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The amount of food wasted at Smith Dining Hall last week. The previous week's total was 581 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.

Water main break

By Chelsie Pacha
Transcript Reporter

On Friday, Feb. 6, a water main break on Park Ave. behind Beeghly Library left students in Bashford and Thomson Halls high and dry.

Water was shut off that afternoon, and was not restored until 8 or 9 p.m. that evening. Afterward, a boil alert was put into effect until Wednesday morning. All students living in Thomson and Bashford were advised that water was safe for washing clothes or cleaning dishes, but should be boiled before drinking.

Junior Jeffrey Thongsawath, an R.A. in Bashford, said residents and all students were contacted by e-mail about the water main break.

The water main break disrupted the daily routines and activities of students, forcing many to go to friends' dorms or off-campus houses to clean themselves, or to forgo drinking and cleaning.

Freshman Alexis Reid said she found the situation to be an educational experience.

"The whole incident made me think more about what it would be like to live somewhere without readily available drinking water, which was interesting," said Reid.

WCSA Update

From Feb. 16 meeting

- The results of the non-binding referendum were out of 25% of the student body that voted. Students voted 76.9% in favor of funding The Bike Movement (TBM), 55.9% voted against increasing the price of parking permits and 72.9% voted to fund STI prevention and education.

- All at-large members of WCSA were approved.

- CPB requested \$5,355 to bring Florez to campus to perform during Relay for Life. In a vote of 16 to 12, WCSA decided to give \$0 to CPB to bring Florez to campus.

- WCSA voted to give \$750 for students to attend a marketing conference in Chicago. The proposal passed 19 to 9.

- The Women's House (WOHO) requested funding to bring Vinnie Angel to speak to the campus. WCSA voted to give WOHO \$0 for that event. The vote passed 14 to 10, with three members not voting.

OWU receives recognition for service

By Caitlin Goodman
Transcript Reporter

For its civic engagement and community service, Ohio Wesleyan was honored with the President's Honor Roll award the week of Feb. 9.

This award was described on the university website as the "highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement."

Launched two years ago, the award has already recognized many well-known institutions nationwide that support or are involved with their

community.

President Rock Jones said this award is truly an honor for OWU, and will only help its reputation.

"This award will enhance the reputation of OWU as a place that values community service and civic engagement, and that encourages students to connect theory and practice by active participation in volunteer experiences," Jones said.

Although the award is nationally acclaimed, most students needed to be told in detail what it meant. After informing students about the award, many were shocked at its significance.

"OWU has definitely grown to a

different level that I never expected it to reach, even as I applied to come here," sophomore Julia Coleman said.

Jones said he believes that many new students will become interested in OWU in the future, because the school is working toward paying more attention to volunteer service as a part of the college selection and admission process.

"This will have a very positive impact on our student recruitment efforts, including applications for admission," Jones said.

Students said they believe that many more prospective students will appreciate this award as something

to be proud of when applying to a college, and it might even draw them to a school like OWU.

"Community services, along with a good community environment, were a few of the things that I looked for when I applied to colleges," freshman Mimi Anthony said.

"I think that this award might help in that process for future students."

OWU has grown with its reputation, and the President's Honor Roll award emphasizes this even more.

"This recognition confirms for students that Ohio Wesleyan University is a leader in these efforts," Jones said.

Happy new year...



Photo by Sara Mays

A dancer from Sunday's Chinese New Year Celebration brings in the year 4707 on the Chinese calendar - the year of the ox. The celebration was the first of many events of China Week

Graduating Trustee post to be declared at midnight

By Lucas Bezerra
Transcript Correspondent

Graduating seniors Emily Steger and Ryan Jordan are in the midst of a run-off election for the Class of 2009 Graduating Trustee. The event is a 48-hour online voting process on J/CX that began yesterday and ends tonight.

Steger, a journalism and sociology double-major, is a participant in a wide variety of campus activities, such as the Delta Delta Delta sorority and the women's soccer team. She was also a former news editor for *The Transcript*. She volunteers at Linden Elementary School through the Columbus Initiative and holds an internship at the Delaware Area Chamber of Commerce.

Steger said she was motivated to represent her class after seeing the importance of maintaining good relations with young alumni through her work in the alumni office.

"I want to represent my beliefs on what will make Ohio Wesleyan University a better place, and will be able to do so through being a full body member on the Board of Trustees," Steger said.

Jordan has worked in the alumni office since his freshman year and said he's always seen value in the representation and importance of alumni. An economics management and Spanish double-major, Jordan is also an active member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

Jordan said he sees the position as a way to "honor the experience that OWU has given him."

After graduation, both Steger and Jordan wish to take at least one year off before entering post-graduate studies, and neither sees a conflict in holding the position of a young trustee.

OWU is one of very few institutions to involve young alumni in such a process. It has been an OWU tradition since 1970. In



Emily Steger



Ryan Jordan

order to become a candidate for the graduating trustee position, each individual must get 10 percent of the senior class to sign a petition for their candidacy. Upon election, the graduate trustee is to serve on the Board of Trustees for three years and participate in two committees on the board.

The current young alumni trustee members are Marie Rymut, '07, and Katie Jones, '08.

If elected, Steger said she would like to participate in the budgetary aspect of the board's dealings and ensure that "wonderful professors continue to be hired."

Jordan said he would like to be a part of the university relations committee that focuses on the recruitment and fundraising aspect of the board.

Both candidates had kind words for the other.

"Ryan Jordan works extremely hard and has a lot of determination," Steger said.

"[Emily Steger] has the motivation and desire to help advance the interests of OWU," Jordan said.

Students are eligible to vote if they are graduating on time as a member of the class of 2009. Voting will take place on the J/CX Student Access Tool on the OWU website, and began at 12 a.m. Wednesday and ends at 12 a.m. Friday morning.

Former SAE members still disappointed over housing

By Haleigh Rohr
Transcript Correspondent

It's been over a year since the closure of their chapter and house, but some members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) remain displeased with the decisions of the university and their national office.

In January 2008, the living quarters of SAE were closed by Interim Dean of Students Donald Oman, the Residential Life Office and other university administrators due to excessive damage and destruction to the house, according to Allison Bressler, assistant director of student involvement for Greek life.

At that point, the chapter still remained intact. The basement and first floor, as well as the kitchen, were intended to remain open so members could still convene as a fraternity. However, SAE's House Corporation decided that with less than 10 active members, there wasn't enough room and board money to keep the house open, Bressler said.

After a series of meetings with active SAE members, alumni and university officials, as well as an assessment by SAE's national office, Bressler said no single party would take responsibility for the damage inflicted on the physical structure of the house.

In April 2008, according to Bressler, the fraternity's national office decided the members weren't living up to fraternity values, and the chapter was closed by the national organization and alumni association.

Senior Rob Zeko, former member of SAE, said he still feels frustrated.

"[The university] had a vision to kick SAE off campus for years because the cleanliness of the house was not up to par. I don't understand what they mean, because all the residential buildings on campus look like absolute shit," Zeko said.

Junior Devin Harrigan, another former SAE, said he shares Zeko's feelings.

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"[The university] thought it was necessary to remove us from campus, I guess because of what was considered irreversible damage to our reputation caused by graduated members of SAE," Harrigan said.

In Harrigan's opinion, SAE was destined to fail at OWU.

"In retrospect, there was nothing we could have done, and all attempts we made to make changes in SAE were all made in vain," he said. "Despite all the talk about the 'fresh blood' of my pledge class and the 'new beginning' we could bring to SAE, the administration was just waiting for an excuse to close us down."

The opportunity for SAE may be available in the future, said Bressler, but she added that sometimes a lingering stigma needs to dissipate before a fraternity can be encouraged to rejoin campus.

"We do like to cycle out the stereotype; we don't want [SAE] to start colonizing again with negative stereotypes," Bressler said, alluding to damaging stereotypes about drug use and cleanliness.

Harrigan said he doesn't think SAE will ever come back to OWU.

"The only person that could possibly make SAE return here would be Evan Corns, SAE's controlling alum," Harrigan said.

He said there are two problems that arise with SAE's potential return to campus.

"There won't be anyone to recruit new men to join SAE, and, more importantly, there is no way to pass on the unspoken traditions and customs of SAE, and the old stories that made the house great."

"So for all intensive purposes, SAE as we all knew it will never be back at OWU."

Bressler said that if an attempt was made to return, SAE alumni - from any chapter - and ambassadors from the national office would aid in recruiting.

There has been no concrete decision made for the future of SAE's former residence, or for the other two fraternity houses that remain unoccupied. One of the houses, Fiji, was closed just a month after SAE.

Bressler said the Greek Life Study Group, the Residential Life Task Force and the Board of Trustees have been working together to figure out the best means for housing, as well as how to create the best relationship with Greek life and the OWU community at large.

In the meantime, the SAE, Fiji and ATO houses have been approved for renovation and will act as temporary residences for the other fraternities while their house are renovated under plans outlined by the Greek Life Study Group.

Even with all the upset feelings and new housing arrangements, Zeko, Harrigan and junior Patrick Williams, also a former member of SAE, said the brothers have kept a close bond with one another.

"We all still see one another all the time, and I will always think of the other men as my brothers," said Williams.

"Everyone misses living in SAE; you had all your best friends right next door to you, and now everyone is separated by the off-campus living situation," Zeko said. "However, we are all very well connected and have managed to stay close throughout the loss of our house. SAE will live on."



Colorful roses celebrate service

Above: Juniors Sarah Marous and Kimberly Darren, both members of Kappa Phi, discuss a possible sale with freshman Marissa Hassee. Kappa Phi's roses made from duct tape sold out early last week.

Right: A bouquet of the duct tape roses sold by Kappa Phi in Ham-Will. The flowers sold for \$1 or one food point for one flower, or \$5 or five food points for a dozen. The money raised went directly to the club, while the food points raised were used to support the group's alumnae luncheon that took place last Sunday. Kappa Phi is a Christian women's service organization that participates in various service projects in the community and on campus.

Photos by Shafalika Jackson



Student organizations cash in on lucrative holiday for fundraising

By Kyle Sjarif
Transcript Reporter

OWU students managed to support mission trip fundraisers and impress significant others by purchasing socially responsible treats for Valentine's Day.

All week in Ham-Will, several campus organizations took advantage of Valentine's Day to raise funds. Gifts included cards, duct tape flowers, fair trade flowers and colorful soda cans.

The Florida Mission Trip worked with fair trade producer Global Village to supply students with fair trade flowers that support Columbian farmers with fair pay and equal rights while raising money for the group's spring break trip. Ten percent of the proceeds helped farmers with health and education.

Sophomore Diego Ezeta said he was especially appreciative of the efforts shown to support fair trade.

"Being from Peru, I know the working conditions aren't always the best in agriculture," Ezeta said.

"It's great that these mission trips are being socially responsible."

The Chicago Mission Trip raised funds by making Valentine's cards. Ready-made cards cost \$2, or students could construct their own for \$1.

Mission trip representative Lara Kobelt, a senior, said she was thankful many faculty and staff members, as well as students, supported the fundraising efforts.

She said she was impressed by the creativity and variety of the efforts, such as the duct tape

flowers made by Kappa Phi and the Florida Mission Trip's work with Global Village.

"I think support for student fundraising efforts in general was evenly distributed amongst the different causes," said Kobelt. Kobelt also said she was pleased to spend more time with her mission trip team members.

"Making Valentine's Day cards was a fun way for the members of our mission trip to get to know each other a little better, so it served as a bonding activity as well as a fundraising activity," she said.

Other organizations, including the Benedictine Mission Trip and Delta Gamma sorority, also got into the spirit of Valentine's Day by selling their own unique gifts.

The Benedictine Mission Trip sold fair trade chocolates and coffee aimed at promoting fair wages while Delta Gamma sold three different color-coded Crush cans: red for loved ones, purple for a crush and orange for friends.

Sophomore Jonathan Steward, fundraising chair for Habitat for Humanity, said he believed the efforts of the mission trip groups were ingenious because they combined personal fundraising efforts with promoting a strong cause.

"Combining efforts with Global Village really shows how strongly the groups on campus are dedicated to community service, and I think it helped attract more people to purchase the goods," said Steward.

"It's just great to see the OWU community be so socially responsible and active."



INCIDENT REPORT Feb. 8 - Feb. 15

• On Feb. 8 at about 6:30 a.m., Public Safety was called to Welch Hall in response to exit signs found damaged in the lobby area and at the north exit doors.

• On Feb. 8 at approximately 11:30 p.m., the cover to an outdoor security light was found broken at the Willa B. Player Center near Stuyvesant Hall.

• On Feb. 8 during a registered social event, a resident in Stuyvesant Hall was found carrying a large amount of alcohol in his book bag and was referred to student judicial for underage possession of alcohol and illegal possession of a controlled substance. The Delaware Police were also contacted to further investigate these charges.

• On Feb. 8, a resident assistant reported the glass cover to a fire alarm manual pull-station broken near the northeast stairwell in Smith Hall.

• On Feb. 8, a member of Sigma Chi and a student living in Welch Hall were both referred to student judicial for underage possession/consumption of alcohol while attending a social event sponsored by the fraternity.

• On Feb. 8, during a social event at the Sigma Chi fraternity,

two students were overheard having a heated argument and a physical confrontation was witnessed by a Public Safety Officer. One student, a resident in Hayes Hall, was referred to student judicial for disorderly conduct.

• On Feb. 14, a student living in Thomson Hall reported her bicycle missing and believed stolen. The bike was last seen on Feb. 13 and was reported locked and secured to the bike rack between Bashford and Thomson halls.

• On Feb. 15, a Smith Hall resident reported his laptop computer damaged and rendered useless by his roommate. Because the damage was later found to be accidental, an agreement between the roommates was reached to replace the computer, and the matter was resolved.

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Soul cinema director tells 'baadasssss' tale

Melvin Van Peebles, writer, director and star of 'Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song,' talks in an open forum to students at Wright State University

By Kimberly St. Louis
Transcript Reporter

Three OWU students and an adviser were able to join the students and faculty of Wright State University (WSU) in an open dialogue with film trailblazer, director, producer, editor, composer, actor and OWU alumnus Melvin Van Peebles, '53.

Van Peebles was featured in WSU's Fifth Annual Kumba (Swahili for "creativity") Festival: "From Reels to Stills, Capturing Culture," sponsored by WSU's Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center. The event took place on Feb. 10 in WSU's student union.

During an afternoon Actor's Studio Segment, there was an open dialogue in which Van Peebles discussed some of his early films: his celebrated French Film "La Permission" (Story of a Three Day Pass) (1967), "Watermelon Man" (1970) and "Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song" (1971) - his ground-breaking independent film.

The discussion was led by Stuart McDowell, professor and chair of the Department of Theater Arts, Dance and Motion Pictures at WSU. He was joined by two students, Mychal Fox, a motion picture major, and Ralph Davis, Jr., an African-American studies major.

After graduating from

OWU in 1953 -- one year before Brown v. Board of Education -- with a bachelor of arts degree in English literature, Van Peebles heard of the Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) and thought that it would be a good way to get scholarships to pay for college.

He served three and a half years in the Air Force as a navigator/bombardier and was the only African-American in his squad.

During his service in 1955, he met Maria Marx, his future wife and the mother of his children, Megan and Mario.

After leaving the service, Van Peebles moved to Mexico before eventually moving back to the United States. In San Francisco, he held jobs as a postal worker and a cable-car grip man.

During his time as a cable car operator, he created a photography book, "The Big Heart" (1957). Van Peebles said someone who saw his book told him it should be a movie, and that's when he turned to directing.

After being denied opportunities in Hollywood, Van Peebles was able to use his GI Bill and his name, "Van Peebles," to move himself and his family to Holland in 1959.

He is fluent in French and Dutch today, but at the time, he didn't know the language. He pursued his Ph.D. in cele-

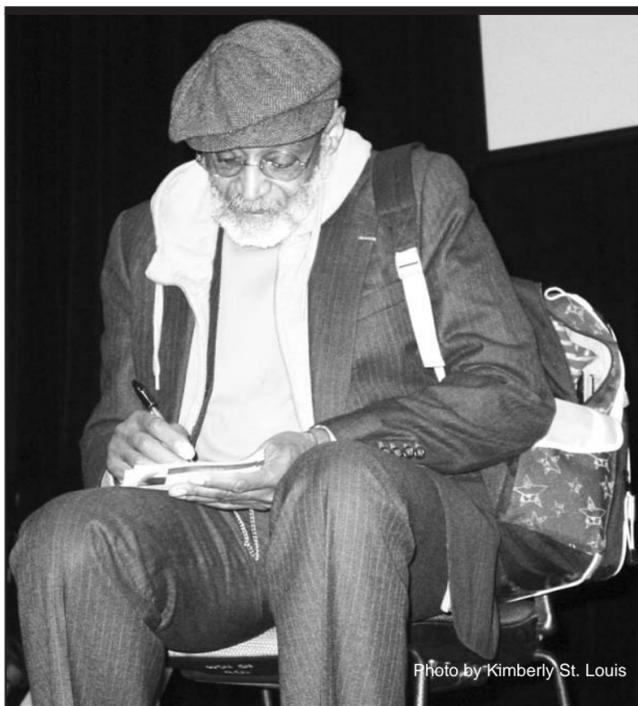


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"I thought that it was time to make a real movie. Reality is not what they show you on the evening news."

Melvin Van Peebles, filmmaker and 1953 OWU alumnus on his movie 'Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song,' the story of a black man on the run after having beat up two police officers in retaliation for their beating of another black man. Van Peebles (left), shown autographing a student's program, discussed his background and film history at Wright State University's Fifth Annual Kumba Festival: 'From Reels to Stills.'

tial mechanics at the University of Amsterdam.

Van Peebles and his wife later divorced, and he received an invitation to go to Paris. He said he went to France with "three cans of film and two wet cheeks." Being in France gave him the opportunity to figure his life out, he said.

While in Paris, he wrote five novels, one of which became the basis for "La Permission."

He entered his film in the 1967 San Francisco Film Festival and received recognition from Hollywood studios.

He used his salary from "Watermelon Man," which he shot in 21 days, to fund

"Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song."

"I thought that it was time to make a real movie," Van Peebles said. "Reality is not what they show you on the evening news."

For "Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song," he had to "put it in a form that was cinematically enticing without giving into all the stereotypes." The film was required viewing for the Black Panther Party, Van Peebles said.

Van Peebles founded the Melvin Van Peebles Foundation, whose mission is "to provide educational assistance for economically disadvantaged youth in the areas of hard sci-

ence and business."

His most recent film, "Confessions of a Ex-Doofus-ItchyFooted Mutha," came out last year.

Terree Stevenson, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs at OWU, said it was a good event and that Van Peebles was "down-to-earth, very nice and energetic."

She said she's heard a lot of good things about him since she was a child, and was happy to meet him face-to-face. She also said she felt the message was to "follow your dreams, follow your passion Don't let anybody tell you what you can and can't do."

Sophomore Malika Bryant

said he was interesting, and her favorite part was when he went through his life story.

"He was very down-to-earth ... a regular guy who followed his dreams," Bryant said.

Sophomore Sharlene Honeywood said she enjoyed his presentation, and that even though he was a famous trailblazer, he was approachable.

"He had been through a lot and could have quit in several stages of his life, but he continued," Honeywood said.

And how does Van Peebles summarize his own message?

"Analyze very carefully what your talent is and push ... just keep on pushing," Van Peebles said.

Sippel Farms teaches sustainability

By Tori Morris
Transcript Correspondent

The one thing that ties everyone together is the need to eat, Ben Sippel advised students last Thursday in the Phillips Hall Auditorium.

Sippel graduated from OWU in 2002 with degrees in environmental studies and geography. At age 23, he began an organic and sustainable farm with his wife, Lisa, in Mount Gilead. Only 45 minutes north of Columbus, the farm provides a local source of food to many residents of the area.

"When we began talking about the National Colloquium this year, Ben's name was one of the first to be brought up," said Paula Travis, office manager at OWU.

The Sippel family has farmed on 77 acres in Mount Gilead for six years. Produce is grown on 25 acres of the farm and includes lettuce, greens, brassicas, root vegetables, storage crops, summer crops and herbs. Cattle and pigs are also raised.

The use of greenhouses, cover crops and plastic with summer crops allows produce to be efficiently grown on the farm.

The farm is involved in Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), which allows consumers to reconnect with the source of their food by buying shares of harvest ahead of time, directly from the farmer.

Sippel said sustainability is central to his farm.

"We wanted to create a farm that is sustainable economically, socially and ecologically," he said. "Working on a CSA farm means that our products are high in nutrition and flavor. Also, the money is kept within the local economy.

"By eliminating the middlemen, more money is given to the farmer. This can get more people into the business of farming."

However, Sippel said, farming is not always easy. Many unexpected factors can result in failure to yield crops.

"Each year, I sit down with many prospective farmers," Sippel said. "I tell them, if they can't make it work on paper, in reality, it's never going to work."

In addition, weather and precipitation can change the yield each year and have a great impact on the farmers' success.

"Mother nature is just too cruel," Sippel said. "If I don't

plan for the worst-case scenario, then we're going to have problems."

The unpredictable nature of farming, let alone growing locally and using sustainable principles, takes much time and effort, said Sippel.

"Less than one percent of the American population is described as farmers," Sippel said. "It's a career, not a lifestyle. You've got to be committed to do it."

In order to make a difference, members of the community must make it their priority to buy local, said Sippel. However, an issue is raised when, on college campuses, students obtain their food from large companies.

"I think buying local is a great idea for after I graduate," senior Rebecca Deatsman said. "It's hard, however, to buy local as a college student with food points. Also, (local) choices are limited."

While quantity poses a problem for buying local on large college campuses, Sippel said he hopes to provide students with education on buying local that they can take with them outside of the campus community.

"We need some new blood," he said.

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Nye's 'powers' to lead

By Sarah Shkoukani
Transcript Reporter

As part of the 20th anniversary of the John Kennard Eddy Memorial Lecture on World Politics, one of America's foremost scholars and advisers on international politics, Joseph Nye Jr., Ph.D., discussed his most recent book, "The Powers to Lead," in the Benes Room on Feb. 11.

Nye is most famous for coining the term "soft power," using it to describe a nation's ability to appeal and influence through its culture, political ideals and policies.

At the beginning of his lecture, Nye said power is the ability to influence, using threats, carrots or inspiration. He described two types of power: soft power and hard power. According to Nye, a combination of the two effectively results in smart power.

"Soft power" is a term that many don't understand, especially in the United States," Nye said. "At a conference, former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld was asked what he thought of the term, and he simply replied he didn't understand it. Soft power has been and is being used more frequently amongst other countries. However, we [the USA] don't like the notion of soft power simply because we consider our power to be 'macho,' never 'soft'."

Nye argued there is not a single dimension of power but actually three, and they affect the military, economic relationships and transnational relations.

"The first is emotional intelligence, which is

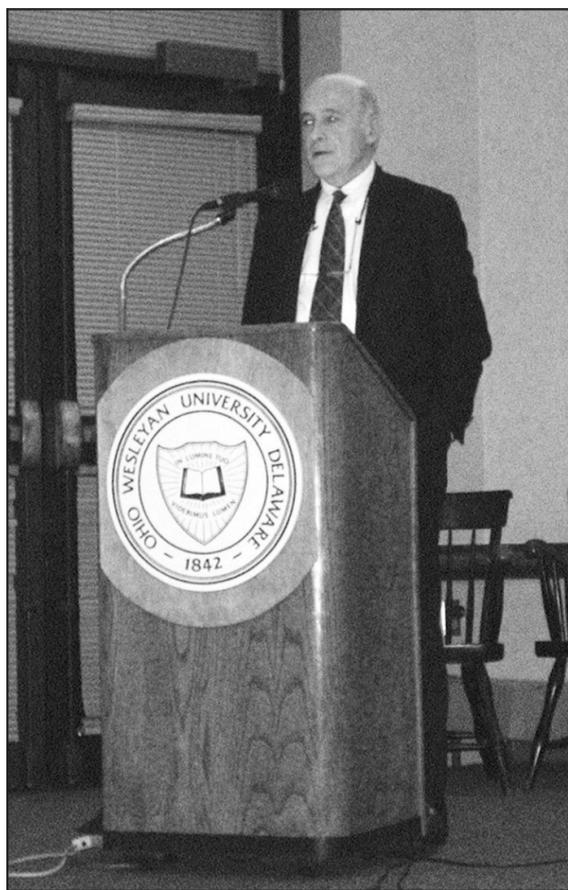


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Joseph Nye, Jr., the John Kennard Eddy Memorial Lecturer.

understanding yourself and how you are seen by others," he said. "The second is a powerful, realistic vision of the future. Thirdly is the ability to effectively communicate, both verbally and non-verbally."

Nye used the example of Richard Nixon, a man who had a high IQ but little emotional intelligence – one of the main reasons for his failure as president, he said.

For effective

communication, Nye described Mahatma Gandhi as one of the most influential non-verbal communicators.

"He was a terrible speaker, nothing compared to Martin Luther King. However, through the building of tension, he became a superb communicator," Nye said.

"T.E. Lawrence is one of the prime examples of being an effective communicator, both verbally and non-verbally."

In contrast, Nye said hard power has two attributes.

"The first is the organizational ability to manage information flow, and secondly is Machiavellian political skills, which simply means 'bullies with a vision'," Nye said.

Nye then added that combining hard and soft power is the most effective form of leadership because that will produce what he calls "smart power."

"The main attribute of smart power is textual intelligence," Nye said. "This is the knowledge of how to use your resources efficiently and effectively. It is also the ability to understand culture and the need of followers."

For a leader to be successful, Nye presented the Big Man Theory of Leadership, arguing that just as male monkeys, chimps or apes automatically assume responsibility over a community after attaining the dominant status of "the big man," human rulers do so as well.

"Sociobiology on leadership can only come so far," he said. "Therefore, there are specific traits we look for in a leader. We see them being more energetic, more optimistic, more persuasive, more empathetic than others and willing to take more risks."

Nye explained leaders must understand the 'paradox of American power'.

"The good news is that we are getting to talking about power," Nye said. "Until we get over the idea of power as 'macho,' we need to find textual intelligence, a combination of soft and hard power producing smart power."

Ob/Gyn 'demystifies' herself

By Brittany Stojasvjevic
Transcript Correspondent

"Demystifying the Gynecologist," an annual event providing female students with an open discussion about their bodies or their first trip to the gynecologist, was held in the Bayley Room on Feb. 10.

The primary speakers were Marsha Tilden, director of Student Health Services, and Lucia Jenkusky of the Central Ohio Ob/Gyn. Topics discussed ranged from forms of birth control to understanding the Gardasil shot.

"It provided a more open, comfortable format," said junior Amber Cole, moderator of the Women's House and a member of the Student Assistantship Program for the Women's Resource Center.

"Every woman has to have the experience of going to the gynecologist, so it's helpful to know what to expect."

An open environment was a key part of the event, said senior Katherine Atkinson, a student intern for the Women's Resource Center.

"It allows people an environment where they know it's okay to ask questions about their health," Atkinson said.

"They have very knowledgeable professionals and a comfortable environment to learn from."

Sophomore Morgan Payne, a member of the Women's House, said she found the discussion-based format of the program beneficial and personable.

"I'm often inspired by others' questions, and I won't

always consider engaging in that close, personal contact and discussion with a doctor unless an opportunity like this one presents itself," Payne said.

"Usually, the group format encourages me to find out more on my own."

Tilden said she has been part of the "Demystifying the Gynecologist" program for the past six years.

She said she has found the program to be important because it allows students to participate in a comfortable setting and enables her to make sure the needs of students are being met.

This was the first year Jenkusky participated.

Atkinson said Jenkusky attended because it helped to strengthen the relationship with the Delaware community. Jenkusky was able to speak about some things that are not offered in the Student Health Center, such as certain types of birth control, Atkinson said.

Payne said she found the program to be supportive, since women's health, in addition to menstruation, isn't always a common topic.

However, the group treated all topics with ease.

"It's encouraging to hear that other women have the same questions you do, especially with the good humor and laughter we enjoyed over it all," Payne said.

"I appreciated the insight on how other women were feeling about their bodies. It was good to be in a place where we could talk about some of the oddities of our bodies and be comfortable."

Economy, Washington under green invasion

By Ross McHale
Transcript Correspondent

On Feb. 27, 16 OWU students will be among thousands of attendees in Washington, D.C., for Power Shift, a week-long series of speeches, demonstrations and events focused on improving the economy through climate and clean energy initiatives.

Sophomore Anna Culver, a Tree House resident, spearheaded the trip.

"It's going to be an amazing weekend," Culver said. "It's the largest conference concerning climate change that has ever been held."

The goal is to have 10,000 students from all over the country. It's great because it's going to be mostly made up of students, who really are the voice of our generation."

Culver said the event will focus primarily on addressing economic stability through climate change initiatives and environmental justice – the notion that people who are most negatively impacted by the climate are those with the least power in society.

Van Jones, author of "The Green Collar Economy," will head a list of speakers, which also includes Speaker of The House Nancy Pelosi. Other guests include the rock band The Roots.

Culver, who received funding from WCSA and fundraising events for the trip, said she's seen a lot of interest in the event on campus.

"It's definitely clear that this is something they are passionate about," she said.

Sophomore Kate Ball said she will also make the trip.

"I feel it's going to be a monumental event that will definitely make a statement," she said.

However, freshman Alexis Reid said she decided against attending the event.

"I went online and checked it out, and I didn't think there

"Environmental justice affects us as a society, but, hopefully it can also affect people on a personal level."

-- sophomore
Anna Culver

would be much in it for me," she said. "I also didn't want to pay the \$40 fee."

Culver said he trip ties into the Tree House's mission.

"We are focused on environmental and social justice issues, and Power Shift is where those ideals intertwine," she said. "It's really all about inspiring the youth to create solutions to climate issues."

Power Shift was last held in 2007, and may become an annual event in the future. With a new administration in the White House, Culver said the timing of the event couldn't be better.

"It's about holding politicians accountable for environmental issues," she said.

Culver stressed that Power Shift is not a partisan or political event.

"Environmental justice affects everyone," she said. "This is personal for me, because environmental justice has always been my main issue. It affects us as a society, but, hopefully, it can also affect people on a personal level."

Students attending the conference will be able to bring what they learn to campus. It is their hope that they can further the local sustainability movement.

"Participation in Powershift offers students an invaluable chance to exchange ideas on eco-friendly campus living and for them to network with other student environmental organizations," Tree House faculty adviser Jed Burt said.

OWU mission teams FUNdraising

By Samantha Beany
Transcript Reporter

TEAM 1: Florida/Anclote River Islands Restoration Team

Team Leader: Junior Matthew Jordan
Team Size: 11, plus two faculty advisors
Destination: Pinellas County, Fla.
Mission: To remove invasive plant species on islands in the region, restore native plants, remove trash and learn about local issues and invasive plants.
Leader Thoughts: "I think it's great to have an environmentally-focused group as part of mission week," Jordan said. "Our team is fairly diverse with four international students, which bring a great perspective to our group."

TEAM 2: Chicago Urban Poverty Project

Team Leader: Junior Betsy Chapman
Team Size: 13, plus two faculty advisors
Destination: Chicago, Ill.
Mission: Focuses on urban poverty, where the team will serve meals at a homeless restaurant, spend time with underprivileged children and pass out sack lunches.
Team Leader Thoughts: "Our goals are to try and gain more understanding of urban poverty in America and find out what's being done to help those who need it," said Chapman. "Our team is mostly international, so we are gaining knowledge about poverty from many different perspectives."

TEAM 3: Re-New Orleans: Hurricane Katrina Relief

Team Leader: Senior Tory Lee
Team Size: 15, plus two faculty advisors
Destination: New Orleans, La. - Lower 9th Ward
Mission: To build houses with the Episcopal Dioceses of Louisiana.
Team Leader Thoughts: "Our goal is to learn as much as we can about the effects of Hurricane Katrina and the current situation, both socially and politically," Lee said.
Team Member Thoughts: "I participated in the New Orleans trip last year," said senior Greg Lewis. "Knowing we are only going to be down there for a week, it's obvious we are not going to finish the project. I think the idea of going on mission trips is to realize that it is an ongoing process, and your work is never done."

TEAM 4: Sisters of Charity Team

Team Leader: Junior Kate Kriegel
Team Size: 7, plus three faculty advisors
Destination: Rome, Italy
Mission: Working in a men's shelter run by the Sisters of Charity (Mother Theresa's order), plus mini-pilgrimages to over 19 different places and a papal audience.
Team Member Thoughts: "I hope that we, as a team, can serve the [nuns] community by lightening the sisters' load a bit and also by bringing our own joy and compassion to their lives," junior Kayla Mravec said. "I look forward to the quiet and unplanned moments where I can just embrace the true essence of being in Rome."



Photo by Sara Mays

Freshman Jamie Hamilton and junior Kathryn Seevers help themselves to burritos in support the Border Servant mission team.

TEAM 5: Women in Community Team

Team Leader: Junior Laura Weichel
Team Size: 6, plus two faculty advisors
Destination: Erie, Pa. - Benedictine Community
Mission: Serve alongside the sisters at the Benedictine monastery in their community ministries at places like the inner-city Art House for kids, Sr. Gus' Café – a soup kitchen for kids – and the House of Healing, an alternative sentencing program for non-violent women offenders with children and other programs.
Faculty Advisor Thoughts: "The monastery in Erie is a place where social justice hangs in the air," said Kelly Adamson, the associate chaplain for mission and vocation.
"It is in the prayers, it is in the conversation at dinner and over cleaning dishes. It is what is sought in their ministries and what is worked for in their free time."

TEAM 6: Catholic Worker Movement Team

Team Leader: Senior Ariel Haytas
Team Size: 7
Destination: Hartford, Conn.
Mission: To work at a Catholic Worker house in the inner city in a day-to-day mission atmosphere that includes after-school programs and weekend activities.
Team Leader Thoughts: "The Catholic Workers Movement is about social justice," Haytas said. "It helps all people, whatever their situation."
Team Member Thoughts: Sophomore Stephanie Litterski said, "People seem to forget that there are problems here. You need to fix things here."
"I'm excited to understand how people live in poverty and why," said freshman Kate Raulin.

Coming next week: Appalachia Service Project, Love and Hope Ministries, Christian Children's Fund, Building and Rebuilding and Border Servant Corps.

Opinion

Quote of the Week: "I have learned the hard way that one cannot expect anyone to learn anything except the hard way"
 -- Michael Azerrad, published writer in Spin, Rolling Stone, The New York Times, The New Yorker



Spring training for a new WCSA

It is very important that WCSA treads carefully the waters of the remaining semester, for the reputation of our student government and any hope to remedy student apathy hang in the balance.

Several unfortunate events have plagued the success and repute of WCSA in recent months, most notably the generous allocation of money last semester from the Student Activity Fee, which has crippled the abilities of current WCSA Treasurer Megan Evans to properly fund student groups. Also, the unorthodox election of President Usman Javaid and Vice President Kyle Herman, as well as the default election of 12 new "representatives," do little to instill student confidence in WCSA, let alone the feeling of a representative student government.

To actualize its potential as a representative and participatory internal government for the future, WCSA should mind the following.

Regarding the remaining Student Activity Fee (SAF): As of last Thursday, WCSA reported a remaining total of \$42,000 in the SAF. To evade the headache and squabbling that will certainly ensue if WCSA intends to equally underfund student-sponsored activities this semester, an emergency funding process should be implemented.

Emergency funding would work similar to the spring funding process, but it would be mandatory for any recognized student group seeking funding for second semester events. Instead of underfunding every event until the end of the semester, WCSA – as a full body in communication with students – would only fully fund events that in recent years have consistently drawn and impacted the greatest number of students.

This means funding for The Bike Movement and free STI testing – two programs that, based on principle and their popularity in recent WCSA referendums, deserve full funding and execution – should be held until spring funding. Despite the lack of funds, it wouldn't behoove WCSA to jump into the proverbial "deep end" on health and environmental reform without proper funding and student confidence.

They might also consider limiting the amount of funds that can be allocated each semester to prevent similar circumstances in the future.

The benefit of this emergency funding process is two-fold. It would first liquidate the unfortunate funding situation, allowing WCSA to complete the government's transition that began last semester. Secondly, it would be a test of judgment for the new administration and "representatives," one that, if they succeed, could bolster student confidence in WCSA.

It would be deplorable if this budgetary situation arose due to a lack of oversight by WCSA advisors, university administrators or, more disappointing, elected WCSA officials.

Regarding the election of the current administration and "representatives": You certainly have your work cut out for you. Your willingness to shoulder the responsibilities of your student government is becoming of your collective character. Do remember that you enter your positions at a malleable moment in WCSA history, and that your actions can dictate future success.

For those inexperienced in WCSA: do not be anxious. Allow yourselves time to grow accustomed to the processes and mission of WCSA as outlined in its constitution: "[to] be attentive to the general safety and security of the student body and University property." You are responsible for the needs and concerns of the students, not solely your own. With that said, the recent non-binding referendums were great measures of student opinion and that action should be commended and repeated often.

To the "representatives" specifically: You may have wondered why your title has appeared in quotations throughout this editorial. It is because you achieved your positions by default, without elections and majority support of a voting student body. It's especially important you don't forget this.

This is not meant to discredit your supporters who didn't have an opportunity to vote for you; rather, it is a reminder that your views and opinions may or may not be shared by the majority of students. Strong communication with a diverse group of your "constituents" is also advised before casting votes on major issues. Be sure to look at recent referendum results to gauge student opinion.

Finally, to the students: WCSA's current situation is the amalgamation of questionable policy and student apathy. Remember that a representative government requires participation on all fronts. Present formal concerns to your "representatives," attend WCSA meetings in Corns 312 on Mondays at noon and/or write a letter to the editor instead of letting your opinions echo in the ears of your roommates, friends and parents. This government is for you.

Here's to continued communication and transparency.



Limited western vision for transition amplifies Eastern European struggles

By Alexandra Panait
 Transcript Columnist

Democracy, a New Beginning, NATO, the European Union and Change are all concepts aimed at describing Eastern Europe, particularly its ever-present transition 20 years after the communist demise. However, a strong redesign of the Balkan political and geographical arena was not included in the West's vision.

This was indicated by the harsh assessment of slow reforms and widespread corruption as a result of the limitation of the EU funds for Bulgaria, the newly-entered member in 2007. Rather than being imposed, reforms and changes are expected from within countries.

But regional politics are still run by the same supporters of the pre-1989 regimes. Eastern Europe is the same. It has only embraced new political and economical policy that does not distinguish it from Western Europe. It's not a dire situation in the long-term, but the superficial overlooking of one of the most gloomy regions of Europe is striking to the West, particularly Brussels, and its core liberal premises.

Beyond the concepts of a united Europe, a free labor movement and much-needed funds to rebuild infrastructure, there is a dire reality that characterizes Eastern Europe.

Theories of liberalism, ideals and superficiality from politicians who have never even entered Europe's periphery

don't match the ground. Outside the capitals with fancy dining and entertainment that resemble a thriving Western European capital such as Bucharest, there's the dire backwardness that escapes the recommendations on paper: lack of infrastructure (no highways, despite the geographical extent), a former agricultural landscape that did not encounter modernization and a rural landscape reminiscent of the 18th and 19th century picturesque novels.

In sum, this is the reality outside the cosmopolitan flavor. Eastern Europe is more a constellation of growing capitals incongruent to the overall reality and region.

While the IMF is considering curtailing the second series of loans to Ukraine (a country with another gloomy economic and political situation that faces dangerous repercussions for years to come), Saakashvili continues liberal rhetoric against Russia, despite the abject reality in Georgia. And Romania extends political and naval clout over the Black Sea region surrounding the Serpents Island (a winning situation against Ukraine, given the recently discovered oil-based sources near the island).

Eastern Europe is plagued with negative markets escaping the paper and control.

Human trafficking and arms sale from Eastern Europe to Western Europe and Central Asia are out of control and, in most cases, indirectly supported by big state interests. Cases of

exploitation of women and children are rampant in the Eastern European capitals, with indifferent authorities playing a mute complicity card.

Furthermore, the economic crisis that is expanding in the region has raised the demand for arms, where petty crimes, such as the recent theft of 55 arms from the Romanian air force, are increasing.

It's this stark reality of rising xenophobia, human exploitation, economic limitations and corruption, orchestrated by tremendous private interests, that make everyday life in Eastern Europe indescribable.

Little focus is on the major transit states of human trafficking, such as Romania or Bulgaria from Yugoslavia, Ukraine and Moldova to further Central and Western Europe (Hungary, Italy and Spain, among the few). The arms network faces the opposite direction, toward Turkey, Caucasus and Central Asia.

In the face of desperation, arising from few real opportunities and discontent with failed political promises, citizens of Eastern Europe need to cope and hide under names as NATO or EU members.

Apart from the rhetoric, Brussels should, more than ever, reach out in a real way to these EU newcomers, in particularly the bordering countries -- Moldova, Ukraine and Yugoslavia -- where policies and words do not hit the ground.

Letter to the editor

To the editor:

As seven semester members of the Peace and Justice House, we have some issues with Ross McHale's article on the SLU community.

We felt there was too much of a negative slant, and we wanted to reaffirm the positive values of the SLUs on campus.

Wanting to get out of the dorms is not a reason we choose to support this environment. However, choosing to live in a SLU involves a commitment to promoting a cause and living in a family atmosphere.

More importantly, the discussion of popularity among SLUs is irrelevant. In fact, there has been high interest throughout the entire SLU community. The value of each house cannot and should not be measured comparatively. Each brings its own unique energy to the community. Asserting superiority of any house threatens the thread that binds them all together.

Our SLU experience has profoundly shaped who we are and what we will become. We welcome and encourage everyone to investigate all facets of this treasured collective. Please visit our homes and check out our programs to see what we are really about.

In peace,
 Pam Skehan
 and Erin Dezell

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Arts & Entertainment

A music writer:

A lifetime of priceless experience for the cost of several hard-learned lessons

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He has written features for the New Yorker, MTV News and the New York Times; cover stories for Spin and Rolling Stone Magazine; two well-received books – “Our Band Could Be Your Life” and “Come as You Are: The Story of Nirvana” – and co-produced the documentary “Kurt Cobain About a Son.” In addition to his journalistic endeavors, he is an avid drummer, formerly of the indie band The King of France and an original member of The LeeVees. His name is Michael Azerrad, and he stands tall amongst his peers.

Me? I have my fair share of music articles, one research paper on music and its law, half-a-decade’s experience playing bass and ownership of a bi-weekly music column in the prestigious, world-renowned Ohio Wesleyan Transcript. It is safe to say my growth spurt hasn’t occurred yet.

How does a college student interview a professional in his aspiring field without appearing amateur? It would require learning the hard way, adapting as the interview unraveled.

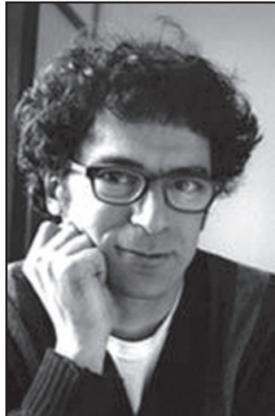
So I took a shot and interviewed Azerrad, a Columbia University graduate, and what did I discover? The irony that his life as a music journalist was an accident.

“Originally, I hated writing,” he wrote. “In college, I was often tempted to throw the typewriter out the window.”

After college, he found himself working customer relations for a small rock video company called Rockamerica. In addition to sending rock videos to nightclubs, the company published an industry magazine. The editor saw Azerrad’s combination of Ivy

League schooling and band experience as a great combo for music videos writing. Initially reluctant to accept the offer, the opportunity turned out to be a boon as the writing came naturally. It also resulted in his first big interview, Robert Smith of the Cure.

Later, when the Island Ear, a free paper in Long Island, N.Y., requested his services, Azerrad wrote a review of XTC’s album “Skylarking.”



Submitted photo for Azerrad’s book, ‘Our Band Could Be Your Life.’

“I didn’t have an assignment. I just wrote it,” he said. “My girlfriend suggested sending it to Rolling Stone. I was dubious, but one should always obey one’s girlfriend, so I did it. And a week or so later, I got a call from a fellow purporting to be Rolling Stone music editor David Wild. He said he’d already assigned that review, but would I like to try something else? Hell yes, I would. I reviewed the “Athens, Ga. Inside Out” compilation, which appeared in one of the Aug. 1988 issues. David later said that no one had ever gotten into Rolling Stone that way before or since.”

The staggering revelation of kismet was discouraging, since it wouldn’t be of use. I sighed and questioned him on “Our Band Could Be Your

Life,” his book chronicling hugely influential yet fiscally abortive alternative and punk bands from 1981-1991. In addition to covering the bands, it enlightened upon their communities, creating a sort of synthesis between music and sociology.

The result of an estimated 17,520 hours of work over three years, Azerrad said the effort nearly killed him. Its meticulous nature was the result of one of his professional mottoes: “God is in the right details.” The key to the book’s success was choosing Mike Watt, bassist of the Minutemen and FIREHOSE, to be the heart and soul.

After immediately approaching Watt, he conducted other interviews that were notoriously difficult to ascertain. The respect given to Watt – the book’s title is based on the opening line in an autobiographical song that Watt wrote – coupled with his extensive knowledge of the indie underground led to many successful interview requests. There were some who refused, but Azerrad found ways around the setbacks.

“Calvin Johnson of Beat Happening didn’t want to ‘put a tombstone on [his] career,’” Azerrad wrote. “The Replacements’ Paul Westerberg seemed to be a bit confused about whether he’d been asked or not, even though the request was made three separate times. That’s OK. I got plenty of coverage from the other people in those bands. You don’t always need to talk to the front person to get a strong story, and I’m sure that’s true in other areas of journalism, too.”

The eighties underground was cutthroat, creating a passionate scene where only the strong survived. The byproduct was powerful music, a creation of insular communities whose beliefs and livelihoods bled out into guitar chords.

According to Azerrad, DIY is even more accessible with digital technology becoming the norm, but the “Yankee work ethic” that the bands in the book had is disappearing. Azerrad doesn’t necessarily feel this is a bad thing. Culture should never stagnate but instead predict the times and make progress.

It was nice to hear such philosophy, especially so similar to my own convictions. Yet, it also meant that my own “Our Band” experience was unlikely. With music more accessible than ever, the communities surrounding bands are a diluted form of their previous selves. This means less character and thus, fewer stories.

There was so much to absorb from the interview. He answered my questions about music, journalism and even provided new artists to give a listen – he listed The Dirty Projectors, Ponytail and Deerhoof, among others.

He reinforced my own beliefs on journalism that, as a music writer, whether the music is good or not is in some ways secondary; enlightening a reader in music production or giving them a good story is key, and applying a certain level of assiduousness towards your writing and ethics is a “quintessential” quality of good journalism.

“You’ll be more popular with your editors if you turn in clean copy,” Azerrad wrote. “I had [journalistic ethics and procedures] banged into me by some very savvy and very patient editors I’ve had, such as Michael Shore and Stuart Cohn at MTV News and Fred Goodman at Rolling Stone. Kurt Loder at MTV News, one of the best rock journalists ever, was also a huge influence. Those guys schooled me, and I’m forever in their debt for that. Being a thorough and accurate reporter is a big reason why I’ve had as



Submitted photo

Azerrad behind stage with the Leevees.

long and successful career as I’ve had.”

But one set of questions yielded a disheartening, abrupt and ponderous response: do something else instead of music journalism; it’s a “sucker’s game.”

Pushing the issue, I uncovered how writing a major piece, especially a book, could erode all aspects of his life. How playing drums is now easy to fit into his schedule because there’s not enough work to go around in his field.

The resulting bitterness I felt drew a picture of a self-described unhappy man lacking a way out of his current living situation. In fact, he said as much, although he would not discuss further why he is not happy with his life.

A million questions came to mind, some hallow propositions and extremely inappropriate to bring up for discussion.

So I merely explained to him my love of music; that

maybe I was just a naive college student, and I probably needed to learn things the hard way. If I could not play music for a living, then turning to writing was the logical decision. Before answering my final question, he acquiesced to my retort.

“I have learned the hard way that one cannot expect anyone to learn anything except the hard way,” he wrote. “Sure, write about music. But don’t depend on it for your living, that’s all.”

I thanked him for his patience and willingness to be interviewed, even though I don’t hold a candle to my interviewee. He agreed that it was different than other interviews but fresh and more sincere.

Gratification flowed out. Azerrad was my Robert Smith. Maybe everything doesn’t have to be learned the hard way, after all? Wait, I want to be a music journalist or musician. Damn, must life be so ... difficult?

OWtsiders to cut fresh tracks soon

By Katie Tuttle
Transcript Correspondent

OWU’s co-ed a cappella group, The OWtsiders, is laying down tracks on a new CD.

The group began preparation in the fall with the arrangement of new music.

The CD will have a mixture of old and new songs, some they have never performed for an audience.

With a show during the all-campus banquet following President Rock Jones’ inauguration in October as well as singing at the Huddler Tree Lighting in December, the OWtsiders have been juggling the responsibility of performing shows while practicing for their recording.

The last time the OWtsiders released a CD was in 2006.

“I think everyone in the group is very excited to record. I personally have never [recorded] so I’m looking forward to the experience,” said senior Jenna Bialik. She also said the addition of five new members this semester is helping the group. “The extra voices give a nice boost to our volume.”

The OWtsiders will travel to Kenyon this weekend to record in a state-of-the-art recording studio.

The new members haven’t had all year to practice, prompting them to work hard to catch up. One new member, sophomore Tammy Luevano, said practice has been rigorous.

“It’s kind of crazy, but it’s good because it pushes you to learn faster,” Luevano said. “I’m just looking forward to hearing myself as part of a group on a CD.”

Sophomore and OWtsiders president Megan Evans said she was also excited to record the CD, not only for the fun of doing it but for the promotion it will give the group.

“It’s something the group hasn’t done in three years, and is definitely great for getting the word out about OWtsiders around campus,” she said. “It can be a great admissions tool, too. Some former members of our group said that they came [to OWU] partly to join this group.”

Evan’s joined in the fall of 2007 because she loves a cappella music. She feels that the CD is also needed to boost the group’s publicity on campus, not just for incoming students and prospective members.

“Originally, we were going to do a big tour this semester as well, but we’re thinking that we haven’t been doing enough on this campus. People are forgetting about us,” she said.

Evans hopes the CD can be finished in March or April so they can release it before the semester ends. She also said the OWtsiders plan to do more at OWU than release the CD.

“You will probably see many more concerts this semester than the past few,” she said.

1. Art is good for the Soul

For all the art lovers out there who truly appreciate Ross Art Museum, there is a new exhibit coming to town. “Recurring Themes” by Paul-Henri Bourguignon is being featured with a reception ... and yes, that does mean food! Come see the debut of this exhibit, and talk to the artist himself. It’s always nice to learn the motivation behind certain pieces, and I’m not talking about the red dot in the middle of a white space. Check it out! Tonight from 7-9 p.m. at Ross Art Museum (duh).

2. Time for some down home cookin!

It’s that time of year again! Soul food is going to be at Welch dining hall. What do I mean by soul food you say? I’m talking about that food that is so good that when you’re finished eating, you feel good right down to your soul, and no matter how bad your day was, it will be much better! This is about as close as you’re going to get to a home-cooked meal while at OWU! Can’t you just taste those barbecue ribs, fried chicken, collard greens, corn bread, baked beans, sweet potato casserole, pumpkin pie and everything else that spells home? Well, my home at least! I can’t wait to eat! Tuesday Feb. 24.

3. Mama Africa ... so much food to share

So I know I keep talking about food ... I haven’t eaten all day! Rafiki Wa Africa will be hosting a luncheon next week, and I guarantee it will be good. It is well worth the \$5. Yes, you read it right. 5 DOLLARS. Come try some traditional African food. If you have been to other Rafiki events, such as the Mini Fest, then you know what I’m talking about! Plus, it’s in a convenient location ... Benes rooms. So, you’re already going to be in Ham-Wil. Your stomach is going to be gurgling because you didn’t eat breakfast. You are so tired of eating Ham-Wil food. The best decision you will make that day is to go to the luncheon! Feb. 25 at noon.



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 ownews@owu.edu w/ subj Top3.

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The organ located in Gray Chapel is the largest of six Klais organs in the country. It has 82 ranks, 55 stops and 4,522 pipes.



Bishops Sports

NCAC Championship up for grabs in final week of play



Photos by Stephanie Brill

Clockwise from top left: The Bishops huddle together before the game against Wittenberg last Wednesday night. Freshman Tim Brady sets himself to shoot a foul shot (Brady was 2-for-6 from the line in the game). Sophomore Andrew Martin drops back into the paint to play defense. Coach Mike DeWitt instructs his players during a timeout. Junior Rob Gardiner dribbles the ball up the floor during his 28 minutes. The Bishops tamed the Tigers 83-59 at home. Senior Mitch Noggle led his team with a career high 20 points as he went 5-for-7 from behind the three-point line. Senior Kyle Holliday added four three-pointers, as the team made 13 in the game. The Bishops will host Allegheny this Saturday in their final regular season game.

By Colin Magruder
Transcript Reporter

The Bishops entered last week with an eight-game winning streak on the line and a Wednesday matchup against Wittenberg.

In front of a crowd of over 1,000, the team started off scoring the first points, and did not allow the Tigers a basket until the lead reached 22-0.

Seniors Kyle Holliday and Kyle Miller contributed seven and six points respectively to the early lead.

"It happened because of defense," Miller said of the early lead.

"We have become the best defensive team in the NCAC. We know it will be tough for them to

score, and we were scoring and put it beyond reach. That inspires the bench to play the same way."

With less than 12 minutes left in the half, guard David Nowicki finally put the visitors on the board with a 3-pointer, then hit another to bring his team back into the ballgame.

Wittenberg was down 11 points at halftime.

In the second half, the Tigers tried to close the gap, and on multiple occasions were able to bring the difference back to 11, but in the end, the Bishop offense proved overpowering.

Senior Mitch Noggle netted 20 points, shooting 5-7 beyond the arc.

Wittenberg closed the lead to 17

points at one point, but could go no further, and OWU took home the 83-59 victory, keeping them tied with Wooster for first place in the NCAC.

"Our goal is to take it one game at a time," Miller said of the team's record and the rest of the season.

"We win one game at a time and try to be regular-season conference champs for the first time in 20 years."

On Saturday, the Bishops played Earlham, who entered the game with a record of 3-19.

The teams came out even, and Earlham managed to hold the Bishops to 22 points in the first half.

The Bishops could not gain more than a seven-point lead during the

opening period.

Earlham's small, two-point deficit did not last long.

The team opened the second half on a 24-5 tear, which was reminiscent of the quick lead against Wittenberg.

Head Coach Mike DeWitt said he and the team felt confident going into the game.

"Our guys knew what to do," DeWitt said. "We reminded them of the keys we came up with, and it was just a matter of finding the shots."

During the run, freshman Pat Pellerite put up six points, and Holliday added four more.

With just under ten minutes left in the half, Kyle Calder helped put Earlham back within 14, but that was

as close as they could get the rest of the game.

"We played good defense all game, and better offense in the second half, but the defense was the key all game," DeWitt said after the game.

The Bishops pulled out a 64-46 victory to move to 12-2 in the league and 16-6 overall, staying tied with Wooster for first place.

The Bishops will play their last regular season game this Saturday at home against Allegheny at 3 p.m..

The NCAC tournament will then begin on Feb. 24, and will conclude Feb. 28.

The Bishops will look to defend their NCAC tournament championship from last season.

OWU Coach's Corner

Boey likes to get 'Lost' in TV show

By Drew Lenox
Sports Editor

Years at OWU: 7

Graduate of: Baldwin Wallace '98

Degrees: BA in history and secondary education at Baldwin Wallace, M.S. Ed. in sport and leisure commerce from University of Memphis in '00

During his tenure:
5 NCAC Championships,
.755 Winning Percentage

Favorite Saying:
"You're part of something bigger than yourself."

Greatest goal:
"To teach athletes to be quality people and to create an atmosphere that prepares them for life beyond their years at OWU."

Favorite Food: Seafood

Prior to OWU:
-- Coach at Muskingham College
-- Assistant Coach at Rhodes College in Memphis

Athletic Career at Baldwin Wallace:
-- All-American honors as part of 1600-meter relay



Kris Boey
M & W Track and Field
M & W Cross Country

team in 1996
-- Qualified for NCAA Division III meet in all four years
-- Four Individual OAC Championships
-- Two All-Ohio Individual Titles
-- Most Outstanding Athlete in track for three years
-- Two-time Academic All-OAC honoree

Hometown: Grafton, Ohio
Member of Midview High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Recent Awards:
-- 2008-NCAC Coach of the Year for indoor and outdoor men's track and field
-- 2008-NCAC Coach of the

Year for indoor women's track and field
-- 2008-Regional Coach of the Year for women's indoor and men's outdoor track and field

Favorite TV Show: Lost

Favorite Movie: Braveheart

Favorite Color: Blue
(But all three schools where he has coached have been red and black)

In his first six years:
-- 47 NCAA qualifiers
-- 5 All-Americans
-- 8 Intercollegiate Cross Country All-Academic teams
-- 15 NCAC Athlete of the Year selections
-- 332 All-NCAC honorees
-- 37 school records broken

Hobbies: Spending time with family, photography and off-road motorcycling

Other OWU Involvement:
-- Instructor in the physical education department
-- Campus advisor for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes
-- Member of the NCAA Track and Field Committee

Follows:
Ohio State football
Cleveland Browns
Cleveland Indians
Cleveland Cavaliers

Alumni brothers still involved in Stream OWU broadcasting

By Clay Davis
Transcript Reporter

OWU is not only home to present students, but alumni as well.

Matt and Ryan Yoder, 2008 graduates, are contributing to the school through Stream OWU, a live audio and video program on OWU's website. The program is for campus activities such as concerts, lectures and sports.

For the Yoder brothers, their broadcast interests lie within the sporting world, specifically men's and women's basketball. It is the opportunity to continue to work with OWU athletics that has energized the Yoders.

"We are sports nuts, and Ryan and I are excited we get to announce OWU events," Matt said.

It all began for Matt and Ryan last year, when they were asked to be analysts for OWU basketball games. It has continued through the 2008-2009 season, even though both have moved on to bigger and better things. Matt is currently at the Methodist Theological School in Delaware, while Ryan is attending Ohio State. But working with Stream OWU has given both of them a chance to stay connected to their alma mater.

"It is great as young alumni, being able to stay connected

and do what we love," Matt said.

Matt currently serves as play-by-playman for basketball games, while Ryan is the color commentator. Being able to connect students to OWU sports takes a lot more work than the average student may think. On average, Matt spends two hours researching full statistics, team strategies and tendencies of opposing teams before each game. Analyzing the game of basketball also means bringing to life a game that a person may be unable to attend.

"The goal is for Matt and I to make people who tune in to feel like they are right at home," Ryan said. "It is important that whenever you are calling a game, you are telling a story. We try and tell it from the OWU point of view, but we try to be 'fair and balanced.'"

The Yoder duo will usually sit at the top of the stands behind the scorer's table in order to get a good feel for the game. The Yoders said sitting in the stands alongside avid Bishops fans makes for a fun ride, such as the men's win against Wooster this year.

"To have a packed house against Wooster and to see them win was a joy," Matt said.

One of Ryan's favorite broadcasting moments was

the women's basketball game against Allegheny in January, which gave him the difficult task of being play-by-play man and color commentator. That was an experience that helped him not only call a game for OWU students by himself, but also gave him a better appreciation for the game itself.

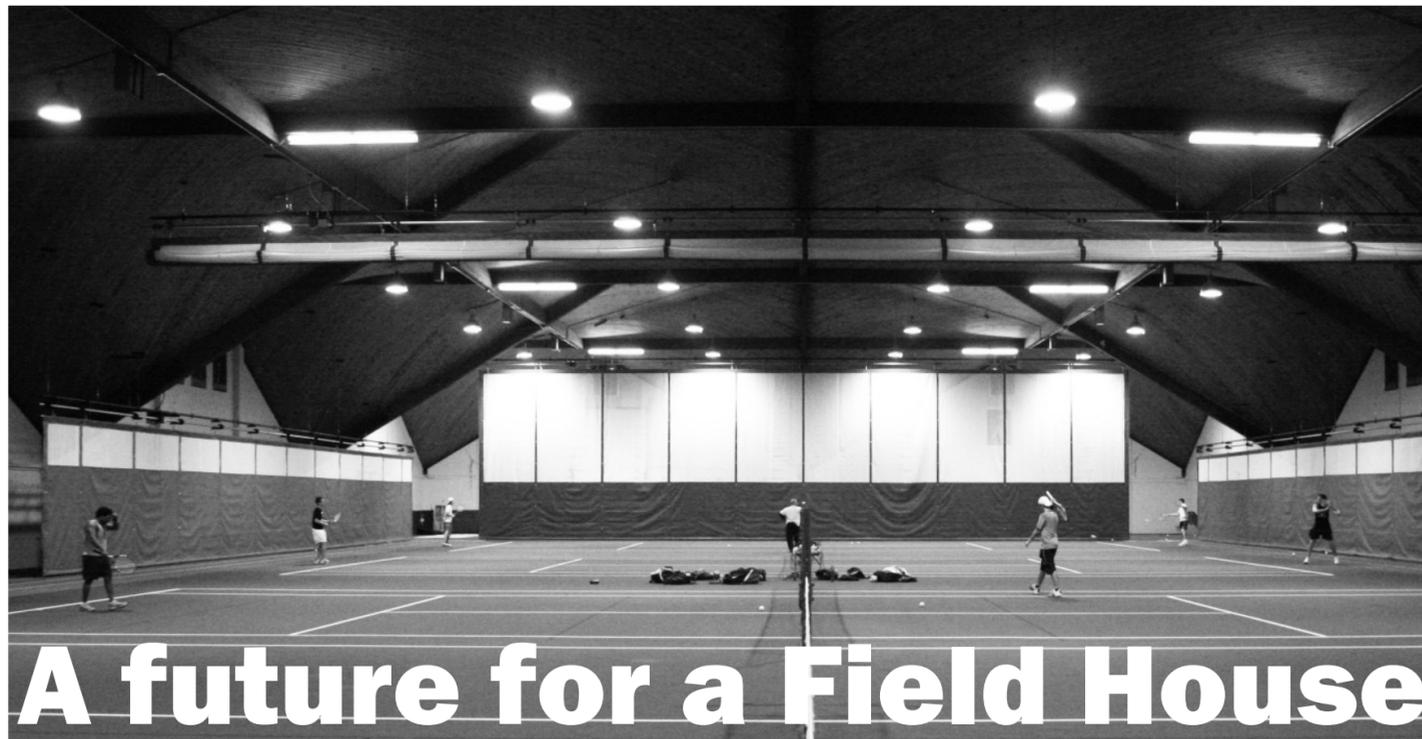
"I love the game of basketball," Ryan said. "It has so many layers, and there are so many flows to it. The game is really quite a spectacle."

Like the other NCAC schools, OWU is a part of a program that has live streaming audio and video for school activities. The Yoders want Stream OWU to continue to grow into something that faithful OWU students, both past and present, can get excited about.

"It is a great opportunity to follow the Bishops," Matt said. "Hopefully, they have as much fun watching as we do calling the games."

Both Matt and Ryan plan to continue to call basketball games throughout their time as graduate students. Their passion for announcing games could soon become contagious for future OWU play-by-play and color commentators.

"Matt and I tried to take it and run with it, and it has become an absolute joy for us," Ryan said.



A future for a Field House

Top photo by Ben Boynton, middle photo by Mike DiBiasio, bottom photo by Stephanie Brill

By Stephanie Brill and Chris Lathem
Transcript Reporters

At 2 p.m. on Valentine's Day, President Rock Jones and Athletic Director Roger Ingles welcomed athletes and fans to officially commemorate the completely renovated Gordon Field House.

Because of the generous donations from alumni and many other people, especially the Luttinger and Conrades families, the Field House has received new flooring, lighting, nets and a fresh coat of paint for the first time in its 40 years.

In addition, there are banners for all 22 varsity sports located at each of the triangle peaks on the walls.

"All the new updates are expected to last for about the next 10 years or so," Ingles said, "We are just really pleased at how it is being taken care of from both athletes and the maintenance crew here on campus. It is now a place that people can enjoy being in."

The field house is now also capable of offering facilities for a variety of sports to be played simultaneously.

"The resurfaced floors and divider curtains allow for multiple sports to take place at once," basketball coach Mike DeWitt said.

The Field House has been undergoing updates for the past few years. The roof took

two years, this being the fourth time since the Field House was built, to fully complete and cost around \$1 million.

The roof caused many leaks in the Field House that ended up leaving stains on the wooded ceiling and on the previous floor.

Currently, the track team is benefiting the most from the renovations. The encapsulated surface, along with the other improvements, allowed the team to host its first indoor track meet in years.

It was their first since the 1999-2000 season, and team members said it was exciting because the men's team placed first, and the women's team placed second.

"Last year, the only time we had home meets was during the outdoor season," said sophomore Christa Cocumelli, a track team member.

Cocumelli said the track was in much need of improvement.

"The old surface was really hard and not good to run on," she said.

"The new track is easier to run on, there is good traction, it's soft and there are no faded lines," added sophomore Tyler Wall.

New batting cages and newly furnished tennis courts and nets are helping the baseball, softball and tennis teams prepare for their upcoming seasons. In addition, several physical education classes use the facility as well.

Wall said he experienced the improvements to more than just the surface of the track when he took an Ultimate Frisbee class at the field house last spring.

"It was hard to see the Frisbee in some areas because it was dark, but now there is new lighting, and I can notice the difference," he said.

The Gordon Field House was first built in 1976 with the donation from Richard Gordon, class of '62.

During his time at OWU, Gordon played for the men's tennis team.

The construction of the Field House took two years to complete. The first year included the half connected to Branch Rickey and Edwards, and the second half was finished the year after.

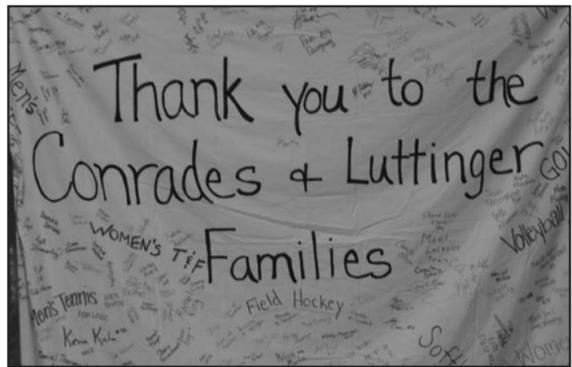
In 1977, the first indoor track and field meet was held and so was the men's first tennis match. Today, this multipurpose facility can hold all 22 of OWU's varsity sports for both games and practices.

More additions will soon be made. The Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center will be breaking ground at the end of this school year in May for a 10-12 month building period.

This center will be located where the current tennis courts and rugby field are.

In the front of the building, there will be a large pond in front with a fountain in the middle.

Gordon Field House has undergone extensive renovations to the roof, track and tennis surface and lighting. The building was re-dedicated the weekend of Feb. 13 to 15, and team banners were hung thanking the contributors.



All-Star weekend's festivities fun, informative

THOUGHTS FROM THE THIRD ROW WITH DREW LENOX



The NBA took a break from regular season play this weekend to host its All-Star game and more in Phoenix. During this break we can sit back and enjoy all the weekend has to offer.

It is a time to grade many teams' first half performances and to decide who might have a shot to win the championship. It is a time to find out who is a shooting star, who is a slam dunk super hero and who can just stroke the three.

But as all of this is being worked out, we can point out the top five things to take away from the weekend and the NBA.

5. Kevin Durant is good and might be the only good thing for the Oklahoma City franchise right now

The Seattle SuperSonics left town for a number of reasons. One partial reason was that there wasn't thought to be strong fan support for the team. But based on how they've started in their new home, it's not evident they deserved a whole lot of support.

The Thunder do have a bright spot, the face of the

franchise: Kevin Durant. After the relocation, Durant took and made the first shot, but after starting 1-13, Oklahoma City fired Coach P. J. Carllesimo. At the time of this writing, the Thunder are 13-40.

Durant showed up at All-Star weekend though. Not only did he win a riveting game of HORSE over Joe Johnson and OJ Mayo, he helped the sophomores win the Rookie Challenge for the seventh straight year.

Greg Oden, who Durant will always be tied to because of the draft, didn't play. Durant played and recorded four assists, seven rebounds and scored a record 46 points.

4. Secondary stars highlight the secondary All-Star festivities

Instead of seeing Dwayne Wade or Chris Paul in the Skills Challenge, fans got to watch Mo Williams, Devin Harris and Derrick Rose.

In the Shooting Stars Competition, the Detroit team defeated Los Angeles, San Antonio and Phoenix. Who was the great Detroit Piston on the winning team? Arron Afflalo.

To take on two-time defending champion Jason Kapono in the Three-Point Shootout, the NBA displayed Roger Mason, Danny Granger, Mike Bibby, Rashard Lewis and eventual winner Daequan Cook.

"It is a time to grade many team's first half performances and to decide who might have a shot to win the championship ... and who can just stroke the three."

Last year, Dwight Howard put on the Superman cape and won the Slam Dunk Contest. This year, he lost to the 2006 winner: 5'9, 180 lb Nate Robinson.

Other challengers included guys like LeBron James, right? Wrong. J. R. Smith from Denver and Rudy Fernandez from Portland.

In all of the little games or activities, Williams was the only Cavalier, Derek Fisher the only L. A. Laker and there weren't any representatives from the Boston Celtics.

3. Good teams have multiple All-Stars

For the West, the Hornets had David West and Chris Paul, and the Spurs had Tony Parker and Tim Duncan. Of course, the Lakers featured the likes of Pau Gasol and Kobe Bryant.

In the East, the Magic had Dwight Howard, Rashard Lewis and Jameer Nelson and when Nelson was hurt, Ray Allen joined Paul Pierce and

Kevin Garnett in representing the Celtics.

The Cavaliers stood out, however, because at first, they only had King James. Mo Williams was left out and not selected to replace Nelson. Cavs fans and James weren't happy and James even added that it was "a slap in the face."

But justice came when Chris Bosh could not play and Williams was added to the team. LeBron's new sidekick proved himself a worthy team member by scoring 12 points and dishing out five assists.

2. The media and the NBA powers-that-be love to make news out of a possible Kobe and Shaq reunion

One of the big stories this weekend was that because Shaq was part of the Phoenix Suns, he and Kobe would again be on the same team. The fact that Phil Jackson would be coaching the team made it even more interesting and nostalgic.

There didn't seem to be any hostility as they contributed 44 of the team's 146 points. Some people have talked about Shaq possibly coming back to Los Angeles, but I'm not sure the Lakers would want to give up what they would have to in a trade.

They might not come together to create the Los Angeles Kobeshaq again but they played together for the West.

To make the culmination of the story for everyone, the MVP award was given to both players.

1. The NBA loves its star rivalries, especially between James and Bryant

Every week, there has been talk about who the better player is between Kobe and LeBron. They are in a race for the MVP Award and their statistics are constantly compared.

When Kobe went into Madison Square Garden and put up a record setting performance, it was compared to what LeBron did in the building a short time after.

But the rivalry is also found in the All-Star game. LeBron finished with 20 points, and five rebounds for his team and Kobe put up 27 points and four rebounds for his.

The All-Star MVP awards accentuate the rivalry as well because in 2006, LeBron won, Kobe in 2007, LeBron in 2008 and Kobe again this year.

While there are some things we all can learn from the weekend, it is mostly about highlight reels, big plays and fun and games.

As a continued addition to the playground atmosphere, HORSE was added to the events in the weekend. Maybe one day the All-Star weekend will feature a free throw competition, an exciting game of Chicago or perhaps the best playground ever: Knockout.

Imm vaulting to top of track team scene

By Chris Lathem
Transcript Reporter

The class distinction of being a freshman has faded for Chelsea Imm. She has already broken an indoor pole vault record, been named NCAC player of the week and recognized by her peers as a valued team member of OWU's indoor track and field team.

Her accomplishments at the Greater Columbus Invitational put her in the record books. Her height of 10'2 3/4" not only won the pole vault event but also managed to break the school record of 10' 1/4" previously held by Amy Stafford in 2001.

Her performance helped the Bishops place third in the six-team tournament. She was later named NCAC player of the week for her performance.

These accolades and records can be traced to many years of dedication to the sport.

"I first started in seventh grade," said Imm. "I knew from a very young age that I wanted to pole vault. My great-uncle, my uncle and my cousin all pole-vaulted. I had always looked up to them and wanted to learn how to do it myself."

However, adjusting to college level and participating in a college sport would be tasks unknown to her, but, being a member of a team has provided her with the chance to assimilate to college life.

"I feel that with the help of the coaches and my teammates, I have become a lot more comfortable. Having track practice daily makes me realize that I am lucky to be able to participate in a college sport. It is something I have always dreamed of, and I love it," added Imm.

She has also learned what it is like to compete and succeed in meets as a freshman against tougher competition.

"Being successful as a freshman gives me a higher confidence level as a competitor," said Imm.

"I have learned to feel confident towards my competition and not intimidated just because they are older than me. I have learned that age does not make a difference. I have to continue to work hard at practice in order to continue to increase the school record."

Her teammates have noticed her presence as a member of the track team as well. Her training habits and dedication have not gone unnoticed.

"She has done really well as a freshman, and she will be a main component of the team, especially if we win the NCAC's again," sophomore, Rachael Newman said.

Setting the school record and being named NCAC player of the week are only the beginning of what she hopes will be a successful four years at OWU.

"Over the next four years, a main goal I have is to qualify for nationals in pole vault. I feel if I continue to work hard and work through the problems with my vault, there is a good possibility I could qualify," said Imm.

Meanwhile, Imm is looking forward to enjoying her freshman year and hopes to continue the success that she and the track team have experienced.

"The track team consists of so many great people that work hard and are fun to be around. I feel that every single person plays an important role on our team. We have success in almost every event, which is something to be very proud of," added Imm.