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The amount of food wasted at Smith Dining Hall during the week of Feb. 8. Last week's total was 526 lbs. This data is courtesy of Chartwells, OWU's dining service provider. Weekly totals will be published in *The Transcript*. See what you can do to bring the number down.



Ashley B. Leake '05

Alumna sex scandal

By Susan McMillan
The Sandusky Register

SANDUSKY-- The Erie County Juvenile Court employee accused of having sex with a 17-year-old is now a former employee. Judge Robert DeLamatre said Ashley B. Leake's termination was effective immediately when she did not report for a disciplinary hearing at 8 a.m. Monday.

"I requested that she come up for a meeting," he said. "She failed to appear, and so I sent her out notice of her termination."

Leake, 26, was a wrap-around coordinator assigned to supervise and coordinate a 17-year-old Huron youth's probation, counseling and drug court appearances.

According to a Huron police report, Leake and the youth, who is now 18, told investigators they had sex once at his apartment during the summer. Leake seemed "very remorseful" about what happened, the report said.

Huron police arrested Leake on Friday and charged her with one count of sexual battery, a third-degree felony. The Erie County Sheriff's office conducted an internal investigation to determine whether Leake violated court policies or procedures. She was on paid leave starting Thursday morning.

DeLamatre said he received a verbal report on the investigation's findings and scheduled a meeting with Leake to discuss them. He has not heard from her since she missed the meeting.

Leake graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 2005 and started working at the juvenile court in November 2007. Leake was scheduled for an arraignment Tuesday morning in Huron Municipal Court, but her court appearance was rescheduled after she hired an attorney. She did not return phone calls seeking comment Tuesday afternoon.



Springfest announced

The Campus Programming Board presents *Girl Talk* (above) and *Yo La Tengo* (left) as the two main acts for Springfest 2009 to be held on April 24 in the Gordon Field House.

Bike movement prepares OWU for two-wheeled revolution

By Kaisha Oliver
Transcript Reporter

Yesterday, WCSA held a non-binding referendum to determine whether parking permit prices should be raised to help pay for the bicycles of a new environmentally-conscious group on campus.

The Bike Movement (TBM), which had its first meeting Feb. 2 and is in the process of being officially approved by the Student Involvement Office, is proposing a communal bike share program available to all students.

Senior Christopher Kelley, one of the program's four organizers, said the inspiration for TBM came when his housemate told him President Rock Jones suggested the idea at a meeting.

Last semester, senior Lara Kobelt, junior Jack Stenger and sophomore Matthew Jordan all were independently proposing a communal bike program but came together to form the group.

Kelley said they began meeting weekly for dinner to discuss the proposal.

Bob Wood, director of Public Safety, Dennis Wall, foreman of B&G and Mark Shippis, director of Alumni Relations all helped advise them with TBM's mission statement, said Kobelt.

More than 65 colleges, including Oberlin College, have similar programs.

TBM's mission statement also states that all bike programs are registered with the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), an international association of colleges and universities that promotes environmentally conscious decision

making.

TBM said like other communal bike programs yellow is the color to paint the communal bikes because it is easily identifiable.

Kelley said TBM is in its beginning phase. In TBM's first full body meeting of the semester, on Monday four members and other students discussed their goals of student awareness and funds.

"We are working with a small budget from WCSA," Kelley said. "But, we are hoping to get at least 40 bicycles before May."

Kelley said they will purchase 40 Trek single-speed bicycles from Breakaway Cycling in downtown Delaware and paint each one yellow.

Other than the paint, TBM's mission statement mentions additional operating expenses for the bicycles, such as aluminum frames to prevent rusting.

It also states that students registering for the program are required to take an online bike and road safety course.

Kelley and Kobelt said so far, they have received donations from the Sagan National Colloquium (SNC) and other supportive faculty members.

"The Dean of Students, Craig Ullom, President Rock Jones, Mark Shippis, Bob Wood, Dennis Wall and a lot of faculty members have been really supportive," Kobelt said.

Although, TBM's mission is similar to SNC's theme of "Cultivating a Green Campus: Promoting sustainability and environmental understanding on the OWU campus and in the Delaware community," they are not contributors to TBM, said Kelley.

Funds\$ \$carce for WC\$A

Only five weeks into semester, WCSA's piggy bank squeals with roughly 10% of budet remaining

By Kelly Gardner
Transcript Reporter
and Mike DiBiasio
Editor-in-Chief

Generous student funding and lack of full body oversight have left WCSA with a fiscally challenging spring semester. Many student organizations seeking funding for this semester may not receive their full requests due to a shortage of funds, said WCSA Treasurer Megan Evans.

The Student Activity Fee totaled approximately \$406,000 last year before spring funding – an annual opportunity for students to fund their organizations for the following semester. With roughly \$42,000 left in the Student Activity Fee (SAF), WCSA is feeling the pinch.

"The reason why we are low on funds predates the current administration," Evans said. "However, we are not trying to place blame on the last administration because they were busy making changes to the structure of WCSA, and the budget was not focused on as it would have been had there been a full body and an actual budget committee."

Last semester's WCSA Treasurer Adam Koorn, a junior, said the reasons for the depleting funds are due to several large budgetary allocations for prominent events that were either widely attended by the student body or of a significant nature. Larger requests are granted if many students are included, he added.

WCSA allocated \$14,375 for Homecoming last October, which exceeded funds given to Homecoming in the past, said Koorn.

"This was due to the fact that the inauguration of Rock Jones was happening around the same time. We really wanted to help fund a great event that was able to host not only students but alumni and faculty," Koorn said. "Many organizations that were putting on large events that included a vast majority of students such as homecoming, President's Ball, CPB, etc. were given more money than a smaller project."

One of Koorn's regrets last semester was not having a full WCSA body present to over see budget requests. Last semester, the president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and class representatives acted as the Budget Committee – traditionally a 32 member committee – allocating SAF funds to student groups and organizations.

Because of the smaller committee, certain student groups, such as the Spring Break Mission Teams, withheld budget requests in the fall semester to keep from overwhelming the committee.

Now with a nearly drained SAF account, WCSA is unable to fully fund their requests.

However, while these groups took a rain-check on their budget requests, many others still submitted their requests and received funding.

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Task Force evaluates environmental infrastructure

By Kimberly St. Louis
Transcript Reporter

The legacy of this year's Sagan National Colloquium promises to stretch beyond the end of the semester, and the Campus Sustainability Task Force, appointed by Rock Jones, hopes to continue cultivating the colloquium's legacy in the future.

Beginning last October, members of the Environment and Wildlife Club and Tree House petitioned the university to agree to the terms of the American College and University President's Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). This commitment requires universities to either implement changes or expand existing efforts to make higher-education institutions more environmentally conscious and sustainable. The specific charge of the task force is to evaluate the feasibility of signing such a document and following through with the implied changes.

Associate Professor of Botany-Microbiology Laurel J. Anderson accepted Jones' invitation to chair the

"It is important that people feel environmentally accountable for impact of their actions," said Shari Stone-Mediatores, chair of the Curriculum and Visibility Group.

Task Force.

"[Anderson is] a person who has an understanding of the issues and a passion for the subject," Jones said.

Anderson's research area is ecology with a specialization in global change and invasive species. She said she would've been happy to accept any position on the Task Force, as long as she could contribute in some way.

There are 23 members on the Task Force, which consists of students, faculty, staff and administrators. At the first meeting on Jan. 19, Anderson divided the Task Force into four subgroups: the Institutional Structure Working Group, the Emissions and Action Plan Working Group, the Immediate Actions Working Group

and the Curriculum and Visibility Working Group to tackle individual requirements of the climate commitment. People were placed into these groups based on their interests and areas of expertise.

"[ACUPCC] is a national commitment to reduce your carbon emissions to zero," said Professor Shari Stone-Mediatores, chair of the Curriculum and Visibility Group.

Stone-Mediatores said it is significant that both the Provost and the Dean of Students are members of the Task Force.

"[This] indicates that the university is taking this very seriously," she said.

Stone-Mediatores pointed out the long-term impact that building and

technology decisions would have in aiding decision making.

"It is important that people feel environmentally accountable for the impact of their actions," Stone-Mediatores said.

Senior Sara Nienaber is one of two student members on the Task Force. Nienaber said she believes that the Task Force is the end result of small groups coming together.

Nienaber said she feels optimistic and believes the Task Force will be a "catalyst for change on campus." She is also a part of the Curriculum and Visibility Group, and said part of their task is to make sustainability appeal to students, parents and alumni.

These efforts are "good for the environment and the university as a whole," Nienaber said.

As it is her last semester, Nienaber said she hopes the start of environmental consciousness will be her contribution to OWU.

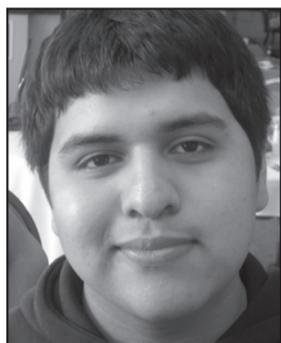
Associate Professor of Geology-Geography John B. Krygier is chair
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Multicultural weekend offers view of diversity

Prospective students sound off about what attracts them to OWU



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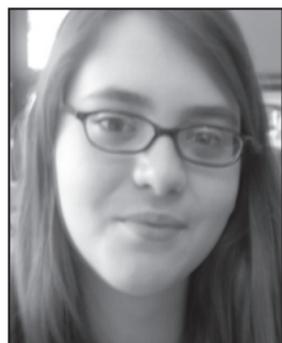
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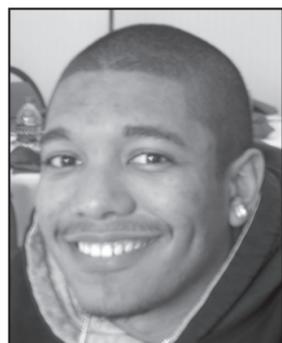
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"The family-oriented feel and the wide-open location are the first things I notice. I also like that it's close to a city."

"It's small, and the people work closely together. There is a huge sense of intimacy."

"I absolutely love the diversity. I believe it's important for our kids to grow up in this kind of environment."

"I like the class sizes and the availability of the teachers; it is so easy to see them and acquire help from them."

"I like the size, the diversity, and most of all, the academic reputation. I think I could go far."

"The community atmosphere has really drawn me to OWU."

By Chelsie Pacha
Transcript Reporter

From the national flags in University Hall to the inherent culture consciousness of OWU's clubs and organizations, last week's Multicultural Weekend exposed minority high school seniors to the university's diversity.

Prospective students attended classes and spoke with the athletic department, faculty and alumni.

They also had the option to learn about admissions information and financial aid or attend discussions about

multicultural students on campus.

Sophomore Christopher Green said he hosted Sho Tsueakiyama, a high school senior from Los Angeles, Calif.

"[Sho] had the opportunity to go to Game Works with all of the other prospectives and their hosts on Thursday night," said Green.

"He did some class visitations, attended a luncheon, went on a campus tour, mingled with alumni and students at a dinner reception and had the option of going to the Strand as well. Visitors were also invited to a brunch

on Sunday before their departure."

Tsueakiyama said he enjoyed his visit and liked the small community aspect of OWU.

"It feels like a high school atmosphere, especially in the classroom," Tsueakiyama said.

"Being able to have one-on-one time with the professors is something I would look forward to if I chose to go here."

Tsueakiyama, who is interested in geology and philosophy, said he also enjoyed the classes he attended.

"I have heard the programs here are very strong, and as far as I can see, the classes seem great," Tsueakiyama said. "I wanted to come see the small school here because I've only been to visit larger schools such as UCLA, Boston College, Loyola and NAVY."

Junior Hasani Wheat said his prospective, Kristopher Castillo of San Antonio, Texas, enjoyed his time at OWU but is still making a decision.

"He said he liked Ohio Wesleyan, but he was already set with a couple of other schools in the South that are much closer to home," Wheat said.

"He already received full scholarships from a couple of those schools."

Other than the small community atmosphere, Tsueakiyama said he noticed the great amount of diversity on campus.

"It seems like everyone here is aware of the diversity, and I have seen many different clubs and organizations that promote that," he said.

"I have also noticed that the African American culture is pretty strong here."

Wheat said his prospective student agreed, and enjoyed being a part of the campus diversity.

"Kristopher liked the fact that there is a lot of diversity on campus, and he engaged in numerous conversations throughout the week," Wheat said.

In addition to the weekend's niche successes, Wheat noted its general success from an admission viewpoint.

"The students really learn all of the aspects of Ohio Wesleyan: the good, the bad and the ugly," he said. "From the rigorous academics, the fun times during parties and the boredom of times where they may or may not have anything to do on a Friday night or Saturday morning."



INCIDENT REPORT Jan. 25 – Feb. 8

- On Jan. 25 at about 6:30 p.m., Public Safety responded to a fire alarm at the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. According to the houseparent, after starting a fire in the fireplace, the flue was found to be closed, forcing smoke into the living/common area of the house.

- On Jan. 26 at approximately 6:30 p.m., a resident counselor reported finding damage to an emergency exit sign and a ceiling tile in Welch Hall.

- On Jan. 26 at approximately 7:30 p.m., six local juveniles were reportedly creating a disturbance and being confrontational toward a coach in Branch Rickey during basketball practice. The individuals were advised to leave campus and not to return.

- On Jan. 29 at about 8:30 p.m., a student was transported to Grady Hospital after suffering a shoulder injury

during a fall on the steps at Beeghly Library.

- On Jan. 30, a student living in Hayes Hall reported a pair of pants taken from the laundry room sometime between 9 and 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 23.

- On Jan. 31 at approximately 1:40 a.m., Public Safety Officers on routine patrol in the residence halls detected a strong odor of what was believed to be marijuana near a first floor room in Stuyvesant Hall. Upon entry, a cursory search revealed the occupants to be in possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and illegal alcohol. The Delaware Police were contacted and the residents of the room were charged accordingly.

- On Jan. 31 at about 3:45 p.m., Public Safety was notified by two resident assistants who detected the odor of marijuana near a second floor room in Smith Hall East. Upon entering the room, the odor appeared to be stronger; however, no evidence of drugs was found. Two occupants admitted to smoking marijuana earlier at an off-campus location and were referred to student judicial for drug abuse.

- On Feb. 1, during an early morning, routine patrol of Stuyvesant Hall, two emergency exit lights were found damaged in the second and third floor stairwells.

- On Feb. 4 at about 6:30 p.m., a housekeeper reported

three local juveniles attempting to steal items from the H.W. Campus Center. While attempting to flee, the suspects abandoned several paper bags full of plastic hangers and drinking glasses, which were recovered and returned to the building.

- On Feb. 5, a resident assistant reported finding a swastika-type symbol drawn in blood on a wall on the second floor in Welch Hall.

- On Feb. 6 during the early morning hours, several members of Sigma Phi Epsilon reported witnessing someone attempting to break into a vehicle parked near the fraternity. Though nothing was reported missing or damaged, a local resident was identified, and the Delaware Police were called to the scene to investigate.

- On Feb. 6, a member of Phi Kappa Psi was found to be in possession of a "fake parking permit". The permit was confiscated, and student judicial charges are pending.

- On Feb. 8, a resident assistant witnessed another student damage two emergency lights on the second floor of Stuyvesant Hall. A possible identification was made, and the incident remains under investigation.

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From Iowa to China: Tracking the illusive Twinkie

By Thomas Lawrence
Transcript Reporter

Steve Ettlenger's Sagan National Colloquium lecture on the true nature of Twinkies didn't leave any of his listeners salivating last Thursday.

Ettlenger is the author of "Twinkie, Deconstructed," a book devoted to the nature of Twinkies' ingredients and their mass production. Each chapter chronicles a different ingredient, with Ettlenger tracing their origins from all over the world - from Iowa to China.

Ettlenger said many of the ingredients can't even be thought of as food because they come from material that is neither grown nor raised. Some ingredients are comprised of minerals mined deep underground: limestone, phosphorus, trona, gypsum and iron.

Limestone and phosphorus are used to make Monocalcium Phosphate, a chemical that makes bread rise and is also used as a fertilizer.

Large sections of the lecture were devoted to the process of mining the minerals used. Ettlenger said one of his favorite stories was a visit to a trona mine.

He traveled 1,600 feet underground and then drove 30 minutes to reach the area where the material for baking soda is found.

Ettlenger said his interest in the subject was sparked by one ingredient: polysorbate 60. Ettlenger said he became determined to learn what polysorbate 60 was after his young daughter asked him what it was, and he wanted to keep his

"all-knowing" title. The answer was unexpected. "They mix stearic acid with an explosive: ethylene. When I asked how they mix the two together, they responded 'very carefully,'" Ettlenger said. Ettlenger said polysorbate 60 is his favorite ingredient. "I like how it sounds so removed from actual food," he said. "When you hear 'red number 40,' you know it's a dye. But when you hear 'polysorbate 60,' you have no idea what it might be."

Some students were surprised by the nature of the lecture.

"I was expecting more of a diatribe, but actually, it was really informative," said sophomore Sean Power.

Ettlenger said this approach was deliberate because he didn't want to appear condescending.

"My motivation was just traditional scientific curiosity," Ettlenger said. "I wanted to know what was in Twinkies. I was not out to condemn them."

Students were also surprised by the nature of the ingredients.

"It was weird to think that we're eating all these chemicals, because some of them are dangerous" said freshman Kritika Kuppaswami.

"It might not have a deep impact on my food choices, but you know you'll be thinking about this when you buy a Twinkie."

"I never really thought about the processing necessary to make our food," Power said.

Tough chores ahead for U.S. foreign policy

By Mark Dubovec
News Editor

On Wed. Feb. 4, Sean Kay was a guest on "Open Line with Fred Andrie" on WOSU to discuss foreign policy challenges facing the United States.

Kay, professor of politics and government and chair of Ohio Wesleyan's International Studies Program, spoke about the complexity of dealing with Iran, problems in Afghanistan, issues with Russia and how interrelated these situations are.

"The Bush administration wanted to put interceptor missiles...in Poland," said the show's host, Fred Andrie. "They said they wanted, if Iran developed a long-range rocket, they wanted to be able to knock it down, but Russia objected to our missiles being so close to their borders."

Kay stressed the importance of not antagonizing Russia. "We need to find mechanisms to reengage Russia at the high-end level," he said.

"There are some important existing strategic missile treaties and nuclear weapons treaties that are going to wind down in their timeframe, and so they need to be renegotiated."

Kay added the capabilities of such missile defense aren't even fully known.

"We want to wait and see what the technology is before we actually really start talking about a system we're not even sure will work," he said.

While the interceptor missiles have been tested, Kay said, they aren't combat-proven.

"There's no reason these programs couldn't be put on an operational hold," he added.

Even if such a system is fully operational, Kay said, "You could have terrorism with nuclear weapons who the system is irrelevant for."

However, the potential threat of Iran going nuclear is not to be overlooked. Kay said. "If Iran were to go nuclear, how would Saudi Arabia react? How would Turkey react? How might Syria react?" Kay asked.

Kay added that the CIA estimates Iran might be a decade away from developing a missile with the capability of hitting the US or Europe, but Iran, like many other states, does possess cruise missiles.

"Cruise missiles," Kay said, "that fly low to the ground very fast and could have hundreds of miles of range."

These cruise missiles, if equipped with nuclear weapons, pose a more immediate threat on a regional level.

Kay is concerned Iran becoming a nuclear power would lead to the entire Middle East becoming nuclear. "You'd end with a nuclear chain reaction around the region which would be a complete disaster."

Kay favors a multi-layered approach to dealing with Iran.

"The trick is to get into a position where Iran decides that it's in its own self-interest to choose not to do these things, and I don't think we've tried to explore that yet," Kay said, urging diplomacy and economic incentives.

If that fails, Kay urges building international support for containment.

"What's missing, really, is any kind of regularized, regional diplomacy that builds on some kind of effort to build a missile technology and nuclear proliferation regime across the region. We have that in other parts of the world," Kay said.

"I am not persuaded this can be resolved through short-term military strikes," Kay added. "What's the next thing after

you bomb a country like that? Unless you have legitimacy of the international community, which I think can only be built up gradually by testing these other options, then you have a real problem because what do you do next?"

Kay also discussed Afghanistan.

"The Taliban has been gradually coming back," Kay said. "We did not invest the sufficient resources in Afghanistan."

Kay is worried a troop surge in Afghanistan might be too late. He also said the goal there needs to be explicitly determined.

"If the mission is to build democracy, then you're going to need \$100 billion and twice the amount of troops."

"If the mission is to identify where Al-Qaida are, that is really an intelligence-driven and precision military strike driven operation that doesn't require that many troops," he said.

Andrie added, "The president of Afghanistan has been complaining what happens is because we don't have enough backup troops, we send in airstrikes to support our troops. The airstrikes aren't very focused."

Sunset strolls with Pet Pals



Photo by Tim Albon
Freshman Nysa Berman takes a dog for a walk at the Humane Society of Delaware County. Pet Pals volunteers to help train dogs and make cats more sociable.

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Ebony and Ivory build OWU unity

By Sarah Sikhouni
Transcript Reporter

On Valentine's Day, Sister's United and Delta Gamma will host the annual Ebony and Ivory Ball in the Benes Room from 8 p.m. till 12 p.m.

Tickets cost \$7 for singles and \$10 for couples.

Proceeds will be donated to both the Battered Women's Shelter in Delaware and Women for Women, an organization helping women in Africa.

Junior Larissa Anderson, Vice President of Sister's United, said the objective of the ball is to unite the campus regardless of skin color and to enjoy the company of other students.

"This is the first year that Sisters United has decided to collaborate with another organization on campus," Anderson said.

"The organization that we decided to team up with is Delta Gamma, which will help by uniting students and as well as Greek and non-Greeks on campus."

Anderson, has been attending the ball since her freshman year.

Anderson said the ball will bring together everyone through music, great food and simply the entertainment of others.

Senior Francesca Ramsawak, Sister's United past president, has attended the ball since her freshman year.

Junior Lori Durham, a member of Delta Gamma (DG) is excited to attend the ball since it will be the first time Sister's United and DG have come together for a worthy cause.

"Nothing can be better than having the proceeds go to an issue that is important to women and bring together everyone from OWU, removing any barriers."

Tickets for the Ball can be purchased in Ham-Will during lunchtime and at the door on Saturday night. The price will remain the same regardless of where the tickets are purchased.

Kùlú Mèlé drummers, dancers keep beat for Black History Month

By Kim St. Louis
Transcript Reporter

On Feb. 2, students got their feet moving and the rhythm rolling with the Kùlú Mèlé African Dance & Drum Ensemble at Capital University.

The off-campus event was a "kick-off" to Black History Month and was sponsored by Rafiki Wa Afrika, an organization for African and Caribbean students - also open to all students - and the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (MSA).

Terree Stevenson, director of Multicultural Student Affairs, found out about the event through the Alliance for Black Student Leadership and planned it as the first event of this semester.

Kùlú Mèlé Dance & Drum Ensemble, formerly known as Kùlú Mèlé African American Dance Ensemble, was founded in 1969. The words "kùlú mèlé" mean the "voice of our ancestors."

According to its website (kulumele.org), Kùlú Mèlé is the longest-lasting African Dance company in Philadelphia that "presents African American and African dance traditions rooted in the cultures and aesthetic values of the African Diaspora."

Performances included music and dance of Nigeria, Ghana, Guinea, Brazil, Haiti, Cuba and the Senegambia region, as well as African American vernacular traditions including



Photo by Kim St. Louis

Female performers of Kùlú Mèlé perform a traditional dance.

Hip-hop, Bop, Cha-cha and Slop.

"Rafiki decided to team up with the MSA office on this event because MSA normally organizes the Black History events, [and] Rafiki wanted to be involved in the events," said junior Eunice Golloh, president of Rafiki Wa Afrika.

"[The event at Capital] was

kind of African-centered and sounded like something Rafiki wanted to be a part of, so we decided to co-sponsor and help with it."

Golloh said she felt it was a great, informative event that explained "where the dances were from and occasions where they [would be] performed."

She added, "It was a great event that was educational and helped others learn about African cultural drumming and dancing."

Freshmen Ramatu Koroma and Justin Adda, along with sophomore Ahlam Awad, said the event was a good study break.

"It wasn't that long at all,

so even though we all had a lot of work due that week, I think it was totally worth it," Awad said.

Awad said she enjoyed the event, and it was fun to watch. She said she learned new dance moves and liked the break dancing the two male performers did.

Freshman Emily Stein said

she loved the event, and now wants to learn more of the dances.

Koroma, a native of Sierra Leone, said she felt the performance could have been bigger and perhaps held in a larger auditorium.

"I think it was a great start for Black History Month, but I think that they should have had types of African dances from different parts of Africa," she said.

Adda said he enjoyed the drumming and the female dances. Koroma and Adda, both from Ghana, said they didn't particularly care for the dances by the male performers. Adda said their dances were too contemporary for his taste.

"I believe they should have done the actual, traditional African dance, and not break dancing," Koroma said.

"It had potential to be an excellent event, but it just lacked the atmosphere that I had anticipated," Adda said.

Adda said he would have preferred "a movie on the life of a prominent African-American or Afro-Caribbean person that not many people have heard of, to educate minds."

Stevenson said she felt everyone enjoyed the event, and it was especially nice for students without personal transportation to leave campus and see what other colleges are doing.

"Part of celebrating Black History Month is celebrating positive things with others."

Professor criticizes Obama's appointments, post-partisan politics

By Brad Russel
Transcript Reporter

The honeymoon may already be over for President Obama, said Fordham University professor Jeffery Cohen, who last Tuesday night predicted a decline in the president's approval rating, as well as future difficulties for his stimulus package.

Cohen, a politics professor and visiting senior research scholar at the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics at Princeton's the Woodrow Wilson School, spoke as a part of the Benjamin F. Marsh Lecture Series on Public Affairs on Feb. 3.

In front of a small crowd in the Benes room, he argued that President Obama's attempts at including Republicans and Democrats in post-partisan



"Screw the Republicans. Why give them any of the credit?"

-- Jeffery Cohen, Fordham University politics professor and visiting professor at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School

politics will have the opposite effect on his policies, ensuring failure.

"Screw the Republicans," Cohen said. "Why give them any of the credit?"

Cohen explained that with such deep polarization between the parties, there is no reason to try to work together.

Republicans are far more conservative and will attempt to block the president's legislation, which is reason to stop working with them, Cohen said.

He also criticized Obama's appointment of Sen. Judd Gregg, R-NH, to the post of the Commerce secretary.

"Who cares about commerce? If President Obama really wanted to practice post-partisan politics, maybe his treasury secretary should have been a Republican," Cohen said.

Cohen did admit while Obama has high poll numbers and high approval ratings, it's nothing special in comparison to previous presidents.

On the economy, Cohen argued if the economy improves slowly, Obama could maintain his high approval rating.

Cohen added that media interaction with politics has only complicated and exacerbated the political polarization in America.

He labeled the news as "post-broadcast media," meaning the media have shifted from hard news to soft news.

Cohen also asserted the

media have shifted to attacking politicians and reporting on what went wrong in Washington at a given time.

Student reaction to the lecture was mixed.

"I thought it was pretty bad," said junior Rob Doersam, a politics and government major.

"There were obvious counterpoints to some of his arguments."

One such counterpoint Doersam gave was against Cohen's argument on low political polarization in the 1960s, in which Cohen showed a graph that illustrated the polarization at one of its lowest points.

Doersam argues that while there may have been less polarization between the G.O.P. and the Democrats, it was only because Democrats were

struggling in the fight over civil rights.

Junior Katie Corrai said she thought the lecture was interesting, even though it was a little negative.

"I liked that he challenged the idea that Obama is trying to unite the government," Corrai said. "It's the same thing Bush said he would do."

"There is just no room to connect the two parties right now."

Cohen has been published in the "American Political Science Review," "American Journal of Political Science" and "Journal of Politics." His book, "Presidential Responsiveness and Public Policy," won the 1998 Richard E. Neustadt Award of the Presidential Research Group of the American Political Science Association.

YEARBOOK NEWS

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- **The Independent Collegian** - Univ. of Toledo; published Mon & Thurs; 10,000 circ; 20,700 campus

A whole new world of charity with Alpha Sig



Photo by Kelly Gardner

Junior John Kirsop (left) as Jasmin and senior Devon Rayasa (right) as Aladin sing a "Whole New World" during Alpha Sigma Phi's date auction on Monday night. Roughly \$1,460 in proceeds were donated towards Canine Companions for Independence, a non-profit organization that provides trained assistance dogs to people with disabilities.

Community atmosphere a factor in competitive SLU selection

by Ross McHale
Transcript Correspondent

Students hoping to land a spot in a SLU face stiff competition this year, according to recent estimates within the SLU community.

Whether for environmental, social or political reasons, students appear more interested in SLU life than ever.

"I've noticed a high amount of interest in the Tree House," said junior Keegan Adams, "but not so much in other SLU's." Adams moved into the Tree House last year following a brief residency at the House of Peace and Justice.

Adams said he was drawn to SLU's for a simple reason. "I wanted to get out of the dorms," he said. "And although I was dissatisfied with my previous SLU, everything has worked out well."

When asked what attracted people to SLU's, Adams said it's a mixed bag.

"It's a tight-knit community, and it's also pseudo living off campus, which I think draws a lot of interest from people."

Junior Jake Barnett of the House of Thought agreed with Adams

"There is a consistent high level of interest in SLU's," he said. "I think the reason interest is so high in the Tree House is because their mission is becoming very relevant."

The Tree House, known for promoting environmental causes on campus, has five open spots and 19 applicants.

Whatever the reason for the spike in interest, Adams certainly doesn't attribute it to the recent SLUSH week. "[SLUSH week] doesn't matter as much as people like to think it does," he said.

While the Tree House has used a surge in environmental awareness to attract potential housemates, other SLU's must rely on older, more finely-tuned techniques. The Creative Arts House (CAH) relies on social outreach to attract members.

Junior Conor Close, a member of CAH, credits strong house projects and a healthy dose of socializing for their continued success at attracting members. "There is definitely more interest," he said. "Our house projects reach out to a lot of the campus, and we are always meeting new people and finding new opportunities."

For Close, the benefits of SLU life far outweigh the prospect of living in the dormitories. "A SLU is where a bunch of people have something in common, and yet within that community, they can still find diversity," he said. "It's definitely more open than the fraternities."

Close rejected the notion that the Tree House is the most popular SLU on campus, noting that CAH has 11 applicants for its four-to-six available spots.

Unlike Adams, he credited SLUSH week as a positive influence.

"A lot of freshman don't really know what is going on at SLU's, so SLUSH week helps to publicize activities," he said. Barnett, however, doesn't credit any one factor for the popularity of SLU's.

"Interest in SLU's seems the same as it always is," he said. "But I'm always surprised by the amount of people that actually show up each year."

Like Close, Barnett says the communal appeal of SLU life speaks for itself.

"There are a lot of obvious advantages to living in a community," he said. "It draws you in. I think what draws you to a specific house is the overall goal trying to be achieved by the house as a whole."

Presidential history pours out of Beehive

By Kailey Miller
Transcript Correspondent

Each day at noon, Beehive Books hosts a speaker to present the legacy and words of one of the nation's 44 presidents. The presentations will continue through March 2, concluding with President Obama.

Mel Corroto, co-owner of Beehive Books, said the bookstore wanted to bring attention to the American presidency.

"We thought reading the words of each president would bring this history to life," Corroto said. "The volunteers who have presented these words have really captured the spirit of the celebration in bringing not only the words of the presidents, but some fascinating background information and history to illuminate them."

Sophomore Abe

Gustavson and junior Griffin Waterman were two of the volunteer speakers. A few OWU professors have also volunteered.

Gustavson spoke to a Beehive audience last week about President Andrew Johnson. Although he didn't choose Johnson specifically, he knew he wanted to speak about a president that not many people knew much about. He said he considers President Johnson a poor president and a villain.

"Johnson was the wrong man for the wrong time," Gustavson said. "He had a chance to mend this country's wounds after the Civil War, and he did not even try. He sat at his desk and squawked that equality was not in the Constitution."

Gustavson said he is enthusiastic about American history. He is President of the Student History Board and

works for the publication "The Historian" and said he loves his job there.

"It's one of the things that has continually kept me loving this school," he said.

Gustavson said the speeches are a good way to share his passion with other people, who were also eager to discuss historical facts.

Waterman, also a member of the Student History Board, lectured on Benjamin Harrison. He said he participated in the event because he thought it would be a great opportunity to learn more about a president he did not know much about before.

This was his first time lecturing, and Waterman said he considered it good practice for graduate school and a possible teaching career.

Full schedules of the series of speeches are available at Beehive Bookstore, located at 25 N. Sandusky St.

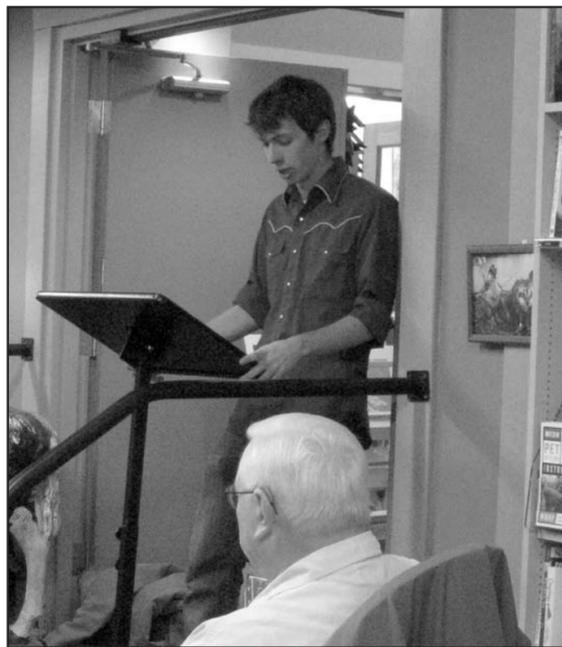


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Junior Griffin Waterman reading the words of former President Benjamin Harrison at Beehive Books on Monday.

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"We were a little upset and disappointed about not receiving as much funding as we had in the past," Senior Ariel Haytas said. "My mission team is one of the smaller mission trips so it didn't affect us as much as it would a larger, more expensive trip. It's too bad that there wasn't a full body committee."

Both Koorn and Evens, believe that the amount of money allocated last semester to an unusually high number of groups will directly effect the availability of SAF funds for the rest of the year.

"There were more groups asking for money than in years past," Koorn said. "Because there were only five of us last semester we were a little overwhelmed. The requests we were receiving were not fully reviewed due to the lack of focus by our committee.

"All the ideas coming in were fantastic and we were not as stringent as we should've been. It was easier to just fund the groups entirely. As you can see that was a mistake on our part."

Senior Ben Goodrum, last semester's WCSA vice president, said WCSA will face many challenges this semester, but he says there is no one person to blame.

"WCSA will have to be fiscally responsible with their money than past years," Goodrum said. "It is unfortunate that that's what it has come down to, but nothing can be done at this point. I know people are upset and understandably so, I am too.

"A lot of questions are arising now that the funds are so low, but what we need to take away from this is that the students should've been

asking the treasurer where the funds were going before now."

Junior Shannon Sedgwick said she had no idea that students were able to attend the budget meetings. She said she knew the protocol on how to get groups funded, but had no idea where to access other budgetary information.

"I have gone to request money for one of the groups I was participating in," Sedgwick said. "I had no idea I would be able to come and learn where all the money was being allocated to. If I had known that I would've definitely been involved more."

WCSA did not send out emails to the student body inviting them to budget meetings, but Goodrum said students should always feel welcome.

"Of course students are welcome and expected to approach their student council representatives with major concerns or

recommendations," Goodrum said. "Those representatives can then bring the issue or piece of advice back to the full body.

"Additionally, Adam, last semester's Treasurer, took the time to schedule office hours where students could meet with him and discuss budget matters. Full body meetings are open to all students. These meetings take place in Corns 312 at noon on Mondays.

Goodrum does have high hopes for the future of WCSA because of the lessons learned this year.

"It is important for this situation to not happen again," Goodrum said. "I am proposing that we start a spread sheet that will show the future treasurer where their budget should be by spring semester.

"This would be used as a guideline for future treasurers as well. As long as we learn from our mistakes and improve, there is some merit to this whole situation."

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of the Immediate Actions Group, which must choose two out of seven immediate actions from ACUPCC to implement. One idea is to require new buildings to be built according to green standards.

"Philosophically, everyone is on board, but there are practical issues" Krygier said.

Senior Director of Dining Services Gene Castelli is also a member of the Immediate Actions Group. Castelli proposed minimizing food waste, and buying energy-efficient appliances.

He said Chartwells has made efforts prior to the formation of the Task Force to address the food waste issue, but he said energy-efficient appliances would be expensive and most likely a long-term goal.

Opinion

Quote of the Week: "The requests we were receiving were not fully reviewed due to the lack of focus by our committee. All the ideas coming in were fantastic, and we were not as stringent as we should've been. It was easier to just fund the groups entirely. As you can see that was a mistake on our part." -- Adam Koorn, former WCSA treasurer



Global economic crisis taking EU along for ride

By Alexandra Panait
Transcript Columnist

The European Union (EU) is trying to cope with the current economic crisis. Countries have tried cutting rates and controlling inflation rates, but lack of political coordination, the loss of a social safety net and a downturn in local currencies for non-Euro countries signal long-term negative prospects for Central and Eastern Europe.

The economic setback has forced the European Central Bank (ECB) to maintain low interest rates of 2 percent. When compared to the 4.25 percent rates in September 2008, the maintenance of this rate indicates the need to stimulate the already-descending euro-zone economy. The ECB has not excluded further reductions in the interest rate for March, indicating the need to balance rates within the range of 2 percent. The impact of this crisis on Europe stresses the need for increasing liquidity through government bonds to countries' central banks.

Eastern and Southern Europe have been hit hardest due to countries' import-dependent economies and increased domestic demand. The credit crisis has caused the economy to plummet. Central and Eastern European countries aim to reduce the value of their interest rates and monetary policies and intend to stimulate borrowing, liquidity and consumption at the risk of currency depreciation.

Romania slightly tackled its public sector wage increase and the inflation threats through steady policies, but its attempts

within the EU to cut interest rates to 10 percent still give Romania the highest value. Most notably, Romania's currency plummeted 23 percent against the euro in January when compared to its value in October 2008. With the highest depreciation since the introduction of the euro, a weak government coalition and the lack of a sustainable budget, Romania is in the midst of economic deterioration. The predictions of 1 percent GDP growth in 2009 and energy assets do not hold considering Romania's economy since the early '90s is built on mortgages, loans and the heavy use of imports.

Similarly, Hungary has experienced a decrease in its currency. As one of the hardest economically-hit EU countries, the Hungarian government aimed to implement domestic policies to ease social and economic strains by guaranteeing two-year mortgage support for those hit hardest by the economic crisis. A hope to increase economic confidence.

The crisis saw recent social repercussions as a result of shrinking economic sectors around Baltic, South and East European countries. In February, Latvia's government adopted a farm-aid package of 38 million euros supported through an increase in taxes. Yet, the subsidies demanded are weak in a worldwide economic downturn.

The lack of investment and liquidity for consumption needed to stimulate the economy are major barriers for European politics and economics.

Exhaust pollution OWU problem, too

By Christopher Kelley
Guest Columnist

Hello readers,
I have an issue to raise concerning us as a campus, one that is increasingly becoming a global issue. So, please read to see how we can mitigate the problem.

The issue:
Vehicle exhaust pollution. Stand behind an idling car; it stinks! It also is not good for your health.

The culprits:
Industrialization and Modernization.

Industrialization and modernization tend to force people to live far from work, with the typical job-in-city, house-in-suburb set-up. This means that some people have to drive incredible distances – up to 120 miles a day!

Rush hour and the gas wasted while cars idle is another problem that results from this trend. However, 50 percent of all commutes to work are 5 miles or less. 40 percent of all trips are made within 2 miles of one's home (1world2wheels.org).

Car-culture.

A second culprit is the fact that we are astonishingly accustomed to cars as the only legitimate means of transportation *anywhere*. We don't challenge this because, first of all, we don't think about the effects, which may not be immediately visible to the naked eye.

We seem to think that our atmosphere is so big that nothing we do will ever have any effect on it. We all have an unfortunate invincibility complex about Earth that is slowly but surely destroying our planet. Secondly, we are quick to rationalize the consequences

of our actions ("I'm just driving to the Mean Bean; it won't make that much of a difference."). Thirdly, we are – to put it kindly – extremely lazy and full of excuses and common "justifications" for driving around campus: weather, being late to class or uncomfortable shoes.

What does a five minute car ride really translate into? In the first five minutes of operation, pollution control devices do not work effectively and are, as a result, responsible for 60 percent of all harmful emissions from car exhaust (1world2wheels.org).

The first mile drive of a car produces anywhere from 200-520 grams of carbon emissions (not to mention the other types of hazardous emissions).

Say we drove that much every day for three weeks. That amounts to 4.2 kg to 10.9 kg of carbon pollution. If 50 students did this, 210 kg to 545 kg of carbon emissions would be produced. In three weeks!

China and India are joining the car culture. Modernization is forcing some and allowing others to drive rather than walk or bike. This is bad news for us and our planet. However, we cannot give up just because we are facing a difficult challenge.

Still in doubt? Think about why it's bad to leave your car running in a small, enclosed space. If you really don't know, it's because carbon monoxide is emitted from your tailpipe, and carbon monoxide has a better time with your red blood cells than oxygen does.

And that's probably not the worst thing coming out of a car. If you wouldn't want to breathe it, then don't force other people to breathe it.

Biking:

Commuting via bike is increasing in popularity. I currently commute six miles to work, and it takes an easy 30 minutes. I encourage all of us who work and drive to switch to bikes for manageable distances.

Groningen, a city in the Netherlands, is the most bike-friendly city in the world. Fifty-eight percent of all trips made are on bikes with 180,000 residents! ("Monocle," issue 3, volume 01, May 2007).

Due to its heavy traffic, the city is planned around bicycling, and motorists recognize bikes as another vehicle to share the roads with. What this should tell you is that the more bike-friendly we become, the more friendly the world is to bikes!

As members of a mostly residential campus, we have a distinct privilege in that our classes are never far away (or at least not as far as we might think they are).

To replace a five minute drive with a 10 minute bike ride from your house or dorm might be the best thing since sliced bread. It is quite liberating, especially on a pleasant day. Another benefit biking can offer is the exercise!

Just fifteen minutes a day can cancel out those three pieces of chocolate you had earlier (60 calories). Twenty minutes can eliminate the calories in that one can of Natty Light you drank the night before (95 calories). If you're one of those people who drive to class and then to the gym later to work out, this information is for you, too!

Biking is just generally a more social activity, and you might even garner some admirers once you've gotten

in shape from biking to class every day.

In regards to commuting, biking is hands down faster on this campus. I, Christopher Phatty-Phat Kelley, challenge any motorist to leisurely arrive to class before my leisurely ride to class from the same location.

What can we do?
Walk to class! That's what you have legs for! (No, they didn't evolve for the explicit use of the gas and brake pedals).

Bike to class. Buying a bike is much cheaper than continuously paying for gas, and biking is so much faster than walking.

"The Bike Movement" is also working on bringing 40 bikes to campus by this spring, so you can fill out a quick form and ride a bike for free whenever you want!

Come to a meeting of "Friends of The Bike Movement," which meets every 1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m. to discuss ideas in the Smith 2nd Floor Lounge.

Make it safer for us by writing to your congressperson and representatives, requesting the increase in the gas tax to support more bike-friendly operations such as bike paths or bike-share programs for your city. You can also write to the Secretary of Transportation, Ray LaHood:

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Also, be sure to do something for future students by writing the DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION IN D-WARE.

Thank you for reading. This is a call to action; do not remain apathetic!

Letter to the editor

In response to last week's letter to the editor from Assistant Chaplain for Jewish Life Jodi Kushins and Professor Michael Flamm:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your letter. It is great to see that the discord in the Middle East is a pertinent issue within the OWU community. I too believe that dialogue and discussion on this and other campuses can be a means of furthering understanding and empathy, and I join you in the hope that a common vision can be created for lasting peace.

It is in this spirit I feel compelled to address certain claims made in the latter half of your letter. Particularly, to write that "no nation with the military capacity for self-defense would or could tolerate deliberate attacks on civilian targets" is to paint the familiar picture of the conflict as one in which Palestinian terrorists attack Israel, and debate ensues over the degree to which Israel ought to restrain itself.

This justification of recent Israeli action ignores the long history of mistreatment, both political and personal, that Palestinians have suffered at the hands of the state of Israel.

While indeed no nation would ignore such rocket attacks, no people would accept such daily humiliations of checkpoints and collective punishment—including the demolition of homes, repeated invasions and targeted assassinations without trial.

The fact that this stateless nation does not have full military capacity for self-defense does not mean they will sit idly by such aggression. And while I in no way mean to defend instances of violence, it is certainly a subject for fair debate to determine who is provoking and who is retaliating. This is a question without a certain or single answer.

Regards,

Rory McHale
Transcript Columnist

University bathroom, Dairy Depot well kept secrets



Greetings loyal viewers. It is an honor to be a part of the first ever Transcript broadcast on a live webcam (Frankly, I do not think that was a funny joke. I leave it in because it is important to remember we all fail sometimes. Yes, even me)

Now for sports. I have been thinking that many of my columns are not directly relevant to the Ohio Wesleyan student body. So consider this week a special edition.

Do you all remember when Fox decided to create a short series of programs that exposed magician's tricks? Yeah, well, that was terrible. God, I hated that so much. I did not watch it either. I had no desire to participate in that vicious assault on magic that so many children (and others) enjoy.

However, in the spirit of those broadcasts, I have decided to devote this week to a discussion of a few better - if

not secret, than perhaps poorly known - places and things on our campus. Keep in mind, those things I consider too cool to be revealed have been left off the list, lest losers like yourself enjoy them without yearning and searching for them (I'm talking to you, Jeff O'Bryon!). Unfortunately, most things I want to talk about will not be included. Nevertheless, on to the list!

Number 1: The best bathroom on campus. Now admittedly, I have been to very few of the women's restrooms on campus. However my nomination is co-ed. It is that washroom at the end of the hall that the main Ham-Will cafeteria is in – right near the Benes Rooms. This lavatory is luxurious.

Talk about spacious, you can run a 400 meter race in this room. Also, I find it is unusually clean for a bathroom, and the mirror is complementary to one's skin/image.

I like to enjoy this room by taking off all my clothes whenever I'm there. I encourage you to enjoy the luxury of doing that in a place outside your bedroom. Although be sure the door is

locked. Guest lecturers can be surprisingly hasty in opening restroom doors when you are at your most liberated.

Number 2: (Note: these numerals do not reflect a ranking or list in any order) Ice cream. There is a place a little ways north on Sandusky called the Dairy Depot.

I am not expert on the place. But it is worth a long walk. I suggest you take it with a prospectively cute lady or fella. If things are going to work out, the walk will work wonders. If you cannot keep conversation on the walk, you were never meant to be.

Anyways, I believe it's only open during the warmer months. But the soft-serve comes with little candy eyes on the ice cream, and the food fits your standard hamburger/hot dog deal. Do not drive there. It cheapens the experience, and if you do so, you are condemned to an inauthentic existence (barring a reasonable reason to do so).

Number 3: Do not attempt to spend the night in the library. Or do. Either way, know that if you stay in the library proper (I'm not talking about the café area), there are motion

detectors, and they will go off. At best, you may be able to hang out until about 4:30 a.m., but then P.S. will show up and boot you out. At least that's the latest I know about.

Number 4: I have decided to end this part of the column. Instead a story: When I was a sophomore, during a class in University Hall, a bat flew out of a heating duct in the middle of class and flew about the room (with shrieks-a-plenty). We eventually trapped the poor bat with a recycling bin until an OWU employee of some sort arrived and took the bat away.

Story number 2: I used to live in Smith East, with a window facing Liberty Street where we would throw water balloons out the window at folks.

Late one Wednesday night, a drunkard returning from the bars paused at the bicycle rack outside. My roommate, on the baseball team, perfectly nailed him in the chest with a water balloon. Apparently, the guy never knew where it came from, only that he was very wet.

Those stories are allegories.

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Arts & Entertainment

If Shakespeare be the food of love...

By Samantha Beany
Transcript Reporter

While the show only goes for five nights, it has been a "Twelfth Night" extravaganza at the Chappellear Drama Center.

"Twelfth Night: Or What You Will" by William Shakespeare is a comedy of mixed identities focused on a noblewoman, Viola.

After a shipwreck, she assumes the identity of her twin brother, Sebastian, who she believes died in the wreck. Serving Duke Orsino as "Cesario," she acts as a liaison between Orsino and his love interest, Olivia.

Olivia despises Orsino, and instead falls in love with "Cesario" – really Viola – who falls in love with Orsino.

Freshman Katherine Jenks, who plays Viola, said developing a character is very important.

"The character is the person you are trying to portray, so you really need to dig for detail and get into his or her head," Jenks said.

Jenks said she feels that she and Viola are similar, although she does recognize their differences.

"We both have a sense of humor and some confidence," Jenks said. "We're very outgoing, we enjoy interacting with other people, and we're just good, nice people."

"However, I'm no noblewoman. I am just a regular OWU freshman."



Photos by Ben Boynton

Right: Freshman William Pierce as Malvolio reads a "love letter" from Lady Olivia. Behind him, from left to right, Sir Andrew (Tyler Elrod), Sir Toby (Gus Steiner) and Fabian (Benjamin Thomas) watch from behind the trees.

Above: Junior Emily Yaksic as Lady Olivia courts Cesario, played by freshman Katherine Jenks.



Freshman William Pierce plays Malvolio, Olivia's steward, and he sees his character differently than others might.

"Some go as far as to say he's something of a villain, but I think he's just misunderstood and in need of some love," said Pierce. "It's always fun to play a character that can be hated and loved at the same time."

The cast began rehearsing

in October.

"It's been simmering for a long, long time," Pierce said.

"It's hard to come up with an exact amount of hours of work put in because a lot of work also takes place outside of the rehearsal times," Jenks said. "In the beginning, we worked on just understanding what we were saying and tried to digest the language. It took

a lot of time just to get those Shakespeare lines right."

Jenks said she enjoyed the positive atmosphere of rehearsals, as well as learning from the show's director, Elaine Denny-Todd, professor and chairperson of the department of theatre and dance.

"I came out of rehearsal each night having learned more and more. Even just little

bits of knowledge and things, she would tell me," Jenks said. "I have learned so much from working with her. It's unbelievable."

Pierce said he enjoyed the work because every show is a different experience, especially when working with a new director and cast members.

The show opened last weekend, and without any

additional preparation, Jenks said she was ready.

"What is most important to me is just relaxing," she said. "If I'm tense during a play, I can't focus on what I need to do or get into character or anything."

"To rid myself of that possible tension, I'll find a spot and lie down or just sit and close my eyes somewhere. Then, if there is still time before the curtain goes up, I'll pop in my iPod and listen to some of my running or workout music to get pumped up and get the energy flowing."

Pierce also said he needs his jams to get motivated.

"I don't mean to seem like a Michael Phelps wannabe, but I do need my iPod with me pre-show," he said. "It's all about routine and making sure the same focus is there every night."

With three more shows to go, Jenks says she feels honored to be a part of "Twelfth Night."

"This was my first time on stage at Ohio Wesleyan, and I absolutely loved it," Jenks said. "I feel so lucky to have been able to be involved in a show of this caliber as a freshman."

"This production has been an absolute blast for me," said Pierce, who categorizes himself a Shakespeare nerd. "It's been a dream come true."

"Twelfth Night" continues this weekend at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Spice up your life

Are the Spice Girls just a memory of the '90s?



That's What She Said
BY
Kaitlin Thomas

Ginger, Baby, Posh, Scary, Sporty.

Say these words to the youth of America now, and you'll probably only find confusion. But if you had said them in the mid-to-late '90s, every girl knew who you were talking about. And every girl had a favorite (mine was a tie between Ginger and Baby).

Many women today refuse to admit they ever sang out loud to the Spice Girls' "Wannabe" or picked out their own name for when they joined the girl band as the sixth Spice. But we all did it. It was hard to grow up in the '90s and ignore the girl power.

The Spice Girls were the quintessential girl band. They were the female answer to the boy bands of Hanson, the Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync, who dominated the radio waves and MTV's call-in request show, "Total Request Live."

But today, most young girls are oblivious to what junior Mery Kanashiro calls "the pop-tacular prefab music" of the Spice Girls.

She was babysitting a 6-year-old girl over winter break when she thought it would be fun to put on "Spice World," the band's second album.

Kanashiro was astonished and saddened when she realized the girl knew none of the songs.

This got me thinking. Are

girls growing up without understanding the high fashion of Union Jack tube dresses? Do they not understand it is okay to wear white vinyl platform boots with every outfit? Will they never know what happens when "2 Become 1"?

I convened a group of experts (read, women now in their early 20s), and together, we decided this was blasphemy.

The Spice Girls, who finished their "Return of the Spice Girls" world tour in February of last year, deserve their place in popular culture history.

From "Wannabe" to "Say You'll Be There" and "Spice up Your Life" to the Spice Girls movie, "Spice World," the Girls were unstoppable in the late '90s.

At the high point in their career, parents were worried about how sexy (or anorexic; Posh, I'm looking at you) the Spice Girls were.

Today, the Spice Girls probably look like a dream to parents. Who do girls have to look up to now? Britney Spears? Amy Winehouse? Lindsay Lohan? Are 9-year-old girls dressing up and pretending to go to rehab? No, of course not.

There are still the Miley Cyrus, Vanessa Hudgens and Taylor Swifts of the world. But Vanessa had that pesky naked pictures incident, and even Miley had that "scandalous" photo shoot with "Vanity Fair."

It is of my very expert opinion that every little girl should know the Spice Girls. Every little girl should want to be a Spice Girl. How else do you think Posh snagged David Beckham? It wasn't with her flirtatious smile, that's for sure.

1. Sweet Crush

Have you been checkin' out that guy or girl for a while and have no idea how to approach him or her? Do you have too many crushes and not enough cash to get them all a lil sumthin' sumthin'? Are you too shy to approach the potential love of your life?



If you have answered yes to any of these questions, "Crush for a Crush" is just the thing for you! All week long, the ladies of Delta Gamma will be selling cans of Crush soda that you can send to your special someone with a little note! I know I will be expecting one (hint hint), so spend a couple bucks to say what you've been dying to say all year long. You never know what will happen!

2. Ballin' on Valentine's Day

Not to promote my group or anything, but this weekend, Ebony and Ivory Ball is the place to be! Date or no date, this will be one of the best Valentine's days of your life! O.K., maybe not of your life, but you will have a good time! Come and dance the night away! The first 30 single ladies will receive something special at the door.

This ball was originally created to bring together students of different backgrounds. We want to keep the tradition alive. This year Sisters United and Delta Gamma are working together to make this happen.

Semi-formal attire please! We have to come looking nice! Benes B&C, 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. The tickets are \$7 for singles and \$10 for a couple. You can buy them in Ham-Wil during lunch and at the door on the night of the ball. See you there!



3. The Year of the Ox



Celebrate the Chinese New Year! Go see some martial arts and performances like the Chinese Fan Dance, Lion Dance and Little flower-drums. You don't want to miss this! The Chinese New Year is only a week long celebration in the U.S., so this will be your only opportunity to get a little taste of what goes on in China for 2009. Plus, all students will get a Chinese New Year gift.

So ... free entertainment and a gift? You have to be crazy not to attend! Be there! Gray Chapel from 2 to 4 p.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. w/subject: Top3

DID YOU KNOW

Ohio Wesleyan was known in its history as the "West Point of Missions" because of the number of graduates who served abroad as missionaries.



Bishops Sports

OWU swimmers picked from local stock

By Clay Davis
Transcript Reporter

Many athletes today choose to leave their hometowns to find a niche in another city. But this is not the case for the men's swim team at OWU.

There are eight men on the team who hail from Delaware, and all are Hayes alumni. Being familiar and comfortable with the program and coach Dick Hawes, along with the strong academic credentials, were some convincing factors for the local Delaware students.

"When it came to swimming, I really could not see myself swimming for anybody else," junior Nathaniel Cook said. "Dick is a great coach, and he makes swimming at the collegiate level challenging but fun."

"Just from watching other coaching styles at meets, I know that I would have been pretty unhappy at any other

school in terms of swimming."

For Cook, one of the biggest selling points on OWU was Hawes. His relationship with the swimmers has had a positive influence on both the Bishops and Hayes swimmers considering OWU, Cook said.

"I think the relationships with Dick are very important," Cook said. "He has great relationships with each swimmer, and I think he attracts a lot of swimmers with his positive approach and attitude."

Hawes devotes some of his time to coaching the Delaware Ohio Racing Club (D.O.R.C), a local program involving swimmers as young as 5 and as old as high school seniors.

It's an attempt by Hawes and OWU swimmers to develop a relationship with the community, which in turn could continue to attract Delaware swimmers to OWU.

"One of the goals is to try and

"When it came to swimming, I really could not see myself swimming for anybody else."

-- Junior Nathaniel Cook

bring kids up through the program and for them to want to come to Ohio Wesleyan," Hawes said.

"The city of Delaware needed winter swimming, and this also helps build a relationship between the community and OWU."

Familiarity was an advantage senior Brian Fahey saw in coming to OWU, and he said it helped make his college decision very easy.

"I have known the pool, I know what Dick could throw at us, and I

know what kind of atmosphere the pool will have," Fahey said. "On Sundays, it will be nice and toasty. Other days, it is as warm as the Arctic Circle."

Although there are certainly differences in events and the level of competition, the transition from high school to collegiate swimming may become a little easier for Hayes swimmers, since Hayes has adopted similar coaching and practice methods of the Bishops.

"There are a lot of similarities, certainly in coaching philosophies," said junior David Gatz. "Both coaches are a little more relaxed and aren't jumping and screaming at athletes. But at the same time, you need to respect the coach and work hard when the time is right."

While athletics play an important role in local students coming to OWU, there are other contributing

factors as well, including financial aid and academics.

According to Gatz, Delaware students receive a huge financial lift due to their locality. The reputation of the academic programs is also a contributing factor for Delaware athletes joining the Bishops.

For junior Kevin Fahey, it was the combination of financial aid and academics, rather than solely athletics, that brought him to OWU.

"I came here primarily because OWU is a good school," Fahey said. "After I found a good school, I looked for scholarships and for what would make me happy."

Gatz said his comfort level convinced him that staying local was in his best interest.

"Swimming was probably one of the last factors when choosing the school," Gatz said. "It was mainly in terms of how comfortable I was."

New dodgeball program a hit

By Kyle Sjarif
Transcript Reporter

Students dodged and juked the evening away as the OWU intramural dodgeball season recently kicked off, with six teams participating in the tournament so far.

"I've always loved dodgeball," said sophomore Jonathan West. "It really is pretty challenging, especially the way we throw now."

A game reminiscent of P.E. classes in middle school, dodgeball is one of the five intramural sports offered this semester. The program is designed to promote athleticism, activity and creativity among students.

"I think it's important for non-varsity athletes to have an organized outlet without the same time demands of the varsity teams," said Director of Intramurals Cassie Cunningham.

Having recently taken over the Intramurals department, Cunningham hopes to increase participation with sports such as ultimate frisbee, badminton and swimming and water sports.

Other one-time tournaments

also offered include cornhole, basketball and wiffle ball tournaments in the fall, and (almost) midnight dodgeball, kickball and ultimate frisbee tournaments in the spring.

Cunningham said she believes it is just as important to offer one-time tournaments as it is to offer longer-term sports.

"I'm hoping to increase overall student participation, and having the one-time tournaments provides an opportunity for students who don't have the time commitment for a full season to play organized sports," she said.

As a school with rigorous athletic programs that regularly post strong finishes in conference play, senior David Curran said he is surprised by the lack of student participation in the different intramural sports.

"I've been here four years now, and I've always enjoyed playing intramural sports," said Curran. "I'm sure that not every athlete recruited to play a varsity sport here makes the team, and I'm surprised that there aren't more students playing intramural sports."

Across the board, most of the participation comes from the fraternities, and less interest is shown by the general school population. Sports like basketball and soccer typically receive strong turnout, with eight teams for soccer in the fall and more than 10 teams for the basketball program last spring.

However, sports like dodgeball have not gained the same popularity as the others, and West said he is slightly puzzled by the numbers.

"I think playing dodgeball is a lot more fun and a lot easier than soccer or basketball," he said. "I think it's much easier to have co-ed dodgeball than other sports."

Cunningham recently started an intramurals website, and she said she is hopeful that by increasing awareness on the program and including a link on the OWU webpage, she can help boost participation among students.

"I think it's important for students to come out for the different intramural programs because it's healthy, and it's also a good way to forget about school for a few hours," Curran said

Walking tall over Hiram in overtime



Photo by Ben Boynton

Seniors Kyle Holliday, Mitch Noggle, Kyle Miller and sophomore Andrew Martin proudly stroll down the court. The team traveled to Hiram Saturday and beat the Terriers, 70-62.

Hopes of clean MLB home run king gone with A-Rod report, admission

THOUGHTS

FROM THE
THIRD ROW

WITH DREW LENOX



No matter the venue, the ability to set and break records is seen as important. Both participants and observers understand the desire to be among the best and the importance of being number one.

While all kinds of interesting accomplishments can be found in the Guinness Book of World Records, the sports world is full of feats and statistics.

Things like points, assists and rebounds are calculated in basketball. Tackles, yards and turnovers are catalogued in football, and goals are recorded in both soccer and hockey.

But perhaps the sport that has the most historic record book, and which places the most stock in statistics, is baseball.

On a given day, a fan may hear that his or her favorite slugger always hits a home run when he faces a left-handed pitcher named Johnson on Thursdays in July and if there is a 27 percent chance of rain.

In Cooperstown, N.Y., one can find what is arguably the most prestigious Hall of Fame in professional sports, and baseball's heritage as the national pastime makes some of its records extremely important to the American public.

But in baseball today, many of the records and stat sheets are tainted because some of the names on these lists have been tied to anabolic steroids, Human Growth Hormone or other performance-enhancing drugs.

Pitching, hitting and stolen base statistics are constantly monitored and measured, but one of the most important records in sports is that of Major League Baseball's All-Time Home Run Record.

Home runs have always interested the American people. Examples can move from Babe Ruth's called shot, to the Mark McGwire-Sammy Sosa single season home run chase, to Josh Hamilton's extraordinary showing at last year's Home Run Derby.

The All-Time Home Run Record has rich

history in men like Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron but has recently been scarred by the alleged steroid use of Barry Bonds.

Many people were discouraged to see Bonds capture the record because they felt he was a cheater. These same people, however, could find some solace in what they knew about Alex Rodriguez.

They knew he was an overpaid player who almost always underachieves in the playoffs. They knew that while a lot of other players had been tied to steroids, A-Rod appeared to be clean.

The fans might not have liked the Yankees third baseman, but they could hold on to the feeling that this young, clean superstar would one day surpass the dirty Bonds at the top of the heap.

But once again, the baseball fans' faith in the stars of the game has been ruined. The report from *Sports Illustrated* came out last weekend that Rodriguez had tested positive in 2003.

What was A-Rod doing in 2003? Only winning the American League MVP. So, another baseball star has been accused of steroid use, and he could have responded in one of two ways.

He could have reacted like Bonds and Roger Clemens: deny it, and remain in legal trouble and scrutiny. Instead, he did what others have proved to be the better approach: he came clean.

Rodriguez admitted to using performance-enhancing drugs for three years but said he hasn't used it since. But he also told Katie Couric in December 2007 that he had never used any of these substances and had never even been tempted to do so.

Major League Baseball has the toughest policy on drug testing, but this policy has also hurt the sport, exposing numerous players as cheaters and liars while throwing suspicion on many others.

It is up to the public to decide how to respond to this news. They can choose to let it just go away like they did with Jason Giambi and Andy Pettitte when they admitted their mistakes.

But I hope at least the Hall of Fame voters remember when Alex Rodriguez, probably the All-Time Home Run leader, is up for a spot in Cooperstown and has more than just statistics in common with Roger Clemens, Mark McGwire and Barry Bonds.

OWU Coach's Corner

Martin brought up with Boston Celtics

By Colin Magruder
Transcript Reporter

Years at OWU: 32

Last Season: 18-5-1
Won NCAC Tournament and reached NCAA Division III Playoffs

Career Record: 548-106-45

Graduate of: Springfield College '71

Other degrees:
Earned his M. A. and Ph. D. degrees from Ohio State

Prior to OWU:
-Served as two sport assistant at OSU
-Director of sport at the Munich, Germany YMCA
-Athletics Director at the American International School at Dusseldorf

Favorite Pro-Soccer Team:
Bayern Munich

Hometown: Hingham, MA

Favorite Food: Italian

Best Vacation:
"I took my family to Portugal for the European Soccer Championship in 2004. We saw the quarterfinals, both semi-finals and the final."



Jay Martin
Head Coach: Soccer

Favorite part of OWU:
The students

Previous OWU responsibilities:
-Lacrosse Coach
-Coach Martin had an eight-year record of 104-34
-Athletic Director from 1985-2004

Ohio Wesleyan soccer holds NCAA Division III records for playoff appearances (30) and playoff victories (49)

Springfield College playing career:
Lettered in both soccer and lacrosse

Seventh college coach to reach 500 wins. None of the coaches that preceded him did it in a shorter amount of time (Martin is in his 29th season at OWU).

While in Germany:
-Played pro basketball
-Was on the staff of the Volleyball Pavilion at 1972 Olympics
-Played soccer for the Kaiserwerth Club

Draws inspiration from:
Celtics Coach Red Auerbach
"I like his philosophy of the team concept, the importance of the sixth man and that you do not count stats during games."

NCAA Division III Results:
29 Tournament Appearances, Runner Up in 1990 and 1992, National Champions in 1998

NCAA Midwest Region Coach of the Year: 13 times

NSCAA National Coach of the Year: 1991 and 1998

Winning % in 1980s: .815

Winning % in 1990s: .825

Outside OWU:
Served term as President of NSCAA, spent six years on NCAA Division III Selection Committee and four as chair, Color analyst for Columbus Crew for nine seasons, Editor of NSCAA's *The Soccer Journal* - took over in Jan. 2003