

Osman enters guilty plea, will receive reduced sentence in June

By Noah Manskar
Editor-in-Chief

Former Ohio Wesleyan student Waleed Osman filed a guilty plea to charges of burglary, voyeurism and public indecency on Monday.

Osman was arrested in the early morning of Dec. 1, 2012, after he went into a Thomson Hall women's bathroom and tried to watch a female resident shower.

He also gained access to a woman's bedroom in Bashford Hall, where he then lived, and exposed himself to her. He was charged with two counts of burglary (one for each residence hall invasion), a third-degree felony; and one count each of voyeurism (watching the woman shower) and public indecency (exposing himself), both third-degree misdemeanors.

Osman waived his right to grand jury indictment on Jan. 29 and was indicted by a bill of information from Prosecuting Attorney Carol Hamilton O'Brien. He initially plead not guilty.

According to Kyle Rohrer, first assistant prosecuting attorney for Delaware County, the change came following his acknowledgement of wrongdoing to the investigating detective.

"He basically admitted to everything we had him charged with, so I think he wanted to get this behind him, basically—accept the responsibility and take the consequences and get this behind him and try to piece his life back together," Rohrer said.

Each felony charge carries a maximum sentence of 36 months in prison and a \$10,000 fine; each misdemeanor entails a maximum 60 days in Delaware County jail and a \$500 fine. Osman's total maximum statutory prison sentence is just over three years.

In the hearing Monday morning, Judge Duncan Whitney said the penalties could be "stacked," or doubled, because "they are distinct, separate offenses" with separate victims. Rohrer said Osman's plea agreement decreased his potential jail time to just over three years. He will be sentenced on June 3 at 11:30 a.m.

Rohrer said he expected a "probationary sentence," but is uncertain exactly how much time Osman will serve. He said he's already spent about two months in county jail; records indicate he was released on Jan. 31.

"(W)hat to do is really up to the court," he said.

Osman's attorney, Dennis Evans, declined comment on the hearing.

Osman could also be sub-

jected to as much as five full years of post-release control governed by the Adult Parole Board. Whitney said in the hearing that the board "makes the rules" and decides when they're broken. If Osman were to violate the established terms of release, he could face additional jail time up to half what he'll first serves.

Additionally, Whitney said the guilty plea meant Osman forfeited all his criminal defendant rights except his right to counsel, including: the guarantee of a speedy and public trial, presentation and cross-examination of witnesses, the requirement of the state to prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt and his Fifth Amendment rights.

The state will also conduct a pre-sentence investigation (PSI) through Adult Court Services (ACS). According to Ohio Revised Code 2951.03, a PSI involves an evaluation of "the criminal record, social history and present condition of the defendant" and possibly a "physical and mental examination," including a drug test.

Prior to the hearing, Osman had been under house arrest without GPS monitoring at his home in Cincinnati. Because he's been compliant, Whitney issued an amendment to the order—Osman can leave his home to work, but must stay confined otherwise.

During the hearing, Evans said Osman wished to work with his cousins, who run a "lucrative" business selling souvenirs at fairs and festivals in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana; he also wants to find other work closer to Cincinnati.

Whitney approved, but said Osman must get permission from ACS before leaving the state.

Following his arrest, a no-contact order was issued prohibiting Osman from interacting with the women who reported him; he's also forbidden from accessing OWU property. Both orders remain intact with the house arrest caveat.

Upon his December arrest, Osman's bail was set at \$150,000, then lowered to \$50,000. Eventually, the court reduced the bond to \$500.

According to a Dec. 19 request from Evans to reduce the initial amount, Osman and his parents came to the United States as refugees from Sudan when he was 10.

He gained American citizenship in 2008, and attended Cincinnati's prestigious Walnut Hills High School, ranked the top public high school in Ohio and the 66th-best in the nation.

Alpha Sigma Phi, Delta Zeta win top team awards in Greek Week



Photo by Spenser Hickey

Greek Week: The Orange Team, comprised of Alpha Sigma Phi (Alpha Sig) and Delta Zeta (DZ), won Greek Week's Spirit Award and the award for most points. In the foreground are sophomores Rebecca Caserta, Marisa Luciano and Courtney Parker of DZ; sophomore Austin Daniels of Alpha Sig is behind them. See Page 3 for the full story.

Boston attack leaves 3 dead, more maimed

Obama: Bombing an 'act of terrorism,' those responsible to face 'full weight' of justice

By Spenser Hickey
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Glass and blood stained the sidewalks, buildings shook and runners were knocked to the ground during the two explosions that killed at least three people during the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 15.

So far no one has claimed responsibility for the attacks.

The bombings occurred almost simultaneously at 2:50 p.m. and took place "50 to 100 yards apart" along the route to the finish line on Boylston Street, according to a press statement by Boston police commissioner Ed Davis.

"Each scene resulted in multiple casualties," he said.

As of the time of publication, no suspects were in police custody and it is not publicly known whether the bombing was the work of domestic or foreign terrorists.

News of the bombing quickly spread among the OWU community, particularly over Facebook. Many students posted messages of love, support and prayer for those in Boston. Several students who posted are from the Boston area.

Sophomore Matthew Hunter, who lives near Boston, said in an email, that hearing of the bombing left him in "absolute disbelief."

"It was terrifying because I have friends who were working the finish line," he said. His friends' shifts ended "about 30" minutes before the bombs detonated nearby.

Hunter said every year he was in high school, he watched the end of the marathon from the Prudential Center, near the finish line.

"It's a strange situation," he said. "I never considered that



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Police, runners and first responders at the scene of one of the two bombs detonated Monday during the Boston Marathon. The explosions happened near the Boylston Street finish line.

something like this could happen during the marathon. It's such an iconic event and back home everyone stops what they are doing to watch. In hindsight I can see why it was a target."

Junior Rachel Vinciguerra, who lives 15 minutes from Boston, said in an email she didn't hear about the attacks until 6 p.m.

"I was shocked when I heard what had happened," she said.

"Bostonians love their city and this attack couldn't have come at a much more vulnerable time. For such a tragedy to take place on a day that should be filled with so much joy is crushing. I hope that the people responsible will be identified—mostly for the future safety of the city. In order for us to protect against another incident like that, I think it's important to understand what happened."

Vinciguerra said her mother had run in the marathon before, and one of her high school friends and one mother's coworkers ran this year. Her mother was with her sister on a visit to Syracuse University and their friends were unharmed, but she said it was "certainly a scary moment."

She said seeing the replays of the explosion were "really difficult."

"I know those buildings," she said. "I've walked down those streets before with my family and by myself. It's really hard for me to even fathom that this has happened in a city that has always felt so safe to me."

Despite the bombing, she said the first responders' promptness reminded her how safe the city is.

"They were incredible and I am so proud that they serve where they do," she said. "As for America, I don't really have

an idea one way or the other of whether this was a domestic attack or an international attack, but I feel like you can't let these things get to you... I might be a little more alert than usual, but I refuse to be scared...because an attack like this is meant to shake people up and I don't want to give in to that...I'm just glad to know that my loved ones are safe and am keeping all of those affected in my prayers. If Boston is anything, it is stubborn and resilient. We'll bounce back."

On Monday night, the popular Facebook page OWU Compliments posted a message "To other Bostonians at OWU" saying they hoped "all your friends & family are OK and were far away from Boylston when the bombs went off."

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Social media's power growing on campus

Facebook pages about OWU students spark conversation and debate on campus

By Becca Sufrin
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On December 6, 2012, a Facebook page called "OWU Compliments" appeared; since then, the popularity of this page and others similar to it, has exploded.

According to the OWU Compliments description, the page is "an anonymous forum that Bishops may use to thank other students, organizations, staff and faculty members." Ohio Wesleyan Facebook users can send a private message with their compliment to the page's inbox or using a Google form. Either way, submitters'

"There is such a mystery about getting a compliment written about you because you have no idea who wrote it," said **Krina Patel**, supporter of the OWU Compliments Facebook page.

names are kept confidential. Compliments are sent in at large volumes and published to the site multiple times per day.

Junior Krina Patel, a supporter of the page, said she enjoys the positivity it provides.

"OWU Compliments is such an uplifting page where people can anonymously tell

other people how they feel," she said.

"There is such an exciting air of mystery about getting a compliment written about you because you have no idea who wrote it."

Recently, two other similar Facebook pages have been created.

One titled "OWU Confes-

sions" was used for confessing anything, positive or negative, to the page's followers.

Due to the fact that the content did not have to be positive, topics quickly evolved into being extremely controversial.

In just about a week the page received nearly 600 "likes" on Facebook, but as of April 12, the page seems to

have been shut down.

Another page called "OWU Confessions Absolutely Anonymous" was created on April 7.

This page was made to reinforce the level of anonymity that other similar pages seemed to lack—it offered a fully anonymous Google form from its inception, while its counterpart didn't offer such an option at the beginning.

It currently has 492 "likes" and has become a major talking point around campus.

Junior Julia Zak said the increasing importance that others have attached to these pages reflects "the power of

social media and the influence it has on our culture today."

"We fear the natural human response to things that we may be insecure about," she said. "But in some ways the anonymity is a benefit, because you get a type of catharsis that you might not get if you tell someone something in person."

Both OWU Compliments and OWU Confessions Absolutely Anonymous are still running pages and many students continue to visit each of the Facebook pages daily to hear more about their fellow OWU students and organizations.

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"You are wonderful and resilient people," said the post, signed by "a broken heart 12 hours from Heartbreak Hill."

Amid the shock and devastation in Boston, stories of heroism began to emerge.

CNN reported some marathon runners turned and ran back into the blast zone alongside first responders to help their comrades. NBC Sports' Twitter feed said other runners continued the marathon all the way to Massachusetts General Hospital, where they then donated blood to help victims.

Following news of the bombings, reports said there had been another explosion at Boston's JFK Library; later reports said it was a fire.

"We're recommending to people that they stay home, if they're in hotels in the area that they return to their rooms, and that they don't go any place and congregate in large crowds," Davis said.

"We want to make sure we completely stabilize the situation."

Davis said two hotlines have been set up: one at (617) 635-4500 to help families find loved ones who were at the scene, and another at (1-800) 494-8477 for witnesses to contact law enforcement about what they may have seen.

"We don't have the whole picture yet, but we have gotten a good deal of information," Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick said during the press conference.

Davis said the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and the Massachusetts National Guard, as well as "assets from other agencies," were assisting the police.

Patrick said he received a phone call from President Obama around 4:15 p.m., assuring him the FBI would fully cooperate with the

investigation.

Shortly after 6 p.m., Obama addressed the nation, giving a statement to the press from the White House.

He praised the response of Boston police and firefighters, saying "it's a reminder that so many Americans serve and sacrifice on our behalf every day."

"I've directed the full resources of the federal government to state and local authorities to help protect our people, increase security around the United States as necessary and investigate what happened," Obama said.

He urged Americans not to jump to conclusions, but vowed to bring those responsible to justice.

"We still do not know who did this or why," he said.

"But make no mistake—we will get to the bottom of this, and we will find out who did this. We'll find out why they did this. Any responsible individuals, any responsible groups, will feel the full weight of justice."

At a later press conference after 9 p.m. Monday, Davis said he offered his sympathies to the victims.

"Those responsible will be brought to justice," he said.

In a later statement Tuesday morning, Obama announced the FBI was treating the bombing as an "act of terrorism."

"This was a heinous and cowardly act... (a)ny time bombs are used to target innocent civilians, it is an act of terror," he said.

"The American people refuse to be terrorized, because what the world saw yesterday – the aftermath of the explosions – were stories of heroism and kindness and generosity and love... So if you want to know who we are, what America is, how we respond to evil, that's it – selflessly, compassionately, unafraid."

Corrections

On Page 6 of the April 11 issue of The Transcript, the headline over the editorial piece about OWU Confessions bore a headline from a previous issue.

On Page 8 of the same issue, the headline over the article about the baseball games by Hugh Kerins said the Bishops played Oberlin. The game mentioned in the article was against Otterbein College.

A caption in the women's rugby photo package on Page 8 read, "Senior Gabby Melgar carries the ball as she runs from a teammate." The unidentified teammate is sophomore Hannah Snapp.



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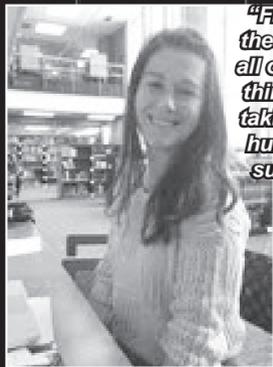
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Sound-Off OWU



What do you think about OWU Confessions?



"First of all, I don't know how these people have time to post all of this. And I think it's something people are going to start taking advantage of and use to hurt people. Cyber bullying is such a problem and this just encourages it."

- Catherine Spence, '13



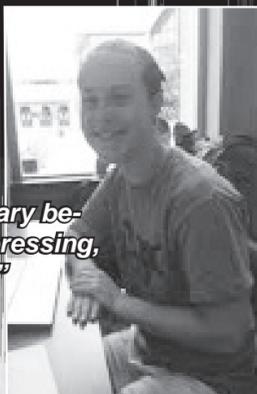
"I think some of them are funny, but if I were on it I would be really upset. It can be so catty."

- Emily Perry, '14



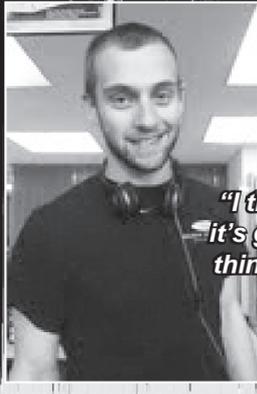
"It's ridiculous. I'm scared of the OWU confessions. If you're checking it regularly, you have some serious issues."

- Dylan Porter, '14



"I think it's weird. It can be really scary because some of the stuff posted is depressing, but it can be funny otherwise."

- Lori Welschedel, '14



"I think it's a good idea, but it's gotten a little ridiculous. I think people are just making things up now."

- Jake Miller, '14



ΓΥΣΚΣ take a week to celebrate and give back

Photo by Spenser Hickey

Left: Greek god candidates junior Anthony Lamoreux, senior Andrew Dos Santos, senior Marshall Morris and senior Clerel Djamen wait for Levi Harrel, pictured right with the candidates for Greek goddess—senior Molly Curry, senior Rachel Rose, senior Amy Siemon, senior Meredith Wholley and sophomore Grace Thompson to award the laurel crowns to each winner.

By Spenser Hickey
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This year's Greek Week, running from April 8-12, featured seven events designed to increase the bonds between fraternity and sorority members, and encourage Greek students to do acts of service.

The events included a Monday performance by comedian Evan Wecksell, a Tuesday canned food sculpture competition, Greek Olympics on Wednesday, a clothing drive Thursday and an all-Greek barbecue on Fraternity Hill Friday evening.

This year's theme was "Greeks Give Back," which incorporated community service into the events. During the week members of the Greek community collectively donated 586 pounds of canned or boxed goods and 2,705 articles of clothing.

"This week has been a really good reminder of the fact that we are service organizations," sophomore Rebecca Caserta of Delta Zeta (DZ) said.

Levi Harrel, residential life

coordinator (RLC) for Smith Hall and Greek Week adviser, said this year's service theme was new.

"(Greek Week) is service-orientated, but (the theme) changes every year," he said. "It's really what our student planning committee comes up with and is a reflection of what that community wants that year."

Junior Rachel Tallmadge, a member of the planning committee, said in an email the theme was chosen because "(t)he entire OWU Greek Life community is committed to philanthropy and service."

"In order to get people engaged, we wanted to play off of the passions that already exist," she said.

The planning committee worked with Harrel and "bought supplies, contacted judges, made the advertisements (and) set up the events," according to Tallmadge. She said the committee was "really proud" of the end result.

At each event, fraternities and sororities competed together as part of five teams, picked primarily by size but

also with the goal of bringing together chapters that normally don't interact.

The teams included the Purple Team of Phi Delta Theta (Phi Delt) and Delta Delta Delta; the Red Team of Delta Gamma (DG), Chi Phi and Phi Kappa Psi; the Orange Team of DZ and Alpha Sigma Phi (Alpha Sig); the Green Team of Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Sigma Phi Epsilon; and the Blue Team of Kappa Alpha Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Beta Sigma and Sigma Chi.

At the end of the all-Greek barbecue—the week's "culminating event," according to Harrel—awards were given to the most spirited team, the highest scorer and the week's Greek "god" and "goddess."

Harrel selected the spirit award himself. Teams earned points through donations and member attendance at events. Students chose the Greek god and goddess in an online election.

The two team awards both went to the Orange Team, while the laurel crowns for god and goddess went to couple

Marshall Morris and Meredith Wholley, both seniors. Morris is a member of Phi Delt and Wholley, a member of DG.

Harrel said deciding the spirit award came "down to the last minute," but ultimately he found the Orange Team best showed the "inter-fraternal spirit of what Greek Week was about."

The Orange Team also earned 1,140 points, 35 more than the second-place Red Team.

Both Morris and Wholley said they didn't expect to win, but Wholley said she had "a really good campaign team behind (her)."

Wholley's team consisted of her sisters, who put 500 posters around campus in the days beforehand, according to sophomore Ali Smith of DG.

"We campaigned hard," she said.

Many students present at the barbecue, including Morris, Wholley, Smith and Reynolds, said they thought the week went well.

"I feel like they've brought the community together," Smith said.

Wholley said she liked being teamed up with other organizations.

"It was a really good bonding experience between some of the teams and I'm really glad," she said. "Last year we focused on recycling, and this year we focused on donating."

Senior Catherine Spence-Godin said she thought the teams were "competitive," but also "respectful and supportive."

Sophomore Jon Rodriguez of Alpha Sig said he thought the week brought his fraternity and DZ closer.

"We worked together to get where we are," he said.

Sophomore Grace Thompson of DZ said the week improved as it progressed.

"I think Greek Olympics were probably the best because all of the sororities and fraternities were actually all together," she said. "...I feel like the clothing drive was really the most service-oriented thing, and that was really successful."

Sophomore Christian Gehrke of Alpha Sig said the week was "a good opportunity" for

Greek charity.

"I just saw bags and bags and bags (of clothes) and it's great—it just put a smile on my face," he said. "(I'm) just glad that something good outside of all of us is happening."

Spence-Godin said the service aspect was "wonderful."

"I think the fact that they raised as many more cans than they have in the previous years was great," she said.

Harrel the canned food donated was the most given to the organization at any one time.

Harrel said this year's Greek Week was an attempt to "reinvent" the tradition.

"Our whole point this year was ... (to) really build from the ground up so that it changes, it's more substantial, it's lasting and that we're building a legacy, and I think that the energy surrounding it is already doing that," he said.

During a speech at the awards ceremony, Harrel said the participants reinvigorated Greek Week at OWU.

"Regardless of whether you get (an award) or not, you made a difference," he said.

Classified: Lets talk about Donuts

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As soon as you start thinking about personal health, the conversation on donuts really hits a snag. If donuts were loaded with vitamins and minerals, antioxidants and omega-3's, fiber and protein perhaps the discussion on donuts would go a little differently. Sadly, they are not. Donuts are filled to the brim with bad stuff. In fact, all of the things that make donuts the perfect food also make them awful for your body. Go through the list of overly processed flour, sickeningly sweet frosting, and thoroughly deep fried batter and it's easy to see why donuts might not make your doctor's list of recommended foods. That's not to mention all of the other stuff that can be drizzled on, stuffed into, or dusted over these circular disasters.

All of that said, I stand here in front of you today to say: 'Eat a donut!' Don't eat 6 or even 3, but eat a donut and enjoy it. It might not be good for your body but it will absolutely be good for your soul. Too often, concern for health and wellness becomes a game of absolutes, when instead it is all about balance and moderation. After a donut or two I guarantee your soul will feel better. You will feel refreshed! Rejuvenated! Reinvigorated! But be warned, as soon as balance turns to excess, when 2 donuts turn into a dozen, most of the benefits your soul feels get lost in the sea of sprinkles and chocolate frosting. Eat a donut. Don't worry about it. It's good for you.

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OWU's four most popular majors reflect university's diversity

By Elizabeth Childers
Managing Editor

While Ohio Wesleyan offers an array of majors in several departments (93, according to our website), over the past five years, and according to the current declared majors, there are four who seem to draw in the most students: Zoology, Psychology, English, and Economics (respectively and according to the number of declared majors).

These four departments being the top are significant in showing the diversity at OWU. Though the university is known for its science programs (OWU is one of the few in the country to offer zoology as a degree and as a separate department, which is a huge draw to prospective students), the four departments with the highest number of students with declared majors are as diverse as what 93 majors would suggest. All four of these programs also happen to be listed by the Princeton Review as some of the top ten majors in the country.

"Be warned, however, that these are not necessarily the degrees that garner the most demand in the job market," the Princeton Review writes. "More importantly, they don't lock you into a set career path. Each major offers unique intellectual challenges and develops skill sets that will be applicable to various careers."

The four departments listed here – zoology, psychology, English and economics – are all very different routes of education, but all seem to do the same thing: preparing students for a wide array of different jobs focusing more on the skills and thinking styles taught by each discipline.

This is part two of a two part series. Last week's Transcript featured the first and second most popular majors, Zoology and Psychology.



Economics

The past number of students enrolled in economics used to supersede zoology, and the past five year mean indicated Economics had the highest number of students enrolled. This year the number has significantly dropped from an average of 81 students to 68. However, there doesn't seem to be any changes in the department. The department's chairperson, Dr. Barbara MacLeod, said it wasn't unusual for their students to declare relatively late.

"Some of it is ebb and flow," she said. "And some of it is a few years ago we had a big economic crisis and some people chose to do something else. And some of our majors haven't declared yet. When you have a large number of majors, there's more change that can occur."

There are five majors in the Economics department, and prospective students come to OWU having a basic interest in either economics or business and then decide later on which specific route they'd like to follow.

Student come into the department the same way students enter the psychology or English department, where there are students who come into the classroom freshmen year ready to major in Economics and sticking with it all four years or students who take an Econ course as part of an elective or requisite for another course and find they're drawn to the major.

And, MacLeod said, it's rare, but there are cases when Econ isn't exactly what the student expected, so often they pursue a different major, or decide to make their Econ involvement a minor.

"We also pick up a lot of people who think they want to do pre-med, and I think that it's true for a lot of departments on campus, where people will drift out of pre-med and into something else," she said. "We also get a lot of students from the Health and Human Kinetics area who are interested in Sports Management... they take a lot of our courses."

For an Economics majors, there is a set core of classes they are required to take. Beyond that, there are electives and other courses students can take as well to fulfill their major.

The Economics program is very similar to Psychology in that there are a few guidelines for specific courses students need to take for their majors and what those courses fulfill for students.

"Because we have so many majors, almost all the electives are offered every year and all of the required courses are offered almost every semester," she said. "And many have multiple sections every semester, especially those fresh-

men and sophomore classes. It works really well for students who want to double major or work out minors in other departments."

Class room sizes tend to run around 30 students and according to their own records, as many as 2/3 of the classes in the department run over 19, which is a significant number looked at in rating a college. Overall, most of OWU's classes have fewer students than that magic number, and this department runs the opposite way.

"Classes are always tight. But we've never had anyone not be able to graduate," MacLeod said. "We have no class that runs more than 35, and I still know the name of every student in my class."

Students who graduate from the Economics program at OWU end up in a variety of locations and professions, like social media, PhD programs, graduate schools and business schools. "We send people into the finance industry, we send them into healthcare... Some of them are doing work overseas," MacLeod said. "It really is fun to look at where they end up."

The department interacts with other factions of OWU through several different programs, one of which is the Woltenmeade Center and international travel. In one instance, a group of interdisciplinary faculty travelled to China to incorporate it into an honors course that focused on different ways to look at the country. This coming summer the group is going to Cuba. They have also been involved in the Teaching Circle, which is "a group of faculty who has been meeting for several years now on how to improve their pedagogy and share ideas on new technology and new pedagogical techniques."

Though there are no significant changes planned for the department, there has been some major progress in the recent past, and MacLeod said the department is focused on keeping these programs up to date and adding to what they've already accomplished.

"In the last few years, we have increased our faculty," she said. "Five years ago, we started a program for top incoming freshmen called Economics Management Fellows program. Those students have left a real mark on campus... one of the results of that is the Bigelow-Reed House which focuses on economics and leadership and entrepreneurship, which is open to any major in campus. This past fall, we added the Finance Economics major... We want to solidify what we've been doing. We are continuing to add courses and we've rejuvenated an Economic Thought course and we're talking about rejuvenating (others)."

MacLeod also mentioned a desire to increase the number of internship and job shadowing for their majors and working closely with the Woltenmeade Center to do so.

English

English, which provides three different concentrations for their students, has the third highest number of declared majors with 80 currently declared. These students very commonly are double majors (around 40 percent of the already declared English majors, according to the English department's current records).

Dr. Martin Hipsky, the chairperson for the department, had just finished discussing the English department's programs with a prospective student. "At this time of year, March/April, we have one or two (prospective students) a week," Hipsky said. "We're often asked to allow 1, 2, or 3 students in. Often on Mondays after Sunday night stayovers. It's extremely common."

Students who come in their freshmen year wanting to be English majors, Hipsky said, often have had pleasant experiences with high school English and AP English teachers and they "conceive a passion for it."

No department really has a way to track intention to declare and ending up declaring. Hipsky said a lot of English majors register their majors late, due to a switch from outside the department into this one.

"They came to Ohio Wesleyan saying, 'I want to be a pre-med' or 'I'm going to do pre-dentistry,' or 'I'm going to be pre-law' and they discover they don't have the aptitude or they no longer really like it as much. In the meantime, they've taken two or three courses in the humanities and decide they have a real interest in it."

Hipsky mentioned the common conception is that humanities degrees such as Classics, Philosophy, Religion or English tend to be considered "impractical." Yet, it is one of the most popular majors both at OWU and across the country.

"The truth is, a lot of people realize that what are valued very highly across different kinds of work places are communication skills, both written and oral," Hipsky explained. "And because we have a lot of discussion in our classes, we do a lot of oral presentations and obviously we have students write a lot of papers. Our department is, arguably, the best place to develop those communication skills... It's kind of a one size fits all, in terms of jobs, set of skills."

The curriculum for English majors is noted to be flexible for students. Because of the three concentrations, there are different required classes and different electives that can be taken.

Required classes also tend to be in groups meaning in the catalogue a lot of required sections will say: "Take three out of the classes listed here" and there will be a list of classes that would fill that requirement. These classes can vary depending on the concentration.

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Students who graduate from the English department end up in a variety of jobs.

"Some students end up in Public Relations, advertising, media," he said.

"Lots of places where the writing skills are put to good use... I also have a student in New York now who is an editor for an online magazine. I have another student who works at the children's magazine Highlights down in Columbus. We have students who go to law school or masters of Fine Arts... We have students who go for the PhD."

The English department, one of the physically largest departments, has 12 full-time faculty members and three assistant professors. Classes rarely get overly crowded; Hipsky believes the average class size in the department is 13 to 15 students but there are often students who are waitlisted for classes and don't get in.

"We have an issue of pressure on the caps (for classes)," Hipsky said.

"A lot (of) courses are capped at 19 and we can get pressure from students to allow in one more seat. Different professors handle that differently. Most professors adhere to the caps, and that definitely avoids overcrowding."

The English department also works with others programs on campus.

"We have film courses from Modern Foreign Language from Sociology, even from Politics and Government so we coordinate with them for which classes can fulfill the minor," he said. "We are involved in the Ancient Medieval and Renaissance program chaired by Patricia DeMarco. So we work with Humanities-Classics and History. We are intertwined with Black World Studies (BWS) and Women's and Gender Studies (WGS.)"



Photo courtesy of the Woltemade Center

Students traveled to New York City as part of the Economic Management Fellows Program.

English major concentrations:

Literature
Creative Writing
Non-fiction Writing

Number of declared majors in the four most popular departments:

Zoology 94
Psychology 87
English 80
Economics 68

Majors within the economics department:

Accounting
Economics (general)
Economics with Management
International Business
Finance Economics

The most dangerous night on campus isn't all that dangerous

Reports of weekend crime on and near campus low, still a concern to Public Safety and DPD



Left: customers play pool at Clancey's Pub on South Sandusky Street. Right: a patron dances to live music at The Backstretch Bar, half a block from Clancey's. The two bars are popular weekend night destinations for OWU students. Clancey's admits patrons 18 and older with identification for a \$5 fee. The Backstretch admits those 21 and older for free.

By Marissa Alfano
Transcript Correspondent

College campuses are commonly thought to be dangerous epicenters of crime on weekend nights. With students staying out until the early morning hours in compromised states of mind and walking home alone, there is a sort of fear that anything can happen.

Despite this assumption, Ohio Wesleyan University stands out as a relatively safe environment on Friday and Saturday nights.

An examination of the Delaware County Emergency Communications incident reports involving OWU revealed that very few incidences occur.

Reports for nine weekend days during the month of September 2012 were analyzed, and the incident reports filed involved only minor events. From the hours of 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., OWU's Department of Public Safety received 49 calls on Friday nights and 88 calls on Saturday nights, making Saturday the more active night for students to make calls to Public Safety.

Breaking these reports down reveals a small number of calls to Public Safety each night.

- For Fridays:
- Sept. 7 had 15 calls
- Sept. 14 had 13 calls
- Sept. 21 had 13 calls
- Sept. 28 had eight calls
- Larger call numbers were produced on Saturday nights.
- Sept. 1 had 13 calls
- Sept. 8 had 13 calls
- Sept. 15 had 16 calls
- Sept. 22 had 25 calls
- Sept. 29 had 21 calls

Although there are five Saturdays in September and four Fridays, Saturday nights produced comparatively more calls to PS than Friday nights for each weekend.

While Public Safety receives these calls, only those that might result in criminal charges are transferred to the Delaware Police Department (DPD). This means only 13 of these calls were transferred to DPD.

There were six calls transferred on Fridays and seven on Saturdays. Although more calls were made to PS on Saturday nights, there was no significant difference in the number of calls requiring services from DPD.

The 13 DPD reports show the misdemeanors for the night, each involving an issue that required the police department and not just PS to be involved. Issues involving theft, fire, possible marijuana use and other such legal issues all involve DPD.

A breakdown of each of the

individual 13 calls shows what types of issues are dealt with on weekend nights at Ohio Wesleyan. Each report includes the incident that needed DPD attention along with the other PS issues that occurred on the same night. They are as follows:

At 10 p.m. on Sept. 7, a call was made regarding screaming students and fireworks coming from the Citizens of the World (COW) House's porch. Officials were sent to the scene, talked with students and deemed the issue resolved. That was a Friday night.

At 11:43 p.m. on Sept. 8, the laundry room window in the basement of Bashford Hall was reported for vandalism and noted by PS.

At 1:23 a.m., the Smith East elevator broke and Public Safety investigated the complaint and arranged for the elevator to be fixed. At 2:30 a.m. the fire department was sent on a non-emergency status call to Sigma Chi Fraternity in response to a fire alarm, concluding one of the most eventful September Saturday nights on campus.

At 11:10 p.m. on Sept. 14, marijuana was smelled in Welch Hall and reported to DPD, but no action was taken.

At 11:14 p.m., a routine check of Beeghly Library was performed and no problems were found.

From 11: 57 p.m. to 12:06 a.m., two males walked into an Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity party and engaged in a verbal fight. One student left and publically urinated on an ice machine before running off. PS worked with the fraternity to resolve the fight and Friday night was brought to a close, while Sept. 15, Saturday night, resulted in no calls at all.

At 2:10 a.m. on Sept. 21, a Friday night, a suspicious subject was reported standing by the bike racks near Bashford Hall. The report was documented.

At 2:52 a.m., a call was made from Smith East requesting a ride to 23 Williams.

At 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 22, officials responded to a call regarding a robbery from the napkin dispenser in Hamilton Williams Campus Center.

At 9:43 p.m., a complaint was submitted that all the lights were out in the Stuyvesant Hall parking lot and Buildings and Grounds was notified of the situation so it could be fixed. After these Friday night activities, Sept. 28, a Saturday, received no calls.

At 1:12 a.m. on Sept. 29, a possible marijuana complaint was called in from Welch Hall and was reportedly resolved by DPD.

For the entire month of September, Friday and Saturday nights did not result in many emergency calls to DPD, and the calls that did result were from non-emergency fire alarm issues, fireworks and theft from a napkin dispenser.

The few incidents that did occur were minor in nature; yet, students still say they do not feel safe on campus.

Junior Haley Leber said she feels safe at OWU during the daylight hours, but not as much once it gets dark.

"I stay late at the library every night and I used to walk, but not anymore," Leber said. "I started driving my car instead because I don't feel safe. I live in 4 Williams and I am not comfortable in the parking lot. There is one light, but it is still really dark at 1 a.m. and no one is around; it's kind of freaky. I think campus overall is fairly well lit, but I do think there are areas that could use more lights for safety."

OWU has tried to address this fear of walking home alone in the dark with the SAFEwalk program, which is designed to help ensure students stay safe by having a walking buddy available at night.

SAFEwalk is offered every night from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and is located in the main entrance to the library, next to the Library Café and in front of Thompson Store. Students can be found at the SAFEwalk desk, willing to escort anyone home who asks.

Leber said she likes the idea of SAFEwalk, but thinks it would be more beneficial if the workers asked her if she wanted to be walked home because she does not feel comfortable approaching them and asking.

This, however, does not seem to be stopping other students from utilizing SAFEwalk, according to sophomore Shakira Braxton and senior Tim Solwik, SAFEwalk employees.

Braxton said during the first semester, they averaged six or more requests for SAFEwalks per shift.

Although there are no qualifications to be a SAFEwalk employee, both said they feel able to do the job.

"Campus is safe all the time," Solwik said. "People are safest if they travel in groups and aren't fiddling around with iPods or other distracting devices. If they don't feel safe, they should call SAFEwalk. We love getting asked to walk people home. It's our job. Otherwise, we just sit here."

In addition to walking people home, Braxton and

Solwik patrol campus and check doors to see if the academic buildings are locked for the night. They said they have never come across a frightening emergency while on a weekend shift.

According to Solwik, there have been less people in the library this semester, so there have been less SAFEwalks requested than earlier in the year. He said people usually ask for a SAFEwalk while they are walking out of the library.

"We get way more requests on week days than weekend nights," Solwik said. "Usually people don't go back home until 3 a.m. on weekends, so if it's after 1 a.m., they just call Public Safety."

Bar Life

An examination of the September weekends involving the 18-years and older Clancey's Pub and the 21-years and older Backstretch Bar, also found the areas surrounding campus party life to be relatively uneventful on the weekend nights.

An analysis showed only eight Computer Aided Dispatch Reports were processed from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. in connection with the only two bars within walking distance of Ohio Wesleyan's campus. The only incident produced on a Friday night was also the only incident involving the Backstretch Bar. The other seven occurred at Clancey's Pub on Saturday nights.

A breakdown of these calls reveals the issues that are dealt with during the time many students are celebrating their weekend near the bar. They are as follows:

At 1:40 a.m. on Sept. 9, a man called from Clancey's Pub regarding an issue in which the mother of his children almost assaulted him. At 2 a.m. DPD sent an officer for a routine, follow-up bar check. This was an issue involving a non-OWU person, or as students would say, "a townie".

At 11: 45 p.m. on Sept 15, a suspicious woman resisted custody at Clancey's Pub. At 1:50 a.m. a routine bar check was performed. This again did not involve an OWU student.

At 1:13 a.m. on Sept. 16, the owner of Clancey's Pub forced a customer to leave and would not let him retrieve his credit card inside. The issue was resolved.

At 12:20 a.m. on Sept. 21, a customer refused to pay at the Backstretch Bar and was tracked walking down South Sandusky Street.

At 1:15 a.m. on Sept. 23, Clancey's Pub reported taking a fake ID from an underage

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Public Safety

male. The police figured out that it was his real ID and the issue was resolved.

At 12:16 a.m. on Sept. 30, a suspicious person was reported at Clancey's Pub and appropriately investigated.

For all of the weekends in the month, these were the only incidents reported. Some of them involved "townies" or people otherwise not affiliated with Ohio Wesleyan, while others involved nonthreatening issues, such as the need for customers to pay the bartender before leaving. Although these incidents reveal a relatively safe atmosphere, the areas surrounding the two bars are considered by many students to be the most dangerous.

Clancey's Pub is located at 40 South Sandusky Street and the Backstretch Bar is located at 14 South Sandusky Street. Most students take the adjacent street, Spring Street, to and from the bars.

Despite the lack of calls of incidences involving the two bars, Leber said she would never walk down Spring Street alone during any night of the week and especially not on the way home from the bar on the weekend.

"During the daylight hours it's okay because people are driving and the road is active," she said. "There are more people around for witnesses."

Junior Maggie Medearis said she thinks it makes sense that there were more reports for Saturday nights because she feels that there are more people out and more chances for something dangerous to happen near the bars.

"There are more Greek social events and campus is more active on Saturdays," Medearis said. "I feel like campus is dead on Friday. It might vary from school to school, but that's how it is here. On the occasional times I go to the bar, it is more packed and, as a girl, I think there are more drunk, handsy and forward guys out on Saturday nights."

Junior Shenyada Hutchinson said she feels similarly.

"On Fridays, people try to relax," she said. "Some have sporting games on Saturdays and have to stay in. Usually sports teams' host parties on Saturday nights after their games, so more people go out because of this."

Hutchinson said she does not feel safe walking back from the bar at night, even though very few incidents are reported to occur.

"There are drunk people walking around and anything can happen," she said. "I don't feel comfortable by myself. I feel safest on campus rather than on Spring Street walking home from the bar. But even on campus I am still always checking over my shoulder and anticipating the worst. I try to talk on my phone if I'm by myself. When I walk with other people, though, I have no fear."

Sophomore Ashkan Ekhtera said he sees more drunk women crying and more "townies" out in Delaware on Saturdays than Fridays. He thinks it is safer to walk down campus on the JAYwalk than on Spring Street and recommends people don't wear headphones so they can be alert.

"I would watch for fights outside the bar and just be careful to walk with friends," he said.

Public Safety has recognized that students do not always feel safe on campus and has developed a system of OWU Alerts, through which Public Safety can communicate with the campus in case of emergency situations. Students can sign up through OWU's website to receive text, voice and e-mail messages of OWU Alerts.

Sergeant Chris Mickens of Public Safety said there are recommendations that have been sent out with some of the OWU Alerts about how students can keep themselves safe, even on a relatively safe campus like OWU.

"The alerts include information that the university feels should be sent to the campus community following safety and security issues or as general safety tips," Mickens said.

These tips include walking with others, not letting strangers "piggyback" into buildings and reporting all concerns immediately. It is recommended that students carry a cell phone at all times with the phone pre-programmed to call Public Safety at 740-368-2222 and to recognize an incoming call from 740-368-3411 as an urgent OWU Alert.

If students feel threatened, they should get to a safe place as quickly as possible and call for help once out of immediate danger. Safeguarding the OWU ID card can also prevent strangers from entering campus buildings and causing harm. Additionally, valuables should not be left unprotected and doors and windows should be kept locked.

Students can consider personal safety training in an OWU activity course. Public Safety also is willing to speak to groups of five or more students who want more information about personal safety. Free, confidential student counseling services are available on campus by calling (740) 368-3145.

According to Public Safety, students should not take the law into their own hands, but should feel empowered to call Public Safety if they feel threatened or see someone else who needs help.

Public Safety assures students they are working hard to keep students safe and to make them feel comfortable both on campus and in the surrounding areas.

Overview

Incident reports involving PS and DPD for OWU's campus, Clancey's Pub and the Backstretch Bar have shown that areas students most frequently use are relatively safe; yet, PS continues to increase programs for campus safety. In the eyes of those who are responsible for students, even one minor incident is too many. Students are constantly being informed of safety tips and any potential suspicious reports, which help them to be aware and this awareness contributes to weekend safety.

Although campus is safe, some students still feel uncomfortable walking home on weekend nights. As a result, even though data reveals evidence of a safe campus and surrounding area, PS is always striving towards the goal of an incident-free weekend.

Opinion

Quote of the week:

"I'm just glad to know that my loved ones are safe and am keeping all of those affected in my prayers. If Boston is anything, it is stubborn and resilient. We'll bounce back."

—Junior Rachel Vinciguerra, resident of the Boston area

Understanding the Boston tragedy

By Taylor Smith
Copy Editor

As an athlete, coach and all-around sport enthusiast, I see sports as an escape from the drama and stress of everyday life. Athletes, players, coaches, family, friends and fans all come together to participate and enjoy all the positive aspects of sports as an experience that can be shared by everyone and naturally brings people together.

But local, national and international tragedies also bring people together to mourn those lost and affected.

The Boston Marathon is one of the world's most iconic sporting events; Although no world champions are named, it can be considered the World Series of marathon running, if it isn't already.

Held every Patriot's Day, the third Monday in April, for the past 117 years, it has become a timely tradition full of athleticism, challenges, sportsmanship and fun that everyone in Boston, the running community and the sporting world can recognize as true competition.

This year's Marathon Monday, a lot of what we have learned to love, cherish and celebrate about the event was attacked when two bombs went off, moments apart, near the finish line four hours and nine minutes into the race. The FBI is calling the attack an "act of terrorism."

The attack killed three people, including an 8-year-old boy, and injured at least another 176. The three killed and most of those injured were spectators cheering and taking photos as runners finished the race on Boylston Street in downtown Boston.

The attacks on Monday mark the first deadly attacks

of their kind on U.S. soil since the terrorist attacks that shocked the world on September 11, 2001.

I feel many do not know how to react when these things happen. Living in the United States, we're not faced with these issues on a day-to-day basis.

The same day, a bombing in Baghdad killed 31 people and injured over 200 others; but it received little coverage by the U.S. media, and by the end of the day the Iraq bombing story wasn't even on the front page of the BBC website.

When news of the Boston attack first hit me, I didn't think much of it—another possible terrorist attack. Whatever, those happen almost everyday around the world—but not here in the U.S.

I was close to the 9/11 attacks. I grew up within an hour's drive of Washington, D.C., in Maryland; I was nine years old and in Mrs. Grim's (yes, that was her real name) fourth grade class at Arnold Elementary when the attacks occurred.

There were a lot of kids in my class and my neighborhood whose parents worked in Washington, as did mine. My dad was not directly affected by the attacks, but several of my classmates' parents worked in the Pentagon.

Their careers, their work—their lives—were forever changed; but then again, so was everyone else's, in one way or another.

Fortunately, no one I knew directly, or through their son or daughter, lost their life that day. Then again, I didn't know nearly as many people as I do today and, quite frankly, I was too young to comprehend the situation.

All of my friends at local Boston colleges are okay, and

from what I am aware of I do not know anyone affected by this tragedy.

So even though I have been through this situation before, I feel as though this is the first time I am experiencing an attack like this, even if it is not actually the first.

This year's Boston Marathon brought together over 27,000 runners and thousands more volunteering, supporting or cheering for the event and athletes. It hit close to home and has re-instilled the fear in Americans that was implanted into our society 11 years ago.

Some people are already saying stuff along the lines of "Oh, only three people died and 100-plus injured. It's nothing like 9/11."

But it is. The attack should and will be treated as a tragedy and never forgotten as another "terrorist attack" against the United States.

The Boston Marathon, and large international sporting events like it, is never going to be the same again.

Countries, cities, sports organizations and Olympic committees have always prepared for attacks like these since the 1972 Munich Olympic attacks by the Black September Palestinian terrorist group.

But even with money, people and all available and relevant resources, it is next to impossible to prevent attacks like these from happening. London officials have already upped security in anticipation of Sunday's London Marathon to try and prevent any copycats.

Almost everyone immediately developed quick reactions and quick opinions to the attack; I know my first immediate thought was, "I bet this was done by an amateur like the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995."

But as expected, there were

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many who began to blame Muslims and the entire Islamic religion, and they didn't use kind words to do so.

My Facebook and Twitter feed were flooded with statuses and tweets showing sentimental support for those affected and wishing their friends and loved ones in Boston the best, which gave me some hope.

I did not see any of my friends post immediate hate against a certain nationality or religious group. But that doesn't mean it didn't happen.

One news reporter, Fox News contributor Erik Rush, tweeted shortly after the bombings, "Everybody do the National Security Ankle Grab! Let's bring in more Saudis without screening them! C'mon! #bostonmarathon."

After somebody responded to that tweet asking Rush if he was already blaming Muslims, Rush responded, "Yes, they're evil. Let's kill them all."

Some are pointing out the obvious when blaming "foreign terrorism"—that the attacks occurred on Patriot's Day, in a city best known for its history of revolutionaries and original thoughts of American freedom.

But that doesn't mean it was foreign terrorism. We don't have the straight facts and evidence to even begin determining who is responsible.

And even if it turns out the attack was the result of "radical Muslims," that doesn't

mean the entire Islam religion and its more than two billion followers are to blame.

The Westboro Baptist Church announced on their Twitter feed, hours after the attack, "BREAKING: Westboro Baptist Church to picket funerals of those dead by Boston Bombs! GOD SENT THE BOMBS IN FURY OVER F** MARRIAGE! #Praise God."

We all know the WBC is a little eccentric, has a cult following, misguides its members and can be considered a radical Christian group.

Normally we do not associate the WBC with the Christian religion. Then why do we associate all Muslim terror groups with the Islam religion?

Seeing attacks like the Boston Marathon bombing can easily make one lose a little faith in humanity.

One can sometimes only wonder, "Why would somebody do this? Over religion? Over hate against America? Because God wanted this to happen?"

These are the absolute worst reasons for us to attack one another. Seeing many trying to blame an entire religion, person or group really makes me question the way the world thinks and lose faith in humanity.

I know not everything will be the same again after the Boston Marathon bombing, just like nothing was the same after 9/11, but what does give

me reassurance and faith in humanity is how the people at the scene reacted.

In the videos shown when the bombings occurred, you hear and see hundreds of people run not away from the attack site, but towards it, to lend a helping hand.

Boston's and other nearby cities' fire and police departments and emergency medical services lined up to help as soon as they could, clearing the area and transporting injured victims to the city's hospitals.

There were even accounts of runners who had already finished but continued running to the hospitals to donate blood for the injured.

Support and help for Boston is pouring in from around the world. This attack didn't just hit the U.S.; it hit individuals, families and communities from around the world.

The attacker or attackers who planned this event aimed to disrupt and tear apart society and cause harm to America.

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Those who lost their lives and those who were injured will never be forgotten, and those that rushed toward the scene in the face of panic and disarray should be looked to as heroes and an example of the right thing to do.

Reporting in the face of terror: A journalist's burden

By Spenser Hickey
Assistant Copy Editor

I first heard of the Boston Marathon bombing shortly after 4 p.m. on Monday as I scrolled through my Facebook feed after class.

A few minutes later, I learned that my cousin and his girlfriend, who both ran in the marathon, had left the finish line 30 minutes before the bombs went off and were safe and sound.

That immediate concern relieved, I then turned on CNN and listened as they tried to make sense of what had happened.

As mentioned in the above editorial, this was the first terrorist attack to claim American lives on U.S. soil since 9/11.

As with 9/11, in the immediate aftermath of the attacks, there were unconfirmed reports of more attacks—that additional bombs were found on Boylston Street, and that the JFK Library, also in Boston, had been bombed as well.

I wondered whether this was the first wave, if more attacks would soon follow.

As these thoughts raced through my mind, I began to write the story that now appears on pages one and two.

It was probably 4:45 at this point, and the governor of Massachusetts and the Boston police commissioner were giving a press confer-

ence.

Initially, I expected my story would be a short informative one, with details about the attacks provided by Boston police and some quotes from the press conferences.

I wrote a few lines down, then ate dinner, constantly watching the news, wondering if they would be reporting additional attacks.

Initially there were reports that two were dead and 28 injured, though the number would soon increase—at 5:10 CNN reported 49 were injured; at 5:14 they cited the *Boston Globe* and raised the count to 100.

Shortly before 7 p.m., I emailed my editor-in-chief, my news editor and my copy editor about the story I'd started. At this point I doubted it would run due to a lack of a link to the OWU community. I was mainly writing to help understand what had happened.

A few minutes later, I heard back that I should talk to OWU students from the Boston area.

It was at this point, about 7:05, that it hit me—I was reporting on a genuine terrorist attack. It was a deeply troubling thing to realize.

As a journalist, I dream of being able to report on real news and serious issues, but death and destruction are not things we relish writing about.

America had been attacked again—although whether it was from the outside or the inside is still unclear.

While the body count was much, much lower than 9/11, the images of people running in fear, of smoke billowing down city streets and emergency responders rushing to the scene were still terrifying to watch.

I focused my mind back on the task at hand, knowing that the story I was working on would be published, that this had to be done.

Before I heard of the bombings, my plan for the evening was to work on an upcoming paper; instead I found myself rushing headlong into the story.

I wrote it out of a desire to understand what was going on, how this had happened and to document the tragedy as it unfolded.

Shortly after 7, before I emailed several potential sources, I took a walk down to Blue Limestone. It's a good place to go to when I'm stressed, and no story I've written has had more pressure than this one—not that the many of the others were stress-free either.

On the way there, I wrote out a draft of the emails I sent, mindful that those receiving them had just had a terrorist bombing in the area where their families live.

Then I just walked around for awhile, trying

not to think about the two dead and many more injured or whether this would happen again in the coming days.

Eventually, after almost an hour, I walked back to OWU and got to work.

To my surprise, I quickly heard back from two Boston-area students who did respond to the questions I sent, and who both had friends at the Marathon and family in the area. Fortunately, all of them survived the attack unscathed, at least physically.

However, shortly before 9 p.m., the Boston police commissioner announced that there had been a third fatality caused by the blast.

Early Tuesday morning, we were notified that an OWU alum knew the family of one of those killed in the attack.

As a journalist, it's my job to follow the news closely and report on major events, and I usually enjoy it very much. This week, though, it's not been a pleasant job to have.

Amidst the reports of carnage, of maiming, of death, though, there was hope—stories of runners risking everything to go back into the bomb zone and help, or sprinting on to Mass General, two miles away, to give blood.

It is hearing stories like these that makes me proud to be American, and it is reporting on them that makes me proud to be a journalist.

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Arts & Entertainment

Seniors leave legacy at 'Marks Made' show

By Jane Suttmeier
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The seniors of Ohio Wesleyan's department of fine arts showed their marks at the opening of their capstone show this past Saturday at Ross Art Museum.

The theme of the exhibit, "Marks Made," conceptualized by senior Danielle Muzina and chosen by the senior class, encompasses pieces of art done by 19 fine arts majors. The senior students voted on "Marks Made" and four other concepts before proceeding with ideas for the show. According to senior Brandon Sega, they met in a committee, and the selection was a "group decision."

The "Marks Made" description explains that the show is a manifestation of the seniors' tenure at OWU.

"We understand our own personal marks and how the marks we make as artists and as people have a significant impact on our perception of the world," it said.

Senior Molly Curry said the theme reflects the small steps that creating a larger work involves.

"To me, 'Marks Made' means all of the small brushstrokes, pencil marks, and effort that goes into creating a final piece you are happy with."

Senior Catherine Spence said there were some commonalities in "Marks Made," but that every piece and artist is an example of themselves in some way.

"Everyone's style is so unique," she said. "I admire each artist in different ways."

Sega said his individual "marks" are seen across his entire body of work.

"'Marks Made' means the marks that I create on any medium that I touch," he said. "They are one of a kind."

Senior Chelsea Dipman said it relates a lot to the legacy the seniors will leave in the

fine arts department and the campus as a whole.

"'Marks Made' means not only the marks that we have made to articulate ourselves artistically, but also on ourselves, and on the lives of people that surround us," she said.

Spence said it was hard to define what marks she made.

"I don't feel I can give my work a permanent label, adjective or definition," she said.

"People are constantly changing, and so do your surroundings; my mood changes over time, and so do my interests."

The seniors drew inspiration from new and old memories, as well as their favorite things to create their artwork.

One of Curry's favorite things that inspired her work was natural lighting. Curry presented several portraits in the show, all incorporating styles that reflect natural lighting.

"I love how shapes immediately form when a natural light source is present that you don't normally see," she said.

Dipman said she drew inspiration from people.

"I'm fascinated with the human body, body image," she said. "The process of getting a painting to resemble not only that person's likeness, but their essence as a person."

As for Spence's inspiration, she said she finds it from the differences between the human figure and the human body. Spence's work focuses on "the expressions that the body alone can create."

Dipman said she thinks her artistic abilities were evolving before she came to OWU, but her years in school have helped her grow as an artist. Most of the work she has in the show came to be during this semester.

"I'd like to think that my work has progressed as the semesters have flown by at OWU," Dipman said. "And I think the works I got accepted



Photo courtesy of Paige Phillips

Some of the nineteen senior artists featured on Saturday night's "Marks Made" art show.

in the senior show are testament to that."

And while the artists' talents were the primary focus of the show, they took time to discuss their futures as well.

Sega said he hopes to go into digital art, even though most of his pieces featured in the show were not computer-generated.

"I plan on working in the field of graphic design, but I will most likely do some personal work on the side," he said.

Dipman, Curry and Spence all plan to work in art education following graduation.

"(My) passion is working with children and developing their artistic abilities," Curry said.

"I want to help students feel successful and confident by encouraging them, the same way my professors at OWU challenged and encouraged me."

Spence said the reason she finds art education is so important is because of the therapy art provides to children.

"I hope I can help kids find the same appreciation for art as I had, and continue to have," Spence said.



Photos by Jane Suttmeier

Left: Senior Brandon Sega's "Bronze Stache." Right: A piece by Senior Chelsea Dipman.

'Vegucated' screening raises awareness about the repercussions of eating meat

By Rachel Vinciguerra
Transcript Correspondent

The Environment and Wildlife Club (E&W) and the Vegetarian Club educated students about alternative diets with a screening of the film "Vegucated" last Tuesday.

Junior Karli Amstadt and sophomore Kerrigan Boyd hosted the event as a collaboration with E&W.

Amstadt and Boyd decided to show the film as an extension of their joint SLU house project to start a vegetarian meal club.

Amstadt said they have hosted several events this semester to raise awareness about eating as a vegetarian or vegan, including two public "veggie meal nights"; a vegan potluck for club members; and tabling to encourage students to take a pledge for "meatless Mondays."

Boyd said she believes educating people about the effects eating meat has on people and the environment was the most important outcome of the screening.

"People are good; they just don't know bad things are happening based on the decisions they make about what to eat," she said.

Released in 2010, "Vegucated" follows the experiences of three New Yorkers who

"People are good; they just don't know bad things are happening based on the decisions they make about what to eat," said Kerrigan Boyd, COW House resident

go vegan for six weeks. Their primary motivations for trying the diet are to lose weight, look good and feel healthy. But as the weeks progress, they are also educated about where their meat comes from.

Video clips are included in the documentary showing some of the conditions animals deal with on large industrial farms.

Some of these conditions for cows include undergoing procedures without anesthesia, being artificially inseminated and having their babies taken away from them for veal, and being shot through the head with a steel bullet as a means of slaughter.

One of the three participants asked in the film, "How is this allowed?"

In addition to the opposition to animal cruelty, the film also indicates vegans lead a healthier lifestyle, with a 26-percent lower chance of dying from heart disease.

The environmental pressures of mass-producing meat are also addressed. The

film indicates that by eating vegan for one year, individual carbon emissions can be reduced more than the reductions of driving a hybrid car for a year.

Junior Melodie Beeman-Black attended the film as a member of the Citizens of the World House. She said the film was very informative about the reasoning behind the vegan lifestyle.

"I think this is a film everyone should see at least once," she said.

Beeman-Black said she tried veganism last spring for two and half months, and watching the film encouraged her to try it again.

"I know a lot of people aren't aware of these issues as they should be," she said.

Amstadt said she and Boyd wanted to show the film to educate to the study body, not to preach.

"It's an ethical issue and conditions are really inhumane," she said. "And we're lucky enough to have a choice."

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Bishops Sports

‘Young’ baseball team struggles to compete with conference rivals

By Hugh Kerins
Transcript Correspondent

Ohio Wesleyan’s Bishops baseball team started off slow in conference play against DePauw and gained momentum by beating Denison, but then showed lack of experience down the stretch.

On April 6 and 7 the Bishops traveled to Greencastle, Ind., to face conference opponent DePauw for a week-end series.

The Bishops started out strong, taking the first game 8-3.

During the game senior Ben Steele came up with three RBI’s and a home run. Other big contributors were junior Sean Vollenweider, freshmen Steven Moore and Taylor Hutchinson, who each had two hits and an RBI.

After the first game, the tide turned quickly—DePauw beat the Bishops in the next three games 3-9, 3-4 and 8-10, respectively.

In the last two games on April 7, the Bishops made late comebacks, but fell short at the end of both.

“Our team struggles to come out of the gates and jump on teams,” senior James Tolland said. “It is almost as if we need four innings to get warmed up or something, and by then it’s almost too late sometimes.”

Standouts in the two losses were Vollenweider, who collected a total of five hits along with three RBI’s; first baseman Toland collected five hits.

Steele said he thinks the team will improve despite its youth.

“... I believe we are really coming together as a team and fighting back in different games,” he said. “There has also been a great amount of hard work

that helps us win games.”

The Bishops continued conference play the following weekend after having their game against Otterbein University canceled due to inclement weather.

With continuing conference play, the team came back from the tournament with a game against Denison at Littick Field. On April 13 the Bishops collected two big victories. The final scores were 11-0 and 5-2.

Vollenweider, Steele, Toland and sophomore J.J. Buckey drove in two runs apiece to power OWU over Denison in the opener of the double-header.

The Bishops broke the game open in the fourth inning, collecting seven hits and adding a pair of walks and a sacrifice fly along the way. Vollenweider’s two-run single capped the eight-run rally.

During the second game, Denison took an early lead, but that would be it for the Big Red—sophomore pitcher Charles Cooper blanked the visitors on one hit over the next six-plus innings of action. The final score of the game was 5-2.

On the following day, April 14, Denison got its revenge with two solid victories against the Bishops, and showed no mercy in either outing. The Big Red beat OWU with final scores of 1-6 and 3-17.

“This is where we show our youth,” said sophomore Paul Priddy. “We are young and we’re still trying to get our legs under us. As a young team we have a lot of potential, and I think we are really going to do great things as the year progresses.”

The Bishops continue play on April 17 at Capital University.

OWU hosts All-Ohio meet



Photos by Jane Suttmeier

Top left: Senior Claire Duffy competes in the 100-meter hurdles at the All-Ohio meet. Duffy placed ninth with a time of 15.96. The women’s team finished second, while the men’s took fourth.

Top right: Freshman Ahmed Abdel-Halim competes in the triple jump. Abdel-Halim jumped 13.11 meters for sixth place.

Left: Senior Mark Ripper throws shot put at All-Ohio. Ripper threw 12.92 meters, putting him in 20th place overall.

Right: Senior Nathan Kafity runs in the 10,000-meter event. Kafity finished 19th with a time of 34:01.19.



Nimcharoenwan leads golfers to second place finish

By Taylor Smith
Copy Editor

After a three-week break from competition and a “sub-par” tournament, the Ohio Wesleyan golf team is heading into conference play with strong momentum after finishing second at the Strimer Memorial Invitational on April 13 and 14.

The Bishops finished six shots behind team champion Otterbein at the tournament that honors the memory of former coach and athletic director Bob Strimer.

Sophomore Kaneat Nimcharoenwan won the medalist honors of the tournament with an even shot score of 140, one stroke ahead of Olivet’s Nick Julian.

Nimcharoenwan was tied for the lead after day one with a one-over-par 71; the Bishops were eight strokes behind Otterbein with a combined score of 299.

Nimcharoenwan and senior captain Jerry Moore both shot a one below par score of 69 on day two to help the team shoot a combined 283, the best score of the day.

Head Coach Ian Miller said despite a couple players that struggled, the team played really well Saturday, which helped them come out better on Sunday.

“I told them last night (Saturday) I knew they fought real hard yesterday; they did the best they could,” he said.

“Obviously we came out



Photo by Taylor Smith

Sophomore Kaneat Nimcharoenwan tees off at the Strimer Memorial Invitational on Sunday. The Bishops finished second overall in the tournament and Nimcharoenwan won the medalist honors of the tournament with an even shot score of 140.

today, played with more confidence and...did the best we could as a comeback, and that was good and I was proud of them.”

Miller said he was pleased with almost everyone improving their score and game on day two of the tournament, and having Nimcharoenwan win was a nice touch.

Nimcharoenwan said he was “happy” with his game because he wasn’t letting the bad shots affect him and was never worried about his score.

“I’ve been able to go up and down everywhere (to save par),” he said. “I just don’t focus on the outcome. I focus on the process and playing shot by shot. I don’t think about the future or past.”

Moore, who tied for fifth, said he hit really well on Sunday but didn’t putt well either day. He is still confident with how his game currently feels.

“I definitely need to focus on putting the next two weeks,” he said. “Everything else is feeling good. The putter

was feeling good; I’m just not making putts.”

Miller said the team’s success at this tournament is a good stepping stone looking forward and preparing for conference.

“Seventy-two holes at obviously our home golf course and Granville, which we always play well, sort of a second home...” he said. “We’ve got a weekend off here to practice and focus, so it’ll be good.”

Miller said there is “absolutely” a chance for the team to take home the conference title and for either Nimcharoenwan or Moore to take home conference medalist honors.

“We’re almost there,” he said. “You know, we got a little more work to do, but that’s right, we’re ready at the right time. That’s how it’s planned out, so we’re ready to go.”

Nimcharoenwan and Moore both said they and the team try not to get too far ahead of themselves and focus on taking the rest of the season one day at a time.

“We have a really good team right now,” Nimcharoenwan said. “If we all play well, we have a shot. We definitely have a shot.”

Defending conference team champions Wittenberg stand as the Bishops’ greatest obstacle to claiming the team title.

Conference play begins April 27 and 28 at the Denison Invitational followed by the NCAC Invitational May 4 and 5 at Oakhaven Golf Club.

Lacrosse defeats DePauw despite inclement weather

By Jimmy Sanzone
Transcript Correspondent

Ohio Wesleyan’s men’s lacrosse team overpowered DePauw University this past Wednesday, blowing by the Tigers for a 24-2 victory at Selby Field. The Bishops’ record improved to 9-4, while the Tigers fell to 0-10.

OWU started the game well on offense, scoring six goals by the 9:45 mark in the first quarter.

After two DePauw turnovers in a span of 25 seconds, senior midfielder Pat Bassett assisted junior attacker Casey Helms to give OWU a 7-0 lead just seven minutes into the game. By the time lightning caused a delay with 3:59 left in the first quarter, OWU held an 11-1 lead.

“One of our juniors, Spencer Schnell, really brought a lot of energy and the entire team fed off him,” OWU freshman defenseman Mike Knapp said. “We got off to a good start but we thought we should have taken better shots.”

Less than seven minutes into the second quarter, the Bishops extended the lead to 18. Freshman attacker George Rice, who scored two goals to give OWU a 19-1 lead, led the charge.

A six-minute scoring drought from both teams, which included three OWU turnovers, came to an end with 2:39 left in the first half when OWU sophomore attacker Edwin Foster scored off sophomore Tommy Minkler’s assist.

The duo repeated the same actions just minutes later, again scoring giving OWU a 21-1 lead going into halftime.

The beginning of the third quarter showed more of the same from the Bishops, who quickly scored twice by the 14:04 mark to gain a comfortable 23-1 lead over the Tigers.

DePauw midfielder Michael Strader was the sole bright spot for the Tigers, scoring for the second time with 8:37 left to play in the third quarter. This was the final goal the Tigers scored.

After much stagnant play from both teams, play was stopped again for almost three hours due to more intense lightning. The players kept themselves entertained during the wait.

“We had some music playing and we were dancing around, just bonding as a team,” OWU sophomore midfielder Nico Pariambada said. “Some guys were out in the tunnel playing wall ball keeping their stick loose, as well.”

After almost three hours, play resumed with undesirable weather. Just three minutes into the fourth quarter, the game was called after another lightning sighting.

One of the keys to the game for the Bishops was time of possession. OWU dominated the ball for the entire game with a combination of smart passes on offense and good energy on defense.

“Our offense did a great job controlling and possessing the ball so when it came to our side of the field we had plenty of energy to play great fundamental defense,” Knapp said.

Senior Colin Short, Foster, Minkler and Schnell each tallied three goals by the time the game was called. Senior Jaime Vavrek collected four assists for the Bishops.

Weekly Scoreboard

April 13 - Baseball vs. Denison: 11-0, 5-2
Men’s Lacrosse vs. Wooster: 9-5
Men’s Tennis vs. Alma: 5-2
Men’s Track & Field at All-Ohio: 4th of 20
Softball v Denison: 5-6, 1-9
Women’s Track & Field at All-Ohio: 2nd of 20

April 14 - Baseball vs. Denison: 1-6, 3-17
Men’s Golf at Strimer Memorial Invitational: 2nd of 9
Women’s Golf at Laura Bump Invitational: 2nd of 9
Women’s Lacrosse vs. Denison (12-21)
Softball vs. Oberlin: 1-5, 8-5
Women’s Tennis vs. DePauw: 0-9