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Student demonstrators promote humanitarian values last year at SOA.

WCSA budgets

Funds trip to School of the Americas Vigil

By Michael DiBiasio
Lead Reporter

After two years of unsuccessful budget proposals, the School of the Americas (SOA) trip received \$3,167.24 from the WCSA Budget Committee last Thursday.

The allocated funds will provide 40 students and faculty members the opportunity to attend social justice workshops in Columbus, Ga., and participate in the annual SOA vigil outside the gates of Fort Benning, Ga., where the names of victims of SOA-bred violence are read and acknowledged.

SOA -- now the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation -- is a United States Department of Defense Facility at Fort Benning that has been widely accused of human rights violations and teaching Latin American soldiers counterinsurgency tactics.

Many human rights groups charge SOA graduates with the assassinations and humanitarian atrocities in the countries they return to.

This trip is a combined house project of two members of the

House of Peace and Justice, junior Annamarie DelPropost and sophomore Will Condit, as well as senior Ben Goodrum of the Tree House.

Their proposal, as read in during their presentation, states, "Our intentions are to celebrate humanitarian values -- not to promote any political stance, party or platform -- and to network with other organizations that can bring something new to the Ohio Wesleyan community."

"It's an effort to bring attention to human rights and learn about what we can do to promote them," Goodrum said.

"[SOA] does have meaning for the campus because it fosters dialogue about why we should even care about anything like this, about human rights, about a military training school. We have some part in it and it's good for us to figure out what part we have."

Goodrum -- also WCSA vice-president -- has seen this proposal shot down in the past due to vague budgetary guidelines and differing interpretations of revised guidelines.

This year, while the trip is still Goodrum's combined house proj-

ect with DelPropost and Condit, he heard the proposal as vice-president, and along with a temporary WCSA Budget Committee, granted the full request of funds for the trip.

"I think this is a step in giving the student council some moral backbone," Goodrum said. "If we are able to show that [an event] will benefit students' interests, and, more importantly, if it will benefit the campus community, it's probably worthwhile and we will probably go ahead and fund it. This event has 40 students going and even more interested in going."

DelPropost, who, along with Condit, presented the proposal to WCSA, couldn't be happier with the Budget Committee's decision and wanted to quell any remaining notion that the SOA trip is a protest.

"It's not a protest. It is people standing in solidarity with each other. It's a big funeral. The reason we go is not to protest. We are showing that we care about what's going on in our country," DelPropost said. "It's so mournful and hurtful that that kind of violence is coming out of our country."

Accessibility for all concerns students and staff

By Christine Hurley
Transcript Reporter

Archway committee members will meet Friday, Oct. 3, to determine how much funding the administration will give to make the campus more physically accessible.

The archway committee bridges the communication gap between students and administration. Four students and four administrators comprise the group.

Senior Ben Goodrum, WCSA vice president, says he wants to ensure the school is fulfilling its claim of being diverse.

"We want to make sure the school has the equipment to welcome students, visitors, and faculty of varying physical abilities," he said.

The short-term changes Goodrum mentioned are ramps for all buildings, maintenance of cur-

rent ramps, one handed keyboards and temporary hydraulic door openers for dorm rooms.

A one handed keyboard is a compressed version of a keyboard in which all the letters are smaller so only one hand is needed to type. The cost of one of these boards is \$200.

"We hope to have a decision on the keyboards by the end of first semester. Once elections take place in November and we have a full body, we can vote on the issue," Goodrum said.

Temporary hydraulic door openers would be attached to a dorm room door so a student would need only to unlatch the handle and the opener does the rest. The cost of the opener would be \$70.

Goodrum said the total cost expected for these changes is \$1,000. Goodrum believes the funding should not come from the student

activity fund.

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Goodrum said long-term goals would be to make sure future buildings were accessible.

"We would like the school to keep in mind physically impaired members of the community for new buildings," Goodrum said. "There is a committee working of the plans for the new natatorium and I am hoping the pool will

be easily accessible to all students not only athletes. Stairs instead of a ladder would be a big help."

"There is no estimated cost yet set in place for the long-term projects. The cost of making the buildings accessible would be absorbed into the cost of future projects," Goodrum said.

The school does not need to make the changes because it meets the minimum standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

However, Goodrum says believes the changes would be beneficial to the school in the long-term and would attract more prospective students.

"It's great we meet standards, but if I had a disability I would feel not enough has been done. There are too many unnecessary challenges to merely get to class," senior Wesley Perkins said.

Lack of recycling bins troubles some students

By Kaisha Oliver
Transcript Reporter

"Where are the recycling bins?" is a common question raised among the returning students who noticed that the bins from last year that were not next to trash boxes this year. With the exclusion of the Sturges' basement and the residential halls, the remaining buildings were left without bins to recycle for the beginning of the semester.

Senior Rory McHale, WCSA president said, "I do feel the missing recycling bins are affecting the students. It is unfortunate that students passionate about recycling cannot do so in certain areas or without inconvenience. And I know that this has irritated certain students because they have told me personally their feelings. However, there is the possibility that now students who were otherwise passive recyclers will see the need to get personally involved and try to take a more active role in the recycling program at OWU."

However, McHale said he believes this stems from a lack of student volunteers at the beginning of the year,

simply due to destitute exposure of this issue.

"Hopefully now enough and as many students as necessary have responded to the email requests for volunteer spots so that these recycling containers will be added to the buildings that currently don't have them," he said.

Senior Ben Goodrum, WCSA vice president, said he, too, noticed that there weren't as many recycling bins out this semester compared to last year. Goodrum said he thinks the fundamental purpose of having the various bins located in various places on campus was to give students more than one option to recycle.

"I think [the missing bins are] saying that we don't think recycling is a priority and that [Ohio Wesleyan's] cost of not recycling outweighs the benefits of recycling," Goodrum said.

McHale said, "OWU can certainly do more to reach out to students about recycling. This is not to say that that responsibility doesn't lie with the WCSA as well. I don't think there are many students "against recycling," it is more a matter of con-

venience. If we can place recycling containers near garbage containers, students will take recognition that they have that option and, hopefully, exercise the option to recycle. So really, I think the primary task is to make recycling containers available, so that students already aware can [recycle], and then work on education so that other students will recycle."

According to Goodrum and a few people from Building and Grounds, a student usually is in charge of the recycling done primary on campus in areas such as Hamilton-Williams Campus Center and the Beeghley Library.

The student in charge of recycling facilitates the recycling program for the university. Senior Meredith Wilson, Student Recycling and Environmental coordinator, was unable to comment on the missing recycling bins from or the start of the recycle program. According to one or two people from Building and Grounds the program has "already started."

The recycling program is a program run by students and volunteers who go around the campus and empty recycling bins. It has played a

huge role in the recycling awareness by sending out e-mails to students.

As stated on the Connect2OWU website, "Ohio Wesleyan joined more than 375 schools in the nationwide competition on January 28 [2008]. According to the [RecycleManiaWebsite](#), the program is "a friendly competition among college and university recycling programs in the United States that provides the campus community with a fun, proactive activity in waste reduction."

"RecycleMania provides a chance for students to be more conscious about recycling," the website said.

According to the RecycleMania website, in 2008 only 400 colleges and universities in the U.S. participated in their recycling program, and of the 14 colleges and universities in Ohio, Ohio Wesleyan was one of them, but many students say do not know this. In fact, some students say they did not even know that OWU has its own recycling website, <http://recycle.owu.edu>.

On the OWU recycling site, students find outlines of various ways in which they can recycle. It also provides recycling facts, tips, and infor-

mation about the buildings where the recycling bins are to be found.

According to the site, which is associated with the recycle program, "The program has recently been reorganized by David Cooley and David Tessier. They, along with Kristin Griffith, have worked with the administration to establish a new student position that will maintain the program well into the future."

"I did not know before now that OWU had its own recycling website, McHale said. "Although after looking, it appears to be quite outdated. It also includes a link to an equally outdated Tree House website. So perhaps before getting students aware of this website, a student or other representative of OWU should revamp the website and make sure it is updated. I imagine many students do not know about it."

Goodrum said, "I don't think that students know about it or sure they'd know what to do with it, because [recycling] is all common knowledge."

Both Goodrum and McHale said there is much more that could and should be done. See **RECYCLE** on Page 2



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Light pollution affects more than star gazing

By Mark Dubovec
Transcript Reporter

Darkness is essential to viewing the night sky. "First rule of night watching is turn off the lights," said Professor Tom Burns.

However, it is because of lights Burns also said, "I've watched the night sky die."

On Tuesday, Sept. 23, in Phillips Auditorium, Burns, who is director of Perkins Observatory, presented his Sagan National Colloquium lecture *Light Pollution: Protecting the Night Time Environment*.

In particular, he concentrated on the street and building lights of cities and how they are causing more harm than good.

"What is light pollution?" Burns asked his audience of about 50 students. "It is the thing that destroys the night...

It is a destroyer of darkness. That light is not doing any good. It's not illuminating the street; it's not illuminating the sidewalk. It's illuminating the sky."

The scientific term is Raleigh Scattering, the situation in which lights illuminate the sky and render it impossible to see the stars. Over the past 30 years, as cities and towns added more light fixtures and became brighter, light pollution increased and continues to do so today. The night sky is becoming harder to see. The Milky Way, once visible from Perkins Observatory, has not been seen in Ohio skies in years.

But Burns was quick to point out that not being able to see stars wasn't the only consequence of light pollution. He identified light trespass as another major result.

"If a street light bothers you

when you try to sleep, that's light trespass," Burns said. Burns added that disrupting sleep can have major effects on health; immune systems function better when the body is properly rested.

"Get enough sleep, and sleep when it's dark. Your body was designed for it," Burns said.

But it is not just humans who are losing sleep. Nature is being affected, too. "[Plants and animals] have rhythms. [They] go to sleep at night, and what you find is the light is disturbing them," Burns said.

The circadian rhythm, the day-night cycle, has been in place for millions of years in nature, and disrupting it affects habitat, behavior and survival. Animals that can't adapt to additional light settings end up disappearing.

In addition to health and

environmentalism, Burns addressed safety concerns. "People like the light. We feel safe in it," he said. "But the light isn't doing us any good." According to Burns, crime occurs at a higher rate in well-lit places.

"Outside lighting doesn't particularly hurt your ability to be safe, but it doesn't particularly help," Burns said. He added that obtrusive street lights causes glare, which occurs when too much light makes it impossible to see. "It's just plain ugly and dangerous."

When a bright light flashes in a person's eyes, the person cannot see because the nerve endings of the eye are so sensitive. This creates sensory overload. As a result, those nerve endings are damaged, making it harder for an individual to see at night.

"If you want to be safe,"

Burns said, "bring a flashlight with you."

In addition to defining light pollution, Burns offered solutions that he said are "win-win."

He said, "We don't want to eliminate lighting. We want to control it. We want lighting that is friendly to the environment and conserves energy." Burns added that outside lighting is a major expense to most cities. Not only is it costly, light pollution increases carbon emissions because of all the energy required to sustain it.

Burns advocated converting street lights to full-cut fixtures that angle down at 10 degrees. These lights provide greater coverage at a lower wattage while minimizing glare and light going into the sky.

Cities like Tucson and Flagstaff, Ariz., have adopted such lighting schemes and

have reported great success.

Burns also urged turning off lights when they are not in use.

"The [American Electric Power] building is lit to a thermonuclear level because they think they have a pretty building. If that's the case, they should run tours during the day because no one goes there at night" Burns said.

Despite all the other problems caused by light pollution, Burns believes that not being able to see the stars is the greatest loss.

"I do a lot of what I do because of the beauty, wonder and majesty of the night sky," he said. "We lost something when we lost the sky. I have seen Venus so bright, it cast a shadow. I have seen 2000 stars in a single night. I have seen the Milky Way, like the backbone of God. If you haven't seen this, you haven't lived."

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should be done by Ohio Wesleyan to aware students of the importance of recycling.

"I say put [the recycling website] on the front page of the OWU website instead of the pictures of the students who should support to it," he said.

Goodrum said he knew the university recycled and had a program but did not think it is as strong as it should be.

"In most cases, I do really understand why we should have opposing views about a whole lot of concerns, but not this one," he said.

Goodrum says that it is "O.K." for everyone to have their own beliefs, especially those who believe that one person can't make a difference, as long as they do not impose it through policies on others.

McHale said, "Certainly one person can make a difference. For example, not throwing your one soda bottle in the trash prevents that one, tangible bottle from being wasted. ... Hopefully students of this mind set will take on the idea that however small the contributions of one person, they can become massive if many students begin to do the same. ... One person recycling can help be a part of the larger group, and setting an example or starting conversations through actions also help to expand this group."

"We (WCSA) have been trying to cooperate with and assist those in charge of the recycling program as best we can, McHale said. The STAP position is a student in charge of recycling in [Ham-wil] and the academic buildings. I understand recycling program was not in place at the beginning of the year. But since then there have been gains made as students have signed up for positions to take the recyclables from each academic building. We know recycling is an issue important to students ..., so we're currently doing what we can by means of contacting administrators and those in charge of the program to handle any deficiencies left over."

"I think sustainability is a fantastic theme for the colloquium and that it makes getting things done much easier," McHale said. "It is no longer a possibility for OWU... to be lax about things such as recycling because they are endorsing environmental awareness through the SNC. So hopefully the SNC serves to both make students more aware and to initiate additional programming and support from administrators and student leaders."

Goodrum said that he will try to get a speaker for the Sagan National Colloquium as a project for the Tree House.

"Global warming can't be stopped, but it can definitely be slowed, Goodrum said. "It took a whole lot of people to get us in this mess, and it's going to take a whole lot of people to get us out of it."

Corrections

The Transcript regrets the following errors from last week's issue:

In the S.A.G.E. article, it was reported that Alexis Williams was the only person with epilepsy in the group. Also, the article quoted Williams saying she would drink if she could, which she denies is the case.

In the voter registration article, it was reported that College Democrats was the group responsible for organizing the registration drive. It was, in fact, the Students for Barack Obama who organized this event.

Downtown gets mural makeover



The virtual garden by Corner Framing and Gallery Photo by Jack Stenger

By Kyle Sjarif
Transcript Reporter

Retired Rutherford B. Hayes High School art teacher Lynda Elias has been working on beautifying the exterior bricks of Beehive Books and Corner Framing & Gallery by constructing a full-wall mural with designs related to the nearby stores.

Her design by the Corner Framing store at 27 N. Sandusky St. displays a virtual garden with a water fountain while the wall behind Beehive Books showcases an active beehive.

"I really like the whole natural theme and using recycled items just adds to it," said Elias.

Elias was inspired by an Isaiah Zagar workshop she attended in Philadelphia. Zagar is a muralist who has created murals on over 30 different buildings. Elias hopes to bring that trend to Delaware

"There are two reasons why I've enjoyed creating this art. First, it allows for people into the arts, like myself, to meet one another and also provide the feeling that they are helping in making downtown Delaware more beautiful. Secondly, by using different recycled materials that we've collected such as broken dishes or tiles it allows for everybody and anybody to be involved in the art," Zagar said.

The process of creating the mural is a very social art form as it allows for groups of friends and artists to interact while completing the piece together. The method to create the mural requires drawing the design onto the wall, mixing cement with sand, applying it to the wall, and placing broken pieces of mirrors, plates, tiles and mugs on the wall to create the design.

"I think people enjoy the process because a lot of the pieces are placed at random and fit perfectly, which is a quick process suited for those who are impatient," Elias said.

Elias is working with two assistants, her former art student at Hayes High School, Fanny Jameson, and a fellow retired teacher from Hayes, Virginia Corwin.

Elias and her team of volunteers and artists work on the mural from about 8.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. until they complete the project.

It took her and her team of artists about four days to complete the first mural by the Corner Framing Store. She is hoping to create another piece of "free art for the community" over by the Strand Theater.

So the next time students plan to visit the Beehive Bookstore or Corning Frame store, they should remember to enter through the back entrance to receive a brand new shiny mural.

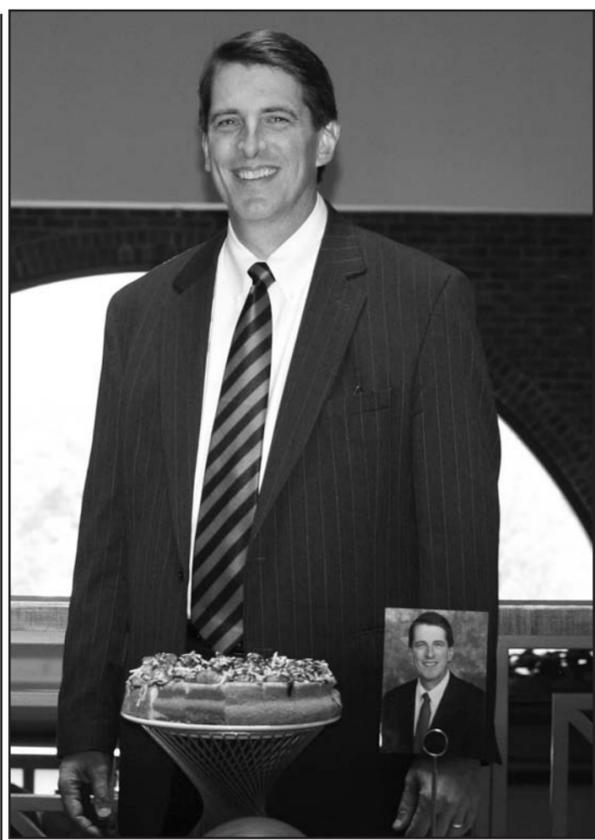


Photo by Shade Fakunle

Jones smiles over his favorites dessert, cheesecake.

Happy Birthday, Rock!

By Shade Fakunle
Transcript Reporter

Students, faculty, and administrators came together in the Hamilton Williams Campus Center on Tuesday to celebrate the 50th birthday of President Rock Jones.

His party, sponsored by the Student Involvement Office (SIO), was held in the atrium of Ham-Wil. The party kicked off with junior Katrina Hawkins, a member of the Gospel Lyres, singing "Happy Birthday" into the microphone.

After well wishes from WCSA President Rory McHale, Jones blew out his candles and after cheers and a few pictures, Jones mingled with students and faculty as everyone enjoyed their dessert.

Jones wasn't able to remember what he did to celebrate his birthday last year but "it wasn't like this!" he said. "I WILL remember this one," said a chuckling Jones.

SIO presented Rock his birthday card signed by students. The card was in the atrium of Ham-Wil for students to sign Monday.

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New approach to debating current issues on campus

Rafaya Sufi
Transcript Reporter

Ohio Wesleyan has seen the arrival of numerous new clubs on campus this fall. Amongst them is the Ohio Wesleyan Debating Association dedicated to helping students look at current affairs objectively, according to the coach of the association, junior Usman Javaid.

Javaid, a native of Pakistan, said he has been thinking of putting out the association since his freshman year.

He said it has certainly been an ambitious task.

"Debating was a big part of my life all through high school," Javaid said. "I was on my school team for a straight four years and captained the team my senior year."

Javaid said he and his dedicated executive board chose to call it an association instead of a club, as a club implies a group of people having one thing in common striving towards a common goal.

"As far as debating is concerned, the members of the association need not have one goal, and this activity most certainly does not have one purpose," Javaid said. "It has a variety of purposes, and there are a number of reasons why one should join it."

Javaid said he hopes the association will help students observe various perspectives towards different matters and most importantly learn to present their views and arguments in a well-articulated manner.

"I feel students should not only learn to present their arguments well but also be able to defend them on a debating floor with students from other institutions."

Senior Natalia Tariq, vice president of the association, said although she is on the executive board, she does not have as much experience in debating as Javaid.

"My duties are largely administrative, so my lack of experience in debating shouldn't be a hindrance in performing effectively as a VP," Tariq said. "However, I hope to learn and polish my debating skills through participation in the association."

Tariq said she feels a lot of people have a lot of interesting things to say but find it difficult to put their thoughts into words. She hopes to change that with the help of the association.

"It is a new venture, something that Usman especially has put a lot of work and effort into," Tariq said. "I really hope that a lot of students join and are able to take advantage of such a good opportunity on campus."

Tariq said the association will start slow but hopes to pick up the pace in the near future.

"We are starting out with relatively simple stuff," Tariq said. "For instance, the first topic we assigned is 'television has done more harm than good', but this is only because we want to familiarize members with the structure and

style of parliamentary style debate. Once they are comfortable with that we will move on to more challenging topics."

According to senior Andrew Doll, president of the association, the club's mission is to help cultivate public speaking and critical thinking abilities in students and help them gain a greater confidence in themselves.

"When I was asked to be the president of the new Ohio Wesleyan Debating Association, I immediately jumped at the opportunity to be a part of a new and exciting organization," Doll said. "It has surprised me that it has taken this long for a club like this to get started, but I am glad that it finally has."

Junior Katie Edgar, treasurer, said she wanted to help Javaid start a debating club on campus for numerous reasons.

"For starters, there was no club," Edgar said. "We had also heard from prospective students that they were interested in debate that wasn't like Model UN. We wanted to offer an alternative that would allow people to express and articulate fresh ideas. Of course, I like to argue, so this association will be both fun and natural for me."

Edgar said she hopes to take the debaters to at least one conference per semester.

"Currently we are thinking Ohio State in the fall and Bowling Green or Akron in the spring," Edgar said. "The spring debates are nationally competitive, and we will be competing against the best colleges in the US."

Edgar said she is very excited about the new members as they are both enthusiastic and talented speakers.

"We have a mix of debate experience within the group, but everyone works hard to bring a fun and professional attitude to the association," Edgar said. "I guess we are adventurous because many of us have no formal debate experience but are willing to try anything we throw at them."

One such member, freshman Murtaza Naqvi, said he is "pretty psyched about the association."

"It sounds totally cool," Naqvi said. "I love to talk and argue. I will basically argue over anything and everything. Yeah, I'm that kind of a guy."

According to Naqvi, when he first came to campus, many of the clubs on club fair day did not appeal to him.

"Debating is definitely my cup of tea," Naqvi said. "I mean, sure I would love to help people build houses or sword-fight at the gazebo, but honestly, debating is so much cooler. Even if you're wrong, debating makes you sound like you're not."

Naqvi said, like the rest of the members in the association, he is excited to start debating.

"I know I'm really good at debating so I can't wait to kick some ass," Naqvi said, grinning. "Plus, one of the other members is a total cutie. So many reasons to join the Association."



Photos by Sara Mays

Sisters from Delta Zeta (above) dump jello on Provost David Robbins last Friday as a part of their annual philanthropy event, Jello Tug-of-War, supporting the Delaware Speech and Hearing Center. Students (below) compete on Saturday as a part of the event for a basket full of prizes from local businesses.



Foreign policy expert to discuss end of cold war

Richard Combs to speak Oct. 22 at Ohio Wesleyan University

Former Foreign Service officer, congressional foreign policy adviser, and research professor Richard Combs will take listeners "Inside the Soviet Alternative Universe" when he discusses the end of the Cold War and the fall of the Soviet Union at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Combs will speak at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 22 in Benes Rooms A and B at Ohio Wesleyan's Hamilton-Williams Campus Center, 40 Rowland Ave.

The event is free and open to the public.

Combs worked as a Foreign Service officer from 1966 to 1989, completing three tours of duty at the U.S. embassy in Moscow during the height of the Cold War. He later served as a congressional foreign policy adviser to

former U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., and as a research professor at the Monterey Institute of International Studies in California.

Combs' latest book, "Inside the Soviet Alternate Universe: The Cold War's End and the Soviet Union's Fall Reappraised," was published in August by Penn State Press.

Nunn said the book offers a "fresh, persuasive analysis of the end of the Cold War and the fall of the Soviet Union.

Policy makers, academics and the public can draw important foreign policy lessons from Combs' insightful account."

Combs' presentation is sponsored by Ohio Wesleyan's International Studies Program and Department of Politics and Government.

Go green, starting with your plate

Gretchen Hirsch

Connect 2 OWU

An outgrowth of the Sagan National Colloquium's emphasis on green strategies for the Ohio Wesleyan campus. Meatless Mondays made its debut in the Ham-Wil food this week.

A preview was held Sept. 22 to give students a taste of the program's emphasis.

Senior Pooja Dutt, leader of this Colloquium Activity Project, which is staffed by eight additional students, said in an e-mail, "Very few people are aware of the staggering consequences of eating meat on the planet's resources . . . Much of the world's deforestation is a result of the clearing and burning to create grazing land for

livestock.

"While we're getting 'greener' -- recycling, using energy-saving light bulbs and driving fuel-efficient hybrid cars -- most people are neglecting one of the most important steps toward stopping global warming: adopting a vegetarian diet."

Dutt cites statistics that she interprets specifically for the OWU campus. "A vegetarian saves an average of 95 animals a year just by not eating meat. Which means if everyone at OWU decided to go meatless once a week, we could save over 500 animals every Monday; that's over 7,800 animals all semester."

Dutt and her group invite all Ohio Wesleyan students to drop by the food court every Monday for a "heartly, healthy, meatless meal that is good for animals, good for the planet, and good for you!"



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Gulla's open late to feed hungry students



Photo by Jack Stenger

Gulla's Lunch is located at 12 William St., between Franklin and Sandusky streets.

By Clifford Williams
Transcript Correspondent

With all of the dining halls closed at night, there are few places for Ohio Wesleyan students to eat late that are still within walking distance.

Gulla's Lunch hopes to capitalize on this demand by extending their hours on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

"It's something we have wanted to do for a long time," owner Pat Gulla said. "We finally have the staff that will allow us to be open that late on the weekends."

Gulla's has a wide range of foods besides hot dogs. Ham-

burgers, chicken sandwiches, fish and french fries are also on the menu. They also have fried cauliflower, egg rolls and deep fried pickles available on the late night menu.

When asked why he wanted to have Gulla's Lunch open so late, Gulla said, "We want to give the students of OWU a late night place to eat."

Sophomore Kyle Wishart has gone to Gulla's since they have been open on weekend nights.

"Whenever I'm over in that area, I go there," Wishart said. "They have good food and it is also pretty cheap."

While Gulla's has their main lunch menus, they have

also created a late-night menu for their customers for the weekends.

"Everything is priced down at night," Gulla said.

Now that Hot Potato has been out of business for little over a year, Gulla's Lunch will try to gain some of the customers that Hot Potato lost.

"We never wanted to wait for Hot Potato to go out of business before we opened on the weekends during the late hours," Gulla said. "We just needed to get the people to work that late."

Senior Logan Hronis was found in the Hamilton-Williams building, and when he was handed the menu he in-

stantly said, "It looks good. I kind of want to go there right now."

Hronis, who said he has not been to Gulla's this year but used to eat at Hot Potato, said he would rather have a hot dog than a potato.

Gulla's is not only open on Friday and Saturday nights. They are open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. From Tuesday to Friday, they are open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. And on Saturdays, they open at 10 p.m. and close at 4:30 p.m.

Gulla's opened its Delaware location in February 2006. The restaurant has been a landmark in Bellaire, Ohio, since 1929.

Theta retreats to local camp for weekend

By Katharine Mannix
Transcript Correspondent

Recently the women of Kappa Alpha Theta ventured to a local camp in Delaware, where they were able to convene outside of school to bond and welcome new members into the sorority. Senior Hilary Holmes and junior Jaclyn Tilden planned the retreat. Both are members of Kappa Alpha Theta.

According to the Ohio Wesleyan Greek Life web site, the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority was founded at Ohio Wesleyan in 1881 and is currently located on Winter Street.

"We were able to spend a decent amount of time away from campus and outside of our house on Winter Street," Senior Hilary Holmes said.

This is the second year Kappa Alpha Theta has organized this retreat. After it was largely deemed a success last year, the women planned it again for 2008, just after informal recruitment. Fall recruitment, formally known as informal recruitment, took place during the first few weeks of school. The retreat was deliberately planned after so that the new members could bond with the existing members.

Holmes said, "Everyone was able to bond more with their sisters and get away from school for a weekend."

Junior Liz Collins said the house seems extremely happy this year with the new girls. Everyone is excited for freshman recruitment to begin in January of 2009.

"The retreat was a great way to get to know the new girls who just joined our house [from informal recruitment] in the fall."

According to the Greek Life web site, the sororities often use retreats in order to build stronger leadership bonds between the girls. They are done at a site off campus in order to lessen the distraction of campus activities.

Holmes and Tilden said they had high hopes for the retreat being beneficial again this year to the girls of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Collins said she thought the retreat, like last year, was a success.

"It [the retreat] was a good reminder of how close we [members of Kappa Alpha Theta] are to one another."

A few members were unable to make it, including junior Lisa Connolly. Connolly said, "I wish I had been able to be at OWU last weekend; I had a great time last year. We all got a lot closer to one another."



Photo By Kyle Keefe

Seniors Caitlin Duggan and Lauren Reed talk with an OSU representative last Wednesday at the Career Fair and Graduate School Expo held in the Benes rooms.

Campus Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 5
Faculty Recital at 3:15 p.m. in Jemison Auditorium, Sanborn Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 10
Poet Maggie Smith to present at 4 p.m. in the Bayley room of Beeghly Library

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Arts & Entertainment

Faculty art showcased in Beeghly Library



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Faculty artwork is currently on display in the main hall of Beeghly Library.

'Fashion!' to fill Chappellear

"Fashion!," a nineteenth-century play by Anna Cora Mowatt, will be performed, under the direction of Bonnie Milne Gardner, on the main stage of the Chappellear Drama Center on the following dates:

- Friday, Oct. 3, 7:30p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 4, 2 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 10, 8 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 11, 8 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m.



Freshmen shine in student-directed 'Scenes'

By Samantha Beany
Transcript Reporter

The department of theatre and dance presented "Scenes! 2008" last Friday. "Scenes" is a yearly event that showcases freshmen interested in acting and gives many students of theatre their first directing opportunity.

There were seven scenes, from seven shows, amounting to 70 minutes of theatre, introducing 14 freshmen actors.

Junior Chad Claussen was the director of a scene from *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

"The scene was a last minute decision, but I'm happy

with it," Claussen said. "Another scene I would have liked to direct would have come from *How They Learn to Drive*."

Starring in the scene were freshmen Sophie Rosenthal as Gwendolyn and Grace Plazolles-Hayes as Cecily.

"We got the best scene," Rosenthal said.

"When we did the read through, I kept repeating, 'I would love to be Gwendolyn. I would love to be Gwendolyn,' but I didn't want to ask. Then Chad said, 'Why don't you be Gwendolyn?', and I was so happy."

"Scenes! 2008" covered a range of topics, such as

death, murder and unexpected reunions, and ended with a blind date in which both cast members and a few members of the audience ended up wet.

"I love it when things like that happen," said junior Becca Kelly, who was in the audience. "It's the oh-my-gosh-how-are-they-going-to-clean-that-up factor."

Claussen and Rosenthal were very happy with their scene.

"'Scenes!' was a good way to apply beginning acting and to exercise in a new space," Rosenthal said. "We've put in a lot of work, and that [performance] was the best we've done."

Claussen agreed, and said he felt the experience was a positive one.

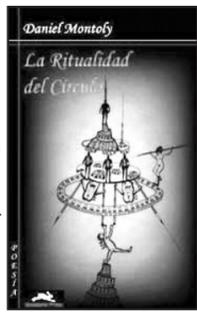
"My scene was the best I ever saw it," Claussen said. "Sophie and Grace were great to work with. They did an amazing job incorporating everything we talked about. My favorite part was just sitting back and seeing them perform something I directed. It was a great learning experience for what a director has to do."

The audience also reacted positively to scenes that were performed.

"The amount of talent always amazes me," Kelly said.

Delaware bookstore to host Latin American poet today in reading

Beehive Books will kick off its Latin American poetry reading series on Thursday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. with a reading in Spanish by poet Daniel Montoly, author of "La Ritualidad del Circulo," which means in English, "The Ritual of the Circle."



Dominican Republic. The poetry series will be hosted by Juan Armando Rojas, a professor at Ohio Wesleyan University, who will introduce Montoly.

Beehive Books is located at 25 N. Sandusky St. in downtown Delaware.

For information on the poetry reading, call 740-363-2337.

Montoly is a poet from the

Ohio native, iconic film star and true philanthropist passes away

By Kaitlin Thomas
Entertainment Columnist

2008 has proved a tough year for performers of all kinds. The year began with the unexpected death of one of the world's most promising young actors, Heath Ledger. Later we said goodbye to comedy legend George Carlin, screen icon Charlton Heston and music marvel Isaac Hayes. Now, we mourn the loss of another entertainer.

Film star and Ohio native Paul Newman died Sept. 26 at his home in Westport, Conn., of complications from lung cancer. He was 83.

Raised in Shaker Heights, a

suburb of Cleveland, Newman briefly attended Ohio University before joining the navy during World War II. Upon his return he enrolled at Kenyon College in Gambier. A graduate of the class of 1949 with a degree in speech, he starred in at least nine theatrical productions during his time at Kenyon.

In 1961 the college awarded him an honorary doctorate, and in June 2007 Kenyon announced Newman had donated \$10 million in scholarships to be awarded to first-generation college students and students from underrepresented minority groups.

To merely call Newman a

movie star would be an understatement. He was a legend, one of the last great iconic movie stars. But he was more than that. He was a philanthropist, an entrepreneur, an activist and an avid race car driver.

Newman founded the first Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in 1988 with money from his company, Newman's Own, Inc. The camp, a residential summer camp for seriously ill children, was the first of what is now the largest association of camps for children with serious illnesses worldwide. The Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, of which Newman was a member, adopted it as their national philanthropy in 1995.

Newman's Own Foundation, an entrepreneurial venture, continues to donate all profits from the sale of Newman's Own salad dressings and all-natural food products to thousands of charities worldwide. The total of donations now exceeds over \$250 million.

As a political activist, Newman contributed thousands of dollars to various Democratic groups and several candidates over the years. He was heavily involved in the 1968 presidential campaign as a supporter of Eugene McCarthy, which earned him a spot on President Richard Nixon's infamous "enemies list."

This year Newman and his wife, actress Joanne Woodward, donated the maximum amount of money permitted to the campaigns of Illinois Sen. Barack Obama and New York Sen. Hillary Clinton.

Though he shunned the Hollywood lifestyle of the rich and the famous, Newman was truly a Hollywood screen legend. Nominated 47 times by various organizations for numerous awards, he was an Academy Award winner, an Emmy award winner and a three-time Golden Globe award winner. He received the Cecil B. DeMille Award for lifetime achievement in 1984, joining other recipients like

Clint Eastwood, James Stewart, Henry Fonda, Bette Davis and Audrey Hepburn.

Fans and friends alike will forever remember his trademark blue eyes, rugged good looks, acting talents and his altruistic generosity as he joins other screen legends like Marlon Brando, who passed in 2004, and Charlton Heston, who died this past April, in that big movie theatre in the sky.

So go rent "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," "Cool Hand Luke" or "The Color of Money," and remember the world just got a little smaller, a little less generous and a lot less talented.

Opinion

Leadership crucial to address climate change

By Jack Stenger
Environmental Columnist

The scientific predictions regarding destruction from climate change are biblical in their scope and magnitude; however, they are not biblical in their comprehension. The interface of science, religion and popular consensus will need to be addressed by citizens in upcoming elections. This article will delve into the relationship of climate change and creationism.

There are many forms of creationism, but I will use the term only to refer to any belief that discounts the scientifically supported age of the planet and the evolution of life upon it. With that said, understanding the effects of global climate change and believing in creationism are mutually exclusive.

The Earth is somewhere

around 4,540,000,000 years old. It has had many Ice Ages, periods of global warming and changes in atmospheric conditions. The snapshot of our current situation and our future can only be understood in relation to the past. Without a historical record we have no basis for any predictions. Attempting to assess climate change with creationist values is like appreciating Michelangelo's "The Creation" while looking through a straw.

It just can't be done.

The same theory applies to understanding the problems biological systems are facing. We are currently in a period of mass extinction (partly due to climate) and are losing species at a record-breaking rate (<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/Default.aspx?id=3897120&p1=0>). Harvard biologists have predicted that 50% of our planets current species could be ex-

tinct by the end of the 21st century. Organisms have evolved over millions of years to survive under specific conditions. When conditions are rapidly altered they are stressed to evolve quickly, which is difficult, especially considering the unprecedented stress humans have already placed on nature. Policy makers need to understand why things are happening so they can take action something to save them.

Climate change is the most important issue our world is facing because it affects every country and is intrinsically embedded in every issue (for a fair summary of climate change by our government go to <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/effects/index.html>). Tuesday's colloquium speaker David Orr clearly spelled out our situation. We know what is happening, we know what we need to do to fix it, and we know how

to fix it. Why is it taking so long? Orr's conclusion was that we lacked leadership.

How is this related? Why bring this all up? The purpose isn't to slam creationists; it is to get people to think about the implications of our nation's beliefs and the connotations they have on our future.

During her campaign for governor, vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin attempted to require creationism to be taught in public schools in Alaska. She also maintains that climate change is not a result of human behavior.

Sometimes I feel that criticizing Palin is like throwing the dodge ball at the fat kid or making fun of the slow kid in class. But then I remember that she is not far from being one of the most powerful leaders in the world. And if she is, our environment will suffer. Think hard, then vote.

Sustainability grade should inspire action

Ohio Wesleyan recently received a D- on the College Sustainability Report Card, an independent evaluation of sustainability in campus operations and endowment investments. Compared to similar schools in Ohio, OWU does not stand up well: Denison and DePauw Universities both received Cs, and Oberlin received an A-.

If an accurate assessment, this is a shameful grade, and one that points to the necessity of this year's Sagan National Colloquium topic.

But whether the speakers and projects of this year's colloquium lead to sincere and productive efforts to make our campus more sustainable, or simply feigned interest and little change, depends on how much our campus truly cares about improving our sustain-

ability. The colloquium won't solve our faults by itself; only cooperative efforts by students, faculty, and staff will make a difference.

And if no changes are made following this significant colloquium topic, what will that say about our campus? Well, probably that we are largely indifferent about the environment.

This grade should inspire a rallying cry for action. Given that President Rock Jones said he is committed to working with the campus to embrace sustainable practices, and that this year's colloquium events should offer a plethora of environmentally sound ideas for our campus, there is no reason that a determined and well-thought-out plan for change would not produce effect needed to make our campus more sustainable.

Columbus starts space program



COLUMBUS -- The City of Columbus started a space program today with help from Grove City. Columbus, long time rival of China, decided that it could not let China gain too much ground in the ever-present space race.

"They think they can put a man on the moon sometime? Well, mark my words, in three years I will relocate this whole damn city to the moon!" said Mayor Coleman during his emergency televised broadcast this afternoon.

Any persons who still have a dream to go to the moon are encouraged to sign up for the project. The city of Columbus will pay off the student loans of any people willing to test a controversial method of space travel invented in 1752 by renowned space theorist Christopher Columbus.

The "Spacenaunt" is fed a diet consisting of live manatees and unripe watermelons, then placed on a giant Frisbee and shot into space. The man on the moon will then grab the Frisbee and, after the Spacenaunt has exited the disc, throw it back.

Eventually Mayor Coleman hopes to place a "pretty big" bomb underneath the city that, upon detonation, will hurtle the whole city directly at the moon during a lunar eclipse. The mayor is basing this on his extensive knowledge of science fiction movies and believes that, if enough people are video taping the occurrence, the same rules should apply.

Columbus will first practice this technique using Grove City at 4 p.m. today. Living on the moon will be mandatory for all current and past Columbus residents.

Booze and boxing lead to column spot



You can imagine my intense panic last Thursday when, at 3 a.m., in the shower, I realized I have been writing *Transcript* columns for over three weeks without having properly introduced myself to my loyal readers. To your credit, you managed to become loyal readers without such an introduction.

Nevertheless, the shock of this realization was enough to send me jumping out of my second floor window, naked and confused, screaming and crying in the middle of the night until a group of veterinarians/police officers were able to shoot me with tranquilizers and drag me off to the lab for tests.

Well, that all was nearly a week ago and I have been

found alive and well. But I can no longer waste the opportunity to let readers know where my perspective is coming from.

I am a second-generation student here at OWU, which makes me a legacy (in addition to my uncle attending from 1999-04, my dad's cat briefly taught a sociology course from 1976-77).

I arrived on the misty shores of Delaware, Ohio, a young lad of 18, ready to start what I assumed would be a promising four years of lacrosse, for which I had received a substantial academic scholarship.

But I was quick to discover during the first week of practice that what my high school had called lacrosse, OWU termed the "audio-visual club."

All my high school records and game-winning shots seemed so futile as I came to realize that such computer and speaker innovation wasn't even considered a sport in Ohio, let alone known as

lacrosse.

Their "lacrosse" was apparently (and they still claim this) some type of stick-net-ball game misappropriated from Native Americans and popular on the coasts. Worse still, OWU did not have an "audio-visual club."

All my practice and hard work had been a waste, and I found myself hopeless during my first semester of college.

Things reached their miserable peak when, shortly after splitting a case of malt liquor with several Delaware kindergartners, I stumbled into the dean's office and rowdily announced I was the new university president. I was so suave and cunning that they were quickly convinced.

But after three weeks, I had invested all the school's money in gambling and pornography web sites and expelled so many students for heresy that I was discovered a fraud and fired.

It was there, outside University Hall, drunk on power

and alcohol and lying in the gutter, that *The Transcript* found me. The then-editor, Gregory Stully, grabbed me by the collar-bone, and told me that even in my condition I could do better than their current sports commentator. Now remember, this was years ago.

Over the next few weeks I sobered up and took on my somber task. After memorizing unnecessary information about all OWU athletes, such as their social security numbers (still in my head to this day), I tried to be the best reporter I could be.

And I covered all the big games: 1972 "Miracle on Ice" when the OWU hockey team defeated the bratty Mighty Ducks, the thrilling 1999 come-from-behind victory season by the OWU tee ball squad, and the fantastical four-year career of three-sport athlete Peter Stinksy.

Might I add, covering Stinksy may have been my greatest honor here as a reporter. Not only a fantastic

player on the volleyball court, Stinksy was also active in the Sigma Triathlon fraternity as the Hazing Captain, and served as a member of the OWU Audio-Visual Club for four years.

But as George Harrison said, all things must pass. Three years ago, after a near lifetime of honorable service, I was asked to resign as *Transcript* sports writer. The request stemmed from my insistence on capitalizing non-proper nouns (i.e., Basketball).

I thought it a stylistic distinction but the editors refused to budge. I boxed 12 rounds with the then-editor, Danny Smelldridge, but I just couldn't hold out. Smelldridge's final uppercut sent me smashing to the canvas, and from the back page to the editorial page of the newspaper.

Now that you know me, I would like to suggest that each reader out there send me a small autobiography of their own, in the form of a letter to the editor. God Bless!

Russia vulnerable following war in Georgia

By Alexandra Panait
Transcript Columnist

An increasingly imperialistic Russia faces daunting challenges ahead.

With its political credibility undermined by the August war in Georgia and economic turmoil heightened by raising oil prices, Russia finds itself in a vulnerable position.

In addition, the modernization process supported by the previous president, Vladimir Putin, has reached a halt with government seeking a monopoly over the oil and gas industry, a restricted law reform and pervasive corruption.

Russia is perpetuating its legacy of dominant oligarchs seeking self-interest either through the country's globalization or intensified nationalization, at the expense of the overall benefit for the citizens

and Russia's position in the world. Is the context opening to the West the opportunity for isolating Russia both economically and politically, or is Russia holding alternatives to its goal of regional and international dominance?

One cannot cast aside the cascading effects the recent Russian intervention in Georgia had on the rest of the non-EU region. The lesson given to a Caucasus country had rippling effects in the Eastern Europe region, particularly the Ukraine.

Russia is increasing its influence in the region through its use of violence and lack of compromise, drawing its own line of regional influence where the West is forbidden to cross.

With Georgia, Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus under Russian aegis, the West is

lacking a buffer zone for Russian aggression. It is imperative that Washington and Brussels do not lose sight on the relative economic downsize Russia is experiencing, looking more carefully towards the Russian long term goals and its extended and marked influence.

Are all the prospectives undermined for a future Ukraine and Georgia NATO membership?

The inclusion of both Ukraine and Georgia into the Euro-Atlantic structure is highly dependant on the Russian policies towards its neighbors. As it markedly showed, Russia will not accept any intrusion of NATO or any another Western presence across the remnant Cold War line that Russia sees as a boundary between its region and the "other."

The commonalities between

the two countries at the foreign policy level are the economic and political liberalism that both embrace, particularly what Francis Fukuyama saw as the driving force for the 21st century states: liberal economy and self-recognition. Both Georgia and Ukraine see the Euro-Atlantic framework as the equivalent of recognizing their identity and their belonging to the West.

Nevertheless, domestic conditions are different. Ukraine's public is heavily divided between Russia and Western support, while Georgia is entangled in problematic territorial boundaries and regional tension.

Such forces become setbacks in their process of integration. Where is Russia heading?

Economically, Russia will undergo a reversal on its

former booming oil and gas exports and heavy capital flows from abroad.

Politically, Russia is already experiencing the diplomatic barriers raised by Europe through its mediation of the Georgian conflict and growing caution towards Russian foreign policies.

Yet Russia ignores the outside views on its policies and is short-sighted towards its own materialistic gains, such as reprimanding the Caucasus aspirations towards the West, and maintaining the chaotic status quo in countries such as the Ukraine. In the short run, Russia is continuing its unilateral policies.

It will be the long run and the relative economic and political position of both Europe and the US that will decide the winners of the new expansionist strategies.

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Bishops Sports

Tennis serves up victory on Heidelberg and Wilmington



Photo by Cliff Williams

Above: Senior Daniel Thangarajah returns the ball against Heidelberg
Below: Sophomore Pam Quigney charges the net against Wilmington

By Steve Ruygrok
Transcript Reporter

This past Tuesday, Sept. 23, Ohio Wesleyan's Men's and Women's tennis teams won both of their matches against Heidelberg and Wilmington respectively.

The men's side took a clean sweep of Heidelberg, winning every set but one.

Senior Daniel Thangarajah and junior Brandon Luttinger led the way for the Bishops as they won their doubles and singles matches and the women won six of nine matches against the Lady Quakers to earn their first overall victory of the year.

For the women, sophomore Pam Quigney and freshman Emily Kiourtsis led the way with both recording straight-set singles wins and then teaming up and winning their doubles match.

"Personally, I feel the key to our success was our performance in our doubles matches. Last year, we lost too many close matches just because we couldn't pick up any doubles points, but yesterday we came up big with wins at all three

fights," Luttinger said.

The men's team only has four returning starters this year, but so far it has not proved to faze them one bit.

The women's team, on the other hand, are only returning three letter winners and one starting senior.

"We have a lot of new guys and all our doubles pairings are new, but I think this could be the best team we've had since I've been at OWU," Luttinger said.

The men's and women's teams each have two remaining game days this fall season, the most important match being when both teams play at Ohio Dominican to wrap up the year on Oct. 9.

"I really think that we will be the surprise team in the NCAC. The last few years we have finished towards the bottom of the conference, but we have a lot of talented new guys and the players we've returned, have come back improved," Luttinger said.

"I can't say exactly where we will finish in the conference, but we will definitely have the hardest working and most competitive team OWU



Photo courtesy of OWU Online

OWU Golf team swinging for national championship in 2008

By Clay Davis
Transcript Reporter

The golf team enters the season with high expectations after winning the NCAC title and finishing in 14th place at nationals last year.

The pressure, however, does not seem to be getting to the team as they have finished first at the Denison Fall Classic, the OWU Fall Intercollegiate, and the Oberlin Invitational this past weekend.

Junior Scott Hassee is one golfer who believes that, despite a great year last year, OWU has not seen their best yet.

"Last season was a phenomenal season," Hassee said. "However, we went to the NCAA Division III Championships and we did not finish how we would have liked. But looking ahead this year we have just as good a team as

last year, if not better."

While it is easy to look ahead, especially to the week of the national championship, Hassee says the key is to focus on the present.

"For the fall, we want to take each tournament hole by hole and shot by shot," Hassee said. "If we can do that, we have a great chance at winning tournaments this fall and spring."

For junior Jordan Benner, staying focused now in the fall and working towards short-term objectives will help the team in the long run.

"We need to adjust by staying focused on our goals everyday, not just most of the time," Benner said.

"We need to have guys believing and preparing everyday like nationals are tomorrow."

The off-season is loaded with visualization and a lot of

critiquing of the swing," Hassee said. "We do a lot of lifting to increase our strength to be strong for this fall and spring."

Training is still rigorous during the season as well, Hassee notes.

"During the season we spend hours at the range in order to stay a step above every other team in the nation," Hassee said. "Our practices are full of competitive skill challenges and qualifying rounds from week to week that can take anywhere from four to six hours to complete."

In order to improve his own game, Hassee is taking a closer look at his time management in the off-season

"I have become better at managing my schedule each year, but I have really made it a top priority this year," Hassee said. "Time management is an absolute must."

Hassee's commitment to the sport has lead him to shoot high this season.

"I look to make top five varsity this year," Hassee said. "It can often times be very tough to get there because of the great depth and skill of our entire team."

For Benner, a third-team All-American last year for the Bishops, it is about improving on his game, as he says he hopes to continue to "work hard and get better."

While the team has veteran leadership with the likes of Hassee and Benner, the team has freshmen that could look to make an impact for the Bishops.

"We have two new freshman, Nate Fridley and Caleb Chiero," Benner said.

"Both are phenomenal players with a lot of talent who we expect to contribute a lot in the near future."

Baseball team seeks trip to College World Series in spring

By Clay Davis
Transcript Reporter

After falling just short last year, OWU baseball seeks redemption in 2009 by winning regionals and going to the College World Series.

Team members hope to accomplish this feat after winning the NCAC for the second straight year but failing to advance past regionals.

Junior Matt Struble, one of the aces on the Bishops' pitching staff, was not pleased with how last season ended.

"I felt like we under-achieved," Struble said. "We should have won regionals or gotten to the championship game. We are too talented to lose when we did."

For Struble, the Bishops had the talent to compete for a championship, but it did not come together at the right time. He is hoping that everyone can maximize his full potential, which would make the defending conference champions even more dangerous.

"We need everybody to play to his potential," Struble said. "We need young guys to step up and older guys to step into leadership positions. We also need a starting lineup that shows up and wants to win every game."

Pitching seems to be essential for the Bishops this year, but it may be a challenge also. Joey McDaniel, Sean Speed, and Xander Jones all graduated last year.

According to Struble, they combined for 200 innings, which would be over 22 complete games. That is why the team is looking for pitchers to step up, and Struble hopes to be one of them.

"Last year I had a couple of games that were rocky," Struble said. "I want to be more consistent this year. I want to be the guy that the team wants on the mound, and I want to win every single game."

Senior Matt Rhode said he hopes that the players can find their role on the team and can deliver when needed.

"We need to play within ourselves and everyone do his role," Rhode said. "Each person needs to do his individual job in order to make the team great."

Despite the recent successes in the NCAC, which won the conference in 2007 and 2008, a challenge could lie ahead in 2009. The Bishops see that they will be the target that every other team in the NCAC is aiming for.

"Our biggest hurdle is back to back to back championships because now everyone is coming at us," Rhode said. "We cannot take a day off and we must respect our opponents and not take them for granted. If we take care of business, we will be pretty good."

The incoming freshman class could play a role in how the team does this year, and the Bishops seem pretty confident in the newcomers.

"We have a very good freshman class," Struble said. "We could be great, but we will need input from our new guys."

Senior Eric McComas sees the freshmen as adding not just talent, but depth as well.

"We are a younger team, but a lot deeper than last year," McComas said. "We have a lot of guys who will contribute off the bench."

While the season officially starts in the spring, the team is still engaging in competition. The team plays inner-squad games every weekend in the fall on Saturdays and Sundays. So far, McComas sees a lot of potential for the '09 Bishops.

"I think this fall we have shown that more guys have stepped up and filled the holes, and we are hitting for a lot more power," McComas said. "I have noticed that pitching is better but at the same time our hitting is much better too."

While the Bishops are happy with being conference champions, they are certainly not satisfied.

"It was a good season last year as far as winning a championship, but it fell short because we did not win regionals," Rhode said. "It left a bitter taste."

That is why Rhode is not leaving anything to chance. He believes the team needs to stay hungry by continuing to work hard.

"Everyone has done his job to prepare so far, but we got to take it into the winter too," Rhode said.



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Senior Jeff Nleman strikes the ball last season.



Bishops Sports

Football can't find answer for Wittenberg

By Drew Lenox
Transcript Reporter

The Battling Bishops took on the rival Wittenberg Tigers on Saturday, but five Ohio Wesleyan turnovers led to a 32-0 loss, dropping them to 0-3.

Ohio Wesleyan received the opening kickoff but fumbled the ball on the return. The Bishops regained possession but it was not a good start for the home team.

"We weren't giving ourselves a chance," sophomore quarterback Mike Fisher said. "We were moving the ball and had a solid opportunity to continue drives, but we would turn the ball over. We need to play with a sense of urgency right from the first snap."

On that opening drive, Fisher was sacked by Taylor Scherer and fumbled the ball away to the Tigers. On a shortened field, Matt Brumfield connected with Josh McKee to put Wittenberg on top 6-0.

The Bishops answered with a long drive behind the legs of freshman running back Raymon Beach. Beach picked up three first downs but on a third down play from the Wittenberg 12 yard line, the defense stripped the ball away from his grasp.

"I just had the ball on my inside arm and probably should have switched it to the outside," Beach said. "It was a great defensive play and a perfect grab and rip. I just didn't hang on to the ball."

Later in the quarter, another



Freshman Raymon Beach carries the ball against Wittenberg at Selby Field Saturday.

Photo by Cliff Williams

fumble, this time by sophomore Mickey Gies, led to a Wittenberg touchdown making the score 12-0 at halftime.

Ohio Wesleyan rotated many different people on offense and Fisher said that he liked all the different running backs OWU was able to present to the opposing defense.

"I think they are all pretty talented," he said. "They all bring something to the table. Some bring strength and some are more of speed backs. Freshman Raymon Beach played tremendous today in

his first real collegiate action."

Wittenberg got the ball to start the second half and they drove 55 yards for a score that put them up 18-0.

Later in the half, senior punter Chris Kras was tackled before he was able to get the kick away. This led to a fourth Wittenberg touchdown, and Wittenberg increased the lead to 32-0 after a Fisher interception was returned to the five yard line.

"There are numerous holes in my game," Fisher said. "It all starts with the quarter-

back. It's unacceptable for me to turn the ball over. Our line played well today and picked up a lot of blitzes but I need to make better decisions."

Fisher said he thinks the team needs to continue to work and must stop giving the ball to the other team.

"We need to just make a conscious effort to get better," he said. "We've had more turnovers in these first three games than we had all of last season."

Beach, who led the team in rushing with 50 yards, said he

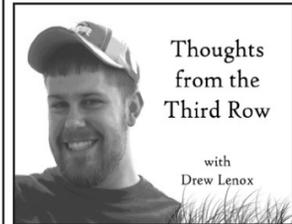
was excited about the opportunity to play.

"I feel I came out ready," he said. "It wasn't the end result that I expected but I was proud of what I was able to do in my first game."

He said the team needs to stay focused, play harder and practice well as they get ready to travel to Oberlin next week.

"We are going to go at them," Beach said. "We need to move on and look past this loss. It's a new week with a new opponent. We can't live in the past."

Amateur athletes deserve a break



Thoughts from the Third Row

with Drew Lenox

There are many problems in college athletics. Some people find problems with the officiating and the replay system. Others have problems with scheduling and the many different polling systems.

One of the biggest problems, however, with college athletics is the glorification of the athletes by the media and the fans.

The fans, sometimes influenced by what the media has to say, often idolize their favorite players and elevate them to a status they are not always able to live up to.

The senior star that is breaking school records should get some praise but there are times when a freshman, never before stepping onto the playing field or making a single play, will get a standing ovation. This is a little much.

There is nothing wrong with cheering for a team and liking a player but there must be some restraint in doing so. College athletes are at an age where they are impressionable and what they are told can have a negative effect on their lives.

When a player is constantly told how good he or she is, it can make their ego grow quite large. As the egos grow, sometimes these players feel their iconic status will save them from ever getting into trouble.

The lack of fear of punishment can make the decisions to turn to drugs or violence easier because they think they will either not get caught or believe they are above the law or the rules.

This attitude and ego can also contribute how these athletes act toward their coaches and peers. If the fans believe that the athletes are larger than life, the athletes can believe they are bigger than their coaches, their teammates or the game itself.

This is often present in professional sports as one can see that the star players may be calling the shots and will often defy their coaches or owners.

If we tell a player how great they are when they are in college and not getting paid, think of how much money they will demand when they have the possibility of a huge payday.

The truth is that more of the highly touted, super elite players fail in the professional ranks than do the ones that meet the high expectations. Those players, who have always been told how great they are, can become unstable and insecure if they fail to live up to the hype.

They are not able to handle the tremendous pressure that they face as a professional athlete after being idolized and put on a pedestal in college.

Please don't get me wrong. It is perfectly okay to cheer for a certain team and to have a player who you like to watch and root for. This society needs its sports heroes.

But the next time you throw on your favorite player's jersey, think for a second. Are you supporting your favorite team by showing your support for one of your favorite players? Or are you idolizing an impressionable athlete that might one day think they are larger than the game they play and the fan, like you, who loves them?

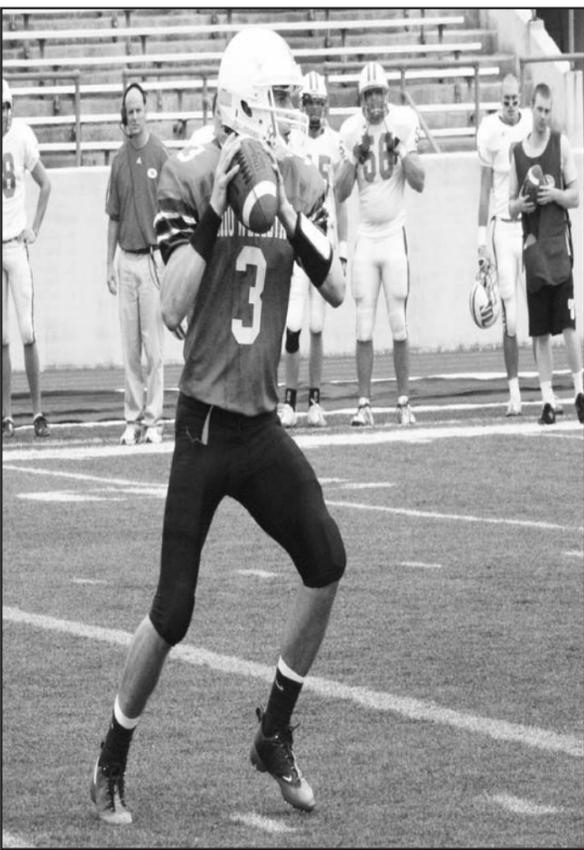


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Sophomore Mike Fisher drops back for a pass during a game made more competitive because of a historic rivalry between OWU and Wittenberg.

NCAC full of ongoing rivalries

By Josh Powers
Transcript Reporter

Wooster, Wittenberg and Denison football games are about much more than bragging rights and conference titles.

These rivalries can also aid in recruiting.

"One of the reasons I chose Ohio Wesleyan is because I liked the fact that there are rivalries, and that we are competitive with whomever we play," said freshman Mason Farr. "The rivalry with Wooster added a bonus to Ohio Wesleyan athletics and made my decision final."

The Bishops lost to Wooster last weekend 20-2. Junior Eric Maul said, "Though the team lost this one, it was a game the team wanted to win more than others."

"We worked hard to win that game and it hurts when one like that falls through," Maul said. "It's always a war when OWU and Wooster step on the field, and it will be like that long after I've hung up my pads and graduated."

"I could tell right then that there was no love between the schools," said freshman Mason Farr.

On Saturday, they played rival Wittenberg at home. Though they ended up losing the game 32-0, that doesn't show the true fire of the rivalry.

"The Witt game for us is big, even bigger than the Wooster rivalry," Maul said. "It is a vicious game, and like Wooster, it's war. Every year we battle for the skull trophy, a trophy that the winner gets to keep at their school for the whole year, and this year we wanted to take it home more than ever."

The games are just as intense in other sports.

"In baseball, Wooster is the most important game on our schedule because of the history we have with them in the post-season," said junior Steve Ruygrok. "The rivalry has increased since I have

been here because we continue to prove that we are superior."

"When looking at Wooster, their baseball players were talking to me about Ohio Wesleyan, and I could tell right then and there that there was no love between the two schools," Farr said. "I know that they both had good programs, and the fact that Ohio Wesleyan beat them the past two years and went to win the NCAC championship helped to secure my decision in attending Ohio Wesleyan."

The teams' histories with each other are what make great rivalries, said Mike Hollway, head football coach. Hollway has been coaching at Ohio Wesleyan for the past 22 seasons.

"It is different for different constituencies. Early alumni would consider Wittenberg to be the rival; Wooster, during the middle of my tenure, would be considered a bigger game than Wittenberg," Hollway said.

"Wooster and Wittenberg are at the top of the list of rivals."

Men's soccer loses to Polar Bears, crushes Quakers

By Colin Magruder
Transcript Reporter

Last Wednesday night, the men's soccer team played their final non-conference game against the Ohio Northern Polar Bears.

The team came out looking to work on their finishing, which had difficulties in the previous game at John Carroll.

The team came out firing in the first half with 9 shots on goal, but could not get one in the back of the net.

Ohio Northern had the same problems, however, and the teams entered the half with the game scoreless.

Early in the second half, OWU had a golden opportunity to score, but three straight shots were stopped within the 18-yard box.

Just minutes after this, the

Polar Bears were able to get a goal up on the scoreboard when Christian Huelsman was able to get the ball by goalie Richard Ott.

Ohio Northern was able to hold onto the lead for the remainder of the game, as OWU could not get the ball past the opposing goalie Aaron Collins, who finished the game with 9 saves.

In the loss, the Bishops still managed to outshoot the opposing Polar Bears, 20-17, but were not able to capitalize on any of the opportunities.

Saturday night, the team looked to rebound, as they opened up NCAC play against an Earlham team that looked overmatched the entire game.

Coach Jay Martin said going into the game that there were going to be changes in how the team played, and

in the aggressiveness of the team.

The Bishops definitely fixed their finishing problem, and increased their aggressiveness in this contest.

Just 45 seconds into the game, freshmen Matt Bonfini opened up what would be a long night of goals for OWU.

Then, six minutes later sophomore Tyler Wall headed in a ball to tally his 5th of the season, giving the Bishops a 2-0 advantage that carried into halftime.

Bonfini continued his scoring early in the second half when he snuck the ball past the goalie to put OWU up 3-0.

Just seven minutes later, freshmen Taylor Kiefer notched his first collegiate goal, kicking an amazing shot from 25 yards out that got by the outstretched arms of the

goalie, giving the team a 4-0 lead.

"(Kiefer) played well for his first game, he managed to record a goal and an assist," Martin said.

A little over a minute later, a penalty was awarded and Wall was able to score his second goal of the game.

Earlham was able to gain some redemption with 18 minutes to go by scoring their only goal.

Three minutes later sophomore Tyler Bryant caught the Earlham goalie out of position and was able to loft the ball into the net to make it 6-1 Bishops.

The onslaught was not over, however, when with two minutes left in the game Kody Law increased the OWU lead to 7-1.

Just when everyone thought