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9/11 memorial honors fallen alums

On Sept. 11, 2001, the Ohio Wesleyan family lost three of its own in the terrorist attacks on the U.S.: Doug Cherry, Class of 1985; Ted Luckett, Class of 1984; and Ann Judge, Class of 1973.

Cherry's daughter, Emma, is a freshman at Ohio Wesleyan. She will take part in a special commemoration at 8 p.m. Sept. 11 when Ohio Wesleyan dedicates a cherry tree newly planted on campus in her father's memory. Emma's mother, Sarah (Patterson) Cherry, also is a member of the class of 1985.

The tree has been planted near the OWU Friends Memorial Garden, located between Slocum and Elliott Halls. The garden honors the alumni who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks.

Also as part of the commemoration, members of the Ohio Wesleyan community from several different countries will bake and deliver bread to the Delaware Fire Department's South Liberty Street Station to honor the firefighters. The group will walk to the fire station following the tree dedication.

The "OWU Breads from Around World" idea has been embraced by the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships in Washington, D.C. Chaplain Jon Powers has discussed "OWU Breads" with Joshua DuBois, executive director of the Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, and with Eboo Patel, founder and executive director of the Interfaith Youth Core and a member of President Obama's inaugural Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Powers said DuBois called the idea "inspired," adding, "We need to let all the other campuses nationwide know so maybe they can include a 'Breads from the World' component to their 9-11 event, especially if they are relating to their local first responders."

And Patel told Powers: "OWU's project is excellent, amazing. ...they are including a reflection/dialogue component that has students sharing with the local firefighters what the making and sharing of bread means to their home faith communities around the world."

Courtesy of the Department of Communications.

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OWU seeks to address \$3.9 million deficit

By Mary Slebodnik & Rachel Ramey
Transcript Reporter & Editor-In-Chief

Administrators proposed \$2,725,000 in staff cuts this summer to address the \$3.9 million budget deficit.

Employee compensation, including wages and benefits, constituted 60 percent of OWU's 2010-2011 budget. A large chunk of budget is devoted to payroll, but OWU rarely eliminates staff positions to respond to deficits.

Eileen Walker, associate vice president of accounting, has worked at OWU for 17 years and manages the Cashier's Office. She said

she can remember one year, 1995, when the university cut vacant staff positions to save money. She said the university has never had to cut filled staff positions.

Until this year. In addition to the elimination of numerous vacant staff positions, one cashier in the Cashier's Office will lose her job. Three other staff members, whose positions have not been released, will also lose their jobs.

Eric Algoe, vice president of finance, said to protect academics, the administrators declined to cut faculty positions. No professors lost their jobs due to budget cuts.

Algoe said administrators want to find jobs within the

university for the laid-off staff members. He said the university has to fill several vacant staff positions this year, and three of the four laid-off staff members could fill those jobs.

The remaining staff cuts affect vacant positions.

First, administrators offered early retirement packages to 75 eligible employees at the end of last year. 18 took early retirement. The university hired 12 new people to replace retirees, but cut six of the unfilled positions. 17 additional vacant positions may also be cut.

The university is delaying hiring four positions. These four positions will not be filled for four to 12 months.

Twenty employee positions were restructured. This means the employees may have had their hours reduced to part-time or half-time. In some cases the reduction in hours was voluntary. In other cases, it was not.

Algoe said the deficit presented a difficult paradox because while the employees are the most important aspect of the university, they are also the most expensive.

"We've eliminated a lot more positions than we'd normally eliminate in a year," he said.

Administrators created the budget proposal over the summer after holding open meet-

ings with faculty and staff. The Committee on University Governance, made up of four elected faculty members, is currently reviewing it. The committee has held two open meetings attended by 120 employees from all different areas on campus.

Bart Martin, chair of the committee and professor of geology-geography, said some aspects of the proposal may change after additional negotiations. He said the final budget will be brought before the Board of Trustees in October after enrollment numbers are calculated.

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Fitness and health centers moved temporarily

By Marissa Alfano
News Editor

Due to renovations currently taking place at Stuyvesant Hall, both the Arthur A. Belt Fitness Center and the Mary Hanlon Moore Health Center have been relocated for the 2011-2012 year.

The Fitness Center is now located in what used to be the dining area of Welch Hall and opened Aug. 22.

According to a campus wide e-mail from Dean of Students Kimberlie Goldsberry, the hours for the center will be Monday through Friday 6 a. m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The fitness center is only open to people age 18 or older currently enrolled at Ohio Wesleyan. There is no certified attendant on duty, according to the e-mail, but students are expected to wear appropriate workout shoes and wipe down exercise machines with



Photo by Marissa Alfano

The Arthur A. Belt Fitness Center, now located in Welch Hall cafeteria. Fans have been installed over the summer in an effort to keep students cool as they work out.

the provided cleaning supplies after use.

Sophomore Sarah Jilbert said she is planning on using the fitness center two to three times per week this year.

"I like the new location,"

Jilbert said. "I think it is just as convenient as Stuy was. I like the view better at Welch because there is more activity happening around the fitness center and it makes my workout interesting. I just wish

there was air conditioning."

Other students said they think the fitness center's new location is inconvenient.

Sophomore Max Bruch said it disrupts his usual schedule.

"Last year I used to get my pizza from Welch and sit in the lounge and watch T.V. and hang out," Bruch said. "Now that option isn't available. The workout area is so hot and smells like pizza. It's a weird combination."

Craig Ullom, vice president of student affairs, said Welch was the best option for the fitness center this year.

"[The administration] thought Welch would be a good spot for the fitness center this year because it is centrally located on the residential side of campus and has similar dimensions to fit the workout equipment without a lot of renovation," he said.

Decentralizing the equipment and spreading it out amongst different residence halls was an option, said Ullom, but then students would not have had easy access to all of the machines.

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Daily eases glut of emails

By Sarah JanTausch & Elizabeth Childers
Transcript Correspondent & Online Editor

An online survey was sent out last semester asking questions concerning the previous campus news system.

Students and faculty felt as if they were being "killed with email," and as a result, campus-wide emails have largely been replaced by the OWU Daily.

Mark Cooper, Associate Director of Media, Cole Hatcher, Associate Director of Media and Community Relations, and Tim Carney, Vice President of WCSA, worked with students over the summer on this new system.

The old system allowed students to send out campus wide emails as often as they would like to advertise for meetings and events, which often led to multiple emails being sent out about the same topic day after day, cluttering inboxes. OWU Daily now only allows a message to be posted twice, and then listed in 'Today's Events' when the day has come. And though a room reservation is not required when a student group wants to post an event, Hatcher reminds students that it is important, and necessary, to have one.

"It makes it easier to pre-

plan an event," Carney said. "As soon as you have your dates in order, you can submit it to the OWU Daily, and that's already taken care of, whether two weeks or a month in advance."

Students, clubs, sports and organizations may go online to post events and information. There is also a lost and found section for missing and found items and other sections like Faculty/Staff News and Student News.

"If you submit information, it goes onto the calendar immediately," said Cooper.

Students are able to submit to the OWU Daily up to 5 p.m. the day before, and any submission can be viewed immediately on the blog, visible at <http://blogs.owu.edu/daily/>. This link is included in the OWU Daily email, in the upper left hand corner.

"The blog has had about 1,400 unique visitors at this point, which is pretty good," Hatcher said.

He also said the click-through rate is rather fast however, so most visitors are simply screening the content.

There are still some kinks in the system, but these should be fixed soon. In order to update an event, students do-

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Luke at the helm in Sagan ARC

By Emily Hostettler
Transcript Reporter

Creating new methods to aid students' learning may seem like a difficult task, but Adrienne Luke is up for the challenge.

Luke is the Interim Learning Strategist in the Sagan Academic Resource Center. She will help students with learning disabilities succeed in and out of the classroom.

In the spring of 2011, Luke cultivated her passion for assisting students with learning disabilities when she interned with Dr. Lydia Block, past director of learning resources.

"My experience as an intern was priceless," she said. "Dr. Block showed me how much she enjoyed working with students who were motivated regardless of the obstacles they faced."

Block's tragic passing has deeply saddened the Ohio Wesleyan community, yet there are still students who need assistance. The position of Interim Learning Strategist was created to aid in the transition between professionals.

Luke said she is attempting to control the chaos that occurs during a transitional period, while trying to help those with learning disabilities.

"I'm working with students



Adrienne Luke

to help them with academic skills and general upkeep," she said. "I want my office to be a safe haven where students can breathe and vent."

Luke attended the Ohio State University for her undergraduate studies, and then went on to the University of Dayton for graduate school. The thing she loves most about OWU is the one on one time she has with students.

"It helps me understand what they are going through," she said. "I can help them learn life equipping skills, and then help them deal with all for the underlying stuff."

She said she is happy in her new position because she likes how individualized the attention can be.

She said it is important to learn how to manage school-work, but also how to manage other activities like athletics.

"I am a big advocate for learning how to manage your time," she said. "You have to break things down, whether it's a problem or a paper. For example, if you have a steak, you don't just eat all at one time. You have to break it down into smaller pieces and eat it that way, or else you will choke."

Luke said sometimes, her work can be intense and overwhelming, but helping students learn is a rewarding experience which is worth the momentary stress.

She said her goal is to help people with learning disabilities view their disabilities as a separate entity.

"They [the students] are not defined by their disabilities," she said. "The disabilities are just a bump in the road."

Luke hopes to bring enthusiasm and a new view point on college students to the campus, while helping students understand the "power of a good planner."

She said the most important thing students can do if they are struggling is ask for help.

"It takes guts to go out there and do something," she said. "Don't be afraid to ask for help. The first part is to identify the problem."

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"We thought that keeping the equipment centralized and on the residential side was the best way to accommodate all students," Ullom said.

However, the fitness center's location is temporary.

"I met with architects this morning to discuss the idea of building a new and permanent fitness center on the residential side of campus," Ullom said. "Another alternative would be eliminating the kitchen in Welch and expanding the building to accommodate a fitness center."

This would include a spinning area, weight room and multipurpose classrooms, according to Ullom. Other options include building a freestanding center next to Hamilton-William Campus Center, on Rowland, or behind Welch by the fraternities. Nothing is final yet.

"We need a bigger fitness center and we need it sooner rather than later," Ullom said. "At the end of September I will go back to the board [of architects] to present options of where the building would be located, what would be included, and the estimated cost of the expenditure."

Ullom said the fitness center is a high priority on the university's agenda and could theoretically happen quickly.

"We just don't have an adequate facility that we can be proud of for our students," Ullom said. "We have a strong commitment to taking care of this."

The fitness center is not the only center changing lo-



Photo by Brittany Vickers

The past location of the Wellness and Fitness Center, currently under construction.

cations this year. The Student Health Center had to make some changes as well.

The health center has moved to 4 Williams Drive and will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. According to the health center's website, walk-in visits are accepted, but appointments are recommended. The health center can be reached at 740-368-3160.

As Director of the Student Health Center and a Certified Nurse Practitioner, Marsha Tilden said she has been busy trying to get situated.

There were not many significant changes made to the new location to transform it into a health center, she said. Sinks were added to two rooms, one wall was added to create a room and another wall was added to block off the front desk. The wellness center is now occupying a previously unused area of 4 Williams.

"The new location is not as large, but it is temporary and we'll make it work," Tilden said. "The hardest part is

trying to remember where we stored everything. Each day the flow is getting better."

Some new policies have been enacted this year. Due to the rise in cost of healthcare, the administration enacted a \$10 office fee for students wishing to see a physician or nurse practitioner. There will not, however, be a charge to see a RN (registered nurse).

"RNs cannot write prescriptions," Tilden said. "An appointment with them is more for advice. When you see healthcare providers, they can give diagnoses and medication. That's why there is a fee."

The \$10 fee is covered by Ohio Wesleyan's domestic and international insurance policies. These are the only types of insurance that the Wellness Center bills for.

Last year close to 40 percent of students had OWU health insurance. The numbers are not final, as many students are still making that decision.

Tilden said she thinks that OWU's health insurance is a good supplement to parents'

insurance.

"It is not adequate for a standalone plan; it is not enough to cover a surgery or hospital stay," Tilden said. "However, I recommend it for student athletes. Their possibility of injury is higher. I encourage parents to call their insurance companies and to see if there is a large deductible or if Delaware is out of their network. This information is important in deciding if they want OWU's insurance or not."

A \$5 no show and/or late cancellation fee was enacted as well. Tilden said the main object is to open up the Wellness Center's schedule to allow other students to fill the spot of cancellations.

Tilden said any fees can be submitted as a wellness charge on a student account or paid at the cashier's office.

Appointments have been slow at the center so far this year, but Tilden said she is not sure if it is because people do not know where the new location is, if it is less conveniently situated or if it is merely the start of the year and students are busy getting settled.

In August of 2012, when Stuyvesant Hall renovations are complete, she said the Wellness Center will return to Stuy, but will not be in exactly the same spot. It will be located in the left wing of the building instead of the right.

Jilbert said she is glad the health center is moving back to Stuy next year.

"The health center is inconveniently far away from my room this year," Jilbert said. "I'll be happy to have it closer to my dorm."



What do you think about the new OWU Daily?

It is a little more difficult to take a quick glance, but overall I believe it's a much better system than what there was.
-Kate Lewis-Lakin, '14



Is that where we buy our flap jacks?
- Tony Buzalka, VII, '13



It requires a lot less clean up, and I like it that way.
- David Reitan, Sr., '13



We don't have to go through a million e-mails and delete the ones we don't want, but nothing about it grabs your attention for individual events.
- Leah Hively, '14



Things tend to get lost in it and sometimes it's hard to find what you're looking for.
-Emma Goetz, '15



It's convenient to have all of them in one spot because you can look at them all at once without having to scroll through. It's a nice thing to do.
- Stephanie Thomas, '12



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"The budget is tuition-driven," Martin said. "Because of a smaller incoming class this year, and not hitting fundraising targets for things like the Annual Fund, we are faced with a budget deficit which has led to this reduction in non-faculty workforce."

Martin said the committee and the administration continuing to work on the proposed budget cuts.

"We realize the university is in a difficult situation," he said. "We're working to come up with some reasonable compromises to lessen the impact of these reductions."

Martin said he thinks the university might have to make faculty cuts next year if it faces another large deficit.

"There's not a lot of (other) areas to look at," he said.

Impact on the Students

Martin said the academic departments were funded at the same level as last year, so the governance committee's main concern was protecting student life, and they emphasized that in dialogues with administrators.

"Non-academic area reductions can impact students," he said. "A lot of the changes impact the health, well-being and safety of students."

Thomas Wolber, associate professor of German, said the budget cuts will alter student life on campus.

"There's a perception out there that the cuts went too far, too deep," he said. "The damages may exceed the benefits. I very much doubt that our student services are going to be adequate now."

Wolber said the budget cuts to student life may cause prospective students to attend other institutions.

"I think OWU is going to pay a price by cutting, cutting, cutting," he said. "I think it may damage our reputation. You can lose a good reputation quickly, but it takes years to get one back."

Wolber noted the consolidation of mailroom services as

one change affecting students. At the beginning of fall semester, students receiving packages through the mail (primarily textbooks ordered online) had to go to the faculty mailroom.

Martin and Algeo both said students will not have to go to the faculty mailroom for packages again because of the inconvenience it posed to everyone.

Wolber said the budget cuts are also dividing the campus community.

"The message they're giving us is that numbers are more important than people," he said. "We are looking at people as being disposable. People should always be more important than numbers and figures and budgets and dollars."

Wolber said the university went too far when altering staff positions related to student services such as the Chaplain's Office, Counseling Services and Public Safety.

The administration reduced the working hours of two associate chaplains, cut one Public Safety officer position and contracted with a half-time counselor from a private practice to fill a full-time counseling position. The full-time position was vacated this summer for reasons unrelated to the budget.

"Psychological services might be more important than accounting," he said. "Public Safety may be more important than the Development Office. When it comes to student services, I think that's where the faculty have decided to put their foot down."

Student Affairs includes the Student Involvement Office, ResLife, Greek Life, Public Safety, Career Services and Counseling Services. Three offices in Student Affairs were affected by cuts: ResLife, Counseling Services and the Student Involvement Office.

The university will not fill the vacant ResLife coordinator position for four to 12 months. Algeo said Stuyvesant Hall's current renovation has allowed the university to delay hiring another ResLife Coordinator without harming student life.

The Director of Student Involvement position has not been filled. Other staff members including Nancy Rutkowski, Dana Behum, Mona Spalsbury and Dawn Wright have taken over those responsibilities.

Algeo said the university plans to hire a full-time counselor in the future to take strain off of Counseling staff.

Dr. Colleen Cook, director of counseling services, said external consultants have recommended OWU employ four counselors to meet student demand. The department had three full-time counselors and one part-time counselor last year. She said if the university hires one more full-time staff member, the counseling center will have enough help.

Cook said currently, students wait a week before a counselor can see them. As the semester continues and students start to feel more overwhelmed and stressed and more of them want to sign-up, she said the wait could increase.

Cook said the administration has been responsive to the Counseling Center's staffing concerns.

"We have been very involved with upper level administration to address these concerns, and we are hopeful that we will receive additional staffing before this becomes an issue," Cook said.

Algeo said to preserve the quality of OWU campus life, administrators cut three to four times fewer staff positions from Student Affairs than they did from other departments. They cut several from his department, including the Director of Budget Purchasing and Planning.

Algeo said administrators did not think it would make sense to cut funding to Student Affairs offices, clubs, Fresh-X or athletics to balance the budget. He said if the university cuts student life, it will hurt current students and new student enrollment will continue to decrease.

Accommodating the Cuts

The rest of the cuts took

place in what Algeo called "behind the scenes" offices, like the Cashier's Office.

The Cashier's Office works directly with Algeo. As an associate vice president, Eileen Walker didn't have the final decision over whether her department would lose a staff member. She said, however, that Algeo discussed the situation with her. Walker agreed with the administration's decision to cut a filled staff position—one of the cashiers.

"I thought it was one area we could accommodate," she said.

To accommodate the cut, the cashier's office will reduce cashier days from five to four. Walker hasn't decided which day the cashiers won't work. Neither of the remaining cashiers will lose any working hours. They will have to split the third cashier's duties between them.

An employee left the cashier's office for reasons unrelated to the budget this summer. Walker intends to hire a candidate who would be qualified to take over some of the third cashier's responsibilities.

Walker doesn't think the job loss will impact students much because students no longer have to pay a monthly bill for cable or put money on their OWU cards to do laundry.

Even if lines grow long at the beginning of each semester, she says they will likely be eight to 10 students long instead of 50.

She said she supports the university's decision to target more behind the scenes departments like the cashier's office for cuts to protect student and academic affairs.

"That's our mission," she said. "We're here for you guys. I think that was the correct way to approach it."

While Walker said she has concerns about future cuts and the ability of her staff to take on additional duties originally performed by cut positions, Walker said this year they should be okay.

In spite of these cuts, our goal is to provide the best customer service possible," Walker said.

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Students packed six to a room in Smith

By Elizabeth Childers
Online Editor

Recent renovations to Stuyvesant Hall have led to many students being housed six to a room in the Smith dormitory.

This arrangement, nicknamed 'a six pack,' has affected mostly freshmen and sophomores.

Sophomores Avi Biwas and Ariel Koiman said it was far from their expectations to be placed with four other students. Originally, the two had opted to room together and hoped to be placed in Austin Manor or Welch.

"Smith West was my back up," Koiman said.

Koiman said he was surprised he would be rooming with five other students.

"I was notified via e-mail," he said. "That being said, most students were notified by June 1. I was not, as was with a lot of people. I wasn't told anything until late July."

Koiman said he and Biwas were not the only sophomores placed in six packs.

"There's an entire floor of six-pack sophomores," he said.

Biwas said while it is still early to

tell, space has not been a real issue.

"My life can be packed in suitcases because I'm an international student," he said. "I don't stay in my room most of the time. I sleep three or four hours in there. My room is not conducive for studying. It is a sleeping station, but that's it."

"Because we're living in a constricted area, any sort of space, any practical area, is like gold," Biwas said, referring to the Smith common room. "Any place you get, you just use."

Koiman said space was sparse. "I thought there were two com-

mon rooms I was mistaken," he said. "So now we have no common room and our bedroom is rather small. There's not a lot of moving space, but, then again, we don't need it. It would be hard to break dance."

"Despite there being six of us, we all have different operating times," Koiman said. "We've all come to the understanding that half-hour showers during critical hours are not much appreciated. During the weekends however, it's no big deal."

Koiman and Biwas also said hanging out with their roommates is different than it was last year.

"Going from Bashford to a six-pack, I kind of miss Bashford just a bit," Koiman said. "We do hang out, but it's visiting each other's room or something awkward like that. We have to purposely, deliberately see one another. It's not like we naturally hang out in each other's space, like we would if there was a common room. There's a lack of passive interaction."

As to any conflicts in the room involving space, bathroom or living arrangements, Biwas said, "Let's see." "We've just spent two weeks or so together in these six packs."

Service fair highlights community organizations



Photos by Alex Crump

The Ohio Wesleyan Service Fair was held on the JayWalk on Sept. 30. The annual event is sponsored by the Community Service Learning Office.

ABOVE: Students visit booths set up by community and campus organizations.

BELOW: Representatives from the Delaware County court system were present.

RIGHT: Senior Sarah Cunningham (right) speaks with a representative of Preservation Parks of Delaware County.



Connect-ED system receives mixed reactions

By Paul Gruber
Transcript Reporter

The Connect-ED emergency notification system has proven effective and useful on more than 150 college campuses around the United States, but some Ohio Wesleyans students said they don't like it.

"Connect-ED is a communication service that will enable Ohio Wesleyan to quickly reach the campus community with urgent voice and text messages," according to the Campus Safety webpage. "The system will be used only to convey emergency information, such as winter weather closures, tornado warnings, or crisis situations requiring immediate action."

Junior Reed Callahan said he thinks the system is effective overall. "They know the forms of communication that students

use and use them quickly."

In case of an emergency, Campus Safety must reach a study body of nearly 2000, as well as faculty and staff. Connect-Ed provides three ways by which people can be alerted: e-mail, text message and voicemail.

However, some students said that they are alerted by too many forms of media. The system has the ability to mail multiple accounts, while simultaneously calling and texting the same numbers.

"It's really obnoxious to pick up a call, and read an email, and answer a text," sophomore Paul O'Loughlin said. "I think people should just be able to choose one. Texting is probably the best way to reach everyone, especially students."

O'Loughlin said the only other problem he sees regarding the service is that some professors require cell phones to be turned

off in class, preventing students from receiving emergency notifications. He said he thinks having intercoms in classrooms would be most effective.

Callahan said he agrees that texting is the best way to reach students.

"We are more likely to not pay attention to email notifications," said Callahan.

Students also complained that the types of notices they were receiving were not considered emergencies, in their opinion.

"I don't care to hear about townies hassling or heckling students," said Callahan. "Well, at least not as an emergency alert."

Public Safety plans to test the alert system within the next few weeks.

They urge unregistered students and staff to add their contact information to their accounts online.

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Day on the Jay rings in a new semester



Photos by Alex Crump
ABOVE: OWU cheerleaders perform for students and faculty during Day on the Jay on Aug. 26. **TOP RIGHT:** Faculty and staff members are invited to mingle with students during the event. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Students played music during Day on the Jay. Chartwells provides food for the entire campus to enjoy.

Marin Leggat breathes new life into dance department

By Ryan Haddad
Transcript Correspondent

Self-described teaching artist Marin Leggat has taken up residence in many parts of the world -- from Utah to California, from Virginia to New York City, from India to Europe. Now she finds herself in central Ohio, stepping into a position that has been vacant at Ohio Wesleyan for nearly three decades.

At the Theatre and Dance Department's annual kick-off meeting on Aug. 24, D. Glen Vanderbilt, professor of Theatre and Dance, introduced Leggat, the university's newly hired assistant professor of dance (replacing a string of part-time dance professionals), to an excited group of students.

"Our department has not had a full-time dance instructor on the faculty for 27 years," Vanderbilt said,

"so we are truly thrilled to welcome Marin into our Ohio Wesleyan family."

Marin expressed equal enthusiasm, telling the students she couldn't wait to get to know them. She also spoke briefly about the department's main dance concert of the year, *Orchesis*, a long-standing staple in the OWU fine arts season which will run March 2-3, 2012.

"I've so enjoyed learning about the history of *Orchesis*, and I assure you that it will remain what it has always been: a predominately student-choreographed presentation of dance," Marin said. "But I'm going to implement a few of my own changes as well."

In an interview Monday, Marin



Leggat

said she was drawn to OWU by its close-knit community of students and the impressive faculty that she would have the opportunity to work with.

"I had applied for several positions this past year," she said, "but once this job was offered to me, I actually turned down two other interviews. I told them this was the place I felt good about This was my first choice."

When Marin read the job description in the spring, she said the Theatre and Dance Department was primarily interested in someone with a background in contemporary and modern dance who also had experience with musical theatre.

"I felt like I could bring some of those skills with me," she said.

A native of Utah, Marin received a bachelor of arts in dance education and sociology from Brigham Young University, and a master of fine arts in dance from the University of Utah.

While living in New York City, she founded her own dance company: Marin Elizabeth Leggat Dance. In 2008, she traveled abroad to teach a company of dancers in India.

She said she feels blessed to be able to teach the principles of choreography, performance and technique to young dancers.

"I think you come to understand your topic or your subject or your field a little more as you're able to teach it to others," she said. "Also, the more I'm able to stay involved as an artist, and to continue to choreograph and perform myself, the better I will be as a teacher."

"It is the liberal arts that we are

representing at Ohio Wesleyan," said Elane Denny-Todd, professor and chairperson for Theater and Dance. "One of the arts is the art of dance. Our students are now going to get more and more exposure to dance and the professional dance world, which is really exciting."

"I haven't danced in a year," said Alyssa Gregory, a sophomore with 11 years of dance experience under her belt, "but now that I know there are actually dance classes with a professional on campus, that's what I'll be taking next semester."

Unfortunately, Marin does not come to OWU without sacrifice. She was married earlier this year, but to teach here, she left her husband behind in Arkansas, where he is also a college professor.

"We're hoping that next year, he'll be able to join me here in Ohio," she said.

Rho Gammas comfort women during sorority recruitment

By Jenna Rodcay
Transcript Correspondent

You may have seen them around campus in their Panhellenic attire, or passed the green signs on their doors, but just who are these Rho Gammas?

According to senior Megan Reed, president of OWU's Panhellenic Council -- the governing body of sororities on campus, Rho Gammas are essentially recruitment counselors.

"They go through recruitment with potential new members as a kind of guidance counselor, and help the PNMs make decisions about which house fits them," Reed said.

Each Rho Gamma must unaffiliate from

their chapter. This means they cannot wear their Greek letters, attend chapter recruitment events or openly divulge which house they are a member of.

According to Reed, this ends "after formal recruitment" and takes a lot of commitment.

Senior Allison Fowler said that Rho Gammas "cannot talk, hang out or eat with the girls that (they) have so much in common with."

Those who are not members of the Greek community may wonder why these are such large commitments.

Fowler said that "letters represent your Greek organization and sisterhood and there is so much attached to (them)."

Senior Coley Kaser said the hardest part for

her is "not being able to call (her) sisters 'sisters' in public."

Senior Maggie Sullivan said she doesn't feel like she's given up anything other than shouting out who she is.

Reed said Rho Gammas are around "so that girls can feel comfortable (during recruitment)." The Rho Gamma position was established "to help the girls going through recruitment so that they have someone who's been on the other side, but is unbiased and can support their decisions."

Kaesar was a prime example of this and said that she loves "everything about Greek Life and recruitment and wanted to do (her) part to get every girl in a house that fit them

in order for them to have a great Greek Life experience like (she's had)."

Sullivan said she agreed. She said she took the position "because (she) wanted to help girls find the house that best fits them, their home away from home."

This year there are two to three Rho Gammas from every house. Each house nominates members who fill out an application. Chapters then vote on who they believe would be good Rho Gammas and the Panhel Executive Board makes the final decisions.

Informal recruitment will last until fall Bid Day on Friday, Sept. 16. Formal Recruitment will take place the weekend of Jan. 20, upon return from winter break.

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have an email address they can contact, and updates are immediate on the blog, but not always the campus wide email. Occasionally, an event that has already happened will still pop up in the OWU Daily, but that problem is being rectified.

Junior Kylie Ostheimer believes the Daily serves the student body well.

"The daily is an email sent out once per day to inform students of events happening that day, as well as events in the near future," Ostheimer said.

Sophomore Jennifer Erichsen thinks the OWU Daily is very convenient for students.

"The OWU Daily is sort of like an online daily newspaper for the students of Ohio Wesleyan," Erichsen said. "It was created to reduce the number of emails each student received daily in their email inbox. Instead of receiving separate emails for each event on campus, students receive only this message which contains a list of all of the important upcoming news and events on campus."

The OWU Daily has made some students

more likely to read the announcements, according to junior Emily Olmstead.

"I think the OWU Daily is already a good system," Olmstead said. "That way, we don't get a trillion emails from OWU in one day. I've never really been into reading emails, so I think it's personal interest that gets students to read it. I read every issue of the daily because I like to know what is going on around campus."

Sophomore Timothy Alford said there are some downsides to OWU Daily, but that it overall serves its purpose.

"For events/meetings held weekly, I think that the daily works fine," Alford said. "It provides a quick way to double check a meeting time or event. However, for an event that is not held weekly, I do not think it would reach as many people as individual email. The Daily does make things easier because we [don't] get 25 emails instead of one. However, I do think that new events should be allowed to send out individual emails to reach more people."

OWU students have mixed reviews of the new system. They said they see the benefits, but they also have some concerns.

"I actually do not like the OWU Daily, and I

would prefer individual emails," Erichson said. "I think it is easier to read the titles of each email and quickly delete the messages if they do not pertain to you. But with the OWU Daily, you have to read all of the headlines and info to find out the actual information that is important to you. For me, it is not a time saver. Instead, the OWU Daily actually takes up more of my time."

Sophomore Jonathon Bocanegra agrees that the OWU Daily is tedious.

"Basically, we have a middle man now. It's just another hurdle ... The only reason I can say I like it is because now I only have one thing to delete."

Ostheimer also offers constructive criticism. "The Daily does not make my life easier. It is sent out once per day, usually after I have already left for classes I don't usually have time to check my emails for the day. Therefore, by the time I read the Daily, some of the events are already over. Some of these events I could have possibly made time to attend if I had known about them. Also, with individual emails from each club, I can quickly read the subjects and open the ones pertaining directly

to me when I have time to read my email, and go back to the others later if I have time. With the Daily, it takes me long to search for the info I need or want, and I see a lot of things that don't interest me"

Although some students said they are not entirely pleased, junior Rachael Brown said she cannot think of a more effective solution.

"Honestly, I have no idea as to what the best system for informing students about events would be," Brown said.

"The Daily is nice because it condenses everything into one email, but it's frustrating because you have to sift through the entire thing in order to see if there is anything that you find interesting. The individual emails were nice because you could look [and] delete everything that didn't seem interesting and read the things that did, but the massive amount of them was annoying."

A Google form survey will be going out with a few questions relating to the OWU Daily and an open-ended question in the next couple of weeks, said WCSA Vice President Tim Carney. For questions or comments, students may email Carney at tdcarney@owu.edu.

Irene's winds shake OWU families

By Carly Shields
Transcript Reporter

On the morning of Aug. 27, Hurricane Irene hit the East Coast, destroying homes, washing away porches, taking down thousands of trees and leaving millions of people without power.

Estimated total damage of the hurricane is at \$7 billion.

Most of the East Coast was declared to be in a state of emergency. Precautions were taken from South Carolina all the way up to Vermont. People were told to evacuate their homes in New Jersey, New York and Virginia, along with others living on the coastlines.

The subways were shut down in New York City for the first time in 40

years. Patients in the New York City hospitals were also evacuated.

Pennsylvania's ground was soaked before the hurricane hit: the wettest month ever recorded.

Senior Kelliann Devine lives in Radford, Penn., and said her house sits upon a large well that broke when the hurricane swept into Pennsylvania.

The Devines couldn't use their water because they lost power for a couple of days, so, she said, "my family used the pool water or the water from the flooding to flush the toilets."

Her town was told not to worry and that the power would come back in two weeks.

It took the Devine family's power a couple of days to return, but it took

nearly two weeks before the power was restored completely in the area surrounding them.

New York was also impacted by the hurricane.

Junior Abbie Martin's mother, who lives in Gilboa, N. Y., was flooded out by a break in the Gilboa Dam. The break occurred while the hurricane swept through the state.

Senior Madeline Hargis lives on the north shore of Long Island, N. Y., and her family was also affected by the hurricane.

"We took up the stairs, put away all the boats and boarded up the house and windows because most of the house is glass," Hargis said.

The town recommended that her family and their neighbors evacuate, but Hargis said the majority of the

town stayed.

"Three trees fell in our yard, one fell on our garage, we had no power for four days and the road in my town flooded so no one could get out of the town," Hargis said. "Our porch was also destroyed by the flooding of the ocean."

Hargis's father works for Cablevision, and 50 percent of his customers in the Long Island area were without power.

The hurricane continued up the coast to Rhode Island, where sophomore Steph Martineau lives.

"A tree in our yard fell on the electrical transmitter and started a fire," Martineau said. "We had no power for four days."

Hurricane Irene left 5.5 million people without power as of Monday,

Aug. 29.

David Hickcox, professor of geology-geography, said Hurricane Irene was a minimal hurricane when it hit the land in North Carolina.

Even though it was categorized as a Category One hurricane, the hurricane did a lot of damage to the coastal side and inland.

According to weather.com, this was the first hurricane to make landfall in New Jersey since 1903, which accounts for a large amount of the damage that occurred.

"This hurricane occupied a lot of space and, because it was a tropical storm, it had a lot of water vapor, causing a lot of flooding," Hickcox said. "It was a type of flooding that most people experience only once in a lifetime."

How butterflies wing it Prof to compose major work

By Danielle Kanclerz
Copy Editor

Butterflies develop a certain way because of the environment they find themselves in, said Andrew Stoehr, visiting assistant professor of biology at Denison University.

This was the take-away message from the first Science Lecture Series seminar given last Thursday entitled "Causes and Consequences of Wing Pattern Variation in Cabbage White Butterflies."

Shala Hankison, assistant professor of zoology, said the main purpose of the science lecture series is to "showcase science as an ongoing project."

"In classes, I can present a lot of facts and data, but it's not always obvious that new facts are continuously being discovered and that it's an ongoing process," Hankison said.

She said it's important that students realize professors don't know everything because science is constantly evolving. That's why seminars like those in the science lecture series are important, she said, because they introduce an outside perspective.

Stoehr brought his perspective on phenotype plasticity to OWU. He said phenotype plasticity -- the ability of an organism to change its observable characteristics and traits in response to changes in the environment -- is what got him interested in butterfly wing pattern variation.

Perfect plasticity would require perfect information perception and perfect phenotypic response, so, essentially, it does not exist, he said.

If it did, Stoehr said the organism would dominate over all other organisms. Since we have such a diverse body of animals, he said, it's evident none have achieved perfect plasticity.

This concept is what gave

Stoehr the idea to research cabbage white butterflies, he said.

"This is the most common butterfly in the United States," Stoehr said. "Even though they're so common, they actually aren't native. They come from Europe originally and were introduced in Quebec in the 1800s."

He said the butterfly moved down into the U.S. soon after finding a home in Quebec and was spotted in California as early as the 1880s.

"They are very widespread [now] and are called cabbage white butterflies because they'll eat anything related to cabbage," he said.

Stoehr said an aspect of his study was examining the interactions between males and females as well as the adaptations in coloring throughout the seasons. He said he first looked at the similarities in appearance between the two genders.

The most obvious difference, he said, is that females have two conspicuous spots and the male only has one, or, sometimes, no spot at all depending on the time of year they are found.

He also said the males are wider and the females sometimes have scales on the underside of their wings.

To complete the study, he said an undergraduate student he was working with went to Yale University's Peabody museum to photograph and measure several hundred specimens of white cabbage butterflies.

The results included specimens from nine Northeastern states, and he said the pattern is consistent with butterflies he examined in California. The butterflies he studied were darker in the spring and fall months than those he examined in the summer.

"There could still be geo-

graphical or yearly variation though, as my results only account for the effects of season," Stoehr said.

Another issue with the study, he said, is that museums don't really have a random sampling of information because they tend to take what they can get.

For example, if someone donates a collection, chances are they only worked in a particular region. However, he said he took care to randomly sample the data set.

The lecture concluded with a question and answer session as well as an invitation to future seminars in the Science Lecture Series.

Hankison is in charge of finding speakers for the fall 2011 series. She said this can be difficult at times because the school doesn't have the budget to assist with the speaker's travel arrangements.

"I literally go to websites and look up -- trying to get some sort of diversity -- who might be an interesting speaker," Hankison said. "Some bigger schools send out flyers and say here are people who are interested and could potentially be useful additions to your seminar series."

She said these large schools sometimes see the lecture series as an opportunity to recruit graduate students because they recognize that OWU has a strong science department.

Hankison also said that a lot of OWU graduates who have gone on to earn higher degrees enjoy coming back to speak and see how OWU has changed. She said the second lecture this semester is evidence of this. Jamie Harden ('06) will be speaking on the successes and challenges of GM-CSF and IL-12 encapsulated microspheres for tumor immunotherapy today at 4:10 p.m. in 163 of the Schimmel-Conrades Science Center.

Prof to compose major work Needham wins endowment for woodwind piece

Ohio Wesleyan University faculty member and composer Clint Needham has been selected as the winner of the 2011 Barlow Prize, an international award presented annually by the Utah-based Barlow Endowment for Music Composition.

As the 2011 winner, Needham earns a \$12,000 commission to compose a major new work for a woodwind quintet. His composition will premiere in 2013, performed nationwide by the acclaimed Imani Winds, Fifth House Ensemble, and Orpheus Winds.

According to the Barlow Endowment, which is based at Brigham Young University, Needham was selected for the prize from among 170 composer applications from several countries worldwide.

Previous winners include Christopher Theofanidis, Kevin Puts, David Dzubay, and Pulitzer-Prize-winners Michael Colgrass and Zhou Long, among others.

"I am thrilled to have been selected as winner of the 2011 Barlow Prize," Needham said. "This award is certainly one of the more coveted in the field of music composition, and it's truly an honor to share this distinction with so many wonderful composers whom I admire. I look forward to working with the three incredibly talented groups in the consortium."

Needham's music has been described as "wildly entertaining" by The New York Times, "easy to smile at" by The Philadelphia Inquirer, and "well-crafted and arresting ... riveting" by The (Indiana) Herald-Times.

His music is published by the Theodore Presser Co., Manhattan Beach Music, and Triplo Press. It has been recorded on the Summit Records, Marks Masters, and



Photo courtesy of OWU Department of Communications
Ohio Wesleyan music professor Clint Needham was awarded an endowment from Brigham Young University to compose a woodwind quintet. It will be premiere in 2013.

United States Air Force labels.

In addition to the 2011 Barlow Prize, Needham has been recognized with the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra's Project 440 Commission.

This composition will debut during the 2011-2012 season at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Needham also has been honored with the Charles Ives Scholarship from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, two ASCAP Morton Gould Awards, the William Schuman Prize/BMI Student Composer Award, the Jacob Druckman Prize from the Aspen Music Festival, First Prize in the International Ticheli Composition Contest, the Heckscher Prize from Ithaca College, a Lee Ettelson Composer Award, and the coveted Underwood New Music Commission from the American

Composers Orchestra.

Needham earned his bachelor of music degree from the Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music in Berea, Ohio, and his master's and doctoral degrees from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music.

At Ohio Wesleyan, Needham teaches music composition, music theory, instrumentation and orchestration, and more.

For more information about award-winning composer Clint Needham, visit www.clintneedham.com.

For more information about the Barlow Endowment and annual Barlow Prize, visit <http://barlow.byu.edu>.

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Wednesdays mean food for all at Chi Phi Soup Kitchen

By Suzanne Samin
Transcript Reporter

Even with a fresh set of food points, Ohio Wesleyan students love free food.

Students flocked to Chi Phi fraternity on Aug. 31, with hungry stomachs.

The fraternity, located at 216 N. Franklin St., opens its doors once a week to the OWU community for free food.

This weekly feast is commonly known as "Chi Phi Soup Kitchen."

Soup Kitchen takes place "every Wednesday, rain or shine," according to junior Paul Kline, Chi Phi's president. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. and lasts, "really until the guests want to leave."

Kline said the food served, which changes every week, comes from the room and board fees of the brothers.

It is prepared by the house chef, Martha, who has worked there for 24 years. On this August evening, chicken was served.

Students helped themselves in a buffet style setting, choosing a side or two, beverages and, of course, dessert. They sat at long tables with one another, Chi Phi brothers interspersed amongst them.

However, students do not simply

come for food, but also for a sense of community. Upon stepping out of the large dining room, students will see their fellow classmates playing volleyball or chatting on the porch.

The brothers will also sing songs in the dining room to show their spirit.

"If you watch me at Soup Kitchen, I'll be bouncing up and down, because I love it when there's a full Soup Kitchen," said junior Macauley O'Connor, the public relations chair of Chi Phi.

"There's people talking, you know, people playing volleyball, people just eating and hanging out. It's a great time. It gives us a chance to meet new people, and new people a chance to meet us."

O'Connor also said that holding Soup Kitchen is a way of embracing some of the fraternity's values -- establishing a sense of community and having fun.

Students said they enjoy the event as much as the brothers do, and feel the same sense of community.

"I think that it's a great way to bring people together," junior Tessa Cannon said. "We're kind of like a family."

Kline said Soup Kitchen is a longstanding tradition of the chapter, going back to at least the 1980s.



Photo by Suzanne Samin
Junior Macauley O'Connor and Gregory Mack, assistant professor of physics and astronomy, talk during dinner at Chi Phi's soup kitchen on Aug. 31. Mack is an alumnus of the Chi Phi chapter at OWU.

Opinion

Quote of the Week: ““Psychological services might be more important than accounting. When it comes to student services, I think that’s where the faculty have decided to put their foot down.”

—Thomas Wolber, associate professor of German

From the Editor:

Less money leaves more questions

As the new academic year begins, we’re seeing a lot of changes on campus.

The grandeur of Stuyvesant Hall is being restored, but is currently blocked by bulldozers. Students picking up pizzas in Welch are now able to watch their roommates work out while they wait. Where the Creative Arts House once stood is a fenced in patch of freshly seeded grass.

Free laundry and cable have been incorporated into the room and board fees. Visits to the health center now cost \$10, and new faculty members have been added to the OWU community.

Something else new to this year is the package pick-up system. Students have been walking across campus to the main mailroom to pick up their packages. When the service was previously offered in the basement of Ham-Will, packages were easily accessible during lunch for most students.

Now, a student has to pick up a package between the hours of 12 to 4 p.m. on the academic side. If students eat lunch in HamWill from 12 to 1 p.m. and have classes from 1 to 4 p.m., how will they get their homemade cookies from mom? Not very easily.

The changes to the mailroom and other areas on campus are a result of the university’s proposed budget cuts. Some of these differences may be subtle and unseen by students, but students and faculty may be affected significantly by other cuts.

The downsizing of the Communications Department and the shift in Buildings & Grounds personnel are potential sources for cuts, and the average student probably won’t notice these.

But what about the possible elimination of the Public Safety SafeWalk program? This service, while expensive and widely underused, offers safety and peace of mind to students. Instead of eliminating the program altogether, perhaps a restructuring of SafeWalk is in order.

Students don’t use the service at midnight walking back from the library, but they might require it at 3 a.m. on the way from Haycock to Smith.

Other areas taking a hit are the Chaplain’s Office and Counseling Services. One less full-time counselor is proposed, and the hours for associate chaplains have been reduced. These reductions were a result of administrative and departmental examination.

What happens when counseling on campus, traditionally offered through these two areas, becomes less accessible to students? Potentially nothing. Potentially a lot. When the emotional, psychological and religious needs of students are being compromised, the administration should seek out other areas for cuts.

The potential slashing of the university budget, in response to the overwhelming deficit, is unfortunately a necessary step. However, when the budgetary cuts are putting essential student services on the chopping block it becomes a problem.

The state of the economy, coupled with lower matriculation rates at the university, has contributed to the university’s financial difficulties. These financial difficulties could swiftly turn into greater problems if the budgetary cuts aren’t thoroughly examined before being implemented.

Upgrades to the fitness center, the remodeling of Stuyvesant and free laundry won’t make up for a lack of counseling services and SafeWalk. Students have got plenty of quarters in their purses now, but what can quarters really buy when you’re in trouble? Who can students turn to? The university? Let’s hope so.

By Rachel Ramey
Transcript Editor-in-Chief

Dancing with teenage angst



Word Vomit
by Michelle “RJ” Rotuno-Johnson

The troubled days of my youth are far behind me, but I do remember one thing clearly. I SO did not watch “Dancing With the Stars.”

I’ve been a fan of “Idol” since the second season, but I digress. The buzz in the news is that Chaz Bono, Cher’s son, is going to be a contestant on “DWTS.” But it’s not because he’s a famous star’s son or anything. It’s because he was born a she.

Did I lose you? I hope not. But transgendered people seem to confuse a lot of Americans. And the fact that Chastity Bono had gender reassignment surgery and is now known as Chaz Bono really gets under the skin of a certain FOX News blogger.

In his cleverly-titled column “Don’t Let Your Kids Watch Chaz Bono on ‘Dancing With the Stars,’” psychiatrist Keith Ablow warns parents that their impressionable young youth shouldn’t watch the studio audience clap for Chaz’s

dancing skills because it might make them think they, too, should have gender reassignment surgery if they feel at all confused about who they are.

Sometimes I just have to shake my head.

First of all, the only reason kids would know Chaz is transgendered is if they hear it firsthand. Otherwise they’ll probably think he was always a dude and not even care.

And let’s say they are very confused about their genders and think reassignment surgery is for them? Let’s think. THEY ARE KIDS/TEENS. Where would a kid get money for a sex change, hormone therapy or cosmetic surgery?? From their lemonade stand? From their lawn-mowing money?

And does Dr. Ablow think their parents or best friends are just going to drive them to the local vaginoplasty place and shell out thousands of dollars? I certainly don’t think so. It’s a process that takes a lot of counseling, time, money and pain to complete. Not to mention any leftover trans-bashing from the 20th century. Aren’t we done with this shit yet?

But let’s back up. Are kids really that easily influenced? I mean, honestly. Is a tomboy going to stride into a doctor’s office and ask for a penis, pretty please, with scrotum on top? Get real, Doctor.

Quitters: They may win after all

By Mary Siebodnik
Guest Columnist

I’ve been having a lot of senior moments this week.

Not the kind when you forget where you left your car keys or you lose your heart pills. I mean the college kid kind.

When you walk around campus and think, “When I was a freshman, I...”

I arrived on campus my freshman year an unabashed overachiever, who drank vodka, once, at a friend’s house in the summertime and giggled about it for half an hour. In high school, I ran cross country and track and worked hard at math even though I loved English. Generally, I tried not to let other people down.

In other words, I had a tidy little resume that lacked an important life experience.

Quitting.
College would soon add quitting to my resume. I decided to give up cross country after running my best times yet for the fall 2008 OWU Bishops.

I had never quit anything before, except ice hockey. I quit the team as a 7-year-old and felt wistful about it when Miracle hit theaters. There’s a lot of pressure in our society to not quit things. If you quit your job and can’t find another one, well, you shouldn’t have quit your first one no matter how unhappy it made you. Winners never quit—quitters never win!

To quit felt like admitting failure to me. The holes my erasers made on my math assignments can testify that I would spend hours on a problem before giving up. I only reluctantly gave up high school basketball when someone pointed out to me that I could train for track during the time I would have spent sitting on the bench in the gym.

Distance running is a sport many peo-

ple quit. The 3200m run in track and 5k cross country races require team members to train hard, logging 20 to 50 miles a week. More for elite runners.

I’m surprised I survived high school cross country, let alone a season in college. I remember 20 400m repeats at the track for one Saturday morning in high school. Twenty laps around the track, one minute of rest between each, between 80 and 90 seconds for each lap.

You can imagine why some otherwise talented athletes, or aspiring athletes like me who didn’t have enough hand-eye coordination for other sports (like basketball), might grow tired of logging mile after mile after mile, and sprint repeat after sprint repeat.

We didn’t even get a marching band. But I kept running in high school. I wanted to prove I could be an athlete, and I don’t think I believed myself to be one until I looked in the mirror before my first college race and saw myself dressed in the black warm-ups. I looked legit.

Which was great. Fantastic, actually. I ran faster, although I never competed at the varsity level. I—finally—ran a mile in practice one day under six minutes, a goal I chased since my first track meet in junior high.

Maybe that was the problem. I was chasing down junior high goals. High school goals. And even though I was meeting them, it wasn’t enough for me to justify the increased amount of training and dedication college athletics required.

As a college student, I couldn’t connect with my junior high and high school desires anymore. What did running a 5k in under 20 minutes have to do with the rest of my life—which I found utterly overwhelming and somewhat terrifying to think about? It just didn’t seem to matter all that much.

When I was young I saw a lot of people make decisions on TV or in real life that I didn’t agree with. Would Dr. Ablow say kids think being a rich asshole is okay? You see a lot of those on TV. What about a teen mom? A rock star? An overly obese person? A Senator?

Someone I know in high school moved out of their parents’ house. I respected them for their bravery...but I wasn’t about to do it myself. Someone else I know got engaged while still in their teens. I respect that decision too. I just know I wouldn’t have ever chosen to do that.

The list of things you can “choose” to do goes on and on. I don’t think teenagers are going to try everything they see on television, even if they see someone who connects with their feelings on a deep level, like Chaz might. But if there’s a little gay girl watching “DWTS” with her family who sees Chaz, odds are she will just admire him for his courage. Transgendered people I know are tough. They go through a lot to get where they are. That little gay girl isn’t going to go run off and think she should cut off her boobs so she can be on “Dancing With the Stars.”

Besides, she’s got other things to worry about. Hope Solo is competing this year. And little gay girls are much more likely to be focused on her than any of those gross men. You go, girl!

I was embarrassed to tell my coaches and teammates of my decision to quit because I feared they would think hard work scared me off. Or that I was deserting them somehow. Honestly, I don’t think any of them felt that way. Some of them didn’t understand why I didn’t find the sport as rewarding as they did.

I found it rewarding for six years. Nostalgia is part of the reason I wrote this column. This is the time of year when on Saturday mornings I glance outside and wonder which 15-year-old kid is scared out of her wits before the starting gun goes off, and if she is poised for the start in the sweltering heat or a cold rain.

But another part of the reason I wrote this column is everything I did and everything I became after fall semester freshman year would—likely—not have happened if I hadn’t quit. Would I have had time to lead the Lakota mission trip or report for the school newspaper? Or stay out way too late being dumb on the weekends? Maybe I could have ran cross country and track and still have had many of the same experiences, but I couldn’t have had all of them, and the ones available to me would have been at the mercy of the sport calendar.

Which is okay if you love the sport. But I didn’t anymore.

After I quit, I walked back to my room thinking, “Did I make the right decision?” For a high schooler who was always pre-occupied with the “right” answers, having doubts was a feeling I needed to get used to. I hear it’s also called growing up.

I still run. I didn’t for a year and a half, but now I enjoy running when I want to, how far I want to and for the reasons I want to.

And to debunk all my quitting fears, my teammates and coaches didn’t hate me for it. I wave at them, and they wave back.



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Arts & Entertainment

Inlet Dance delivers high level of artistry

By Leanne Williams
Transcript Correspondent

The audience laughed when five performers dressed head to toe in blue spandex danced with large red exercise balls in Ohio Wesleyan University's Chappellear Drama Center.

The dancers from the Inlet Dance Theater performed a show as part of the annual Performing Arts Series (PAS) on Saturday at 8 p.m.

Each year, the PAS committee picks a series of professional performing artists to perform annually. According to the PAS website, the series is committed to "providing outstanding and entertaining performers for the Ohio Wesleyan and central Ohio communities."

Elane Denny-Todd, professor of theatre and dance, is a member of the PAS committee. In an e-mail interview, she said the performances they choose, "expands our campus-wide exposure to the arts," and, "as a liberal arts university, experiencing as wide a range of the arts as possible is vitally important to students' learning."

Often the PAS Committee picks artists who have direct connections with OWU, Denny-Todd said. The Inlet Dance Theater has several.

One of its company members, Joshua Brown, who performed on Saturday, is an



Photo courtesy of OWU Communications Department

The Inlet Dance Theater Company showcased their creative and innovative dances last Saturday as part of the annual Performing Arts Series.

OWU alumnus.

The Inlet Dance Theater is a modern dance company from Cleveland, Ohio.

Denny-Todd said, "(The Inlet Dance Theater) is a remarkably unique performance dance company that has a fast and growing reputation."

Junior Kathleen Dalton received a TIPIT grant this past summer to participate in Inlet's Summer Dance Intensive.

The intensive is an annual fee-based summer program the company hosts for dancers of all ages.

Dalton said the program was special and unlike any dance program she had ever

participated in.

"The company members really get to know you and tailor the classes to your personal wants and needs... to help you grow as a person," she said.

According to inletdance.org, Inlet Dance Theater's aim is to use dance for personal development in a number of ways and "to create and perform innovative dance and movement theatre at a high level of artistry, speak creatively about human life issues."

Dalton said she could see those goals in the training she received.

Students taking OWU dance classes were required to

attend the performance. Senior Katrina Hansen said she is enrolled in the beginning dance technique class.

She said seeing the performance improved her understanding of what Marin Leggat, assistant professor of theatre and dance, is seeking to teach them.

Hansen said she was impressed by the dancers' strength and ability to perform. She also said the content of many of the dances was out of the ordinary.

The OWU performance showcased seven inlet dancers in nine separate dances, each with a different theme.

Whitaker's blog documents daily inspiration

By Alexis Williams
A&E Editor

Bloggin' Bishops



Many blogs have gained notoriety for their creativity, content and layouts. Many Ohio Wesleyan students, like junior Clare Whitaker, are no exception.

Her blog, "Twirling Clare," has garnered much attention in less than a year of its existence for its brilliant pictures and fashion posts.



Whitaker

"I've had people ask me to do some personal shopping for them, and I've been asked to give fashion advice," she said.

"Some were just people that saw the blog and some just knew me."

Described by Whitaker as "a blog for you to treasure the little things in life," her posts consist of daily inspirations both from a personal, and fashion-savvy perspective.

Though Whitaker started her blog in late November 2010, she said her inspiration for the blog came from a Kate Spade ad campaign from earlier that year.

"Honestly, I became obsessed with Kate Spade," she said. "They released a new perfume last year called 'Twirl' and I love to dance, so it was perfect."

With an emphasis on photos rather than blog posts, Whitaker said to expect her daily inspirations to cover a variety of different topics.

"It can range from food to music to little videos to fashion to interior designs," she said. "Usually, each day has a theme, and I find an eclectic group of pictures. Whatever's kind of in the moment: it depends on my mood."

In Whitaker's fashion posts, the reader can find styles which are simple and "city chic" with an occasional burst of color.

She said rather than following what's trendy, she sticks to "classic looks that just work."

"My fashion sense is classic but fun," she said. "I like

to pull off a look that lasts for years. I tend to focus on having a white shirt and finding all the different ways you can wear it."

This blogging Bishop said it typically takes her five minutes to make posts, but she can spend hours on end searching for photos.

She also has Twitter and Facebook accounts that she links to her blog for more publicity.

"I post probably five to six times a week," she said. "What I started doing this summer was, over the weekend, I would come up with my posts and drafts. That way, I can post it and it'll just be ready. It works to have everything already organized."

Whitaker said she also keeps a "brainstorming book" to jot down any random inspirations she comes across for her blog.

"When I wake up in the morning, that's the first thing that I do," she said.

Currently on "Twirling Clare," there is a feature on "peek-a-boo outfits," ensembles that incorporate lace or sheer fabrics and a post on Whitaker's trials and tribulations baking chocolate chip cookies.

Whitaker plans on reformatting the template of "Twirling Clare" to make it "more effective" and make more "how-to" posts.

"I want to show people how to put trends into action," she said. "And keep the random inspirations coming."

Whitaker's blogging goal is to make an impression on the people who visit her site.

"The point is to do what you like, do something that makes you happy," she said. "I think that develops you as a person. If I can give little tips, it can help make someone look at life differently."

Check out Whitaker's blog at twirlingclare.blogspot.com for continued daily inspirations.

Exhibit offers students chance to handle the art

By Kathleen Dalton
Transcript Reporter

Sculptor Everett "Ebb" Haycock's work is currently featured at the Richard M. Ross Art Museum in a retrospective exhibit.

Matthew Turner, Ross Art Museum employee, said Haycock's artwork has attracted a steady flow of guests to the museum. Turner said the exhibit has been one of the most popular he's seen at the museum. Haycock is known for his study of bronze casting at an Italian foundry.

Haycock, after whom the three-dimensional art building on OWU's campus is named, constructed a bronze casting foundry on campus with a kiln and furnace made from surplus materials. The foundry is unique to OWU.

Haycock gained recognition for his work statewide. He was awarded the "Steel Cross" by the Ohio Arts Council and his work was also featured on the television program "Portrait in Sculpture."

Haycock's art has formerly been showcased in the Ross Art Museum. His last show was in 1970. According to Turner, Haycock still creates work in his retirement home in which he fashioned himself a studio.

Turner said Haycock's home is full of sculptures and he encourages visitors to touch the sculptures and examine them.

Turner agrees with Haycock's rationale that sculpture work should be felt, not only seen. "You should have an intimate connection to (a sculpture) and you should discover what it means to you," Turner said.

Haycock's sculptures are constructed of abstract forms and often busts and bodies of men. He has used unique materials, such as car bumpers, to construct his sculptures.

Junior Jordan Ahmed attended the exhibit and lecture given by Haycock and said he felt as though Haycock's pieces "invite the viewer to touch and interact with them. Hay-



Photo by Gissele Miller

Exhibition of works by sculptor Everett 'Ebb' Haycock

cock himself actively engages his pieces in his lecture, touching and picking them up."

Ahmed said he connects to Haycock's work.

"The shapes he creates, especially in bigger works like 'Oracle' seem almost like cradles for the viewer's eye," Ahmed said.

Kristina Bogdanov, associate professor of fine arts, said she particularly likes the variety in Haycock's work.

"All of his work and experience as an artist is extremely

rich and engaging for us, the viewers," Bogdanov said. "He was an inspirational teacher and artist. The broad range of his sculptural work, from realistic studies to abstract, serves as an excellent example of how art making process is an ongoing, fluid exploration."

The exhibit will be featured until Sept. 16. The museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Dipman's fashion focuses on bold, unique and balanced choices

From the Catwalk to the JAYWalk



By Alexis Williams and Katie Carlin

Delaware might not be the first place you think of when it comes to fashion. But we are on a mission to put Ohio Wesleyan on the map.

Each week, we will feature an OWU student with a keen sense of style and find out his or her personal inspirations.

This week, we have a funky fashionista who you may occasionally "spot" rocking some form of leopard print around campus.

Junior Chelsea Dipman is an art education major with a passion for fashion.

Last Friday, we caught her working the JAYWalk in a red-orange patterned romper, matching orange belt and beige sandals.

With the recent heat wave, this tribal print piece was definitely weather-appropriate and reminiscent of those hot summer days.

She told us how she mixed and matched to make the perfect show-stopping end-of-summer ensemble.

"Last weekend, my friend came up to me at a party and told me that she had this romper—I love rompers—and that it didn't fit her," she said. "I loved the African print and the low back so I adopted it. I just added a waist cinching orange belt and my beige, suede, open toe flats to complete the outfit."

Dipman said although making a statement is a must, there is such a thing as going overboard.



Photo by Alexis Williams

Junior Chelsea Dipman sports a stylish summer romper as the season comes to a close.

"I love bold color and prints, and really focus on creating looks that are unique, yet are also cohesive and balanced," she said.

"It's easy to put a look together that has too much of something. I'm definitely guilty of trying on too many outfits, but it is true that every outfit has the ability to make you feel a certain way. That's what I love about it."

She channels her confidence into her daily outfits.

"I like the fact that people know my style enough to be able to say, 'Oh Chels would wear that,'" she said. "I love leopard prints, low back shirts and dresses. Really anything that enhances the feminine silhouette and unique items that I don't think some people would have the guts to wear."

Dipman enjoys reviving vintage styles by thrift shopping to get a look for less.

"I get a rush from buying

things that are on sale or that are from a thrift store," she said.

"Why spend money on a look you can put together yourself for less and with your own unique personality in it? I honestly could limit my shopping to my mother's vintage clothing, Goodwill, Target, Forever 21, Marshall's and would be set for life."

Dipman finds her fashion inspirations from the Internet rather than celebrities.

"I do follow online fashion blogs such as Lookbook and Nastygals," she said. "Sometimes you have certain pieces in your closet that you would have never pictured together, but actually come together when you see someone else rocking it. And actually I take that back. I would wear just about anything of Beyoncé's."

Be on the lookout for more trendy Bishops! We know we will!

Bishops Sports

New grass at Roy Rike, men's soccer debut

By Eric Tifft
Transcript Reporter

The Fred Myer's Invitational Tournament was not just the annual season opener for the fifth-ranked Ohio Wesleyan men's soccer team. It was the debut of an improvement made to the program: the grass.

This summer, Roy Rike Field underwent a resurfacing project, that replaced the old surface with new Thermal Kentucky Bluegrass.

The new grass is a low-maintenance, natural hybrid surface designed to handle extreme temperatures and spread quickly to repair itself.

Cygnat Turf installed the new surface in about 10 days with a final price tag at about \$60,000.

The project was financed by donations from former players, parents of players and friends of the Battling Bishops, said Head Coach Jay Martin.

"It's important to note that there was no university funding. It came strictly from friends of the program," Martin said.

"The new surface is un-



Photo by Mathew Wasserman

Roy Rike's new, low-maintenance Thermal Kentucky Bluegrass was broken in at The Fred Myer's Invitational Tournament.

believable," said senior Travis Wall, captain of the men's team. "The previous turf ripped easily and left many divots in the field. This turf is flattened out and the ball rolls so much more smoothly."

"The resurfacing was much needed," Martin said. "We would like to eventually replace the practice fields as well. They're very bumpy and

the dirt is clay which can get hard as a rock."

Because of the condition of the practice fields, the men's team has been training in front of Buildings and Grounds on Henry Street, Martin said.

A campaign has been started to finance the resurfacing of the practice fields, as well as the purchase of a new scoreboard and renovation of the

training and locker rooms.

The Battling Bishops lost to top-ranked Messiah (Penn.) 2-1 in the opener of the Fred Myer's Invitational on Friday.

They returned Saturday to defeat Hamline (Minn.) 8-0.

"The team is really excited this season, especially with the big crowd we had Friday," Wall said. "We are a little bummed about losing to Messiah, but we held with them for a solid 89 minutes."

The team this season is very skilled, Martin said.

"We have a deep team this season, deeper than the last seven years," Martin said. "Freshmen Mason Hoge (Cincinnati), Colton Bloecher (Powell) and Daniel Thornton (Rochester, N. Y.) are important new additions to the squad," Martin said.

"The team seems like a tight-knit group," Martin said. "But I think the biggest obstacle will be to get everyone to play as a team, not individuals."

Wall will lead his team this weekend in the Adidas Invitational held at Roy Rike Field.

The Bishops will face Wheaton (Ill.) on Friday, Sept. 9. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.



Photo by Brittany Vickers

Offensive players huddle up to talk strategy while defense is on the field against Denison.

Denison goes down, football gets victory

By Brittany Vickers
Sports Editor

Two touchdown passes and a field goal led the Bishops to a win over rival Denison in their first game of the season at Selby Stadium with .

Sophomore quarterback Mason Espinosa connected with sophomore Dave Mogilnicki two times to gain the first 14 points on the scoreboard, on Saturday, Sept. 3. Giving Ohio Wesleyan the lead over Denison from the beginning.

Senior safety Keegan Varner set the Bishop's up for their first touchdown with an interception and a 64-yard return.

Varner is a co-captain team, along with senior tight end Pat Embleton. Head coach Mick Hollway said this year's senior class has really worked hard.

"They've worked all off-season to create a high standard," Hollway said. "They really have a vision and they're holding the underclassmen responsible to help achieve success."

Ohio Wesleyan's defense was solid, holding Denison's response to a third and out with about eight minutes remaining in the first quarter. A lightening delay with 6:24 left in the first quarter paused the game for 30 minutes before the Bishops returned to score a second touchdown.

Denison responded with a touchdown of their own, bringing the score to 14-7 about half way through the second quarter. But the Bishops came into this game prepared, Hollway said.

"We've had nine months to work on this game," Hollway said. "Our offense needed to create a rhythm early, and our defense needed to pressure the quarterback and contain third down conversions."

This year's team consists of many players returning from last year. Last year the team spent the early part of the season creating an identity, Hollway said, but this year they are already familiar with their players and have more clarity.

"With clarity comes execution," Hollway said. "We know what we can do now. We don't need to experiment anymore." The Bishop's scored a field goal, but Denison answered with a touchdown, bringing the game to 17-14 with a little over a minute left in the game.

Freshman Kevin Herman covered the onside kick and the Bishops were able to run out the clock, securing their 17-14 victory over the Big Red.



Photo by Brittany Vickers

Players watch from the sideline as Ohio Wesleyan stomps on Denison.



Photo by Brittany Vickers

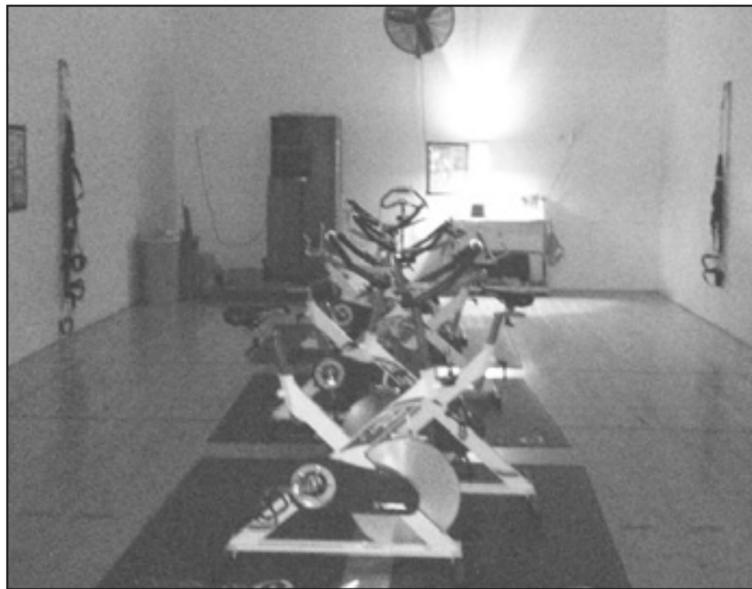
Senior Pat Embleton gets his hand taped during the game by athletic trainer Julie Brown.



Photo by Brittany Vickers

The offensive players huddle up to talk strategy while defense is on the field against Denison.

FIT program whips OWU students into shape



By Brittany Vickers
Sports Editor

Accessible, affordable and awesome. This is what senior Tyler Hall is looking to accomplish with his honors project.

Hall's senior honors project is a movement on campus called Student FIT. Student FIT is a fitness program for students run by students, which stands for Fitness Into the Future. Hall and three other seniors, vice president Nathan Strome, secretary Chelsea Imm and treasurer Amanda Kosmata are working to put together a program for students to stay fit.

"We want to instill lifelong stable fitness habits in college," Hall said. "The cool thing about our program is it's totally accessible to students. We're doing it on the residential side at times that work for students."

The Student FIT program will be unveiled in a three-step process, Hall said. Before mid-semester break, Hall and the Student FIT leaders are hoping to offer students at least four different class options. A stress and pain management class, a core and balance class, a class on TRX, a military training technique and a FIT 101 class that will offer a preview of

all types of fitness.

After mid-semester break, Student FIT is hoping to possibly add a spinning class and/or more class time options. Finally, at the beginning of spring semester, there will be at least five classes offered at multiple times during the day based on student participation numbers.

The class sizes will be limited to 10 to 12 students due to equipment issues, Hall said. They are looking into getting more equipment with the five dollar fee that students will pay per class.

Hall's project is modeled after the New Fit program, where students train faculty and staff members, professor Nancy Knop said. Both programs employ a "train the trainer" technique where students get to learn hands on how to lead fitness classes and personal training sessions.

"We want to offer something that is really accessible to all students," Knop said. "We have facilities for student athletes, but as a freshman who is maybe out of shape those areas really aren't accessible."

The class fee is to promote student commitment Knop said.

Hall said one of the big differences between Student FIT and a regular health



Photos courtesy of Tyler Hall

ABOVE: Senior Tyler Hall is taking his honors project to a new level to help all OWU students stay fit and develop positive fitness habits.

LEFT: Student FIT will offer spinning classes to students as one of the options for a fitness class.

club is the aspect of progression.

"Our classes are based on students coming and the workouts increase in difficulty as the session continues," Hall said.

This is an important reason to instill an investment from the students, Knop said.

"The program is really based on students attending class on a regular basis so they can improve," Knop said.

The workouts don't seem hard at first Imm said, especially for athletes.

"When you leave you don't feel sore, but after you come for a few weeks you can tell the difference in your body," Imm said.

Another important aspect of the program is sustainability, Hall said. He said the program is going to be organized so that once the current leadership committee graduates there will be trained students ready to take their place each year.

Hall and Student FIT are working with WCSA and Healthy Bishop to get funding and facilities to run the classes.

"We got an initial donation from the PE department of some supplies to run classes," Hall said. "We're also working with WCSA to get some funding and we're also going to apply for a TIPIT grant."

Student fit tip of the week: Alcohol

Drinking regularly may contribute to a weight problem or cause one. "Alcohol is an appetite stimulant," says Ravi Dave, MD, a cardiologist at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopedic Hospital. "You Tend to eat more." -- Source: WebMD

Field hockey uses loss as learning experience, now looking forward

By Tori Morris
Transcript Reporter

The field hockey team ended up short of a victory against non-conference Sewanee despite sophomore attacker Sadie Slager's goal, to make the final score 4-1.

The Bishops played Saturday, Sept. 3 at Selby Stadium to kick off their season.

Slager scored with 2:48 left in the first half, making the score 2-1. Sewanee scored two

more goals in the second half, ending the game at 4 to 1. The Bishops outshot Sewanee 18-12.

While the team communicated well and was open to try new positions, the game helped the team realize some things they need to work on.

"Our passing and midfield was really nice... so was our communication," said senior midfielder Alyse Marotta. "However, we needed more offensive push. We couldn't capitalize on scoring opportunities and need to work on taking more shots on goal."

Sophomore defender Steph Martineau said the team learned a lot about their strengths and weaknesses from Saturday's performance.

"It was good to get the jitters out in the first game...the rest of the season will be fine," said Martineau. "It's different not having 10 returners this season."

Marotta said the team lost their goalie during preseason.

She said she is thankful that one of the field players, sophomore Emily Temple, decided to

dedicate her season to play goalie.

"It was [Temple's] first game as goalie," Martineau said. "Kudos to her...she did a great job."

Temple had 2 saves for Ohio Wesleyan.

The Bishops will begin their NCAC season at Wooster on Sept. 10.

"I'm really looking forward to the rest of the season," said Marotta. "We exhibited more strengths than weaknesses, and we have a very promising season ahead."