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WCSA elections sneak up: candidates ready

By Mike Diblasio
Lead Reporter

On Wednesday, Ohio Wesleyan students will have the opportunity to elect another president – the president of WCSA. Students will also elect a new vice president, treasurer and secretary to round out the counsel's executive board, which will make WCSA history as the first to serve a calendar-year term.

Students have four tickets to choose from on the president/vice president ballot and three on the treasurer ballot. Running for treasurer are sophomores Binh Thanh Phan, Megan Evans and Yashika Shah. Vanisha Bisnath is running uncontested for secretary.

The four presidential/vice presidential tickets are shown on the right, each with a short synopsis of the candidates' major platform points.

The elections for class representatives, which used to be held in September, will be held on Dec. 5. Following the class rep election will be the election for residential representatives, which will be held on Jan. 21.

In the last election, to be held in late April, a senior president, two off-campus representatives, a SLU representative and a fraternity representative will be chosen.



Jeremy Reeves/Kyle Summers

Reeves and Summers plan to promote unity on campus by reforming Greek Life. They also plan to change the WCSA budgetary guidelines to make student organizations responsible for attending events other than their own to develop understanding and tolerance. They wish to increase OWU's efforts in preserving and restoring the environment through enhanced recycling and implemented energy-use educational sessions. They want to introduce electronic voting and reconsider the "kegger ban."



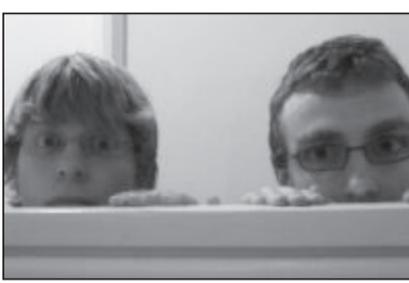
Adam Koorn/Eric Wise

Koorn and Wise are building their platform on the promise to secure funding for SLUs and Greek life, to continue to work towards a green Ohio Wesleyan with a stable university-wide recycling program and increase WCSA transparency. They are also committed to the work necessary to implement the OWU Bike Transit Program, but overall Koorn and Wise say they are interested in the issues that are important to the students.



Syed Usman Javaid/Kyle Herman

Javaid and Herman's platform is focused on making the university an "instrument of change" not only on campus, but across the globe. They also promise to continue OWU's green efforts and plan to support the continuation of the projects implemented through this year's National Colloquium. Other staples of the platform include instituting a student awareness day to educate students on campus and world issues, improvements to Chartwells, advocating for better living conditions and fostering a renewed sense of pride and community.



Drew Farrell/John Moriarty

Farrell and Moriarty say they are interested in communicating with students so that they can better represent them. They plan to continue emphasizing environmentalism on campus through recycling, the already existing National Colloquium projects and other efforts. They plan to bring student housing up to date and create a Columbus shuttle service to open up more off-campus opportunities to students. They recognize the changes made to WCSA by the McHale/Goodrum administration and wish to continue and improve the transparency they have sustained.

Political activist, monk, poet – and OWU janitor

By Chris Gong
Transcript Correspondent

He's not your "average Joe," not your average janitor. Any week day, around dinner time, the vacuum starts to groan along the hallway of Hamilton-William Campus Center. A short, middle-aged fellow in a janitor's uniform is cleaning. The campus slowly quiets. The hall is empty except for the long lines of sun light cast on the floor.

His name is Daniel José Montoly. He is from the Dominican Republic. He used to be a political activist, a lawyer and a tailor. He was a monk for one year, at a temple in India. He is also a poet. His recent bilingual poetry collection, titled *La Ritualidad del Circulo (Rituality Cycle)* connects people's daily lives to the cycle of the religious idea of reincarnation, manifesting life's elements of sorrow, pain and love. Of course, he is also a janitor at Ohio Wesleyan. His day job is to clean the atrium of the student center.

But when Montoly was young, he was motivated to become a politician. The first reason he sought a political career was his father, who is also a politician. However, his inspiration was not to follow his father's example.

Montoly grew up in the northwestern province of Montecristi, in the Dominican Republic. For many years, his father was the most powerful politician in that area, first as the mayor of the capital of the province, then as the dictator of the surrounding area.

"I don't have too many connections with my father. My parents divorced when I was young. I was raised by my grandmother," he said.

Montoly talked about his father in a low, heavy voice, "My father was a leader of the dictator party. He was also the mayor of Montecristi

for many years. He oppresses people, he abuses people. Farmers and poor people would come to my house to complain about my father. I cried sometimes, 'We don't have anything to do with him – look at our home, we are just poor like you.'

"He didn't support me and my mother. He was a classical politician: he promised and never accomplished," Montoly said.

"When my farther was on political campaign, he would visit us. 'Son, how are you doing? La la la la la...' he said, in front of everybody. 'I'm going to the capital and buy you notebook, shoes, clothes, everything; just tell me what you need.' Then we never see him again, for years. My elder sister said she hated him. She doesn't want that man in her life."

Until he was 7 years old, Montoly lived on the farm with his mother and grandmother and three other children in the family, struggling with poverty. During the time on the farm he learned an important lesson from his grandmother, the midwife of the town: one should respect others and treat others equally. He started to work on the farm even as a small child, because his grandmother's philosophy was, "You eat, you have to work."

They planted tomatoes, onion, tobacco and yucca (cassava). The land was not theirs. They worked for somebody else.

Montoly moved to the capital city of Montecristi in 1975. To support the family and himself, he did all kinds of jobs, including tailoring, shining shoes and selling jewelry on the street.

"Whenever people here (in America) hear about children working, they act surprised. But in my country, it's totally different – everybody has to work, no matter who you are. You don't work, you don't eat," he said.

For Montoly, the second

motivation for a career in politics was the bully in his neighborhood.

"I was a short guy, usually the target for bully. One time a couple of guys even broke my jaw. I ran home and went to my grandfather. I said, 'Look, Chici and his brother broke my jaw. Every day I have to deal with them. They kicked me and beat me, in front of everybody.' My grandpa said, 'What do you want me to do?' 'I want you to go with me, tell the teacher. This has to be stopped,' I said. 'I'm sorry,' my grandpa said. 'For the support of you, I'm going to do nothing. You have to deal with this yourself. Because, tomorrow, if I die, who will be there for you? Here's a machete knife. Go solve your problem.'

"I took the machete to the river. When the guy came over trying to beat me again. I took out the knife. I was ready to kill him. There was a lot of anger inside me. I didn't kill him – only a small cut in the belly. But after that, no more bully, no more problems. *Everybody* respected me."

"But from then my brain started to catch the wrong message: if you are nice, educated, people don't listen to you, but if you use some violence and pressure, you will be in control. After that I tend to go to extreme and easily start the conflict with others. I *hated* bully. I always try to find out who's the bully in the school, I'm gonna go after him, that's my next target."

In high school and college, Montoly became a student leader, working for a branch of a political party in the Dominican Republic. He said, "I wanted to become a politician. But I *don't* want to be like my father. I don't want to abuse people. I'm responsible for my family and child."

Montoly said the work he is doing today doesn't bother him, and he is proud of his work.

"Because this is the only way I can



Photo by Chris Gong

Daniel José Montoly, a Dominican Republic native, worked as a political activist and a tailor before becoming a janitor at OWU.

support my child. Job doesn't define people. People are *not* their jobs. I'm another person after changing the clothes. The job stays here."

After getting his bachelor's degree in law in 1994 at the age 26, he started to work for his political party in the community. He and his party formed a non-government organization for the purpose of educating and organizing the powerless to fight governmental oppression.

Montoly said a lot of people lived in the poor area of his community, where there's no drinking water, electricity or anything else. When the rich people wanted to get rid of the "ugly part of the town" and wanted them to leave their homes, they were asked to sell their land at a low price to the government. Because

the majority of the poor are illiterate, Montoly and his organization formed theater groups and used performances to tell the people what was going on in their lives. After that, the people were motivated to stand up for their own rights.

"I really dedicated part of my life to my political organization. In return, I have a lot of respect back from the community. I think I did what I think was right. I have no regret," he said.

Julian Arribas, assistant professor of modern foreign languages at OWU, also a good personal friend of Montoly, said, "Some of us are lucky to know Daniel. He is one of our community's little hidden treasures: a role-model at work, a humanitarian at heart, a poet in soul, and above all a good friend to his friends."



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Students seek Nader, expanded party system

By **Clay Davis**
Transcript Reporter

While American politics was dominated by a two-party system this election cycle, there are still many who wanted to see a third party candidate rise to the top, allowing for a more radical approach to politics and policies. There are some OWU students who sought an alternative voice in Washington by supporting Ralph Nader, the Independent candidate for president.

"The [major] parties have become problems at this point," junior Andy Coder said. "Electing a Democrat gives you one more job advocating the platform of the Democratic Party and the corporate influence that dictates it. Electing a Republican gets you one more job advocating the platform

of the GOP and the corporate influence that dictates it."

Supporting Nader was important to Coder in part because his ideas have been around for a long time, meaning that the Nader defeat does not mean his ideology became irrelevant overnight.

"If you think of something that has happened in the U.S. over the last 40 years, done in the name of consumer, citizen and labor rights, and has been successful, Ralph Nader probably had some hand in it," Coder said.

The influence Nader has had on public policy and the shaping of current regulations is monumental, according to Coder.

"Because of Ralph, no one reputable is selling us the latest Pinto, our toasters do not have a 1-in-300 chance of bursting into flames, we drink cleaner water, breath safer air,

and a great deal of Americans can feel like they are really taking a stand and changing things for the better," Coder said.

Some people argue that voting third party means throwing their vote away, or perhaps helping another candidate. For example, many political pundits thought that the support Nader got in 2000, particularly in Florida, helped George W. Bush win the election. However, for Coder, voting for Nader is about principles and supporting a candidate he could believe in and could see as a real agent of change.

"If I was feeling especially argumentative, I would note that Nader is not associated with any national party in this election and is on the ballot as an Independent in every state he could manage," Coder explained. "Then, I would inquire as to why someone

might throw their vote away by voting for a candidate who is going to play catch up with corporate favors for a great deal of time once in office."

While the idea of the "lesser of two evils" is often mentioned in presidential campaigns, Coder believes that voting for a candidate he believes in is more important than deciding which candidate will do the least amount of damage.

"Honestly, I (could) not reconcile my conscience with a vote for McCain or Obama," Coder said. "That sort of thing just does not work out in my mind, because I need a change I can believe in, and Obama has consistently refused to deliver in practice. McCain (did) not even promise that; although, I do commend the honesty."

Junior Conor Close, like Coder, believes that principles

should trump party loyalty to the Democrats or Republicans.

"My issue is that, in voting, you should not be playing a game of politics," Close said. "You should see what you believe in and go with that."

Close also views the two-party system as dangerous, because it limits the amount of attention for other candidates.

"It consolidates things into two parties that make compromises themselves," Close said. "The two parties are moderate, so it limits options for voters."

Both Coder and Close attempted to gain support for Nader on campus through the use of flyers, but many have not stayed posted that long. Because they did not have the financial support the College Democrats or College Republicans had, was hard for Coder and Close to produce new pro-Nader material.

"I tried putting up flyers,

but they were torn down so often that it became fairly expensive to maintain them, and I (did) not have the vast corporate sponsorship that the Democratic and Republican groups have," Coder said.

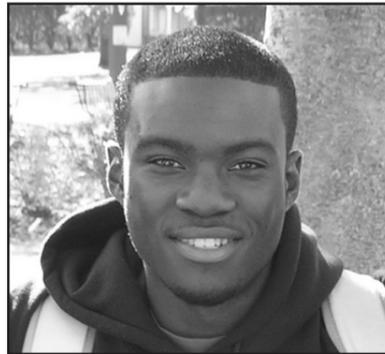
While general support for Nader is thin, it did not stop Coder and Close from expressing their own ideas and belief that having an alternative candidate to the major two parties is great for the system. They saw Nader as the real candidate for change in Tuesday's election, not Obama.

"He [Obama] was so busy talking about change, he did not have any time to make it happen," Coder said. "Ralph Nader has been getting things done for years. His record is so much more impressive than anyone in Washington today that it would be hard to imagine that anything would not get done."

REFLECTIONS ON THE ELECTION

"It was cool that we elected Obama, although I personally didn't agree with his policies. I voted for McCain, and I'm disappointed, but not surprised that Obama won."

Sophomore Betsy Lewis



"I think Obama should have two terms in office; firstly, so he could clean up Bush's mess then in his second term show what he could really do."

Freshman Justin Adda

"It's nice to know that the President probably won't die in office from old age."

Senior Tov Nordbø



"I'm a Democrat, but I voted for McCain because his economic plan favored my income bracket, but I don't mind that Obama won."

Junior Erik Maul

"I was so relieved, excited, amazed just all balled up into one emotion. It's clearly a historic moment and it feels good to be part of it."

Sophomore Chardae Spencer



"Booooo! I'm really disappointed that McCain lost that why I said, 'Booo!'"

Sophomore Pam Quigney

"I'm excited that Obama is president! I jumped up and down and cheered and I have faith in my country again because, hopefully, this is the first step to change,"

Sophomore Hayley Gross



"I'm not surprised at all. I voted for Obama via absentee ballot in Maryland. Fact: You can't do business with Maryland unless you're a registered Democrat."

Junior Natalie D'Antonio

"I'm kind of curious with what Obama will do with his term. I didn't support either candidate, and I voted for Ralph Nader but I know that a lot of people are excited about it,"

Junior Conor Close



"I'm so happy that Obama won; although, my sister told me that he's not very good for the Philippines. I think he'll do well for the world for the next eight years."

Junior Bea Pantoja

The power of sexual stereotyping

“GROWING UP FEMALE WITH A BAD REPUTATION”

By Kaisha Oliver
Transcript Reporter

“Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words would never hurt me. ... We know that’s not always true,” said Leora Tanenbaum, author of “SLUT: Growing Up Female with a Bad Reputation.”

On Tuesday, the Women’s House hosted Tanenbaum for a discussion about cultural standards and sexual promiscuity in Benes Room A.

“If you ever [have] been called a slut yourself, you know how much it hurts,” Tanenbaum said.

“Is being called a slut a rare thing? Of course not,” she said. “Two out of five girls [have] been called a slut.”

“[I]magine you are a young girl being called a slut in school,” Tanenbaum said, before briefly narrating her high school experience.

She said in high school she had a friend named Michelle (this was a fake name Tanenbaum used to protect the real girl’s identity) who liked a guy but was too afraid to approach him to ask him how he felt about her.

So Michelle convinced Tanenbaum to ask that question via telephone. However, instead of talking about Michelle, the guy started flirting with Tanenbaum.

She said she was 14 and very young and naïve at the time, so when he later asked her out, her reply was yes. She said after getting off the phone, she felt really bad, because she betrayed her friend.

She said she later met up with the guy, and they made out. Later, that evening, she said the guy called her friend and told her what happened. Michelle was crushed and decided to take revenge.

“But, the punishment [she gave me] did not fit the crime,” Tanenbaum said.

She said Michelle started a rumor in school about Tanenbaum sleeping with the guy, which ended in her being labeled the school’s slut. She said

she was called a slut even by people she did not know or talk to. She said they would act indifferent toward her without even knowing the truth.

After finish her high school story, Tanenbaum broke down the reasons for “slut bashing” and the different categories of a slut. She said girls are not picked on or bashed because of their actions alone but more so because of their appearance.

“Most of the time, girls are picked on for [their] bra size.”

She said when a girl has a bigger chest than most girls at her age, she is considered a slut. She said girls also get a reputation as a slut in school because they are different.

Furthermore, she said the rumors that come with “slut bashing” creates a situation that didn’t exist before — an expectation of promiscuity.

“Girls who aren’t sluts but are called sluts try to live up to that expectation [of promiscuousness].”

When girls try to live up to the expectation to be a slut, Tanenbaum said, they are more likely to get raped or gang raped.

She said she is concerned about that because more and more youth are not educating themselves, which, in effect, harms their relationships and bodies.

“I’m worried that the pre-teens and teens may not be able to learn or understand the intimacy involved with [sex]” she said.

“[At] the fear of being called a slut, females don’t use protection” because if they carry a condom in their purse or pocket, they may seem like a slut.

Tanenbaum said sexual desires are completely normal for both males and females, but the females get the short end of the stick.

She said there are sexual double standards, and that men and boys are treated different from women and girls.

She also said the sexual double standard is no different than sexual harassment. In fact, she said the sexual double standard reinforces sexual harassment.

In closing, Tanenbaum discussed the conversations she had with several women who have been sexually harassed or raped because of their appearance and reputation.

As the students listened, they showed signs of empathy. They made sounds, comments, shook their heads and then there was silence -- until the Q&A part of the discussion began.

Some said they do not like the way some students use the word as a greeting to their friends, while others said, while they were in school, it was not said or not allowed to be used.

One student said, for example that “What’s up slut?” or “What’s up bitch?” is used by some students as a salutation, even though these terms were not as widely accepted before they are now.

Debra Lamp, director of Student

Involvement and the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center, said when she was growing up, the term, “slut,” wasn’t really used, and that it was considered a very bad word, almost like a curse word.

Tanenbaum replied that she, too, doesn’t like the way people use the terms “slut” or “bitch” because people make it seem affectionate when it really is not.

Other students asked Tanenbaum what schools are doing to protect little girls from “slut bashing” and being sexual harassed?

Tanenbaum said a court ruling in 1999 sets precedence for a school’s liability if the school is aware of the sexual harassment of a student and does nothing about it. So to avoid lawsuits, she said, schools try to protect their students from being harassed.

Sex education is a measure schools take to avoid such instances of harassment.

According to some, though the term “slut” is not overly prevalent on campus, this topic is quite appealing and will have some benefits for the students.

“I don’t really know, but I [spoke] to some students about ‘slut bashing,’ [and some] said it not as common ,and some said, ‘Yes, it is, but it’s not a big deal,’” said Richelle Schrock, professor and director of women’s and gender studies.

Schrock said she believes that there was a reason this topic was brought to campus for students to hear.

“[The discussion] was on a topic that would interest the students, both male and female, but personally relevant for female students,” Schrock said.

“I do think that this will benefit [the students]. Leora Tanenbaum did a great job delineating why girls are called sluts and its negative repercussions. I enjoyed [hearing her] clearly explain the sexual double standard.”

MARRCA: an art and skill

By Mark Dubovec
Transcript Reporter

Last year, the Medieval and Renaissance Recreational Combat Association (MARRCA) looked to be in danger due to a lack of membership, but a freshmen influx has reinvigorated the group.

“There’s a lot of enthusiasm this year. We were getting worried last year,” said club president Courtney Collins.

“Ever since *Lord of the Rings* and *Pirates of the Caribbean*, it was something I wanted to try,” said freshman Emily Celuch. “When I was looking at schools, I heard OWU had this group on campus.” Celuch said that was a deciding factor.

“We’re people who are interested in what the marital arts of the period have to offer,” said club librarian Ray Rozman.

“It ranges from unarmed and wrestling to swords and spears,” Collins added, “We want people to not only learn the history but also the authentic fighting style.”

These techniques vary from German and Italian styles of handling swords and daggers to the teachings of German Renaissance swordsman Joachim Meyer and Irish spear-fighting. “Most people the Irish used against had six-foot spears, so the Irish used eight-foot spears,” Rozman said.

Rozman incorporated that particular style when he spent a semester in Ireland as part of a re-enactment troupe.

“Everyone is loving it because it’s more group oriented. We’re fighting in a line,” Rozman said.

“You learn the basics of swordsmanship, but there’s enough freedom to learn your own style,” said senior Kyle Martin, who along with Rozman is the last of MAARCA’s founding members.

Martin added, “I use more of an Eastern style because of my katana experience. I also implement Tai Chi.” Martin also practices with his katana in a dojo outside of sessions and said, “I rely more on speed and agility than power, and I make balance and footwork a priority.”

The group unity and room for individualism in MAARCA is considered by its members to be one of its strengths. “Leadership abilities are starting to show in certain people, and it’ll start to develop soon in other people,” Rozman said. “There’s a certain sort of confidence.”

Collins said, “It’s very important when we do team battle because executives and officers don’t usually lead. Sometimes, new members get to lead the day they join. It’s a very good opportunity to lead.”

The group trains with wooden replicas, both to employ similar training methods used by martial artists of the era and for practical concerns.

“We’re being accurate and safe,” Collins said.

While the group has not had any serious injuries, Rozman said, “There are some small cuts and bruises, but you don’t join the club to be scot-free.”

Freshman David Ordosch, for example, got hurt from a stray blow.

“My hand went limp. I couldn’t move it for ten minutes,” he said. Ordosch, who began attending meetings at the urging of his roommate added, “It’s fun to hit people and not get in trouble.”

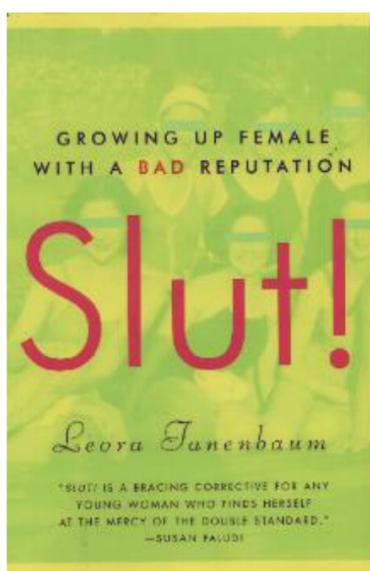
Eric Baker, another freshman, said the mixture of violence and medieval history appealed to him.

“*Mortal Kombat* just isn’t cutting it,” he said. Baker’s favorite weapon is the rondel. It looks like an ice pick and is designed for getting through armor.

MARRCA meets three times a week at the gazebo behind the fire station but will soon move indoors for archery practice as winter approaches. Collins said the group is looking to bring in outside experts to campus and attract the attention of other clubs.

One plan is to have a demonstration of the best stage fighting techniques, which Collins hopes would interest the theater department.

“Most real sword fights are over quickly,” Collins said. “They try to lengthen them out [in movies and plays] and do flashy things, but that wouldn’t work in real life.”



EazzyClean wins business simulation competition

By Sarah Shkoukani
Transcript Reporter

EazzyClean, a student-run laundry business, won first place in a business simulation competition held at Xavier University in Cincinnati on Oct. 23-24.

Freshman Justin Adda, senior He Liu and junior Farooq Busari comprised the team that presented EazzyClean to the panel of judges. Busari played the CEO and founder of the company, with Adda in charge of customer service and relations and Liu in charge marketing.

Busari started Eazzy Clean initially as a one-man business. He was inspired to create the business by his growing annoyance with the routine of doing laundry.

He said he hated waiting for a free washer or drier and that his laundry

didn’t dry fully. Bothered that his classes weren’t giving him a real-world view of business, Busari started Busy Bishop, a laundry service, in the fall of 2007. Busari charged students \$13.50 per load of laundry, washing each load himself.

“It soon became so time consuming!” Busari exclaimed.

Wanting to expand Busy Bishop, Busari spent the summer on campus developing a business plan for the operation. With help from Patricio Plazolles, economic department program officer, Busari turned Busy Bishop into EazzyClean, his new and improved business model.

“We provide laundry services to students on and off campus -- pickup, wash, dry, fold, and delivery within 24 hours,” Lui said of the student-run business.

Busari explained that EazzyClean is not a club, but a registered company

(or a Limited Liability Company).

“We have an official business plan and investors on board to supervise the company as well,” Lui said. “EazzyClean was intended to be the middle man between the superwashing in Delaware and OWU students. It’s simply to save students time and energy.”

At the competition, Busari said the team had to set up an exhibition table with EazzyClean flyers, a PowerPoint presentation and business plans.

“A group of judges walked around the exhibition hall and stopped at each table to hear the brief presentation from each business plan team. We presented to around seven to eight judges, receiving very positive comments.”

Senior Candace Griffith, president of the Entrepreneurship Club, said the panel of judges was scoring each team based on a variety of things, such

as profits, net worth, market share, customer satisfaction, employee morale and lifestyle.

The team also received advice from the judges.

“They suggested getting the athletic department involved by doing the team uniforms and possibly the team’s personal laundry. This would allow the teams to be more committed to school and sports minus the hassle of doing laundry,” Busari said.

“It was indeed a great excitement when we heard we won first place, because our entire team worked cohesively to present EazzyClean the best we could. It was also such an honor to bring the award back to OWU and make OWU proud,” Liu said.

For Busari, he was more excited for Plazolles’ reaction on winning. “I gave her the award simply because she was my greatest encouragement.”



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PS Officer Ciochetti lives vibrant and colorful life

By Chris Gong
Transcript Correspondent

This is a man who served in the military for eight years. He has 35 years of experience with martial arts. He knows karate, Kung Fu, Kodokan Judo and Krav Maga. He plays five brass instruments.

At age 20, he started teaching international relations and political science to college students at Marshall University upon the request of one of his professors.

He studies paleontology and has a large fossil collection, including the Elrathia Kingi Trilobite from the Middle Cambrian Era.

He is interested in supernatural phenomenon. In 2007, he published a book about ghosts at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Yet sometimes, around the 6 p.m., when students see the man in the public safety uniform locking up the quiet eastern side of the Ohio Wesleyan campus, building by building, door by door, they might not recognize who John B. Ciochetti, really is.

Ciochetti grew up in a conservative family in a small town – Parkersburg, W.Va.

His father was a coolant operator; his mother was a secretary working in a construction firm. With an open mind, his parents taught him and his two brothers the value of hard work and the difference between right and wrong.

His little brother David is a physician, with 23 years of service in the army. His other brother is an architectural engineering, working at nuclear power plant.

His daughter and son-in-law are also in the army.

“The military appeals to me – it makes me think of the founding of this country and what it stands for,” Ciochetti

said. “I wanted to serve this country, so I joined the army through ROTC (Reserve Officers’ Training Corps) in college at 1979.

“Before that time the military was not very popular. However, at the time I joined the force, the attitude towards the military shifted. Jimmy Carter was then the president; his foreign policy angered most of America. People thought that U.S. was being kicked around. People wanted a better military. There was an amount of prestige associated with being in the military. We show the world we are strong. It is honorable. People respect those who serve.”

Ciochetti was in the armed forces for eight years, and his last rank was 1st lieutenant with the positions of executive officer and platoon leader.

He said, “I sometimes wish I was back in the military.”

As a college instructor for many years, Ciochetti’s teaching experience started particularly early.

As early as his first year in Rio Grande College, he was given permission by his professor, Mr. Carr, to teach geology classes on a “on request basis” to his peers.

After that, he had continued to teach classes at Marshall University for more than 20 years in the areas of international relations, ancient and medieval politics, Asian politics, American government and the American executive process.

He also taught part-time at West Virginia University for a year, in areas of sociology and criminology.

Though he had a high ranking in academy and a plan to get a Ph.D. in criminal justice or political science, Ciochetti experienced a lot of educational and career setbacks due to family crises. His daughter was not very

healthy and had to undergo several operations, and during that time he and his wife held multiple jobs to pay the bills. They moved around from state to state. As he said this, he looked slightly lost in thought. “It took time,” he said.

Leaving the part-time teaching job in West Virginia, Ciochetti ultimately arrived in Ohio to get a better job.

Joining the Office of Public Safety at Ohio Wesleyan in 2001, he realized a better pay meant more work.

When mentioning how many phone calls he gets every day, he said, “Oh my gosh. Sometimes when I was on the one-person shift, I got one call every two minutes. You need to prioritize.

“I do enjoy it [the job] sometimes. There’s never a dull moment – it’s not boring at all,” he said. “There are some shifts that I work by myself. I don’t even get to eat, no lunch, no dinner. Sometimes I’m so exhausted, it’s hard even when I was home. It’s like, ‘Did I do this, did I do that?’”

Phillip Forsgren, a freshman who has been working for Public Safety for three months, shadows Ciochetti.

“He’s a good mentor, very diligent about his job. He trains me on locking down. He’s very knowledgeable about the campus. When I have questions, I go and ask him.”

Ciochetti is now writing a new book, the second volume of “The Ghosts of Stuyvesant Hall and Beyond,” following his last book, which was volume 1.

“The books portray a detailed account of ghostly activity at Ohio Wesleyan from the 1800’s to the present. It combines a rich and romantic history of this grand institution with written accounts of the unexplained.”

The book is available at the OWU Bookstore.

English folk music featured on clarinet in senior recital



Photo by Sara Mays

Senior Catherine Sheehan plays clarinet in Jemison Auditorium on Sunday for her senior recital, which featured six studies in English folk song.

Smith West lacking swipe card lock

By Christine Hurley
Transcript Reporter

The WCSA town hall meeting on Oct. 22 was a forum to address student complaints on the lack of a swipe lock on the door closest to Hayes in Smith West.

The meeting was led by senior Rory McHale, WCSA president, who again presented the election changes for students.

Turn-out for this meeting increased from the previous town hall meeting, but still only nine students who are not involved with WCSA attended. After his presentation, McHale asked if any students would like to address campus issues.

Sophomore Aaron McCown then brought up his unhappiness with the current lock system in Smith Hall.

McCown said it is an

inconvenience to have to walk around to the middle of the building to enter, especially when the weather is bad. He said many students prop the Smith West door anyway and a new swipe would be in the best interest of student safety.

“Students are going to continue to prop the doors and it is a security problem,” McCown said.

McCown also said he did not think it was fair for Smith East to have a swipe card on the side entrance and Smith West not to have one.

Junior Adam Koorn, WCSA treasurer, said he was aware of the problem and had brought it up to Residential Life last school year. Koorn said his main problem with the lack of a swipe card lock is that too many students prop the door open, causing a security issue. Koorn said he was told

the electronic grid the school is on cannot support additional swipe card locks.

Christopher Setzer, director of Physical Plant, said the electrical grid is not the problem, but the real issue is the older software the lock system is on.

“There is a lock controller in the dorm that can take so many inputs, and there aren’t enough inputs to support an additional swipe lock. The controller has a capacity of four doors. A new controller would cost \$5,000 to \$6,000,” said Setzer.

Sophomore Kody Law said the school should be able to buy the new controller.

“Our tuition is high enough where the administration should just put in the swipe lock. It would make it a lot easier for students from Stuy and Hayes to get into Smith,” Law said.

OWU mission trips heading out this spring to various locations

By Katie Tuttle
Transcript Correspondent

On March 7, 2009, OWU students will be packing their belongings to prepare for a long week of relaxation. However, one group of students will be preparing for a week of hard work as they offer their service to people all over the world.

Since its founding, Ohio Wesleyan has been sending student mission groups across the globe.

In the 1980s, the university started sending teams on missions for spring break, which offers a chance to help a community.

This spring, 12 teams from OWU will do their part in helping the global community. Each team consists of a team leader, spiritual leader, faculty advisers and team members.

Junior Shannon Sedgwick is team leader for her group, the Appalachian Service Project (ASP).

As team leader, it is Sedgwick’s job to contact local

organizations, schedule the entire week, update the team budget and secure transportation and accommodations. Her team will be heading to Kentucky to support a home repair ministry.

“It’s similar to Habitat [for Humanity], but we do repairs on houses instead of building new homes.” Sedgwick spent this past summer in Kentucky working as a “staffer” with ASP. Now, instead of being a paid employee, she will serve as a volunteer.

Along with the actual service, each team member is required to pay a fee for the project, depending on the trip. For the ASP trip, it costs around \$400. To offset costs, the teams come up with group fundraisers to financially assist team members. Sedgwick’s team is thinking about doing a luncheon and possibly a concert.

Along with the trip to Kentucky, there are also trips scheduled to Erie, Pennsylvania, Texas and Mexico, Hartford,

Chicago, Dominica in Florida New Orleans, the Lakota Nation in South Dakota, Rome and El Salvador.

Sophomore Alexa von der Embse is part of the team heading to El Salvador. Their mission will work at an orphanage that was started by a local man and his wife, a mission member from Cleveland. Von der Embse said that the team from the previous year had assisted in painting the orphanage and helped with odd jobs.

“I’m so excited to get to work with the kids and talk to them in Spanish,” she said.

Von der Embse’s team, which includes five other students, had its first meeting Saturday, Nov. 25, where members decided what their fundraisers would be.

Along with weekly team leader meetings starting in October, the teams will hold group meetings to prepare for March, when they will load into the school vans and head out to change lives.

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Arts & Entertainment

Astronomy love story showcased in senior project

By Samantha Beany
Transcript Reporter

Jupiter: the fifth planet from the sun, the first of the Jovian planets, home to the Great Red Spot, owner of at least 63 moons, and the subject of David Auburn's play *Fifth Planet*, which senior Michelle Jacobs directed for her senior project.

The show is about Veronica, a professional astronomer, and Mike, an astronomy hobbyist, who through a series of short scenes realize their personal lives are failing but they've fallen for each other.

"*Fifth Planet* is this sweet, hopeful, very character-driven show," Jacobs said. "It deals with starry nights and friendship and the possibility of romance, and I fell in love with it."

Jacobs chose *Fifth Planet* because Auburn's *Proof* was one of her all-time favorites.

"I was aware that in [Auburn's] early years he'd written several one-acts," Jacobs said. "Naturally, when the time came to choose a senior project, I read through as many of his short plays as I could get my hands on."

The show is comprised of numerous short scenes and blackouts that allow the audience to see how Veronica and Mike's relationship changes over the course of a year.

Sophomore Katelyn Schroeder played Veronica.

"She is a passionate, hardworking, and dedicated astronomer with a specialty in Jupiter," Schroeder said. "Even though she is book smart, she is very naïve when it comes to friendships and love."

During one of her monologues, Veronica recounts an incident at the observatory with Dr. Irers, the man she believes is in love with her.

"And he said, 'Get me the Windex, Dr. Babcock, I fogged up my lens again.' And I said 'Okay,'" says Veronica at one point. As part of the same monologue she continues, "He loves me."

As the show progresses, so does Mike and Veronica's relationship. The audience learns of Mike's wife and her obsession with an old western. The audience finds out that Mike gets fired from his job at the observatory. He was the janitor of the lens room.

Feeling guilty, Veronica brings Mike a present from her speech at the White House for the probe that she and Dr. Irers sent to Jupiter. Mike unwraps it and finds a Bible.

"You stole a Bible from the White House!" Mike, played by freshman Nathaniel Barber, exclaims.

Junior Adele Whipps attended the show.

"The witty one-liners and blackouts were great," Whipps said. "The audience always laughed after a blackout."

In the end, Mike's wife divorces him and Veronica is fired after the probe crashes into Jupiter and the two settle down together.

"Even though it was predictable, it was organized in a way that you could see it coming but couldn't," Whipps said. "It was unique and I enjoyed it."

Fifth Planet was performed Friday Oct. 31 and Saturday Nov. 1 and was presented in the Studio Theatre.

Chamber Orchestra holds bi-annual performance



Photo by Sara Mays

The Ohio Wesleyan Chamber Orchestra performed in Gray Chapel on Oct. 28 under the direction of conductor Kenishiro Matsuda. The orchestra performs one show per semester and comprises around 30 OWU students.

Attempt at social commentary falls flat

By Kaitlin Thomas
Entertainment Columnist

The only thing funny about the new sitcom "Kath & Kim" is that NBC executives think it's funny.

The show, modeled after the hit Australian comedy of the same name, stars "Saturday Night Live" comedienne Molly Shannon and "Hellboy" star Selma Blair as a dysfunctional mother and daughter duo.

The show attempts to satirize the ignorant, gossip-fueled, workout-crazed, and image-obsessed society that America has become thanks to the likes of Britney Spears and Lindsay Lohan and gossip magazines like *OK!* and *US Weekly*. Unfortunately the satire is lost somewhere along the way and the show only serves to project this image more boldly.

The pilot episode opens with Shannon's character Kath working out in purple spandex and Blair's Kim returning home declaring she's divorcing her new husband (Mikey Day). From there it is tough to tell what you are supposed to be laughing at. The jokes are flat, the characters' neuroses are not funny, and the show as a whole is cringe-worthy. It is downright frightening to watch these two fine actresses in a show this bad.

It is not Shannon's blonde hair or the hideously tacky and trumpy outfits the two actresses parade around in that make viewers change the channel. It is the possibility that people like the annoying Kath and Kim might actually exist in real life. These are the kind of people who support global warming because they think it means a quicker tan. While some shows may have been

able to pull off this joke as a commentary on the ignorant state of American society today, "Kath & Kim" falls flat on its face.

The Australian version, which I was unable to track down, has been hailed a comedy hit. If that version is anything resembling this one, I seriously question their standards of comedy down under. However, I am pretty sure even the Australians recognize this dud as they yanked the US version from their lineup after only two episodes.

It is a shame the show is so shallow and unfulfilling because Molly Shannon is actually a very funny woman. Look back to her "SNL" days and you cannot miss it. And Selma Blair is wonderful in the "Hellboy" franchise. Her smoldering eyes and throaty voice don't fit with the ignorant, bratty and spoiled Kim. Perhaps Lindsay Lohan

would have been a better choice?

Maybe I am being too harsh. After all, NBC executives did just order a full season pickup for the show. But something tells me the only reason the show is still on the air is because NBC needs a fourth comedy to complete their Thursday night comedy lineup. But when the show is next to "The Office," (an example of an imported show that actually works), "30 Rock" and "My Name Is Earl" it is obvious that "Kath & Kim" cannot compete.

Maybe NBC should think more about saving their truthful adaptations of small town life like in "Friday Night Lights" and less about poorly devised social commentary. Besides, Fox already canceled "Arrested Development," the best show on social commentary, years ago. But that's a whole different column.

On the shoulders



Photo by Sara Mays

Currently on display at Ross Art Museum, Willis "Bing" Davis's art blends African tradition with an urban inspirations in the exhibit "On the Shoulders of Ancestors." The exhibit runs until Nov. 16.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 7-8, 8 p.m.; **Nov. 9, 2 p.m.** – Ohio Wesleyan's annual Opera Theatre, directed by Jason Hiester, featuring scenes from "The Marriage of Figaro," "The Medium," "The Ballad of Baby Doe," and more. The performance will take place in Jemison Auditorium inside Sanborn Hall,

Nov. 11, 8 p.m. – Faculty/guest recital featuring WindWorks Chamber Ensemble. The event will take place in Jemison Auditorium inside Sanborn Hall, 23 Elizabeth St.

Nov. 12, 8 p.m. – "The VH1 Best Week Ever Tour," with comedians Greg Fitzsimmons, Nick Kroll and more commenting on current events. Doors will open at 7 p.m. The show will be held in Gray Chapel inside University Hall, 61 S. Sandusky St. General admission tickets are \$10, but free to Ohio Wesleyan students.

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Opinion

Request for your vote

Dear OWU Students,

With the idea of voting still salient in all your heads, we are writing to better inform your vote for WCSA President and Vice President.

Drew Farrell—your Presidential candidate—has been an RA and a member of WCSA for the past two years, serving this year on the executive committee as Junior Class Representative.

John Moriarty—your Vice-Presidential candidate—is a member of the Tree House and has been a Student Justice since his sophomore year. We realize that although very insightful, previous student government experience amounts to only part of the equation for being a competent WCSA official.

We know that students are the main focus of this job and have a right to get what they want out of student government. But what do they want? We have ideas for student government and this campus, that's not the problem. The problem is that we can't speak for you unless we hear from you.

So, to all OWU students, we're here to listen. Find us. Tell us what you want to see. Email us at dtfarrel@owu.edu or jmmoriar@owu.edu. Violate a University rule and you'll probably run into one of us, talk to us then.

Our plans involve continuing to emphasize environmentalism on campus by implementing a more thorough recycling program and continuing the thrust of the National Colloquium to make OWU increasingly environmentally friendly. We want to move to biodegradable dishware in Ham-Will and Welch.

We think that there are many simple energy saving changes that can be implemented on campus that have not been, like energy efficient windows and compact fluorescent bulbs.

Improving student life is also a priority. The residence halls and SLUs are at best, behind the times, and at worst falling apart. Student residences have long been underfunded, with student money instead going to improvements that benefit small numbers of students, or none at all. This is wrong, and we think that there are many projects that the school's money could be put toward that would improve student life.

In addition to living improvements, we also want to implement a shuttle service to different locations around the Columbus area. Most students are limited in their choices of off-campus activities because of lack of transportation.

We want to fix this. We also think that WCSA has been long on ideas, but short on action and its ability to listen to students. The current administration has made efforts to change this and we want to continue and expand them to improve transparency and listen to what the students want—not what we think the students want. So, thank you for considering us for your future President and Vice-President.

More information can be found on our facebook page if you're interested. Or just talk to us.

Thank you,
Drew Farrell and John Moriarty

Transcript neglects swim team, should cover it like other sports

It is funny how often this happens to a person like myself. I am in class, making small talk, eating lunch, etc., and I tell the person I have to go because I have practice. In warmer weather, the question is: "What team are you on?" I answer: "The swim team." The usual responses. "Is this new?" or: "We have a pool?"

These questions are simply frustrating, and I no longer wonder about this confusion. In case people are wondering, yes, there is a swim team and we have our very own pool. It is called Pfeiffer Natatorium and it is located right across the Corns Building. In fact, it is attached to Edwards Gym.

How do you find it? Go straight through the locker rooms. You'll run right into it. But this is just the beginning of this lack of knowledge about our team. There are more people from Delaware that know Ohio Wesleyan has a pool than students! Shouldn't the reverse be true? We only have two sources of publicity: news releases and the Transcript.

In the past, the Transcript has written only small blurbs about the swimming and diving teams (there is a men's team and a women's team.) Stuck on the back page and usually on the right hand side of the page, these two sentences were the usual stories published by the Transcript. Today, it is no better.

In the past two years (thanks to the archives of the Transcript) there have been only a handful of actual articles about the swim team's accomplishments, and these are laughable at best. Many are simply copied/paste jobs from the Sports Releases, which can be found online. Only one was written

by an actual reporter of the Transcript.

Many of these "articles" were about the meets we won. While this is a good thing, it ignores most of the team's actual accomplishments, many of which are either ignored or not reported.

At the 2007 and 2008 NCAC Kenyon Relays, OWU had the fastest 200 Breaststroke Relay, beating Kenyon both times. This means that we have some of the faster Breaststroke swimmers in our conference and David Gatz is among the faster swimmers in the nation. Both of these have not been reported.

The OWU Men and Women Swimming Teams have the fifth highest GPA in the country. Isn't that newsworthy?

Last time I checked, we are the only team on this campus that uses a bus, not a plane, but a bus, to travel to our Winter Training. It is in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Everyone is cramped onto a charter bus for 28 hours, nearly non-stop.

Among my favorite stories about us from the Transcript was a meet against Mount Union two years ago. This meet was delayed due to a traffic accident that involved a truck with a flammable liquid. We waited for close to three hours for the other team to show up. When they did show up, they did not lose their competitive edge. Until the 100 Breaststroke, an event which we swept, we were losing. The overall result was a victory for us, one that we won by three points. The Transcript's story was not about this meet, but about a meet which we had lost against Kenyon, who has won the NCAA Division III Swimming title for nearly thirty years in a row.

I have many other stories but I do not know they will fit in this letter. If you want to know more, ask me later.

To my knowledge, there have been only two actual articles written by actual reporter of the Transcript. The first was in November of 2005, which spoke negatively about the OWU Men's Team lack of numbers and victories. The second was written about our goals. For this, I have to thank Clay Davis and his article on the 6th of March: "Swimmers Set Selves Higher Goals."

If you are asking yourselves what brought about this? Here's your answer: I keep reading about the other stories about Football, Cross Country, Volleyball and all of the other sports, but it seems to me that swimming is constantly kept in the dark. Why is that? Do we need to engage in physical contact in the water for us to draw crowds? Or are we not sexy enough?

As a member of Ohio Wesleyan's Swimming and Diving Team, I have swam at too many meets where only a grand total of twenty people show up to cheer for us, where we are often ignored and unknown to most of this campus, how we poor our hearts into a sport we all love, but get little or even no acknowledgement. So I challenge you, both the Transcript and the rest of campus, come to a swim meet. Our first home meet is on Friday the 14th against Mount Union. It will be close and for us, it will be exciting. Just like any other sports team, the more people show up cheering for us, the better we'll do.

Sincerely,
Brian J. Fahey ('09)

Dewey defeats Obama in historic election



Tackle Football with Rory McHale

Fellow Americans (non-Americans need read no further):

The trials and tribulations of modern media receive more attention than they sometimes deserve. However, this issue of the *Transcript* may be the appropriate recipient of such an examination. We were forced by deadlines that we so respect to bring our paper to print before the full results of the presidential election were apparent. As such, the information included herein may not accurately reflect the political reality as you the reader may now know it.

That important qualifier aside, we the editors of the *Transcript* feel confident in pronouncing Thomas E. Dewey, the Republican governor of New York from 1943-1955, as the 44th President of the United States. This has no doubt been a historic election. And as Americans, it is time for us to come together, one and all, be we supporters of Obama, Truman, or Dewey himself.

For any non-Americans still reading, stop! I will have no more of it! You were warned at the beginning of the column and this continued insolence will! Not! Be! Tolerated!

Good. Now, fellow Americans, we have all heard during the election and have realized from past elections that new presidents will be tested by America's enemies. President-Elect Dewey has informed me that he is in no way prepared for these tests. He and I have decided the best way to defend America is to outfit

each citizen with a small, nuclear-powered heat-seeking missile capable of destroying the entire Eastern Hemisphere. You can find your individualized device at any 7-11 convenience store or Marathon gas station. Simply go to the register and repeat the access code: 118849, HWCC Box 1097. You must scream the access code at the top of your lungs. (For a one-time-only offer of a 6-carat gold missile, with the commemorative insignias of the 2007-2008 NBA Champion Boston Celtics Team, simply call 740-368-3185).

Because many workers at these missile-delivery depots were at one-time non-U.S. citizens, we have had them replaced with the most American people available, the English. Englishmen and women will be dutifully distributing the nuclear devices to all who enter. Best of luck and may god bless.

With the elections behind us, it is

time for the Ohio Wesleyan community to rally around other news.

There was a disaster in Elliot Hall on Tuesday, as freshman Joey Bill-smith tripped on his way down the third-floor stairs, spilling his confidence everywhere. Billy had built up that confidence to drop a class mid-semester, but was left only with the option to stay on and fail. Several passersby briefly stopped to help clean up the confidence, but Billy reports that many of these "Good Samaritans" were merely pocketing his confidence for their own later use.

One of these students, junior Jeff O'Bryon, was later found with an excess of confidence and is among these suspected thieves. When I attempted to speak to young Jeffrey, I noticed he also had several medallions made of dignity; although whether this is his own dignity or another's remains to be seen.

City of moles thrives while ours declines



Mad Money with Tavish Miller

Mole society is prospering! In these stressful economic times on the surface, it is good to know that mole life is improving below. I've been living down here with the moles for about three months now, and it hasn't always been this good.

When I first came down to investigate, my foot got stuck on some root or somethin' and I was stranded there for about 9 hours. I brought

some Jujubees and applesauce, but unfortunately for me, I crushed the applesauce container (which I had been keeping in my breast pocket) and got very sticky. I was able to eat the Jujubees, but eventually the supply ran out and I was forced to drink my own urine for sustenance.

Eventually the applesauce attracted some ants, who crawled all over me, and luckily enough, some went into my mouth; however, by that time I was so accustomed to the taste of urine that I chose my own fluid over the protein in the ants. The large amounts of ants eventually attracted some moles that were out on a walk. These moles freed me and took me

back to their mole city. I explained that my name was Jeff O'Bryon and I was there to report on them; they agreed so long as I would also perform as Li'l Bit in the upcoming production of *How I Learned To Drive*. I agreed.

That was three months ago, and let me tell you, things are great down here in Mole City, named after the mole that discovered this area and founded the city. The play was a great success and hailed by the Mollington as "The greatest performance Mole City has ever seen."

I plan to integrate myself more and become practically invisible so that I can report on what's real-

ly going on in Mole City. I plan on growing more body hair to fit in. If that doesn't work, I will grow my beard and head hair, then cut it off and glue it to my body. As a fail safe, I have already begun constructing a mole outfit out of dead moles I steal from the hospital.

Editor's note: For his journalism major thesis, Jeff O'Bryon elected to spend a semester embedded in Mole City. Jeff ultimately went insane and refused to return to the surface, choosing to live life with the wonderful moles over a life with a bunch of "poop popsicles". He sent his articles weekly until he cut off his thumbs, leaving his articles unintelligible.

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Bishops Sports

Football defeats Hiram at home

By Drew Lenox
Transcript Reporter

The Battling Bishops honored 19 seniors last Saturday by beating the Hiram Terriers 31-7 on Senior Day and getting their second win of the season.

Ohio Wesleyan came out on the opening drive of the game and drove down the field on an eight play, 70 yard drive that culminated in a long pass from freshman Keegan Varner to sophomore Danny Flanagan.

Senior Kyle Adams said this was a special game for the seniors but they did not feel any extra pressure because it was their final home game.

"We talked about it being our last game at Selby but we didn't have any specific goals or motivation," Adams said. "To win the game was our only goal. All of us knew this day would come. The younger guys know that someday this day will come for them as well. The whole team came out fighting and we were ready to go."

Hiram tied the score in the second quarter when they returned a blocked field goal for 71 yards and their only score of the game. The Bishops answered when Varner hooked up with Flanagan again and OWU took a 17-7 lead into halftime.

Senior Julian Strother said it was surreal to play his last game at Selby Field but didn't feel he had to lead in a different way as a senior captain on Senior Day. He stressed the importance of the entire senior

class that was being honored.

"We have three elected captains, but there are really 19 of us," Strother said. "None of us are any different than any other. Just because we're the three that go out for the coin toss doesn't mean we're any better than the other players. There have been 19 of us that have met every Monday and we all have led the team together this year."

Adams said they had success in the first half because they stuck to their game plan and executed well.

"We kept up the tempo on offense," Adams said. "They had a big defensive line but we got them tired. After we wore them down, we were just powering through them on the ground."

Adams said while he always tries to run hard and be a punishing running back, it was nice to be able to play in front of family that usually doesn't get to see him play. He finished the day with 122 yards and in the third quarter, the senior running back took a carry twenty yards to the end zone.

"I felt like someone had to make a big play and I felt that it was important for me to step up and make big plays for my team," he said.

The Bishops put together their most productive offensive day by gaining 406 total yards and nearly 300 yards on the ground.

For the first time this season, the defense held the opposing team to under 100 yards rushing and was also able to recover one fumble and



Courtesy of OWU Online

Quarterback Keegan Varner looks downfield.

intercept four passes.

Strother said it was great to see everyone come together and get a true team victory.

"The offense avoided some of the mistakes we've made this year," Strother said. "Kyle ran really well today and the offensive line played great. Keegan Varner stepped up at quarterback and you couldn't tell he was a freshman. The defense was prepared and the total team effort got the win."

Senior Zach Rojek said it was exciting to play on Senior Day and that this win means everything.

"We've had a lot of downs this year and it is great to get this second win at home," Rojek said. "It gives us a lot of pride and gives the seniors some great memories."

On the last play of the game, OWU gave the ball to Strother to carry.

The defensive tackle said it will be a great memory and that it was fun to get the ball on offense.

"I was messing around with Coach about getting a carry and he said that if we got the ball back, he would

give me a carry," Strother said. "I thought he was just messing with me. But I did get the ball. I was really just trying not to fumble and have it returned for a touchdown. That would have been bad."

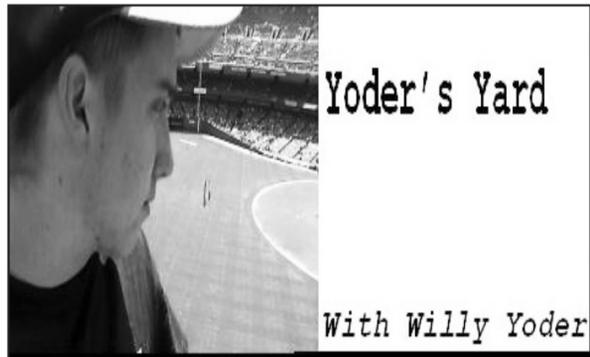
Rojek said Strother's carry was awesome and that play will be his favorite memory from Selby Field.

"It just came about at the end of the game," Rojek said. "Last year against Hiram, Julian got an interception for a touchdown and that was great. He likes to think he can run the ball, so today he got his chance. It was great that we were in a situation where we could do that for him."

Strother said Senior Day was a great day that he will always remember but the team's focus is finishing the season strong.

"We have two more games and we need to keep the momentum going," he said. "I think this win can help to build confidence. We know that we can stop people and we know that we can score. We just have to go out and do it."

Washington gets true fresh start



Yoder's Yard

With Willy Yoder

For the first time in a long while, the expectations for the Washington Redskins, at least by their own fans, aren't overzealously through the roof. This season the Skins came into the year without an imported Hall of Fame head coach a la Schottenheimer, Spurrior or Gibbs. They have invested in no outrageous off-season spending on large names aside from the need based trade for Jason Taylor, and for the first time in recent memory they used the early rounds of the draft to attend to the team's needs.

Yup ... they're starting to look like a functional football team. No longer do they seem to the outsiders in the league like the prima donna spoiled brats who get what they think they want and not what they need. No longer does it seem like they are trying to bypass the hard work that goes into building a winning franchise. Now it looks as if they are finally pulling up their sleeves and getting their hands dirty. That's right, the Skins have a new face; the underdog.

Perhaps it is the aura of the personality of the new head coach. After the much adored Joe Gibbs surprisingly retired after the 2007 season, it looked as if the Redskins would continue their trend of finding the best coach money could buy. There were rumors of drawing Bill Cowher out of retirement, pulling Pete Carroll out of Southern California, and even an attempt to steal the man that won the Giants a Super-bowl, Steve Spagnuolo. It's not clear whether the Redskins restrained, or just couldn't pull off a deal, but no matter the reason the result was the same, a relative nobody in Jim Zorn had become the head coach of

the richest franchise in all of sports.

Unlike the recent coaches of Redskins past, Zorn comes in with no previous track record. He had won no national championships in college or Super Bowls in the NFL. Zorn, in fact, has never held a job above quarterbacks coach and there are no expectations for his success. Other teams will try to take advantage of his inexperience, sports pundits will continuously count out his team, and every mistake he makes will reflect on Dan Snyder's reputation for hiring him, not his own.

This gives Zorn a swagger the team desperately needs. For the first time since the original Gibbs era, the Skins have a coach with nothing to lose. After Gibbs lost his first five games in 1981, it was owner Jack Kent Cooke's blind faith in him to make the right decisions that allowed him to go 8-3 the rest of the season. Maybe Dan Snyder has learned that if he infuses confidence in a coaching regime instead of buying it, the team can grow around those coaches. Zorn has absolutely nothing to lose, hopefully he'll coach like it, and his team will play like it.

So while this season plugs along, it will be a different experience for the Redskins fan, and with it the Redskins players. Perhaps the fear of losing won't get in the way of the guts it takes to win. Instead of conservative slot routes and nickel coverage perhaps the team will have the guts to air out the football and send in the blitzes. Now with the pressure of matching expectations formed from a legendary Hall of Fame coach, the Skins can grow into a team that may form a new one.



Courtesy of OWU Online

Danny Flanagan catches one of his four receptions.

Women's basketball aiming to win NCAC title

By Josh Powers
Transcript Reporter

Coming off an 18-8 year, the women's basketball team looks to improve off their last season as they start this season on the Nov. 22 against St. Mary's in the Anderson tournament.

"We will have to continue from last year and continue to play as a team," junior Kayla Gordon said. "Unity is key and I can see that we are already coming together as a team in practice. So we just have to continue doing that and then transfer that unity to games when they start."

The team lost seven players from last season, including former captain Steffi Graf. Graf averaged 11.2 points per game last season.

Gordon is the only returning starter.

"I think everyone on the team realizes that we not only lost our leading scorer, but we also lost a lot of leadership on our team with the graduation of six seniors," Gordon said.

"The returning players are filling in those leadership roles nicely and we are working together with the newcomers to bring them up to speed with college hoops. No matter who

does the most scoring, we will always work and find a way to win games."

Time will tell how the team will respond, being so young. So far, the practices have been going very well.

The team has many home league games this season but the biggest game will likely be at Denison on Jan. 7.

"This game is absolutely a rivalry; we need to take care of that crazy school East of Delaware! They are one of this year's targets," Carney-DeBord said.

She continued, "We are looking forward to every game, not just one. But our focus is specifically on NCAC play. We use all invitational tournaments to prepare us for conference play."

The game against Denison might just be another league game in the standings but it is a game the team is looking forward to.

"I always look forward to our conference games, but Kenyon, Wittenberg, and Denison are always a little more exciting because they are always at the top of the conference, like us, competing for a championship," Gordon said.

The team finished last year with an 9-2 home record, and

had multiple games where the attendance was over 1,000, which the Bishops took advantage of.

"I am a big basketball fan and am looking forward to attending both the men and women's basketball game this winter," freshman Mason Farr said.

"Coming into Ohio Wesleyan I heard that both of the men's and women's basketball team's are very good and that the school really gets behind them during home games, it should be very exciting."

Even with the team's losses from last season the team's preseason goals have not changed at all.

"Our preseason goals are to one, be in the top 25 of team Grade point average among Div. III basketball programs. Two, win the regular season conference play, and finally, win the NCAC tournament," Carney-DeBord said.

Gordon thinks that the team should focus on what is at hand and not focus on the past.

"We are not looking in the past and worrying about who we lost, but we are looking ahead and working, as we always do, to compete for a championship," said Gordon.



Courtesy of OWU Online

Senior Katie Hamilton makes a move inside against Frostburg State last season.

Women's basketball upcoming play
Anderson Tip-Off Tournament
 Nov. 21-22 @ Anderson
 Participating teams:
 Ohio Wesleyan, St. Mary's, Anderson and Robert Morris

Bishops take 6th in NCAC championship

Senior Clay Davis, freshman Evan Hitchcock and senior David Stefanik received All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors in leading the Bishops at the NCAC championship meet, hosted by Oberlin College on Saturday in Oberlin.

Allegheny won the meet with 34 points to 66 for second-place Denison. Wabash was third with 93 points, followed by Kenyon (102), Oberlin (108), Ohio Wesleyan (114), Wittenberg (218), Wooster (233), Earlham (278) and Hiram (288).

Davis finished 12th among individuals, completing the 8000-meter course in 25:41.6 to win second-team all-conference honors.

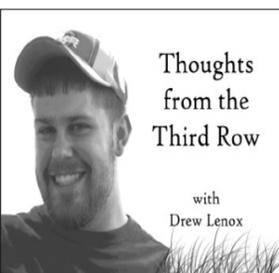
Hitchcock placed 18th in 25:54.5, followed by Stefanik in 19th place at 25:56.1, with both runners taking honorable mention all-conference laurels.

Freshman John Batchelder was 34th in 26:19.41.



Bishops Sports

Elections affect local sports, too



Thoughts from the Third Row

with Drew Lenox

Every year, there is a time where politics become the popular discussion topic. They are discussed, sometimes rather heatedly, at the coffee shop, by the water cooler or around the family dinner table.

But even though it often gets annoying to get those same phone calls every day or see the same negative ad, the world of politics does impact and affect sports.

In recent history, the world has seen senators and representatives launch investigations into sports and some recent congressional hearings will be long remembered by baseball fans.

This year, a football game was moved up so it would not interfere with a Presidential Nomination Acceptance speech, and the Minnesota Twins took an extended road trip to free up their stadium for a National Convention.

Even this week, on the night before the election, both candidates did interviews in prime time during half time of Monday Night Football.

But local politics and voting can affect sports more than anything when schools have a levy to pass. If the levies fail, cuts usually have to be made, and the athletics programs are threatened to be dropped.

Some school districts think about eliminating sports in the middle school or in the high school. The elimination of athletics on any of these levels diminishes the chance for a successful program at the next level.

Some schools are forced to go to a "pay to play" system. This limits the opportunities to those who can afford it. With a system like "pay to play", there isn't usually the make up of a great team.

The superstars may shell out the cash, but key role players or subs may not. This also can create a known economic divide between students. Not every attendance area has the means to support "pay to play," and they shouldn't have to do so.

The elimination of sports in the lower levels can create a number of problems for society and deprives students the

chances of some benefits.

If one school does not have sports, some students will switch districts, legally or illegally. This can do wonders for the recruiting at a big school, but it is against the rules and belittles both the game and the student athletes.

Being on a team can make a student feel like they are a part of something. They make friends and teammates that can last for a lifetime.

There are some students who lack motivation, and being a part of a team can sometimes give them that. There have been many teenagers who got good enough grades and stayed out of just enough trouble to stay on a team.

Some of the same kids, who are looked at as troublemakers in the off-season, straighten up to play their favorite sport. This often proves the capability of success and, every once in awhile, the student will keep it up on a more consistent basis.

Sports are important because it gives kids somewhere to be and something to do. The positive effect for some is that it keeps them from just running around the streets, turning to drugs and violence or falling in with the wrong crowd.

Perhaps one of the most overlooked positives of sports is the impact a coach can have that not all teachers can. They have to relate differently to the student.

Coaches are able to teach children how to play, but also teach them about life and how to succeed. It is the things that a student learns from a coach that can benefit them most in life.

Sports in middle school and high school give students the opportunity to do something they might not have done otherwise: go to college.

So, next time you consider a school levy that is threatening the removal of sports, realize they are taking away recreation, a teaching experience and opportunities.

Think of the girls who became best friends for life because they were allowed to play sports.

Think of the young man who didn't drop out of high school and into drugs, only because he had a coach that cared about him.

And think of the student who went to college and earned a degree because a couple of votes gave him the chance to bounce a basketball when he was in junior high.

Men's soccer clinches NCAC season title



Photo by Cliff Williams

Junior Matt Gianetti brings the ball up the field against Allegheny on Saturday during the Senior Night game.

By Colin Magruder
Transcript Reporter

On Oct. 29, the men's soccer team traveled to 5th ranked Wittenberg for what may have been the biggest game of the season for the Bishops.

Ohio Wesleyan won the game 2-0, clinching the NCAC title. OWU will host the conference tournament at Roy Rike Field.

Entering the game, Ohio Wesleyan was 7-0 in NCAC play, and they were looking to add to that undefeated NCAC streak.

The teams played a hard-fought, physical first half that saw the Bishops take the lead when Tyler Wall hit a shot from the edge of the 18 with over 7 minutes left in the half, giving OWU the 1-0 lead heading into the break.

The second half was no different for either team, as both desperately wanted the win, and OWU was playing hard to hold onto the lead.

In the 74th minute, the always-dependable Brian Greene tallied another goal to give the Bishops a two-goal advantage, which they held onto for the remainder of the game, securing the league title.

"We knew it was going to be a hard game," goalkeeper Richard Ott said. "It was a good team effort, and it was the best game we played all year. It's important to keep the momentum going into the tournament."

For OWU, it is the fourth league title in five years and a 17th title in 25 years of NCAC play.

For Senior Night, OWU

bested Allegheny 3-2. It did not take long for a goal to be put up on the scoreboard. Sophomore Tyler Wall was fouled outside the box just 90 seconds into the game, and senior TJ Trigg nailed home the free kick to give the Bishops an early lead.

Just five minutes later, Allegheny countered and Pete Subasic put the ball into the net to make the game even at one.

There were a number of good chances in the remainder of the first half, and the teams went into half tied up.

OWU was able to take the lead back early in the second half, when Eric Laipple sent a ball into the area that midfielder Ryan Harmanis headed home to put up the home side 2-1.

About twenty-five minutes

later, OWU was awarded a penalty kick after an Allegheny hand ball, and Harmanis stepped up and put it into the back of the net for his second goal of the evening and a 3-1 Bishop lead.

Allegheny again answered quickly when Subasic added another goal to cut the OWU lead to 3-2.

OWU out-shot the Gators 25-14, and net minder Richard Ott recorded four saves in the victory.

OWU takes on the Kenyon Lords Wednesday night in the first semifinal game of the NCAC tournament.

"We are expecting it to be a hard game because the season lies on the outcome," Ott said. "We have to be mentally prepared, and we have to show up to play."

Bishops shake Quakers, finish season with a win

By Steven Ruygrok
Transcript Reporter

On Halloween, the Bishop volleyball team triumphed over the Quakers to wrap up their season at home.

The Bishops took the match in four sets, with scores of 25-20, 22-25, 25-19 and 25-20. Senior Janna Dagley clinched the game for the Bishops with a kill to send the Quakers home with the loss.

Dagley put up 10 blocks for the Bishops, the third-highest performance in Ohio Wesleyan's history.

Alexa Bean contributed with 14 kills, and Sara Morris checked in with five block assists and 17 digs.

Junior Sarah Marshall gave out 29 assists and worked 19 digs, along with junior Katie Schlaudt, leading the way for the Bishops with 26 digs.

"The key to winning Fri-

day's game was to stay composed on our side of the court and play our game," Marshall said.

"Earlham is a scrappy team and they throw a lot of junk balls over the net, so we needed to stay focused on our side of the court."

Marshall said that the win against Earlham moved their ranking up in the conference, so the team was excited about that.

The Bishops struggled to start the year but matured and found success as the season went on.

"Our team was pretty young with only one senior, so we have a lot of returning players for next year," Marshall said. "Overall, I thought we were pretty competitive in our conference, so hopefully next year we can improve even more and make it in the top four of the NCAC."

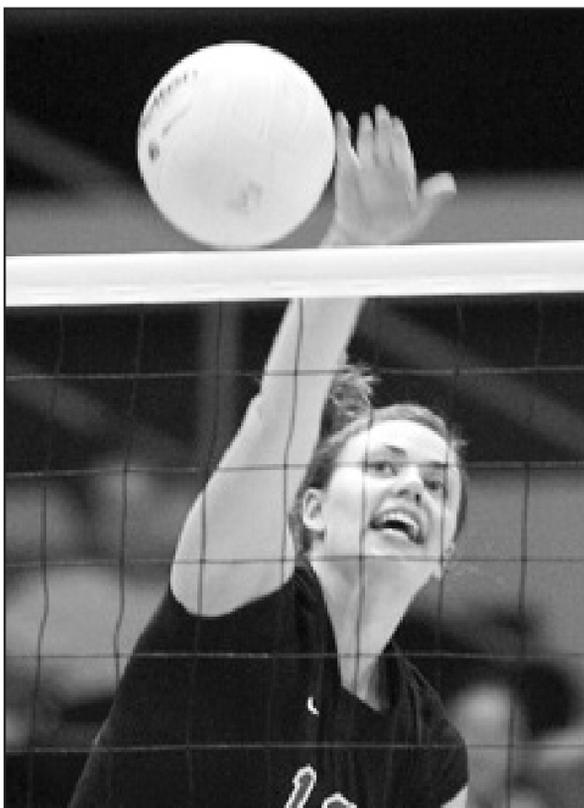


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Freshman Sarah Morris skies high for a furious spike.



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