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Beah Shares in Multiple Forums

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At age 11, Ishmael Beah, OC '04, lost his parents and both brothers in Sierra Leone's brutal civil war. At 13, he shot his first AK-47 and killed hundreds of men, having been forced into the army as a child soldier. He fought for almost three years until he was rescued and placed in a UNICEF rehabilitation center. Beah's experiences are represented in *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*, published this past February. The title, now on the *New York Times* best-seller list for 29 weeks, sold over 62,000 copies in its first three weeks lining the shelves of Starbucks as the second book promoted by the international coffee chain.

Audience members filled every corner of Finney Chapel Tuesday night, greeting Beah with a standing ovation as he took the podium. Bright green book covers could be spotted dotting the pews of the Chapel. Beah's visit marked the opening of this year's Convocation Series.

A Long Way Gone reveals glimpses of a beautiful but ravaged country, while recounting young Beah's wartime experiences, discovering his humanity and recalling the assimilation into civilian life. Beah read excerpts from his book, including one of his first encounters with the harsh reality of a war:

"It was the first time I had seen a grown man cry like a child, and I felt a sting in my heart... Later we learned that the man had tried to escape with his family and the rebels had shot at his vehicle killing all his family. The only thing that consoled him... was when the woman who had embraced him... told him that at least he would have the chance to bury them. He would always know where they were laid to rest, she said. She seemed to know a little more about war than the rest of us."

The smooth murmur of Beah's voice matched the minimalist nature of his writing. His straightforward and descriptive prose finds its strength in the simplicity of words. No events are needlessly exaggerated to traumatize

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Soldier of Peace: Ishmael Beah, OC '04, signs copies of his award-winning memoir *A Long Way Gone* for a crowd of students after his commencement address in Finney Chapel this past Tuesday, where he garnered a standing ovation before speaking a single word.

Photo by Sarah Lipman

OSCA Suffers Decline in Membership

Alena Jones
News Editor

The Oberlin Student Cooperative Association began its 57th year of operation under-enrolled this month. Only 607 of the 630 spots were claimed when campus opened, while in semesters past OSCA has often been at its membership limit, with many more students on the waitlists.

It is often the case that many students may not be able to get into their preferred co-ops, but it is not common that the term starts off with so many open slots. As of this week, the waitlists for dining at Fairchild, Harkness, Kosher-Halal and Pyle Inn remain empty.

OSCA President and senior John Matters said of the situation: "One of the biggest changes we have seen this year is a decrease in the number of first-years [in OSCA]."

As a policy, OSCA reserves 100 of its membership slots for incoming first-years, since these students cannot be included in the spring lottery. This year, though, only 70 first-years opted to join OSCA at the start of their Oberlin careers. By contrast, OSCA has established first-year waitlists in past years to accommodate the demand of interested incoming students.

Matters added, "We have had an increase in the number of students joining at the beginning of sophomore year." Still, the number of students joining, according to Matters, "is not enough to cover the overall membership drop."

Membership will increase when the two-week freeze on alterations of housing and dining arrangements lifts. During these weeks, students are able to add their names to co-op waitlists, but they cannot officially join the co-op until after the freeze ends.

At that time, a number of students who have decided since the beginning of the year to abandon CDS will move from the waitlists into co-ops. Even then, though, OSCA will be just shy of capacity.

College sophomore and Harkness' Housing Loose-Ends Coordinator Avery Harrison provided a speculative explanation for the membership lull in his co-op, where there are 13 empty beds:

"[Perhaps] some of the negative aspects of Harkness' reputation over the past years have caught up with it in the minds of the student population.

"To some degree you can feel the empty space," he added, "but the great character and fun-loving nature of the people in the house more than makes up for it."

The drop is a cause of worry

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Krislov Adjusts to the Hectic Oberlin Life

Rani Molla
Editor-in-Chief

Since becoming the final candidate in Oberlin's presidential search last May and entering the office on July 1, Marvin Krislov has attended innumerable meetings and engagements, immersing himself in the Oberlin College life, from its ethos to its daily procedures. His crowded schedule was evident by the look of incredulity on his face when asked to take on weekly meetings with the *Review*. Yet regardless of his time reservations, the new president seems eager to take on the many issues endemic to his office.

"I'm trying to get out, meet students, understand what's going on," said Krislov of his efforts these first few weeks. He had his first meeting this year with the General Faculty on Wednesday at noon and later that evening attended Jewish New Year services with students and professors alike.

Krislov has begun his term by establishing a number of objectives for his first year as president, foremost being to recoup from the resignation of Harry Hirsch, former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, early last September.

"We've started the process for a new search for the dean," said Krislov. Professor of Mathematics Jeffrey Witmer has been serving as acting dean since Hirsch's resignation.

Krislov spoke of his long-term economic and strategic plans for Oberlin: "Eventually we're going to start a capital campaign and do some things to increase Oberlin's visibility," he said.

"One of the things that I'm thinking about



Marvin Krislov: Oberlin's 13th president prepares to tackle the tough issues as he settles into office.

Photo courtesy of www.vpcomm.umich.edu

a lot is ways in which Oberlin faculty and students should get recognition," he continued. "I want to encourage faculty and students to think about competing for research grants or fellowships or awards."

To assist this increase, Krislov has asked the staff working with areas dealing with grants, fellowships and awards, namely the Office of Health Professions and Fellowship Advising and the Office of Career Services, to bulk up

their existing efforts.

In response to enduring concerns about the College's financial situation, Krislov described it as "strong and stable," but warned that "we can't take it for granted."

"We want to have strong financial aid so we can have a diverse student body; we want to have a well or at least competitively compensated faculty; we want to have nice facilities," he said.

Such desires need to be funded in order to be realized. Krislov hopes to do so not only by reaching out to potential sources of income, but also by encouraging students and alumni to give back to their alma mater.

"We're trying to work to enhance the culture of giving while students are here so that they understand that their tuition doesn't pay for everything," he said.

Krislov also emphasized the need for better communication on campus, highlighting the importance of continuing Board of Trustees meetings wherein class trustees hold an open forum for students.

"[These meetings are] a chance for students to get to meet the Board as well as for the Board to meet the students and hear what's on their minds."

Referring to the overall state of affairs at the commencement of his administration, Krislov said, "Things are going and the momentum is very good, but there is a lot of work to be done."

He is not, however, approaching these formidable tasks without a little bit of humor. "There are things we need to work on, of course, or else I wouldn't have a job."

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Corrections

In last week's issue, the article "Federal Battle Puts Student Aid Changes in Limbo" was incomplete. It should have ended: "As of Friday morning, the White House had not announced a decision as to whether it would veto the bill."

The article "Unfinished Kitchen for Kosher Co-op" should have referred to the co-op consistently as "Kosher-Halal Co-op," rather than "Kosher Co-op," so as to include all members of the community. The same article writes that co-ops drove to "Case Western Halal" in Cleveland to prepare Shabbat dinner, when it should have been "Case Western Hillel."

The Review strives to print all information as accurately as possible. If you feel the Review has made an error, please e-mail managingeditor@oberlinreview.org.

Tank Ash Tree Felled for Safety

Jimmy Hagan

The giant ash tree that graced the Tank Hall lawn for 130 years was felled by Barnes Nursery last month. Dating back to the house's earliest days as an orphanage, the tree witnessed many fires, parties and dinners in its lifetime.

"No more shade, no more swing, no more rustling leaves," lamented Tank Housing Loose-Ends Coordinator and College senior Kyla Neilan.

Sentiments in the co-op are nostalgic and remorseful. "That tree, knotty and gnarled as it was, had an unbelievable charisma," said former Tank member Jeff Hagan, OC '84.

Still, reason had to overcome sentiment. In July of 1995, Bill Salo, then the college grounds manager, and Rahel Smith, OSCA's housing coordinator at the time, decided that the tree could safely exist for only another decade, given that it was already showing signs of rot.

Because Dennis Greive, the current College grounds manager, announced the original tree's "obvious decline," arborist Alan Klonowski was brought in last November to evaluate the problem and devise a plan of action. According to Klonowski, "Decay, rot and insect activity in the tree were reducing its structural integrity." Declaring deterioration as "inevitable," Klonowski concluded that "removal [was] the most practical option."

Greive noted, "Ash is, by nature, brittle and in danger of snapping off and coming down." With Tankers' and their guests' safety in mind, Greive attended an International Society of Arboriculture conference last February in Columbus where he presented photos of the tree. Arborists and biologists concurred that the tree was in trouble and posed a danger to nearby students.

"It needed to come down in May, but we wanted to wait until communication with OSCA became available again," commented Director of Facilities Operations Keith Watkins. Wanting co-ops to be around for the final days of the tree and fearing a potential battle with OSCA, Watkins contacted OSCA Housing Coordinator and College junior John Siddall to discuss courses of action.

Siddall believed that waiting for school to begin before felling the tree "posed a greater risk to people



A Tree Grows in Tank: Tankers mourn shade, swings after the removal of "charismatic" co-op tree.

Photo by Kyla Jagger

in the area." Siddall advised Watkins to "get it done ASAP."

The day after Siddall spoke to Watkins, the tree came down. "The impact from the trunk hitting the ground could be felt throughout the house, and from where I was the floor noticeably shook," said Siddall.

The giant ash limbs were diced and turned into wood chips that will be put to use by OSCA. Local Amish craftsmen will carve the trunk of the tree into a dining table for Tank. It is a fitting role reversal that food will now be served on wood that has for so many years seen student-made lunches beneath its branches.

In 2000, a new ash tree, which has since tripled in size, was planted 50 feet west of the original ash. Since then, the grounds manager has overseen two separate prunings of the tree in order to prolong its life and vibrancy.

Alums Go for Green on E. College St.

Caitlin Duke
Staff Writer

The East College Street Project made new headway this summer after the US Green Building Council welcomed the project's participation in the new Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Neighborhood Development pilot program. The developers — Naomi Sabel, OC '02; Ben Ezinga and Josh Rosen, both OC '01 — collaborate under the name of Sustainable Community Associates. The SCA seeks to benefit the community with green development and, to this end, the USGBC seems to be a perfect fit.

LEED-ND, the result of a partnership between the USGBC, the Congress for the New Urbanism and the Natural Resources Defense Council, intends to ensure that each development participating in the program meets its major goal of sustainability "according to the principles of smart growth, new urbanism and green building." LEED-ND also stresses that development can have an impact on public health in a community, affecting a community's mental health as well as its rate of car accidents.

The pilot program will end next year and open up to public comment. After perfecting its standards with projects such as development in Oberlin, the program intends to pursue new building policies nationwide.

SCA is aiming high, attempting to earn Gold-level certification in green building standards. Reaching this level will require scoring at least 60 out of 106 points in 49 optional categories such as solar orientation and reduced automobile dependence. The nine building aspects required for certification include floodplain avoidance and agricultural land conservation.

Rosen commented on SCA's website: "Building on the success of the Adam Joseph Lewis Center, this will further establish Oberlin, both the college and the town, as a national leader in sustainable design."

Ezinga added, "This town has always been at the forefront of environmental and



Making Way: The old Rax fast-food restaurant stands at the site of the new East College Street Project, which will aim for a Gold standard LEED certification. Photo by Evan White

community issues, so it's fitting that Oberlin would play a part in this national pilot. We and our architects, Integrated Architecture of Grand Rapids, Michigan, have put a lot of thought into how this building can help move the downtown in a more environmentally sustainable direction and we hope that some of our ideas get incorporated into this policy on a national level."

Ezinga also expressed enthusiasm about recently jumping "one of the last big hurdles" before construction can begin. The Board of Directors of Lorain National Bank approved construction and permanent financing for the project this past June. Ezinga shared that he sees "a light at the end of the tunnel," with some legal paperwork being the only obstacle left before SCA can break ground.

The development will provide both housing and a commercial center. The commercial space will be geared toward new business owners, ideally recent Oberlin College graduates, who do not necessarily have the funds to open storefronts in the

downtown area. SCA has dual goals of keeping alumni in Oberlin and revitalizing the town with new financial prospects.

After getting off to a bumpy start with opposition from city council members due to the relative inexperience of the project's leaders, the project has made a series of significant gains, including securing a \$30,000 grant from the Civic Innovation Lab — an arm of the environmentally friendly Cleveland Foundation — in November 2006.

Sabel sees a great deal of promise in this most recent achievement both in terms of local interests and policy across the country: "The LEED-ND classification represents a significant step forward in evaluating sustainable design, from looking at a single building to looking at whole neighborhoods and systems. We're excited that the organization making these nationwide policies has taken notice of what we're trying to accomplish in Oberlin."

The East College Street Project hopes to break ground this coming March.

Restraining Order Requested Against Ardent SCA Critic

Brian Pugh
Staff Writer

The Oberlin graduates-turned-real-estate-developers known as Sustainable Community Associates and area activist Mark Chesler have had a tense history. Recently, however, relations between Chesler and SCA co-founder and President Joshua Rosen, OC '01, have deteriorated to the point of legal action, with Rosen seeking and receiving an order of protection in the Lorain County Court of Common Pleas against Chesler.

Official action against Chesler began when Rosen filed a petition for a Civil Stalking Protection Order on June 8, according to online court records. The proceedings, which concluded on September 6, resulted in the issuance of a CSPO set to last until August 2012, with Chesler listed as the sole respondent.

In an interview with the *Review*, Chesler commented, "This is the Tawana-Brawley-marijuana-pot calling the kettle black, literally Operation Wag the Dog," and "This is Al Sharpton, Scooter Libby and Alberto Gonzales squared."

Chesler has been a long-time critic of the SCA's East College Street Project to create a mixed use residential-commercial development in downtown Oberlin. Chesler is the proprietor of a website called Oberlin Unmitigated Chemical Hazards, which is critical of the SCA, especially with regard to the East College Street Project's environmental record.

In the past, Chesler also campaigned vigorously against the Wal-Mart constructed south of Oberlin as a member of Oberlin Citizens for Responsible Development and was a prominent supporter of Issue 55 — the rejected "living wage" amendment — to the Oberlin City charter.

Off the Cuff: Ayse Coskuner

Ayşe Coskuner, an Oberlin sophomore and an international student from Istanbul, Turkey, has recently published her book, titled *From Siberia to Nazi Camps*. In her work, she presents interviews of the families of Crimean Tartars who were tortured and deported during and after World War II, first by the Nazis, and then by the Soviets. Coskuner personally met with several tragedy-stricken individuals and her work is commendable in its depiction of the suffering that the nation has undergone. The Oberlin Review got in touch with her, inquiring about her book and her experience.

What inspired you, and when did you start working on this project?

I just took up this project voluntarily. My grandfather was a Crimean Tartar, so I got interested in the subject. Since I was accepted on early decision at Oberlin, I had time and I really wanted to know what my ancestors had been through. So I began my project in January 2006, before college actually commenced. Initially, I read Crimean Tartar history on my own, and then I got in touch with a man from the Crimean Tartar association, and thus I started off interviewing people in Turkey.

What did you find out about the people and the suffering they had to go through?

It was quite difficult as I wasn't able to interview the men in Turkey. Most of the men had been sent to concentration camps, and there was a particular bias against the men as the Nazis took away the strongest people, and the elites. A huge proportion of the victims sent to concentration camps died. It was terrible. Most of the people who were deported were women, children and old people. Therefore, they were naturally more vulnerable, both physically and economically.

So what is the state of these communities today?

Many of the people have still not recovered from the imprints that years of suffering have left. It was difficult for me to interview these people, because some of them didn't even want to talk about the deportation and torture at all.

As far as their current state is concerned, even though the diaspora has come to a halt, they have faced problems in resettling in their societies. They started coming back primarily in the late 1980s, only to find their homes destroyed or occupied by strangers. Due to the strong anti-Tartar propaganda by the Soviet government portraying them as "the



Ayşe Coskuner, College sophomore and published author.

betrayers," they confronted and continue to confront significant hindrances in getting jobs, etc.

But these people generally remain very closely knit. However, there is one thing that I have observed: many of these families, especially those who have come down to settle in the US, have a strong will that their next generation be able to succeed and prosper, and not endure the same oppression that they and their ancestors had to go through.

You said you started off by reading the history of Crimean Tartars. Did you have an idea

that this reading would eventually take the shape of a book?

Not at all. I actually didn't think that this would turn into a book until the start of this year. I began by interviewing people, and got these interviews published as stories in Turkish newspapers. But as my interest developed, the idea sprang to my mind that these stories, when presented collectively, would actually depict the tragedy, in fact the horrible act of genocide, that this nation went through.

How did it feel to physically observe what you had only read in books, and how was the experience witnessing this chapter of 20th century Central Asian history in person?

It was moving. I vividly remember some of the people I had interviewed, shattered individuals, who wept before me while recollecting their past, and the atrocities that they endured. The whole experience of talking to the direct victims indeed gave a variety of perspectives regarding how people saw the whole process of deportation, its demerits and in some cases, its advantages too.

Do you intend to continue this project?

I wonder whether I'll be able to talk to all of those people

again. But yes, I intend to go back to New York during fall break and see some of the people I met there. In fact, a professor from an eminent university in Turkey e-mailed me recently, and said, "I hope this is only the beginning." That was a great encouragement for me.

I hope to go back to Crimea and learn Russian. We faced problems in communicating with these people in Turkish. Moreover, there are so many people who have crucial stakes in this crisis: the Russians, the Ukrainians who were directly affected by the deportation of the Crimean Tartars and those who I have not talked to. I plan to go and get acquainted with their perspectives and thoughts.

Is there any advice you would like to give to fellow Obies about putting their academic interests into practice?

I just want to say, if you're interested in something, take the initiative. Be courageous, and you'll realize that once you're determined, things start falling into place, and people come to support you in ways you cannot imagine. Go out there, and go for it!

Interview by Sohaib Naim
Photo by Chris Hamby

Update:

Baking on Hold at K-H

Maya Curry
Editor-in-Chief

The ovens in Kosher-Halal Co-op remain inoperative, but behind-the-scenes progress has been made. According to Facilities Planner and Assistant Director Leo Evans, the chief building inspector's secretary confirmed Tuesday afternoon that the plans examiner had reviewed and approved the construction documents that were resubmitted after it was noted that the new kitchen hood did not completely adhere to the new building code.

'Running back and forth between Lord Saunders, Shimon's house, and the KHC co-op, we managed to put together a delicious meal.'

Zeev Saffir
DLEC of KHC

Facilities received permission on Wednesday to resume work in the kitchen, Evans wrote to the *Review* in an e-mail. The chief building official will provide Facilities with the approved documents and a building permit next week.

The contractor has already begun fabrication of the ductwork as defined on the approved construction documents, continued Evans, and will begin the installation early next week.

After the initial installation is complete, the OC building inspector will look it over. If it is approved, the contractor can begin the final installation and the building inspector will re-inspect the finished work. The fire

chief will then make his rounds. Upon his approval, the chief building official will provide an "occupancy permit," granting permission to use the hoods.

Meanwhile, Kosher-Halal co-ops spent a hectic Wednesday cooking Rosh Hashanah dinner. The cooking began at 8 a.m., with 75 pounds of uncooked turkey distributed in eight pans. They were to use the oven in Lord Saunders, which was made kosher prior to Wednesday. After discovering that they could only fit six pans in the oven, they brought the other two to Jewish Chaplain Rabbi Shimon Brand's house to cook.

"Running back and forth between Lord Saunders, Shimon's house and the KHC co-op, we managed to put together a delicious meal," said double-degree fifth-year and DLEC of KHC Zeev Saffir.

Director of Business Operations and College Liaison to the Oberlin Student Co-op Association Michelle Gross explained that "the College has continued to assist Kosher [-Halal] Co-op by supporting their purchase of food from a kosher caterer in Cleveland for the Rosh Hashanah meal and the Friday Shabbat meal. ResEd and Dining Services has also provided members of the Kosher [-Halal] co-op with the option to have additional meals in CDS."

This would be a change from this past week. Saffir said he sent an email to Gross on Monday asking for a week's refill supply of nine CDS meals per co-oper, but said he never received a response and the meals were not granted.

An expected date for completion of the kitchen has not yet been set.

"We hope to receive notification from the contractor [on Friday] of the expected date of completion and the date for inspections by the building inspector and the fire chief," said Gross.

Breach of Confidence Leads to a City Council Censure

Kate Riley and Yan Slobodkin
Staff Writer and News Editor

On Monday, August 20, the Oberlin City Council voted 4-3 to censure Councilman Tony Mealy for publicly disclosing statements made by another city council member, David Ashenurst, during an executive session on Thursday, July 5. The censure dealt specifically with a quotation published in *The Elyria Chronicle-Telegram* on August 1, in which Mealy highlighted Ashenurst as the only city council member who was "hesitant" to hire city manager candidate Marcia Conner. Conner eventually declined the city of Oberlin's offer, choosing instead to remain as city manager in Atlantic Beach, SC after the town made a better counteroffer.

Ashenurst characterizes Mealy's breach of executive session as extending beyond the quotation in the *Chronicle-Telegram*. "The censure was not a result of Tony's quote in the *Chronicle-Telegram*.... He had actually breached the confidence within three days of that executive session in much more direct terms, it was just that we had people who couldn't quite remember what he said or when he said it or didn't want to get involved."

Ashenurst added, "The executive session was on the fifth of July and by the eighth of July, I had people coming and telling me what he was saying. But as I said...proving that wasn't the easiest thing to do until he said it to a reporter." Ashenurst also notes that despite some reservations, "I wasn't going to vote against [Conner] and I made that very clear."

Mealy defended himself, saying, "They make a claim that I...I hate to say this... they're claiming that I told the press things that Mr. Ashenurst said at an executive session, which is incorrect. There's no more than that."

Mealy also questioned the motives of the council members who voted for his censure, saying, "They're playing politics. There's a group that does not want to hire a city manager. They want to hold off the search until after the new council is elected and then maybe they put their own person in. That's the only thing I can speculate."

Since the end of August, a debate has risen as to

the fairness of the censure. An *Oberlin News-Tribune* editorial, "Don't Censure Openness," published on August 28, calls the censure "chilling in terms of Ohio's Sunshine Laws," and questions the censure's basis on Robert's Rules of Order rather than council rules or Ohio law.

In a letter to the editor published on Tuesday, Sept. 11, responding to *The Oberlin News-Tribune's* editorial, City Councilman Charles Peterson notes that in justifying the censure, City Council President Daniel Gardner properly cited Section 102.03 (B) of the Ohio Ethics Code, which mandates that no public official disclose information acquired in confidential proceedings. Peterson justifies the council's censure of Mealy, arguing that while the city continues to search for a city manager, it is necessary that candidates can trust that they will be treated with discretion by the City Council. He also notes that council members need to be able to speak in confidence without the fear that their words will be publicized and politicized.

Gardner also expressed his concern over the breach of the executive session, noting, "When a body meets in executive session it is understood that conversations are to be kept confidential." He added, "The concern was that...if the matter was not addressed then it might well affect the [city manager] search."

City Council Vice President Ronnie Rimbart and Councilman Everett Tyree joined Mealy in voting against the censure. Rimbart did not respond to requests for an interview in time for publication. Gardner, however, indicated that "Rimbart had concerns about the process by which the censure measure offered to the council," noting that Rimbart did not know about the measure until it appeared on the agenda.

Mealy insisted that the censure was inappropriate and confusing for the public: "Most of the people don't even understand the issue," he said. "They're saying, 'They're trying to tell Mealy to shut up? They should know better than that.'"

The city manager search continues. This past week city manager candidate Eric Norenberg visited Oberlin and met with the City Council and members of the community.

the news in brief

Wireless in the Works for South and Union Street

Maya Curry
Editor-in-Chief

South Hall and Union Street apartments are currently without wireless access due to an end-of-summer software upgrade by Oberlin's wireless access unit suppliers. The new software turned out to be incompatible with the older base stations around campus.

According to Director of Information Technology at the Center for Information Technology John Bucher, new base stations have arrived to replace these older ones. He predicts that Union Street apartments will have wireless in about a week. South Hall will take longer, explained Bucher, due to complexities with the way that the base units are mounted. He could not give a time estimate.

Missler's Announces Closure, Claims Poor Sales

Alena Jones
News Editor

The Missler's SuperValu Foods, located next to McDonald's on South Main Street, announced on Monday that it would close its doors at the end of the month. Owner Mike Geyer has sold the store, though he did not inform employees of the buyer. The store opened at its current location in 1998.

In an article in *The Morning Journal*, Dan Longwell, who has worked at Missler's on and off since its opening, said, "Money's been tight. It's mostly the economy and Wal-Mart." Longwell is referring to the controversial superstore that opened for business last autumn just down SR-58. "It makes me very sad to see these neighborhood stores going out

of business."

Conservatory junior and Missler's employee Caitlin Donnelly said of the closing, "It's a shame to see our store close after it has been such a major part of the Oberlin community for so long." She also had thoughts about the nearby superstore: "It is definitely a result of the opening of Wal-Mart in this area."

Missler's is no longer accepting checks or credit. The store is currently emptying its shelves and clearing out its aisles for the impending closure.

Both State and College Attempt a "Living Wage"

Malik Woods

Starting this semester, Oberlin College will raise the minimum wage of student employees from \$6.80 to \$7.00 an hour. Though Oberlin has always paid all its employees, both students and non-students alike, more than the state minimum wage, the recent increase reflects a broader national trend in which states across the nation have been raising the lowest possible pay.

Whether Oberlin wished to or not, they were required to raise the College's own minimum wage due to recent legislation passed in the state of Ohio, which increased the state minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$6.85 per hour.

According to the Office of Student Employment, the increase in the minimum wage was an attempt to bring the hourly salary of student employees closer to the "living wage" for the region, important for those working to pay work-study fees, rent or tuition.

In an environment where there is little competition for student labor, Oberlin has been able to maintain a great deal of control over students' wages. According to the Office of Student Employment's recommended pay scale, there are only four base salaries, each determined by the demands of the job. Between these four scales there is \$0.70 difference between the highest and lowest recommended wages. As for raises, the College recommends a \$0.05 to \$0.10 per hour increase in salary, which is to be provided at the employer's discretion.

Student reaction to the wage increase is generally positive. A recently hired Student Union employee who preferred to remain nameless remarked, "Obviously I'd rather be paid \$7.00 than \$6.80."

Most are inclined to accept the increase as an unques-

tionably positive decision. Louis Grube, a College senior and student senator, noted, "A lot of students will benefit from the increase. Everyone needs money. It will especially help those on work-study."

College Aid Bill Dodges Presidential Veto

Philip Waller

The College Cost Reduction and Access Act (H.R. 2669), which will give students across the nation easier access to higher education, was passed by Congress on September 7, and the president has promised that he will sign the bill into law. As reported in last week's *Review*, President Bush had been considering a presidential veto.

The bill passed by a vote of 79 to 12 in the Senate and 292 to 97 in the House, signifying that billions of dollars in additional grant aid will be sent each year to low-income students and that reforms will soon be in place to reduce student loan debt. Oberlin students, along with their peers around the country, will no doubt feel the positive impact.

"Students at Oberlin College graduate with an average debt of \$17,800 from student loans. I applaud Congress for taking a huge step to reduce that debt burden, which will help ensure broader access to higher education," said College senior and Student Senate Liaison Colin Koffel.

According to a press release by the Ohio Public Interest Research Group, the act specifically proposes to increase the maximum Pell Grant award by \$490 for each of the next two school years, by \$690 for the following two school years and by \$1,090 for each year after that.

The act also means reduced interest rates on student loans for more than 5 million low- and middle-income student borrowers receiving subsidized Stafford loans.

The bill also would work to reward public service by providing loan forgiveness for college graduates who go into public service professions such as military officers, first responders, firefighters, nurses, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, early childhood educators, public defenders and librarians.

As icing on the cake, this investment in education is paid for by lowering subsidies to private banks, at no new cost to taxpayers.

Residential Education and Dining Services

Housing & Dining Facts of the Week ...September 17, 2007

Interested in Housing or Dining Changes?

Housing Change Process

Step 1- Contact the Resident Director of the building to which you would like to move.

Cirioni, Frank	Barrows	x55618	frank.cirioni@oberlin.edu
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Step 2- As space becomes available, you will be contacted and will be provided with procedural instructions

Note: Room change requests will not be processed until students in lounges are relocated

Dining Change Process

September Weekly Changes

Web applications must be received by 12:00n on a Friday, changes are effective the following Monday.

www.oberlin.edu/cds/mealplans/change.html

Friday, 9/21 for Monday, 9/24
Friday, 9/28 for Monday, 9/29

October - December Monthly Changes

OSCA Changes

Any dining or meal changes (in or out) of OSCA, contact OSCA directly, Wilder 402, x58108

Want to have input into Housing & Dining Decisions?

Interested in becoming a Committee Member?

Contact Res Ed & Dining Services (resed@oberlin.edu) or Student Senate (osenate@oberlin.edu)

Attend the first H&D Committee Meeting- Tuesday, September 18, 4:45pm, Wilder 215

Agenda:	Introduction of members	H&D Committee members
	Discussion	Dining Sub-Committee members
		Review of By-Laws
		Fast Proposal
		Topics for this year
		Meeting Schedule

Planning a Party?

Party Planning Packets available in RE&DS Office

Campus parties (with alcohol) may be scheduled Friday, 10/5 through Saturday, 12/1

Preliminary meeting with Party Planner must occur by 12n Fri

Party (without alcohol) 3 weeks before party weekend

Party (with alcohol) 5 weeks before party weekend

Final meeting with Party Planner (with completed/signed "Party Application" must occur by 12n Fri

Party (without alcohol) 2 weeks before party weekend

Party (with alcohol) 4 weeks before party weekend

All parties with alcohol require a F1 Permit, TIPS trained bartender and Security Officer.

For more information visit our web site www.oberlin.edu/resed/policies/partyplanning.html

If you want to host a campus party or a party in Village Housing, contact the Party Planner in the RE&DS Office x58472.

Cooperation Goes Down

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among some students. College senior and long-time co-oper Rachel Weiss said: "It worries me that Oberlin students are maybe not as concerned as they once were about which industries their money is supporting and what they can accomplish as a community."

Harrison remains optimistic about the popularity of OSCA:

"Any negativity that this lack of enrollment may have spread is going to be wiped out by some good, old-

fashioned, cooperative OSCA love."

Weiss urged interested students to try out the co-op system. "Joining OSCA means having fabulous meals in intimate and open communities. It has been an indispensable part of my Oberlin experience, and even seniors who have spent three years in CDS should try it out," she said.

On September 17, the ResEd housing and dining freeze will end, bringing more co-ops into the fold. Students are welcome to add themselves to the OSCA waitlist at any time of the year.

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Tips for Saturday's Protest

To the Editors:

In April 1990, there was a student demonstration on the college president's lawn that got out of hand; it ended up involving the police.

As a long-time Oberlin resident heavily involved with the college over the years (I was once a tuition-paying father), I gave an Ex-Co course in the fall of 1990 entitled "How To Demonstrate Successfully Without Getting Into Trouble With The Police." Some of the material presented at that time drew national attention.

Now, with the national mood turning strongly against the Iraqi War and the administration, I'd like to review a few of the subjects covered in that course. If there are going to be demonstrations against the war, they should be successful demonstrations.

1. Don't demonstrate spontaneously. Determine well in advance what you want to accomplish and why.

2. Call Campus Security and tell them what you would like to do, where, and when and ask for their guidance.

3. If you want to demonstrate off campus, call the Oberlin City

Police Department and ask for their assistance. Make sure your demonstration meets police requirements — blocking traffic and walkways. Ask, politely, for police protection for the demonstrators.

4. Carry U.S. flags, small and large. You cannot carry too many flags. "Hard Hats" (those opposed to your demonstration) cannot jeer or throw items at people waving flags. Carry dozens if not hundreds of flags. It only confuses your opposition.

5. Do not destroy private property.

6. Carry whatever signs you want but do not print foul language on the signs. If you do, you defeat your purpose.

7. Obey whatever directions the police give you at the time of your demonstration. Failure to do so only results in serious trouble.

8. If you feel your demonstration will involve a large number of people, notify the Oberlin, Elyria, and Lorain papers for possible press coverage.

9. If the demonstration gets out of hand, for whatever reason, disband immediately. And please, do **NOT** do, as one student did back in April 1990, do not reach for or try to grab a police officer's gun. It can

be deadly.

These are but some of the points discussed in that Ex-Co course in 1990. If I can find the curriculum, I'll forward it to the editors. At the time of the first Gulf War, the student demonstrators followed the points outlined above and the demonstration went off well. In the meantime, if you're going to demonstrate, do it with an objective in mind. What do you want to accomplish? Does what you want to accomplish deliver a positive message?

As loyal American citizens, you have not a right but an obligation to rant and rave about what your government is doing!

—Harvey Gittler
Affiliate Scholar

The Oberlin Review welcomes letters pertaining to issues in the City of Oberlin, including upcoming City Council and School Board elections.

More Letters to the Editors

Kosher-Halal Cooperative Serves More than One Community on Campus

To the Editors:

The Kosher-Halal Co-op thanks you for your attention to our kitchen maintenance problems. We greatly appreciate the article and hope awareness about the issue will encourage a quick solution. We have, however, a few concerns about the representation of the community we serve. First of all, the article frequently referred to us as "Kosher Co-op." It is important to us to avoid dropping either part of our full name (Kosher-Halal Co-op or KHC) in order to recognize both the Jewish and Muslim community in our co-op. Also, the article mentioned our trepidation about cooking for the upcoming Jewish holidays. We would like to add that

Ramadan begins Saturday. Ramadan is a Muslim holiday where the co-op feeds additional members and serves meals at additional times in order to meet the needs of the Muslim community. Finally, the article explained that we traveled to Cleveland to cook Shabbat dinner, but we did not cook at the "Halal" as printed. Rather, we cooked at the Cleveland Hillel. Hillel is a nation-wide Jewish organization. Halal is Muslim dietary law. Thank you again for your help bringing awareness to the difficulties facing our co-op as we try to provide meals without a useable kitchen.

—Kosher-Halal Cooperative

9/11 Memorial was Appropriate

To the Editors:

As a relative newcomer to Oberlin and a kind of "on-looker" at the college, I want to thank whoever was responsible for the 9/11 commemorative display outside Wilder Hall last Tuesday. It was a perfectly appropriate memorial to those lost six years ago.

I've not had my ear very close to the ground in Oberlin, so I'm not sure if there were other occasions in the college or the community that called us to gather around that shared memory or to explore our private feelings and responses. That evening, Ishmael Beah opened his Convocation presentation at Finney Chapel with a call for silence remembering 9/11, but I know of no other public commemorations on campus or in the community.

It's a moment we share, and shared moments are important in a community so keenly aware that we are all linked in a single world; 9/11 is an occasion of our one-ness, and of the fractures within it. The commemorative display of flags, representing the countries whose citizens were lost, re-presented the event without forcing an interpretation of it, and — one is grateful for this — without exploiting the catastrophe. There might be other equally appropriate and dignified ways to commemorate our common loss, but there could hardly be any better, and as a newcomer and on-looker, I want to thank whoever was responsible for that rich and enriching moment.

—Rev. Glenn Loafmann

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The Diverse Realm of Value and Experience

In Ishmael Beah's convocation speech Tuesday night, he stressed the importance of a college education and how much of a privilege it is to have the opportunity to attend an institution such as this one. Beah encouraged the audience of Obies to communicate as much as possible with fellow students — specifically those with values or perspectives that differ from our own — to bounce ideas off one another as well as to strengthen and define our own characters and beliefs. He said all this in the hope that after college, we will be able to work together for the good of the world with people of far more varied opinions than exist on campus. In the meantime, the Oberlin community seems to be a place where it is hard to put such ideals into action.

Oberlin is a relatively diverse institution, yet we often forsake the benefits of that diversity and surround ourselves with those exactly like us, even within the already-shrunken sphere of a small liberal arts college. Too often do we pass up valuable dialogue on campus between different groups of people with myriad viewpoints, culture and experience.

The campus co-op system that comprises nearly one-fifth of the Oberlin student body is a perfect example of an esoteric group of Obies who share many of the same values — specifically of communal effort and organic food. Although the co-op system presents an intimate, safe place to enjoy shared living and bounce opinions off one another, the co-ops also present boundaries. Lack of diversity within OSCA is a persistent problem, despite yearly efforts and dialogue by the Committee on Privilege and Oppression. Co-ops might also be intimidating for those who have no prior experience to unknowingly enter into such a stratified setting. These boundaries can block much-needed campus-wide discussion.

It is often a challenge at Oberlin to find people with very different values. Most students come to Oberlin to surround themselves with like-minded people, and turn to academic essays and documentaries to learn about people from different walks of life. How often when different viewpoints do meet up on campus are they discussed in a way in which both parties learn something? It seems that people more likely talk at one another, not with.

Although diversity in cultural backgrounds cannot be genuinely bragged about as Oberlin's main draw, we can be proud of other types of campus diversity in the community. Oberlin students travel the world, live in Buddhist communities, start all sorts of clubs and hitchhike across states, accumulating a wealth of experiences. It is not unheard of here to have friends who take time off to go and be productive members of society — volunteering at farms, NGOs and community centers, already offering up their valuable talents to the world at large. Many of these ventures are inspired by listening to the stories of others. Sharing experiences lets us learn from each other, inspiring new ideas and making us aware of new opportunities. It also helps to define and strengthen our characters, preparing us to mirror qualities of the life that Beah advocates we live.

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The Effects of New Students Doing a Day of Service are Far-Reaching

To the Editors:

The sun shined brightly on Saturday, September 1, 2007, the 11th annual Day of Service at Oberlin College. The Day of Service provides new students with the opportunity to engage with the community and get to know their new home better. 327 first-year students and 59 student and staff leaders participated in service projects throughout Oberlin, Lorain and Huron counties at 28 different organizations, totaling an estimated 1,745 hours of work provided to the community.

Hosted by the Bonner Center for Service and Learning (BCSL), the campus office dedicated to community-campus collaborations and civic engagement, the Day of Service seeks to establish and build relationships between students and the surrounding community from

the moment they arrive on campus.

The BCSL extends a huge thank-you to all of the first-year students who participated, our student and staff leaders, and the many community partners who provided projects and support for the students. On behalf of the BCSL I also wish to thank local businesses Ben Franklin, Carter Lumber, Cherry Knoll Water, Oberlin College Bookstore, Wellington Farm and Home Hardware and White House Springs for their generous donations of supplies for the day. Many thanks as well to the people of Oberlin, Elyria and Lorain in general for their support of this event. To quote one student evaluation comment on the day: "It was awesome!"

—Jennifer Koerner
Day of Service Coordinator

Send Letters to the Editor to:

commentary@oberlinreview.org

or

Wilder Box 90

by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for inclusion in next week's issue.



Weekly Caption Contest #1

Send in your ideas for the text for this drawing to commentary@oberlinreview.org by Wednesday night. The Review will publish the top entries next week, along with a new comic.

Drawing by Julia Feldman

TRUE Blue by Brian Pugh
Be Brave, Risk Peace

With the sixth anniversary of September 11th, General David Petraeus' report passed and with Iraq war funding up for renewal once again, it is time to reevaluate the most costly mistake the Bush administration made in its War on Terror: the Iraq war.

President Bush reportedly believes that "we're kicking ass" in Iraq. A more subdued General Petraeus tells us that security in Iraq is improving and the Iraqi security forces are coming into their own.

These assessments are optimistic, but unfortunately, they are not accurate. Reports from independent outlets repeatedly contradict the administration's assertions. The Associated Press estimated that the Iraqi death rate has doubled since 2006 and the United Nations reported increasing numbers of Iraqi refugees.

The Pentagon's own data show fewer "fully independent" Iraqi brigades than at the start of 2007. An independent committee of retired military officers has

also called for the disbanding of the militia-infiltrated Iraqi national police. This is especially disconcerting since it indicates that the Coalition's mission is inflaming the civil war in Iraq, providing military training and hardware to hostile factions.

Perhaps for this reason polls consistently show that Iraqis believe the presence of foreign forces makes their country less safe and, by large margins, rate the surge a failure and oppose the American occupation. Most disturbingly, the latest poll by the BBC finds that 69 percent of Iraqis actually approve of attacks against American forces.

While the war has added to the misery of Iraqis, it has done nothing to improve the US' security. Recently, The New York Times described how American intelligence and Special Forces were diverted from Afghanistan to Iraq. The latest National Intelligence Estimate reported that al-Qaeda is as strong as it was before the War on Terror. Even some of those running the war may be giving up the

ghost. When Senator John Warner (R-VA.) asked General Petraeus if the Iraq war is making America safer, Petraeus eventually admitted, "Sir, I don't know actually."

Maddeningly, the war continues despite the will of the American and the Iraqi people. It is time the Democratic leadership in Congress corrects this travesty. Avoiding confrontation, as many chose to do in authorizing the war and again in passing the previous funding bill last spring, is wrong on the merits and the politics.

Given the public's sustained hostility toward the war and the projection of that frustration onto public figures associated with Bush (with even General Petraeus scoring a favorability rating of 24%), there is little political risk in opposing the war. Just the opposite is true, with Congress' low approval rating to a large degree reflecting frustration with its inability to change course on Iraq. A "moderate" stance will do nothing to prevent Republican criticisms (and voters who will believe these criticisms are not

going to vote Democratic), but it could critically weaken support among those who would otherwise be devoted supporters.

Those cynical enough to hope that the war continues and further drags down the Republican Party should realize that by some reverse miracle the next president may be a Republican, in which case nothing at all is achieved. If a Democrat takes office in 2009, after many thousands more die in Iraq, the war may have metastasized in ways we have not even imagined and ruined his or her presidency before it begins.

If George W. Bush's failure has taught us anything, it is that in spite of that latest developments in spin and manipulation, policies have consequences and these consequences do matter. Ultimately, that is why the war must end: because it is wrong. If you feel like your representatives need reminding of this last point, please, help them remember:

Senator George Voinovich (202) 224-3353

Senator Sherrod Brown (202) 224-2315

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (202) 225-4146

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Letters to the Editor Policy

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Perspectives

What do you think of Safety & Security scanning OCIDs at unauthorized parties?



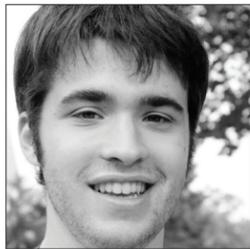
"I still play basement shows and I'm not sure scanning IDs will make people safer."

Alex Birnie Double-Degree junior



"Right now I'd like to know their policy on punishment."

Cher-Wen Dewitt College sophomore



"It seems kind of sketchy."

Dylan Rees College first-year



"To be completely honest I haven't heard about this policy, but I'll look into it."

Marvin Krislov Oberlin College President



"I think ResLife could have spent the money better. This doesn't change anything."

Shannon McGill College senior

photos by Sarah Lipman

Con Building Bridge to China

Sophia Yan
Arts Editor

Today, the public eye is fixed on China as the country continues to quickly gain international prominence. Therefore, it comes as no surprise that for over half a century, the Oberlin Conservatory, with its progressive vision, has been cultivating a healthy relationship with China in order to increase opportunities for its students.

China is the new global hotspot, likely to become the world's most popular travel destination within the next seven years, according to the World Tourism Organization. Just this Wednesday, China's largest air carrier, Air China, announced plans to add ten new routes in order to accommodate the heavy flow of traffic into the country. Chinese airlines will tack on a total of 27 new flight plans by the end of 2009.

Also on Wednesday, the World Bank raised its forecast for China's economic growth to 11.3 percent, almost one percent higher than its initial projection of 10.4 percent. And with next year's Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, it is almost impossible to detract the world's attention from China.

Over Fall Break, the Conservatory will be sending a faculty delegation to China to teach master classes and discuss exciting new endeavors. The Conservatory has done so for the past few years, maintaining close contact with the Chinese government and a number of musical institutions, namely the Szechuan, Shanghai and Central Conservatories and the Forren School. Talks have also taken place with professional orchestras and opera companies for future collaborative projects.

International Outreach Coordinator Kai Fu, OC '06, helped strengthen the institution's link to China by bringing in Xiaohong Chen, the general manager of the Dalian Performing Art Agency, to assist Oberlin in its planning.

"The Conservatory enjoys a very long history with China,"

said Conservatory Dean David H. Stull, OC '89.

The Conservatory's first substantial connection to China was a result of the work of Huang Zi, OC '26, a Chinese double-degree student in composition and psychology. Upon graduating, Zi became a well-known composer and returned to his native country to co-found the Shanghai Conservatory of Music, China's first institution focused on the study of Western music. Zi based the curriculum on the same tenets and principles that he found inspiring at Oberlin.

Since that time, the study of classical and jazz music in China has undergone intense development, producing numerous talented Chinese youths. As expected, the country's music facilities have also improved greatly, accommodating the needs of its musicians.

In the last few years, China has erected

a number of new performance spaces and renovated existing ones. Built in 2004, the Shanghai Oriental Arts Center is now home to the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra. The \$120 million complex is shaped like a butterfly orchid and has attracted famed musicians and ensembles to its stage.

In 2005, the Beijing Concert Hall relocated to the National Theatre Dome, a silver mass that rises above the city as a part of its contemporary architectural landscape. The Oberlin Orchestra's 2006 Winter Term concert tour brought the group to the Shanghai Concert Hall, which also went under the knife a few years ago. Renovations expanded the space to four times its original size.

The tour was the largest one taken by an American orchestra in China. In over 13 days, the musicians performed nine concerts in five cities: Anshan, Shenyang, Dalian,

Shanghai and Beijing.

This summer, the Oberlin International Piano Competition and Festival, for pianists aged 13 to 18, saw an increase in the number of Chinese musicians. Preliminary auditions, required before the first live round of competition at Oberlin, were held in five cities. Winners from each city received financial assistance to cover the cost of airfare, awards that were sponsored by Tencent, a leading Internet company in China.

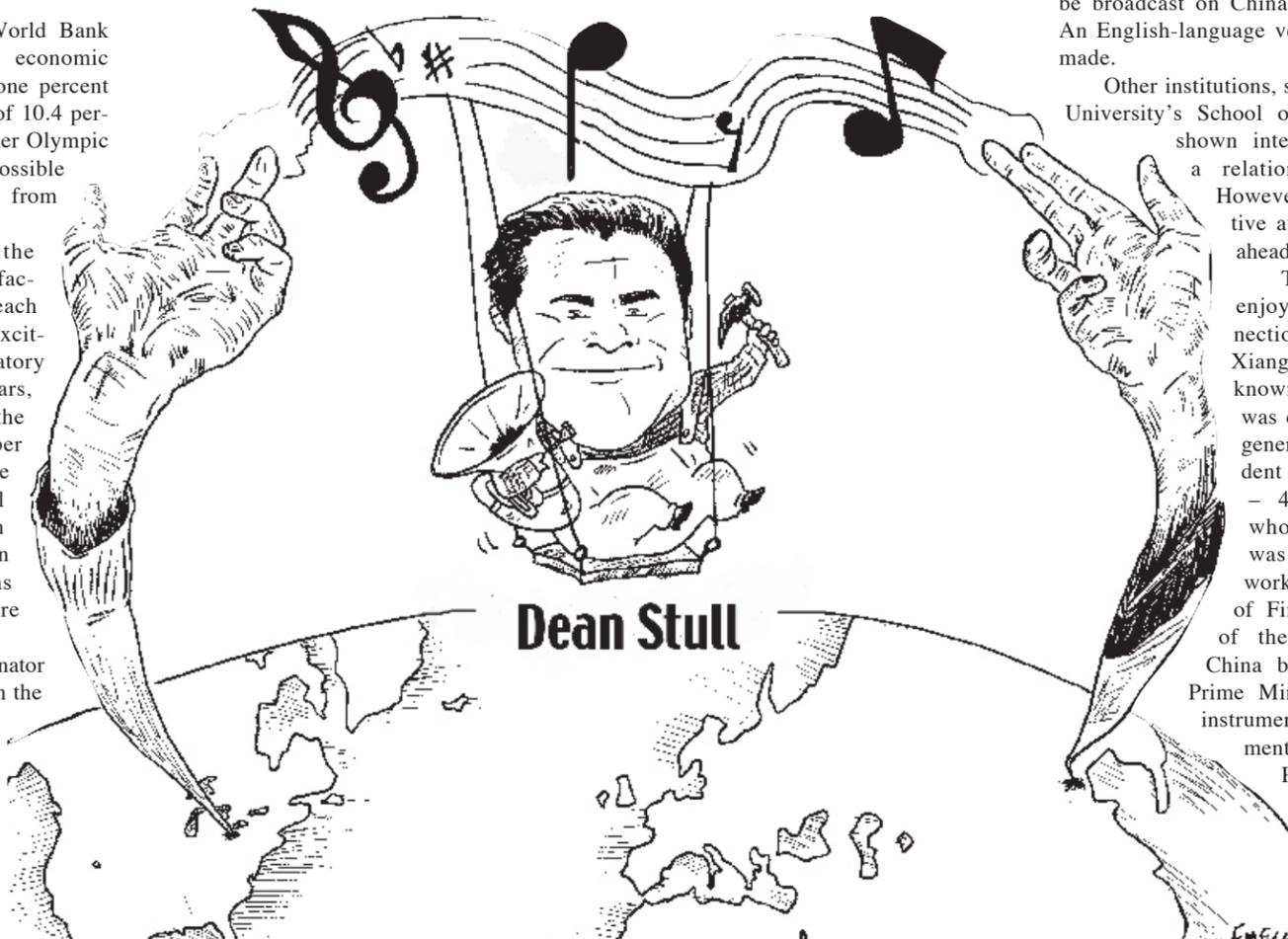
The first prize of \$10,000 also included two solo orchestral engagements in Beijing and Hong Kong. With more opportunities than before, many Chinese students clamored for the chance to come to Oberlin. This year, the program received over three times more applications than in previous years.

Producer Wanjie Liu and his crew filmed parts of a documentary that is to be broadcast on China Central Television. An English-language version has also been made.

Other institutions, such as Northwestern University's School of Music, have also shown interest in establishing a relationship with China. However, Oberlin's proactive attitude has pushed it ahead of the pack.

The College has also enjoyed a strong connection to China. Kong Xiangxi, OC 1906, also known as H. H. Kong, was claimed to be a 75th generation direct descendent of Confucius (551 – 479 B.C.E.). Kong, whose brother-in-law was Chiang Kai-shek, worked as the Minister of Finance and president of the Central Bank of China before becoming the Prime Minister. He was also instrumental in the establishment of Oberlin's Shansi Programs.

Illustration by
Emelio DiSabato



Art Rental Postponed

This fall's art rental was postponed until Thursday, Sept. 20 in honor of Rosh Hashanah. This highly anticipated biannual event holds the solution to any decorating dilemma. Competition for prized pieces by renowned artists such as Pablo Picasso and Andy Warhol compels many students to camp out overnight. But there are more than enough pieces to go around; renters can peruse over 400 prints, drawings, paintings, photographs and sculptures. New this year are *Esto si que es Leer* by Francisco Goya y Lucientes, two woodcuts by Claudio Orso Giacone, two *Regal Beast* Drawings by P. Corwin Lamm, OC '07, and a portfolio of 13 screen prints titled *One Sixpack Short of a Hippie Death Cult* by Karl LaRocca, OC '95.

— Micheline Heal

Roche and Williams Take Finney

Laurel Fuson
Arts Editor

At times, the humble take the crown, unwittingly and without gesture. So it seemed to be at the Dar Williams concert last Saturday when Lucy Wainwright Roche, OC '03, took the stage and won the crowd's heart before Williams even appeared. However, judging by sheer volume, Williams was still more cheer-worthy.

This was not Roche's first time back on campus since graduating. Her most notable past appearance was as the opening act to the Roches, a band composed of her mother and her two aunts. Her greatest asset is her sweet, smooth and trained voice that glides easily over her simple acoustic sets. Roche sang several covers — including a song from the musical *Hair* — and gave the crowd a sampling of her first EP, *8 Songs*.

She brought Williams prematurely from the depths of Finney to harmonize on a cover of Richard Shindell's "The Next Best Western." Williams collaborated with Shindell and Lucy Kaplansky to make an album, *Cry Cry Cry*, which might explain the readiness for Roche to pick up Shindell's songs.

After all Roche's charm, Williams's entrance in a change of costume was rather jarring. However, she slid into the set with "Calling the Moon," and then played "The Babysitter's Here," in acknowledged deference to Roche, who at one point babysat Williams's son. Often, Williams would precede a song with a story, which is usually a nice way to engage with the audience. But many times I had no idea how the song was connected to the story. We were entertained but confused.



Smooth and sultry: Williams crooned her way into her audience's hearts with her unique blend of folk and pop.

Photo by C. Taylor Crothers

Williams played through her first few songs, but really came to life once she hit a group of songs from her 1996 sophomore album, *Mortal City*. Not surprisingly, the crowd also livened up; songs such as "The Ocean" and "The Christians and the Pagans" elicited enormous cheers. This

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This Week in Oberlin History

September 19, 1967:

Dean of Students calls for “enlightened approach to the use of marijuana”

A series of discussions about drug usage on campus began in January after Student Senate opened consideration of proposals for a College policy on drugs. These discussions and proposals on College drug rules have involved almost continuous negotiation among students, administrators, and faculty throughout the second semester. But no final policy has yet been agreed upon.

Behind this semester’s sudden burst of concern with drug usage were private discussions during the winter among several members of Senate, the dean of students, and faculty members. Soon the Faculty Student Life Committee started working over general ideas of what the College should do about drug abuse on campus. And Senate appointed a Health Committee in January to begin investigation of the drug and health situation on campus.

The proposal initially taken up by Senate in January included probation for student misuse of drugs, but not including marijuana; students selling drugs would be expelled.

Senate argued that marijuana should not be treated in the same category as some of the other drugs, and that its use did not warrant punishment. Its proposal said, “Marijuana is not a narcotic, nor is it addicting and there is no evidence that the use of marijuana leads to subsequent drug addiction.”

Dean of Students George Langelier agreed that the distinction being made between marijuana and other drugs was “an effort to arrive at a more enlightened approach to the use of marijuana.” He noted, however, that the distinction may lead to a “confusing situation” since marijuana is regulated by the same federal laws as narcotics.

Senate decided, however, to postpone action on any drug policy until after a major conference on drugs, held at the College in mid-February.

In March, Senate approved a drug policy statement which called for measures by Judicial Board against students who “misuse” drugs. In particular, the use of marijuana was not to be punishable, but “misconduct resulting from the use of it” and the sale and distribution of it were. A large category of drugs were to be punishable for use alone, including narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, DMT, and LSD.

The following month Senate liberalized this drug proposal by excluding suspension as a punishment for first offences. The argument was that strict penalties on the first offense would inhibit many students from seeking psychological, guidance, or medical help for fear of being suspended.

Pressured for an interim policy by several drug cases which had arisen, a joint committee of Judicial Board and SLC set a temporary policy with the possibility of “a severe penalty, including suspension” for the use of drugs and marijuana. The two cases which were heard were settled with social probation. It was pointed out at the time, however, that the lightness of the sentences was partly because there was no record of prior legislation on drug abuse on the campus.

What further disturbed Senate and some students was the way in which the College would have handled the confidentiality cases, under the SLC proposal. The proposal said that “the Deans are obliged to report any information they have about possession or distribution of drugs” to the “public authorities.” At other points the SLC statements expressed concern for the likelihood that students would approach members of the College to seek help in overcoming personal problems related to drug usage.

The General Faculty tabled the SLC proposal June 1, and the search for a College policy which is acceptable to students and faculty alike will continue in the fall. The faculty suggested that the Senate submit another proposal for a drug policy before next November, with the hope that students might move closer toward the faculty and administrators’ views about the limits of liberalism in a College drug policy.

this week in OBERLIN

Quote of the Week:

There are things we need to work on, of course, or else I wouldn’t have a job.

– College President Marvin Krislov about the upcoming school year.

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept. 14	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 18	Sept. 19	Sept. 20	Sept. 21
<p>12.00 p.m.: Jazz Forum featuring the Oberlin Jazz Septet, Cat in the Cream.</p> <p>Midnight: Organ Pump, Finney Chapel.</p>	<p>1.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.: Back 2 School: Recycle, Reduce, Reuse!, Wilder Bowl.</p> <p>1.00 p.m.: ESL tutor general interest meeting, Wilder 211.</p> <p>2.00 p.m.: Shansi information session, Wilder 112.</p> <p>3.00 p.m.: Faculty Chamber Music Series, Warner Concert Hall.</p> <p>3.00 p.m.: Anti-war rally: End the War in Iraq & Prevent War in Iran, Tappan Square Bandstand.</p> <p>6.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.: El Grito: Celebration of Independence in the Hispanic World, Peters Hall.</p>	<p>Writing Center opens, Mudd Library.</p> <p>12.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.: Conversational tours of the Weltzheimer-Johnson House, Weltzheimer-Johnson House.</p> <p>1.00 p.m.: Back 2 School: Recycle, Reduce, Reuse!, Philips Gymnasium.</p> <p>2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.: Back 2 School: Recycle, Reduce, Reuse!, Environmental Studies Center.</p> <p>2.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.: Sunday Object Talk, Allen Memorial Art Museum.</p>	<p>3.30 p.m.: Constitution Day – “The equal protection clause of the Constitution: what protection now for people of color?”, Science Center – West Lecture Hall.</p> <p>4.35 p.m.: Biology Seminar: “Global Childhood Survival” – Dr. Yvonne Maldonado, Science Center A154.</p>	<p>Opening of the European Drawings Exhibition, Allen Memorial Art Museum.</p> <p>4.45 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.: Navigating & Understanding Important Student Websites, Mudd Library – Academic Commons.</p> <p>7.00 p.m.: Artist’s Talk: Diana Cooper, Allen Memorial Art Museum.</p> <p>8.00 p.m.: Guest Duo Organ Recital: Nicole Keller & Timothy Olsen, Finney Chapel.</p>	<p>10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.: Art Rental Preview, Allen Memorial Art Museum.</p> <p>7.00 p.m.: NASA speaker: Geoffrey Landis, Science Center – West Lecture Hall.</p> <p>8.00 p.m.: Open Mic with Nikrad Mahdi, Cat in the Cream.</p>	<p>9.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.: Art Rental, Allen Memorial Art Museum.</p> <p>8.30 p.m.: Music composed and inspired by Dave Holland, Cat in the Cream.</p>	<p>12.00 p.m.: Jazz Forum, Cat in the Cream.</p> <p>12.00 p.m.: Danforth-Lewis Speakers Series: “Brave New Business Cycle,” Edward McKelvey ’68, King 101.</p> <p>8.30 p.m.: Andy Friedman & The Other Failures, Cat in the Cream.</p>

Editor’s Picks

Arts Events

Organ Pump

Friday, Sept. 14, Midnight – Finney Chapel



Photo by Yuling Chow

What’s worse than lobsters on your piano? Crabs on your organ, of course! At least, that’s according to the winner of a past organ-related joke contest set up by the Organ Pump Committee. Who is the Organ Pump Committee, you ask? As they say on their website (www.organpump.com), “If we were any cooler, we wouldn’t play the organ.” To be more specific, this is a group of student organists who coordinate and perform the “fun-filled musical spectacle” that is known as the Organ Pump. One Friday a month at midnight, Finney Chapel draws in a wide range of audience members — serious musicians, wacky Organ Pump enthusiasts and out-of-it partiers — who stumble in during their Friday night festivities. Not your average concert, the Organ Pump is focused on fun, collaboration and participation. From sing-alongs to the audience’s traditional mad-dash to the stage for the last song of the evening, the Organ Pump is a singularly “Oberlin” experience.

Conversational tour of the Weltzheimer-Johnson House

Sunday, Sept. 16, 12 p.m. – Weltzheimer-Johnson House



Photo by Sarah Lipman

Commonly known about campus as “the Frank Lloyd Wright house,” the Weltzheimer-Johnson House is a piece of architectural history in our own backyard. Built in 1950, the house now belongs to Oberlin College and is used both as a guest house for the Art Department and as a space for college events. Of the twelve Frank Lloyd Wright houses in Ohio, the Weltzheimer-Johnson House is one of only two open to the public. For more information (and directions to the house), visit www.oberlin.edu/amam/flwright.

Art Rental

Preview: Wednesday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m. – Allen Art Museum
 Rental: Thursday, Sept. 20, 9 a.m. – Allen Art Museum

Didn’t want to shell out the eight bucks for that Monet poster at the poster sale last week? How would you like to hang the real thing in your room for only five? Luckily for you, the Allen Memorial Art Museum is nice enough to rent out works from their collection for your private semester-long viewing. Every student has the opportunity to rent two works of art — paintings, photographs and even sculptures are available — for the paltry sum of five dollars per work per semester. Don’t think that this program, established in the 1940s, only surrenders the less famous or less expensive works of art — Picassos and Warhols are among the

most coveted rentals. To see exactly what is available, attend the Art Rental Preview during the museum’s regular hours on Wednesday. Student rentals begin the next morning at 9:00 a.m. Class it up — add some “serious” art to those mixology and *Animal House* posters on your walls.

For more information, see page 7.

Lectures

Constitution Day

Monday, Sept. 17, 3:30 p.m. – West Lecture Hall

For those who don’t know, or who may have trouble keeping up with their federal holidays, September 17 is Constitution Day, a celebration of the ratification of the United States Constitution. Appropriately enough, on this day next week, Ted Shaw, Director-Counsel and President of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, will be giving a talk entitled “The Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution: What Protection Now for People of Color?” There will be a panel discussion following the lecture and a brief reception afterwards in the Science Center Atrium.

Special Events

Back 2 School: Recycle, Reduce, Reuse!

Saturday, Sept. 15, 1 p.m. – Wilder Bowl
 Sunday, Sept. 16, 1 p.m. – Philips Gymnasium
 Sunday, Sept. 16, 2 p.m. – Environmental Studies Center

The environmentally sustainable extravaganza continues this coming week with more events sponsored by the Office of Environmental Sustainability, the Recycled Products Co-op, the Oberlin College Recyclers and the Free Store. On Saturday, recycled and used school supplies will be available for purchase in Wilder Bowl. Students are also encouraged to bring anything they wish to recycle — in addition to school supplies, clothes, dorm accessories and almost anything else is appreciated. On Sunday, there will be a scavenger hunt to help students “learn about fun things to see and do at a low environmental cost.” Prizes for scavenger-hunt winners include DeCafe smoothies. After the scavenger hunt, eat

Hosting an event? Want to see it on the calendar? Or better yet, in the Editor’s Picks? Email oberlinevents@gmail.com by 12 p.m. Thursday to be considered for Friday’s Review. Featured events are determined by the editor, so make an interesting pitch!

PHOTO of the week



Photo by Chris Hamby

Red and gold balloons fly high over Wilder Bowl, Wednesday, Sept. 12.

(environmentally-friendly?) ice cream and learn more about environmental projects you can do here on campus. For more information, visit www.oberlin.edu/sustainability.

Anti-war rally: End the War in Iraq & Prevent War in Iran

Saturday, Sept. 15, 3 p.m. – Tappan Square Bandstand
 Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, Representative of Ohio’s 9th district (of which Oberlin is a part, in case you didn’t know), will be speaking at a community-wide rally on Saturday. Oberlin College speakers, musicians and organizations will be participating in the rally alongside community organizations. Sponsors for the event include: Community Peace Builders, Oberlin Veterans for Peace, Oberlin College Peace and Conflict Development Group, Oberlin Peace Activist League and many more.

this week in THE STARS

Aries

Waking up naked in a back alley in Atlantic City at 3 a.m. during a thunderstorm, you’ll finally know what rubbing alcohol tastes like.

Taurus

You think that free ticket to a Fave burger will be worth a date with that guy in your philosophy class. You don’t know about his passionate campaign to get equal rights for sea monkeys (yet).

Gemini

Looks like that sushi place wasn’t up to the health safety standards you’d expect from the \$5.95 buffet price.

Cancer

That new dress you bought never looked so good. Sadly, it won’t look much better in the box you’ll have to live in for not paying your rent.

Leo

Look at it this way: your car breaking down is your way of helping the environment.

Virgo

You’ll soon discover the true meaning of “gender neutral bathroom.”

Libra

You thought you knew what Facebook stalking was. This coming week, you will realize how very wrong you were.

Scorpio

That hammock on North Quad looks so inviting this week, you won’t be able to help yourself from climbing into it. You also won’t be able to help yourself from falling out of it.

Sagittarius

Upon regaining consciousness in Allen Memorial Hospital after a night of drunken revelry, you’ll regret cuddling with those albino squirrels, who turned out to not be as friendly as they look.

Capricorn

You don’t think a professor would ever throw a chair at a student. But nobody likes a know-it-all.

Aquarius

You wanted to know what makes those Cat cookies so good. This coming week, you’ll wish you never found out.

Pisces

You want to break your terrible addiction to DeCafe smoothies. After stopping cold turkey and suffering what can only be described as heroin withdrawal symptoms, you’ll figure out you’ll need some serious detox.

The Weather this week

FRIDAY

Scattered thunderstorms and wind.



High **76**

Low **48**

SATURDAY

Morning showers, then partly cloudy.



High **60**

Low **41**

SUNDAY

Partly cloudy.



High **66**

Low **46**

MONDAY

Sunny.



High **73**

Low **53**

TUESDAY

Sunny.



High **77**

Low **58**

Animal Tracks Spotted at 'Sco

Michelle Broder van Dyke
Staff Writer

In the dark, sold-out 'Sco, wires flooded out from a two-foot high stage. Suddenly an assortment of guitar, keyboard and synth sounds fulminated toward the eager ears of Oberlin College students. If the sweaty, snarling, mob-style dancing surrounding Animal Collective last Sunday, Sept. 9, could be a measure for the upcoming school year, then it's going to be a f-cking brilliant year.

Animal Collective is an experimental band, ingeniously creating songs that are both catchy pop tunes and abstract cacophonous melodies. Music that might be coined "avant-garde" or "difficult" by a critic successfully flourishes when performed live by this band. The multi-

layered songs are unceasingly tricky to unravel; vocals, guitar, keyboards, pre-recorded material, synths and other effects are all present on stage.

Currently residing in New York City, Animal Collective is a band born in the Park School of Baltimore, where its members met at a young age and started recording together in various forms. The band consists of Avey Tare (David Portner), Panda Bear (Noah Lennox), Geologist (Brian Weitz) and Deakin (Josh Dibb), who was absent from Sunday's show.

Avey Tare and Panda Bear share most of the vocal responsibilities, which often disturbingly reflect animal sounds: a wolf howling, an owl shrieking, a peacock screaming, an elephant trumpeting. Their voices are mostly affected,

and in between abstract non-sensical sounds you might hear beautifully imaginative and visionary lyrical phrases like "the peace bone got found in the dinosaur wing."

The vocals, whether abstract or heart-stopping, anchor the band's eccentric melodies and offer a portal into an imagined world where skeletons wearing blue tutus might make sense. (And, yes, surrounding the band onstage were several skeletons, one of which was uncomfortably close to me, wearing a blue velvet tutu.)

Repetitive rhythmic beats didn't die out as the band moved from one song to the next, leaving little to no silence throughout the show. The audience moved in a mob that mashed together and pulled apart like silly putty, and with this constant movement it was impossible not to move into the bizarre, bubbly space that Animal

Collective's music creates.

The band has a collective energy that remains unmatched by any of its contemporaries. The group's music remains genre-defining and continues to evolve, grow and push musical boundaries, all while the band unrelentingly pumps out new albums, videos and tours at a rapid pace.

Although the new Animal Collective album, *Strawberry Jam*, came out officially on Tuesday, Sept. 11, many of the songs had already been leaked online. *Strawberry Jam* is an album worthy of obsession, and I will be listening to it on repeat, in anticipation of Animal Collective's next creation.

Applause for the Paws: Animal Collective's energy and pulsating music pumped through the 'Sco last weekend (below).



Photos by Michelle Broder van Dyke



Convocation Opens with Author Ishmael Beah, OC '04

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or to provoke a response; rather, his candid retelling stands solidly on its own, impacting readers for what it is.

Born in Sierra Leone in 1980, Beah grew up in the village of Mogbwemo and enjoyed listening to American rap music, even penning a few lyrics himself. After the war reached his village, his attempt to flee was thwarted as bloodshed followed him everywhere.

Beah named Chaon, Associate Professor of Rhetoric and Composition Laurie McMillin, Associate Professor of Creative Writing Sylvia Watanabe, Professor of Politics Ben Schiff and Professor of English Anu Needham as some of the influential people in Oberlin who impacted his life and his writing.

In the question and answer session after Beah's address, he advised students to be "honest with yourself....You're disconnected from the harsh realities of the world in this place."

He stressed the importance of stepping outside the Oberlin bubble.

Beah urged Obies to act now, rather than waiting until after graduation. "Everyone has a sense of being very liberal, but doesn't take the time to learn about the issues they are being liberal about," he said at the luncheon.

After another standing ovation, at the end of his address, Beah chatted with audience members at a book signing in the Finney lobby.

Beah's anticipated Convocation speech was preceded by an afternoon reading at the Oberlin Public Library. Like the Convocation, the library overflowed with people, many leaning against the wall or perched on tabletops, all carefully listening to his words.

"When people don't have a realistic sense of what violence does to the human spirit, that's a problem," Beah said. "I want to dedicate my life to educate people about the nature of violence."

For the first time last year, Beah revisited

Sierra Leone, which was a bittersweet experience. Although he was able to reconnect with a few old friends and cousins, he discovered where he might have ended up had he not been rescued. According to Beah, many adolescents line the streets, not knowing what to do with their lives.

Later this year, those same people may be much busier. The Ishmael Beah Foundation, a private, independent institution, will soon begin a series of projects such as the building of literary centers that will function as libraries and a base for a national paper run by Sierra Leonean youths. Beah wants to "use literature to have people find a common place."

The Foundation is "dedicated to helping former child soldiers reintegrate into society and improve their lives...[and] aims at creating and financing educational and vocational opportunities for children and youth who have been affected by war, so that they can be empowered to choose a life free of conflict."

Although Beah's original manuscript was over 500 pages, certainly enough material for a second book, he hopes to tackle fiction next. He is no stranger to the scene, having won Oberlin's Dainne Vruels Fiction Prize for his story "At Noon." Some of his other works have been published in *VespertinePress* and *LIT Magazine*.

Just last Saturday, presidential elections were held in Sierra Leone. However, instances of ballot stuffing have been reported, and while unofficial results have been broadcast over the radio, controversy continues to surround the situation. Even if a more effective president is elected, many of the same cabinet members will remain in their positions, heavy obstacles on the road to change. Despite all of this, Beah still speaks optimistically about the future of the country.

Beah also referenced the Child Soldiers Prevention Act of 2007, a bill that aims to help the 250,000 youths around the globe who serve as combatants, porters, human mine detectors and sex slaves. Designed to encourage governments to halt such activity, the act would restrict military assistance to countries identified in the Human Rights Report as recruiting or using child soldiers in armed conflict.

Although Beah has been an influential figure as an advocate for child soldiers since leaving rehabilitation, the publication of *A Long Way Gone* quickly catapulted the first-time author into the international spotlight. Beah has popped up all over the media and Internet, appearing on *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* and in publications, blogs and YouTube. His book was nominated this year for a Quill Award in the Debut Author Of the Year category. He currently works for the Human Rights Watch Children's Division Advisory Committee, and maintains a busy schedule between his book tour and various other engagements.

With reporting by Laurel Fuson and Piper Niehaus

'When people don't have a realistic sense of what violence does to the human spirit, that's a problem.'

Ishmael Beah, OC '04

Author of *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*

"Violence basically became the order of the day," he said.

Beah saw entire villages destroyed and watched friends his age die in battle. Child soldiers were trained to kill remorselessly and were constantly drugged with marijuana, amphetamines and "brown brown," a mixture of cocaine and gunpowder.

After rehabilitation, he went to live with an uncle in Freetown, Sierra Leone's capital. In 1996, Beah was invited to speak about the challenges he had faced at the United Nations conference, Children's Voices, in New York. There, he met Laura Simms, a woman who worked at the UN. When rebels overran the city the following year, and Beah was forced into Guinea, a neighboring country to the north of Sierra Leone, he contacted Simms for assistance. She arranged for him to come to America permanently. Beah now calls Simms his mother. Upon Beah's 1998 arrival in New York, he completed his last two years of high school at the United Nations International School prior to enrolling at Oberlin.

During his undergraduate years, Beah was very active in bringing attention to the problem of child soldiers around the world, serving on a UN panel with Secretary General Kofi Annan and meeting with Bill Clinton and Nelson Mandela. It was also during time at Oberlin that he began drafting his book.

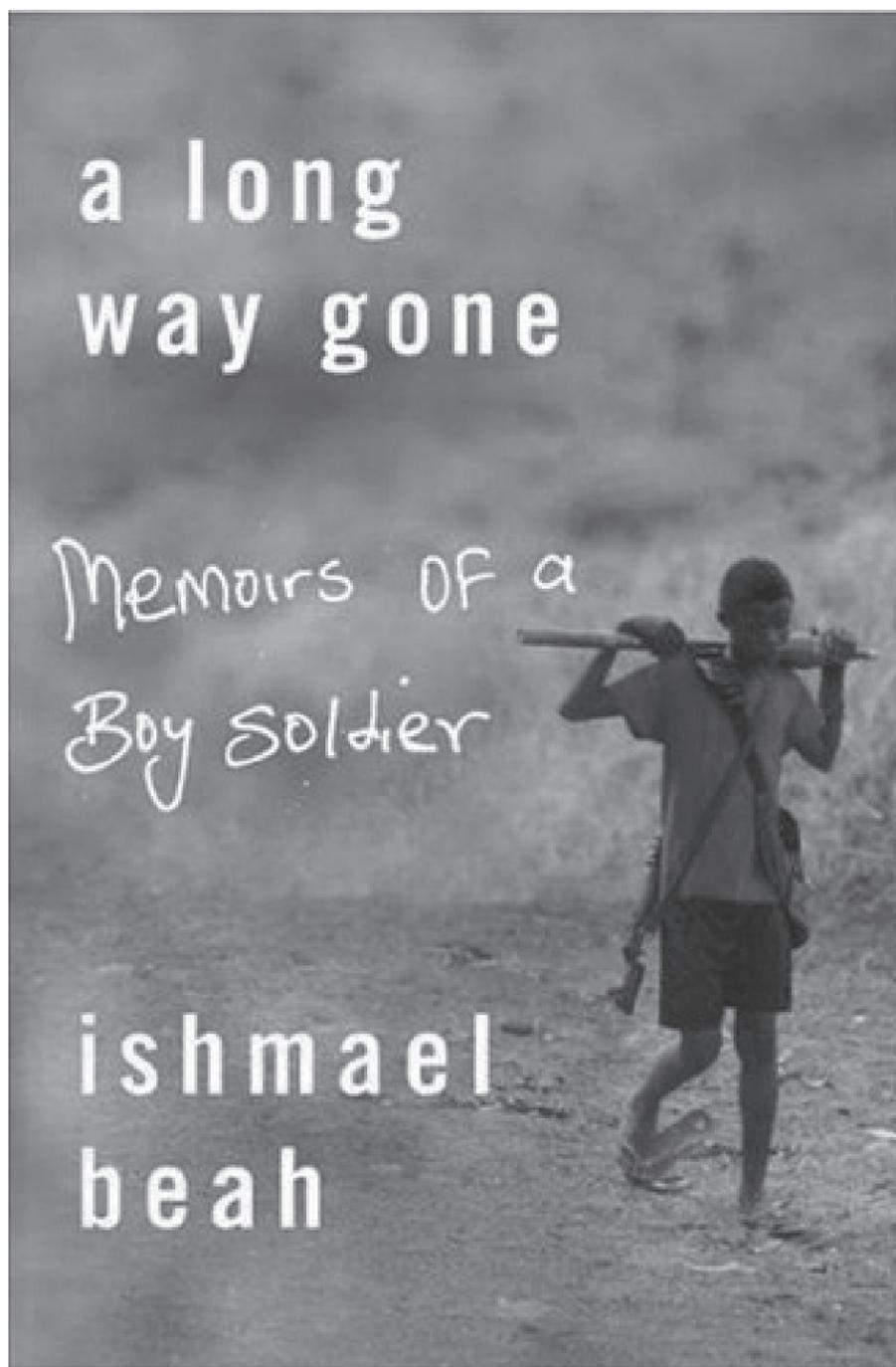
According to Beah, the book was born out of frustration. There was not enough time to tell his story, he told workshop students at a luncheon, also on Tuesday. Many of the people he had met could only conjure an image of a war-torn Sierra Leone.

"People need to see Sierra Leone before the war, during the war [and] after the war," he said. "I wanted to bring people to that landscape...We are not Africans; we are not Sierra Leoneans. We are people who are suffering."

Even after graduation, Beah continued to correspond with Associate Professor of Creative Writing Dan Chaon, sending chapters to him for comments.

"[Beah's story] epitomizes the enduring vitality of the human spirit [and] is a testimony to the power of education to change lives," said Oberlin College President Marvin Krislov, who introduced the Convocation.

Both at the Convocation and in his book,



A Painful Past: Ishmael Beah, OC '04, recounts his experience as a child soldier in Sierra Leone's violent civil war and the difficulties in adjusting to civilian life. Photo courtesy of www.alongwaygone.com

Mountain Secrets: Sierra Leone's Tingi Hills have witnessed years of bloodshed in the country's civil war (below).

Photo courtesy of www.africanbirdclub.org



Singer Showcases Her Talent

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is not to mention her lovely rendition of her own song "Iowa," sung with Roche on harmony. Finney glowed with audience members' "symbols of interconnectivity," as Williams dubbed our cell phones, while the two became quiet to hear the crowd sing along.

Songs from Williams's more recent records, such as *The Beauty of the Rain*, released in 2003, show that her songwriting talents have not waned as she ages. Her performance of "The Mercy of the Fallen" was evidence of her practiced musicianship: her voice jumped the melody's octave without faltering.

Certainly a name known on campus, Williams

gave fans what they expected. Many devotees could be seen dancing in the aisles as the concert came to an end.

However, her ability to reach those who had not previously heard her music may have been weaker than Roche's.

For those going in blind, it was easy to fall into the trance of Roche's girlish voice and hesitant stage presence, only to be somewhat shocked by the appearance of one so stage-worn and self-assured as Williams.

Perhaps it would be in Williams's best interest to take a cue from her opening act, and begin to cultivate at least the traces of humility.

Teatime Talk



Captivating and delicious: In the first installment of this year's Tuesday Teas at the Allen Memorial Art Museum, Professor of Art John Pearson discussed works on display in *Repeat Performances: Seriality and Systems of Art since 1960*. The exhibit, composed of Minimalist pieces, explores reductive tendencies and repetitive forms. The Allen's monthly Tuesday Teas occur on the second Tuesday of each month. Talks expand on the museum's current shows. The show will be open until December 23.

Photo by Gary Cohen

In Wilder Bowl: Whodunit?



Wednesday: An installation appeared anonymously in Wilder Bowl earlier this week. Dangling colorful red and yellow balloons could be spotted from a distance, with pictures and texts blowing in the wind.

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IN THE LOCKER ROOM

Marie Barnett

For the first In the Locker Room of the year, Moose Terry sat down with senior cross country runner Marie Barnett. Barnett is from Boston and is back on campus this semester after studying abroad in the spring. She played a key role in helping the team win its first conference championship in 22 years and looks forward to one more run around the college track.

Moose Terry: You are just getting back from being abroad and studying in another country. Where did you go?

Marie Barnett: I spent the semester at art school in Florence, Italy. But in the summer I backpacked through Europe and spent a month in Finland.

MT: That sounds like a sweet time. What were some of the experiences like?

MB: I lived with a host family in Italy, and that was quite the different life style. The traveling was really eye-opening and I met a lot of really cool characters on my overnight train rides. The places I went were really fantastic and it was such a wonderful time. While I was in Finland, I got to play with Finnish kids who did not speak a word of English.

MT: What was your funniest experience?

MB: The funniest thing had to be when I was hiking the Alps with



Marie Barnett

my 70-something [year-old] grandmother. Man, she books it through those mountains.

MT: What is it like to be back?

MB: It was a weird transition to come back to the USA and

then Oberlin after seven months of being gone. But nothing makes me at home more than running across the flats of Ohio.

MT: What excites you about this year's team?

MB: Well, besides the athletic department's ice cream socials, I really dig this year's freshmen. We have a mighty wicked squad. Plus, there's nothing like running around in all that spandex.

MT: What exactly does it take to be "mighty wicked?"

MB: Our solid pack of veterans as well as really witty freshmen. Learning and labor is a motto we take to the line.

MT: How do you feel as defending champion of the conference?

MB: I look to improve on last year and kick some NCAC tush with my team in tow.

MT: How do you feel about it being your last year?

MB: I am confident this year we are unbreakable and unbeatable.

MT: What is your favorite part about being a student-athlete at Oberlin?

MB: Access to the cold whirlpool in the training room.

MT: What has been your favorite activity during your stay on campus?

MB: I enjoy the opportunity to pursue bizarre academic interests in a witty, conversational, cocktail manner.

MT: Well, to wrap up this great conversation, I must ask you this week's antler-sharp Question of the Week. Which do you prefer: Subway or Quiznos?

MB: Subway, but I like my bread toasted.

Interview by Moose Terry
Photo courtesy of Marie Barnett

R.I.P. Weight Room Worries

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come it. That is not what bothers me; rather, it was her too-quick dismissal of my opinion.

My qualm with the situation was not that students and athletes had to scrunch themselves into weight rooms the size of Dascomb dorm rooms or use weights and machines that are older than I am, but that it was disheartening to continuously arrive at this disheveled place and have no idea what was going on with the old room. Questions like "How long has it been since the fire?" and "When will the old weight room be up and running?" were more common than teenage acne.

I was frustrated out of pride. I watched coaches bringing prospective athletes to the gym, showing them our "facilities." I wondered how impressed they were. Part of me also just wanted to get a new weight room because that would be the perfect addition to the athletic program.

But luckily, that built-up tension is all in the past. Oberlin finally reopened the old weight room and much to my surprise, fixed it up a little. For those who have not checked it out yet, it is more spacious and it even has new 20-pound dumbbell weights! No, but seriously, it looks a lot better.

While a new weight room will always be a desire of mine, I have finally made my peace with that situation. It is all in the past.

This editorial is not a pledge saying I will not bring up argumentative points concerning athletics in the future, but that my opinions have an ultimate goal: to provide insight from an athlete who also wants to improve athletics at this school.

But for now, it is a new year, and after stepping onto the two million dollar stadium and putting on the new, sharp, white jerseys, I have nothing else to say for now.

Here is to a good athletic year.

Residential Education and Dining Services

Dining Facts of the Week...September 17, 2007

Are you in the right meal plan?

Do you eat two meals per day but wish you had more flex?

- 14 meal plan plus 135 CDS Flex Points/semester
- 12 meal plan plus 175 CDS Flex Points/semester
- 10 meal plan plus 200 CDS Flex Points/semester

Want to avoid the congestion at lunch?

Have you tried the Rathskeller for lunch?

Featured menu for the week of September 17

- Monday: Local Bruschetta Chicken
- Tuesday: Herb Baked Tilapia
- Wednesday: Pulled BBQ Pork
- Thursday: Meatloaf with Local Mashed Potatoes
- Friday: Breakfast for Lunch: Cage-free Scrambled Eggs and Local Maple Sausage

(Flex Points, Cash or Obie Dollars)

Wilder Local Vendor Fair

Tuesday September 25 Tent outside DeCafe
Meet the vendors and sample their fare for free

Judy's Oasis	Middle Eastern Cuisine	hummus, tabbouleh, falafel, etc...	Cleveland, OH
Jorgenson's Apiary	Honey and jams...		Oberlin, OH
Premier Produce	Local produce and exotic fruits and vegetables...		Cleveland area
Walker Food	Amish cheeses, tofu and pasta...		Wadsworth, OH
Ohio Organic Family Farms	Personalized sized milk, cottage cheese...		Utica, OH
Fruitique	Locally produced ice cream ...		Dublin, OH
Crooked River Coffee	Locally roasted coffee beans...		Cleveland, OH
Keric's Caramel Corn	Assorted flavors of caramel corn		Wadsworth, OH
Medina Food	Beef Jerky and assorted snacks		Lichfield, OH

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Applications due Wednesday, September 26
at 3:00 p.m.

For additional information see the website
www.oberlin.edu/london.

Women's Soccer Edged by Baldwin-Wallace, 1-0



Watch and Learn: Senior defender Leslie Mills is not fazed by the rain as she uses perfect technique to strike a free kick in Oberlin's win over Buffalo State. Photo by Brian Hodgkin

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battling for every loose ball. Oberlin seemed to start slow but picked up the pace after a goal off of a breakaway by junior Joelle Sesar about nine minutes into play. The Yeowomen defended this one-goal lead for the remainder of the contest, giving them the 1-0 victory. With 12 saves, sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Grabinski kept Oberlin in the game.

When it became clear that the Yeowomen defense, led by senior Leslie Mills, was not going to give the Bengals an inch, Buffalo State began resorting to vicious fouls in an attempt to wear down the Yeowomen's resistance. Buffalo State out-fouled Oberlin by a factor of five, with 15 fouls to Oberlin's three.

Oberlin's backline really came under pressure in the final 15 minutes of the match. The Bengals repeatedly crashed the goal, but according to first-year Liza Marshall, "We kept our composure." Luckily, the Yeowomen survived the onslaught as Buffalo out-shot Oberlin 18 to 14 and took home another win to improve their record to 2-1-1.

The Yeowomen's latest game against Baldwin-Wallace was a slightly different story. Oberlin seemed to dominate the first half with several promising attempts on goal, but none squeaked by the B-W goalkeeper.

The momentum seemed to shift in the second half of the game, however, with the majority of the possession being in the Yeowomen's half of the field. Even with some beautiful saves by sophomore Christie Zelnik, including an incredible backwards diving save in the 31st minute of the second half, B-W managed to score off of a breakaway. When asked about the second half, first-year Gabriela Baker replied, "We seemed disorganized and our speed of play went down." Even with three shots by Sesar, the Yeowomen could not manage to break the B-W defensive line. This loss brings the Yeowomen to 2-2-1.

In other news, the Yeowomen's match at John Carroll University this Saturday, Sept. 15 at 4:30 p.m. will be televised on Sunday at noon in a delayed broadcast by SportsTime Ohio and DirecTV.

Next up

Women's soccer at John Carroll
Saturday, Sept. 15
4 p.m.

Football Continues to Find Early Season Trouble

Zach Donnelly-Krall
Staff Writer

The Oberlin football team's early season woes continued after the Yeomen lost to Heidelberg College by 11 points on the road on Saturday, Sept. 8. Oberlin could not overcome the five turnovers committed in the game.

Heidelberg scored a touchdown on its first possession. 68 seconds later Oberlin fumbled, leading to another Heidelberg touchdown.

Finding themselves down by 14 less than nine minutes into the game, Oberlin had to respond. Senior Chris Schubert jumped into action and returned the ensuing kickoff 74 yards. Three plays later, Schubert caught a touchdown pass from junior quarterback Greg Mangan.

Heidelberg clamped down on defense after Oberlin's touchdown, forcing three straight Yeomen punts. Heidelberg's offense also stepped up in the second quarter, scoring ten points and making the

score 7-24 at halftime.

Oberlin was moving the ball down the field in its second possession of the second half until an interception ended the drive. The Yeomen defense stepped up and forced Heidelberg to punt after the pick.

'Luckily, for them, we have two weeks to get ready... We'll be ready to play'

Chris Schubert
Senior Wide Receiver

The Yeomen defense was forced back onto the field just 21 seconds later when Mangan threw his second pick of the game, leading to another Heidelberg touchdown. On the ensuing kickoff, Schubert again had a huge return, this time for 42 yards.

On the next play Mangan threw a 46-yard bomb to Schubert for a Yeomen touchdown, bringing the score to 13-30.

Any attempt of a Yeomen comeback was

derailed when the next two Oberlin possessions ended with interceptions, one leading to a Heidelberg touchdown.

Oberlin scored touchdowns on its final two possessions of the game with touchdown passes from Mangan to Schubert and to senior wide receiver James Brady. The two touchdowns made the final score 26-37 Heidelberg. Heidelberg broke its 36-game consecutive losing streak that dates back to October 2003.

In the end, the four interceptions and lost fumble did Oberlin in. The Yeomen offensive line also had a tough game as Oberlin only rushed for 84 yards on the day and Mangan was sacked six times.

Aside from his four interceptions, Mangan was effective through the air as he passed for 367 yards and four touchdowns. The 367 passing yards broke the previous Oberlin record of 366 passing yards, also held by Mangan.

Schubert had 344 yards of combined offense, including 135 receiving yards and 202 return yards to go with his three touchdowns.

The Yeomen defense saw six players

record at least five total tackles. Junior Kris DeVant led the defense with 12.5 tackles, three for a loss, and the lone Yeomen sack.

Oberlin now has a bye week before playing at Washington and Jefferson College, which is ranked 16th nationally in D-III. The Yeomen know they have a lot to work on in the bye week, most glaringly, in their turnovers.

"We've had as many turnovers in the first two games as we had all last season, so that is an area in which we are really trying to figure out," said Schubert. "We're looking at the season now as an eight-game season. Having an early bye week allows us to re-focus."

Although Washington and Jefferson has a solid team, Schubert admits that the two weeks of preparation will leave the Yeomen in good standing for the game.

"We know they are a very good team, but so are we, we just need to play like it now," continued Schubert about Washington and Jefferson College. "Luckily, for them, we have two weeks to get ready... We'll be ready to play."

Next up

Football at Washington and Jefferson
Saturday, Sept. 22
7 p.m.

On Deck

Saturday, September 15

- Field Hockey at William Smith, 10 a.m.
- Volleyball at Westminster, 10 a.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. Otterbein, 2 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. Wooster (at Westminster), 2 p.m.
- Women's Soccer at John Carroll, 4 p.m.

Sunday, September 16

- Field Hockey vs. St. Lawrence (at William Smith), 11 a.m.

Tuesday, September 18

- Volleyball at Kenyon, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 19

- Women's Soccer vs. CWRU, 4:30 p.m.
- Men's Soccer at CWRU, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 20

- Field Hockey vs. Wooster, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, September 21

- Volleyball vs. Wittenberg, 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 22

- Cross Country at Otterbein Invitational, 11 a.m.
- Women's Soccer at Marietta, 2 p.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. Muskingum, 3 p.m.
- Football at Washington and Jefferson, 7 p.m.

Sunday, September 23

- Field Hockey vs. Depauw, 2 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. Earlham, 2 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. Central State, 5:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer Battles on Despite Injuries

Jeremy Simon

After three games in four days, the Oberlin men's soccer team is trying to recover quickly for its next fixture on Saturday. The team had to fight through injuries and fatigue in this early rigorous span of the season, going 1-1-1.

The Yeomen put on an impressive performance last weekend in the first Allegheny College Classic in Meadville, PA. After winning on Saturday, Oberlin could not continue the momentum, dropping the second game for the tournament title. Oberlin gave up just one goal all weekend.

The Yeomen shut out Washington and Jefferson College in dominating fashion in the first game, beating the Presidents 4-0 behind goals from junior Luke

Hoffman; sophomore Skyler Dum, who had two; and first-year Chris Campbell, who recorded his first collegiate goal. First-year goalkeeper Zach Lipshultz and junior Derrick Bean combined for the shut-out.

In the second game of the tournament, the Yeomen battled hard against the Rochester Institute of Technology and came away with a hard luck loss, 0-1. Oberlin actually out-shot the Tigers 7-6 on the afternoon, but a late goal was able to sneak past the Yeomen defense in the 81st minute to decide the contest.

Despite the loss, junior Kyle Taljan, Dum and first-year Wyatt Hayman were named to the All-Tournament team for their efforts over the weekend.

The Yeomen did not have time to dwell on their first loss of the season as they played Baldwin-Wallace on Tuesday, Sept. 11. It took two overtimes, but when all was said and done at Fred Schults Field, the Yeomen and the Yellowjackets tied in the

non-conference match-up.

The Yeomen came out hot, with senior Sam Zackheim notching a goal in the 35th minute and silencing the large group of B-W

fans who made the short drive out from Berea. The Yeomen almost doubled the lead before the half was over when a sharp corner kick from junior Michael Mullaley crossed the goal line in the hands of the B-W keeper. However, the goal was blown back when it was determined that the rush of Yeomen crashing the line had forced him in.

Oberlin wasted little time in the second half when Hoffman struck in the 56th minute (his team-leading fifth goal of the season) to give the Yeomen a 2-0 lead. Hoffman has been a revelation for the Yeomen, scoring in five of the six games, and adding two assists as well. His tireless work ethic and goal-hungry attitude have been instrumental to the team.

Rather than being content with their lead, the Yeomen continued to play their preci-

sion game, striking ten shots on goal for the day. It took a fantastic effort from the B-W keeper to keep the game at 2-0. Unfortunately for the Yeomen, that lead would not last as B-W scored goals in the 59th and 68th minutes to tie the match and force overtime.

Oberlin kept the pressure on for both overtime periods, but was unable to net the game-winner. Lipshultz was staunch in the goal and made sure that the Yeomen were able to maintain the tie, an impressive result as Baldwin-Wallace came into the game ranked fifth in the region.

After the game, junior John Lindner remained positive despite dropping the chance at a key win.

"We're in a better position right now than we were at this point in the season last year. We've played really well at times, but just had a few mental lapses that cost us some wins. Once the team gets healthy again, we'll see what we can really do. I think that it looks promising, especially after Tuesday's game against B-W. Our freshmen have contributed a lot to the effort," said Lindner.

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FH Dominates Earlham 5-1, Meredith Scores Twice

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Sloofman said, "Playing a better passing game uses less energy." The game ended eleven minutes into the second overtime on a goal by Kenyon's Elisabeth Dow.

"We were really excited with how we played; unfortunately, one team had to lose," said Head Coach Deb Ranieri on the excellent play of both teams. The team hopes to achieve the success it had two years ago when it won the conference.

Ranieri was pleased with what she saw on Wednesday as she added, "I think we're in a great position this early in the season. We know we have the heart, we know we have the skill to be a contender in the conference."

The game at Earlham could not

have been more dissimilar to the one against Kenyon. After a slow start Oberlin kicked it into high gear, scoring a season high five goals off of thirty-three shots.

Sophomore Catherine Meredith scored a game high of two goals while Brox, senior tri-captain Ashley Allen and first-year Natasha Cohan each scored once; Politis contributed with two assists. Cassie Cage scored Earlham's lone goal as Oberlin dominated the game, allowing only seven shots on goal as the Fighting Quakers fell to 0-2 in the conference.

Although Oberlin lost to Kenyon, the team maintains a positive perspective. As Sloofman said, "Mentally we came out of that game better than we did against Earlham." She added, "After the [Kenyon] game we realized our potential."



All Smiles: Junior Abigail "Prunie" Brox (back) hugs first-year defender Natasha Cohan (9) after Cohan scores against Earlham College. Photo by Brian Hodgkin

Volleyball Drops Home Opener

Asishana Osho
Staff Writer

After nearly 11 days off, Oberlin volleyball finally kicked off its conference opener on Wednesday against the Allegheny Gators in the eagerly anticipated first home game of the 2007 season. Acknowledging this first opportunity to see the 2007 Yeowomen in action, Obies — students and staff alike — flooded Philips Gymnasium to support the team. Over 200 Oberlin spectators made it to the game, including the football, basketball and swim teams.

With such an electrifying atmosphere, it was clear that the Yeowomen were out to grab the victory. Right from the onset of the game, the competition was intense. Both teams had come out of the locker room on fire, and the speed of the game was incredible.

The visitors took the early initiative in the game, jumping out to a 20-13 first period lead off, with impressive plays by senior Annie Schulthies. Oberlin launched its characteristic comeback, scoring five straight points with sophomore Rita Kaplon serving.

Even after Allegheny pulled one back, the Gators could barely respond to the heat from the Oberlin team as the lead was cut down to two points at 28-26. Allegheny, however, managed to push ahead at the end to win the first period 30-26.

In the second quarter, things picked up right where they had left off with both teams starting out strong. Senior co-captain Deysi Villarreal led the Yeowomen, scoring two points off very emphatic kills to get things going.

Prompted by the Oberlin threat, Gators senior Jenna Hackett matched Villarreal, responding with a couple kills of her own. The next few minutes saw a very close game, culminating in a 13-13 tie. After that, Allegheny stepped up its game and edged ahead, opening up a 24-18 lead.

Determination from junior Amanda Van Allen and sophomore co-captain Tammela Platt catalyzed a turn around as Oberlin responded with a strong push, scoring many successive points and reducing the lead to two at 27-29. As in the first period, the Gators were able to edge ahead (30-27) to the disappointment of the Oberlin supporters.

The third period saw Allegheny dominate as the Yeowomen lost sight of the victory, scoring only 19 points. The 30-19 third period win saw the Gators claim the game 3-0 to extend their season record to 5-2. With this loss, Oberlin dropped to 1-4 for the season and 0-1 in conference action.



Hang Time: First-year Anna Frackman gets up high to hit a ball in volleyball's home opener against Allegheny College. Photo by Brian Hodgkin

Next up

Volleyball vs. Westminster
Saturday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m.

Stat of the Week

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Junior Quarterback Greg Mangan's new record for passing yards in a single game

Standings

Volleyball								
	Conference				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Wittenberg	0	0	0	.000	8	0	0	1.000
Hiram	0	0	0	.000	7	1	0	.875
Allegheny	0	0	0	.000	4	2	0	.667
Ohio Wesleyan	0	0	0	.000	5	3	0	.625
Earlham	0	0	0	.000	4	4	0	.500
Demospm	0	0	0	.000	4	4	0	.500
Wooster	0	0	0	.000	2	6	0	.250
Oberlin	0	0	0	.000	1	3	0	.250
Kenyon	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000

Field Hockey								
	Conference				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Oberlin	2	0	0	1.000	3	1	0	.750
Kenyon	1	0	0	1.000	2	1	0	.667
Ohio Wesleyan	1	1	0	.500	2	2	0	.500
Wittenberg	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	.500
Earlham	0	2	0	.000	1	2	0	.333
Wooster	0	1	0	.000	1	2	0	.333
Denison	0	0	0	.000	1	3	0	.250

Women's Soccer								
	Conference				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Wooster	0	0	0	.000	5	0	0	1.000
Earlham	0	0	0	.000	2	0	1	.833
Denison	0	0	0	.000	4	1	0	.800
Hiram	0	0	0	.000	3	1	0	.750
Kenyon	0	0	0	.000	3	1	0	.750
Wittenberg	0	0	0	.000	3	1	0	.750
Oberlin	0	0	0	.000	2	1	1	.625
Ohio Wesleyan	0	0	0	.000	1	2	1	.375
Allegheny	0	0	0	.000	1	3	0	.250

Men's Soccer								
	Conference				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Hiram	0	0	0	.000	4	0	0	9
Wittenberg	0	0	0	.000	3	0	1	9
Kenyon	0	0	0	.000	3	1	0	20
Oberlin	0	0	0	.000	3	1	1	9
Denison	0	0	0	.000	2	1	0	5
Ohio Wesleyan	0	0	0	.000	3	2	0	9
Allegheny	0	0	0	.000	3	2	0	7
Wabash	0	0	0	.000	2	3	0	6
Earlham	0	0	0	.000	1	2	0	6
Wooster	0	0	0	.000	1	2	0	5

Football								
	Conference				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Wabash	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1.000
Kenyon	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	.500
Oberlin	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	.000
Wooster	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	.000
Ohio Wesleyan	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	.000
Earlham	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	.000
Denison	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	.000
Hiram	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	.000
Allegheny	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	.000
Wittenberg	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	.000

Women's Soccer Wins, Loses



Heads Up! Senior Jess Greenberg (5) and sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Grabinski get ready to defend a corner kick in Oberlin's 1-0 win. Photo by Brian Hodgkin

Drew Williamson
Staff Writer

Women's soccer at Oberlin seems to offer something to every-

one. Whether people attend for the girls or the spirit of the game itself, one thing is always 100 percent correct: Yeowomen's soccer totally rocks. The Yeowomen's September

9 game exemplified exactly how much they rock. Oberlin had yet to be defeated at home, and the team was not about to let the Buffalo State Bengals be the first to best

them in front of their own crowd.

The match was hard fought on both sides with both teams fiercely

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SPORTS TALK

WITH

Hot Tip and Lulu

An Unusual Beginning

By Mike Mullaley
Sports Opinion

The 2007-2008 athletic year is finally underway, and it is great to be back. Two weeks into the fall season, and there have already been a fair share of ups and downs, but most importantly there is a confident sense of optimism and expectation that has replaced the old "Oberlin mindset." With a plethora of talented first-year players, several new coaches, a nifty new football scoreboard and a brand new soccer field, Oberlin Athletics is really starting to take shape.

Initially, I was having trouble thinking of what to write about for the first editorial of the year. I did not want to be too cliché and discuss how every team is "positive about the future" and how the "season looks bright," but I wanted to keep it Oberlin-related.

While I considered talking about this season's potential, a different idea was unexpectedly handed to me on a silver platter. I had an opportunity to not only clear up a slight misunderstanding regarding an old editorial from last spring, but to explain "Sports Talk" a little more.

Two weeks ago, a member of the athletics department shared with me her disappointment concerning my opinions on the make-shift weight room that was moved to the racquetball courts after the 2006 Thanksgiving sauna fire in Philips Gymnasium.

She asked with a hint of sarcasm if I could try writing something nice about Oberlin Athletics for a change. Taken aback by this surprising, albeit long-overdue accusation, I was momentarily speechless. Does she honestly believe that I enjoy bashing the school? Does she think I sit all day in my luxurious quad in North, thinking up ways of how I could verbally abuse the college and its sports program, one that I have come to love and proudly represent?

Lulu and I know our column has a limited readership, so why push readers farther away by annoying them with useless blabbering? Your time eating at Stevie or sitting in Mudd reading the paper is precious to us, so we want to attract people with constructive, meaningful opinions.

I tried to explain to her my frustration with the department's failure to keep the athletes, let alone the Oberlin community, informed of how long the weight room would be closed and why it appeared there had been minimal repairs to it.

I know criticism will be part and parcel of writing a school-wide editorial. I happily accept and wel-

Yeowomen Repeat as GLCA Champs

Zachary Lewis
Staff Writer

In their second meet of the year at the Great Lakes College Association championships on September 8, both the Oberlin men's and women's cross country teams showed their regional rivals that they are the teams at or near the top of the food chain.

The Yeomen moved one spot higher than their fourth-place finish last year to end in third. They also bested conference opponents Ohio Wesleyan, Earlham, Wooster and Kenyon, falling shy of second-place Denison by 13 points and first-place

Wabash by 20.

In the 8K race, Oberlin was led by juniors Conor Doss and Ryan King, who finished seventh and eighth, respectively. Doss only missed the pinnacle of the result sheet, set by Kenyon's Jim Boston, by 48 seconds.

Last year's champions, the Yeowomen, again brought something special to the GLCA Championships, winning the competition once more by besting their closest competition, Ohio Wesleyan, by ten points.

OWU was the lone school

to even get near the mark set by the Yeowomen as the rest of the field fell behind by 49 or more points. This included conference foes Kenyon, Denison, Wooster and Earlham.

Next up

Cross Country at Otterbein Saturday, Sept. 22 11 a.m.

Pacing the Yeowomen in the 5K run were first-year sensation Joanna Johnson and junior Nicky Ouellet, who finished the race in second and fourth, respectively. Johnson missed the top spot of the competition by less than five seconds.

"Our coach told us that we had a good shot of winning, but that was

also a little bit intimidating. Either way, we ran hard and stepped up to win," said senior Alex Petek.

It has been a wonderful start to the running season for the harriers, who have seen success in their last two meets. They look forward to being in top form as the All-Ohio Championships loom in three weeks.

The Yeomen will look to continue the wonderful marks being set in their meets while entertaining dreams of conference glory, whereas the Yeowomen continue to cement their place on the top of the cross country ladder, desiring yet again the title of NCAC champion.

Field Hockey Falls to 2-1 in NCAC Play

Dharam Khalsa

Coming off a relatively easy 5-1 victory against Earlham, the Oberlin field hockey team was dealt its first conference loss by Kenyon

Next up

Field hockey at William Smith Saturday, Sept. 15 10 a.m.

on September 11. The loss gives the team an overall record of 3-2 and a North Coast Athletic Conference record of 2-1. Kenyon is one of the top teams in the conference.

Early in the first half, Kenyon's Lauren Keiling scored the first goal of the game to put the Ladies up 1-0. Oberlin struck back quickly with a goal by All-NCAC first-team junior

Abigail Brox on an assist from senior tri-captain Christine Politis.

The rest of the game was a defensive battle. Oberlin senior tri-captain and goalkeeper Lauren Malinowski had an outstanding game with ten saves. Both teams had trouble finding the back of the cage when inside the scoring circle.

The game remained tied at one for the rest of regulation. Neither team could get an edge over the other, leading to sudden death overtime as the contest became a war of attrition. The first overtime passed with the teams still tied.

Oberlin's excellent ball movement helped to stave off complete exhaustion as junior defender Holly



I'll Take That: Senior Ashley Allen attacks a loose ball in field hockey's 5-1 win against Earlham College. Photo by Brian Hodgkin

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