.

We would assume that some-

one using a wheel chair would need to ask where the elevator was, further perpetuating misconceptions and ignorance likely to be felt often by persons with physical disabilities.

Once a person with physical disabilities enters one of the few buildings that are wheel chair accessible, more effort would need to be put forth to find a wheel chair accessible restroom. There are no handicap accessible restrooms in the library or University Hall What is a person in a wheel chair supposed to do?

Now, we wonder what would happen if a student or a faculty member suddenly suffered a debilitating accident or disease. Would the administration react the same way if that student was an athlete or not?

Would a faulty member stir up more attention than a student, or would a student's family legacy come into play? The use of a wheel chair is only one form of physical impairment; consider members of the campus community that have broken a leg or foot or those with cerebral palsy: how are they to get around campus?

While the school has no legal responsibility to make the buildings and grounds fully accessible, it is important to stop and think about the message this extreme lack of accessibility sends.

It states loud and clear: "We don't want you here." Now, if that's not discrimination, we don't know what is. Our school prides itself on diversity; however, diversity comes

from more than just racial, ethnic, and cultural differences—diversity comes from all aspects of a person.

Please make it your duty and obligation to see to it that our school, which claims, "the University is forever to be conducted on the most liberal principles, accessible to all religious denominations, and designed for the benefit of our citizens in general," truly sees to it that all citizens benefit.

Right now, it is only those fully "able-bodied citizens" who are able to benefit, which goes against the university's most basic foundation.

Sincerely,
Beth Griffith and the Seniors
of the Sociology/Anthropology
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Arts & Entertainment

After four years of "negotiating," seniors get their due



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"Negotiating the Hourglass," the 2008 Senior Art Show, opened last weekend in the Ross Art Museum. Some of the work on display includes, clockwise from top left: "My Spectrum" by Lisa Dorazewski, "Truth Hits the Headship's Teardrop" by C. Spencer Mustine and "Peel Away 1" and "Peel Away 2" by Casandra Cain.

This year's Step Show missing the step, but offering the stroll

By Charley Lafe

Transcript Correspondent

This Saturday at 7:30 p.m., SUBA is putting on its annual Greek event, the Step Show, in Grey Chapel. This year's theme is the "Greek Classic."

Junior Tiffany Ware, SUBA president, said the event will raise money for the Black Student Retention Fund.

"The retention fund is a fund that is used to provide money for students that have financial hardships and may not be able to remain in school because of them," Ware said.

Junior Kenney Williams, vice president of SUBA, added that while the money mainly supports African-American students, other minorities are eligible for assistance as well.

Step Show started out small ten years ago, but over the years it has gotten bigger and bigger, Williams said.

"We have started to bring in representatives from all of The Divine Nine," Williams said. The Divine Nine comprises all of the African-American sororities and fraternities.

For the past couple of weeks some of the sororities and fra-

ternities of The Divine Nine that are recognized on campus have been doing small demonstrations in Hamilton-Williams Student Center to promote the event and talk a little about the fraternities.

Williams said this year will not be a step competition; rather, it is going to be a stroll competition. "We have been strolling, which is different then step-

ping, because we want people to know the difference between the two," Williams said. "Strolling symbolizes unity between the brothers."

Ware said the winner will receive \$750 and second place will receive \$500.

"The prize money that is won is used primarily for the benefit of those sororities or fraternities that won," said Ware.

Aside from the involvement of The Divine Nine in the show, there have been guest performers for the past few years.

"In the past we have gotten T.I., Lupe Fiasco and Step Afrika, and this year we have Bobby Valentino coming," Ware said.

"We hope that everyone has a good time at the step show; that's the whole purpose: for everyone to have fun."

Knowledge of pop-culture proves annoying and informative



As a journalism and history double major, I am plagued with the horrible talent of being able to memorize lots of information. It is a burden. All that knowledge up there often makes people feel inferior to me.

Just kidding. Most of the stuff stored in my brain has absolutely nothing to do with

the Glorious Revolution or the unification of Germany or what that Hellfire Club was that John Wilkes belonged to (read: Sexaholics Anonymous of the 1700s).

Most of what is stored in my brain are movie or television quotes and facts, memorized résumés of actors and actresses, and other odd facts like why the fork was invented.

Those who go to the movies with me find it annoying when I suddenly lean over and whisper, "That guy was in this movie and that movie." Or when I recog-

nize a guest star on a TV show from some other minor role (like in "Greek" a couple weeks ago when one of the teens from the beginning of "Super Troopers" made an appearance).

Though they find this annoying, who do my friends call when they cannot remember the name of the actor in the new "Speed Racer" movie?

Me. They call me.

And then they ask me where else they might have seen him.

Without even glancing at the Internet Movie Database, I can probably tell you what other

works an actor has been in if I recognize his or her face or name. (In case you were wondering about the actor in "Speed Racer," it is Emile Hirsch. Recent credits include "Into the Wild" and "Alpha Dog.")

Sometimes my abilities frighten me. But then sometimes I find myself sitting in my room late at night writing columns about them for my student newspaper and thinking to myself that it is rather fun knowing these things.

This talent (as I like to call it) really comes in handy when

I am playing games like Scene It? Movie Edition. If I am on your team, there is a 79 percent chance you will win the game.* However, if we are playing the TV version, that likelihood goes up to about 98 percent.

Unfortunately, after playing the TV version with me for about 20 minutes, most people quit

I guess some people just can't take the heat. Or perhaps they truly feel inferior to my astounding memorization of movie and television trivia.

Of course, these are probably

the people who will go on to save my life when I am wheeled into the emergency room at Grady after suffering some form of head trauma. Personally though, I would rather go to Sacred Heart and bother Turk and JD for awhile instead.

Who needs to be a doctor to be happy in life? I think I will take that job over in Scranton at Dunder Mifflin Paper Company with Jim and Dwight. Mediocrity fits me. And so do my many absurd talents.

*All statistics were fabricated for the use of this column.

Returning to the present with middling results: Jim fails, Joe prevails

Real Talk



Simon Brown

Last week I got very nostalgic, so this time around I will return to the present and review two current albums.

The first album I will review is Jim Jones' 4th album, "Harlem's American Gangster." Though this was originally a mixtape, he has re-mastered it into a retail album.

After his beef with Jay-Z died down, Jones decided to attack Jay-Z again.

He did so by titling his album almost exactly like Jay-Z's most recent album. He also used for-

mer Roc-A-Fella Records CEO Dame Dash on several interludes.

This CD had potential but fell short in many areas. The numerous features of unknown rappers such as NOE and Oshy weakened the album.

Another low point was that many of the choruses were sung by someone else. It felt like Jim Jones just jumped on a bunch of songs and put them together as an "album." This I found very irritating.

The production was decent but not strong enough to make the album worthy of purchase. There were a few songs I enjoyed such as, "Lifestyle," "American Gangster" and "Up in Harlem."

Though this might be an album that Jim Jones fans would like, it feels more like a rushed response to Jay-Z's platinum selling album.

The other album I will talk about is Fat Joe's "Elephant in the Room." I was pleased with



this album because Fat Joe usually makes good singles, but bad albums. This is eighth solo album and it is a large step up from "Me, Myself and I."

This album has club songs "I Won't Tell," and songs about money and drugs like "You

Ain't Sayin' Nothin'" and "That White." Though these are topics always spoken about he joins them with good beats and a nice flow.

He also teams up very well with legend KRS-One on the song "My Conscience." This



album is short, fully loaded and gets to the point with hard punching lyrics. He even takes a shot at his long time rival 50 Cent:

"Conflicts in my chain from Angola

"Convicts in my plane when

we roll up

"And they hustle yay not Vitamin Water."

Though this is a decent album, Fat Joe is cursed in the sales department. He will have to pray hard to get near 500,000 sales.



Bishops Sports

Men's lacrosse shocked by Kenyon

From OWU Online

Sophomore midfielder Ricky Scheetz (Dublin/Jerome) scored to give Ohio Wesleyan a 10-9 lead early in the fourth quarter, but Kenyon scored the next 4 goals to take the lead for good on the way to a North Coast Athletic Conference win on Sunday in Gambier.

Scheetz scored off a pass from sophomore midfielder Chaz Narwicz (Yardley, Pa./Holy Ghost Prep) less than 2 minutes into the fourth quarter, breaking a 9-9 tie.

The Lords evened the game on a goal by Noah Flessel with 8:42 left in regulation time, then took the lead when Zach Wallace recorded a man-up score with 8:09 left in the game.

Devin Catlin added a pair of insurance goals, one with 6:05 to play and the other with just under a minute to go, allowing Kenyon to withstand a score by sophomore attacker Rob Young (Langhorne, Pa./Council Rock South) in the closing seconds.

Wallace gave Kenyon an early 1-0 lead, but the Bishops reeled off 3 straight goals, with senior midfielder Chris Eccles (Secane, Pa./Monsignor Bonner) setting up the first and scoring the next 2, to take a 3-1 lead after the first quarter.

Eccles scored again late in the second quarter to give the Bishops a 4-2 lead, but Kenyon



Photo by Cliff Williams

Senior Grant Ditty runs up the field with the ball against Wittenberg in action last week. The Bishops defeated Wittenberg and were riding a six game winning streak into their game against Kenyon but came up on the losing end 13-11.

rallied with scores by Flessel and Catlin during the final 2 minutes of the period to even the game at 4-4 at halftime.

The Lords continued their run with goals by Flessel and Fred Kridler early in the third quarter, only to see Ohio Wesleyan rally with goals by Young, sophomore midfielder Robb Shrader (Worthington/Thomas Worthington) and junior attacker Nick Gallagher (Columbus/Dublin Scioto) to reclaim the lead at 7-6 with 9:40 left in the third quarter.

Kenyon answered with a Brett Fuller goal just 13 seconds later, but the Bishops once again had an answer, with Gallagher ringing up a score only 10 seconds after that, once again giving Ohio Wesleyan a one-goal lead.

Young's man-up goal 30 seconds later stretched the Bishop lead to 9-7, but Kenyon caught the Bishops with scores from Wallace and Jordan Zimolka as the third quarter ended with a 9-9 deadlock.

Eccles led the Bishops with 3

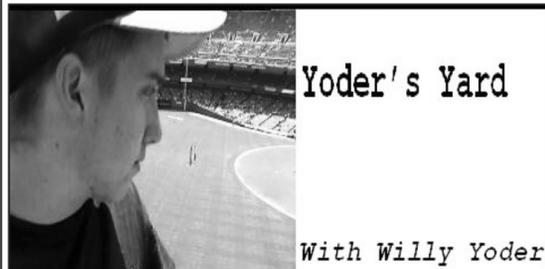
goals and 2 assists, while Young also scored 3 goals and Gallagher finished with 2 goals and an assist.

Senior Ryan Perone (Fairfield, Conn./Fairfield Prep) went the distance in the Bishop goal, making 10 saves.

Catlin had 3 goals and 2 assists for Kenyon, Flessel had 3 goals and an assist, and Wallace scored 3 goals. David Page stopped 13 shots in the Kenyon goal.

The Bishops play Denison at home this Saturday.

Dmitri Young conquers his demons and has rebirth



Yoder's Yard

With Willy Yoder

In 2006, while playing for the Tigers he disappeared; evading police on assault charges. No one knew where Dmitri was; not the Tigers, the police, not even most of his family.

Dmitri was in rehab, at the Betty Ford clinic. Whether or not he was there by his choice is up in the air. What is known is that when he found himself with his hands around his wife's throat, Young had hit rock bottom.

After his stint in rehab the Tigers released him. Dmitri had lost his family, his dignity, and now baseball. Some don't make the choice to collect everything and rebuild after hitting the low of lows, But Dmitri did.

In 2007, with clean blood and a clean head, Young signed a minimum contract with the only team that would take him, the Washington Nationals. While physically he wasn't his old self, mentally he was stronger then ever before.

As Yogi Berra once said, "90 percent of this game is half mental."

Young exploded after earning a starting spot with the Nationals. He led the National League in batting for much of the first half and earned an all-star spot in San Francisco. It was the perfect situation for the Nationals.

They signed a player as a gamble for next to nothing only to have his value sky rocket. Young could now be traded to a team he could actually help get to the playoffs and in return the Nation-

als could get something they could actually use, prospects.

As with Soriano the year before, the trade deadline came and went and found Jim Bowden sitting at his desk, deal-less.

Once again a brilliant, or perhaps lucky, move on Bowden's part turned useless as he was unable to pull the trigger on a deal to further the future of his young franchise.

Young of course stayed on the Nationals, completed an excellent season and won the National League Comeback Player of the Year award. In the off-season he resigned with Washington, and will likely finish out his career there.

While Dmitri will likely never help the Nationals make a playoff push, his value can now be measured in a new way. Stan Kasten has asked Dmitri to show two other troubled young ball players through the darkness of troubled times, Elijah Dukes and Lastings Milledge.

So far it appears his wisdom has paid off, as neither player has yet to cause any distractions. Milledge has been the best all around player for the Nationals and Dukes hopes to provide a spark when he comes back from his strained hamstring.

While Young has yet to play this season, as he is in a tough battle with diabetes, his impact on this franchise may be greater then anyone could ever have thought.

The Big Teddy Bear may end up being the godfather of the next generation of Washington Nationals baseball.

Two lady Bishops named NCAC Players of the Week

From OWU Online

Ohio Wesleyan University sophomore Claire Everhart (Edinboro, Pa./General McLane) and freshman outfielder Tara VanVranken (North Canton/Massillon Jackson) have been named North Coast Athletic Conference Athletes of the Week for the week of April 21, it was announced by the NCAC.

Everhart, a member of the Battling Bishop women's track & field team, was named NCAC Women's Middle Distance/Distance Runner of the



VanVranken

Week. She won the 1500-meter run in 4:49.65 as Ohio Wesleyan competed in the Kenyon Spring Invitational on Saturday.

VanVranken, an outfielder on the Bishop softball team, was named NCAC Player of the Week. She slammed her first collegiate home run in the opener and set a school record by belting 3 doubles in the nightcap of an NCAC doubleheader

against Wittenberg on Wednesday.

Van Vranken then went 2-for-3 with a double in the opener and was 1-for-4 with a run scored in nightcap of an NCAC doubleheader against Hiram on Saturday. On the week, she batted .474 (9-for-19) with 5 doubles and a home run, collecting 6 RBI and scoring 7 runs.

Men's track grabs second place at Kenyon



Photo by Lucy Schmitt

Junior Preston Osborn helped the Bishops claim a second place finish at the Kenyon Invitational over the weekend. The second place finish marks the first time this spring season that the Bishops have not walked away as champions. Osborn placed first in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of :54.96. Sophomore Steve Brown also grabbed a first place in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of :15.06. The track team travels to Granville for the Denison Last Chance meet.

Bishops lacrosse still aiming for postseason play

By Clay Davis
Transcript Correspondent

With the regular season winding down, the men's lacrosse team is putting forth big goals and is hoping to score big.

"With three games left, this team can finish with a ten-win season, possibly gain a share of the conference title, earn a NCAA playoff berth, and finish the year with a division III record 37-straight winning seasons," head coach Sean Ryan said.

While they may not reach the 12-3 record that they had during the regular season last year, it does not mean this year is not just as successful. For Ryan, the team's success this year is even greater than last year, in part because of a change in attitude.

"Last season I felt some of the players had more individual goals than team goals," Ryan said. "This year, I have seen more of team unity and an overall feeling of, 'what can I do to make the team better?'"

The team lost four out of the first five games of the season; however, three of those losses came against teams who were ranked in the top-five in the country. Those losses may have helped fuel a late-season run, which has seen the Bishops win six out of the last seven games.

"After losing four straight games, it would have been easy for this team to pack it in, but that has not been the case," Ryan said. "Each day we have improved in different areas of the game and the sacrifices that this team has made is exactly what a coach wants to see."

Senior Trevor Jones has seen the team bounce back from the

early losses, and like Ryan, sees the early challenges as an important benchmark in the season.

"We lost four of our first five games, but we played quality opponents and really challenged ourselves early on in the season," Jones said. "This is definitely helping us succeed now and on through May."

The team's steady improvement comes from having a young nucleus on the team, as well as having 10 seniors.

"We have a lot of younger guys stepping up, but we have a strong core of seniors who have big game experience," Jones said.

For the team to reach its goals for the season, including making the tournament, the team needs to make improvements, and for Jones, it is discipline.

"We need to improve on our discipline, especially in big games, and being focused for the entire 60 minutes of play," Jones said. "One or two let downs can cost us games, and it has cost us games, especially against quality opponents."

No matter what happens from here on out, the Bishops have certainly battled its way back to put themselves in the thick of the race for the NCAC title and a possible trip to the post-season.

"This season has had its ups and downs, but we have worked very hard to turn it around and put ourselves in position to still make the NCAA tournament and win the NCAC championship," Jones said.

The team hosts Washington & Jefferson Saturday at Selby Field at 2 p.m.

Bishops edge out Ohio Dominican



Photo from OWU Online

Senior Kristen Pfund helped lead the Bishops to a non-conference victory 5-4 over Ohio Dominican by winning both No. 3 singles and No. 1 doubles. Freshmen Erin Cohen and Pam Quigney were also double winners for the lady Bishops in the contest.

Bishops Sports

Women's lax puts beat down on Adrian



Photo by Lucy Schmitt
Junior Hannah Mudge

The Bishops rolled over Adrian 22-9 in non-conference play Saturday at Selby Field.

This was the first game the women's team has played on the turf this year. There was inclement weather all game with a short period of torrential down pour.

Junior Hannah Mudge scored two goals during a 6-0 run that put Ohio Wesleyan ahead to stay.

She would add two more during another 7-0 run later in the first half that put the game out of reach.

The Bulldogs scored first with a goal by Mariana DiGiovanni just 90 seconds into the game, but OWU answered with a goal by Mudge that was assisted by senior Julia Fouts less than a minute later. The Bishops took the lead with another score by Mudge from a pass by senior Kadi Kuhlberg.

Sophomore Haleigh Rohr followed with a score of her own, Kuhlberg converted a free position shot, and senior Alexa Deaton scored a goal and assisted Fouts for another that stretched the Ohio Wesleyan lead to 6-1 just over 8 minutes into the game. Adrian closed to within 6-3, but the Bishops answered with a 7-0 burst that included 2 goals and an assist by Mudge as well as a goal and 2 assists from Deaton.

Fouts said the Bishops were able to move the ball well and take smart shots with the bad weather.

"The rain didn't really affect us too much," Fouts said. "We knew we were a better team and we tried to show it on offense and defense."

She said the team really stayed together and had a lot of fun with some big performances.

"Hannah and Polly played really well and helped carry the team on our big spurts," Fouts said.

Rohr said OWU did a nice job of transitioning the ball up the field quickly and possessing the game.

"Danni Beauford and Laura Bartholomae played well on defense," Rohr said.

She said that Adrian was an inferior team, but the Bishops shouldn't have let them score so much.

"We need to work on our quick passes, keeping our head up through the midfield," Rohr said. "We played down to Adrian's level at times and we can't do that with teams we play."

Mudge led the Bishops with 6 goals and 4 assists. Senior Polly Burke scored 5 goals, Deaton finished with 4 goals and 3 assists, and Fouts and Kuhlberg each contributed 2 goals and an assist.

Senior Maggie Eichenlaub had 7 saves in the first 54-plus minutes of the game, and sophomore Natalie D'Antonio finished up in the Ohio Wesleyan goal.

DiGiovanni led the Bulldogs with 4 goals. Amanda Faraone finished with 7 saves for Adrian.

Golf in full swing



Photo from OWU Online

The golf team, along with coach Jon Whithaus, have placed first in four of their five tournaments this spring. They are ranked in the top ten in the nation and, with their first place win over the weekend, are poised to move up into national title contention.

By Alex Humbert
Sports Editor

The golf team is having a remarkable spring season and is doing it under the radar of many in the OWU community. And that's just the way they like it.

The team claimed first place out of 12 teams in the Wooster Nye Intercollegiate over the weekend, their third first place finish this season out of four tournaments.

In April's Golf World/Nike Golf College Division III rankings, the Bishops ranked No. 9 in the nation.

Even with the success and the top 10 national ranking, the Bishops golf team has not gotten a lot of hype or press around the campus. Sophomore Jordan Benner, who tied for seventh place over the weekend with a score of 152, said the team is more focused on success than the recognition.

"Not having a lot of press can be a good thing because it helps us stay focused on the goals we have developed as a team, rather than worrying about living up to other people's expectations," Benner said.

So not having many people recognize it isn't irritating at all.

What is perhaps even more

outstanding than the success of the team is the fact that they are doing so with only two seniors. The team's top golfers are all underclassmen with Junior Jeff Neiman and Benner leading the charge for the Bishops.

Sophomore Jesse Chiero, who tied for ninth place along with sophomore Tommy Harman with a score of 153, said even though the team is young, they are focused and content with staying under the radar.

"Our team stays successful through hard work, mental toughness, a great coach, the right team atmosphere and talented individuals that are committed to the program," Chiero said.

"It's always nice to be recognized for your or your team's accomplishments, but our team in general tends to keep a low profile so not getting a ton of press isn't a big deal at all."

Benner attributes much of the team's success to good preparation courtesy of coach Jon Whithaus.

"I attribute our success to our coach, work ethic and talent," Benner said. "Our coach is great at mentally preparing us for rounds. He gives us an advantage over every other team in the country, without a doubt. It is also really obvious when we

get to a tournament that we are always the most prepared team because we have outworked everyone else every single day."

The team's final tournament before the NCAC championship is this weekend at the Fred B. Kravetz Invitational in Rochester, New York and, with a strong finish there, the team hopes to head into NCAC as favorites.

Chiero said if the team just follows their goals, the rest will work itself out at the end of the season.

"Some of our team goals are to always represent OWU Golf and OWU positively and to continue to carry on the school's and our program's pride and tradition," Chiero said. "We need to continue to believe in each other, and again put ourselves in the position to win each time we tee it up."

Benner put the team's goals and his own personal goals much more bluntly.

"As a team, our goal is to win enough holes to win a National Championship in Georgia in three weeks," Benner said.

"Personally, my goal is to compete like hell to win. Simple as that. The NCAC championship is only 40 minutes away in Granville and we would appreciate anyone who wants to come out and support us."

New softball field set to take the program to new heights

By Alex Humbert
Sports Editor

Last week was opening of the brand new Margaret Sagan softball field complete with dedication from speakers and even a ceremonial first pitch.

The new field comes at a time of rebuilding and a new face of softball here at OWU. The softball team, which has only one senior and a goose egg for juniors, is in its second season with Coach Cassie Cunningham and has to build from the ground up with new players.

Sophomore infielder Emily Bradley said the new field really represents a positive direction for the softball program.

"I think that we are heading in a promising direction," Bradley said. "We lacked experience and by next year almost everyone on the team will have two years of experience. We have a lot of talent on the team and its only going to get stronger. The field is an added bonus that gives us pride and confidence."

The team was playing its home games at Mingo Park, a public park in the city of Delaware, and players agree that the field was less than sufficient for a building program.

Sophomore infielder Devon Walker said the team feels privileged to have such a nice field and to be part of the first team to play on it.

"The field is absolutely incredible," Walker said.



Photo by Cliff Williams

The softball team poses for a picture along with the speakers at the opening games last week. The Bishops are 3-1 at the new Margaret Sagan Field.

"They told us that it would be done last year but it was worth the wait because it is sweet. I can't explain the feeling of having a place to call our own and to have other teams be jealous. Marge Sagan is incredible because none of this would have been possible without her."

Bradley said the new field is gorgeous and will help with the recruiting process and improving the prestige of the program.

"We hated showing recruits Mingo," Bradley said. "This field looks amazing and its even better to play on, so when recruits see it they know that they have an amazing field to come play on."

The lady Bishops have played two double-headers on the field and have won three of the four games. As of last Wednesday, the turf on the field was not even completed down the third baseline, but the grass

was ready for the players to take the field and sweep the Lion's of Mount St. Joseph.

Walker said the biggest advantage of the field is that it gives the team an extra boost every time they take the field.

"Mingo was a complete mess," Walker said. "When it rained it was under water and the grass was ruined. The outfield was uneven and people constantly messed with the field. I have already fallen in love with the field and it is a huge asset to the future of the OWU softball program. We are pumped about it."

It was fitting that lone senior Miranda Simmons hit a solo homerun in the bottom of the third inning in the opening game to record the first run, homerun and RBI in the new stadium. The shot was sort of a poetic ending of the old guard and a ringing in of the new.

Danica makes IndyCar history with first victory



was attractive but were not sure when she would win.

Patrick, with the ultimate goal to compete and succeed in racing, let herself be marketed on her looks. She did many appearances on talk shows and started her own fan club. If you would like to become a Danica Maniac, go to her website.

Although others have decided to pose in Playboy, Patrick declined and chose to get her popularity from shoots in *FHM* and a swimsuit layout in *Sports Illustrated*.

While becoming famous all over the world for her off the track endeavors, she also was having some success racing for the IndyCar series.

IndyCar was more than happy to let Danica, although she had never taken the checkered flag, be the pretty face of their sport.

She had raced and done well in the Indy 500 and was named the IndyCar Most Popular Driver in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

But this past weekend, Danica Patrick became more than just a popular driver with a pretty face who can pose in a swimsuit.

Patrick won the Japan Indy 300 at the Twin Ring Motegi track. It was her first win in 50 tries and in doing so she became the first woman to win an IndyCar race.

Although she only led three laps of the 200 lap race, it is probably the biggest motorsports achievement for a female driver.

Now that the initial victory is out of the way, people will stop asking her if she is ever going to win a race and will stop comparing her to Anna Kournikova. But now that she has proven she can win, even if she did only lead three laps across the Pacific Ocean, she will have to answer new questions.

Patrick will be congratulated and respected and she will be able to enjoy her historic victory.

That is until the next race when if she fails to win, people will begin questioning the female's ability once again.

Often in the society of today, how one looks will determine how they are accepted or perceived. This is true of celebrities, movie stars and politicians.

The belief that a person's looks are important does not escape the world of sports. In sports, how a person looks can determine their popularity because it can make them more or less marketable.

Some athletes have tremendous success and then use it to bolster their popularity through commercials, endorsements and talk show appearances. Other athletes use endorsements and their popularity to make themselves into huge stars before they have actually accomplished their ultimate goals.

While products are endorsed all the time and athletes are shown constantly, it seems the way society looks at female athletes is different than the way they see males.

The problem with today's society is that the female athletes are not always marketed for what they are doing on their field of play, but are often shown because of their appearance and actions away from their respective arenas.

This is partially the fault of the people and the media who sometimes would rather see these women in photo shoots than they would see them in action.

But part of the blame also has to fall on the women as they see an opportunity to gain popularity by marketing their looks. This sometimes will be seen in conjunction with their success in sports and sometimes, like in the case of Anna Kournikova, will be all that defines them.

Danica Patrick was considered to by many to be like Kournikova. They knew she

Lords bow to Bishops

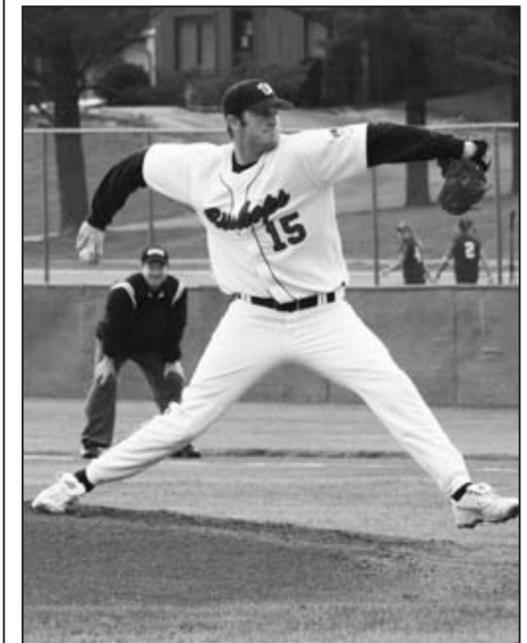


Photo by Cliff Williams

Senior Xander Jones threw a complete game for the Bishops at Littick Field Saturday, striking out nine and only walking two en route to a 6-5 victory over the Kenyon Lords. The Bishops trailed Kenyon by two in the bottom of the seventh inning with two outs and then proceeded to rip off a four run rally to seize victory. The Bishops split their double-header with Capital on Sunday to improve their record to 21-13 (10-6 NCAC West).