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Upcoming events

SATURDAY, JAN. 31

- National Women in Sports Day
- 11 a.m.: Girls sports clinic at Gordon Field House.
- 1 p.m.: Women's basketball vs. Kenyon at Branch Rickey Arena
- 3 p.m.: Men's basketball vs. Wooster at Branch Rickey Arena

SUNDAY, FEB. 1

- 9:15 a.m.: OWU Summit with keynote speaker Dr. Ron Binder in Benes A.
- 12:45 p.m.: OWU Super Bowl of Chess in the Bayley Room.
- 7 p.m.: Folk singer and musician Chris Pureka concert upstairs in Mean Bean Café.

MONDAY, FEB. 2

- 12:10 p.m.: "The Harlot of the Sea: Staging Sirens in English Renaissance Drama" in Sturges 109.

TUESDAY, FEB. 3

- 7:30 p.m.: Jeffrey Cohen discusses Barack Obama and his administration in Benes B and C.

THURSDAY, FEB. 5

- 7:30 p.m.: Steve Ettliger examines the ingredients of Twinkies in the Benes Room.

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Photo by Kat Mannix

Eager Americans waiting with bated breath for President Obama to take the Oath of Office last Tuesday in Washington, D.C. Amongst the millions were 50 OWU students who witnessed the history first hand.

SUBA celebrates landmark day

By Brad Russell
Transcript Reporter

It was the chance of a lifetime for roughly 50 students, who endured little sleep, an overheated charter bus and the cold Washington, D.C., weather to attend the Inauguration of President Barak Obama last week.

The trip was organized by the Student Union on Black Awareness (SUBA), but nothing could prepare the group for the crowds or history that unfolded in the nation's capitol last Tuesday.

"There was a point where we had probably only moved 30 feet in an hour," Ashley Davis said, a sophomore from Rockport, Mass.

Despite the crowds and slow pace and, Davis said the group was well behaved, but she couldn't say the same for the other attendants.

"There were a few rude people," she said.

Junior Olivia Bull was amazed by the size of the crowds too, but also with what the street vendors were hocking – Obama hot sauce, puppets and tacky t-shirts.

Finally, after hours of waiting and walking, the students arrived at the Washington Mall to watch the festivities.

"(The crowd was) ecstatic and happy to be there. People were connecting and no one seemed to mind [the weather]," said freshman Jessica Fillian.

Fillian also recounted how one spectator's



Photo by Kat Mannix

The Capitol building was dressed to the nines for Inauguration Day last week – a sight for sore eyes for the students who rode all night long to see it.

spontaneous rendition of the National Anthem was picked up by the rest of the crowd as the group walked down a crowded Washington street.

Davis had a slightly different experience. She was given a ticket to stand in the silver section during the inauguration by Ohio Representative Patrick Tiberi. Rep. Tiberi donated two tickets to OWU, and Davis was one of the students chosen at random to receive a ticket by OWU President Rock Jones.

The silver section was only 30 feet behind a jumbotron. Though Davis was in a smaller group, by her estimates she thought there were still about 100,000 people around her.

Then Obama spoke. Bull, Davis and Fillian all agreed that one could hear a pin drop.

Davis was blown away by the speech and thought that it was absolutely awe inspiring. She believes Obama's speech and election has created a sense of renewed patriotism in the U.S. that she has not felt since the 9/11 tragedy. But Bull said she was surprised by Obama's tone.

"It wasn't what I expected; it wasn't sugar coated," said Bull.

After the speech ended and the crowds broke, the students slowly made their way back to the buses and didn't arrive in the Smith parking lot until 4 a.m., but the bus ride isn't what they will remember.

"It's a moving experience. I would not trade the experience for the world," said Fillian.

12 WCSA reps win by default

Eight freshmen and four juniors added to WCSA roster uncontested

By Thomas Lawrence
Transcript Reporter

In the shadows of the presidential election controversy last semester, WCSA announced on Monday that Wednesday's representative election needn't take place due to a lack of candidates that would make an election competitive.

After only six candidates signed-up to run, WCSA postponed the Jan. 21 election. Twelve representatives are needed to fill the available seats.

WCSA spent the extra week recruiting candidates and found six more students to fill the positions.

WCSA has experienced similar problems filling these seats in previous years, but after the student government was restructured last semester, the Javaid administration assumed the issue of apathy was on the mend.

Before, the seats were divided between the residence halls based on the distribution of the student body between them, making it hard to fill

some seats.

"You would have six over-achievers running in Welch, but struggle to find a single person in Thomson [to run]," said junior Kyle Herman, vice president of WCSA.

This semester any student could fill a representative seat regardless of his or her respective residence hall.

Despite these changes to alleviate confusion and indifference, WCSA had no choice but to declare all representative candidates winners by default.

The representatives for this calendar year are freshmen Brian Trubowitz, Benjamin Thomas, Jennifer Howe, Yavor Danailov, Muhammad Hussain, Mishaal Husain, Rebekah Smith and Eric Charette.

Also serving will be juniors Chukwuezo Onuekwusi, Jeremy Reeves, Kevin Fahey and Melinda Seever.

Wednesday's elections were also to include two non-bonding referendums; however, these will probably be voted for online, said Herman.

MLK Day turns into week-long celebration

By Gwen Fitzgerald
Transcript Reporter

Maya Angelou wrote that "by demonstrating that all peoples cry, laugh, eat, worry, and die, it can introduce the idea that if we try and understand each other, we may even become friends."

This year, Ohio Wesleyan's Martin Luther King Jr. events tried to empathize unity and cultural understanding.

The week-long celebration began on Monday with the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day breakfast, which Ohio Wesleyan has hosted for the last 16 years. This year, the Rev. Vergel Lattimore, III, professor of pastoral care and counseling at Methodist Theological School, focused his keynote address on King's legacy of peaceful resistance and unity.

This was the first year for a week-long celebration. MLK Chairperson Rosalind D. Scott, assistant to the president for racial and cultural diversity and Ohio Wesleyan's chief diversity officer, who chose to extend the celebration since King's legacy extends well beyond any one day.

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events was to make them educational, enlightening, entertaining and interactive.

"Martin was more than just color," Scott said.

In the Benes room was a list of local milestones in civil rights, including Olive E. Day's 1903 graduation from Ohio Wesleyan, marking its first black female graduate.

A theme of the week-long celebration was the powerful expression of self and culture through performance. During the breakfast, Urban Strings performed, followed by a vocal performance by Naima Johnston, founder of Broken Box Ministries, which helps new Christian singers develop their ministries and engages the community through the arts.

On Wednesday Judylyn S. Ryan, associate professor of English and Black World Studies, spoke about musicians as activist voices in the Civil Rights movement.

The cultural expression theme blossomed during Thursday's event, "Stars in Our Midst," featuring several performances from students and Delaware community members. Will Alford, a junior, hosted the event.

Scott said her goal for the events was to make the events educational, enlightening, entertaining and interactive.

The evening started with an improv "dating game" by the Babbling Bishops.

Debbie Shatzer, executive director of the Convention & Visitors Bureau, gave a "dramatic portrayal" of Lucy Webb Hayes, focusing on her ties to Ohio Wesleyan and the anti-slavery movement.

Several unique student performances were featured. Senior Alex Paya, juggled lighted poi in a dimmed room, but had to stop early because

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Inauguration still workday for College Repubs

By Caitlin Goodman
Transcript Reporter

It's been nearly three months since the Nov. elections and the College Republicans have since pulled themselves up by their boot straps to begin another semester devoted to the ideals of their Grand Old Party.

"We both want the same thing, we just have different ways of getting them," College Republican (CR) President and sophomore Ethan Baron said of the differences between Republicans and the newly inaugurated Obama administration. Even though Baron acknowledged President Obama's potential for uniting the nation, he says the College Republicans still have their work cut out for them.

Smaller government, a free market economy and keeping the government out of the daily lives of citizens are the pillars which give foundation to the G.O.P., says Baron.

"Some people's ideas are closely related to Republican values, but they simply do not realize it," Baron said, discussing his plans to increase membership and spread republican values especially in the "hype of Obama's election."

Like many campus organizations, fundraising is an issue for the College Republicans. With 120

students on the CR email list and 35 active members, Baron is confident there will be a diversity of ideas for events.

"We were planning on holding bipartisan events to bring the whole community together or fundraising during smaller campaigns through the year," Baron said.

Junior Trevor Hawley, CR Community Outreach Coordinator currently interning in Washington, D.C., is excited to return to OWU next semester and apply what he learned from his internship in future CR endeavors.

"I'm looking forward to using my experiences in D.C. to help the College Republicans," Hawley said.

Answering phones and writing a speech for a Florida Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen are the experiences which Hawley plans to learn the most from. Hawley also expressed excitement for a CR trip to D.C. to attend a conservative political action conference.

Like everyone in Washington last Tuesday, Hawley watched the inauguration and admitted "I am not for Obama, but I think it was important for people to experience this history."

However, Baron, already looking ahead to next November's elections, confessed to working on the CR website rather than watching the inauguration.



Photo by Tim Albon

'Mountaintop' miming

Mark Butler of the Delaware Arts Castle performs a mine interpretation of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I've Been on the Mountaintop" speech during OWU's week-long MLK celebration. Butler, who took the stage on Jan. 22 in the Benes A, felt a mime interpretation best conveyed the drama of King's speech.

Frat presidents: no umbrella GPA policy

By Mark Dubovec
News Editor

Beginning this semester, the Council of Fraternity Presidents (CFP) will operate in place of the dissolved Interfraternity Council (IFC), a change the presidents hope will improve fraternity life.

"In the fall semester, the Interfraternity Council voted to switch their model," said Allison Bressler, assistant director of student involvement for GreekLife. The CFP is now comprised of the seven chapter presidents, she added.

"We're shaping our by-laws now," said sophomore Lucas Bezerra, president of Chi Phi. "So many positive things are coming out of this, and we're still in the beginning stages."

"We felt like the biggest problem IFC had was it was

full of representatives that didn't have a lot of power within their own houses," said Sigma Chi president, Brandon Luttinger.

"It just wasn't efficient. The IFC, we felt, left people out of the loop.

"The communication is so much better now because you're starting at the top instead of working at the bottom with a representative trying to relay everything to the top."

The CFP plans to release the first draft of its new constitution this week and have a final version by late February. The chapter presidents have been discussing policy and voting on what to include in the new by-laws at their weekly meetings - IFC met every other week.

The CFP has already eliminated the old IFC 2.25 GPA standard. Some fraternities'

national GPA standards exceeded IFC's requirement, and the fraternities had the option of seeking written permission from their national headquarters to take on a grade risk - a pledge whose GPA fell below the IFC standard.

"Really, everyone pretty much agreed on it," Bezerra said. "It was pretty much up to the national standards anyway."

Under the CFP, GPA requirements are determined by the national offices of the individual chapters.

"Each fraternity has its own national standards," Bressler said. "Why give another set of standards when you have your own you could be following?" Bressler said that she verified the new requirements with the national director of chapter services of each fraternity.

"Each house is different,

but why should we all try to be the same?" Luttinger asked. He also said that Sigma Chi didn't usually accept grade risks anyway.

GPA requirements aren't the only changes the CFP hopes to make.

"A couple of things we're really trying to work into the CFP is trying to make use of the Greek system a lot better for the Ohio Wesleyan community," Luttinger said.

Some of these plans include more joint fraternity activities and more philanthropy events.

"It should be interesting to see where it goes, but I think it'll definitely be for the better," Luttinger said.

"This change has brought on a new sense of what a fraternity's purpose is," Becerra said. "Some really good things are coming out of this."



INCIDENT REPORT JAN. 6 - 19

-On Jan. 2, at approximately 10 p.m., a Stuyvesant Hall resident was charged with disorderly conduct after admitting to activating a false fire alarm in Bashford Hall.

-On Jan. 8, a resident of Sigma Phi Epsilon reported a flat-screened television and a small amount of money taken from his room during winter break. It was reported that the room may have been left unsecured.

-On Jan. 9, at 7:20 p.m. an administrator working late in his office was startled by an unknown intruder opening and closing office doors in the H.W. Campus Center. Upon confrontation, the individual ran down the steps and out of the building. A search of the surrounding area did not produce a possible suspect.

-On Jan. 9, shortly after the women's basketball game, a female student reported her personal cell phone missing from an unlocked gym locker and presumed stolen. A subsequent check of the call history led to a possible suspect. This individual was contacted and the telephone was returned to its rightful owner. No further action was taken.

-On Jan. 14, at about 11:15 a.m., during a routine patrol of Bashford Hall, a fire-alarm pull-station was found damaged and a nearby fire extinguisher discovered missing. The fire

extinguisher was replaced and a work-order submitted to repair the pull-station.

-On Jan. 15, during the early evening hours, two students were observed near Sigma Phi Epsilon with open containers of alcohol and referred to student judicial for underage possession.

-On Jan. 18, at approximately 2:45 a.m., a fire alarm reported from the Delta Tau Delta fraternity was found to have been caused by excessive cigarette smoke.

-On Jan. 18, at 6:00 p.m., a group of students were observed participating in a physical assault. Though several individuals ran from the scene when approached, the victim, later treated at Grady Memorial Hospital, was able to identify his attacker(s). The Delaware Police were contacted and possible charges are pending.

-On Jan 18, two non-students were charged with disorderly conduct by the Delaware Police following a confrontation between them and an OWU student near the H.W. Campus Center.

-On Jan. 19, between midnight and approximately 2:30 a.m., three false fire alarms were reported from Hayes and Stuyvesant Halls, respectively. The Delaware Fire Department determined that several fire alarm pull-stations were deliberately activated by a person or persons unknown resulting in full-fire alarms. A fire extinguisher was also found discharged and abandoned in the 'Stuyvesant Smoker'.

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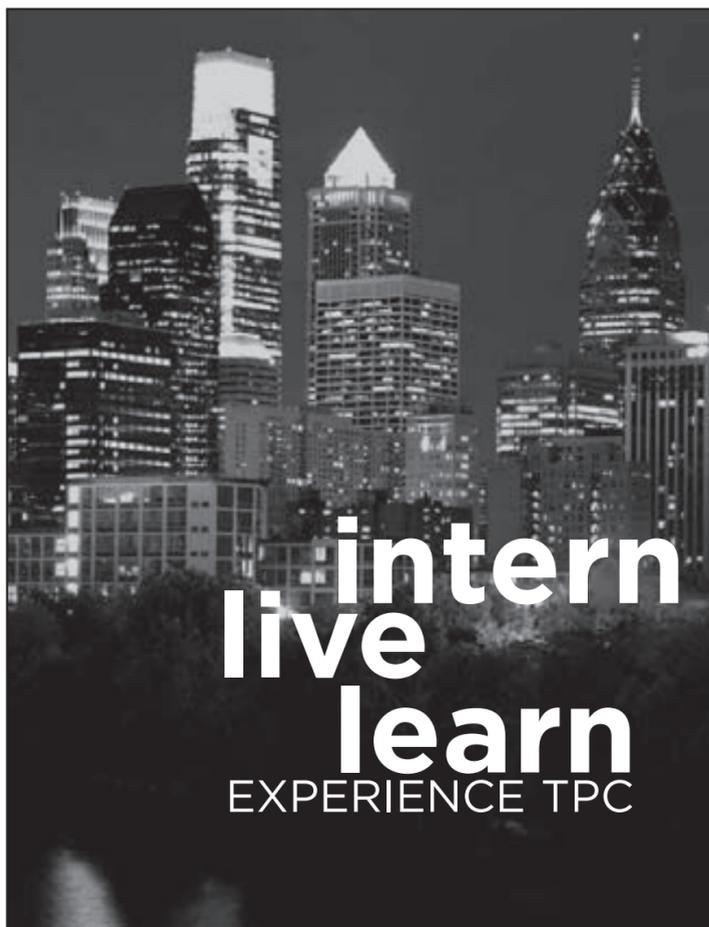
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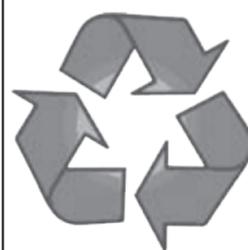
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MLK cont'd

they broke. Sophomores Yashika Sha, Lindsey Arora, Hannah Davies, Maisha Rashid and Tanvi Devidayal, danced to a mix of Bollywood songs under the group name Kanguana, which means "bangle" in Hindi.

Two different Chinese folk dances were performed at "Stars in Our Midst." Yan and Wendy Zhao, a mother-daughter team, performed the Chinese folk dance "Fern Leaf Hedge Bamboo under Moonlight" with music and dance. Junior Shan Song danced to "The Peacock".

Sister's United presented a poster collage of successful women, which featured women of different races and different types of success.

Francine Butler performed a liturgical dance to "Precious Lord" by Thomas A. Dorsey. Butler, a high school government teacher, chose the song because of the "anguish" it expressed.

Butler attended several of the week's events and called the MLK celebration week "momentous," especially how it "celebrated different cultures."

Mark Butler, an instructor at the Delaware Arts Castle, performed a mime dance to King's "I've Been to the Mountaintop" to dramatize the speech.

"I wanted to show how King's speeches drew you in. I wanted to represent breaking free of slavery and oppression in order to soar," Butler said.

The grand finale of the evening was a group dance lead by Francine and Mark Butler to Shalom Aleichem - "Peace be with You" - where the audience stood up and danced in a circle.

This was the first year for a week-long ceremony. Scott, assistant to the president for racial and cultural diversity and Ohio Wesleyan's chief diversity officer, chose to extend the celebration because "history is more than just one day."

It also allowed the celebration to broaden topics, such as including a presentation on LGBT issues called "Shades of Discrimination."

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The lengthening in time allows the MLK celebrations to include this year's historic inauguration of Barack Obama. Along with the inauguration watch parties in Crider Lounge and the Internet Cafe, this year's MLK events featured the discussion on by Emmanuel K. Twesigye, professor of Religion and Black World Studies, "President Barack Obama and Dr. M.L. King's Dream: Myth and Reality."

"He is connected" to King's dream, Twesigye said about Obama. Like many, Twesigye believes that Obama will help bring change by encouraging unity. "The future is going to be very different from the way it was 60 years ago."

Student experiences Israeli conflict

Chelsie Pacha
Transcript Reporter

Junior Adam Dworetzky spent 10 days in Israel over winter break on an all-expense paid Birthright trip, experiencing firsthand his heritage and the issues concerning Hamas and Israel.

Although the recent 22-day war has ended with over 1,300 Palestinians killed, Hamas continues fighting. Dworetzky said that Hamas has continued to shoot fire on the city of Sderot for the past eight years, and they have created a way to try and avoid the rockets.

"Sderot has bomb shelters on every block to protect the citizens," said Dworetzky. "People in the city have 15 seconds to find cover from the rockets."

Dworetzky said he was initially hesitant and unsure about actually seeing the conflict in person but after seeing how the Israelis reacted themselves, he feels they were doing the right thing. "Israel is really fighting for their survival," said Dworetzky.

"Unlike some other countries, Israelis are excited about their country and want to be there."

The Jewish Birthright trip Dworetzky was a part of allowed him to make the trip.

"The goal of the organization is to send Jewish people to Israel to explore the country," said Dworetzky. "A philanthropy donates money to the program, and Israel matches the donations. I only had to pay for my flight. Everything else was paid for."

Dworetzky said he was anx-



Photo by Adam Dworetzky

Israeli soldiers mobilizing, complete with automatic rifles. During his stay, Dworetzky learned all Israelis must serve in the military after turning 18.

ious to learn.

"I really wanted to learn about the heritage, culture, and religion," said Dworetzky. "I also wanted to get an insight into why people chose to move back to the country."

He said he was surprised to hear that all Israelis are required to serve in the military when they turn 18. Dworetzky said the men are expected to serve a three-year term while the women are expected to serve two years. After this they usually go off to college.

"Six of the people I roomed with were Israeli soldiers," said Dworetzky. "Two of them were actually called into Gaza during my stay, and I was amazed because they were not scared at all. They wanted to fight."

Dworetzky said he had many experiences he will never forget. "One of the most interesting things I remember from the trip was actually from a man who was just walking down the street," said Dworetzky.

"He said, 'If Hamas put down their weapons, there would be peace; if Israel put down their weapons, there would be no Israel.'"

The instant connection felt with Israelis is something Dworetzky said he will always cherish. "On New Year's I was walking down the street with some people and we saw some 14-year-olds who were playing with a bungee-cord trampoline and we asked them if we could join in," said Dworetzky, "Although they couldn't speak

any English, they were very nice and wanted to engage with us. We even had a little dance off."

Dworetzky says his trip to Israel was a great learning experience. "You really can't understand the conflict just by looking at the perspectives distributed in the newspapers," said Dworetzky.

"Going there made me realize that there are two sides to every story. I now have evidence that suggests that Israel isn't as bad as we think. I now understand why they do what they do."

"They are fighting for their survival and their country with no complaints. I find it great that they choose to be where they are and they are excited about their country."

Inauguration embraced on campus

Sarah Shkoukanil
Transcript Reporter

From the library café to dorm rooms, students were glued to the television last Tuesday as Barack Obama took his oath office and became the first African American president of the United States.

Senior Jeremy Reeves watched the inauguration in Ham-Will and expressed how electrifying it felt to watch that afternoon.

"I felt that individuals in the U.S. have broken the boundary of racism, and they showed that times do change," Reeves said.

"Obama's speech carried a feeling that produces a lot of emotions, and I actually believe change will be arriving soon."

The atmosphere was just as positive in the library café where 20 students gathered to watch the speech and other inauguration coverage.

Although junior Shahina Pohoomul didn't watch the entire inauguration, she and a group of friends gathered around the TV to witness history.

"There were two moments that touched me the most," Pohoomul said. "The first was during the national anthem because students around me stood up and the other was when the reverend said, 'where the brown can stick around and where the yellow stays mellow,' it was so hilarious."

The Crider lounge was alive as well. Junior Alison Kennedy said the lounge was filled with positive feelings, excitement and a few tears as well.

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"It seemed surreal," Kennedy said. "I worked all fall on the campaign, and it had finally happened."

"Hearing him take the oath of office that every president has taken is never forgettable."

Even though junior Lauren Rodgers watched the inauguration in her room, she believed the inauguration was the start of something really big.

"It is pretty exciting to see how diverse the crowd was (on TV) and that there were so many people our age watching the inauguration," Rodgers said.

"I know for a lot of my friends this is their first inauguration. I'm looking forward to his promises coming full circle."

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Sisters brave cold for formal recruitment

By Kaitlyn Overbeeke and Kelly Gardner
Transcript Reporters

Despite standing outside in sub-zero temperatures, more than 80 excited recruits went through the process of formal sorority recruitment the first full weekend back on campus, finding enough positive energy to keep warm as current sorority members worked to display their houses and organize various activities to interest recruits.

"We spent hours practicing songs and working out skits to show [the recruits] a little insight to sorority life," said senior Maureen Cearfoss, a member of Delta Delta Delta as well as the Panhel board.

"We just go over things to help us prepare for when the girls come to our house," junior Lori Durham of Delta Gamma said. "It's a lot of work, but it's worth it."

Although many members expressed excitement, some found getting organized to be particularly draining.

"The hardest part of the week is day one, because there are five sets of different girls coming through the house, so it can be exhausting to meet so many people in such a short amount of time," said junior Maddie Branden, a Tri-Delt. Freshman Taurey Overturf said the first day of formal recruitment was hardest because of the limited time at each sorority house, but she admitted it was a fun, fast and slightly intimidating experience.

Overturf believes joining a sorority would help her meet people and strengthen her resume by participating in philanthropic events.

"I'm so excited to help others, and I figured what would be better than working with great girls while doing it," she said.

The Panhel board oversaw the week's events to ensure the rules were followed and recruits received equal exposure to each house.

"Through recruitment, Panhel acts as the voice of wisdom," Cearfoss said. "They keep track and organize the set lists for each house and for each day, throughout the whole weekend. They also act as an unbiased source of comfort, limiting any feelings of competition when many are confused about which house to choose in the end."

However, the pressures of the week can



Photo by Kelly Gardner

Unaffiliated women visit the sorority houses during the second day of formal recruitment.

generate some competition among sororities.

"Houses end up liking similar girls, which can bring out a competitive spirit, but I think it's positive because it drives your house to be the best it can be," Branden said.

On the other hand, junior Alison Kennedy of Kappa Alpha Theta said she felt no competition. "I live with girls from another sorority, and I hang out with girls from every sorority, and it's never an issue."

The energy from sorority sisters made it

difficult to choose a house.

"You make quick decisions, and I'm not good with that," said Overturf. "It was a little difficult because you had to get down to the core of the girls, and you only had a certain amount of time to do it."

The biggest event came at the end of the weekend, when recruits received bids.

"For me, the hardest part is waiting to find out who the new members are," Durham said. "It makes everyone in our house anxious and

excited!"

The cold did not deter the events, and some even considered it a right of passage.

"Everyone that has ever gone through formal recruitment stood outside in the middle of January, waiting to go into a warm house," Overturf said. "They all understood what we were going through, and it was almost as if it were tradition. The atmosphere was still upbeat and fun. At times girls complained, but we all got through it together."

New SLU proposal plans to milk OWU for cultural diversity

By Dianne Macasu
Transcript Reporter

"Diversity" is the word that saturates the new proposal for a Small Living Unit at 88 Oak Hill, the current location of the International House.

Director of International Student Services Darrell Albon said the idea for the new SLU arose last spring when a group of students attended the OWU Leaders Across Borders, a two-day, cross-cultural leadership retreat.

Sally Leber, director of the Columbus Initiative and OWU LAB, and Terree Stevenson, director of Multi-Cultural Affairs, are also involved in the development of the new SLU.

"This group included students from a wide range of backgrounds," Albon said. "During their retreat, the students decided that they liked the term 'citizens of the world' to describe their backgrounds and outlook."

Senior Benjamin Goodrum described the discussion.

"We thought of the word, 'diversity,' and it means ethnicity, religion, nationality and various geographic representations, and this all relates to the components of the world we live in," Goodrum said.

He added that the group brainstormed how students can be more responsible in terms of the world, as well as more appreciative of the campus culture.

The students plan to name the house the COW Shed -- COW standing for Citizens of the World.

Junior Jeane Pham, current moderator of the International House (I-House), said the core of the I-House needs to

be changed.

"We need to know what we can do by engaging international students together in the whole community," Pham said. "There have been a lot of ups and downs with the house these past few years, which was due to the mission statement being unclear. We have been very weak in recruiting people."

Pham expressed eagerness for the COW Shed proposal and believes it will be approved, hopefully establishing greater cultural connections on campus.

"Apart from the I-House, I also think OWU is very diverse in terms of the number of students from different backgrounds, but not necessarily diverse in terms of people getting to know each other from different backgrounds," Pham said.

To receive approval, the new SLU must be evaluated by a committee consisting of two faculty members appointed by the Academic Policy Committee, two students appointed by WCSA and two ResLife coordinators.

The group proposing the COW Shed must demonstrate how it compliments the mission of OWU, explain what goals it will accomplish and how it will accomplish them and show evidence that the group will carry out its own mission.

The deadline for submitting the proposal is Friday, Feb. 13, and Albon is eagerly awaiting the paperwork and its potential passage.

"I really see a truly revitalized international house with a wider scope of interests coming for next year," Albon said.

WoHo hosts cell phone drive

By Kaisha Oliver
Transcript Reporter

The Women's House is calling on all cell phone users to participate in their second cell phone drive to benefit survivors of domestic violence.

Senior Whitney Smith and junior Amber Cole, both members of the Women's House (WOHO), said they decided to conduct the drive again after a positive turnout in 2007.

Cole, the house moderator, said the cell phone drive donates the phones to a community-based organization called Turning Point.

Turning Point provides shelter, resources and programming for survivors of

domestic violence, including food, clothing, transportation and a 24-hour crisis line.

Smith said Turning Point collects the phones from WOHO for the protection of the recipients, acting as a liaison between the house and the female survivors.

Both Cole and Smith said it's important for the women at the shelter to be referred to as 'survivors' instead of 'victims.' They said it is uplifting and empowering to be acknowledged as survivors.

Because she is so passionate about domestic violence and its survivors, Smith feels that OWU is the perfect place for this type of drive.

"My high school was public, but since Ohio Wesleyan is a liberal arts college, it is easier

to talk about more controversial issues," she said.

Smith said she grew up in a home with a single parent, and she can remotely relate to what single parents in domestic violence relationships may be going through. She said the most important thing she learned was how powerful one's independence is.

"It is hard for the [survivors] to leave their abusive relationships because they are so dependent on the abusers," Smith said.

She said cell phones are a means of communication provided to the survivors -- something that may be important to have if one is involved in an abusive relationship.

"Providing cell phones is

like a means to independence," Smith said.

"It is a symbol of independence," Cole added.

Last fall, WOHO collected about 25 cell phones in the time following Thanksgiving break, which exceeded the amount received after winter break.

Smith said she got the idea for a cell phone drive as a high school student. Along with some of her classmates, she was able to collect old and used cell phones and donate them to an organization similar to Turning Point.

Cole said WOHO has had success with a cell phone drop box in Ham-Will, and would like for the box to become a permanent location for cell phone donations.

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One of the evening's earliest dances was "Ganesha": an invocation to bless the stage and rid it of obstacles.



Photos by Ben Boynton

NALANDA DANCE

As the second program in this year's Performing Arts Series, students of the Nalanda School of Dance – under the direction of their Guru Indira Satyapriya – presented dances from the Bharatanatyam style of Indian dance on Saturday in the Chappellear Drama Center. Each dance was prefaced with a brief explanation of the symbolism which can be derived from the dancers movements. These included the "timeless" message of peace, the idea of life void of gender identity and differences and the hope that all living beings will coexist in the simplicity of life.



Anish Doshi (above) performs often at regional museums and festivals, and recently performed at Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland's Inauguration. He does group performances, duets and solos.



What can you do with an English major?

By Jeane Pham
Transcript Reporter

"I did not know that you could be a banker with an English major," sophomore Rebecca Ramirez said, impressed by Amy L. Beck '85, vice president of Consumer Deposit Product Management, Huntington National Bank.

Beck was one of the seven panelists at the alumni panel and reception "What Can You Do with an English Major?" on Wednesday, Jan. 21, in Benes Room A of the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center. All panelists graduated as English majors.

"At the end of their senior years,

English major students need to submit their portfolio. It is when students and faculty had a meeting," said Lynette Carpenter, department chairperson and professor of English.

"Inviting alumni back was one of the suggestions that came out through all those meetings."

The alumni shared their experiences and how being an English major helped their careers.

"I was just like other English major students after college. I had to idea what I was going to do," Beck said.

She found it hard finding a job and took whatever came along. She worked some part-time jobs before getting work as an editor for marketing

papers, which she described as "very boring."

"At the beginning I thought banking was very boring. I worked all kinds of crappy jobs," Beck said.

Now Beck is a successful banker, and she cites years of communicating and learning.

"English has helped me in everything I do," Beck said. "You may not realize it, but you use it all the time, whatever you do."

Beck worked with lawyers and technicians and learned how they talked and they worked.

"I never fully realize that, but the experience I get from all those crappy jobs might be very valuable in the future."

The other panelists also believed they studied the correct major. Elizabeth Hamilton, '96, said, "I knew I wanted to be an English major. I just wanted to read books."

Hamilton's feelings about English resonated with sophomore Rebecca Ramirez.

"I have always liked English. Even though not all my family members support me, but I still want to do it," she said.

Other panelists included Rachel Allen, '97, associate editor of high school social studies, and Michael Van Dussen, '00, Ph.D. candidate, Ohio State University.

Following a short break and questions from the audience,

Carpenter introduced the final three panelists: Robert Ferguson, '91; Ariana Adams, '96; and last year's WCSA treasurer, Ben Owen, '08. Owen began his talk with the lyrics from the song, "What do you do with a B.A. in English?" by Princeton, Avenue Q.

Owen currently works for Teach for America, where he helps 120 seventh grade students at Thurgood Marshall Middle School. Owen said: "I really want to make a difference. I want to make an impact in the lives of these kids."

Sophomore Li Chen felt fortunate to hear the talk. "They encouraged me a lot to follow what I love," he said.

Opinion

Quote of the Week: "Going [to Israel] made me realize that there are two sides to every story. I now have evidence that suggests that Israel isn't as bad as we think. I now understand why they do what they do." -- Adam Dworetzky, junior



The legacy of Joseph B. Battelle: impartiality, accessibility, cordiality

On Oct. 1, 1867, for the price of a dime, Ohio Wesleyan students read the words of fellow classmate Joseph B. Battelle in the first issue of *The Western Collegian* – the original name of *The Transcript*. In that first issue, Battelle clearly defined the paper's purpose, and in effect, asked the students for their endorsement.

"We shall yet hope to promote the interests of all by exercising toward them that impartiality and liberality which should ever characterize the spirit of a true college newspaper."

One hundred and forty-two years later, in a vein akin to Battelle's, *The Transcript* has revisited its purpose, and as the Editor-in-Chief, I ask again for the support of the student body.

We promise to:

- Elucidate news that is relevant to the campus community
- Maintain a commitment to professional journalism
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- Empower the decision making of our audience

If at any time you feel *The Transcript* hasn't met these goals, I entreat you to voice your observations and opinions in a letter to the editor. Whatever the issue, utilizing the opinion page as a forum for cordial, sincere and ethical commentary and criticism will only improve our service to the university – another issue which Battelle addressed in his Oct. 1, 1867, editorial.

"[If] we are to be rivals, let us not thrust and parry in the uncertain darkness of misrepresentation, jealousy and suspicion, but let us stand forth to the contest in the clear light of broad open day."

Fortunately for Battelle and *The Western Collegian*, newspapers were the dominant news medium in that era – electronic news media hadn't yet emerged to plague newspapers. But convergence is very much on the mind at *The Transcript*, which is why I am pleased to announce the launch of owutranscript.com. With multimedia capabilities, we hope to produce slideshows and videos as well as post stories each week for those who have weaned themselves off newspapers – it may also become the home for letters to the editor which can't fit into the pages of *The Transcript*.

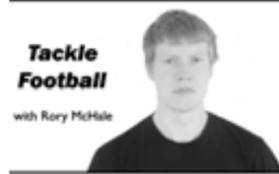
Additionally pleasing is the size of this semester's *Transcript* staff. It is a group of seasoned college journalists who are committed to their beats and bring high energy to their work. I've toiled next to them as a reporter and look forward to more of the same as their editor.

During the first Saturday morning of this semester - while most students were still in bed - the entire staff held a workshop to refine our journalistic skills - we recognize we are in the midst of our journalistic education and hope that you do as well. We are not yet professionals, but we will forever strive for professionalism.

So it may be asked, "How do I give my endorsement?" The answer: pick up and peruse the paper, check the website often, write letters, voice concern and never hesitate to offer story ideas – university clubs, I'm winking at you.

In return, *The Transcript* will continue its commitment to being "a true college newspaper" as Battelle described so many years ago. The consistency in the *Transcript's* mission over time is encouraging, and it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I assume the position as the 164th Editor-in-Chief of this paper. I eagerly await the news and challenges in the coming weeks and personally promise not to shirk my responsibilities.

Gaza crisis clearly one-sided, dire



Tackle Football
with Rory McHale

Hello, fellow students and studentias. I hope everyone is coming back from a relaxing, enjoyable winter break, whether you were home in Ohio, on the east or west coast or stayed on campus. Certainly, you could have had a good time anywhere – well, anywhere except for the Gaza Strip.

A brief explanation, and the end of humor: Over our winter break, beginning in Dec. after Christmas and continuing for 22 days in Jan., Israel launched a military offensive into the Gaza Strip.

Gaza and the West Bank are the two Palestinian areas under Israeli control. When all was done, more than 1,300 Palestinians and 13 Israelis were killed.

The BBC reports that 400,000 Gazans were left without running water, 4,000 buildings in Gaza were destroyed and over 50,000 Gazans were left homeless. The

attack on Gaza began in the air from military helicopters and fighter jets but was followed without interruption by an Israeli ground invasion on Jan. 3.

I apologize for the dates and numbers; it's just hard to, in any meaningful way, present the gravity of destruction caused to the people of Gaza by this invasion. I will not try to make an analogous situation for us in America. I think what happened, and continues to happen, is beyond our personal reality.

Israel said all the violence it unleashed was in response to Hamas, which is the group in control of the Gaza strip, firing rockets into southern Israeli towns. These rockets have, since 2001, killed 28 people. That is one-fourty-sixth of the amount of Palestinians killed in 22 days. Anyway, the rockets Hamas fires are child's play compared to the advanced military technology – American-made – that Israel operates with in its assault on Gaza.

Not to mention these rocket attacks are hardly random acts of violence. Israel maintains a military and economic control of both the West Bank and Gaza

Strip, as well as full control of their borders.

Israel "nobly" withdrew from the military occupation of the Gaza Strip in 2005. Since then, it has been able to maintain control and back away from obligations for the humanitarian crisis resulting within.

Hamas has won a democratic and internationally recognized election in Gaza, and since then Israel imposed an economic blockade. The blockade is supported by Egypt, second only to Israel in the amount of "aid" annually received from the U.S. government. Israel controls Gaza's telecommunications network, population registry, tax revenues, water and electricity. The blockade includes a total ban on exports from Gaza.

There really isn't enough room in this column to adequately discuss this issue. It is ridiculous. Israel has acted inhumanely and out of control. Perhaps we will hear, "But what about the other side of the story?" What? That the democratically elected group in control of an area has been firing unguided missiles in the direction of the state that maintains a bloodthirsty blockade and occupation,

resulting in humiliation, death, and poverty throughout one of the most densely populated areas on earth?

What? Hamas is a terrorist group? Who has committed more terrorism, Hamas or Israel? Is collective punishment terror? Has this been a war, or a fight, as we've heard in the media? Between whom?

Israel is one of the most advanced armies in the world; Hamas leaders cannot appear in public because Israeli helicopters will murder them. I cannot bring myself to pretend that one cannot write reasonably without including this fictional, other side; as if these were two equal teams having a wrestling match.

We wouldn't hear calls for both sides of the story, when a man with a machine gun destroys a movie theater of people, even if some of those people supported Hamas (their government).

I hope this elicits letters to the editor or something similar. We could use a debate on this campus, and elsewhere, on this horror. If it doesn't, it is perhaps because I haven't been as open and as honest as I feel. There are much worse things to be said about the situation.



Russia's economic leverage undermines Europe

By Alexandra Panait
Transcript Columnist

Bogging down political and economic problems are the oil troubles in Central and Eastern Europe, and it is no surprise that Russia remains the ever-present instigator behind the European political scene.

The liberal ideas of an open market economy and the deepening economic and political alliances such as the EU, or the safety net seen in NATO, stood still in front of the harsh realities of energy dependency to Russia.

Eastern Europe's idealistic priorities are fading in front of its energy needs, while European cohesion is once again proving to be vulnerable to the big international players. Can Russia extend its voice and again draw its line of power and influence beyond Ukraine?

Facts cannot be erased. Europe reversed its power to a Russo-Ukrainian gas

dispute – a well known facade for bilateral animosities and a drawback factor to the rest of the European intention to expand in old Russia and still maintain spheres of influence.

If Aug. 2008 marked the end of Georgian European aspiration through a military struggle, this Jan. gas issue has clearly illustrated the plunge of the Ukrainian international image.

At this new juncture, Western Europe was put under pressure between a vacillating Ukraine, aspiring to a deeper Western recognition and the humanitarian need of energy buffer in the Balkan and Central European states.

Fully dependent on Russian gas, Bulgaria and Slovakia were among the hardest hit by the Russian halt of gas distribution through the transition state – Ukraine.

Reverberating effects were alarming, with nearly all of the Eastern European region on

the verge of economical and political turmoil.

Among the immediate solutions were promises from Slovakia's government to reopen nuclear power, the Czech reorientation towards Norwegian gas, Turkey's increased reliance on Iran and Romania's offer of gas supplies to Hungary.

Increased pressure was mainly exerted on the new EU littoral states, such as Romania and Bulgaria – the former the leverage for sustaining the Russian South Stream project and expanding Russian influence in the EU though an increase of its gas imports directly from Russia, and the latter reduced to economical and political silence.

Despite alternatives seen in Iran and Norway, there is alarming pressure for Russian influence and energy on a worldwide recession background and Eastern European stalemate.

The energy crisis indicated the type of diplomatic battle between West and East that is a recurring notion of militarism, still employed in U.S. occupation of Afghanistan and Iraq.

The economic plummet of most European economies, particularly Central and Eastern European fragile states, has lapsed the liberal notion strongly promoted by the U.S. and Western Europe into oblivion.

Harsh realities of low economic standards of living, increased vulnerability to politics and the economy, strategic geopolitical position to the Black Sea and the vicinity of oil- and gas-rich Russia make Central and Eastern European countries rethink their position relative to liberal ideas.

Which of these is the more rational, self-interest perspective Central and Eastern Europe need to embrace? Russia? Or the West?

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Arts & Entertainment

Musical sends student on a carousel ride

By Samantha Beany
Transcript Reporter

**Ohio Wesleyan University
Chappelear Drama Center
Tuesday, 4 p.m.
Eighty-six minutes until
music audition**

In theater lobby, red cushion couches form a square around a wood and metal table.

On a normal afternoon, "theatre people" would be strewn across the space, becoming clutter on the 37-year-old carpet.

On a normal afternoon, laughter and conversation, set to a background of poorly tuned piano music from the "hidden" side of the lobby would echo in the U-shaped space.

Junior Julia Singer sits on a couch. She is a theatre major, with a women and gender studies minor from Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Her dark brown hair is tied in its usual ponytail, and her big brown eyes stare at the other couch where sophomore Tom Hellmuth plays music from "Carousel" -- the Department of Theatre and Dance's spring musical. Hellmuth is trying to decide if he wants to audition.

Rogers and Hammerstein's "Carousel" needs at least 40 people: main character roles, singing roles and dancing roles.

Its tragic plot follows the love of two young couples eventually focusing on Julie and Billy.

Billy, who is unemployed, turns to villain Jigger for money help. The musical is being directed by Associate Professor of Theatre and Dance Ed Kahn.

Unlike Hellmuth, Singer



Photo by Samantha Beany

Junior Julia Singer experienced an exciting ride of auditions to land a role in "Carousel."

knows she is auditioning, and today she will sing, "If I Loved You".

"I started working on it in my voice lessons last semester," says Singer. "I knew I wanted to audition, but I wasn't going to sing a song from the show. That would be strange. Then I found out both songs were from the show and that 'If I Loved You' was one of them. It just worked out."

Singer, her knees pulled under her chin and her arms wrapped around them, leans over the back of the couch.

"Hi, Jo," she says.

Junior Joanna Van Sickle is auditioning, too.

"I heard they make us do both songs," says Van Sickle. "Can I say the words to Mr. Snow for you?" asks Singer.

It is now 91 minutes until Singer's music audition, and she changes into jeans and

a red peasant top. She sits on her bed in the Women's House. Singer "lives" in the theatre. This semester she is already working on three shows: her senior project, the "Vagina Monologues," and "Terpsicorps." "Carousel" would make four.

In her car and 71 minutes away from her music audition, Singer says, "I haven't auditioned in a while, which is why I'm probably less nervous than I should be. But give me 10 minutes."

The auditions are being held in the Jemison Auditorium at Sanborn Hall, OWU's music building.

Singer parks her car in the five-space lot and climbs the snowy hill to a side door. She weaves through the building to the holding area where some other theatre people are cluster together. Auditions are

usually held in the theatre. Being at Sanborn is strange.

Singer warms up, and now it's 12 minutes until her audition.

"I knew all the notes just now. It's questionable what will happen on stage," she says.

She plays with the edges of her scarf and sits on the couch. Her audition lasts three minutes. She stands on the stage and sings to a crowd of two in an auditorium that seats 200, including the balcony space.

Singer returns from the stage. She wrinkles her nose and sneers.

"Questionable," she says, pulling on her sleeve.

"It was great," says senior Jenny Heron.

She gives Singer a high five. All the auditioners give one another high fives.

Singer plops on the couch

with Herron and sophomore Forrest Rilling.

"I don't want a big part. I just want the clam song. I want to put a clam in my cleavage," says Singer. "They do it in the movie. A girl drops a clam in her cleavage. I want to do that."

**Chappelear Drama Center
Wednesday 3:49 p.m.**

Seventy-seven minutes until acting audition

Auditions are held in room 008 in the basement of the theatre. At least 10 people occupy the couch-square and the conversation takes off on tangents.

Do they ever get nervous?

Van Sickle spins one of the guys in a circle; it's obvious -- they act through their nervousness.

Singer leaves the lobby and walks through the labyrinth that is the Chappelear Drama Center to get to 008. She holds a wrinkled piece of paper that is her monologue.

"When I sun shines down ... Nope, it doesn't shine down," she says.

Sophomore Katelyn Schroeder sits next to Singer.

"Why can't you see?" says Singer, still reciting her monologue.

"What if he's blind?" asks Schroeder.

During the eleventh recitation, Schroeder mouths, "Help me."

"I don't memorize things," says Singer. "In the booth, I have my binder and the cues are there. I don't memorize."

Singer's usual role is the stage manager. In fact, her attitude toward this experience is "I like musicals, so I'll audition, and then I will just ASM." ASM is a theatre acronym for assistant stage

manager.

At 4:26 p.m. Singer is called in for her audition. Room 008 has gray carpet and gray walls. A chair is in the middle of the room. Julia recites her monologue for the director and the stage manager. In the middle, she bumbles and recovers, chuckling.

Outside, she says, laughing, "All I needed was a piece of nature. I had the birds and the sky ..."

Singer sits on the couch, with other auditioners. It's a decompression pattern; a couch, friends and a random conversation.

**Chappelear Drama Center
Thursday 6:30 p.m.**

Singer gets a callback. Callbacks are held on the main stage. It is a proscenium stage in a theatre that seats 450.

The eight people in the Julia's callback group, four men and four women, pair off and act out a scene between Mrs. Mullin, "a mean old lady who has led a very difficult life," and Jigger, "who is pretty much the meanest character in the show," according to Singer.

Singer is paired with Rilling and then sophomore Gus Steiner.

**Chappelear Drama Center
Friday 11:45 a.m.**

"I'm in a play. I'm in a play."

Singer enters the lobby and says, "I'm in a play."

She is part of the women's choir, and she gets to do the clam song. She sits on the couch and holds her phone.

"I want to call my mom but I've called her three times and she won't ... She's calling me. Hi, Mom. I'm in a play," she says.

Awards shows create questions not answers

By Kaitlin Thomas
Transcript Columnist

This past Sunday, the Screen Actors Guild held their annual awards show. Last week, the Academy Award nominees were announced.

On Jan. 11, the Golden Globe awards ceremony was held, and Kate Winslet took home two awards: one for supporting dramatic actress and one for lead dramatic actress.

Who are these award shows for? What purpose do they serve? Is it a popularity contest?

And can someone please tell me why country music needs more than one award show?

I admit to watching the big shows: the Emmy Awards, the Golden Globes, and the Academy Awards.

But the people I want to win constantly lose to Jeremy Piven or Sally Field. But this is not the time for petty grudges.

This is the time to discuss more important matters. Like, what does Angelina Jolie do with her six children when she and Brad are at the ceremony?

Moreover, does Drew Barrymore have a mirror in her house? And who told Renee Zellweger her dress looked good?

No, really guys, these awards shows are about talent. And who has the best acceptance speeches? (The answer: Tina Fey.)

At one time these awards meant something. They meant you were the best actor or actress or singer or writer or director that year.

At one time, it was not about who could wear the craziest outfit (the answer: tie between J.Lo's green dress and Bjork's swan dress).

But do these awards really represent the best? If so, why did it take 26 years for Martin Scorsese to win an Academy Award? Why does Jeremy Piven constantly beat Neil Patrick Harris?

At least NPH looks as if he has brushed his hair for the ceremony. But the big question is this: who are these award shows really for?

Sure, everyone likes to be recognized for the hard work they have done. But that's what parents are for. They love you and tell you that you are better than everyone else. They are the original gold statues.

But in all seriousness, it has become increasingly clear that talent has been put on the back burner. The award shows of today have become the yearbooks of yesterday.

The best actress winner is the equivalent of "most popular," while the best director wins "most likely to succeed."

The people who deserve to be nominated are constantly snubbed because of genre stereotypes or other vague factors.

Mary McDonnell, who is currently starring as dying President Laura Roslin on "Battlestar Galactica," has never been nominated for her work on the show, yet she has proven to be extremely capable as an actress.

She was nominated twice for Academy Awards, and the show as a whole has won a prestigious Peabody Award for its provocative portrayal of religion, politics, sex and what it means to be human in a post-apocalyptic world.

If the same people win year after year, if people care more about the clothes the celebrities are wearing than about the work they have done, what is the point in holding the award shows at all?

Do the awards mean anything?

Is Heath Ledger only winning awards because he died last January? (The answer: No, he's one of the extremely talented winners.)

And will Neil Patrick Harris ever win an award for his portrayal of Barney Stinson on "How I Met Your Mother?"

We may never know.

1. Expert on the Prez

This lecture is coming right on time! It has been a little over a week since President Barack Obama was inaugurated. His face has been all over the news. What is he going to do next? Well, Jeffrey Cohen will tell us all in this lecture called "Prospects for Presidential Leadership in the Early 21st Century: The Obama Case." Yea, he knows what he is talking about!



2. More flava' at Ross Art Museum



Artist Wanda Ewing is bringing a new flava' to OWU. Her exhibit, "Eye of the Beholder," tackles issues of race, beauty and sexuality. Come check her out tonight at a talk at 7:30 p.m. in Corns 312 followed by a reception at Ross Art Museum at 8:30 p.m. I guarantee, you are going to love it.

3. It's party time

Looking to get off campus Friday night? Check out the Columbus City-wide Icebreaker hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated. These guys know how to throw a party. Students from colleges all over Ohio will be coming, so you better get there early and shake it all night. And OWU students get a discount before midnight. It will cost you less than \$5. This party is at Otterbein in the Campus Center, so get a group together and head on out! 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.



SHADE'S TOP3

Never know what to do because "there's just too much going on" or "there's never anything going on"? This weekly column will point you to the top three things to do at OWU and beyond the Delaware city limits, because we know how much you love to leave. Entertainment doesn't even have to go beyond your bedroom limits, as future columns will also feature books and movies in this "Top3."

If you have any suggestions for what to include in next week's Top3 (maybe an event your organization is sponsoring or in which you're performing), shoot an email to owunews@owu.edu.

Bishops Sports

Lady Bishops seek consistency

By Clay Davis
Transcript Reporter

After the Tigers took the lead with :02.9 left in the game, the OWU women's basketball team suffered a one-point loss on their weekend road trip to Wittenberg.

The defeat was the team's second loss of the week after losing to Wilmington 70-59 at home last Wednesday night.

The Bishops started out slow against Wilmington, trailing the Quakers 35-18 at the half. However, they played a strong second-half, outscoring Wilmington 41-35.

Continuing on the improvements of that strong second-half, the Lady Bishops started quickly in their next game, taking a 38-27 lead into the locker room for the break. However, Wittenberg got the best of them in the second-half and the remaining seconds, denying OWU a sixth NCAC victory of the season.

While there were times when the Bishops played as a complete unit against Wilmington and Wittenberg, there is a sense among players that consistency will be the key for success down the stretch.

"It takes two halves of basketball to win the game, and we only played one," junior Rachel Seibel said.

Making adjustments during the game is critical for any team's success, and if the Bishops can learn from the in-game adjustments made in their rally against Wilmington, they may be in contention for the NCAC crown.

"During halftime [against Wilmington], we discussed taking care of the basketball and doing a better job with the fundamentals," Seibel said.

"We needed to do a

better job of boxing out and rebounding, and in the second half, we played the way we know how to."

The Bishops' second-half run against the Quakers was also in part due to desperation after coming out flat and falling behind in the first half.

"We played with a greater sense of urgency, since we were down by so much," sophomore Pam Quigney said. "We still lost, but we went out there and showed we will never give up."

A better sense of communication and teamwork showed against both opponents, and they will be important ingredients for the rest of the season.

"We noticed we could do a much better job of communicating with one another," Seibel explained. "We talk about all of the potential we have on this team, and now we have to make sure we fulfill that expectation."

"We spent a lot of time working on coming together as a team We just have to take advantage of it."

Senior Katie Hamilton said she saw improvement throughout the week, and for her, the game against Wittenberg was a much better indicator of the team's potential.

"We realized the importance of a team effort and that everyone is accountable, and so from Wednesday to Saturday we worked hard at improving every aspect of our game," Hamilton said.

"Saturday was a great display of team effort, although the score was only one point from going our way."

Identity could help determine how far the Bishops go this year. While many



Photo by Stephanie Brill

Freshman Lea Mackenbach sets herself to play defense as Wilmington brings the ball down the floor. The Bishops outscored the Quakers in the second half but still came up short.

teams turn into offensive juggernauts, OWU is seeking a good balance between offense and defense, with emphasis on the latter.

That has been critical in having two solid halves in the last two games.

"We are trying to make a turn here," sophomore Hannah Coughlin said. "Instead of letting offense carry the game, we are letting the defense take over."

From here on out, every game is important in order to keep the Bishops' NCAC title hopes alive. The close game against Wittenberg may be what drives the team toward success.

"We need to play like we did Saturday [against Wittenberg]

and keep the positive energy that we had going into that game," Hamilton said.

Quigney said she sees an opportunity to learn from mistakes now, and learning could pay huge dividends down the road. The team-first mentality may help the Bishops overcome future obstacles.

"We had a heartbreaking loss to Wittenberg and losses to Kenyon and Denison, but I try to look at those things positively," Quigney said. "I would rather lose each game now and learn from them and ... win in the tournament versus losing later."

OWU seniors swim last laps

By Colin Magruder
Transcript Reporter

Pfeiffer Natatorium said goodbye to many senior swimmers Saturday as OWU hosted the last home meet of the season. The triangular meet featured teams from Oberlin as well as Notre Dame College.

The OWU men's team finished second in the meet with 379 points, and the women's team finished third with 396 points. Both the men's and women's teams from Oberlin finished first.

While the day honored the eight seniors, a couple of juniors really made a splash for the Bishops.

With a time of :57.37 in the 100 breaststroke that ranks 15th in the nation, junior David Gatz won the event and qualified for the NCAA Division III championship meet.

Gatz also won the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:08.57 and helped the 200 medley relay team, comprised of himself, freshman Jesse Sheldon and juniors Nathaniel Cook and Kevin Fahey, take first as well.

Junior Brad Russell earned the Bishop men another first place finish, winning the 1-meter dive. For the OWU women, junior Erin Hanahan clinched first in the 1-meter dive with a score of 314.03.

During a break in the events, the aforementioned juniors and their teammates formed a tunnel to recognize the seniors.

Brian Fahey was the lone senior for the men's team, followed by seven for the

OWU women.

One by one, seniors Megan Downing, Tarenne Ferenchak, Katie Germano, Caitlin Hagen, Katie Keleshian, Kim Leary and Meg Warren came through the tunnel, greeted by Coach Dick Hawes and a big round of applause from the crowd.

This may have been the last of the home meets for the seniors, but they say the memories will stay with them for a lifetime.

"It's sad for me," Downing said. "It flew by, and I made some close, life-long friends. It's weird to think that something that has been a part of my life for four years is over."

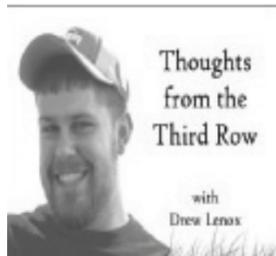
Leary said she has enjoyed her time at OWU, and the realization that the home meets are now over is "bittersweet."

"It's been a long four years," Leary said. "I am going to miss the team and being a part of it, and I'll also miss Coach Hawes. He has really helped me grow over the last four years."

Both teams will travel to Canton in a few weeks for the NCAC championship, and while the team looks forward to competing there, Fahey said Pfeiffer will always be his home.

"This was both my last meet at Pfeiffer and at Ohio Wesleyan," said Fahey, a Delaware native. "I grew up with that pool as my home pool. Ever since I was six, I swam there. I'll miss the sight of my coaches after a good swim, the early morning and late night practices, and the fun times we all had in the pool."

Columnist asks Obama to hold off on change



Thoughts from the Third Row

with Drew Lenox

Dear Mr. President:

As the new leader of our nation, I am sure you are a very busy man. I come to you today not to talk about jobs or houses, the economy or the war, but to ask a favor of you.

Although many people

love the world of sports, those same people find fault with parts of the games they love, and wish they would be changed. My request of you is that you refrain from being the man who feels he needs to make those changes.

I don't think the President, or any other politician, should involve themselves in regulating or trying to fix sports. There are many other things they should be focusing time and energy on.

If a team is suspected of cheating or taping an opponent's signals in a game or practice, none of the investigation should be conducted by a senator.

Members of Congress should not be spending their time examining the alleged wrongdoings of individual players. I don't want athletes to cheat by using performance-enhancing drugs, but I also don't want the government to spend their time prying any time a player might have committed a no-no.

Attorney Generals should not try to sue a sport like college football just because their team is not part of the accepted system. There must be something else they can be doing.

I wonder if you have stated your opinion when it comes to sports, or if you have only said

what an advisor told you the people might want to hear.

Do you really want a college football playoff? Many people do. But it is strangely ironic how the same coaches who call for a playoff seem to seal their lips when they find themselves on the right side of the championship coin.

The truth is that the colleges and universities have agreed to the current system, and there does not seem to be a quick and easy solution.

These decisions should be driven by the desire of the fans but enforced by the commissioners, owners and presidents of the leagues in which America's greatest

sports operate.

I do not believe the President should have the power to change the way a sport is played or how a championship process is held, no matter how many people would be pleased with the change.

The office or Congress should not be allowed to enforce the rules.

Please be assured that these wishes have nothing to do with personal feelings or political affiliation. I didn't want President Bush meddling in sports, and would make the same request of John McCain or Hillary Clinton.

No President should spend

the country's valuable time and money this way.

With everything else the government needs to spend time on, they shouldn't be able to dictate the rules of sports or who has violated those rules.

Should some of the rules and regulations in sports be changed? Perhaps. Do we need a playoff in college football? I think so. Do we need a salary cap in Major League Baseball? Absolutely.

There are some things in sports that definitely need adjusting but respectfully, sir, I ask that you do not attempt to change them.

Sincerely,
Drew Lenox

Coach's Corner

DeWitt solves puzzles on and off court

By Ryan Armstrong
Transcript Reporter

Years at OWU: 10

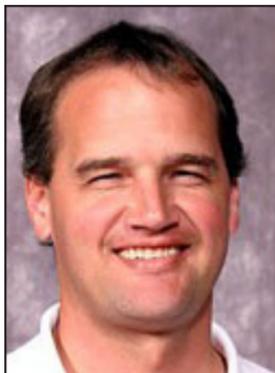
Last Season: 22-8
Reached "Sweet 16"

Graduate of: OWU '87
First OWU Alumnus to coach Bishop Basketball since Branch Rickey in 1908-1909

Other Coaching Stops:
Centre College
Hiram College
Assistant at Kenyon
Assistant at OWU

Master's Degree:
Ohio State in 1990

Hometown: Galion, OH



Mike DeWitt

OWU Playing Career:
Two-time All-NCAC Selection

Favorite NBA Team:
San Antonio Spurs

What he does when he wants to relax:
Sudoku puzzles

Super Bowl Pick:
Pittsburgh Steelers, but either team could win

Favorite Food:
Donato's Pizza

Favorite Color:
Has not had a favorite color since he was 12 years old

Best Part of Job:
"The best part of my job is being able to grow relationships with the players. It's fun everyday because of the interaction with the students around me. We spend a lot of time together at practices and games. The coaching time I have with them is the best time spent at my job."

Takin' it up strong in the paint



Photo by Transcript Staff

Junior Brent Pleiman goes up for the layup against Wabash on Jan. 14. Pleiman went 10-for-17 from the field and finished with 24 points and 11 rebounds. Both were career highs. The Bishops won the NCAC contest 80-64. The team will look to gain another victory this Saturday when they host Wooster. In their first meeting, Wooster won 82-65.