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WCSA class reps up for election Friday

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By Mike DiBiasio
Lead Reporter

Candidates for WCSA have historically based their campaign platforms on a self-proclaimed knowledge of the student body's concerns and a commitment to transparency. The campaigning for Friday's class representative election has been no different.

Candidates for the class of 2010, '11 and '12 have noted their experience in meeting the needs of students, as well their solutions to the students' day-to-day issues on their

respective Facebook groups and through campus-wide emails.

While some students see their concerns outlined in these platforms, others, like Junior Sharon Rymut, believe the candidates haven't addressed the issues that are in the best interest of the students. She is concerned that the platforms lack a sufficient vision for the future.

"I want WCSA to take the focus off the res-life committee and redistribute it; there are other committees that get neglected. We won't see direct

results right away, but in the long term we will," Rymut said.

Rymut, who served as a class representative her sophomore year, noted the lengthened mid-semester break as an example of change which took effect this year but was approved almost three years ago.

"Students want direct results now, but they need to start making changes early if they want to see change before they graduate," Rymut said, acknowledging the extent of WCSA's influence.

Sophomore Emily Yaksick is concerned that candidates have been too focused on big changes instead of practical goals.

"Many of the candidates are proposing rather large changes, which does not come by much surprise to me. However, the little things like a paperless campus and improved food on campus seem easy enough to accomplish while in office, and are very appealing to me," Yaksick said.

Yaksick is also interested in increased interaction between

different clubs and organizations, for which Rymut is also a proponent.

"Sporting events should be covered by WCSA, like the theatre has been this year. It would get more people to go to the events and it gives all students accessibility so that they stay involved and don't just sit around," Rymut said.

Rymut also believes it is in the best interest of students to have a more comprehensive computer system in the Registrar's Office to make grades and distribution requirements more accessible.

New VP will start in March

Ohio Wesleyan University recently announced the appointment of William D. Preble, Ed.D., as vice president for university enrollment and strategic communication. Preble, currently dean of admission and financial assistance at Hanover College in Indiana, will join the Ohio Wesleyan staff on March 1.

"Bill Preble brings a wealth of experience to Ohio Wesleyan, and I look forward to his insight as we work as a campus to move the university forward as one of the nation's premier liberal arts institutions," said Ohio Wesleyan President Rock Jones, Ph.D. "At Hanover, Bill provided campus leadership as a member of the president's cabinet, built financial aid leveraging models, and increased revenues through strategic enrollment planning. His breadth and depth of knowledge impressed our search committee and everyone who met Bill during the selection process."

Preble has served as Hanover's dean of admission and financial assistance since 2005, and is credited with significantly strengthening the composition of its incoming classes. He also served between 1990 and 1998 as Hanover's acting director of financial aid & associate director of admission, associate director of



William D. Preble

admission, assistant director of admission, and admission counselor. Like Ohio Wesleyan, Hanover is an independent, co-educational institution recognized as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the United States.

Prior to becoming Hanover's dean of admission and financial assistance, Preble served as dean of admission at Butler University in Indiana from 2000 to 2005. He earned his doctorate in higher education leadership and policy from Vanderbilt University in Tennessee, his Master of Science degree in education from Indiana University, and his Bachelor of Arts degree in history and secondary teacher certification from Hanover.

Preble said although it will be difficult to leave his alma mater, he is looking forward to his new role at Ohio Wesleyan.

"I am very inspired by President Jones and the senior officers," Preble said. "Like them, I think the opportunities to build upon Ohio Wesleyan's strengths are immense. I especially enjoyed the warmth of the students, faculty, and staff during my time on campus. My family and I look forward to joining the OWU family."

PS and DPD educate on alcohol

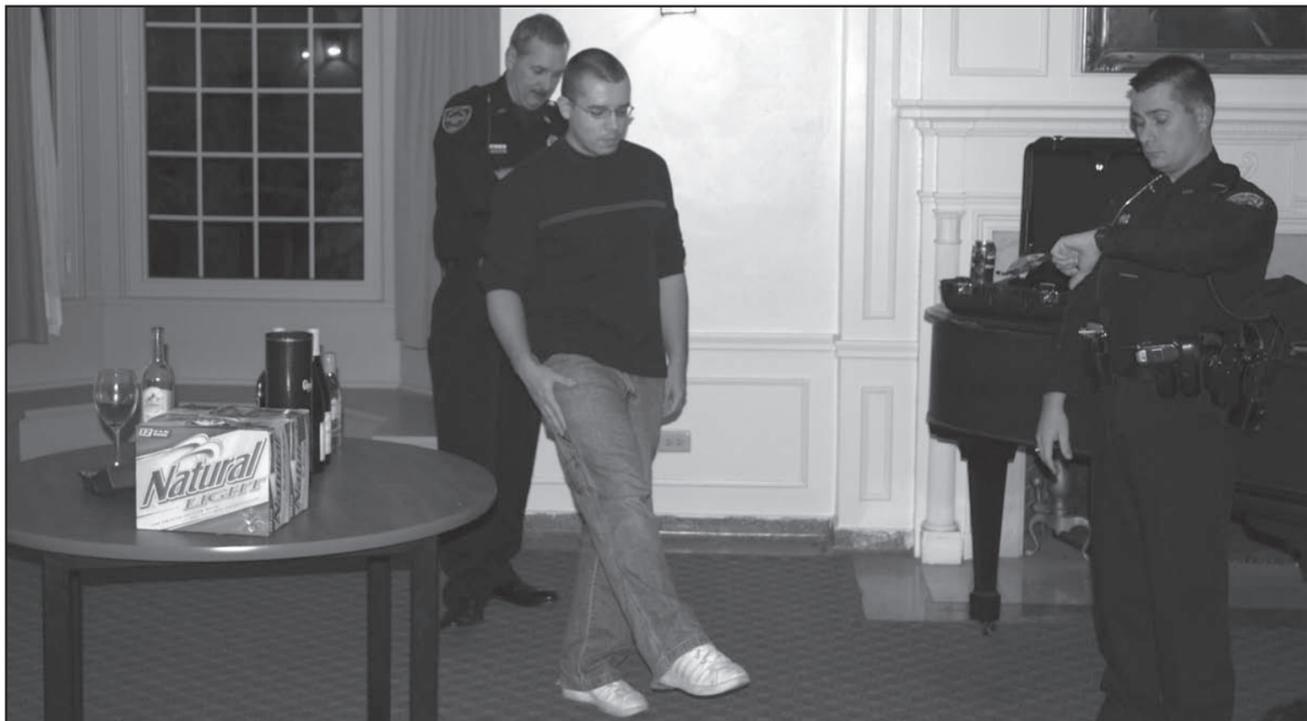


Photo by Sara Mays

Residential Life Coordinator Drew Peterson performs a sobriety test after taking several shots of Jim Beam.

Brad Russell
Transcript Correspondent

Drinks were on Public Safety, for one night. Public Safety, along with the Delaware Police Department (DPD), hosted an alcohol education demonstration on Nov. 20 in Stuyvesant Hall.

The night was filled with laughs from the audience as participants witnessed the inebriation of some of Ohio Wesleyan University's staff members.

Public Safety recruited help from Residential Life Coordinator Drew Peterson; Deborah Stinemetz, assistant director of Human Resources; and Tricia King, Human Resources assistant.

At a 5:30 p.m. dinner, King drank one and a half bottles of wine, and Stinemetz drank a half bottle. Peterson took several shots

of whiskey.

The volunteers participated in three different tests: the one-leg stand, the walk and turn and the horizontal gaze tests. All three of these tests are used in field sobriety tests.

"The tests are not used to trick the participants or see how well they perform; rather, they are used to test multitasking skills," said DPD Officer Adam Moore.

After the tests were administered, a breathalyzer test was given. At 8:25 p.m. Stinemetz's blood alcohol content (BAC) was .029, King's BAC was .071 and Peterson's BAC was .087. At 8:50 p.m. Peterson's BAC rose to .097. This is approximately two hours after Stinemetz and King had dinner and drank. Alcohol is metabolized at .015 percent per hour.

The legal limit in Ohio is .080

for anyone 21-years-old and .02 for anyone under the age of 21. Moore made it clear that there is no legal limit to drink and drive.

Bob Wood, director of Public Safety, detailed Ohio Wesleyan's alcohol policy and dangers of alcohol.

"If you ever suspect alcohol poisoning, call us [Public Safety]. There will not be any consequences for you or the person you are calling for," said Wood.

Wood made it known that there is never a reason to not call Public Safety, because there is no referral to the Judicial Board. He said it is more important to help a person, and there is no reason to be scared of getting in trouble.

Moore, on the other hand, explained that there could be some potential consequences if 911 is called for alcohol poisoning. This

is because there are two medics on duty at a given time for all of Delaware. The potential consequences are being charged with underage drinking or disorderly conduct.

Moore said wanted to help educate the students of OWU. This demonstration is the fifth or sixth that Wood and Moore can remember doing together.

"We do this to educate about alcohol and making smart choices," said Wood.

This was statement was mirrored by Peterson, who said it was part of his job to help educate the students that he supervises.

King said that she would probably participate in the demonstration again if asked. She also said that doing this was worth it.

"I did this because if I can save one kid from making a mistake, then it was worth it" said King.

Janitor's story continues in part two of series

By Chris Gong
Transcript Correspondent

Editor's note: This is the second in a series about Daniel José Montoly, who for four years has served the OWU community as a janitor of the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center.

"I was trying to do a documentary in 2007 about my hometown, the shanty town," Montoly said, with his usual passionate tone. "It was very hard, because the gang there, they stole my camera. But I really want to go back next year and try again."

More or less, everyone cares about his or

her own past. However, to be able to study one's past in the form of a documentary takes a certain degree of objectivity, rationality -- and even bravery. Of course, one also needs an interesting past, which, fortunately, is something that Montoly possesses.

"Believe it or not, my first mentor is a hooker," Montoly said. "Sometimes I think I owe it to her who I am."

The woman's name was Maria, a name that all women in that business share back in his country. Montoly thinks that his mother cared for him in the way that a mother cares for a son, but Maria was watching out for his future.

The story about Maria begins after Montoly

and his family left the farm and moved to the capital city of San Fernando de Monte Cristi in the Dominican Republic. Beginning in the 1960s, people in the countryside began migrating to this capital city of Monte Cristi province.

"It was very normal back then. The majority of my hometown moved to the city," Montoly says. "We cannot support ourselves if we keep living in the village. Landowners started to accumulate lands and used machinery in the production."

It was 1975 when Montoly and his family

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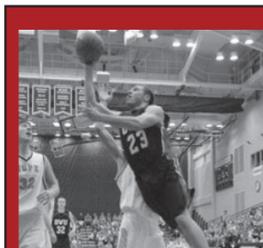
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moved to the capital. They were too poor to live in the city, so they could only live in the suburbs, the shanty town. It was very tough at the beginning; there was no electricity, and they had to walk five miles every day to get drinking water. Montoly was 7 years old at that time. His first job was to shine shoes on the street.

"I met Maria in the park, a public park - I used to shine shoes there," Montoly said. "Behind the park, there is a strip club. Maria was in charge of the club. Every morning when she was on her way to check out the bar, she stopped in the park and asked me, 'Hey, Charlie (Montoly's nickname), how are you today? Did you go to the school?' 'Yes I went.' 'Everything all right? Do you need anything?' 'No, I don't need anything.'"

"But sometimes she would give me five pesos, 10 pesos, 'It's not personal, but go buy one clothes, one shoes, one book, or take the money and give it to your mother, do you understand, Charlie?' 'Yes, I understand.'"

"But one day she sat next to me and said, 'Charlie, I want you to become somebody else. I want you to go to school, go to college and graduate. You

are smart, I don't want to see you 20 years later, still be here shining shoes. I want you to be somebody else.'"

Montoly took the advice seriously. "I had everything to fail, because I lived in some poor neighborhood, the shanty town. We dealt with poverty every single day..., but I was thinking in my brain, maybe I don't belong to this place, with the opportunity I will have, I'm going to walk away from this place."

Problems of poverty, illicit drugs and prostitution have existed for many years in the Dominican Republic. These are also common issues back in Montoly's old neighborhood.

When Montoly was 12 years old, he moved out to live with his uncle for a while. His uncle's neighbor was a man named Rafael Frias. Coming from a poor family, Frias tried to start a small recycling business when he moved to the capital, but it didn't work out. So later, he became a drug dealer.

He became so powerful that soon there were people working for him.

"He is a drug dealer but he never uses drugs. Nobody around his house uses drugs," Montoly said. "But he made some mistakes. Police knew his

business, and they blackmailed him. He paid them but they wanted more money from him. When he can't pay more, they will arrest him when he goes out.

Montoly said Frias met his fate when policemen stopped him, and he swallowed drugs he was selling. Soon he started shaking. The policemen knew exactly what happened. They let him die in the police car.

"This is why I never judge people," Montoly said, speaking faster. "Poverty makes people do a lot of things they don't want to do - you don't want to become a drug dealer; the girl on the corner has to sell her body - she doesn't want to sell her body."

"Sometimes I asked the girl on the corner, 'Why do you choose this life?' 'Do you think I choose the life? The life chooses me. I have three children and the father doesn't support the children. Do you think I like to be here and sleep with men twice or even three times my age?'"

"This is when I start to understand," Montoly said, as if he was preaching in the Indian temple like he did more than 10 years ago. "It is easy for a human being to make judgments about another person when they don't even

know what the situation is, what struggles we have."

"Everyone feels like we are here to judge somebody else, because if we put somebody down, it makes us look like a better person, more powerful. This is stupid, because it means on the inside you are insecure. I don't need to put somebody down to feel like a human being."

"This is what I love about life." He smiled and shook his head, as he sometimes does when the topic begins to get too heavy for his audience.

"Life is both dark and shining. People always think life has to be bright. No, life is not gonna be bright; life has shadows. The shadows are so beautiful. It's like brightness too. This is what gives you the balance."

"If I don't have the struggle and go to work every day, I don't grow up as a person. It will be easy for me to ask for welfare and quit the job - that's the easy way of life. But I come here every day. I work every day. I meet different people. I smiled to some person, that person smiled to me. And then I go home, 'Wow, this is a wonderful day.'"

After he finished speaking, he stood up and smiled again. He looked free.

Celebration marks Year One's anniversary

By Kate Miller
Transcript Correspondent

A celebration held on Monday, Nov. 17, marked the Year One Program's seventh year as a residential option for OWU freshmen. Students involved in the program live on all-freshman floors rather than potentially living next door to upperclassmen.

"The purpose of the Year One Program is to create a living-learning community exclusively for first-year students who were all experiencing the same transitional issues in orienting to college life," said Julie Blaszak, assistant director of Residential Life. The program -- the participants of which live on the third, fourth, and fifth floors of Smith East -- offers extra staffers and resources to aid first year students.

Many schools focus specifically on first-year student's needs. In 2002, when Year One was first implemented at OWU, most colleges already had a living-learning community. Prior to that, freshman students were integrated in the residence halls and lived among sophomores, juniors, and seniors, said Blaszak.

"I really like living on a Year One floor because I was able to meet other first year students who are trying to meet new people as well," said freshman Michelle Strong. "Our RA's were helpful too because they provide game nights and other bonding activities for our floor."

"Researchers have emphasized the importance of focusing on the first year of a student's college experience to aid in student success and retention," Blaszak said. "Many schools choose to focus specifically on the needs of first-year students for this reason."

"It's easier to meet people because since we're all the same age, it's not so intimidating to approach someone new," Year One resident Adam Pinkerton said.

Monday's Year One festival event was open to all freshman students and provided an even greater opportunity to meet fellow classmates. Students shared food, took home prizes and were serenaded by a capella groups Pitch Black and OWUtsiders.

Formal recruitment annually introduces unaffiliated women to Greek life at Ohio Wesleyan

By Katharine Mannix
Transcript Correspondent

Sorority women are beginning to prepare for formal recruitment, which begins in January of each year and is the process through which unaffiliated women, especially freshmen, can become a part of a sorority.

There are five Panhellenic sororities at Ohio Wesleyan - Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Delta Zeta and Kappa Alpha Theta.

According to the Greek Life website, each sorority puts on several events throughout the fall semester for freshmen to attend. These include Mr. OWU, Jell-O Tug-of-War, Pasta for Life, Kappa Karaoke and Anchor Splash. These events encourage students not only to get involved with Greek Life but also to raise money for the community.

Unaffiliated women wishing to become part of a sorority must have a 2.5 GPA to be considered for recruitment. Each sorority has a specific number of bids to give out to freshmen.

According to senior Amy Gallagher, vice president of recruitment for the Panhellenic Council, first-year students, both freshmen and transfers, must complete a full semester of classes with a 2.5 GPA in order to be part of the Greek community.

"The formal recruitment process enables

you to not only meet sisters from each chapter, but also to meet other women from the campus community," Gallagher said.

Junior Maggie Meloy of Delta Delta Delta said freshmen have the chance to decide which sorority is best for them during the recruitment process.

"I think it is important for a freshman to really get to know each sorority to be matched with a good group of girls," Meloy said.

Sophomore Lilly Jianas of Delta Delta Delta said she considered joining a sorority during formal recruitment, but decided it wasn't the right time.

"I thought about joining my freshman year but I was busy with Field Hockey and I didn't know if it was my thing, so I gave it a year," Jianas said. "I got a bid this fall and I ended up joining during informal recruitment."

According to the Greek Life website, formal recruitment is a great opportunity for freshmen to meet other women and get to know some upperclassmen.

"If freshmen think it is something they might want to do but are unsure, they should definitely go through the recruitment process to find out what it is all about and see the different houses," said Jianas.

According to Greek affairs, approximately 27 percent of the student body is involved in Greek Life at Ohio Wesleyan.



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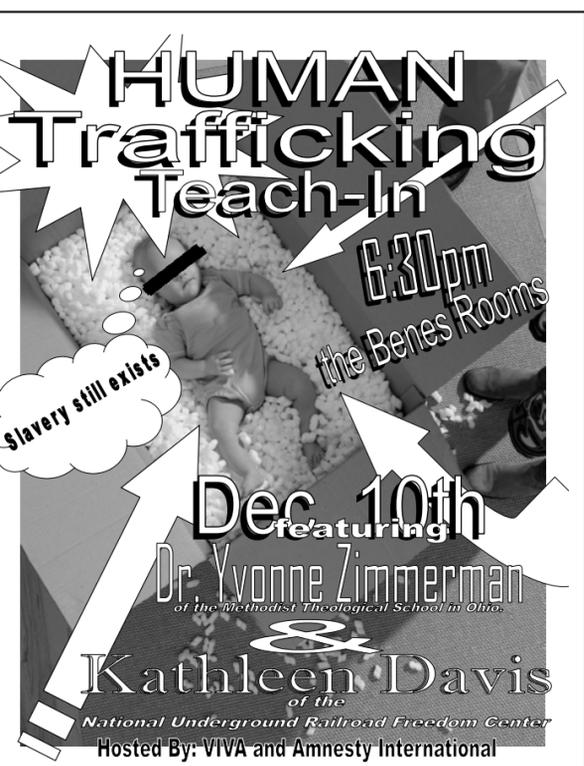
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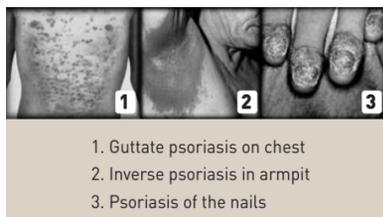
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WCSA under attack Mission team faces debate about crossing U.S. border

By Christine Hurley
Transcript Correspondent

Confusion about the interpretation of WCSA bylaws has caused unrest over the presidential re-vote two weeks ago.

Article I of the WCSA elections guidelines states the election rules should be reviewed subjectively, keeping in mind the best interest of students.

"The purpose of these guidelines is to promote fairness in all WCSA elections ... Intent, unfair advantage, and the good of the University will also be taken into consideration in any decision-making process," according to Article I of the WCSA election guidelines.

WCSA Vice President-Elect Kyle Herman said he believed fairness and discretion needed to be used in order to allow the student body voice to be heard.

"Disqualifying would have overridden what students wanted," said Herman.

Current WCSA Vice President Ben Goodrum has

"They found loopholes to support their decision," said Adam Koorn.

similar thoughts on the topic.

"A re-vote reflects the opinion of students and ensures everyone gets their say," said Goodrum.

In a recent letter to the editor, junior Trevor Hawley expressed dissatisfaction with the decision to have a re-vote.

"Seniors Rory McHale and Ben Goodrum, current President and Vice-President of WCSA, respectively, have grossly abused their powers to change the outcome of the student body presidential elections. Since the administration has failed to take action, it is important for the student body to realize what happened," said Hawley in his letter.

Current WCSA President Rory McHale said he believes nothing was done in a manner, which would be perceived as shady by the student body.

"We advertised the changing election schedule through town

hall meetings and emails," said McHale. "Unfortunately attendance to the meetings was minimal."

McHale said no one expressed concern about the date changes prior to the election.

The date changes were done with a unanimous vote of the executive committee. McHale also said the ticket who won did so with an overwhelming majority. Student interest was kept in mind to ensure the ticket who students wanted to win was elected.

Junior Adam Koorn, prior to the re-vote, said McHale and Goodrum's interpretation of the WCSA codes was questionable.

"They found loopholes to support their decision," said Koorn. "I'm not sure they can change election guidelines with a full body."

McHale said no bylaws have been changed yet. Official changes will be made when the full body is elected.

"The executive committee kept the student interest in mind and nothing has happened behind the student body's back," said McHale.

By Veronica Malencia
Transcript Correspondent

Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, has experienced over 1,000 killings in the past year because of clashes between drug cartels in the city. It is also the destination of the OWU Border Team's trip for Spring Break Mission Week '09.

The eight-person team has been facing a lot of controversy concerning safety during their week-long visit to the U.S.-Mexico border.

The team's decision is not yet final, but they don't intend on canceling the trip. Currently the plan is to stay in El Paso, Texas, and only travel across the border to Juárez during the day.

Still, there is a lot of risk involved. Last month the American Embassy in Mexico City upgraded its travel alert because of increased violence along the U.S.-Mexico border. The alert called the Juárez situation "of special concern" because of the increased number of robberies and petty thefts as well as recent public shootouts "during daylight hours in shopping centers and other public venues."

In a Nov. 18 article, the Houston Chronicle identified the city as "the heartbeat of Mexican drug violence."

The Border team is continuing fundraising efforts and making the necessary preparations for their trip.

On Wednesday, they held a Mexican

Luncheon for students and faculty in the Benes Room to raise money.

"We have discussed the safety concerns, but we're waiting to make a decision. I'm hoping the situation will be safe enough by the spring to spend time in Juárez and get to work with the people there," said team member Erin Gursky.

So what would motivate a team of students to go to such a dangerous city?

"We are going to the border to gain and give perspective on the situation there," said team leader Forest Raub.

The team is working with the Border Servant Corps and could be doing any range of activities along the border from working in a women's shelter to visiting with border patrol to helping in an orphanage.

"BSC emphasizes four areas: community, social justice, simplicity and spirituality, and we're aiming to do the same," said Raub.

The Border Team is also dealing with the controversial political issue of future American immigration policies. Team members emphasized that they are going with open minds and will be there to learn and provide support to people in need.

"The U.S.-Mexico border situation is a sensitive and poorly understood political issue. An important part of our trip will be sharing the perspective we gain from the experience with the rest of the OWU campus," said Raub.

Ecuador is habitat to over 1,500 species of birds

By Meghan Finneran
Transcript Correspondent

Dr. John Kricher visited OWU Monday to discuss the "perfect storm" scenario in Ecuador leading to the development of thousands of bird species.

Ecuador, roughly the size of Nevada, houses more than 1,500 bird species. Only half that number exists in all of North America.

The "very, very impressively high species richness" in Ecuador comes from the many ecosystems found there said Kricher.

"Drastic altitudinal changes

create homes for these non-migratory birds that "aren't very adventurous," Kricher said.

Birds like the violently orange R. rupicola and strikingly red R. peruviana find nesting places and don't leave. They breed only among themselves and eventually evolve into a new species of rupicola or peruviana.

The Watson bird similarly nests in one place. They are foliovores that "some just call the smelly bird," said Kricher, because they collect bacteria from their food in a yellow pouch on their chest that gives off a bad smelling odor.

According to Ernst Mayr of Harvard University's Museum of Comparative Zoology, there are two reasons for Ecuador's mass speciation.

The first is that of genetic mutation, which "accelerates the process of the multiplication of species," said Mayr.

The second reason, said Mayr, is the "tropical environment favors the accumulation and continued coexistence of an exceptionally high number of species."

Mayr's observations of geographical impact on bird species echoed David Lack's model of how species split.

Lack studied birds in the

Galapagos Islands.

In order to differentiate between new species, one must pay close attention to plumage and bill characteristics.

Charles Darwin began discovering differences like these in mockingbirds of the Galapagos Islands in the 1800s.

The changes, often unnoticeable to the naked eye, are categorized by the 2% rule: every 2% change in the mitochondrial DNA of a bird indicates a species separation 1 million years ago. A bird with a 6% change separated 3 million years ago, for example.

The birds that have evolved

or are evolving range from miniscule to giant, and vary greatly in type. Kricher notes sexual selection contributes to the speciation. The birds divide among themselves based on sex and appearance, he said.

The Cercomacra, a common Amazonian antbird, is evolving through the use of the Amazon River. One species is nesting the north side while another is nesting the south side.

Although the birds can see across the river, they will not join the other Cercomacras. Rivers and mountains alike promote species separation.

The Tawny Antpitta thrives in montane ecosystems, and

there are currently 22 different species in Ecuador alone.

The benefits of the high speciation rate in Ecuador are dependent on the extinction rate of the birds.

If the speciation rate is greater than the extinction rate, the number of species declines. If the speciation rate is less than the extinction rate, the number of species increases.

If speciation and extinction rates are equal, the number of species will not change. Kricher predicts the speciation rate is less than the extinction rate in the Neotropics. Historically, the speciation rate was greater than the extinction rate.

Team raises money for mission trip



Photo by Sara Mays

The Dominican mission team helped raise money for their spring break trip by recently hosting a Caribbean styled dinner in HamWill. Admission to the dinner was \$5 dollars and all proceeds went to their mission trip.

Ohio Wesleyan attracts large number of international students

Ohio Wesleyan University has the highest percentage of international students among undergraduate, bachelor degree-granting colleges in Ohio and the 11th highest percentage among similar colleges nationwide, a new report states.

According to the latest "Open Doors" report, conducted by the Institute of International Education, 193 international students attended Ohio Wesleyan during the 2007-08 academic year, accounting for 10.1 percent of

the campus population.

Ohio Wesleyan's students represented 50 countries last year, including the United States, with the largest numbers of international students coming from Pakistan, Vietnam, and the People's Republic of China.

"It is our great fortune to have students from every continent studying at Ohio Wesleyan University," said President Rock Jones.

"This richness of cultural experiences enhances the liberal arts education that we provide and helps us to prepare

students to be leaders in the global society."

The Institute of International Education is the leading not-for-profit educational and cultural exchange organization in the United States.

Its annual "Open Doors" report is published with support from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Information used in the report is obtained through surveys sent to approximately 3,000 accredited U.S. colleges and universities.

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Students gather to protest against CA's Prop. 8

By Brittany Stojasavljevic
Transcript Correspondent

Approximately 500 people sang in front of Columbus City Hall on Nov. 15. About 25 Ohio Wesleyan students were in the crowd, which protested Proposition 8, the amendment banning same-sex marriage in California.

Protesters held signs, spoke and sang to peacefully demonstrate against the amendment, and to show support for the gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual (GLBT) community in California.

The singing was a particularly powerful moment for freshman Michelle Rotuno-Johnson, who organized the OWU group, and junior Mery Kanashiro.

"We didn't know the song, but everyone started singing. It was beautiful. It gave me chills," said Rotuno-Johnson.

The amendment to California's constitution sparked controversy after passage on Nov. 4. One group, Join the Impact, called for a protest of Proposition 8 with the hope of achieving equality for all. Derek Stephens organized the Columbus branch of Join the Impact.

Through the websites Stephens organized, Rotuno-Johnson learned about the protest in Columbus. Jay Hsiao, president of PRIDE., which stands for People Regarding Individual Diversity Everywhere, helped her tell OWU students about the protest. Rotuno-Johnson also organized rides and gave out maps so students could attend.

Rotuno-Johnson and Kanashiro were surprised and "heart-broken" when the news about Proposition 8 was released. They said it was especially troublesome because California had previously legalized same-sex marriages.

However, they believed the protest was successful because it raised awareness and got the word out.

"It was a symbol that we're not going to let this happen without a fight. Hopefully the momentum will keep going," Rotuno-Johnson said. "Maybe it will even spark other states to start legislating."

They both also said how positive the reactions to the protest were.

Kanashiro said that she was impressed with the amount of support. People were honking and waving flags out their windows as they drove past. Many OWU students also e-mailed Rotuno-Johnson even if they could not attend the protest.

"We're especially proud of the support that OWU students have shown," Rotuno-Johnson and Kanashiro said.

Hsiao said he was worried about the potential backlash that may result from the protests.

While Rotuno-Johnson and Kanashiro acknowledged this possibility, they remained optimistic about the outcome.

"Each generation makes it more 'normal,'" Kanashiro said. "And the counter protests have been low so far."

Rotuno-Johnson agreed and compared the protests to the Civil Rights Movement. She said it will eventually hit a point where it will take off and be accepted.

Join the Impact plans on having a second national protest on Jan. 10, 2009.

The Columbus section will participate.

Jazz concert a hit in Gray Chapel



Photo by Sara Mays

The Park Avenue Jazz Ensemble perform a concert in Gray Chapel on Tuesday, Nov. 18.

Tree lighting to honor slain alumnus

From OWU Online

Ohio Wesleyan University will observe the 2008 holiday season with a new community tradition: the lighting of the Ron Hudler Memorial Christmas Tree.

This year's inaugural event – complete with cocoa, cookies, and caroling – will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 7. The outdoor event is free and open to the public. (In case of bad weather, the dedication ceremony will be moved to the first-floor lobby of University Hall.)

Hudler, a 1956 Ohio Wesleyan graduate, operated one of the nation's largest Christmas tree farms, along with his three sons, prior to his death earlier this year. Hudler, his son Fred, and farmhand John Miller Jr. were slain in January when they interrupted a robbery at the family's West Jefferson, N.C., farm.

To honor Hudler's memory, a 14-foot spruce tree from Hudler Carolina Tree Farms was delivered to campus in



October by his son, Dale, who attended Ohio Wesleyan from 1979 to 1981.

The tree has been planted in front of Edwards Gymnasium, near the intersection of Park Avenue and Sandusky

Street, where the lighting and dedication ceremony will be held. The tree decorations, refreshments, and a commemorative plaque are being provided by a gift from Hudler's twin brother,

Don, also a member of OWU's Class of 1956.

"We are particularly grateful that Ron's family has chosen to honor his memory by placing one of his beloved trees on the OWU campus," said university President Rock Jones.

"Each year, as the lights come on and we are reminded of the message of hope and peace of the sacred season, we will recall the hope that guided Ron's life and the goodness he brought to all who were privileged to know him."

Hudler Carolina Tree Farms is known throughout the United States as a leader in the industry and was honored in 1995 to be selected to provide the Christmas tree to the White House.

For more than 10 years, Hudler Farms also has contributed to the national holiday festivities by providing the trees that encircle the national Christmas tree. Known as the "Pageant of Peace," these trees represent the 50 states, five territories, and District of Columbia.

SAGE provides epilepsy awareness for students

By Stephanie Brill

Transcript Correspondent

On Wednesday, Nov. 19, SAGE (Students Awareness Group of Epilepsy), which is new on campus this year, brought attention to students about epilepsy and what to do if one sees another person going through a seizure.

Alexis Williams, the head of SAGE, is a freshman here at OWU. She is amazed that students and staff lack knowledge of epilepsy. She formed SAGE to solve the problem and to help support "Camp Great Rock", a camp in Maryland that helps children deal with epilepsy.

The SAGE presentation showed children at the camp

and described what it was like to have epilepsy and what it feels like to see others that face it. The camp helps the children to realize their inner identities and strengths, while also teaching them the proper way to take care of themselves.

This camp helps the children believe that they can live a typical life just like their peers and that they must take all the opportunities they can to live a healthy life.

Marsha Tilden, from the OWU health center, also came to speak about epilepsy. She shared information on the different types of epilepsy. Epilepsy is disturbances to the brain that affect a person's consciousness, movements, and even ability to know what is

going on in the environment.

As a result, seizures are a symptom of epilepsy.

To be diagnosed with epilepsy, one has to have more than one seizure. Tilden also shared the ways that epilepsy can be identified. CT scans, MRI's, or even EEG's (most common) are methods of testing for epilepsy. An EEG is about an hour-long procedure that involves rainbow wires glued to the head and measures brain waves through special tests.

She also described the proper way to take care of a friend or family member who goes through a seizure. To prevent more occurrences of epilepsy, there are many different types of medications. Women taking

seizure medication and birth control need to be careful. The seizure medication is much more powerful than birth control, making birth control protection less effective.

Williams, has been facing epilepsy since she was 13. Her first seizure occurred late at night and her second seizure occurred while playing tennis. How it all started for her, still remains unknown.

Because of the medication she takes, she has not had a seizure for about a year. The one thing she wants students to be aware of is how important epilepsy is because "who knows, your next roommate could be facing epilepsy. Do you know how to take care of them if they have a seizure?"

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Bike share program breaks out on campus

By Thomas Lawrence
Transcript Correspondent

By April, OWU may be home to a fleet of 41 bicycles available for the use of all students. One of the bikes will be a tandem.

"The Bike Movement" is the brainchild of four OWU students: Chris Kelly, Lara Kobelt, Jack Stenger and Matthew Jordan. It is designed to provide an alternative form of transportation for cross-campus travel.

To use the bikes, students will have to go through a registration and brief education process to receive a key that will access to all of the bikes. The process will be free.

"There are lots of aspects we have to think of, like maintenance, liability, and storage," Stenger said. "But Buildings and Grounds, Public Safety, and Breakaway Cycling have been extremely supportive and helpful, and we feel we have addressed all possible problems."

Each bike will come with a cable lock. The bright yellow, single-speed bikes won't be visually impressive but are necessary for security reasons.

"If someone is going to cut through a lock and steal a bike, they are not going to steal a bright yellow single-speed bike," Stenger said. "Also, everybody in Delaware will know where that bike came from."

According to the organizers, there are many reasons to institute a communal bike program.

"I think you could fill a book with reasons," Stenger said.

Stenger outlined why alternative transportation is important. It's not good that students drive across campus to get to class. Among the other reasons were school pride ("It will bring unity across the campus") and showing alumni and others that students can make a difference.

"We need to show that we actually care and we want to do something about it," he said.

Kelly also expressed several reasons why the bike movement is a good idea.

"Bikes are going to be essential for a sustainable future," Kelly said. "Plus, I believe they liberate people in some way. For some, it liberates them to enjoyable transportation not found in cars or walking; for some like myself, it simply liberates me. I am confident that the Bike Movement will have 41 bikes on this campus when nice weather hits in spring. I love bikes."

The program is not completely funded yet, but the organizers are optimistic about obtaining the needed amount. "We are asking WCSA for funding," said Stenger. "We also are hoping alumni will help some."

Because of the fragile nature of the bicycles, the organizers are working on creating two work study jobs for maintenance and repair. Also a student organization is being created to accommodate programming for the bikes and volunteer work.

The opening of the program is tentatively set for the middle of April. "It would be nice to have the kickoff during Earth

Remember: The **President's Ball** is Saturday, Dec. 6. Don't miss out on this important (and exciting) event.

For more information, contact Sarah Marous, president's intern, srmarous@owu.edu, or Sarah Bruno, President's Ball coordinator.

Arts & Entertainment

Senior project an outlet for creativity

By Samantha Beany
Transcript Reporter

As the holidays approach, senior theatre majors are filled with senior project spirit.

“Senior projects are important because it lets our theatre seniors really explore what they’re passionate about,” said senior and theatre major Katie Atkinson. “I guess it would be called a capstone experience—something that shows what you learned and how you interpret what you learned.”

For Atkinson’s project, she wrote a full-length play. She spent most of the semester on it with the help of her advisor.

“The final script is a little mystical, a lot romantic, a little tragic; it’s about a boy who sprouts wings and the girl who loves him,” Atkinson said.

Atkinson’s script will be performed in March and is being directed by senior Danielle-Claire Pomorski for her senior project.

Some seniors, such as Tavish Miller, have already completed their projects. On Nov. 20 Miller directed and participated in a reenactment of Disney’s *Aladdin*.

“Like most good ideas, I stole them from other smart people,” Miller said. “That is the best way to create a story.”

Sophomore Emily Yaksic was a performer in the show.

“We wanted to remember the pure



Photo by Sara Mays

Performers in Tavish Miller’s senior project “Aladdin” encouraged audience members to get involved with the show. The audience was not seated and were given lyrics so they could sing along. As a final project, senior theatre majors write, direct and perform in shows.

joy we felt as kids while watching *Aladdin*,” Yaksic said. “It was basically like an ‘Aladdin on Ice’, except in the Smoker without as much spandex.”

Junior Mery Kanashiro attended the performance.

“The show was kind of a deconstructed, stream-of-consciousness type of interpretation,” Kanashiro said. “It was frenetic, chaotic, and so much fun. My favorite part of the show was the interactivity.”

“We don’t put on shows for ourselves,” Yaksic said. “It’s all for the

audience. I’m sure they know how the movie goes much better than we do, so we definitely asked for audience participation.”

“One cannot experience the show without being an active member of the audience,” Miller said.

As audience members arrived, each was given a program with lyrics to the songs and encouraged to sing along.

“We don’t sing very well,” Yaksic said, “so we needed some help in that department.”

The show had a “moving stage” feel.

“One minute, the actors were in the middle of the crowd; next, they were running around the edge of the room, and suddenly they were standing on stage,” Kanashiro said. “We [the audience] were all encouraged to run around the room with the actors and get close to the action.”

There were also special effects, including glitter and silly string, which were flung onto the audience.

Costumes featured were primarily composed of recyclables, or, in the case of the genie, head-to-toe blue body paint.

Group raises money to aid international entrepreneurs

By Mark Dubovec
Transcript Reporter

The Student Initiative for International Development (SIID) managed to raise over \$100 during its benefit concert in the Hamilton Williams Campus Center atrium on Nov. 19.

“We’re just trying to get our name out there, get people aware of what we’re doing and make a little money selling puppy chow,” said president Jake Barnett. “Groups from around campus were willing to perform for us.”

The concert consisted of performances from groups and individuals, and the songs ranged in content from love ballads to parody.

Pitch Black and the Owtsiders opened and closed the concert, respectively.

Songs sung by Pitch Black included *In the Jungle* and *My Heart Will Go On* while the Owtsiders worked in *Killing Me Softly* and *Weird Al Yankovic’s Since You’ve Been Gone*.

Other acts included Ashely Antle, who played the guitar and sung a cover of *Sometimes it will be that Way* by Jewel and another song by Flaming Lips.

Fred Copeman and Mike Granzow rounded out the concert, playing humorous riffs on the ukulele and guitar.

“You’re so beautiful, the prettiest girl in the room,” Copeman and Granzow sang. “On the street, you’re probably in the top three.”

The group said the concert’s primary purpose was to raise funds for microlending, the backbone of SIID’s activities.

Microlending involves loaning small amounts of money, usually a few hundred dollars, to individuals in developing nations to help them start businesses.

“It’s for people who can’t get collateral from commercial banks,” secretary Dwight Parsons said. “The idea is to help people raise themselves out of poverty.”

Ideally, these poor entrepreneurs begin businesses that enable them to hire people from their towns and villages, spurring the local economy.

“It has a 95% payback rate,” Parsons added.

When the loan is paid off, SIID continues the cycle by loaning the money out again to a different individual.

“So, you’re recycling the money,” he said.

SIID, which was co-founded two years at OWU by Barnett, has loaned money to about 18 people around the world.

“We’ve given to students in Ghana,” Parsons said. “We helped build a bridge in Vietnam.”

In between the musical performances, SIID members presented information about microlending. Julia Blyth said there are over 7,000 microlending institutions around the world, circulating \$2.5 billion among 18 million people.

SIID maintains an account through

Kiva, one such organization that tracks both lenders and borrowers on its website.

Presently, SIID does not yet have a particular entrepreneur lined up for the proceeds from the benefit concert.

“Sometimes, in the space of an hour or even a few minutes, an entrepreneur’s goal can be reached, and they are no longer available to loan to,” said vice president Mery Kanashiro, via e-mail. “So we have to pick very quickly.”

Kanashiro said SIID plans to find new activities now that the concert is over.

“We are looking to move into other projects that are along the themes of simple ways of sustainability, such as purchasing and sending mosquito netting to areas afflicted by malaria to help prevent spread of the disease,” Kanashiro said.

She added the group will be making banners for Human Rights Week and showing the film *Small Fortunes* on Dec. 7.

Japanese print-making on display

By Katie Tuttle
Transcript Correspondent

On display in Beeghly Library’s Gallery 2001 are pieces of artwork, each of which depicts a famous artist and their most famous works of art.

Although the likeness to each artist, as well as their work, is very accurate, the impressive thing is that the paintings are done in the Japanese style of woodblock printmaking.

Ninety-year-old Paul Arnold of Oberlin is the current featured artist in Gallery 2001, a donation of the class of 2001. His exhibit, entitled “Homages and Some Old Favorites,” is comprised of 26 prints chosen from his collection of almost 500. All were hand-printed by Arnold himself.

A professor at Oberlin College for 44 years, Arnold traveled to Japan in 1962. Once there, he studied the Japanese form of woodblock printmaking under the noted printmaker Toshi Yoshida.

This technique is similar to the traditional technique of printmaking, but watercolors are used instead of oil-based paints.

Another difference is that everything from the block to the paper is wetted down. For printing, a wood block is carved with an image, taking away the negative space while leaving the positive space, similar to a rubber stamp.

For each color in the print, a new carving must be made. Some prints contain as many as 12 different colors.

The entire process, from carving to printing, can take anywhere from one to three weeks.

For most of his prints, Arnold used pine wood; however, for his print featuring famous Japanese printmaker Munakata, he used Sheena wood, a Japanese wood that is considered per-

fect for carving.

“Homages and Some Old Favorites” began in 1989 with the creation of *The Lonely Road to Aix*. The artwork features the famous artist Paul Cézanne.

Although not originally intended to be of that subject, Arnold noticed that as he carved a mountain into the background, it began to resemble Mont Ste. Victoire, a mountain located in the South of France, which Cézanne painted frequently. After this realization, the carving evolved into a portrait of Cézanne with Mont Ste. Victoire in the background, thus launching his homage series.

“I didn’t think much about it as a kick-off for this series,” Arnold said about his first homage.

As he talked about his artwork to a small audience on Wednesday, Nov. 19, he said it wasn’t until he started working on his homage to Picasso that he contemplated creating a series.

“I had no idea at that time that this would turn into 26 prints,” Arnold said. “And the series isn’t finished yet.”

Along with Picasso, Munakata and Cézanne, a few other well-known artists are featured in Arnold’s prints, such as Francisco Goya, Rembrandt, Vincent Van Gogh, El Greco, Claude Monet and Leonardo DaVinci.

In each of his prints, Arnold depicts the featured artist in the foreground with one of their more famous pieces of artwork in the background. In a few of the prints, the artist is within their artwork, creating a 3-D look.

When one of the viewers asked him why he decided to carve homages of his favorite artists, Arnold said, “It came naturally, and they’re a lot of fun.”

Arnold’s work will be on display until Dec. 7 in Gallery 2001, located in the hallway leading to the library café.

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Rowling’s new book should hold Potter fans until next movie

By Kaitlin Thomas
Entertainment Columnist

Although the seventh and final installment of the “Harry Potter” series hit stores last summer, J.K. Rowling has written a new book that has Potter fans lining up at their local bookstores. Today, “The Tales of Beedle the Bard” was released nationwide.

Any fan instantly recognizes the connection to the seventh book, but for those who somehow escaped PotterMania unscathed (an unfortunate occurrence), “The Tales of Beedle the Bard” played a major role in the storyline of the seventh book, in which Harry finally defeats the evil Lord Voldemort.

I hope I did not just spoil the story for those of you lazy kids waiting for the movies. You are in college; read a book once in awhile.

The book is roughly the equivalent of “Grimm’s Fairy Tales” but for the non-muggle population, and it only contains five short stories. “The Tale of the Three Brothers” was the only story recounted in the actual “Harry Potter” book, though mention was made of the other four.

Originally, there were to be only seven copies of the book, which was created, handwritten and illustrated by Rowling. Six were given to close friends, while one copy was auctioned off for charity last year. Amazon paid \$4 million for it at Sotheby’s in London.

In July 2008, it was announced that The Children’s High Level Group, a charity co-founded in 2005 by J.K. Rowling and Emma Nicholson, would publish the book for distribution to the public.

There are two versions currently available for sale on the Amazon website; the standard edition and the collector’s edition, which costs a mere \$100.

The collector’s edition is available only from Amazon and is apparently dipped in unicorn blood or something*. A reproduction of Rowling’s handwritten introduction, a cover with a metal clasp, as well as 10 additional illustrations not found in the standard edition or the original, are just a few of the perks of shelling out the \$100.

Honestly, I think I will save my money for something more substantial; say, the complete series of “Alias” on DVD.

Preorders for the book are through the roof. While I doubt there was an incredible rush such as those the “Harry Potter” books provoked, I think it is safe to assume that the most fervent fans were out at midnight to pick up their copies.

I admit that I always preordered my copies of the original books, but I was not one of those who preordered the “Tales.” I did not even know the release date until Dec. 1. I am a shame to “Harry Potter” fans everywhere. I guess it’s time to turn in my robes and call it quits.

But not before I buy and read “The Tales of Beedle the Bard” for myself.

**No unicorns were harmed in the making of these books. Unicorn blood is very rare in the “Harry Potter” universe and, therefore, probably expensive. One would imagine. I would not know. I have a life you know.*

Opinion

Response: WCSA election honest and transparent

Dear Editor,

I'm responding to a letter last week entitled "Election a Sham." As the Senior Class Representative and thus a member of WCSA, I must strongly disagree with the attitude and opinion expressed in that letter. WCSA as a whole faced a difficult situation with the executive elections two weeks ago.

The decision to invalidate the first presidential election was not made by one person, nor just Rory and Ben. It was made by the executive committee of WCSA, myself included. There weren't any shady backroom deals.

We had a second election because the guidelines given to candidates didn't clarify the rules regarding receipts. The changes to election dates and terms that WCSA is undertaking have been advertised in town hall meetings and campus-wide emails all year.

The whole process has been public and transparent, seeking student input at every step. I believe a misunderstanding has taken place because the WCSA I know, including the president and VP, is and has been an honest organization, intent on best serving the students of Ohio Wesleyan.

Nelson Mandrell
Senior Class Representative
WCSA

Human trafficking problem startling

Dear Editor,

Up until recently, I never gave a second thought to human trafficking. Actually, up until recently, I wasn't even entirely sure what human trafficking was. I never thought it could be anywhere near my suburban Ohio existence, or even near any of the larger cities I live near.

This is exactly what makes human trafficking so easy. Because human trafficking is such a clandestine market, many people don't even know what it entails, much less that it affects areas much closer to their homes than they'd probably be comfortable with.

Human trafficking includes both sex and labor trafficking. Labor trafficking includes involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage and slavery. Yes, slavery still exists in 2008. Trafficking victims are recruited using force, fraud and coercion such as threatening to harm the victim's family. Victims are often kept isolated, and in many cases do not know that what is being done to them is illegal (for instance, being forced into labor to pay debts that are legally unenforceable).

How does this affect you? Human trafficking victims as young as 11 have been found in Ohio. According to the FBI, northwest Ohio is one of the top recruiting spots for underage sex trafficking in the country. Toledo is one of the premier human trafficking cities in the country. In northern Ohio, two cousins aged 14 and 15 were found during a sting operation. The girls were tricked into a car with a male who forced them into prostitution. He would supervise them while they performed sex acts and beat them regularly.

Want an example even closer to home? A man named William Green was arrested in Columbus for transporting women across state lines. An undercover policeman had witnessed Green's illegal activities and was even told by Green that he could get girls as young as six years old. According to the Columbus Dispatch, there have been "three cases of well-respected foreign nationals from countries such as Ethiopia, Eritrea and Guinea who brought individuals to the United States with the promise of employment as housecleaners or nannies. When they arrived, they were forced to work excessive hours without compensation, were not allowed to leave and were stripped of their freedoms and rights."

One official even enslaved his wife. What can you do about human trafficking? For starters, you can educate yourself and others. If no one knows the problem exists, no one is going to do anything about it. If you are craving more proactive involvement in the trafficking problem, there are shelters opening around Ohio for places of trafficking victims to go, including the relatively local Gracehaven (www.gracehaven.info) which provides a place for underage female victims of sex trafficking to find sanctuary. You can also contact your local city council member, senator or house representative and let them know that human trafficking is an important issue to you.

Celeste Taylor
Amnesty International OWU Chapter

"We journalists ... are also extremely impressed with scientists, and we will, frankly, print just about any wacky thing they tell us, especially if it involves outer space."

-- Dave Barry

Future to hold new norms



Tackle Football
with Rory McHale

I have a very loud sneeze. Do you know others with such an affliction? If there's a larger audience, I may make a facebook group. If that works, I'll start a campus club. We could do a capella sneezing. That would not be practical. The only nice thing I've found about my ability is that if I yell in the middle of a sneeze, I create the sound of a dragon. Well, Rory's talking about sneezing, that means it must be cold season. And so it is: things are getting colder.

As a cynical/leftist college student, I often find myself and kindred spirits harping on that which we take to be absurd about life, both locally and globally. Over the last few years I've been thinking and talking about outrageous and irrational beliefs, norms, and actions people hold and take. I think I've covered much of the spectrum traditionally assigned to students of my leanings—conservatives, dated views on homosexuality, abortion (all those other political buzzes) the stupidity and consistency of the meaningless drinking/chattering that occurs every

weekend on campus, religion, et cetera.

I have no interest in writing about such things this week (although I recently read "The God Delusion" by Richard Dawkins; it's a waste for me to even mention it; most in the know or interested have already read it or formed an opinion of it; regardless, I found it to be devastating to the religious true believer, absolutely devastating). Constantly going over them in my head is becoming repetitive. I find I'm taking drugs less because I have nothing more to say about such absurdities.

However, I am wondering what fatal flaws I have/assumptions I make/erroneous or conservative views I hold that will only become apparent to future generations (or current cool kids at Oberlin etc).

Hopefully it's not a Rory thing as much as it is a many of us (you, individually) thing. It occurs to me (actually it was in that Dawkins book) that even the most wildly progressive voices 100 years ago held social or political views that would be considered wildly racist/outdated/fascist today. They equally knew this of their predecessors. I would be a fool to pretend that the same will not come of me and many things I believe several generations into the future.

This isn't concerning or worrying. I just wish I knew what about me would be con-

sidered conservative or absurd. Perhaps something to do with wearing clothing all the time; certainly the kinds of clothes worn will be ridiculed. Maybe regard for animals will take off and I'll be looked upon as a repressive monster for having "owned" two cats.

What I am certain of is that future people will look at the video footage of astronauts, particularly the moon landing (I'm not saying it happened, so don't attack my street cred) and laugh hysterically.

If technology ever makes such space travel seamlessly easy, those astronaut outfits and slow-moving men in space will look as if they are physically disabled (I find that while I do not disagree with the necessity of political correctness in such a description, I am looking for a shorter phrase or word which better gels to my style or lack thereof; no offense is allowed to be taken).

If there is some type of God figure out there, reading this column, and has randomly decided to give me an insight into the future so that I may become more cool and progressive, I say to her this: "No! Give me the lottery numbers of the future!"

For no one who could be rich would prefer to be progressive. The lottery reached \$118 million in Chicago over Thanksgiving. I made a small contribution to the jackpot.

A new cold war emerges

Alexandra Panait
Transcript Columnist

The West has lost Russia not in the recent August War in Georgia, but has gained piecemeal NATO enlargement in Eastern Europe through the U.S. antimissile program in Poland and the Czech Republic and the further MAP promises to Ukraine and Georgia.

The Kosovo case also serves as a possible precedent for Russian enclaves such as Chechnya, demanding independence, thus creating a domino effect.

The West failed to see the magnitude of its incessant promotion of liberal values and support for the new geopolitical structure in Eastern Europe that suited the West's interests and framework.

Aligning the East-West politics and economical environment came at the expense of Soviet legacies and regional identities and orientation for the newly-emerged Eastern European countries. And such an overnight erasure of the deep "Cold Line" division translated as narrowed Western interests that infringed upon the power status of the former Soviet Union.

The Russian "comeback" should come as no surprise, yet should not be watched with passivity from a West preoccupied with its own national interests, forgetting the tremendous human cost and chaos in

Caucasus, Chechnya, Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova.

There has been increased debate over a possible arms race reviving in the former Soviet sphere of influence, Eastern Europe.

Despite the alleged arms reduction as the Soviet Union and Cold War line collapsed, Russia continued investing huge amounts in weapons, particularly to raise funds for its staggering economy. Rather than maintaining the Cold War mindset, large amount of munitions aimed at exports and that further the territorial and political status quo serve Russian interests outside Russian land (particularly in Transdnistria and Belarus).

As proven by the Georgia war, Russian army and equipment remain obsolete, easily squelched by better technology.

Yet, despite the low-military capabilities in terms of technology, Russia governs a huge human potential and an undisciplined and scrupulous army that does not differentiate between military and civilians.

And the West forgets its inability to react effectively to the Russian aggression, despite its superior diplomacy and military.

In addition, U.S. anti-missiles deployment in Poland and the Czech Republic have driven Russia to strengthen its military ties with the puppet

government of Belarus, highly opposing NATO enlargement and the mini arms-race revival, as described by the Belarusian president, Lukashenko.

The Georgian and Chechen episodes should resonate in the West due to ongoing violence and mounting casualties. The 1990s did not end the race for self-determination, but rather triggered continuous carnage that has taken on a terrorist and religious tinge.

The two Chechen wars have created a black mark in Russian history in its post-Cold War restructuring, with tens of thousands of victims.

The important lesson of Russian high interest in the 1990 status quo vanished in the face of Western promises and Eastern Europe's example, as demonstrated by a determined Georgian president to embark on a Euro-Atlantic political restructuring.

Nevertheless, Caucasus becomes the harsh border of Western values survival, where Russian and European values clash.

A region caught in the middle and with a history defined by Russian influence and fights over political power, Caucasus remains the battleground of influences and interests, with no democratic or developmental future, given Russia's stakes in the chaos and violence and a West terrified by the Russian capabilities.

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Bishops Sports

Lady Bishops take it all in turkey day tourney

Notre Dame Fighting Irish couldn't top OWU in nail-biter game

From OWU Online

Ohio Wesleyan 86, Notre Dame 78

Sophomore guard Pam Quigney and sophomore post Kayla Gordon posted career bests in scoring and Ohio Wesleyan outlasted Notre Dame during a tight second half for a win in the first round of the Olivet Thanksgiving Tournament, hosted by Olivet College on Saturday in Olivet, Mich.

Ohio Wesleyan advances to face host Olivet in the tournament championship game at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Olivet defeated Carnegie Mellon, 55-51, in Saturday's nightcap. Carnegie Mellon will face Notre Dame in the consolation game at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Quigney scored 32 points, marking the second straight game in which she posted a career best. Quigney led the Bishops with 31 points in Tuesday's game at Franklin, then a career high.

Gordon finished with a career-high 30 points, hitting 11 of 17 shots from the field.

The dual 30-point performances were the first for Ohio Wesleyan since Feb. 6, 2004, when Erica Brizendine scored 31 and Kelly Heil had 30 points against Denison.

Gordon opened the Bishop scoring by burying a 3-pointer, and added another 3-pointer and a lay-in as Ohio Wesleyan raced to an early 12-4 lead.

The Bishops stretched the lead to 16-6 on Gordon's jumper just over 5 minutes into the action, and took a 25-14 lead on a Quigney 3-pointer midway through the first half.

Ohio Wesleyan still led, 27-16, after Quigney and Notre Dame's Jamie Henry traded baskets, but the Falcons responded with a 16-4 run that included a pair of 3-pointers and a lay-in from Ashley Carney and a pair of buckets from the paint by Alex Dackin. Carney's second 3-pointer gave the Falcons a 32-31 lead with 4:16 left in the first half.

Senior post Katie Hamilton sank a pair of free throws to end the Bishop drought and kick off a 10-2 spurt that gave Ohio Wesleyan the lead

for good. A Gordon 3-pointer, a Hamilton lay-in and a Quigney 3-pointer followed in short order, giving the Bishops a 41-34 lead with 1:15 left in the half.

Notre Dame came back, closing the half with a Carney 3-pointer and a buzzer-beating lay-in by Amanda Brown to close within 41-39 at the break, but that was as close as the Falcons would come.

Gordon opened the second half with a 3-pointer to give the Bishops a 5-point cushion, and Ohio Wesleyan would expand the margin to 8 points on 6 different occasions while allowing Notre Dame within a basket only once during the period.

Freshman post Dany Finck led the Bishops with 11 rebounds, and sophomore wing Tyler Cordell had a team-high 4 assists.

Carney led Notre Dame with 22 points and 7 assists. Yvette Hunter added 13 points and Amanda Brown and Henry scored 10 points apiece.

ment, hosted by Olivet College on Sunday in Olivet, Mich.

Olivet opened up a quick 6-0 lead on 3-pointers by Valen VanZyll and Lauren Fishwick, and the Comets still led, 21-17, after a basket by Emily Brown with 13:08 left in the first half.

Quigney then hit a 3-pointer to cut the deficit to 21-20, and after Olivet's Olivia Yarrell scored, Quigney sank another 3-pointer to tie the game at 23-23.

Freshman post Dany Finck followed with a pair of lay-ins, and when freshman wing Lea Mackenbach knocked down a 3-pointer, the Bishops led by a margin of 30-23 with 8:58 left in the period.

Ohio Wesleyan still led, 36-29, on a bucket by sophomore wing Tyler Cordell with 3:43 to go when the Comets reeled off the next 9 points, with Fishwick hitting a couple of 3-pointers and Stacey Szerlag connecting on another, for a 38-36 lead with 1:42 to go.

Mackenbach answered with another 3-pointer for Ohio Wesleyan, and free throws by Cordell and Mackenbach gave the Bishops a 41-38 lead at halftime.

Cordell opened the second-half scoring with a basket before a 3-pointer and a bucket from sophomore post Kayla Gordon and a pair of Quigney 3-pointers gave Ohio Wesleyan a 54-40 lead just over 3 minutes into the period.

Gabrielle Federau hit a lay-in to end the Olivet drought and bring the Comets within a dozen, but the Ohio Wesleyan lead would remain in double digits for the remainder of the contest.

Cordell posted career bests of 25 points and 7 assists to lead the Bishops in both categories and shared the team lead with 4 rebounds. Quigney added 16 points and junior wing Rachel Seibel scored a career-high 14 points.

Quigney was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. She was joined by Cordell on the all-tournament team.

Fishwick led Olivet with 23 points, while VanZyll added 10 points.

A deluxe week for Quigney



Photo from OWU Online

Sophomore guard Pam Quigney dribbles down court.

Ohio Wesleyan University sophomore Pam Quigney (left) has been named a North Coast Athletic Conference Player of the Week for the week of Dec. 1, it was announced by the NCAC.

Quigney, a guard on the Battling Bishop women's basketball team, scored a career-high 31 points and led the Bishops with 4 assists in Ohio Wesleyan's 83-79 loss at Franklin on Tuesday.

She scored a career-high 32 points in an 86-78 win over Notre Dame on Saturday, going 11-for-19 from the field and 8-for-8 from line. She finished the week with 18 points against Olivet in the championship game of Olivet's Thanksgiving Tournament, going 4-for-6 from field, all from 3-point range, and 4-for-4 from line. Quigney was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

On the week, she went 24-for-44 (.545) from the field, 11-for-16 (.688) from 3-point and 20-for-21 (.952) from the line. She scored 79 points, an average of 26.3 per game, and averaged 4.3 rebounds and 3.3 assists.

Four football players named to all-conference NCAC team

A total of 4 Ohio Wesleyan University football players were named to the All-North Coast Athletic Conference teams.

Junior safety Rylan Mitter-Burke (right) was a first-team All-NCAC selection, while senior running back Kyle Adams senior defensive tackle Julian Strother and senior defensive end Britan Tolliver were honorable mention picks.

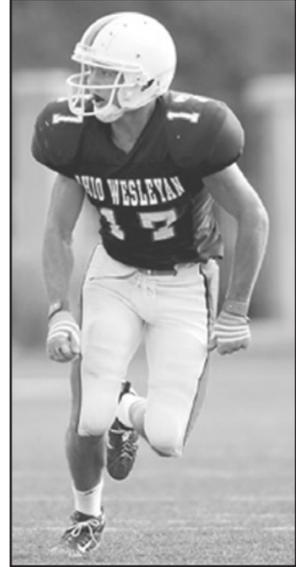
Mitter-Burke led the Bishops with 4 interceptions and 7 pass breakups and ranked second on the team with 70 tackles, including 3 for loss. His 4 interceptions is tied for seventh in the conference. Mitter-Burke was an honorable mention All-NCAC pick last season.

Adams led the Bishops in rushing with 509 yards and tied for third on the team with 12 receptions.

Strother ranked second among Bishop linemen with 51 tackles, including 2 sacks and 8½ tackles for loss. He also intercepted a pass, broke up another and forced a fumble this season. Strother was an honorable mention All-NCAC pick in 2007.

Tolliver ranked third on the Bishops with 62 tackles, including team bests of 7 sacks and 11 tackles for loss. Tolliver's average of 0.7 sacks per game leads the NCAC, while his average of 1.1 tackles for loss per game is fourth in the conference.

Ohio Wesleyan finished the season with a 2-8 record. The Battling Bishops were 2-5 in the NCAC, good for a seventh-place tie in the final league standings.



Mitter-Burke



Ohio Wesleyan 97, Olivet 75

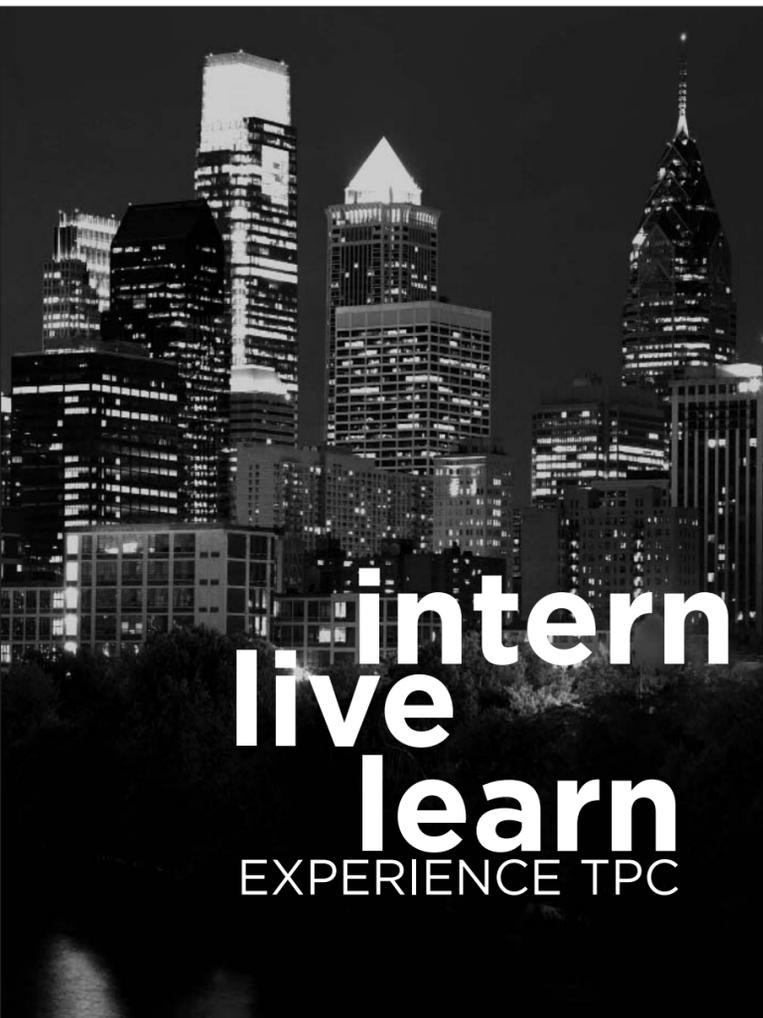
Sophomore guard Pam Quigney buried a pair of 3-pointers during a 13-2 first-half run that gave Ohio Wesleyan the lead, then hit 2 more 3-pointers during a 13-2 second-half run that put the Bishops ahead to stay as Ohio Wesleyan defeated host Olivet in the championship game of the Olivet Thanksgiving Tourna-

Upcoming athletic events

Men's basketball: Dec. 6 at Wooster 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 10 KENYON 7:30 p.m.

Women's basketball: Dec. 6 HIRAM 2 p.m.; Dec. 18 OTTERBEIN 6 p.m.

Swimming teams: Dec. 6-7 at John Carrol Invitational TBA
Track and field teams" Dec. 6 at Captial Crusader Invitational



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OWU second in race for sports trophy

After the conclusion of the fall 2008 seasons, Ohio Wesleyan University stands in second place in the North Coast Athletic Conference All-Sports Trophy chase.

Ohio Wesleyan compiled 46 1/2 points during the fall 2008 season, posting top-5 finishes in 4 of the 7 fall sports, including a conference championship in men's soccer and second-place finishes in women's cross country and field hockey. Wittenberg leads the 2008-09 all-sports race with 51 points, winning the conference championship in volleyball and tying for second place in both men's and women's soccer.

The All-Sports Trophy is given annually to the school that performs the best across the NCAC's 22 sports. Ten points are awarded for a first-place finish, 9 for a second, 8 for a third, and so on. The Battling Bishops are the 2-time defending all-sports champions after earning their eighth trophy last spring.



Bishops Sports

Bishops snare two wins in tournament

From OWU Online

OWU 80, Marietta 58

Senior wing Kyle Holliday scored 10 points as Ohio Wesleyan built a double-digit first-half lead, and sophomore wing Dillon McBride hit a pair of 3-pointers to thwart a Marietta rally as the Bishops defeated the Pioneers in the first round of the OWU/Kenyon Classic on Saturday at Branch Rickey Arena.

Junior post Brent Pleiman opened the Bishop scoring with a jumper from the lane, and Holliday followed with a lay-in and a 3-pointer as Ohio Wesleyan raced to a 7-0 lead, and the Bishops extended the lead into double figures on lay-ins by freshman post Pat Pellerite senior wing Kyle Miller and Holliday, along with a pair of Pleiman free throws, for a 15-5 edge just under 7 minutes into the game.

Ohio Wesleyan stretched the lead to 29-13 on a 3-pointer by senior wing Mitch Noggle with 7:09 left in the half, and the Bishops led by a 39-24 count at the intermission.

The Bishops still led, 46-32, just under 5 minutes into the second half when the Pioneers battled back into the contest.

Marietta got a 3-pointer and a lay-in from Trevor Halter and a lay-in by Zane Carter to close within 48-40 with 12:22 left, and after 3-pointers by Holliday and Miller hiked the Bishop lead back to 54-40, the



Photo from OWU Online

Senior Kyle Holliday skies for a layup last year

Pioneers went on an 11-4 run that included a lay-in and a 3-point play by Carter, a lay-in and a pair of free throws from Daun Lutes, and a jumper by Isaiah Creasap that made it 58-51 with 7:32 to go, and after McBride and Kyle Lindquist traded 3-pointers, it was still a 7-point game with the Bishops holding a 61-54

lead with 5:31 remaining.

Holliday and McBride drilled 3-pointers on Ohio Wesleyan's next 2 possessions, stretching the gap to 67-54 with 4:41 to play, and the Bishops pulled away from there, closing the game with a 13-4 run.

Holliday led the Bishops with a career-high 25 points,

while Miller finished with 11 points and Pleiman racked up a double-double, posting 10 points and 10 rebounds. Junior guard Rob Gardiner led Ohio Wesleyan with 5 assists.

Lutes led Marietta with 13 points, while Halter and Creasap added 11 points apiece.

In Saturday's opener, Albion broke a 9-9 tie with a 7-point run that featured a 3-pointer by Robbie Clark, a jumper by Drew Yancey and a pair of free throws from Dave Elliott to take the biggest lead of the game at 16-9.

Kenyon chipped away at the deficit, eventually tying the game at 21-21 on Allen Bediako's lay-in with 3:27 left in the first half.

The Lords took the lead for good during the second half, breaking a 42-42 tie with a jumper by Dave Jolson and a lay-in by Brian Yelvington at the midway point of the period. Kenyon kept Albion at arm's length from there, allowing the Britons to come closer than 3 points on only one occasion.

Yelvington led Kenyon with 17 points, while Bediako finished with 14 points and Dave Jolson and Jim Arce added 10 points apiece.

Drew Yancey and Andrew Holms shared the Albion lead with 14 points apiece.

OWU 69, Albion 66

Senior wing Kyle Holliday

and freshman wing Tim Brady scored 5 points apiece as Ohio Wesleyan built a 10-point first-half lead, freshman post Pat Pellerite had 7 points during a 12-2 run early in the second half that extended the Bishop lead to 16 points, and the Bishops withstood a furious Albion rally to edge the Britons in the second round of the OWU/Kenyon Classic on Sunday in Gambier.

Albion had pulled to within 26-24 on a jumper by Andre Bridges when the Bishops took off on a 10-2 run. Brady opened the Bishop spurt with a jumper and converted a 3-point play before Holliday hit a jumper and knocked down a 3-pointer to give Ohio Wesleyan a 36-26 lead with 1:40 left in the first half.

Drew Yancey hit a pair of baskets to bring Albion within 36-30, but Pellerite beat the first-half buzzer with a lay-in for a 38-30 Ohio Wesleyan lead at the break.

After Chris Farr opened the second-half scoring with a jumper that brought the Britons within 38-32, Ohio Wesleyan held Albion without a basket for more than 6 minutes.

Meanwhile, the Bishops pulled away with a lay-in, a pair of free throws and a 3-point play by Pellerite, then got a free throw from Holliday, a lay-in by senior wing Kyle Miller and a pair of Holliday free throws to take a

50-34 lead with 13:46 to go in regulation time, and Ohio Wesleyan led by as many as 18 points, that coming when Miller sank a pair of free throws for a 55-37 Bishop lead with 11:52 to play.

The Bishops still led 61-46, with just under 8 minutes left in regulation time when Albion went on a 10-0 run that included a pair of free throws and a lay-in by Yancey, a pair of free throws from Chris Farr, and baskets by J.C. Cruse and Andrew Holms, the latter making it a 61-56 game with 4:07 left.

Miller ended the Ohio Wesleyan dry spell with a jumper at the 3:49 mark, but Albion continued to chip away at the line, with Cruse and Holms each hitting 2 free throws to bring the Britons within 63-60 with 2:45 to play.

Holliday responded with a lay-in to give the Bishops a 65-60 lead, and while Albion closed to within a basket on 3 other occasions, Ohio Wesleyan went 4-for-6 from the line during the final 30 seconds of the game to keep the Britons at bay.

Holliday led the Bishops with 18 points, while Pellerite finished with 15 points and a team-high 8 boards and Miller led Ohio Wesleyan with 4 assists.

Yancey led Albion with 14 points, while Holms finished with 11 points and Dave Elliott scored 10 points.

Frisbee Firedogs fancy further fan fervor

By Clay Davis
Transcript Reporter

The fall sports season at OWU has officially ended, and now it is time for the winter sports to capture the campus' attention. However, one sport seemed to have gone unnoticed throughout the fall campaign: Ultimate Frisbee. The team known as the Firedogs hopes to take people by storm and capture more attention than they are currently given.

"I do not think there is much support or awareness of the Firedogs on campus, which I think is an understandable shame," junior Jake Barnett said. "It is understandable because people are dedicated to a lot of things on campus and time is valuable, and coming to an Ultimate tournament is oftentimes quite a time commitment, since we are not often close to campus."

Barnett hopes that OWU can find the sport as appealing as those who compete in the sport do.

"I think it is a shame, because Ultimate is a really fun sport to watch, with lots of diving catches, air disks being competed for like jump balls and just general athleticism and competitiveness," Barnett said. "Our team is one of the best in Ohio, and it is always fun to watch your school team win."

Ultimate Frisbee, in the eyes of Barnett, is a very competitive sport, which is something he said he hopes will attract more student interest.

"What I love about Ultimate is that there is a sincere dedication to sportsmanship and teamwork, and you cannot succeed as a team unless all of your parts are working as one," Barnett said. "However, that also means that individually, you are being pit against another person in a personal contest that requires you to play harder if you want the disc."

Ultimate Frisbee is similar to football in many ways, but it does have its own unique characteristics.

Ultimate Frisbee and football have similar formations on kickoffs, and both sports use an end zone as a scoring method.

However, Ultimate Frisbee is a seven-on-seven match, different from football's eleven-versus-eleven. A player can throw the disc only while standing still, but can maneuver using a pivot foot as in basketball.

Another interesting part of the Ultimate Frisbee game is that turnovers can result not just from an interception, but also from the disc hitting the ground.

However, if there is anything that stands out about Ultimate Frisbee in terms of rules, it is that there are no referees; the game is built on self-officiating.

"There are no referees to make calls, so each player must call the rule violations that he or she sees, and the dispute must be settled before play can continue," senior Justin Howard said. "Ultimate players are encouraged to have good 'spirit,' which is when you try to follow the



rules of the game and you are honest about whether you violated the rules or dropped a disc."

Howard, a first-year player, said he seems to have gotten a better grasp of the sport, especially when it came to learning the offensive and defensive schemes.

"Individually, I made a lot of progress; this was my first semester on the team, and I improved my throwing and learned how to play offense and defense," Howard said. "I especially learned how to make good cuts in order to get open to catch scoring throws."

Like many sports, Ultimate Frisbee is a year-round event, as they compete in the fall and spring, along with conditioning in the off-season. What makes it challenging for the Firedogs in terms of preparing for tournaments is that practice is self-led, different from having a faculty member take control.

Luckily, the team has learned from past leaders and practices to get a sense of how to conduct future drills.

"Practices are pretty structured, with drills we have learned from older players, conditioning and scrimmaging, much like any other sport," senior William Kenny said.

Dedication and hard work are key to any sports team's success, and the Firedogs clearly have those qualities.

"The practices are not mandatory per se, as we do not have any means to force people to come to practice, but most of the team is pretty committed," Kenny said. "Guys come out because they want to improve, want to do something special with a team and want to have fun playing a great sport."

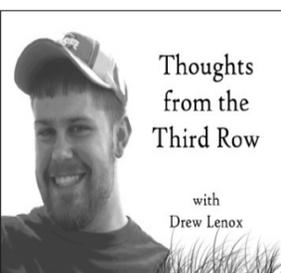
While the Firedogs dealt with problems during the fall season, mainly depth and injury issues, the team is preparing for a strong spring season and hoping to make it to regionals.

In order to get there, the team must finish in the top six or seven at sectionals, which includes all Ohio teams and some outside the state.

Kenny believes sectionals looks extremely strong this year, but it does not mean that the team will not show up. In fact, they are still hoping to obtain a spot at regionals.

"The section looks really good this year, so it will be especially hard and we have our work cut out for us," Kenny said. "But it is still a possibility."

Should Detroit be allowed to play on Thanksgiving?



Thoughts from the Third Row

with
Drew Lenox

The Detroit Lions are awful. Actually, they are beyond awful. The team from that state up north has not won a game this season, and might not do so in the coming weeks.

The four teams remaining on their schedule are Minnesota, Indianapolis, New Orleans and Green Bay. All of these appear to lead the Lions to become the first team to ever finish 0-16.

But the 2008 campaign

is not just a down year for Detroit. They are already going to finish with a losing record for the eighth consecutive season.

Detroit has not made the playoffs since 1999 and has not won whatever division they have been a part of since 1993.

Their last playoff victory came in 1991 over the Cowboys, their only win in a post-season contest since winning the NFL Championship in 1957.

The Lions are one of six teams that have been waiting several years to make a trip to the Super Bowl, let alone winning the big game.

Because of their recent struggles, one does not find the Lions on national television very often.

But they do have one game every year that the whole

country gets to see.

The Lions always host a game on Thanksgiving, and no matter what record, they should continue to do so.

The situation in Detroit might not be positive, but tradition should mean something in sports. With the exception of a short time between 1939 and 1944, the Lions have played on Thanksgiving every year since 1934.

Although the Lions have had some tremendously bad

"Detroit has not made the playoffs since 1999 and has not won whatever division they have been a part of since 1993."

While Tennessee handed them their worst loss ever on Thanksgiving, we will remember the 2008 Titans, but we must not forget the Lions.

Different solutions have

been discussed. It has been suggested that different teams rotate the game like the one on NFL Network in the evening. The NFL could take two playoff teams and match them up the following year.

But in that situation, fans could have seen this year a match-up of the 2-10 Seattle Seahawks and the 4-8 San Diego Chargers.

Just because a team was good the year before doesn't mean they will be the next year.

Another solution is to make it a flex game like the late season Sunday night games. But to tell a team they are switching from 4 p.m. on Sunday to 8:15 p.m. is entirely different from telling a team they have to play on little rest, three days earlier than expected.

Maybe the NFL should just give the game to a different

team.

But how many losing seasons does that new team get before they are yanked, too? How many good seasons does a team have to have in a row to be awarded the game?

These answers could be difficult to find. So, instead of trying to mess with tradition, maybe the Lions should just keep hosting the game.

Some things just go hand in hand with Thanksgiving, like the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, great times with family, football with some friends, rest before getting up early to shop the next day or putting up the Christmas tree.

Hopefully, the nation will realize that Detroit Lions football is just one of those things that goes with Thanksgiving; just like turkey, stuffing and passing the food around a big family table.