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Senior Class Council changes membership

By Liza Bennett
Transcript Reporter

Beginning with the class of 2012, the Wesleyan Council on Student Affairs will have two senior class representatives serve on the Senior Class Council.

In past years, the Senior Class Council has been detached from WCSA; however, a decision has been made to form a link between the two groups by having the WCSA senior class representatives serve on the Senior Class Council. The Senior Class Council will now also elect the senior class president.

Senior Alina Ruzmetova, WCSA senior class president, said she believed these changes are going to benefit the future senior classes as well as the entire campus community in general.

"Having two senior class representatives on WCSA will ensure the qualitative representation of the entire class, and having the senior class president head the Senior Class Council and focus primarily on the social aspects of their class will, hopefully, enrich everyone's last year experience at OWU," Ruzmetova said.

The senior class president's responsibilities include picking the commencement speaker, working on the class gift and working with young alumni.

Junior Sharif Kronemer, WCSA president, said he believes the changes make sense and are in line with the evolution of the senior class president's position.

"These changes should not have a substantial impact on the student body, other than giving the senior class one more representative in WCSA and allowing the senior class president and senior class representatives on WCSA to focus more closely on their respective agendas," Kronemer said.

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Perry preaches self-responsibility

By Solomon Ryan
Transcript Correspondent

Jonathan Perry got kicked out of his church and school. He cursed God and contemplated suicide.

What the OWU audience listening to his story didn't initially realize was that he got kicked out of school and church not for bad behavior, but for being gay.

Jonathan Perry, a gay, black man who has HIV, spoke about his experiences in the Benes room on Feb. 15.

His visit was sponsored by the Student Union on Black Awareness (SUBA) and PRIDE.

Although he has faced some difficulties, Perry said he still finds one thing that is positive -- God.

In Perry's words, "God is what we make him to be."

Perry said he believes there is no one definition for God. He said he thinks everyone is in the presence of God and that is a blessing in and of itself.

One of Perry's main points was responsibility. Perry stressed the importance of self-responsibility to the group of students and faculty gathered.

"Your mother or your grandparents aren't responsible for you," Perry said. "You are."

When Perry was diagnosed with HIV, he said he had to be there for himself.

He said his mother practically disowned him because he was gay and his grandma still hoped he would change his mind and magically be-



Photo by Paul Gruber

Above (from left to right): Sophomore Andrew Wilson, member of SUBA, event speaker Jonathan Perry, junior Michelle Rotuno-Johnson, president of PRIDE and managing editor of the Transcript, and sophomore Samuel Irvine, member of PRIDE, gather after the event on Feb. 17, during which Perry spoke about his struggles and AIDS awareness.

come straight.

Perry said he had two paths to choose from. He said he could either be sorry for himself and miserable, or make the best of what he had. He said he chose the latter.

Perry went to Johnson C. Smith University, which is an all-black school.

He was the first gay student to come out, and he said the university and students didn't take very kindly to that.

"One time a student came at me with a brick and chased me around campus," Perry said.

Once the university caught

wind he was gay, Perry was kicked out.

Following this experience, Perry said he found himself falling into a depressed state. He said he managed to recover after he wrote a letter to Iyanla Vanzant, an inspirational speaker and spiritual teacher.

She replied that, even in hard times, God is always there. Perry said he took the message to heart because, throughout his life, Perry's faith had helped him through tough times.

To further add to his woes, Perry said he was let go from

the Human Rights campaign because he was black.

"They liked me because I was gay, but they shunned [me] because I was black," Perry said. "It can't work both ways."

Even with the world against him, he said he was still able to have a positive view on life.

"Hatred doesn't kill anyone but you," Perry said.

Perry said he started a blog and got all sorts of positive feedback, but one comment stuck out to him.

"I was reading my comments, and a white girl writes

me a letter," Perry said. "She is fat and I am thin. She's white and I'm black. But she said my story changed her life. It just goes to show that your story can change anyone's life, so tell it."

Sophomore Samuel Irvine, a member of PRIDE who attended the event, said he liked the way Perry told his story to the group.

"I enjoyed Jonathan a lot," Irvine said. "I liked that he spoke to us informally. It was entertaining and educational and I felt like I could relate."

CAH closes doors a final time

By Kathleen Dalton
Transcript Correspondent

Creative Arts House (CAH) students can be found on a sunny afternoon sitting on their stoops reading, smoking and chatting.

Students filing past the houses on their way to class can spot artwork situated around the house. The sidewalk in front of the house features a taped notice that reads "the stage," the meaning of which is left up to the passerby's imagination.

This haven to artists will be closing its doors next year. The physical structures of CAH are closing, and the SLU itself was not renewed during this year's SLU renewal process.

Sophomore Jennifer Fox, a member of CAH, said the administration decided to close the two buildings CAH occupies because of unsafe and unlivable conditions.

She also said no professional building inspector has been called to investigate the building.

Fox said the state of the building is a natural result of 10 or more students occupying the building year after year.

Small Living Units (SLUs), she said, do not have any sort of maintenance services like the dormitories do, adding to this wear and tear.

Sophomore Britannia Wanstrath, a member of CAH, said the closing of the house was not a fair decision because of extenuating circumstances



Photo by Alex Crump

"White house," one of the two Creative Arts House structures on Rowland Avenue that will soon be torn down due to unsafe and unlivable conditions.

in the CAH community.

Last year, problems began to arise concerning a few of the house members, and the school began discussions about whether the house should be shut down.

Fox said she agrees the decision to close the house has been less than fair.

"This is a private institution, which means OWU can do whatever the hell it wants in regards to its properties," Fox said. "I do not think I was

treated as a valued human being throughout my experiences at CAH, but fair is up to the rule maker."

The house went through changes this year that have inhibited its ability to perform all the functions of a SLU.

The house went without a moderator for the first semester this fall, and Wanstrath said she thinks this is what might have caused some of the problems.

Without a moderator, Resi-

dential Life Coordinator Carrie Miller had to step in until another moderator could be secured. With all of Miller's current duties, she was unable to fill the post as completely as possible.

CAH also failed their house inspection, leading to further criticism of the house.

"CAH spent this entire year playing by the rules, it just happened to be too little, too late," Fox said. "This school has a master plan in terms of

becoming a residential campus and CAH occupying that area was just not a part of it."

The house was also criticized for academic reasons.

"We have had a higher than average number of students with ugly GPAs and poor academic performance, and our alumni do not go on to make fortunes like some of the other SLU alumni do," Wanstrath said. "But this year, all but two members of CAH were new to SLUs, and I don't think we deserved to be judged for the faults of past members."

CAH students said they are not sure what their living situations will be next year.

Wanstrath said that last year, when the house was undergoing similar problems, they were offered space in one of the dorms.

Wanstrath said she hopes something similar will be offered for next year.

"We still hope to be allowed to live together either in a designated hall of a dorm with our own moderator, or, best case scenario, we could ask that the school rent a house off-campus for us to live in until new accommodations are made for us. Until then, we are weighing our options," Wanstrath said.

According to Fox, all of the SLUs have been pressured to fill a roster this year and so she has no option to live in another SLU and has missed the off-campus lottery.

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'Be Suave' mystery revealed

Students eat traditional treats to support a spicy cause



Photos submitted by VIVA

Above : Left, sophomore Magdalena Jacobo and right, freshman Hazel Barrera, VIVA members, table during the Be Suave event. Below: The Be Suave cutout showed the way for students entering HamWill atrium during the Be Suave event. VIVA members serve flan and churros to students.

By Breanne Reilly
Transcript Correspondent

VIVA spiced up lunchtime in the Hamilton Williams Atrium on Thursday, Feb. 17.

Members swirled in a salsa demonstration and served ethnic treats to promote their annual fundraiser, Salsa for Education.

VIVA prepared flan, a sweet Spanish custard, in the Welch basement kitchen. La Morenita, a market located at 150 London Rd., helped members make churros, Spanish donut-like pastries, for the demonstration. Students were invited to try traditional treats and learn salsa steps.

"We wanted to give people a little taste of what will be at the event," said senior Greer Aeschbury, VIVA co-president. "Students got up and danced with us."

Salsa for Education is an annual fundraiser co-hosted by VIVA and the Global Village Collection on 37 N. Sandusky St.

The fundraiser is March 25, 6:30 p.m. to midnight, in Benes rooms A, B and C. The event includes an ethnic dinner and dancing to a 12-piece salsa band, Son del Caribe.

Son del Caribe is native to Cincinnati. The 12-piece band includes trombonist Jaime Morales-Matos, director of the Central Ohio Symphony Orchestra.

"We've worked with them before," Aeschbury said. "They're talented, fun and definitely worth seeing. They'll be doing a salsa demonstration."

VIVA has also worked with its co-host, the Global Village Collection in previous years.

According to its website, globalvillagecollection.org, the Global Village Collection is a fair trade, non-profit retail store that sells Third-world artisans' handicrafts.

Global Village employee Claire Everhart ('10) said the store held the first Salsa for Education festival in 2006 to celebrate its fifteenth year on Sandusky. In 2007, the store

collaborated with OWU and has been co-hosting the event with VIVA since then.

"VIVA takes care of the logistics for the event," Everhart said. "Global Village spreads the word to the greater Delaware community. We tell customers, put notices in church fliers and contact owners of Delaware businesses."

VIVA co-president, sophomore Kami Goldin, said Salsa for Education brings students and community members together.

"This event is more than just a dance, and it's more than a fundraiser," Goldin said. "It raises awareness and money for charity, but it also promotes interaction between the school and the community."

Tickets for the event cost \$10 for dancing, and \$40 for dancing and dinner.

Proceeds will go to three charitable organizations: On the Ground, NicaHOPE and the Project Hope Orphanage in Haiti.

According to the Global Village website, On the Ground works with fair trade producers to provide healthcare, clean water and education.

NicaHOPE provides education opportunities for children living in an open-air landfill in Managua, Nicaragua. Project Hope Orphanage in Haiti provides relief, medical assistance and education for the 2010 earthquake survivors.

Freshman Kristian Kangas, a member of VIVA, said although Salsa for Education is the same night as Colleges Against Cancer's (CAC) fundraiser Relay for Life, students will not have to choose between the events.

"We're working it out so students can come to the salsa festival for a while, and we'll donate the proceeds to their relay team," Kangas said.

Kangas said VIVA members have been preparing for Salsa for Education by learning dance steps.

"We practiced a couple times for today, and it's pretty easy," Kangas said. "Once you



know the basic steps, then you can improvise."

Senior Christian Fernandes, a member of the Ohio Wesleyan Marketing Group (OMG), participated in the Be Suave advertising campaign for Salsa for Education.

Fernandes said he had fun helping VIVA members learn the salsa steps for the demonstration.

"It's an energetic, intimate, alluring dance," Fernandes said. "I got into it a few years ago when I saw a couple dancing on the street in L.A. Once you know the steps, things can get spicy."

Freshman Danielle Luce, who saw the demonstration, said the dance looked difficult.

"There's no way I could do that dance," Luce said. "It'd be fun to learn though, and it looks fun to do."

Aeschbury said VIVA will hold salsa lessons on March 16, 18, 21 and 23 from 6 p.m. to 7 in the Stuy Smoker. Lessons are free, but VIVA is offering private lessons for \$5.

"We'll also be doing other traditional dances like the merengue, bachata and cha-cha," Aeschbury said. "Prepare for a fun night saturated in Latin American culture."



What do you think about the renovations to Edwards?

Yes, please! I hate everything about that gym, it smells bad, everything's all busted, and we need all new stuff in there.
-Sara Zeller, 2012



I'm really excited about it, we really need more room so more teams can work out there. Plus, I really like the smell of new buildings.
-Ashley Haynes, 2013

I didn't know there were renovations happening in Edwards. I really like the weight room though and I hope they expand on that!
-Tammy Winkler, 2013



Well I hadn't heard of it, but the equipment in there is pretty dilapidated so that would be my first priority.
-Christian Kissig, 2012

I didn't know it was happening, what exactly are they renovating?
-Brad Turnwald, 2012



CORRECTION: In the Feb. 17 issue of The Transcript, the article "Plans Still Tentative for Residential Renovation" was incorrectly attributed. The article's appropriate byline is Liza Bennett, Transcript Correspondent.

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The Lion Dance ushers in the Chinese New Year

By Marissa Alfano
News Editor

A steady drumbeat with intermittent cymbals filled Gray Chapel as the audience focused on a silver Chinese dragon emerging from the back door and strutting its way down the aisle.

Reaching the stage, the dragon climbed the steps and turned to face the audience. It stood like this, blinking and swaying back and forth, before beginning to jump up and down and dance to the music.

After the passing of five minutes, the dragon exited the stage and strutted back down the aisle and out the door it had entered, as heads turned to watch it leave.

The Lion Dance, as described above, commenced the Chinese Gala last Sunday in Gray Chapel. It was a part of the China Week festivities planned by Chinese Culture

Club (CCC) to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

The Gala included performances by Ohio Wesleyan students and faculty, a professional dancer from the Ohio Art Troop, Ohio State University (OSU) China Oriental Folk Dance Team and Ohio University Chinese Student Association.

One of the students from OSU, Teng Lun, played the Guzheng, a Chinese string instrument. Freshman Umar Rabbimov said her performance was his favorite.

"I liked the Mongolian Milking Song and Liu Yan River," Rabbimov said. "The music was so pleasing; I could fall asleep."

CCC Vice President, sophomore Guanyi Yang, played a Hulus solo. He said it is a very popular ethnic instrument that has become widespread in China. He has been playing it since seventh grade.



Photo submitted by Danny Nguyen

Members of the Chinese Culture Club who were present during the Gala event.

A group of 17 OWU students enrolled in Chinese classes performed, "Beijing Welcomes You" at the end of the program. The audience whistled and clapped to the beat, awarding their performance the loudest applause of the night.

Sophomore Danny Nguyen said this was the best part of the program for him.

"I think it was lovely," Nguyen said. "They should have done an encore to end the evening."

Students were not the only people to perform, however.

Sophomore Ariel Koiman said he was encouraged to attend by his boss at Beeghly Library, Xudong Jin, who is also the CCC faculty advisor. Koiman was surprised to see his boss on stage performing Peking Opera.

"I didn't know he was going to perform or that he would be such a great opera singer,"

Koiman said. "I'm glad I came and got to see him sing."

The CCC also raffled off different sizes of Chinese calendars and key chains during an intermission and at the end of the program.

Rabbimov won a keychain and said he was glad they chose his raffle number.

"My key chain will win me luck and purity all year long," Rabbimov said.

Yang said luck is one of the characteristics of this new year. He said it is now the year of the rabbit, and the rabbit stands for tranquility, harmony, luck and best wishes.

In China, he said celebrations start five days before Jan. 1 and end on Jan. 15.

The Chinese lunar calendar is different than the U. S. calendar. In China, Yang said last Sunday was Jan. 17.

The Chinese New Year took place on Feb. 3 (on the U. S. calendar). Jin said he thought

the club needed more time to prepare for China Week.

Yang said the club has been working diligently for the past two months.

"Different parts of the program come together at different times," Yang said. "Chinese students practiced all the time. We have been extremely focused, especially this past month."

He said they worked really hard and would have liked a bigger audience, but said he is still happy.

"We made this event for two reasons," Yang said. "We wanted to bring the celebration of the month of the Chinese New Year to the whole campus. Second, we wanted to help everyone appreciate the beauty of the Chinese culture."

With a similar goal of sharing the Chinese tradition, Jin established CCC nine years ago.

He said there were only six

Chinese students at the time, so they formed the club in a way that would include all students interested in Chinese culture, not just Chinese students.

This was the third Chinese Gala at OWU and Jin said he was very pleased.

"This was our best Chinese Gala yet," Jin said. "There were so many very well done performances and costumes."

Koiman said he also thought the Chinese Gala was very well done. He said it is always good to learn about other cultures.

"I figured I might as well get some culture into my Sunday," Koiman said.

In honor of China Week, the CCC also sponsored a lecture about career opportunities in China for U.S. graduates, a Calligraphy presentation, a free movie showing at the Strand and a Chinese Folk Carnival.



Photo by Alex Crump

The Lion Dance is performed on the JAYwalk as students look on in fascination.

Jobs are hard to come by in downtown Delaware

OWU students say if you can find one, it's definitely worth the extra cash

By Jon Morin
Transcript Correspondent

For the lucky few who are fortunate enough to find them, jobs in Delaware can be a fantastic way to make some extra money. The problem is, the options are limited.

For most, the work-study option the university provides allows for a small amount of income every few weeks. However, many students said they feel the pay rate is so

low, and the hours so limited, that often it is hard to get by with the amount being earned.

For seniors Neil Michaels and Brian Janiak and Brandon Cannon ('10), local employment has been not only a fortunate opportunity, but also a better source of income than what the school can provide.

All three of these students have chosen to work outside the confines of Ohio Wesleyan and dedicate themselves to a local business.

Senior Brian Janiak said he has worked at the Backstretch Bar since he transferred to OWU as a sophomore.

"I needed some extra cash and my brother who worked in town at the time helped get me a bouncing job," Janiak said.

According to Janiak, the work-study program at OWU is a great idea. However, he said it is hard for a student to support him or herself from that amount of money alone. "The work study check

just isn't enough," Janiak said. "By working at the Backstretch and also having a work study, I am able to pay for necessities, and also I have some extra cash to spend on the weekends if I want."

Neil Michaels, OWU senior and a bartender at 1808 American Bistro, said he has been with the restaurant since its opening in 2009. Michaels said he feels fortunate to have such a great college job. "There are not a lot of op-

portunities for students to work outside of OWU, so for me to be able to make some extra money on the side, I consider myself pretty lucky," Michaels said.

The restaurant and bar industry seem to be one of the better options for OWU students. Cannon said it would have been more difficult for him to have financially survived without a well-paying job.

"My time at 1808 has really helped me out," Cannon

said. "The extra money helped buy books, gas and other expenses that just come with the territory of being a student."

College is expensive, and more often than not, students must pay for themselves to get by.

While jobs are hard to come by in Delaware, the lucky few who are able to work truly benefit from the luxury of a little bit more money in their bank account.

Golden Bishops to be awarded to gilded students

By Florenz F. Limen
Transcript Correspondent

The Bishop has been wearing red and black since the 19th century. This spring, chosen members of the Ohio Wesleyan community will be changing costumes; they will be the *Golden Bishops*.

It is now time to nominate the participants for the 2011 Golden Bishop Awards, an annual award event recognizing the excellence in service and leadership of students and employees of the OWU community. All nomination forms for this year are due by March 14 at 5 p.m. and the celebration will take place on Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m.

There are five different categories for the Golden Bishops awards, according to the student involvement website. These include advisor of the year, club/organization of the year, outstanding first-year student award, program of the year and spirit award.

Advisor of the year recog-

nizes a club or organization advisor who has impacted the development of their club or organization.

Club/organization of the year is for groups demonstrating excellence in "programming, membership recruitment/retention and administration, and shall make significant positive contributions to the Ohio Wesleyan University community."

Outstanding first-year student award is for students with a minimum 3.0 GPA who contribute largely to the OWU community during their first year.

Program of the year is awarded to an event that was popular amongst the students and respected throughout the OWU community. The program also met the goals outlined for it and was creative in execution.

The spirit award is given to a student demonstrating outstanding spirit in the OWU community.

The Student Involvement



Photo by Rachel Ramey

Golden Bishop plushes are awarded to students who receive the Monthly Golden Bishop Award.

Office requires the nominees be of good standing with the SIO for the academic year 2010-2011. Furthermore, all nominees should be nominated by a member of the campus.

Susan M. Pasters, director of community service learning, said in Connect2OWU's last year issue on the same topic, this celebration is a time to recognize the efforts and achievements of OWU

students in terms of excellent academic performance, leadership and service to OWU.

"A big component of good practice in service learning is reflection," Pasters said. "This annual event provides an opportunity not only to reflect, but also to celebrate the community service excellence of Ohio Wesleyan students."

The event will also be aired on Stream OWU.

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Sorority supports philanthropy with FUNdraising events

By **Natalie Duleba**
Transcript Correspondent

Every year, children are neglected and abused in unsafe homes. Volunteers from organizations like Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) help them.

Among these volunteers are the members of Kappa Alpha Theta (Theta).

Theta's unique philanthropy cause is CASA, an organization that places ordinary volunteers with children in need of guidance and support.

These children come from difficult homes and many are in the foster care system.

Volunteers, appointed by court judges, take time to understand the child's special needs and often help place

"I think CASA is a really amazing cause, and I really like being able to have that first-hand experience since there's one in Delaware,"
said **Katie Hurley**, KAT Philanthropy Chair.

them in better homes, sometimes their own.

Junior Katie Hurley, Theta's philanthropy chair, said she thinks Theta is fortunate to have their philanthropy cause so close to campus.

"I think CASA is a really amazing cause, and I really like being able to have that first-hand experience," Hurley said.

"And since there's one in Delaware, I really have been able to see that [first-hand ex-

perience]."

Through various fundraisers over the course of the school year, Theta provides support to CASA in Delaware. In the fall semester, Theta organizes Mr. OWU, a male beauty pageant.

Theta has been organizing the "Miss America" for men since 2000, and has raised thousands of dollars for CASA.

In the spring, Theta hosts a charity event called KATs and

Bats to raise money for CASA. KATs and Bats is a wiffleball tournament and barbecue aimed at raising both money and support.

Hurley said she hopes to go beyond the Ohio Wesleyan campus and get more support from the local Delaware community for the event.

"This year our goal is to involve the community more," Hurley said.

"We've started to get the word out in OWU, but we re-

ally want to get the Delaware community in general involved and we really want to get the professors and faculty involved."

KATs and Bats is in its third year as Theta's spring signature fundraiser. In former years, it was Jail and Bail, but Hurley said their current fundraiser has had a better response.

Last year, KATs and Bats raised \$1200 and Hurley said her goal is to make between \$1200-\$1500.

Hurley said she hopes people will come to support the cause and sorority, even if they aren't participants in the tournament.

"I think the most exciting thing is just seeing everyone coming to hang out," Hurley said.

"It's just a good way to get involved, and hopefully the community will be just as interested as OWU has been and just as responsive."

As individuals, each Theta member is required to do five hours of service a semester. These hours can be completed at CASA-affiliated events, like CASA Gala.

Junior Kate Raulin, Theta's president, said she hopes the addition of a second service chair, junior Nicole Kaeser, will allow the sorority to interact with CASA outside of organized events.

Theta's KATs and Bats is scheduled for April 9, all proceeds going towards Delaware CASA. For more information on CASA and what it does, visit casaforchildren.org.

'Alterations' exhibition focuses on body image issues



Photos by Cullen Taussig

Left: The "Alterations" exhibit debuted Feb. 19, and will continue until March 17, in the Beeghly Library. The artwork focuses on body image and self-esteem issues. It is running in conjunction with National Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

Above: Sophomores Abby DeCook and Kylee Williams observe the art on display.

Bishops pursue healthy lifestyle & nutritional foods

By **Forrest Rilling**
Transcript Reporter

There is more to being healthy than exercising and occasionally eating right -- relaxing is a big part of it too.

Ohio Wesleyan Healthy Bishop Day was held Feb. 16, in the Hamilton Williams Campus Center atrium from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Organizations like Ohio Health and the Red Cross ta-

bled along with students and yoga practitioners to bring advice and health counseling to OWU students.

Later that night, a sports nutritionist spoke with students to talk about the health needs of athletes.

Junior Sharif Kronemer said he helped bring the nutritionist to campus.

"The desire to bring the nutritionist was because of the plea from students who

wanted health tips and services," Kronemer said. "We have been planning this since the early fall."

Kronemer said he wants to make sure the OWU community knows their representatives are hearing their concerns.

He said that while OWU is a healthy community, it is important to provide a forum for students to ask questions and receive accurate answers.

Junior Christina Trusty, an organizer of the event, said she thinks Healthy Bishop Day is highly important amongst the OWU community for this reason.

"This is for students to learn how to eat healthy for cheap," Trusty said.

Trusty said she was thrilled to be able to combine the health fair with the sports nutritionist in one day.

"The health fair plus the

speaker not only will save us money, it will hopefully get more students interested and involved," Trusty said.

Some students said they weren't as interested in the day as others.

Senior Ben Wallingford said he didn't think Healthy Bishop Day would have much of an impact.

"People will pick up pamphlets but as soon as they get home the pamphlets go right

in the trash," Wallingford said.

Junior Tyler Fordyce said he wasn't sure about the impact of Healthy Bishop Day.

"I think there will be an immediate impact, but I don't think there will be any long-term impact," Fordyce said.

Healthy Bishop Day was originally planned for Feb. 2, but due to severe weather, the fair had to be postponed two weeks so that all involved could be rescheduled.

Mexican migration patterns explored through art

Editor's note: Courtesy of the Office of Marketing and Communications

Ohio Wesleyan University will examine Mexican migration with a large-scale photography exhibit in the Richard M. Ross Art Museum.

Images of the lives and landscapes affected by immigration will be present in the exhibit.

"The History of the Future/La Historia del Futuro" will be on display at the museum, 60 S. Sandusky St., from March 1 through April 6. The exhibit features 50 black-and-white photographs by art-photographer Michael Berman and photojournalist Julián Cardona.

Both men will be on campus March 24 to participate in an immigration-themed panel discussion at 7 p.m. in Room 312 of the R.W. Corns Building, 78 S. Sandusky St. An

artists' reception will follow at the museum.

"This is an important exhibit and a prime example of how we can integrate art into the university curriculum," said museum director Justin Kronewetter, M.F.A. "It also is a visually stunning collection of photographs that speaks to the heart of the immigration issues facing the United States and Mexico."

Berman holds a master of fine arts degree in photography from Arizona State University. He was born in New York City, but now lives in southwestern New Mexico. His photographs deal with issues that impact the land, such as mining, grazing, and population growth.

"Berman's photographs are remindful of the large-format images created by Ansel Adams," Kronewetter said. "They are technically brilliant and beautiful photographs of the harsh landscape through

which immigrants must travel in search of a better life. They are rich with layers of meaning."

Cardona is a self-taught photographer born in Zacateca, Mexico, and now living in the border town of Juárez. His images capture both the heartache and hope of families affected by the city's rampant poverty and crime, and his work has been published in the newspapers El Fronterizo and El Dario de Juárez.

"Juárez unmask our failed ideas of state, society, war and justice," Cardona stated. "Most Juárez residents gain nothing from the unsustainable World Class manufacturing that dominates the city's legitimate economy. And people with nothing left to lose make an easy switch to the infinitely profitable—and deadly—economy of World Class crime. ... Juárez blows like cold wind through the windows of our souls and

demands our attention. We embrace its images as if they could fill our own empty spaces, but we cannot hold on. We do not discover Juárez: Juárez discovers us."

"The History of the Future/La Historia del Futuro" exhibit is sponsored by the nonprofit Lannan Foundation and curated by Nancy Sutor of Santa Fe, who is expected to be part of the March 24 panel discussion.

The Ross Art Museum is displaying the exhibit and hosting the discussion in partnership with the International Studies Program, Sagan National Colloquium, and from the William H. Eells National Colloquium Exhibition Fund.

Each year, the Colloquium spotlights an issue of international importance and encourages ideas and actions to improve the global situation.

This year's theme is "Global Opportunities for Global Citizens."



Photos from the Lannan Foundation

Above: Julian Cardona's people focused photography. Below: Michael Berman's landscape photography. Both images are part of the exhibit.



Arts & Entertainment

Seniors showcase talent

By Margaret Bagnell
Transcript Correspondent

Ohio Wesleyan's Department of Theatre and Dance hosted the spring 2011 Senior Projects with two one-act productions at the Chappellear Drama Center Studio Theatre.

This two-day event was held last Friday and Saturday and included projects produced and directed by theater students. The audience was treated to a creative adaptation of the students' own work.

The Theatre and Dance Department opened up the productions to students, family and the Delaware community. Seating was limited in the studio theatre; however, admission was free.

The two acts performed were

"Transitions: A Celebration of Growth and Change" and "For Whom The Southern Belle Tolls."

Freshman Rebecca Overbeeke said she was amazed by the organization and talent the students have.

"I was so impressed by the students' abilities to perform in front of an audience, and they did it so well," she said. "I went to watch the performance to get a better idea of what the theatre side of Ohio Wesleyan was like, and the productions were so well done."

The senior projects attracted a large audience. Sophomore Mackenzie Brown attended the Saturday performance with a friend.

"I missed Friday, so I decided

to come tonight, and I really enjoyed all of the performances," she said. "I went to this last year and found it enjoyable, and I also think it's a good opportunity for students to show off what they can do, but also allows outsiders to see how much effort is really put in to performing."

Senior Scott Bobbitt attended the Senior Projects and said he thought the performances were very entertaining.

"I thought it was creative that Laurel gave the cast of her play an opportunity to write and craft the piece," he said. "It turned out to be a thought provoking, introspective piece. Hannah's play was hilarious! The actors were perfect for their roles. I know Hannah is really funny and this came through in her play."

Delaware organization strives to sustain local environment

By Alex Crump
Photo Editor

Sustainability. Many people have thrown this word around, but what does it actually mean? This is a question the Sustainable Delaware group is trying to answer.

The organization brought the film, *The Story of Stuff* to campus Feb. 16, with hopes of giving students some idea of what they could do to better the environment. The film covered many issues about the world around us and how we contribute to it in negative ways.

After the showing, a discussion amongst audience members and a panel of Delaware natives took place about these same ideas, how people can work to improve their lifestyles and improve the planet.

One panelist, Ohio Wesleyan senior, Veronica Malencia is a senior living in the Tree House and chose to help Sustainable Delaware bring this movie to campus as her house project.

"As a student group, we are always looking to engage with Delaware because it doesn't

happen enough," she said.

Many people were surprised to see so many Delaware community members at the film. Senior Matthew Jordan said he was pleased to see such a diverse audience.

"It was great to see so many community members," he said. "In my four years here, this was the first time that I've seen such an extensive and constructive dialogue between students and members of the Delaware community."

There were a lot of ideas thrown out during the discussion about how the population can work together to make our planet more sustainable, but the issue participants kept coming back to was linear thinking.

A member of the discussion suggested that people usually only think about events that happen in their lifetime. This way of thinking makes one unable to see the large-scale environmental picture. Malencia said she liked how the discussion took this turn.

"We have a linear existence, so people apply it to their life, but it's important to know why

the linear system developed because it's not the only way," she said.

The talk also turned to things that could be improved around the Delaware community. Many members from the community weighed in on what they thought Delaware could do.

Sophomore Megan Fris said the prospect of a community garden was exciting.

"My project for this semester is to work on the community garden for Ohio Wesleyan," she said.

"Since there seemed to be an interest in it from people of Delaware, I would really like to expand the program."

As the event wound down, people expressed how pleased they were with the film and the discussion. Malencia said she hoped it would continue as well, but being a senior she may not be able to see this happen.

"My goal was to start building connections with Sustainable Delaware so we can help them and they can help us," she said. "Hopefully students can be involved and work outside the bubble of OWU."

Are you a 'Belieber'? Never Say Never ignites Bieber Fever

By Rachel Ramey
Editor-in-Chief

Screaming girls and frantic mothers crowded the aisles of the theater. Either there's a fire in the building, or the new Justin Bieber documentary *Never Say Never* was just released.

The film follows the teen pop sensation's path to superstardom from his childhood in Stratford, ON, to his sold out concert at Madison Square Garden.

The movie included family memories, Youtube videos of young Bieber and the 10 days leading up to the concert during his "My World" tour.

Packed with guest stars such as his mentor Usher, super producer L.A. Reid, R&B legends Boys II Men and fellow teen celebrities Miley Cyrus and Jaden Smith, Bieber's documentary offers constant commentary on his unusual success story.

At age 12, Bieber sat on the street corner in front of the Avon Theater in his hometown, performing for bystanders.

Eventually, his Youtube rendition of Ne-Yo's "So Sick" was discovered by his future agent and Bieber managed to put his little foot in the door of the music industry.

In the film, Usher calls Bieber a, "no-brainer" because of his instrumental abilities, vocal stylings, quirky attitude and good looks. While his famous hair swoop is emphasized in the film, it was Bieber's dancing and



The 'Biebs' has taken over the pop charts and now the silver screen with his documentary, *Never Say Never*.

singing that first got him noticed by future manager Usher.

The documentary shows the reality of a young boy entering the music industry and the pressure it places on his lifestyle.

A stress-induced sickness during his "My World Tour" caused him to question his career path, but in the end he stuck with what he knew.

He didn't have an average childhood, but then again,

there's nothing average about Justin Bieber.

The digital effects, artful montages and catchy soundtrack will have even the most fervent Bieber hater bopping along by the end of the film.

Viewing the Bieber movie is an opportunity you won't want to miss; grab your girls, pop your collar and bring your bad self on down to the theater before it's too late.

OWU's Bachelor of the Month

Janiak a hopeless romantic



Photo provided by Cara Foley

Christopher Janiak is a chivalrous southern boy who's looking for his lady love.

By Cara Foley
Transcript Reporter

Junior Christopher Janiak is a Nantucket native who now resides in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. As an international business major and Spanish minor, Janiak has a lot on his plate. In addition to going to classes, Janiak is looking for love.

Three words to describe this young bachelor would be adventurous, comedic and a hopeless romantic. Janiak believes that girls should play hard to get, but only to a certain degree.

"I'm not a fan of girls throwing themselves all over me, but I do enjoy a bit of a chase," he said. "Just don't make it confusing, then it gets annoying and I lose interest."

Janiak envisioned his perfect first date to be fun and atypical.

"Dinner and a movie is too easy and just creates an awkward situation where you have to try to be the person you think the other wants you to be."

He said growing up in South Carolina meant that he did not get to play in the snow. His ideal date would include sledding followed by a nice walk through campus.

"I hate the cold just as much as the next guy, but as long as it's above freezing walking through a snow covered educational side of campus is beautiful at night," he said.

He also said an ice skating or bowling date would be fun too. When it gets warmer out, his perfect date would be a trip to the Columbus Zoo or to Zoombezi Bay Water Park.

When it comes to appearance, Janiak said there is definitely such a thing as too much makeup.

"I do like a girl that takes care of herself, but if you can't find yourself being attracted to some when the makeup comes off then what's the point?"

Janiak was honest and shared that he has asked a couple times over a text or Facebook "shamefully." Janiak's reasoning behind this was sometimes if he's attracted to someone he gets all "giddy

school boyish" and he tends to fold under pressure. Although he said he would "prefer to ask face to face if the chance occurred."

In his spare time, you can find Janiak bartending at The Backstretch. When he's not working, he said he loves going to see movies at The Strand, going to the gun range with friends or just hanging out and enjoying a "nice happy hour drink or two if my work is all done." Janiak can also be spotted on the Jaywalk or around town walking his black Labrador, MJ.

When asked what qualifications would be needed of a potential girlfriend, Janiak said,

"I don't know about 'must have' but it is nice to have the companionship, however I'll be honest I have been broken lately by a girlfriend so I'm not sure how willing I am to give my heart to someone like that as of now, but I do like hanging out and having a good time."

Janiak said his go-to tunes would have to be anything by Bob Marley, The Who, Rod Stewart or Jack Johnson. His biggest pet peeve is girls who don't like to dance and have a good time. Janiak said he thinks everyone has a soul mate.

"I believe we all have Kindred Spirits running around the world and it just depends on where you are and which one you find," he said. "I thought I have found a soul mate twice in my life, and I'm not saying they weren't, but I have realized that maybe there is a lot more than just one."

If Janiak could have any superpower he would love to be able to breathe underwater.

"I'm basically a fish anyway, and it's hard to keep me out of the water when I'm around it," he said. "Staying under as long as I want would definitely allow for a lot less scary surfing wipeouts."

If he could go anywhere in the world it would be to see the Pororo, which is a tidal wave that happens in the Amazon River.

"Its peak months are February to March and the tides can create waves that travel over 15 miles up the Amazon River," he

said.

Janiak hopes to see himself finding a nice job located by the ocean in a warm climate but that will allow him to travel all over the world within the next five years. He said his favorite "chick flick" is *The Wedding Planner*.

His biggest turn off in a girl is hairy legs and arm pits.

"Sorry to the all natural girls, I have no problems with it; it is just not my cup of tea," he said. "Also, a lack of humor is a huge turn-off."

Though girls are confused by guys, to Janiak it goes both ways. "Almost everything confuses me about girls," he said. "Just when you think you have them figured out something happens that completely turns your world around."

As a romantic, his response to believing in love at first sight was not surprising. "It happens to me every 10 minutes – but I really do think it is possible and a great thing to believe in."

"I practice chivalry every day," he said. "Maybe it is just my 'good boy' southern hospitality but I will always open and hold a door, pull out a chair and sit down second. I think I would do just about anything short of a jousting match to win the love of a fair lady."

Janiak said he loves anything that prevents him from staying in the house; he says he is not a big video game fan like most guys. He loves staying busy.

"My dad taught me how to surf when I was three and I have been doing it every since," he said. "The ocean is a huge love for me as well as most athletics. I pretty much played every sport possible in high school. And I still play soccer, tennis, and golf and beach volleyball whenever I get a chance."

Janiak is a huge animal lover. "Taz, my golden retriever who just turned nine lives back home in Hilton Head, and MJ, my black lab, is my Ohio girl and lives here in Delaware with me."

Reach out to Janiak and I'm sure you won't regret it. After all, if you're as shy he may be sometimes, find him on Facebook.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 27: OWU Music Department **faculty recital** featuring tenor Jason Hester and Mariko Kaneda on piano in Jemison Auditorium in Sanborn Hall at 3:15 p.m.

March 1 - April 6: **"The History of the Future,"** an exhibition of photographs by Michael Berman and Julian Cardona, in the Richard M. Ross Art Museum

March 18, 19, 25, 26, 27: Department of Theatre & Dance presents **"Photo Plays! Flashes of Brilliance,"** in the Studio Theatre in Chappellear Drama Center at 8 p.m. On Sunday, March 27, the plays will begin at 2 p.m.

Opinion

Quote of the Week: "She's fat and I'm thin. She's white and I'm black. She's straight and I'm gay. But she said my story changed her life. It just goes to show that your story can change anyone's life, so tell it."

—Jonathan Perry, AIDS activist, on a woman who commented on his blog

From the editor:

It's not libel if it's true!

It has come to my attention that there is currently a case to fire a Pennsylvania school teacher for a blog she kept in her free time. It's due to the topic she chose to pursue. She used no names, no location. She could have been any teacher in the nation voicing her opinion. But what did she blog about? Her students.

Mrs. Natalie Monroe's blog anonymously called out her students on their shortcomings, calling them "lazy whiners" and saying that, "They are rude, disengaged, lazy whiners. They curse, discuss drugs, talk back, argue for grades, complain about everything, fancy themselves entitled to whatever they desire and are just generally annoying." When students discovered such a blog they 'reported' her and suddenly Monroe was suspended with pay and fighting for her job.

As a recent high school graduate and a current first year college student, I can concede that our students are, in fact, annoying, spoiled brats. Monroe made the statement, "Parents are more trying to be their kids' friends and less trying to be their parent." This is true; I can say that my mom is slowly becoming more my best friend than my mother as time goes on.

Monroe also made observations about a reluctance to show creativity. Well, duh. Creativity asks you to go beyond mediocrity and attempt to do something of value. This generation of students has been bred to strive for mediocrity, and that should be good for everyone.

This is one of the problems with our education system. Thanks to the No Child Left Behind Act, and admittedly other ideas and guidelines (I won't solely blame Bush and the Republican party; this just isn't fair), our school systems are forced to teach to the "lowest common denominator," which allows very little wiggle room for students who are naturally gifted or have the ambition to be better than just average.

When a school system follows this LCD education theory, you essentially tell students that being average, being mediocre, is all you need to succeed and that you will even be REWARDED for behavior that should already be expected of you. Experiencing this over time, subconsciously diminishes ambition and ingenuity. And when a teacher comes along that challenges such ideas, students are resistant because of the argument, "I don't have to try hard for any one else, why should I try hard for you?"

Accomplishing tasks already expected of you is rewarded, while working harder, going the extra mile, often gets the same amount of reward, no more, no less. So...what's the point of excelling? There really isn't.

Their laziness can also be contributed to the amount of technology we now have access to. Last year, the phrase of the year was, "There's an app for that." That explains teenage behavior in a nutshell. "Why do I need to learn math; there's a calculator for that?" "Why do I need to analyze Shakespeare; I can just get Sparknotes on my phone?"

Computers, phones, hand-held music devices, credit cards, high-speed internet – these things have made 'working' obsolete, as well as created a need for instant gratification, which will continue to worsen as time goes on.

So, really to conclude this rant, since I could go on all day about such a subject: Monroe may be in the wrong because of the way she chose to express her ideas (although it's not much more than keeping a diary, I have to be honest), but she made valid points about her students. So I say, go Monroe! Let her keep her job.

Elizabeth Childers
Online Editor

Do you believe in vampires?



Green Scene
By John Romano
Guest Columnist

For the past few weeks here on Green Scene, we have discussed various ways to reduce energy use and improve energy efficiency through smaller, incremental steps that can collectively end up making a huge difference.

These tips have mainly focused around ways to reduce energy use by improving the efficiency of energy use while we are actually actively using electricity. But what about those times when we aren't actively using energy? The fact of the matter is you may be wasting electricity all throughout the day, whether you realize it or not.

That brings us to this week's topic: Vampires. No, I'm not talking about the blood-sucking creature variety and certainly not the romantic and sappy Twilight-styled Hollywood vampires. I'm talking about the sneaky, freeloading, electricity-sucking energy vampires we all have lurking around our dorms and homes on a daily basis.

But fear not, there is no need for you to stock up on garlic and silver bullets to defend yourself. These so called "energy vampires" can be taken care of very easily by simply being aware of their existence and by making simple changes around your dorm or house.

Energy vampires are electronics or appliances that consume electricity just by being plugged in -- regardless of if they are switched off or not in use.

Amongst the most notable energy vampires around the dorm or home are cable boxes, stereos, televisions, microwaves, laptop or cell phone chargers, rechargeable electronics, desktop computers, DVD players as well as a wide assortment of various kitchen appliances.

By simply being aware these electronics and appliances waste electricity even when not in use, you can decide for yourself if you really need these various items to be plugged in, even when you're not using them.

Here are numbers that may make that decision a little bit easier for you: it is estimated energy vampire devices cost the average household between \$200 and \$300 each year. Think about that, you could be paying \$300 extra each year for electricity that does absolutely nothing for you, just for having certain electronics plugged in while not in use. Really, who wants to pay for something they don't even use?

In fact, the Department of Energy estimates energy vampires waste just over 300 terrawatt-hours, or roughly 5 percent of the electricity used in the United States each year.

To put that into perspective, the amount of energy wasted through energy vampires in the United States alone each year is more than any individual European country's total yearly electricity consumption, with the exception of France,

Germany and the United Kingdom. This 5 percent is also solely responsible for around 120 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions each year in the United States alone.

Amongst the biggest wasters of phantom energy around the house are plasma TVs, which can consume over \$160 a year on standby mode alone. The average desktop computer could cost you almost \$40 a year on standby mode on top of the nearly \$30 a year you could be wasting by keeping that Playstation 3 or Xbox 360 plugged in all the time.

One of the most convenient fixes to addressing your own energy vampire problem is to invest in a smart strip power strip. A smart strip power strip senses the change in power when you turn off certain electronics like your TV and turns off all accompanying components, such as the cable box, DVD player or stereo system along with it. This saves you the hassle of having to unplug each item individually and plugging it back in the next time you use it.

In the kitchen, simply unplugging small appliances such as coffee pots, toaster ovens or microwaves when they are not in use is very easy to do and could end up saving you lots of money on your energy bills.

While standby energy only represents 5 percent of total electricity use around the home, the financial drain of energy vampires can certainly accumulate over time. Yet another example of how seemingly small changes can lead to a greener planet and more green in your wallet.

Grandma's recipe for political corruption



Word Vomit
by Michelle "RJ" Rotuno-Johnson

My grandma is a remarkable woman. She is 80 years old, has two prosthetic knees, flies all around the world and has a boyfriend from Europe who she goes on exciting trips with often. She's not one to mess with.

But one of the things about her that most impresses me is her mind for politics. She will tell you she has lived to see 14 different presidents in her lifetime and she is damn proud of it. She's noticed a lot of changes to the United States in her day, as I am sure all of our grandparents have.

She and I often discuss current politics when we are in the car together, listening to All Things Considered or whatever else comes up on NPR. She has strong opinions on healthcare, gay marriage, free speech and (my favorite) airport security. I figure 80 years gives you a lot of time to think about your opinions on things. And her opinions, quite conveniently, are in the same vein as my own.

Whenever I bring up John Boehner, Grandma gives me the evil eye...she lives in West Chester, where the Speaker grew up and has visited several times. His influence is tangible in the little township.

We went in a restaurant one day where they play Fox News all the time and probably enjoy tea parties. It didn't look like a place Grandma would like, but she wanted to go "because the food is good."

She spent the whole time critiquing the patriotic décor and the fact that there was a picture of every president but Obama

on the walls. The restaurant is called the Grand Ole Pub. We call it the GOP, or Tea Party Palace. Oh, and they have a drawing of every Fox News personality on the walls. Mmm. It scares me a little bit. But their food really is good.

I jokingly told Grandma once that she should have been a politician. She shook her head.

"I'm not that crooked," she said. She mentioned a few people who made radical changes to their morals and beliefs just for the sake of getting a vote.

"You never put a good man in politics," she told me. "It'll ruin him."

I chewed that over on the way home that day, much like I am chewing it over in my mind as I write this. There's truth to that. Kind of makes you wonder what some of these politicians were like growing up, or in college. Well, we know Christine O'Donnell was not a witch. But other than that.

I've been thinking about politics a lot lately. The protests in Wisconsin hit close to home for me. Their new Republican governor is, among other things, trying to eliminate collective bargaining rights for workers. For those unfamiliar with the term, that means he is trying to eliminate unions' rights to negotiate with their employers, and also to strike.

I saw our new Republican governor, John Kasich, speak to a crowd at the Ohio Newspaper Association Conference two weeks ago. He wants to eliminate collective bargaining rights, too...and he wants to "break the backs" of unions in schools for good.

This is the same guy who opposes the Ohio Railway Project, who called a cop an idiot when he got pulled over in January and who had his own show on Fox News for six years. I wasn't expecting much. But damn!

Now, I haven't talked to my grandma about him at all, but I am sure she would have some words. It was strange to me to see Kasich at that conference and think about what he must have been like as a

normal human being and not a politician.

There he was, a "proud" OSU graduate and former OSU presidential fellow, standing in front of a room of journalists and decrying teachers' unions. And most of us there were from universities!

When a student from Youngstown State asked Kasich about his proposed budget draft and its effects on college tuition, the governor danced around the question. He told the young man how much he valued education and how it needed to be privatized and then how partisan Ohio was and then went into something about jobs. I think. He mentioned jobs a lot that day, and I was too busy studying the facial reactions of the Youngstown student to catch all the empty words. Either way, he didn't answer it.

Kasich's budget draft is coming out March 15. Undoubtedly, there will be tuition raises in it to help fill the \$8 billion deficit Ohio is in. While we wait with bated breath, the statehouse steps are becoming clogged more every day with people protesting the collective bargaining bill.

Ohio is going to be a hairy mess pretty soon and before we know it our legislators will be hiding out in another state or something. We need to watch what goes on in Wisconsin, because it may be coming to the Buckeye State soon.

As my grandma would say, we need to watch our politicians. And we need to watch them carefully. Kasich may have been a humble family man once, but he was in politics for more than 20 years before being our governor. I've got my doubts that he still has Ohio's best interests in mind.

The turmoil overseas in Libya, Egypt and Pakistan, coupled with the furor over new bills here in the United States, is enough to make one's stomach turn. The world of politics is really screwed up. How do these people come into power? What happened to the honest, hardworking people they might have once been?

And I guess the real question is...how the hell do we get rid of them?

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Reorganized intramurals cause participation spike



Photo by Brittany Vickers
Sophomore Andrew Tuchow goes up for a block during the intramural volleyball game on Feb. 15 in Gordon Field House.

By Brittany Vickers
Sports Editor

The newly organized intramurals on campus are a hit with students, according to sophomore Matt Martin, student coordinator of Intramurals.

Director of Intramurals Cassie Cunningham, also the head softball coach, said she agreed the changes they've made have really helped the intramural program excel.

"This year is drastically different than last year," Cunningham said. "We hired two student staff salaried positions and we have increased our offerings."

"There is a bigger push from the president's office on down for more health-based initiatives on campus, and a big part of that is offering additional recreational opportunities to students."

Cunningham said she's not sure why the push began this year, but she knows it's much bigger than just the intramural program.

"The whole healthy bishop initiative is taking over from top to bottom, and I think they [the president's office] realized that the recreational piece

is very much missing for our student population," Cunningham said.

"There just aren't opportunities for them, so we've been trying to shift our focus towards that a little bit."

"I don't know where it started or why, but it's definitely a much bigger picture than just intramurals. We just kind of jumped on it as an opportunity to get what we needed."

As well as receiving some additional funding for the student positions, the intramural program got an organizational makeover.

"Things are on a better schedule; it is clearer what we expect, and the captains of teams are held to a higher standard as far as attendance," Cunningham said.

"We've added in a registration fee that they pay to play, but then they get it back. We've had fewer forfeits- which mean more games played, more fun for the kids and more legit championships."

Cunningham said a lot of smaller scale stuff has helped this year and even though they've made big strides, there is certainly still room for improvement.

Student reactions to the new

rules have been mixed, but for the most part positive.

Senior Brian Coupe, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon's intramural volleyball team, said he thinks the changes have been effective.

"Compared to last year this is so much more organized," Coupe said.

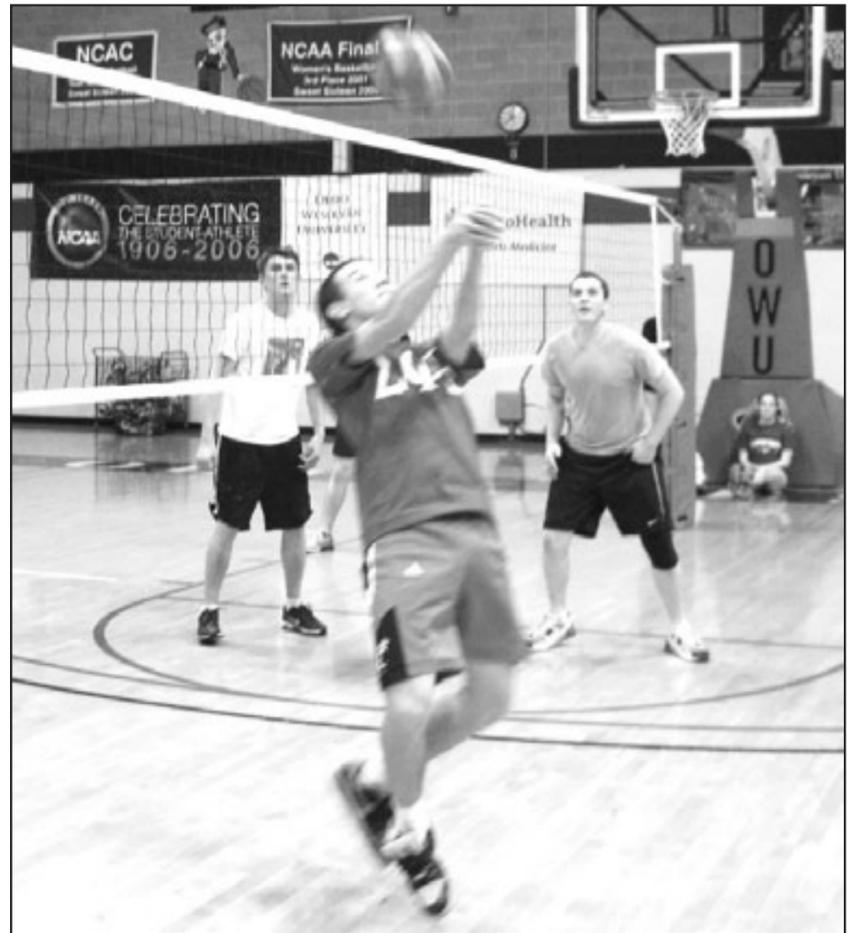
Senior Jimmy Willison said he agreed the new rules make sense and are probably for the better.

"I think if you're not on the original roster you shouldn't get to play," Willison said. "Because if not you could just pick up anybody once they were eliminated, and we would take advantage of that."

The new rules include no participants except those on the original roster and the \$30 registration fee to encourage attendance. The money is returned to students as long as they attend the required amount of games.

Cunningham said she was pleasantly surprised at the student body's positive reaction to both rule changes.

"We had a captain from the football teams in the fall stand up and speak positively about the registration fee in our spring meeting for volleyball,"



Photos by Brittany Vickers
(Above) Freshman Jason Lonnemann passes the ball over the net during his intramural match.

(Below) Sophomore Alec Swiecinski jumps up to hit the ball, getting a kill for his team in their victory on Tuesday night.

Cunningham said. "As far as the roster goes, the main reason we need to enforce that rule is because part of the roster is a waiver."

According to Cunningham, if a student who isn't on the roster plays and gets injured then the intramural department could be in trouble.

"I understand their arguments (against the rule)," Cunningham said.

"You might not be able to have a team of 9 or 10 kids and hope they show up all the time, so we just said there is no limit on your size, you just have to have them on a roster so they can sign off when they get there."

"So I feel like we've given them more than enough room to adjust and we explained at the captain meeting why."

Intramurals are a great way for students to stay active and healthy, while having fun at the same time, Cunningham said.

Senior Scott Bobbitt, also a member of SigEp's team, said he agreed with Cunningham.

"It's a great way for us to play together with our new pledges," Bobbitt said. "It's a great way to be competitive and have fun doing it."



Pentathlon strategy successful for Bishop track and field

By Brittany Vickers
Sports Editor

Five events, hours of physical activity, running, jumping and throwing, the pentathlon is the true test for an all-around athlete, senior Lainey Kedic said.

The pentathlon is an indoor track event that consists of five events: the 55-meter hurdles, the long jump, the shot put, the 800-meter run for women and the 1,000-meter run for men.

Between each event, athletes get a 30-minute break before they have to move on.

In a normal meet, the pent is scored like any other event, with 10 points going to the winner, even though it includes five different components.

For the women, Kedic finished

third at the pentathlon, setting a new record with a score of 2696 points, over the record set last year by sophomore Emily Amburgey.

Also, sophomore Clare Duffy finished fourth with 2617, freshman Courtney Armsey finished sixth with 2363 and freshman Brittany Shelhorn finished seventh overall with 2051 points.

For the men, freshman Andrew Diehl finished seventh with a score of 3084 points and senior Jeff Driscoll finished eighth with 2592 points and winning the 1,000-meter run.

"Not many people know what the pentathlon is, it was just introduced my sophomore year, so it's really new," Kedic said. "Even a lot of people on the (track) team don't know what it is."

Despite the lack of knowledge, the pentathlon is a key scoring event according to Kris Boey, head coach of track and field at Ohio Wesleyan.

"It's more opportunities to score at the conference meet since we have a conference pentathlon," Boey said.

"Because it's kind of a niche event, there are some programs that don't want to put the effort into it. It takes time and coordination, and not just extra time for the athletes, but extra time for the coaches as well."

But, Boey said it's worth all the time and effort because "those points really add up when you're trying to win a conference title."

Boey said he tells the team and prospective students that for Ohio Wesleyan to have a well-rounded and highly com-

petitive program it needs to focus on the combined events such as the pentathlon.

"This is an area where I think we have found a niche, and have become more successful in the combined events because we're putting more of an emphasis into it than some of our peer schools," Boey said.

Kedic, who has participated in the pentathlon since her sophomore year and held the OWU record until last year, said compared to her other events, the pentathlon is different because of the time separating each of the components.

The pentathlon OWU hosted on Saturday was a single standing meet, which is allowed as long as you have six athletes competing for each gender.

"The reason we are hosting this meet is to get our younger athletes some experience," Boey said.

"The pentathlon is primarily a collegiate event, so for most of our athletes it's a new experience."

Boey said he is glad the team could be successful because not just any athlete is cut out to be a combined event athlete and that it takes a specific mindset to be successful.

"Just because someone might be a good hurdler or a good jumper doesn't mean they're going to be, or want to be a good combined event athlete," Boey said.

"It takes extra time, and it has to be somebody who is willing to challenge themselves, and willing to put in the extra time."

Boey also said the event is not for everyone and it takes

a physical toll on the participants.

Kedic said she agreed with Boey that being a combined event athlete takes a lot of extra time, but she said she thinks it is definitely worth the extra effort.

"I probably spend three or four extra hours a week working on events just for the pentathlon," Kedic said. "But I actually like the pent better than a regular track meet."

"It's more laid back because no one is good at all of the events, so we can be competitive but not as serious as a regular meet. It's also really nice because it's done a lot faster than a regular meet."

"Being a part of the pent shows that you are all around athlete, not a lot of people can do it, so I love being able to compete in it."

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According to Ruzmetova, the Senior Class Advisory Council, renamed the Senior Class Council this year, was created to insure the success of the senior class experience. It is in charge of all aspects regarding the senior class.

The Senior Class Coun-

cil's duties include managing of senior class funds, serving on various committees related to the senior class, producing class newsletters and working with other campus offices on graduation.

The Council consists of the Senior Class President, Class Secretary, Class Treasurer, WCSA Senior Class Representative and four other senior class student leaders.

Junior Tim Carney, WCSA

Vice President, said he felt the changes were crucial in making sure senior classes from years to come will have a great last year experience.

"These changes will ensure that the Senior Class Council will be recognized as an independent organization from WCSA, yet still keep a close line of communication between the two, which should benefit all," Carney said.

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Fox said she assumes she will be placed somewhere in Stuyvesant Hall.

"So far, the administration has yet to arrange any time to tell CAH members where they expect us to occupy next semester," Fox said.

Despite their difficulties,

the house members said they hope and plan to stick together next year.

"Creative Arts House has become a family, and we aren't willing to part from each other," Wanstrath said. "CAH is determined to stick together next year, and we plan to continue to fight."

Fox said she will always have a connection to the house and the people who live there. "The Creative Arts House

is my home," Fox said. "It was before I became a member, and it will be long after it's gone."

Fox said CAH closing has all but broken her heart.

"It's extremely difficult knowing my relationship to CAH will eventually be as one of the last members," Fox said. "But I'm thankful for the chance I had to live there and I know I put up a good fight."

Bishops Sports

Men's lacrosse optimistic about season

By Travis Wall
Transcript Correspondent

OWU men's lacrosse seeks to regain the form that saw them crowned NCAC regular season champions last year.

One significant change that occurred in the off-season was the hiring of a new head coach, Mike Planholt.

Planholt joined the OWU community after helping turn around the men's lacrosse program at Randolph-Macon College over the last 4 years.

The Bishops graduated the bulk of their offense last year, which was widely considered the strength of the team.

Senior captain Scott Chester said he thinks this year's team strength lies in the back, with an experienced line of defenders.

"Our strength this year will be the experience

and chemistry we have on defense," Chester said. "We graduated most of our scorers from last year so we're looking to see who will step up and lead the offense."

After one game so far this season, it appears that sophomore Colin Short, junior A.J. Pellis and freshman Casey Helms are taking it upon themselves to lead the team on offense.

The three of them started in the opening 18-2 win over Fontbonne College, and lead the Bishops offense.



Photo from Communications
Mike Planholt

Short led the attack with three goals and two assists. Pellis recorded one goal and Helms netted one goal and an assist.

The midfield is led by senior Alex Haggerty, junior Jesse Lawrence and sophomore Pat Basset. The trio combined for a total of three goals and an assist against Fontbonne.

The defense features an experienced core of seniors Tony D'Abarno, Scott Chester and junior Nathan Barnett and the rotation of senior Jud Hall and sophomore Stephen Ford as the goalies.

According to Barnett, the team may be overlooked based on the graduation of the talented senior class last year, but that will only serve as a motivator.

"During the preseason, we didn't get very much respect within the conference because of all the seniors we lost on offense last year, but we have reloaded very well and our new

coaching staff has really got us ready to play this year," Barnett said. "We shared the NCAC championship last year with Wittenberg, but we are looking to win the championship outright this year."

Senior Alex Haggerty echoed Barnett's feelings.

"With hard work, I believe that we will be able to win the NCAC again," Haggerty said.

The trio of Chester, Barnett and Haggerty all said they believe one player who has established himself as a significant contributor this year will be sophomore Drew Scharf, who recorded three goals in the win over Fontbonne.

"Drew Scharf plays midfield and has a chance to make more of an impact this year after graduating last year's class," Chester said.

Overall this team is young but they are not short for experience, after a trip to the NCAA tournament last year.

Leason Swim teams finish with record times

Learned

By Heather Kuch
Transcript Reporter

Men's basketball headed to NCAC tournament

By Katie Carlin
Transcript Reporter

The men's basketball team is tied for third place in the final North Coast Atlantic Conference (NCAC) standings after their loss against Wooster (87-72) Saturday, Feb. 19.

The Bishops led for most of the first half, taking an early 6-2 advantage with the help of sophomore Marshall Morris, a pair of free throws from sophomore wing Greg White and a lay-in from sophomore guard Andy Winters.

The Fighting Scots caught up at the break and took the lead when senior Ian Franks opened the second half with a 3-pointer, kicking off a 10-minute stretch of thrilling, back-and-forth basketball.

Junior Tim Brady hit the third of three free throws to tie the game before Wooster's Bryan Wickliffe gave the Fighting Scots a 45-43 lead with 13:11 remaining.

Wooster gained the lead at 55-48 halfway through the second half.

Several teammates said it was the overall mindset during the second half that cost them the game.

"We made a few mental mistakes towards the end of the game, which created opportunities for Wooster to take the lead," Winters said. "They made two tough shots at the end of the game that we missed which is credited to their experience and talent."

Freshman Dre White said he thinks the sour feeling the team had after the loss will motivate the team for the playoffs.

"I think at the end of the game, the difference between us and them was just some minor things such as knocking down shots on important possessions, making free throws down the stretch and just staying focused for the whole 40 minutes," White said.

Morris, who rallied OWU with a basket and a pair of free throws with 41 seconds left in the game, said despite Wooster's win, the Bishops showed competitive toughness throughout the game that they look to carryover in a potential rematch in the tournament.

Winters said the Bishops learned from the game Saturday and they are ready to play anyone in the NCAC, as well as the nation.

"We need to play consistently in order for that to happen and learn from this game so we can become a better team and compete at a high level," Winters said.

Freshman swimmer Katie Helfrich broke the Bishop's 100-breast stroke record when she finished 8th at the NCAC swim meet Feb. 11-13.

Helfrich finished her race with a time of 1:08.25 in the preliminaries, dropping 2.5 seconds off of her time to break the school record of 1:09.00 set by Emily Smythe in 2001.

Helfrich said she felt her coaches had thoroughly prepared her for the meet and was happy with her results considering the struggles she faced early in the season.

"The season got off to a rocky start for me, being injured for a bit of the beginning of the season, but then once I was back in the pool the season got better," Helfrich said. "NCAC was a great experience as a freshman and I enjoyed the time with the team. I did well in all of my races, having four life-time best events."

Helfrich said she was thrilled when her senior teammate Marisa Obuchowski told her she had broken the record and her goals at this point are to further improve her times and qualify for the NCAA meet.

This past weekend, Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Kenyon Invitational, Obuchowski improved her own time finishing fourth in the 100-breast stroke with a time 1:07.71, breaking the record set by Helfrich the week before.

"The feeling I had after breaking the record was indescribable," Obuchowski said. "I was completely caught off guard by my time. I knew I swam fast, but seeing the 1:07.71 was unreal."

Obuchowski was not the only one to break a record last weekend. The women's 200-medley team of junior Anne McComas, freshman

"I had the meet of my life, and it was the perfect ending to my college career," said senior Marisa Obuchowski.



Photo submitted by Heather Kuch

ABOVE: Senior Marisa Obuchowski swimming the 100-breast stroke at Kenyon, which she set the new school record in. BELOW: Freshman Katie Helfrich swimming the 200-medley, helping her teammates junior Anne McComas, freshman Melissas Ward and Obuchowski set the new record of 1:52.14, beating the old record of 1:53.36 set in 2006.

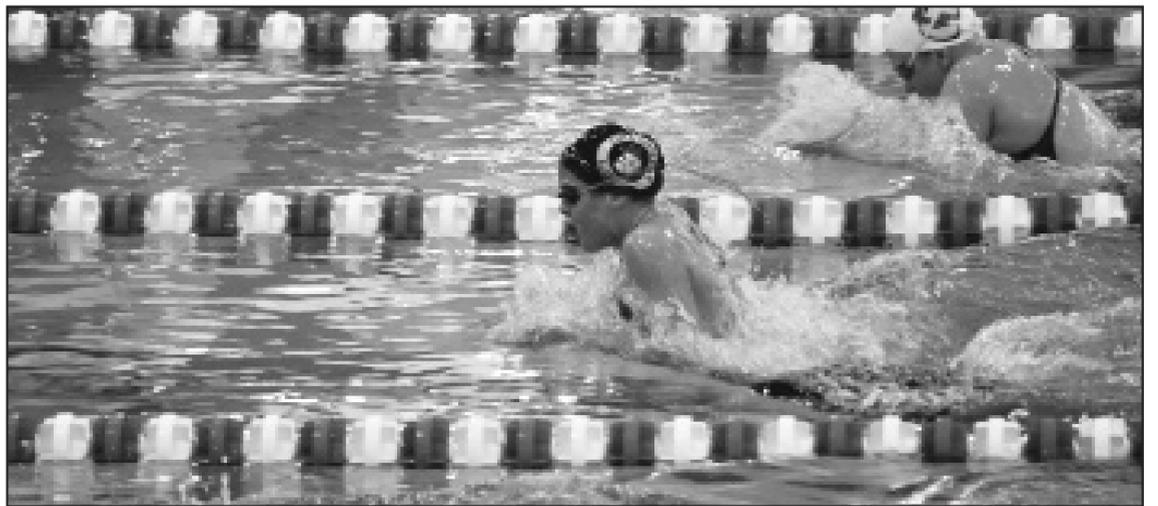


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Melissa Ward, Obuchowski and Helfrich also broke the record for their event with a time of 1:52.14.

The previous record was a time of 1:53.36 which was set by the team of Rachael Kaufman, Megan Downing, Jean

Chadderdon and Rachel Ryan in 2006.

The men's team also had a record broken this past weekend. Freshman Braxton Wright broke the school record for the 100 freestyle with a time of 46.71. The previous record

was set by Cameron Dovgan in 1995 with a time of 46.72.

Aside from records being broken, the team performed well overall at the meet at Kenyon.

The women's team finished 4th out of 17 teams and the

men's team finished 4th out of 14 teams.

This meet marks the end of the season for both teams.

"I had the meet of my life and it was the perfect ending to my college career," Obuchowski said.

Women's basketball solidifies NCAC number two spot

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The women's basketball team was victorious over Oberlin and Wooster the week of Feb. 14, giving them sole position of the number two spot in the NCAC standings.

On Wednesday Oberlin came out ahead of the Bishops, but the women did not give up.

Freshman Kalee Seagle said playing any team at their place on their senior night is always going to be tough. "Emotions are high, so it was very difficult to come out against them with the momentum they had from the get go," Seagle said.

Seagle and freshman Julia Grimsley got the team back on track by completing their free

throws. Senior Kayla Gordon also added two more points from the foul line.

"To be honest, my two free throws were pretty insignificant in the scheme of things," Seagle said. "While it was nice to pull us a little closer, the play of our three great seniors was what really got us back into the game."

By halftime, the Bishops had brought the score to 22-21.

"Every game, regardless of what's happening, I try to keep my emotions in check," Seagle said. "So while I may have been upset or excited, keeping these hidden from your opponents is crucial."

For the first time in the game, the Bishops took the lead over Oberlin one minute into the second half.

"We didn't play our game

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in the first half," said senior Kayla Gordon. "We came out in the second half though, and played a lot better defense and team offense."

Senior Pam Quigney led the way to the Bishops win by sinking two more free throws.

At the end of the game Quigney had 19 points and 10 rebounds. Gordon had 17 points and Cordell ended with 12. Senior Tyler Cordell also finished the game with a team-high of 4 assists.

The Bishops came out again on Saturday, Feb. 19, against Wooster, at Wooster.

Gordon put the Bishops

on the board with a 3-pointer on the first possession of the game, and Quigney solidified the lead with two back to back 3-pointers extending the lead to 9-0. The Bishops continued to play defense, leaving the score 14-0 four minutes into the game.

Wooster rallied, putting the Scots within 19-17 with just over eight minutes left to play in the first half. The Bishops didn't let down, going into the break with a 33-27 lead.

The Bishops maintained a 10-point lead until Wooster rallied again bring the score to 63-59 with 1:17 to play. But,

Cordell solidified the win with two free-throws with: 31 to go in the game, giving the Bishops another win.

Gordon said she thinks the team still has yet to put together two good halves of tough defense and solid offense.

"Even though we haven't put two halves together yet, we're still finishing the games with wins and I think that's key, especially with the NCAC tournament coming up next week," Gordon said.

Quigney agreed that now is the time for the Bishops to really step up their game.

"Our seniors know this is their last go around, so at this point, they don't need motivation from anyone to finish games strong," Quigney said.

"At the end of the game, the only thing that matters is that we win," Gordon said.