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Student handbook updates limit alcohol consumption

By Malika Bryant
Transcript Reporter

The Wesleyan Council on Student Affairs approved modifications to the policy on alcohol and other drugs and the Residential Life policy last semester.

The original policy allowed small groups to hold gatherings, but the use of alcohol in common areas had to be registered. This rule no longer applies.

Now small social gatherings with alcohol are permitted to take place in designated common living spaces. The number of people possessing alcohol in a single or double room cannot exceed six, while the number cannot exceed 12 in a quad.

In the Small Living Units, Williams Drive housing and fraternities, gatherings cannot exceed 15 people in possession of alcohol and cannot exceed 25 people total. Exterior spaces such as the patio, porch, deck or enclosed porch, if connected to the lower or first level of the housing unit, are also approved locations for alcohol use.

Junior Sharif Kronemer, WCSA president, said both modifications were recommended by third parties and then WCSA discussed the changes and voted.

"We're always trying to advocate for the students," Kronemer said. "It's our responsibility to find a balance between safety, the desires of students and the responsibilities and desires of the university."

Under the Residential Life Policy, students have open visitation rights. Before, students were allowed to have visitors and guests of the opposite sex, but they were not permitted to stay in the room.

"We hope that by making the policies more flexible and friendly, students will adhere. But ultimately, enforcement will be up to the RAs," Kronemer said.

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Lacrosse team mourns loss of number 11 Students reflect on death of adopted player

By Sally Goldstein-Elkind
Transcript Correspondent

On Dec. 7, the young girl who found her way into the hearts of the women's lacrosse team ended her battle with cancer. Violet Mariah Baier died at 3:16 a.m. at home in Grove City with her family. She would have been 8 today.

Violet was diagnosed with a brain tumor on Nov. 13, 2009. Despite multiple treatments, the cancer eventually spread and was untreatable in the end.

The team was matched up with Violet last year through the organization Friends of Jaclyn. Jaclyn was a little girl with a brain tumor who was "adopted" by the Northwestern Women's Lacrosse team.

The fund was started to raise money and awareness for children with brain tumors by pairing them up with a high school or college athletic team.

Many members of the team received the news of Violet's death via text and email. The information was released as an alert about a new journal entry on Violet's Caring-Bridge site. Senior Samantha Leeman, lacrosse team member, said she remembers finding out the news that morning.

"I refused to look [at the journal entry]," said Leeman. "I knew in the pit of my stomach what it was."

Senior Marlowe Mavian, another lacrosse player, said she remembers having missed calls from their coach and knowing what it was about. Many of the team members said they gathered together soon after hearing the news to console each other.

Team members attended the

funeral on Dec. 13, as well as calling hours. Many of their mothers were also in attendance. All but one of the graduated members of the team also came from around the country to attend.

While team members said Violet's death brought inevitable sadness, they said they remember her as a "goofball" who never complained. Members of the team could not help but laugh as they recalled memories of her glitter hats and constant laughter. She never let her condition upset her.

They said the weeks leading up to and following Violet's death gave the team a chance to reflect on what they gained from the experience.

Junior Kelsey Countryman, member of the lacrosse team, said Violet changed her quality of life.

"I have grown," Countryman said. "Before I knew Violet, I had not dealt with many people close to me being seriously sick. It caused me to mature."

Leeman said befriending Violet allowed the girls to grow as a team.

"They realize that the most important thing is not winning a game," Leeman said. "It is playing with all your heart because you have been given the opportunity to play, and that is a wonderful gift."

The team plans to get patches put on their uniform in memory of Violet.

"It's hard to comprehend how much a small person affected so many lives in seven short years," Countryman said. "Violet and her condition make me thankful for all of the people I hold close to me in my life. I love her and always will."



Photo submitted by Kelsey Countryman

Violet Baier stands with junior Kelsey Countryman, left, and senior Tyler Cordell. She was an assistant coach to the women's lacrosse team and was given a team jersey with the number 11 on it. Violet is the daughter of David and Robin Baier.

Trees set for removal from Stuyvesant courtyard

By Paul Gruber
Transcript Correspondent

Passersby peering up from Williams Street will soon be able to view historic, newly-renovated Stuyvesant Hall without interference from any trees.

Reinstating Stuyvesant's dominance on the hillside is the main goal of the tree removal and replacement section of the conceptual Stuyvesant renovation plan, reviewed during the most recent preliminary meeting with the Planning and Community Development Commission staff on Jan. 5.

The plan includes the removal of evergreen trees located near the northeastern side of the building, which faces downtown Delaware. This will make way for the construction of a driveway entrance coming from the West Williams street and Catherine street intersection.

Chris Setzer, director of Buildings and Grounds, said the building cannot be seen currently.

"The front of it is aesthetically pleasing, especially the bell tower," Setzer said. "Removing some of the trees will open that back up."

When the building first opened in 1930, the front of



Photo by Suzanne Samin

Several trees in front of the Stuyvesant courtyard will be removed as part of the Planning and Community Development Commission's renovations.

Stuyvesant could be seen clearly.

According to the concept plan, 268 caliper inches (the measurement of the trunk's diameter generally taken at breast height) of trees would be removed.

Some students said although

they are ready to finally have Stuyvesant ushered into modernity, they will miss the greenery.

Sophomore Meredith Merklin, a resident of Stuyvesant, said she likes the trees.

"They're pretty and I walk by them every day, but if it

will increase functionality, they should do what they have to," Merklin said.

Junior Megan Touchette, who has lived in Stuyvesant, also said the hillside holds memories for her.

"I've fallen down that hill many times, and climbed all

over those trees," Touchette said. "It will be sad to see them go, but I am open to [the project] as long as they replant them."

The City of Delaware has a tree removal and replacement ordinance that requires the total number of replacement trees to equal or exceed the total size of the removed trees combined.

"As with everything, when we remove trees on campus, we will replace them," Setzer said. "If we have a six-inch tree, we can replace it with two three-inch trees."

The current plan has 34 new trees proposed for replacement, but no final caliper inch size has been decided.

David Efland, planning and community development director of Delaware, has placed the plan on the current agenda for his department.

"[It] was a way for the applicant to get some early feedback," Efland said. "The next step is a preliminary development plan, then getting building and zoning permits. Once all of that is approved, renovation can start."

The total expense of the tree removal plan is estimated at \$11,000. The entire written concept, which includes designs and maps, is available online at the city's website.

New wave of women affiliate

By **Natalie Duleba**
Transcript Reporter

Beginning Jan. 8, women of Ohio Wesleyan attended events leading up to bid night. Before the process of formal spring recruitment—allowing those interested in sorority life to explore the different sororities in a structured environment—officially started, around 132 women had signed up to participate. At the end of recruitment, 98 were placed in houses.

This number gave each of Ohio Wesleyan's five sororities—Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Delta Zeta, Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma—around 20 new recruits.

The events leading up to the final selection of new members were designed to give those looking into sorority life a well-rounded view of each sorority on campus.

Over the course of Recruitment Week, Jan. 3-10, potential new members (PNM) met with active members of sororities to get an idea of what recruitment was all about.

Through a process called mutual selection, each PNM ranked the sororities she liked best and would most like to join, while the sororities also chose women who would be the best fit for their chapter.

These preferences change daily, as the recruits learn more about each sorority. Every sorority on campus promotes leadership, scholarship, service, philanthropy and social interactions.

Tri-Delta's philanthropy is based in St. Jude Children's Hospital, while Theta's is Court Appointed Special Advocates.

Just as every sorority was



Current members of Kappa Alpha Theta, on the steps of their chapter house, stand together on bid night in the snow, singing and awaiting the arrival of their new members. Photo by Rachel Ramey

different, those who signed up for recruitment had their specific reasons to look into sorority life.

Freshman Laurel Fuller grew up as an only child and lives in Vancouver, Wash.—quite a distance away.

"The idea of sisterhood and community really appealed to me," Fuller said. "Just the idea of home away from home was really something exciting."

Fuller's roommate, freshman Sarah Wells, also went through formal recruitment, but for a different reason. She said her first semester was difficult and Kappa members helped her through it.

"There were a few girls who really touched me, and helped me get through everything, and I knew I could always go to them," Wells said. "They were Greek, so I decided, if this is how the Greek girls are, then I definitely want

to go through it."

Throughout the weekend, the idea of getting a "feeling" about the right sorority was emphasized: a way to tell which sorority was the best fit. For Fuller and Wells, it was about being comfortable as themselves in the house.

Senior Bridget Fahey, outgoing president and three-year member of DZ, said her sorority looked for a certain set of values and for women who worked well with current members.

"It's kind of a feeling you get with people," Fahey said. "When you sit down, and you find something, and you're like, 'You know, we're going to be friends.'"

Three days were spent going to houses, participating in activities such as making children's story books for charity, and learning about the traditions of the houses.

DZ, for instance, allowed the PNMs to see a "sneak peek" to something uniquely DZ, where each member said a line about sisterhood at the sorority.

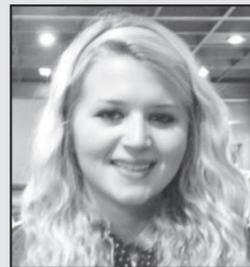
Formal recruitment all led up to when current members went to the rooms of PNMs and gave them a bid, inviting them to become a part of sorority life.

Once formally accepted—through a special ceremony unique to the sororities—new pledges will enter a new member program that lasts eight to 10 weeks, a time when they learn how to be part of the sorority, what to do at chapter meetings and how to juggle sorority life with school.

Fuller received a bid from her top choice, Kappa. Wells did not receive a bid, but she said she remains hopeful, planning on participating in informal recruitment next fall.

Sound-Off OWU:

What in The Transcript would you like to see changed?



"I would like to see some type of game section in the paper, such as a crossword puzzle. I would also like to see student thoughts and opinions and letters to the editor."
-Brittany Carpenter '13



"I think you should deliver the Transcript to student mailboxes each week so they always get one. It will give more students an opportunity to see what is going on and to contribute themselves."
-Nazar Zhadan '14



"I would like to see more cartoons in the Transcript this semester. The paper needs a little more funny page comedy to win new viewers."
-Janet Reymann '14



"I think the paper should try to cover more Student Living Unit (SLU) events and have better coverage of the SLUs in general."
-Brian Brockman '13



"The Transcript needs articles that are timely and should include more op-eds. The paper should also include more national news."
-Ethan Baron '11

Rojas selected for 'Poets in Residence'

Ohio Wesleyan University professor Juan Armando Rojas Joo, Ph.D., has been selected for the prestigious "Poets in Residence" program at the University of Coimbra in Portugal.

Rojas Joo will be in residence at the university between March and May 2011, during which time he will participate in lectures, seminars and poetry readings.

He also will focus on writing poetry and his first novel.

Rojas Joo is an associate professor of Modern Foreign Languages and director of

OWU's study abroad program at the University of Salamanca in Spain.

He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in Spanish from the University of Texas at El Paso and his doctorate from the University of Arizona.

Prior to joining Ohio Wesleyan, he was the Andrew W. Mellon Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor at Amherst College in Massachusetts.

Rojas Joo's writings have been published in literary magazines, reviews and anthologies in several countries.

His poetry has been published in "Vertebral River/Rio vertebral" (2009, 2002), "Ceremonial of Wind/Ceremonial de viento" (2006), "Santuarios desierto mar" (2004), and "Lluvia de lunas" (1999). He also co-edited the anthology "Canto a una cuidada en el desierto," a poetic denouncement against femicide.

Rojas Joo received The Bishop Francis Emmer Kearns Award for faithful witness to the ethical, spiritual and mission values of Ohio Wesleyan at the university's 2009 baccalaureate ceremony.



Rojas

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Senior Ahlam Awad, an RA, said the changes make sense. She said she knows a high amount of students previously violated the policy.

"Even if your brother came to visit, according to the old policy, he would not be allowed to stay over," Awad said. "We all knew that residents would have siblings, girlfriends or boyfriends visit them on campus."

All overnight guests and visitors are to be registered with the Residential Life Of-

fice. The student who will be hosting a visitor or guest must have permission from all roommates for registration approval.

Awad said the revision is also more convenient for RAs because the new overnight policy makes it easier to make sure university policies are followed.

"It was hard to keep track of whether someone was visiting or spending the night because visitors would not always be registered by students with the visitor registration forms," Awad said.

Senior Ashley Elmore said the new overnight policy rules

are great but they may or may not have much of an impact on visitor registration.

"It's good to have these additions officially a part of the handbook," Elmore said. "But it won't make much of a difference because people were doing these things anyways. Even with the new rule, people may or may not come to register their visitors."

Freshman Jake Von Der Vellen said the revisions make sense.

"If you have siblings or a boyfriend or girlfriend visiting, it makes sense," Von Der Vellen said. "Sometimes it can be hard to go through college

without seeing the people you care about. Also, as long as students are of legal drinking age, then they should be allowed to [have unregistered small social gatherings with alcohol] without permission."

Kronemer said it is policies like these that make it important to have a balance between student and university responsibility.

"The philosophy behind these policies is responsibility," Kronemer said. "We realize that students want to have fun, but we also want them to be responsible. The university has the responsibility to make sure that students are safe."

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William's Drive housing receives various reviews

By Paul Gruber
Transcript Correspondent

Both the good and the bad have been had by residents after spending a full semester in the Williams Drive houses introduced this school year.

Ohio Wesleyan University converted three fraternity houses located at 4, 23 and 35 Williams Dr. into apartment-like dorms for upperclassmen last summer. They were designated to provide new housing, particularly for seniors, as they completed their last semesters in college. Some residents said it has lived up to expectations, but others said they think it could still use improvement.

Senior Rachel Brumfield is an RA in 4 Williams Dr. and said she has loved living there.

"As someone who has lived in Smith for the past three years, I was nervous to be living somewhere completely new and different my senior year, but was pleasantly surprised by how much I have enjoyed it," Brumfield said.

According to residents, one of the more promising aspects of living in Williams Dr. is the calmer atmosphere.

"It is a much more independent and mature living community than I had in Smith West last year with a mix of freshman, sophomore and junior residents," said Brumfield. "I have not encountered any roommate conflicts or policy violations yet this year, which is often to be expected in a residence hall."

Julie Blaszk, assistant director of Residential Life, said limited access adds to the quieter community.

"It's a more intimate community," Blaszk said. "Students living at 4 Williams can only get into 4 Williams, for example. There is less foot traffic."

The housing was not without its share of problems, however, which some residents experienced for a

long time.

Senior Andy Bow is a resident of 23 Williams Dr. and said his living space could use improvement.

"Once I started living there, I realized some things were built cheaply," Bow said. "The pipe above my sink leaked and it took forever for it to be fixed, same thing with the heating and air conditioning."

When the houses opened in August 2010, the finishing touches were still being placed, such as the dry erase boards, televisions and trash and recycling bins. Blaszk said the most significant problems were with heating and cooling, but after some time to work out the kinks, they have all been resolved.

"I would not recommend it," Bow said. "But, maybe once they finally fix things up completely."

The aspect of independence, with the buildings being single-room based, may also lead to some static in community building, making it difficult to create interactivity.

"Although I frequently interact with many of my residents, it is more difficult to help some of my residents get to know each other and hang out as well as many of them are busy, independent and just doing their own thing," Brumfield said.

Blaszk said the goal for the Williams houses was to provide a comfortable setting where seniors can live with pride in their final year at OWU.

With housing applications due March 4, it is important for students to weigh their options closely. Some students said they had a less than satisfying experience for the fall of 2010, but now that most of the major problems have been resolved, it is recommended by others.

"It has been a great place to spend my senior year," Brumfield said. "It is such a cozy, clean, new space and really has the feel of a true house or apartment complex

Costs are high to keep walks and stairs clear

By Marissa Alfano
Transcript News Editor

To maintain the safety of students and keep the school open, an average of \$23,901 is spent on 145,000 pounds of salt for sidewalk areas, parking lots and drives.

"Actual usage varies year-to-year, depending on the amount of snow and ice we receive," said Chris Setzer, director of buildings and grounds.

Salt is not the only means of ice prevention on campus, according to Setzer. The university also has eight pieces of equipment for snow removal, several walk behind snow blowers and many hand shovels for steps and small walks that cannot be done with equipment.

President Rock Jones, in a mass e-mail to students on Jan. 10, said Ohio Wesleyan strives to remain open whenever possible.

According to the e-mail, the university will close when the Delaware County Sheriff's Office declares a Level 3 snow emergency or the administration finds the weather conditions unsafe.

On the Ohio Wesleyan web site, the Buckeye State's Sheriff Association describes the three levels of snow emergency.

Level 3 reads, "All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel."

No one should be out during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those

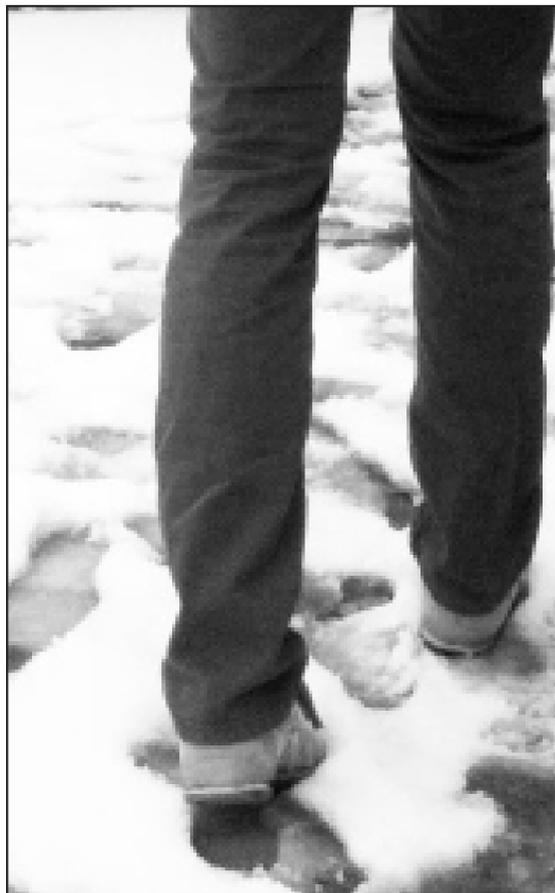


Photo by Rachel Ramey

Senior Jack Schemenauer walks through the snow and salt outside of Phillips.

traveling on the roadways may subject themselves to arrest."

In such circumstances, according to Jones' e-mail, an emergency message would be sent to all registered student and faculty phone numbers, e-mail addresses and text-message accounts. In addition, the news media would be informed and the

Ohio Wesleyan website would display the information.

Level 3 snow emergencies do not happen routinely in Ohio. Many students do not foresee the university closing due to snowy weather.

"We rarely had snow days at home in Mentor, Ohio, where it is grey and gross all the time," said freshman

Katalyn Kuivila. "The weather is much better here, so I don't think my classes will ever be cancelled."

Some teachers appreciate that the university does not close because it is hard to get a class syllabus back on track after a cancellation, according to Nancy Comorau, assistant professor of English.

"Seeing a flurry of snow in the air, there was always that hope as a kid for a day off from school and that sort of hope never goes away," said Comorau. "But as a teacher, if it is humanly possible for me to come to class, I will. It is unlikely that I would ever cancel class."

Despite Comorau's commitment to being present in class, she is new to the Midwest and not a fan of the Ohio winter.

She is not the only one. Freshman Oore Ladipo came to the university from Nigeria. He took late morning classes so he would have extra time to get to class while trudging through the snow.

"In Nigeria, it is harmattan season," said Oore. "It is cool and dry in the mornings and at night and it is hot and dry during the day. There is lots of dust, but it is much warmer than here. I prefer that to the cold snow."

Editor's Note

To sign up to receive emergency messages from OWU or to update your contact information, log on to <http://safety.owu.edu/emergencyNotificationSystem.html>

Would you like a Growler with your check?



Photo by Alexis Williams

Growlers available for purchase at the restaurant 1808.

By Jon Morin
Transcript Correspondent

1808 American Bistro has recently added growlers to their already impressive bar and beer selection.

A growler, which is a beer container measuring a half gallon in size, allows for customers to take the restaurant's beer home.

Neil Michaels, part-time bartender, is enjoying the new growlers. Michaels has worked at 1808 American Bistro since its opening in 2008 and says he feels the growlers will do well.

"The growlers themselves look very cool," Michaels said. "They have an old school feel to them, which I think a lot of people will like."

The growlers were first publicly available on Jan. 14, and since their introduction to the restaurant, have sold successfully. Michaels said the growl-

ers would not be as successful without the large selection of draft beer.

"The restaurant has up to 30 beers on tap at a time, and for only six dollars for the growler itself, who wouldn't want one?" Michaels said.

Local bartender at the Backstretch Bar, Brian Janiak said he thinks the growlers are a good idea for some, but not all, bars and restaurants.

"Growlers are good for places like 1808, but if they did not have the beer selection they have now, I don't think they would sell as well," Janiak said.

The growlers can be purchased for six dollars and refilled anytime a customer wishes. Michaels said price depends on what beer is chosen with the general range being \$20-35. Microbrews, also known as craft beers, tend to be more expensive than generic brands, such as Bud Light and Budweiser.

The bar at 1808 is unlike any other in Delaware, Ohio. The restaurant itself is a high-end establishment, however, the bar is the perfect combination of upscale meets laid back and relaxed. Janiak said this laid back atmosphere will help the growlers succeed.

"At high end places you wouldn't expect to see something like a growler being offered, but this restaurant has great atmosphere that makes people feel comfortable about these unique things," Janiak said.

The growlers are available by request at the restaurant. While you do have to be 21 or older to fill it up, anyone is allowed to buy a growler.

"Who says it has to be filled with beer," Michaels said. "Water would work just as well."

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SLUSH week rushes in future SLU residents

By Danielle Kanclerz and Kathleen Dalton
Transcript Correspondent

Ohio Wesleyan students residing in Small Living Units (SLUs) on campus met and entertained prospective applicants during SLU Rush (SLUSH) last week.

SLUSH week has been around for 12 years, according to Residential Life Coordinator Carrie Miller.

She said the week was developed to provide SLUs with an opportunity to meet and recruit new house members to further the goals of their SLU.

"SLUs provide students with an opportunity to explore what they are passionate about and to learn how to act on those passions and create change," Miller said. "The OWU community benefits from the programs the students put on and the students have a supportive community in which they can explore the issues they truly care about."

Senior Katie Kristensen, a member of the Peace and Justice House (P&J), said if it weren't for the presence of SLUs at OWU, she may not have decided to come to school here.

"When I was checking out colleges, I drove past P&J and thought it was amazing," Kristensen said. "[P&J] is really active, which is why I love it."

She also said SLUs provide students an opportunity to bond with their peers.

"Being in a SLU, you get to find like-minded people that can become as close as family," Kristensen said.

Freshmen Tasha Cruz, who is considering applying to a SLU, said she is interested in the community feeling on campus that is found amongst the SLUs.

"The people seem really fun and energetic," she said. "I don't know that many people in



Junior Robert Kuhlenberg and senior Demitra Brown, as well as freshman Jordan Alexander and sophomore Erinn Colmenares (not pictured), play a round of Balderdash during the House of Thought's SLUSH event.

Photo by Alex Crump

[P&J] well, but I feel like I can relate to them."

Junior Gretchen Curry, a member of P&J, said students who are interested in joining a SLU should make sure the house feels right to them.

"When I came to OWU, I didn't feel like I had an outlet where people understood me," Curry said. "But once I knew what the SLU

community was all about, I knew it was for me. I moved in [to P&J] my sophomore year and it felt like I had a group of people who understood me instantly.

"I'm very peace and justice oriented – there's no other way to put it – so this house is a great fit for me."

Junior Rachel Rutkie, a member of the Inter-

Faith house (IFH), said she agrees feeling like you belong in a house is important.

"When I came back from studying in Salamanca, I figured I would check out the SLUs," Rutkie said. "I looked at House of Thought (HoT) and Modern Foreign Language (MFL), but I never ended up applying there because IFH just felt right."

She said when she went through the application and interview process during SLUSH, everything seemed to fit right because she could relate to the house's mission.

SLUSH week began with a "Get to Know the SLUs" event for students to learn about the houses. Similar to past years, each SLU then hosted an individual event for interested students to meet current members.

Several SLUs implemented different means of recruiting members for this year's SLUSH week. Frieda Trovela, a member of the House of Black Culture (HBC), said her house has been trying to reach out to more students by exploring shared passions.

"Our events are more unified this year," Trovela said. "We are trying to remove the stigma of the house with events like Open Mic Night."

Junior John Rivero, moderator of the Citizens of the World House (COW), said he is glad SLUSH week can help students find the right house. He said he thinks SLUSH week went particularly well for COW this year.

"We have received quite a few applicants," Rivero said. "As a relatively new SLU, that was a big part of our goal this year."

SLUSH week 2011 included events such as henna and board games with MFL on Jan. 18, t-shirt decoration with the Creative Arts House (CAH) on Jan. 19 and IFH's Summer Beach Party on Jan. 20.

Applicants who participated in SLUSH week are currently undergoing interviews and

Winter Club Carnival gives campus clubs a member boost

By Tori Morris
Transcript Correspondent

Lunchtime at Hamilton-Williams Campus Center was busier than usual Wednesday, Jan. 19.

The Winter Club Carnival, set up in the lobby, was composed of 55 campus clubs and organizations intending to gain exposure and participants.

Although the carnival is

during the spring semester, and does not expose the organizations to as many students as the Club Fair in the fall, it still increases numbers by a significant amount and helps make students aware of the many clubs and organizations on campus.

Debra Lamp, director of Student Involvement and Hamilton-Williams Campus Center, said the club carn-

ival is beneficial at the start of the spring semester for many reasons, such as new students coming to campus and fall athletes looking for ways to fill in free time.

"There are many students who want to get involved more during the spring, for many different reasons" said Lamp.

Lamp also said many organizations form after the Club Fair during the fall semester.

"[Many of the] new clubs will get their own Club Fair before the end of the month," Lamp said.

Among the new clubs on campus this winter is the Ski club.

"Already, the club has 60 members," said Mona Spalbury, office manager of the Student Involvement Office.

Another new organization to campus is Girls Club La-

crose.

Senior Megan Osmulski, vice president, said the fall Club Fair helped the organization increase its numbers.

Members of the Student Homecoming Organization (SHO) agree that the club carnival is beneficial to their organization as well.

"The [club carnival] definitely increases numbers...

that's how I joined," said sophomore Laura Finkler.

The SHO sought to gain freshman members in particular.

"All [SHO] members are sophomores, and [today] we are looking for freshmen to sign up," said sophomore Emilie Schachtner.

For additional information about clubs at Ohio Wesleyan, check the university website.



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Bookstore makes room to lounge

By Heather Kuch
Transcript Reporter

With the start of a new semester at Ohio Wesleyan, students can expect many changes around the university, including a newly renovated campus bookstore.

The renovations to the bookstore will begin at the end of January and include a new entrance to the store, new carpeting and paint.

One new feature that students can look forward to is a new lounge inside of the bookstore. Campus bookstore manager Kevin Stith said it is designed like the atrium of Hamilton-Williams.

“What is today the front portion of the store will be renovated as new open student lounge space similar to the main lobby of the campus center,” he said.

Freshman Adrian Pekarcik said this may cause the bookstore to be more crowded.

“I think the new lounge will be good so that there will be more places to sit and relax because there is always a plethora of people overcrowding the atrium... overall, it seems like a good idea,” Pekarcik said.

Starting on Wednesday, Jan. 26 and continuing through Friday, Jan. 28, some stock will



Photo by Brittany Vickers

Sophomore Emily Amburgey chooses a highlighter from OWU's bookstore prior to the start of the renovation. This section of the store will be moved to make room for the renovations.

be moved to the front portion of the bookstore. Since the current merchandise will not all fit into this part of the store, textbooks will be kept in the stockroom. Students are encouraged to ask if they need a

book or merchandise they do not see.

Stith said he expects that once this relocation is complete, the bookstore will function in its condensed form until the renovations of the rest

of the store are completed on Feb. 11.

Throughout the renovation process, the stairs next to the Zook Nook Café will be closed.

As a preview of some of the changes, Monday Feb. 14 through Wednesday Feb. 16, students will be able to use the newly renovated portion of the bookstore.

Monday Feb. 21 through Friday Feb. 25, the new lounge space will be renovated and the stairs next to the Zook Nook Café will be reopened. This new lounge will be available to students whenever the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center is available.

While the entire renovation will take around two to three weeks, Stith does not expect the bookstore to be completely closed at any point during the renovation process. He said the bookstore management would like to make the process as smooth as possible without causing too much inconvenience to students and bookstore shoppers.

Stith said he asks for cooperation during the renovation process and encourages anyone with questions about the changes to contact him at kustith@owu.edu.

All downhill from here:

Ski Club back in action

By Breanne Reilly
Transcript Reporter

The Ohio Wesleyan Ski Club is hitting the slopes for the first time in two years. An avalanche of students signed up to join the club at last week's Winter Club Carnival.

The Winter Club Carnival was held Jan. 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Hamilton-Williams Campus Center. Freshman Jacob Miller, Ski Club president, said he was surprised by the number of students who were interested in the club.

“The club fair was a huge success and people were enthusiastic,” Miller said. “Seventy-three people signed up. Starting out, I didn't think it'd be this popular, since I thought it was new.”

The Ski Club has been active on campus before. Joanne Pohlman, OWU's technical support specialist, lab manager and Ski Club faculty adviser said the club was founded over a decade ago.

“I came here in '99, and I'm sure it was here long before then,” Pohlman said.

Debra Lamp, director of Student Involvement, said the club has come and gone on campus according to interest and management.

“The club has a great two- or three-year run, then it fizzles out,” Lamp said. “It all depends on student likes and dislikes. Everyone needs their own outlet. Yet sometimes the club doesn't have strong leadership.”

Although the club is not technically new, new actions are being taken to keep the students on the slopes. To ensure the club stays active, Miller said he will focus on club features to benefit members.

Members will ski at Mad River Mountain in Vanesfield. Miller said the trips will be every other Saturday night. Members are not obligated to attend every outing.

“It's a low-commitment club,” Miller said. “The group members will not need to go skiing every time. With a big group to choose from, we should have a pretty good turn out on each trip.”

Miller also said it is a low-cost club.

“There's no fee to join,” Miller said.

The club will rely on funding from the Wesleyan Council on Student Affairs (WCSA), but Miller said he has other ideas about how to pay for ski trips.

“My stepdad's company, Rossignol, has put me in touch with people at Mad River Mountain,” Miller said. “Hopefully the Ski Club will be able to work out a deal with them.”

Rossignol Ski Company, Inc., manufactures sport gear and equipment. The company is located in Vermont.

Miller also said the club will also be holding fundraisers. The fundraisers will be determined at the club meetings, which will take place every other week starting this month.

Ski Club transportation to Mad River Mountain will rely on junior Kat Enders.

“I'm the official chauffeur,” Enders said. “I don't ski, but I love the snow. I'll be sitting in the lodge, sipping hot chocolate.”

Miller said students do not have to be skilled on the slopes to be Ski Club members.

“Skiers and snowboarders of all levels of experience can join,” Miller said. “I'd be happy to give some pointers, and the instructors at Mad Mountain are good with groups.”

Miller said he hopes to break the Ski Club's pattern of taking breaks every few years.

“Once we start skiing, the interest will only increase,” Miller said. “People who have skied or snowboarded in the past will be happy to get the chance this winter. People who haven't skied or snowboarded before will be happy to get the chance to learn.”

Pohlman said she is also looking forward to skiing again.

“I love to ski,” Pohlman said. “I'm from New York, and skiing has been a way of life for me. I hope the club remains active in years to come.”

Miller said his enthusiasm for skiing will keep the club from going downhill.

“It's all about having a strong interest,” Miller said. “I'm from Vermont, skiing has always been a big part of my life. Being able to ski here definitely makes me feel like I can connect to the area. Even though it's different here, skiing is skiing, and I'm happy doing it.”

Students who are interested in participating in Ski Club this semester should visit Student Activities or e-mail Miller at jcmiller@owu.edu for specific ski trip dates and meeting times.

Students take cold showers in Stuyvesant Hall

By Andy Wittenberg
Transcript Reporter

You've just finished a long day at Ohio Wesleyan and it's time to hit the hot showers—that is, unless you're a resident of Stuyvesant Hall.

Stuy has had sporadically cold water spewing from its faucets and showers for around the last five to six weeks due to the lack of a part, said Amanda Stewart, residential life coordinator of Stuy.

Stewart said before a system-wide fix was implemented, Buildings and Grounds (B&G) would correct hot water issues based on individual complaints.

Sophomore Meredith Merklin said she complained to two Resident Advisors and Stewart over a period of three weeks, but her water remained cold.

“We just kept getting assurances that it would be fixed,” she said.

Out of options, Merklin said she contacted her father, Jeff Merklin. She said he “yelled” at Stewart and threatened legal action. A few hours later, hot

water was flowing through the dorm's showers again.

Sophomore Chris Hall said the first time he noticed a problem was Dec. 3, the night of President's Ball.

He said the water felt like it had come straight from outside OWU's walls.

“Our facility should be designed to run smoothly... without people freezing to death,” said sophomore Chris Hall.

“I couldn't spend more than five minutes with the water,” Hall said. “People would just leave the showers on and try to run the cold water out of the lines. But it doesn't work the same way as inside a house.”

Stewart sent out an email weeks after the President's Ball, her first public acknowledgement of the issue, saying the Stuyvesant water heating system needed a new part.

Stewart said the problem is not permanently fixed. She said every morning Building

& Grounds will come in and “shake up the system” to get hot water to flow for that day because the missing part will do what B&G does automatically.

Stewart said if the part was not here by the weekend, B&G would receive overtime pay.

“I do not know and I don't think Buildings and Grounds knows why it has taken so long for the part to get here,” she said.

Hall said he didn't think the hot water problem was handled well.

“They were slow to do shit,” Hall said. “Their response time is like a turtle. Our facility should be designed to run smoothly...without people freezing to death.”

“I think it's sad that it took quite a few complaints to get

it fixed. That's why it took so long. OWU should be treated like a theme park where the rides have to be inspected on a frequent schedule,” Hall said.

Senior Christina Tierney, an RA, said she has more sympathy for the university's response.

“I think it's very difficult when you have an old building like this,” Tierney said. “It's going to have characteristics and quirks that you're going to have to deal with whether its thin walls or small bathrooms or dark showers. Its part of the character of the building, but at the same time, I think they did the best that they could do with the situation that was presented.”

Stewart said the problem took so long to fix because it is hard to “pinpoint” issues in a building as old as Stuy, and the calcium deposits in the pipes could make it more difficult.

“It's kind of hard when you're relying on someone else who's relying on someone else who's relying on someone else,” Stewart said.

OWU's swim team heats up for upcoming conference meet Feb. 10-12

By Cara Foley
Transcript Reporter

Women's swimming team had back-to-back meets on Jan. 21 and 22. The Bishops fought hard both days, but did not come out with a win on either.

Ohio Wesleyan swam against Findlay's swim team Friday and had a Tri-meet against Oberlin and Notre Dame on Saturday.

Findlay's meet resulted in the Bishops earning 99

points, and Findlay taking home 124.

Junior Michelle Strong said the meets this past weekend served as a final preparation for the Conference Championship that will take place in Feb.

“It was a challenging meet and all of us swam a lot of events, putting our full effort into every event we swam,” Strong said.

Senior Marisa Obuchowski said she agreed and the

match-up was tough because Findlay is a Division II school.

“We knew that their swimmers were faster, but that our team is bigger, so we had more options,” Obuchowski said. “At this point in the season, our bodies are exhausted from pre-taper, so we just wanted to give it everything we had.”

Junior Anne McComas said she agreed the team was prepared for a tough meet.

“Next year, the team should be even better considering there are only two graduating seniors.”

Obuchowski has been with the team for four seasons and has become famil-

iar with how the team works together.

“The team dynamic this year is the best I have ever seen in my swimming career at OWU,” Obuchowski said. “Everyone encourages one

another, and there is always a teammate at the end of the lane cheering you on. The upperclassmen are all pretty good friends, so our team has bonded really well.”

The team is concentrating

their practice time on training to improve performance levels for their conference meet Feb. 10-12. This meet will be one of the final meets for the team this season.

“Our coach had us swim multiple events to prepare us for swimming fast while we were tired,” McComas said. “We knew going into the meets on Friday and Saturday that this weekend would be exhausting.”

Obuchowski said this season the team has been much stronger.

“The freshman class is really large and provides a lot of talent giving our team more depth,” Obuchowski said.



Front Row (L to R): Holly Gilbert, Randi Savage, Marina Metzler, Erin Vassar, Michelle Strong, Emilie Schachtner, Jennifer Erichsen, Melissa Ward, Kaitlyn Eckert.
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Fourth Row: Anthony Peddle, Sean Anthony, Derek Smith, Matt Magdic, Jacob Beach, Braxton Wright, Jacob Perl, Addison Miller, Taylor Smith.
Not Pictured: Rachel Schlosser, Assistant Coach Brian Book.

Opinion

Quote of the Week: "These trees have done nothing wrong and broken no laws. And yet they are slated for execution without a public hearing and without the opportunity to defend themselves."

— Thomas Wolber, Modern Foreign Languages Professor

Letters to the Editor:

Tough on drugs, not "druggly"

The news created quite a buzz around campus last month: Ohio Wesleyan had been named one of the nation's "druggiest colleges."

Really? As OWU's Public Safety director, I was both curious and concerned. A closer look at the poll and its methodology has provided some interesting insights.

Most important among these: OWU takes seriously allegations of illegal drug use. We refer all cases with probable cause to the Delaware City Police Department and the OWU student-conduct system. This protocol results in our having higher arrest numbers than many of our peer schools, even though we have considerably lower numbers of overall campus drug cases.

In calendar year 2009, OWU had 13 arrests (0.7 percent of our student population) and nine student-conduct referrals. Other schools, however, reported zero arrests but *hundreds* of student-conduct referrals for drug use during this same period. Only arrest statistics, not conduct violations, were used for the new rankings. This methodology more accurately compared how *aggressive* schools are in enforcing drug violations, not the extent or prevalence of drug use on any particular campus.

"This list is more accurately labeled 'Campuses with Strictest Drug Enforcement,'" a rankings reader observed.

I believe OWU's relatively low number of drug violations is a reflection of the character of our student body and a result of aggressive enforcement on the part of Public Safety and Residence Life staffs. Our policies help students realize the seriousness of drug violations and help to curtail illegal drug usage. We take drug use seriously, and students know it.

The bottom line is this: As a parent or student, if I wanted to be affiliated with an institution that has low numbers of drug incidents on campus and aggressive enforcement of violations, OWU would be very high on my rankings list.

And that's news worth buzzing about.

— Robert A. Wood, Director of Public Safety

The executioner's axe falls

As a member of Ohio Wesleyan's Sustainability Task Force and the City of Delaware's Shade Tree Commission, I was dismayed to learn the planned renovation of Stuyvesant Hall includes the removal of the many trees on the northeast side of the building, facing West William Street (Delaware Gazette, 1/6/11). According to the article, there are two main reasons why the architects feel it is necessary to chop down the trees: 1. They block the view of the building, and 2. They block the way for an access road and more sidewalks.

I visited the "trees," as they were summarily and dismissively referred to, the same day. There are several groups of various conifers and deciduous trees, about forty in total. The main "culprits" seem to be the tall spruce, eleven on the left side of the staircase, five on the right side, but apparently all of them seem to be threatened. These trees have done nothing wrong and broken no laws. And yet they are slated for execution without a public hearing and without the opportunity to defend themselves. That strikes me as utterly unfair and unjust.

As is the case with people, each tree has its own history, personality and soul. To me, they are as much members of the OWU community as are the students, the staff and the squirrels. Trees are living creatures, endowed with sentience. They respond to stimuli, and they communicate with each other through chemical signals. They can repel attackers. They explore the environment with roots and branches, looking for food and sunlight. They can be happy and sad. Have you ever heard trees "sing" in a storm? It is the most amazing symphony. Naturalist Elizabeth Marshall Thomas goes so far as to use the pronouns "who" and "whom" when referring to them. And yet, ignorant developers and planners often treat them as nameless and faceless commodities to be bought and sold the same way women, slaves and dogs were dealt with in the past.

It is certainly true the trees in question block the view of Stuyvesant from West William Street. But who decides a building is more important than a tree? Trees normally enhance, not diminish, the view as any landscape architect will tell you. A public discussion might come to the conclusion that perhaps not all of the trees would have to go. In my opinion, they should all stay.

As far as road and sidewalk access is concerned, Stuyvesant is already accessible by foot from all sides and accessible by car from the parking lot on the building's northwest side. If a beautiful view is of such paramount importance, why build a new service road? Doesn't that defeat the purpose?

— Tom Wolber, Modern Foreign Languages

Green yourself and your wallet



Green Scene
By John Romano
Guest Columnist

2011: It's a new year and a fresh start for all of us. We've all come up with our own New Year's resolutions and formulated a game plan to help us reach these newly-minted goals of ours.

I'm sure many of you share similar resolutions: lose weight, get better grades, spend more time with family and friends, you name it.

But let's be honest here, how many of those goals are really sustainable for most of us?

Let's face it, the seduction of Dan's Deli is an ever-present threat to our belly-busting resolution, and the constant lure of frat parties and bar runs will always get in the way of your academic goals.

Why not set a resolution that is much more sustainable, in more ways than one?

What if I told you by setting a goal

to live more sustainably this year, you could not only help protect the environment, but could save yourself money at the same time?

Believe it, because it's much easier than you think.

While none of you are billed directly for Ohio Wesleyan's energy and utility costs, this doesn't mean you aren't paying for your consumption. In fact, daily operational costs represent a sizable portion of total yearly expenses for most colleges around the country.

And while you may not recognize or learn to fully appreciate the energy you consume until you get your first bill from your local energy monopoly, this wonderful privilege of paying for your own utilities is right around the corner for all of you seniors out there.

But don't fret, because there are many ways all of us can reduce our energy consumption, without even breaking a sweat.

Most of the changes require little to no effort, time or capital investment at all.

While saving money and energy through energy efficiency is extremely important, it is equally important to put energy use into perspective so we

can recognize where to make improvements first. The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates the residential sector accounted for 42 percent of total U.S. electricity consumption in 2009.

Considering most people are only home and awake for a small portion of the day, this figure is staggering.

In fact, the average American consumes an estimated 920 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month. This translates to an average electricity bill of \$103.67 per month, at a national average cost of around eleven cents per kilowatt-hour.

On top of that, according to the U.S. Department of Energy, the average American household pays well over \$200 in total energy costs each month, which includes both electricity and natural gas for heating. That number translates to over \$2,500 in energy bills per year!

By reducing energy use by 10 to 20 percent, a figure can be achieved very easily on a personal level. The average American household can save hundreds of dollars per year on energy costs.

This is just one of the many ways living green can lead to more green in your wallet as well.

College ACB: An online gossip love affair



Word Vomit
by Michelle "RJ" Rotuno-Johnson

ruins peoples' lives." Only instead of the Burn Book, we have CollegeACB. YOU CAN'T SIT WITH US!

...Ahem!! I, for one, have learned quite a bit from these hallowed halls of gossip. Let me share some of my new knowledge with you.

First of all, I am a lesbian dumbass. Love it. I didn't know that before but it's probably because I am dumb. I am literate, though, so I could at least read what someone thinks about me.

Also, I have learned a lot about Midwesterners. We are all fat, love cheese and ranch dressing and football, drive dinky pickup trucks around and are generally lame. Ohio girls are the worst because they are boring. They also enjoy cornhole and having sex with relatives. Guess I missed something.

This is in comparison to being from the East Coast, where everyone does drugs and is rich and stuck-up. They also like Sperrys and lacrosse. Their parents pay for everything.

A lot of people on this campus are sluts and whores. I don't know a lot of these people who have a bad reputation on ACB. But if I meet them they might ask me to have sex with them because they are sluts and whores. And I will say, "no, fat Ohioan!" or "no, cokehead Connecticut person!" This is how you interact with people like this.

Apparently, Midwesterners and East Coasters are the only people on campus besides Asians. But Asians won't ask you to do drugs, nor are they fat. They probably won't ask me out, either, because they're not sluts and whores. They like the library, though. I learned that.

Greek life sucks. It's fake and you just pay for your friends. Why would anyone want to do that? Certainly no one on CollegeACB, and they know everything.

Some professors are okay but a lot of them suck. Actually, there isn't one single person at this university who doesn't suck. No one is cool. Even on the "Nicest People at OWU" thread, no one is *really* nice. As soon as there is a post claiming that a certain person is cool, there is a subsequent post claiming that person is an asshole.

Is this all true? Nope. Is it entertaining? Maybe a little bit, but it's mostly just unsettling to think people are so cruel to their classmates. Do people believe it? I sure hope not. And if they do...well, I'd just chalk it up to the fact that people on this campus are either "losers" or have nothing better to do than go on a gossip website. Seriously, if people believe half of that stuff I have to question their intellect.

I know Juicy Campus was shut down because people just used it for gossip and hate speech. Should ACB be shut down? I don't think so. I am sure Peter Frank, the guy who founded it, meant for it to be used as a forum for discussion...about classes and tips for college life, that is. I don't think he meant for it to become a pit of rumors and judgment. Some people think he is at fault, but I don't.

Maybe the people who start those nasty rumors are the ones who should be given the heaviest scrutiny. Or maybe it's people like me who read it but don't try to stop it. Or maybe we should just let it be, and leave the rumors and hatred to run their course.

At any rate, it's going under new management any day now.

Frank is undoubtedly moving on to bigger and better things than petty college grudges and jealous insults. So should we, I suppose.

Here's to a safe semester, y'all.
And to no more laptop thieves.

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Arts & Entertainment

West African Dance kicks off spring arts series

By Margaret Bagnell
Transcript Correspondent

Students assembled to witness a taste of culture from the Thiossane West African Dance Institute on Saturday, Jan. 15, in the Chappellear Drama Center.

Ohio Wesleyan's Performing Arts Series hosted a performance from the dance group, accompanied by traditional West African music. The performance was open to students, employees and Delaware community members.

Those in attendance were introduced to the richness of West African culture in the form of personal expressions.

Freshman Rebecca Overbeeke said the performance gave her an opportunity to embrace African culture.

"It was a cultural experience that allowed me to understand how others express themselves through dance and song," she said. "The group did a great job with incorporating their heritage to their own style of dance and music."

The institute's performance included a variety of dance styles to interpret the national authenticity of West African culture. It opened with a flamenco style of dance, which told the story of persecution through music and dance. This was choreographed by Lisa Spencer.

Students taking "The Art of Theatre 101" were required to attend the performance to expand their knowledge of the performing arts.

Freshman Spencer McGlade said while expanding



Photo provided by Thiossane West African Dance Institute website
Ohio Wesleyan's Performing Arts Series kicked off the Spring semester with West African themed danced performances on Saturday, Jan. 15.

his knowledge, he viewed the performance with a more critical eye.

"I'm in the Art of Theatre, and we were required to go, we even had a quiz on it, but

I wasn't that impressed," he said. "It didn't seem professionally done, and nothing stood out to me."

The dancers wore costumes traditional to the West African inspiration, and the choreography made each dance style dramatic and portrayed their nationality and heritage.

One cultural aspect of the dance group is they educate themselves on different cultures by adding different styles of dance to their performance. A Caribbean theme was relevant, followed by a Sinte rhythm.

Freshmen Justin Segal said he was thoroughly impressed by the West African dance.

"I thought the performance was good," he said. "It had really cool costumes and impressive drumming."

The use of the drum cadence had the audience swaying in their seats.

Junior Katie Jenks said she went to the performance because learning Swahili during the past semester had inspired her interest in Africa's culture.

"Seeing some performing arts from Africa was sweet," she said. "I liked the drumming, and the costumes were so bold and colorful."

The Thiossane dance group was founded in 2000 with the purpose of enhancing the awareness of cultural differences in Africa.

The Institute travels throughout Ohio performing at many venues to increase African awareness and preserve the traditional style of West African dance.

A little too much skin on 'Skins': New show premieres on MTV



Photo from MTV.com

MTV's newest series "Skins" is causing quite a stir. New episodes air Mondays at 10 p.m.

By Alexis Williams
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MTV certainly knows how to push the envelope. From the network that spawned shows like "The Real World" and "16 & Pregnant," MTV executives are no strangers to provocativeness and controversy.

After the highly anticipated series premiere on Monday, Jan. 17 of "Skins," the network shows no signs of stopping. The jaw-dropping series, based on the UK program of the same name, centers on the lives of a gang of teens consumed by sex, drugs and deviancy.

Think "Degrassi: the Next Generation" meets "Gossip Girl," who decides to make a pit stop at "90210," with a few hints of the movie "Cruel Intentions," just for good measure. Though the show reached an audience 3.3 million, since its debut, "Skins" has received as much criticism as praise.

With enough nudity, foul language, and sexual innuendoes to make your head spin, the steamy teen drama, rated TV-MA (geared for those 17 and older), stands alone in its own category of MTV's controversies.

Unlike live programs such

"MTV has produced 'the most dangerous program ever for children,' said the Parents Television Council

as the Video Music Awards or reality shows like "Jersey Shore," where whatever happens happens despite a camera man's presence, "Skins" is scripted. In the eyes of the Parents Television Council (PTC), MTV has produced "the most dangerous program ever for children." According to the Nielsen Company, an advertising and research organization that provides TV ratings, 1.2 million of the viewers last Monday were under age 17.

In the pilot episode, a band of troublemaking friends spend an inordinate amount of time trying to assist their fellow ne'er-do-well, Stanley, in his quest to lose his virginity.

His search for sex almost comes to pass with help from the school's premiere playboy Tony, who generously offers his own girlfriend, Michelle, to the poor, unfortunate soul.

However, due to her reluctance, Michelle sets up Stanley with her friend Cadie, a

junkie fresh from rehab, who agrees to do the deed so long as he provides her with drugs. What are friends for, right?

Amidst their sexual escapades, the group scores a huge bag of marijuana, landing Stanley \$900 in debt; crashes a private school girls' party and steals a Cadillac Escalade which they subsequently drive into a lake.

Suffice it to say, once the group reemerges from the underwater abyss, their first thought is the gigantic bag of weed that was lost in the unfortunate accident.

The PTC has called for a federal investigation of "Skins," due to its intense sexual content and their discomfort with the age of the actors on the show, which range from 15 to 19. The organization has rallied several of the show's promoters to stop advertising.

So far, they have successfully lobbied Taco Bell, Wrigley Gum, General Motors, and H&R Block. The PTC

has even gone so far as to say "Skins" has violated several anti-pornography laws.

According to The New York Times, MTV contests these allegations stating, "'Skins' is a show that addresses real-world issues confronting teens in a frank way. We review all of our shows and work with all of our producers on an ongoing basis to ensure our shows comply with laws and community standards. We are confident that the episodes of 'Skins' will not only comply with all applicable legal requirements, but also with our responsibilities to our viewers."

MTV has also received a lot of criticism from its viewers in the UK. Apparently, the pilot episode and all of the show's characters are identical to the UK's version.

Regardless of the PTC's impact on "Skins" sponsors, MTV seems to be following the age-old, Hollywood mantra of "No press is bad press."

Though the network is currently considering toning down future episodes, this is only the beginning for the teen drama. Viewers should expect more drugs, drinking, debauchery and definitely more sex from "Skins."

Photo Plays coming soon to Chappellear

By Alexandra Crump
Photo Editor

Two is the number for the upcoming project "Photo Plays: Flashes of Brilliance." The plays are derived from two photographs, written in two days, and rehearsed two days later.

"Photo Plays: Flashes of Brilliance" will be performed as the spring theater project. They plays are being constructed in an unusual way.

Director Bonnie Milne Gardner said the development of the project was different than one would expect.

"We started on Jan. 13 with no plays, but a company of 26 artists, a space, and a lot of trust," she said.

With this trust, the students began to put together 20 to 24 pieces with 10 being chosen to show in the Studio Theater in the Chappellear Drama Center.

Senior Samantha Owen, production manager, said the production process requires dedication from all involved.

"The concept of the show is to have student directors, playwrights and actors come together in four days to create an eight-to-10-page play," she said.

What makes these plays distinctive, however, is the writers construct them after receiving two photographs of their actors in costume. The premise of the play comes from these photos.

Gardner said having such time constraints creates an interesting environment for the largely all-student-run project.

"It raises the stakes and makes them commit to an idea right away, especially the writers," she said.

Sophomore Leah Shaefner, assistant stage manager, said she finds this particular writing process difficult, yet unique.

"I think it must be really

hard for the writers to come up with something they're proud of in two days," she said. "It's a really interesting challenge," she said.

She also said the contemporary performance is not only a challenge for the writers but for everyone involved.

"This thing is insane," she said. "I've never done anything as non-traditional as 'Photo Plays' before."

Junior Misa Farslow gave her perspective as an actor on the challenges of "Photo Plays."

"It gives the actors a chance to play multiple roles, and it gives us a chance to practice with the character in a safe environment where everyone in the company understands that it is a work in progress," she said. "The whole production gives so many students the chance to grow as a theatre company and community."

Regardless of the difficulties, Gardner said she has complete faith in what her students are doing.

"I auditioned and interviewed students to create a company of artists that I believed had the talent and dependability to succeed," she said. "I am with them for every step of the journey, advising, coaching and learning. It's a great group of students, and I have complete faith that their work will generate a meaningful and entertaining evening of theatre."

When the plays debut in March, the style of the play won't be the only element that has changed in the theater. The stage will be set up like a photo studio, transporting the audience into the performance and giving a twist on the traditional stage setting.

"Photo Plays: Flash of Brilliance" begin March 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 27, at 2 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

– Sisters United Poetry Slam, Thursday, Feb. 3, Willa B. Player Black Resources Center "The Cave"

– MENDING Monologues, Saturday, Feb. 5, Benes Rooms

– The Female Orgasm, Thursday, Feb. 10, Benes Rooms

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Bishops Sports

Track and Field takes quad

By Chris Lathem
Transcript Reporter

The Ohio Wesleyan men's and women's track and field teams both came in 1st place at the OWU Quadrangular on Saturday.

The event, which took place at Branch Rickey Field house, was hosted by OWU. It featured teams from Muskingum, Mount Union and Kenyon.

The OWU men's team won the meet with 85 points. Muskingum finished in 2nd place with 52 points, followed by Mount Union with 42 points, and Kenyon with 4 points.

The women's team won their meet with 84 1/2 points. Mount Union came in 2nd place with a final of 56 1/2 points, followed by Muskingum with 22 1/2 points, and finally Kenyon with 17 1/2 points.

Performances by sophomores Silas Jolliff and Ethan Freet helped the men's team capture the overall team title. Both Jolliff and Freet won an individual event and were part of two 1st place relay teams.

Also winning events for the Bishops were junior David Franklin, freshman Andrew Diehl, junior Jon Rux, and sophomore Shane Brandt. Brandt also joined junior Kale Booher, senior Jeff Driscoll and senior Kyle Herman to capture the distance medley relay.

"David Franklin is only a few hundredths of a second away from qualifying for nationals in the 55 meter hurdles," said senior Lainey Kekic.

A member of the 1st place



Photo By Brittany Vickers
Junior Kody Law gets set in his blocks for the men's 800 meter relay.

"We are looking to repeat as NCAC champions in both indoor and outdoor," said senior Sean Patrick.

800 meter relay team, senior Sean Patrick, said he thinks that this year's relay teams have a chance to be very successful.

"Our relays have a great opportunity to be the best relay teams we have had in the past few years," said Patrick.

On the women's side, the Bishops were anchored by freshmen Katlin Brandt and Emily Sattler. Brandt won two events and set a school record in the 55m hurdles, while Sattler won an event and was part of a 1st place relay team.

Brandt won the 55 meter hurdles with a time of :08:59,

which broke the school record of :08.70 set by Bev Smith in 1994.

Senior Kat Zimmerly, junior Sam Smyth, senior Rachael Newman, freshman Cara DeAngelis, and a relay team comprised of freshman Holly Fouch, senior Lainey Kekic, sophomore Calina Hilyard, and freshman Courtney Armsey all won events and helped OWU capture the team title.

Katlin Brandt, Shane Brandt and Smyth were all named NCAC Players of the Week as a result of their performances at the OWU Quadrangular.

Next on the schedule for

both teams is the NCAC relays hosted by Oberlin College on Jan. 29.

"This will be our first chance to see how this year's team measures up against the conference competition," said Patrick.

He said he hopes that the teams can continue to perform well in the winter season and be prepared for the spring season.

"As a team we are looking to repeat as NCAC champions in both indoor and outdoor," he said. "It is the ultimate goal to compete here at OWU for NCAA Championships held in

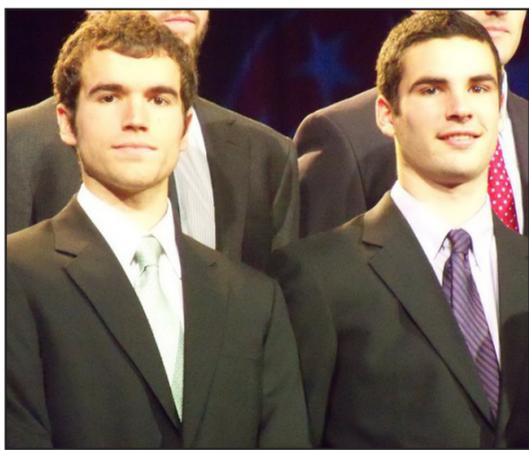


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Tyler Wall and Travis Wall stand onstage after receiving their awards.

Men's soccer takes winning to next level

By Brittany Vickers
Sports Editor

The Ohio Wesleyan men's soccer team is known for their success according to OWU students Tamra Londot, Lainey Kekic and Madison Stofcheck.

The first words they thought of to describe the team were, "winning," "successful" and "NCAC Champs."

The Bishops set an OWU record and led the country with five players selected to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-Great Lakes Region First teams.

The five OWU players selected were, senior midfielder Ryan Harmanis (Hilliard/Davidson), senior right back Eric Liapple (Westerville/South), senior midfielder Tyler Wall (Columbus/Upper Arlington) junior midfielder Dylan Stone (Easton, Conn./Barlow) and junior forward Travis Wall (Columbus, Upper Arlington).

Of those five athletes, three were also selected to NSCAA All-American teams. Harmanis was elected to the NSCAA Academic All-American team, and both Tyler Wall and Travis Wall were elected to the NSCAA All-American teams. Harmanis, Tyler Wall and Travis Wall were honored in Baltimore the weekend of Jan. 15.

How does the men's soccer team maintain this tradition of success? Jay Martin, head coach and professor in OWU's physical education department, said they focus on the process, not the outcome.

"These awards are an outcome, just like winning," Martin said. "We don't talk about stats, individual awards or even winning and losing, it's all about the team as a whole. We measure everything we do for the next game."

Martin said these individual awards reflect the success of the team. Senior defender Eric Liapple also considers his award to be a reflection of the quality of the team.

"We know that the reason we get these opportunities is because of the success we have as a team," Liapple said. "It just makes sense, the better the team, the better the players."

The total focus on the team as a whole is part of the culture, pride and tradition according to junior forward Derek Sebert.

"I feel accomplished just to be a part of this team. It doesn't matter who was selected, we're all just supportive of each other," Sebert said. "It's an honor to get to play around such great players."

Sebert said there is no jealousy because of individual awards.

"Just like any good team, individuals enjoy their success through the team. We're happy because we know we helped them get better," Sebert said.

Travis Wall said these awards are awesome for the team and the program.

"For recruiting it's a huge selling point," Wall said. "We have a wall in the locker room with all the All-Americans we have ever had, I think we're up to 41 or something. To have that many All-American's is something special."

Just because OWU's team is known for its success, doesn't diminish the skills of these players, Martin said.

"They are all really good players, and they have all improved since they started here," Martin said. "That's the true measurement of a successful team."

Both Martin and Wall and Sebert were extremely positive regarding the legacy this senior class is leaving behind.

"These seniors left a damn good legacy," Martin said. "They did an exceptional job off the field, mentoring the freshmen, bringing them along, supporting each other, just absolutely fantastic."

Liapple said he hopes they left behind a legacy of pride and tradition, and people he played with will remember him and his classmates as good players and good people.

What to watch for this week

- Men's Basketball will play at Allegheny Saturday, Jan. 29, at 3 p.m.
- Women's Basketball will play at Allegheny Saturday, Jan. 29, at 1 p.m.
- Men's and Women's Track will run in the NCAC Relays at Oberlin Saturday, Jan 29, at 12 p.m.
- Healthy Bishop Day will be taking place in Ham-Will Wednesday, Feb. 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- There will be a nutritionist speaker in the Benes Rooms Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m.

Quigney hits 3-pointer, revives Bishops

By Katie Carlin
Transcript Reporter

Senior guard Pam Quigney hit a 3-pointer to keep the women's basketball team afloat during a heated overtime against Oberlin College at Branch Rickey Wednesday night.

Senior guard Tyler Cordell led the Bishops with 23 points but the late game heroics of Quigney gave the Bishops the boost they needed to capture their 9th win of the season.

The Bishops executed strong plays to claim the win. "In overtime, we play with more urgency" Quigney said.

Cordell had given the Bishops a 61-59 lead with a lay-in early during overtime, but Oberlin's Syrea Thomas sunk a 3-point basket with less than two minutes left, giving the Oberlin team a one point lead (62-61).

Head Coach Nancy Carney-DeBord said, "Tyler Cordell



Coach Nan Carney-DeBord



Senior Pam Quigney



Senior Tyler Cordell

played 42 minutes of basketball. She was relentless in her pursuit of a team victory and had many 'hustle plays'."

Quigney aided the victory with a 3-pointer on Ohio Wesleyan's next possession, giving the Bishops the lead with only 1:16 to play. After an Oberlin missed a shot, Bishop's freshman Tamra Londot sank two free throws to secure the win.

"We didn't play our best basketball. At the end of the game, they were actually ahead by one point but luckily I ended up making one of the

foul shots," Londot said.

Oberlin dominated the first half of the game but in the last few minutes Ohio Wesleyan had an 18-1 outburst to catch up with the Yeowomen, resulting in a 10 point lead at the start of the second half.

Oberlin came back with some quick 3-pointers to catch back up to the Bishops, but not enough to end the game, sending the Bishops into overtime.

Carney De-Bord said two of the teams strengths during the game against Oberlin were the defense and the "will" to

respond to anything thrown at them.

As far as mental preparation goes, Carney De-Bord said, "Our pre-season has accomplished that for us; we played several top 25 teams. We are ready to compete in a conference championship."

The final score of the game was 66-62.

Editor's Note: Following the Bishop's win against Oberlin they lost to Kenyon (75-52) on Friday.

Young men's basketball team maturing quickly

By Travis Wall
Transcript Correspondent

In the midst of a current six game winning streak, the underclassmen-led basketball team is hitting their stride and at the perfect time.

After their defeat of Kenyon on Saturday 74-70, they have solidified themselves in the top four of the NCAC. If they can hold that, it will guarantee them the opportunity to host at least one game in the NCAC tournament in Feb.

Head coach Mike DeWitt attributes the current winning streak to the development of the younger players.

"I really think we have grown as a team as the season has progressed," DeWitt said. "We were a very young team early in the season, and our players have grown and gained experience during the course of our season."

The team is led in scoring by junior wing Tim Brady, who is averaging 17.3 points per game. The three-year starter,

who led the team in scoring last year as a sophomore, has been the backbone of this year's team.

However, two sophomores, Andy Winters and Greg White, have also stepped up their game to become instrumental in the winning streak.

Brady listed confidence as the deciding factor to the team's improved play.

"We are all playing much more confident. When we do that our athleticism and talent can really come out," Brady said.

Brady added the freshmen duo of center Reuel Rogers and guard Dre White have matured quickly.

Rogers provides great depth to an already talented center rotation including sophomores Marshall Morris and Billy Reilich and senior Andrew Martin.

Sophomore wing player Greg White did not see much game action last year as a freshman, but has emerged as a consistent three-point threat.

His presence has taken attention off Winters and Brady, who other teams have

been focused on.

White echoed DeWitt's thoughts with regards to the maturity of the youth on their team. He added the team's ability to handle adversity has also come a long way.

Winters said he thinks going forward the team needs to continue to raise their competitiveness.

"We have begun to compete in our most recent games rather than 'play' in them and there is a big difference," Winters said. "We showed up and played at the beginning of the year, now we're competing to win."

Players and DeWitt listed the remaining home games with Wittenberg and Wabash as their most anticipated games, because of the opportunity to measure their growth against the other top competition in the conference. However, DeWitt was quick to point out what some teams forget.

"Every single game is important as we battle for a spot at the top of the NCAC."