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## Iranian Professor Discusses Women and Law

Sohaib Naim

While tensions between the West and Iran escalate in the wake of Iranian President Ahmadinejad's visit to the Columbia University campus, Laya Joneydi, an associate professor of law and a researcher from the University of Tehran, visited Oberlin on Monday to deliver a lecture on the role of women in Islamic judiciary.

Professor Joneydi was greeted by a packed-to-capacity Wilder Main Hall. The event was hosted jointly by the Muslim Students Association, the Oberlin College Dialogue Center, the Multicultural Resource Center, the Law and Society Program and the Gender and Women Studies program.

Joneydi began by discussing the widespread perception that "Islamic traditional law prohibits women from serving in the judiciary." She discussed the serious consequences of this misconception on state actions, as well as on the functioning of international arbitrations.

She then explained the role of women in Iranian judiciary through a historical perspective. "Perhaps the most important event in modern Iranian history was the Constitutional Revolution of 1906, an event that laid the grounds for a democratic Iran," she said.

She highlighted how women had virtually no representation in the judicial system before the revolution: "Even after the revolution, it took more than two decades before women could enter the judiciary... One of the first major steps was the entrance of women to law schools in the 1950s. Within a decade after this, women had begun to prove their mettle in the legal system."

She added that the Islamic Revolution of 1979 dragged this process backwards, resulting in what she termed a "regression."

"The Revolution of 1979," said Professor Joneydi, "saw a resurgence of restrictive approaches to the interpretation of traditional Islamic law. A ceiling was imposed on the number of women who could be admitted into law school, and women previously serving in judicial posts were placed in administrative ranks."

These restrictive and "regressive" measures led to a women's movement that sparked a lifting of the ban on the number of women admitted into law school. Consequently, this movement, which grew to be more of a social phenomenon, saw women regaining the higher posts in the judiciary and also spurred a rise in the number of female law graduates and the activism of bar associations.

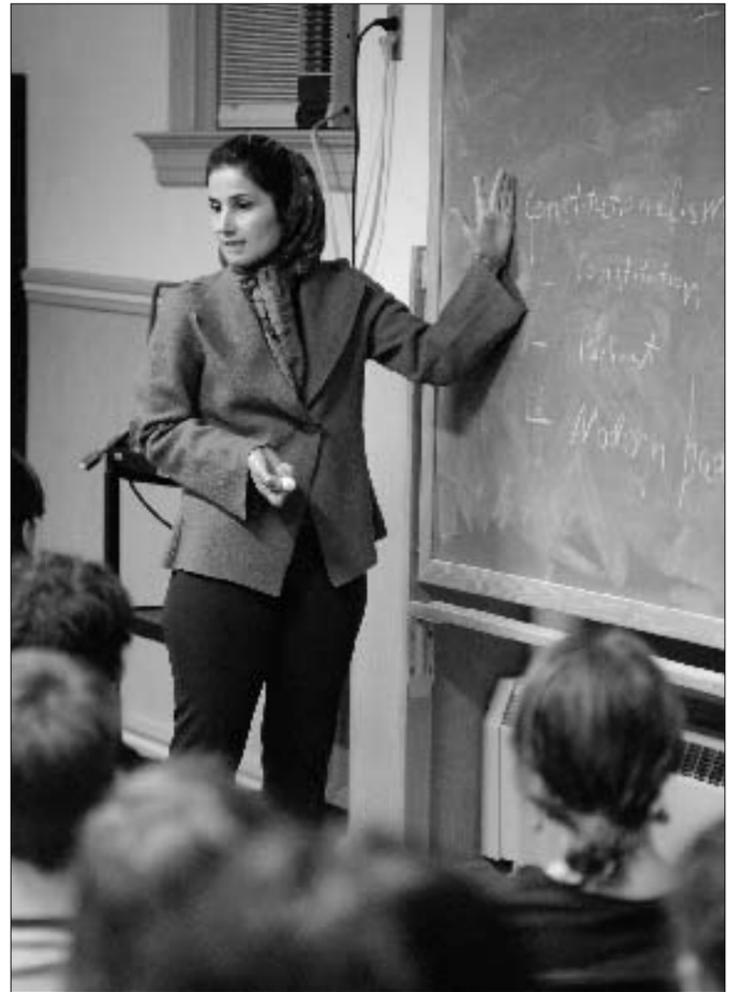
Professor Joneydi, sees the

role of bar associations, a progressively critical media and constructive academic societies as pivotal in maintaining civil liberty in society, especially in Iran.

One of the highlights of her lecture was her explanation of the sources of Islamic law and her arguments refuting the claims made by "restrictive" interpretations. With references to the Holy Qur'an, history of the Islamic Caliphate and various Islamic schools of interpretation, she demonstrated how the verses and instructions are misinterpreted and misquoted by a certain section of Islamic jurists to bolster their restrictive conceptions.

The lecture was followed by a question and answer session, which saw many students, staff and faculty members putting forward queries to the lecturer. Professor Joneydi, in most of her responses, asserted how women are aptly represented in academic and social environments in Iran and how the atmosphere is both congenial and motivating for women to step forward and take their place actively in the larger society.

Professor Joneydi's historical, religious and legal perspectives brought her to the following conclusion, which she proclaimed confidently: "I feel that there is no hindrance that prevents women from serving in judicial posts in Islam."



**Iranian Women and the Law:** Laya Joneydi explains the restricted role of women in Iran's judicial system in a lecture on Monday. Yuling Chow

## Oberlin Debates Power Source

Alice Ollstein  
News Editor

The town and college of Oberlin have reached a crossroads. The Richard H. Gorsuch Generating Station coal-fired plant in south-central Ohio that provides the city with almost half of its electricity is scheduled to be retired. The Oberlin City Council is currently deliberating buying into the nearby American Municipal Power Generating Station, another coal-burning generator, potentially purchasing 12 megawatts of coal power a year until 2057.

Oberlin professors, city council members, homeowners and students are immersed in a debate: Should Oberlin remain dependent on coal to heat and light its buildings or should the city and College try shifting to more ecologically-friendly, renewable energy sources, such as wind, solar or biogas power?

At the last city council meeting all but two members voted to acquire partial ownership of the plant. This coming Monday, the City Council will cast its final vote on whether to buy into the coal plant, or table the issue. The City's consideration of the plant is based on two reports from the consulting firm R.W. Beck that assess the economic implications and power supply of AMPGS.

Should Oberlin choose to acquire par-

tial ownership of the plant, the city has the option to back out of the deal by March 1, 2008.

College sustainability coordinator Nathan Engstrom and many others hope to utilize the time between then and now investigating available and feasible alternatives to coal, so that they can present a convincing proposal to the City Council come March.

But Engstrom — one of the few College officials speaking out against the coal plant buy-in — cited a lack of unity on his side of the debate: "Efforts to move the city away from participating in this plant are largely grassroots and not centrally organized for the most part," he said.

The higher economic costs of alternatives to coal are a common and deep concern among those who prefer the buy-in option.

If the city does not contract out to the coal plant, said the City of Oberlin's utility services manager Douglass McMillan, it will have to buy its power on the market, a significantly more expensive option.

Oberlin City Council member David Ashenhurst cited a widespread lack of understanding about the delicate cost-benefit balances of the issue: "People are signing a petition saying they're willing to pay ten percent more on their electric bills for green

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## Senate Results Posted, Runoff in Progress

Philip Waller

After countless e-mail alerts and campaign posters, the fall Student Senate elections are over and the results for the 11 open Senate spots are in.

After last year's anemic turnout, it seems that life has been once again injected into the student body politic. Twenty-four candidates ran for Senate and around 1000 students cast over 4,300 votes, four times the number cast in the elections of spring 2007. These numbers point toward vastly increased student interest in the Senate.

Many speculate that this increase may be partly because of the ease with which students were able to vote. Prompted by e-mail reminders, many Obies took the time to go onto the website and select the candidates that they wished to represent them in the coming year. The experience, according to College sophomore David Petrick, was both "interactive and invigorating."

College senior Colin Jones was re-elected for the third time with a resounding 458 votes, over 100 votes more than the second place finisher, College senior and senator-elect Ian Hilburger. Jones will now be serving as SFC co-chair and Senate Liaison in the coming year.

Jones applauded the fact that "for the first time in recent memory, we have representatives from the Con (Lillie Chilen) as well as from the freshman class (College first-year Luke Squire)."

College junior Justin Brogden, founder of the Reform Oberlin Student Senate group, was also elected to the Senate, but was the

only one of the five ROSS-affiliated candidates to win a Senate seat.

The members of the newly-elected Senate claimed in their election statements that they are ready to start solving problems that have plagued the Senate and the College for years, such as allocation of funds, College-Conservatory relations, support for club sports and increasing Oberlin's diversity, as well as for any new issues that may spring up.

One issue is still left to be resolved. In the final tally of votes, juniors Matthew O'Connell and Marc Shinn-Krantz both received 189 votes, tying for 11th place. With only 11 spots open, this presents a problem that must be addressed by the Interim Senate.

In October 2006, the Senate faced an identical dilemma and opted to hold a run-off election; there is a runoff between the two going on now.

Despite the smoothness of the election, it was not perfect. Though turnout is up from previous years, only one-third of the student body voted for its elected representatives.

Newly elected Senator and senior Louis Grube, however, feels optimistic: "It seems like Senate is the new cool thing."

Oberlin's new student senators are, from most to fewest votes garnered, Colin Jones, Ian Hilburger, Nancy Nguyen, Sara Green, Luke Squire, Louis Grube, Ben Klebanoff, Lillie Chilen, Justin Brogden and Kate Riley.

A run-off election between Matthew O'Connell and Marc Shinn-Krantz began at midnight on Wednesday and will end at 12:01 p.m. on Sunday, or when 20 percent of the student body has voted, whichever occurs first.

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## Corrections

Last week's article "Oberlin Declares War on War" stated that the anti-war rally was sponsored in part by Sacred Heart Catholic Church. This should specifically have read "the Peace and Justice Committee of Sacred Heart Catholic Church."

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## Oberlin Muslim Students Celebrate Month of Ramadan

**Sohaib Naim and Malik Woods**

The Oberlin Muslim community joins Muslims around the world this autumn in observation of the holy month of Ramadan. The ninth month in the Islamic lunar calendar, it is also the most sacred.

All adult Muslims are obligated to fast from dawn to dusk during the month, a practice which entails abstinence from food, drink and sexual activity.

At Oberlin, Iftar, the daily breaking of the fast, is conducted at the Kosher-Halal Co-op and is immediately followed by prayers. During the weekend, an Iftar is more elaborate, as it includes a trip to the Lorain Islamic Association to break the fast with the Lorain Muslim community.

For international students, observation presents some difficulty. In predominantly Muslim countries, society changes pace to accommodate fasting, altering prescribed work hours and other routines. Here at Oberlin, with its limited Muslim population, no such alterations occur.

College junior Adrieh Shahadeh, a native of Tel Aviv, Israel, remarked: "It's definitely harder to fast in Oberlin than at home because you have to keep up with your academic work, your job and try and see your friends all while not eating or drinking till about 8 p.m." Shahadeh considers this one of the "biggest challenges" she has encountered in her diligent observation of Ramadan.

The size of Muslim community here also presents a difficulty for those used to a large community for breaking the fast. Bilal Tahir, a College first-year from Lahore, Pakistan, also spoke about the challenge presented by the limited community: "It's certainly more difficult to fast here, in this environment, especially because of the extremely small

population of Muslims around."

Ahmad Zia Afghan, a College sophomore and Fulbright scholar from Afghanistan, explained his sentiments about the situation: "With the meager Muslim student body, it is difficult and often inconvenient for us to practice our religion."

"I nostalgically remember praying in congregation [at home], having morning meal (Sehri) and Iftar during Ramadan," Afghan added.

French Professor Ali Yedes, the faculty advisor to the Muslim Student Association, expressed similar views. He stated that low representation of Muslims is a significant hindrance in the organization and activity of the MSA and Muslims in general on campus.

Some students feel the limited community may point to larger problems: "The absence of a significant population, and thus the inability to organize activity, is a factor that deters future Muslim applicants," said Shahadeh.

Answering the challenge posed by the limited community, the Muslim Students Association has been busy organizing the Muslims on campus and from nearby. On Fridays, the group has been hosting group Iftars as well as congregational prayers. These sessions will continue after the holy month ends. It has also set up a prayer room where Muslims can assemble for prayers and find more information on the community.

The final festivity of the month, Eid-ul-Fitr, falls on October 13th this year. It marks the end of a month devoted to purification of the body and soul in an attempt to bring oneself closer to God and to one's community. Though the Oberlin Muslim population is small, it is certainly active and dedicated to fostering a community where worship and fellowship can thrive.

## Update:

# Contractor's Mistakes Delay Cooking

**Maya Curry**  
Editor-in-Chief

Frustration level is at a boil for those affected by continued delays in the Kosher-Halal Co-op oven renovations. As the employed contracting firm, Siegfert Mechanical LLC, makes one mistake after the next, co-ops anxiously await the Fire Chief and Building Inspector's "okay" to start baking.

"I'm just sort of flabbergasted by the number of problems we've run into on this project," said Project Manager and Assistant Director of Facilities Leo Evans. "It's unacceptable."

Co-ops echoed that sentiment: "It's completely absurd that in the fourth week of school we still don't have ovens," said double degree fifth-year Zeev Saffir, a current DLEC in his ninth semester at Kosher-Halal Co-op.

Building Inspector Ron Schnurr and Fire Chief Dennis Kirin visited the kitchen on Thursday of last week and called for re-fabrication of the exhaust duct for the north kitchen, due to improper installation. There were also problems with the placement of a sprinkler head and a heat detector, and the hood is missing make-up air units.

The contractor did not understand the July 1, 2007 Ohio Building Code revision, said Evans, which, in addition to the new rules for exhaust duct placement and make-up air units, requires that all gas-fueled appliances interface with the hood so that the appliances cannot be used unless the hood is operating.

"I'm surprised at the lack of understanding on the part of the engineer," continued Evans, obviously frustrated that the engineer and contractor had not researched the new building code before beginning the project.

Since then, sensors that interlock with the hood and stovetops have been installed; the hood is now activated as the burners start to get hot, rather than running constantly. Evans, however, was not confident that the electrical contractor did his research and installed the appropriate devices, and will confirm their acceptability with the Fire Chief. The problem sprinkler head, heat detector and exhaust duct have also since been re-installed.

The arrival of the make-up air units was delayed, due to what the contractor evasively described as "production issues," but they are expected to be on-site with the contractor today. The air units heat up outside air with gas. The heated air is then funneled into the hood to make up for the air that is exhausted by the hood. Evans predicted that the units would take two working days to install, with workers working overtime.

The employees of Siegfert Mechanical LLC have proven to be effectively unreliable. However, there is no penalty clause in the original contract between the College and the contractor, so the contractor is not being fined for the delays. This is the same firm that renovated the hood in the Pyle-Inn kitchen, which Evans explained ran into few problems.

"I've begun to follow up with my own crews [and research] and phone calls," said Evans, indicating his lack of confidence in their work and word. "I just want the hood to be done. [With] the next hood we do, we won't run into this again."

"[But] I'm not the one suffering," continued Evans, "The people who have to cook and haul food up and down the stairs are the ones suffering."

## Community Church Hosts Issues Fair

**Piper Niehaus**  
Staff Writer

Both Oberlin College and the town of Oberlin are known for their activist streak, and Monday night's Issues Fair, held at the First Church of Oberlin, did not disappoint.

The many organizations present shared their thoughts on gun control, AIDS awareness, poverty, education, environmentalism, voter registration, justice, peace and healthcare. The organizers came from all over Lorain County and even further parts of Ohio.

"I just felt that it would be a good way to put [my issue] out there in Oberlin," explained Josh Thurston, the Northeast Ohio Regional director of Ohioans for Healthy Families. "Lorain County is a big county."

The fair was a chance for many community members to learn about issues that could affect their lives.

"It's inspiring to see everyone having opinions on things all over the place," said City Council member David Ashenurst.

"I think it's a good idea," said Oberlin resident Norman Craig. "I'm learning some things, but I've been paying attention to these matters so it's not as if I'm starting from scratch."

Despite positive feedback, several people noted that the hall was surprisingly empty, especially of col-



**Out of Commission:** Kosher-Halal Co-op continues to wait for functioning ovens. Chris Hamby

After their first grill began shooting flames two weeks ago and ceasing to function reliably, Director of Business Operations and College Liaison to OSCA Michele Gross saw to it that Kosher-Halal co-ops were provided with new cooking appliances.

College liaison for OSCA and senior Dan Gessner and OSCA Operations Manager and sophomore Emma Dorst learned about the co-op's grill necessity at their dinner meeting last Thursday night. Gessner spread the news to Gross, "and I'd say within 24 hours, [Kosher-Halal co-op] had two propane grills," said Gessner.

"It's a lot easier to cook with [the industrial-sized grills]," said double-degree senior and seventh-semester Kosher-Halal co-op Hannah Levinson. "They have really improved our lifestyle."

Co-ops seem generally pleased with the support of OSCA and ResEd.

Directly after the grill crisis, "Harkness offered us a kind of open-door policy," said Levinson. "We were even serenaded by them."

Gross continues to provide co-ops with CDS meals and subsidized food from the Cleveland caterer, which Kosher-Halal is using to help them through the holidays this week. Gross also closed the bake shop in the basement of South for this week so that the co-ops can have exclusive use of the ovens.

"It's still a hassle to get food over there [to South] and back after it's cooked," said Saffir. But they do plan to use the ovens for tonight's dinner.

"I'm glad the College started working on this when they did — if [they hadn't], all this would be just beginning right now," said Gessner. "[Despite all the] confusion and frustration, I've been happy with the college's response. It's just unfortunate that it's taking this long and that it's still so unsure."

The Fire Chief will conduct another inspection today on all that has been installed up to this point.

lege students.

"It would be great to see more students come and get a wider sense of what's going on in the community," said Reverend Mary Hammond of Peace Community Church.

The students who came to the fair were mostly there to promote organizations that bridge the gap between the college and the community.

"There are students from the SEED House who have a table, and that's just great," said Hammond.

"We're trying to get the word out to homeowners so we can provide information about green renovation projects that can be done in their own homes," explained Amanda Medress, a College junior who manned the SEED House table for much of the evening. "We thought this would be a good place to interface with people in town since normally our exposure to them is limited."

Also present were Lina Yamashita, a College senior who has been active in organizing the Oberlin High School garden and College senior Cecilia Galarraga, who has worked in several organizations that link the College and the community.

Whatever the number of attendees, most people at the Issues Fair felt that it was worth having, largely because it provided opportunities for dialogue about issues prevalent in Oberlin and outside.

"These are all important issues," explained Craig, "so it's important to have this type of awareness."

## Off the Cuff: Munther Dajani

Professor Munther Dajani is renowned for his work in the Middle East peace process. He has published several books, scholarly articles and a dissertation, all of which have attempted to posit potential solutions to the unending crisis. He is the founder and former chairman of the Department of Political Science and Diplomatic Studies at Al Quds University in Jerusalem, Israel. He is currently the Dean of the Faculty of Arts at Al Quds and the Director of the Issam Sartawi Center for the Advancement of Peace and Democracy. Dr. Dajani is in Oberlin for the week teaching a mini-course on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

### What is the aim of the course?

The objective of the course is to familiarize students with the Arab-Israeli conflict but, since it is a short mini-course, I like to make it issue-oriented. There will be five lectures, each with an issue open for discussion.

For example, in the one lecture we will speak about narratives. There is an Israeli narrative and there is a Palestinian narrative. This is basically what the contested part is, [why they] are fighting. Each thinks that his narrative is the right one. I am involved in trying to narrow the gap between those narratives.

Another lecture will be about the historical relation between the United States, Israel and Palestine. There is also a long tradition of

misconceptions and misperceptions about Palestinians, about Israelis and so on, and we would like to work on correcting that. Another lecture will be about Jerusalem. There are two narratives as far as Jerusalem is concerned.

If we really want to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict we have to be open-minded and have goodwill. This is the essence of what negotiation is all about. But if people go into the negotiation with very strict and guarded notions of what they want and what they don't want, there are no negotiations. They will be imposing on each other their points of views.

There is also a touchy issue: the [Palestinian] refugees. The refugee problem can be divided into two parts, as far as I am concerned. Everybody accepts that the refugees have rights, but the "right of return" can be negotiated. If they want to go back to Palestine it's fine, but not to Israel. But if they want to go somewhere else like Canada, or Australia, or New Zealand or the United States, then they can acquire a compensation package for all the refugees.

If you look at it, all issues are negotiable if [the participants] have good will.

### In the course, are you going to present solutions, or are you going to pose questions and challenge students to invent solutions?

Actually, both. There have been solutions on the ground for the last



Munther Dajani, visiting professor and Dean of the Faculty of Arts at Al Quds University in Jerusalem

40 years, but nobody ever cares to implement them. Secretary of State Rogers [1969-1973] had a very good solution. Every three to five years somebody comes up with a plan, and the plan is almost similar to any other plan because it takes all the basics into consideration. But what happens? Nobody implements.

There is the Crown Prince Fahd's Plan. There is the Reagan Plan. Now we are talking about a Bush Plan and an Arab Summit Plan. It's exactly like 30 years ago. History keeps repeating itself. They keep coming up with new plans, which are not really new because if you knew the history. It's old wine in new bottles.

### What kind of environment needs

to exist in order for there to be peace?

We have to get out of a culture of war and start working for a culture of peace. Nobody has worked for a culture of peace for the last 50 years. Everybody has been working on a culture of war.

The Norwegians have donated a lot of money to something called People to People programs, but these programs really became a very big industry between the involved factions. Rather than working on the ground, on the grassroots, it became a business, and this is what went wrong with it.

### I noticed in the syllabus you are going to devote one lecture to Hamas. What do you think of Hamas' presence in Palestine?

It's very destructive because whenever extremism takes over, there are reasons for why people become extreme. Israeli draconian measures against the Palestinians destroyed what was left of the moderate movement. Second, the corruption, which was implemented by Fatah on the ground [led to extremism].

I was Director of the Ministry of Economy and Trade, and I have resigned three times from top public official positions in protest of corruption. Corruption [in Israel] is very, very serious. The problem is, this is donors' money, which means it is the taxpayers' money, and for people to take advantage of that and be corrupt

is just unacceptable. There must be an alternative for the problem.

### What do you hope students will get out of the course?

If we are able to provoke them to think about the Arab-Israeli conflict in a new vision, a new concept with new ideas, this is what it is all about. One has to keep an open mind and an open heart in order to be able to [do this].

Studying is seeking the truth and seeking knowledge and seeking a new vision for oneself and to develop oneself and to work on himself as a human being. Part of the course, hopefully, will help you understand the Arab-Israeli problem in a completely different context, in a new context. I'm very optimistic that we will have peace, but we don't want it tomorrow. We are working to have peace today. We want to do everything which is possible to grant our children what we couldn't have: a life blessed with harmony and peace and prosperity.

### As a final note, what prompted you to teach the course in the first place?

I actually volunteered to teach this course. Oberlin Rabbi Shimon Brand was very excited about it and he followed it up and made it happen. I was ready to come and teach it.

Interview by Malik Woods  
Photo by Chris Hamby

## Economist Discusses Unemployment and Inflation

Jimmy Hagan

This past Wednesday, Sept. 26, economist William T. Dickens addressed one of the most important and debated topics in his field – the relationship between inflation and unemployment – in a lecture sponsored by the Economics Department.

Dickens' talk, which was based on collaborative work with George Akerlof and George Perry, suggested a relationship between higher average inflation and lower average unemployment.

"His work could have major implications for human happiness," noted Visiting Associate Professor of Economics Jonathan Lipow, referring to the impact Dickens' work could have on lowering unemployment. "It may be an important piece in understanding what controls joblessness in industrial economies."

However, Oberlin Danforth-Lewis Professor of Economics Ken Kuttner points out that Dickens' research from 1996 is "controversial, as it implies a 'long run' tradeoff between unemployment and inflation." Kuttner contends, "There is no solid evidence [of such a tradeoff]."

Though he has sparked debate in macroeconomics, Dr. Dickens has not limited his research to this area. Dickens' recent work applies the precise models employed by economists to psychology, a practice he felt was lacking from the latter field.

Dickens has added to the psychological debate of race and intelligence, arguing that genetic variations can influence intelligence within the same ethnic group, but that social conditions mostly define the differences in early childhood success between races.

Dickens used the example of a group of boys with equal height playing basketball with a boy who is slightly taller. At a young age, the height advantage makes it easier to shoot so the taller boy will be rewarded early for his talent and given specialized training to improve passing and dribbling.

Being taller doesn't make him an inherently better basketball player but it does explain

why he has developed into one, argues Dickens. He applies the same reasoning to younger students with, for example, longer attention spans. They will be rewarded early and encouraged to learn more by their schools and parents. In this case, intelligence is made, not born.

"I'm a product of the '60s and '70s," remarked Dickens casually. "I fell in love with economics as a way to systematically analyze social problems."

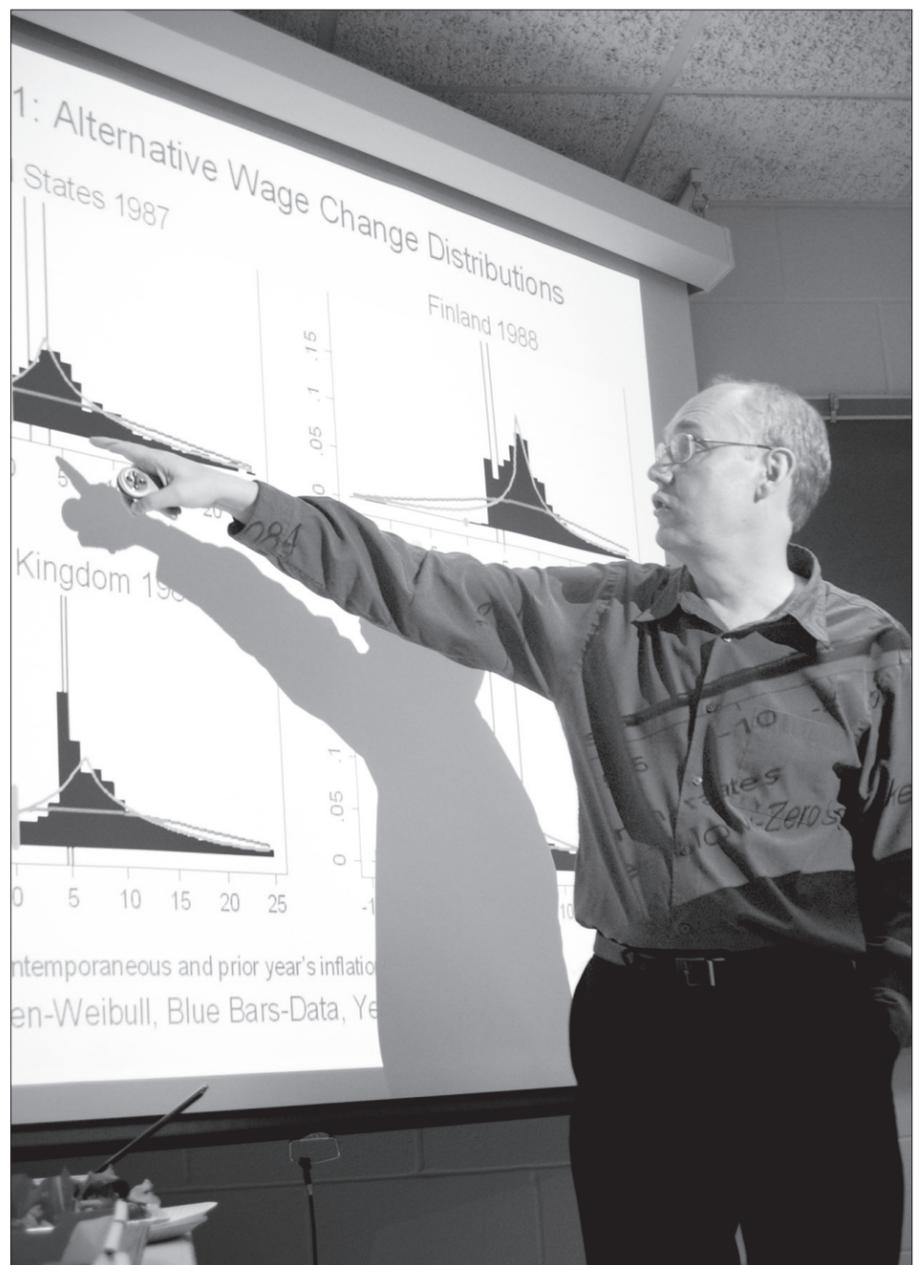
When asked what motivated him to integrate psychology and economics, Dickens responded, "I was frustrated [in graduate school] by the way members of the profession approached economics with blinders on." He noted that economics often fails to take into account the human aspects of productivity such as procrastination and motivation.

Reflecting on his graduate school days and the constant critiques of his Massachusetts Institute of Technology professors, Dickens added jokingly, "It seems much easier until you actually do the work yourself."

Dickens received his undergraduate degree from Bard in 1976 and his PhD from MIT in 1981. He has written numerous papers dealing with broad topics, from cognitive abilities and IQ gains to labor market policy. He also spent 16 years as a professor of economics at the University of California, Berkeley.

Dickens is now directing the International Wage Flexibility Project: an expanding 13-nation research team dedicated to painstakingly gathering and analyzing data funded by the European Central Bank. Dickens presented the IWFP's work to the economic world in a paper published in the spring 2007 issue of *The Journal of Economic Perspectives* and again to Oberlin students on Wednesday. He is currently working on compiling the IWFP's findings into book form as well as tackling the more theoretical problems raised by his research.

Dickens was brought in to chat and eat mushroom and sausage pizza with students and faculty as part of the economics department's Danforth-Lewis Speaker Series. The series will host five more speakers in the fall semester.



Money Talks: Economist William T. Dickens explains the intricacies of inflation and employment in Wednesday's lecture.  
Chris Heslin

## Earth to oberlin

### Biogas May Present Green Alternative to Fossil Fuels

**Alice Ollstein**  
News Editor

Students, staff, Oberlin homeowners and local activists crowded into the Environmental Studies Center last Monday to listen to Dairy Electric founder Keith Logan make the case for powering the city and College with biogas — a fuel produced by the anaerobic digestion of organic matter such as manure, crops and food waste.

In addition to informing the assembly about the many merits of biogas, the lecture served as a timely message to City Council, who will vote this coming Monday whether or not to re-invest money in coal power.

College Coordinator of Environmental Sustainability Nathan Engstrom introduced Logan, stressing the necessity of listening to as many ideas as possible in order to combat “skepticism that there are no alternatives,” which he sees as a prevalent sentiment in Oberlin and elsewhere.

In his speech, Logan made it clear that alternatives to coal are not only possible, but available and necessary. Along with biotech specialist Stephen Hoyt, he explained how a biogas plant can take food waste from local food processing plants and manure from local farms and convert these products into energy using a bacterial system that produces heat and electricity with negative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. A by-product of the process is its ability to function as an effective fertilizer with all the nutrients, but none of the dangerous pathogens or stench of manure.

Logan said he has traveled to cow farms near Oberlin and spoken with their owners and found that many farmers are interested in having their waste taken off their hands and put to good

use; the methane released by the “lagoons” of manure kept by most cow farms not only smells terrible, but is 21 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub> as a greenhouse gas.

Before delving into why biogas is right for Oberlin, Logan described the worldwide movement — spearheaded by Germany — to embrace this fuel. Some countries in Europe even go so far as to run their public buses and trains on biogas and to subsidize its production by slightly raising electricity rates. Though the U.S. has over 100 manure-based fuel systems up and running, it is still far behind.

According to Logan, it is the perfect time for Oberlin to get on the bandwagon — Monday’s City Council vote presents a perfect opportunity to move away from coal. He noted that Ohio ranks third-highest in coal use nationwide, just after Texas and Indiana, and that government estimates see coal use climbing even higher.

Logan further explained the reliability of biogas, in comparison with wind or solar power, as well as its economic advantages. “It could save us a penny and a half every kilowatt hour,” he said. “Also, it’s a chance for Oberlin to demonstrate its commitment to renewable energy, and I don’t see why students couldn’t get involved in running the plant.”

Logan projected that a biogas manufacturing plant could potentially offset 1,280 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> in heating and 7,200 in electricity, though it would take about 15 years of capital expenditure payback to finance.

To conclude the event, Engstrom spoke again, this time expressing his hopes that Logan and activists like him will “convince City Council to make a more appropriate decision” with regards to powering Oberlin.

#### Did you know?

- Biogas was used in the 10th century in Assyria to heat bathwater
- Ohio burns more than double the national average of coal every year
- Coal produces 37 percent of U.S. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions but only provides 23 percent of our energy

# SURF Addresses Contraception

**Bret Nolan**

On August 24, 2006, the FDA approved Plan B, a brand of emergency contraceptives, as an over-the-counter drug. This was a victory for the groups lobbying for the change. A year later, though the law promises that all women have access to this drug just like any other over-the-counter medication, the distribution and accessibility of Plan B in some areas is sporadic or nonexistent.

It was this issue that the Students United for Reproductive Freedom sought to confront last Sunday with regard to the local community of Oberlin. By conducting a call survey of Oberlin area pharmacies, the group got a feel for the local distribution of Plan B, as well as the prices at which the medication is being sold and the behavior of the pharmacists who handled their calls.

Overall, the results were positive. Most of the pharmacies phoned were courteous, had Plan B in stock, and were selling it for between \$35 and \$45 — a reasonable asking price for this medication. Some of the pharmacists asked for the age of the caller, as Plan B is only available over-the-counter to people who are 18 or over. One pharmacist even referred a member of SURF to Planned Parenthood with any further questions she might have.

However, the group encountered some problems. A few pharmacies had a low stock of Plan B or the pharmacists were not aware of its over-the-counter status. Some of the pharmacies that were called were also closed on Sundays, which poses a problem for emergency contraception, as it is most effective when taken as soon as possible within 72 hours after an unprotected sexual act. In one or two calls, the pharmacist did not even know what Plan B was.

Pharmacies are not the only distributors of Plan B. It can be found along with other emergency contraceptives at hospitals, where the medication is utilized upon request in cases of sexual assault or battery. Unfortunately, according to the experience a SURF member who has worked in the sphere of public health facilities, only half of hospitals distribute emergency contraception on a consistent basis. Some facilities do not keep it in stock or will not administer it upon request, even in cases of sexual abuse, because of their

## The facts:

Plan B is available as an over the counter drug for persons who are 18 and older — it is only available by prescription to women younger than 17.

Plan B is most effective when taken as soon as possible within a 72-hour window after an unprotected sexual act.

Student Health sells Plan B for only \$20, which is \$15 less than the price at local pharmacies.

objections to the medication.

The U.S. Senate attempted to address this issue in 2005 by creating the Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies Act, which would have required all hospitals to provide access to emergency contraception in any case where a woman claims to have been, or the health experts at the hospital believe her to be, a victim of sexual assault. Unfortunately, this bill was never signed into federal law, although some states have adapted versions of it for their own legislature.

Both SURF and Oberlin’s Sexual Information Center have been making their own efforts to increase the accessibility of Plan B on a more local scale, especially for college students and people in the surrounding area. For SURF, the next step in assuring accessibility of this medication is to take the results of the phone survey and put pressure on those pharmacies that do not provide emergency contraception or who have grave misconceptions about the information or the medicinal status of Plan B. Until these problems can be worked out, SURF urges consumers to take control of the situation by learning the facts about emergency contraception, either from the SIC, Student Health or [www.plannedparenthood.com](http://www.plannedparenthood.com).

## McKelvey Lectures on Housing Bubble

**Brian Pugh**  
News Editor

Amid fears that the collapsing market will trigger a recession, Goldman Sachs Economist and Vice President Edward McKelvey, OC ’68, brought some perspective to the crisis with his lecture “Brave New Business Cycle.” In McKelvey’s view, despite trouble in some sectors of the economy, new innovations have created a more balanced business cycle that is less prone to severe recessions or rapid growth.

While these developments might reduce the severity of recessions and the danger of inflation, McKelvey pointed out they produced “a slow take-off in 1991” and following the ’91 recession companies were slower to hire than in past recoveries. “Two hundred [thousand new jobs a month] used to be a good bid on a post recession employment report,” said McKelvey. “Now it’s 100 to 200 [thousand].”

Not all of these new economic innovations have made for greater stability. According to McKelvey, the most important change in the American economy, and the one that is a source of so much agitation lately, is the deregulation in housing finance. “The old system [of housing finance] was highly over-regulated,” said McKelvey. These restrictions led to a shortage of capital to finance home buying, a point McKelvey emphasized by recounting how when he was buying his first house, the main obstacle was not his own credit worthiness, but the bank’s ability to actually provide the funds.

The restrictions that hampered home lending were lifted over the

course of the 1980s, eliminating these obstacles, but “we may have gone to the point of too much of a good thing.” The emergence of a secondary market in home loans, where investors can purchase mortgages that have been bundled together, has made it easier for the banks to access capital, but has decreased the incentives for lenders to verify the quality of loans since they are re-packaged and sold to investors.

‘There are many different ways for housing finance to affect the rest of the economy.’

Edward McKelvey  
VP Goldman Sachs

These changes contributed to a boom in the housing market beginning in the late 1990s that saw residential investment and housing prices reach a several-decade high and create what McKelvey called “a housing department way out of whack.”

The consequences of the housing bubble and its subsequent collapse have been a surplus of homes equal to almost an entire year of house construction, rising foreclosure rates, a tightening of mortgage credit standards and a sharp decline in asset-backed commercial paper outstanding.

Mortgage difficulties could also affect consumer spending as result of home equity loans, pointed out Oberlin Professor David Cleeton during the presentation.

“I’m quite concerned for the potential of all that; there are many different ways for housing finance to affect the rest of the economy,” said McKelvey.

Despite the troubles afflicting housing, McKelvey was not too pessimistic, though he did predict “a further slowing in US growth... a modest [one percentage point] rise in unemployment and more easing from the Fed,” as well as “a high risk of recession.” Still, McKelvey said he did not think the economy would actually fall into a recession.

The source of the Goldman Sachs economist’s equanimity in the face of the troubles wracking housing finance was his belief that new developments in other sectors have made for a more stable economy. The changes that underlie Edward McKelvey’s “brave new business cycle” are a more competitive economy as result of deregulation and more international trade, the revolution in information technology and more responsive, just-in-time management.

In McKelvey’s analysis, greater competition has forced firms to keep prices down, while the growth of international markets has allowed companies to hedge against domestic economic problems and just-in-time production allows for quicker response to market change, moderating recessions and booms.

According to the presentation, the chances of the housing market returning to normalcy in the near future appear to be slim. Despite falling home prices, there is still “a long way to go to restore affordability.” When a student asked when she should purchase a house, McKelvey answered, “Not until 2009.”



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# Vendors Showcase Products at Local Foods Fair



**I Scream, You Scream:** College senior David Perlman samples locally made ice cream outside Wilder. Chris Hamby

## Malik Woods

In an atmosphere of sharing and satiation, DeCafé drew attention to local products and provided feedback to vendors with its annual "Taste of Wilder" local foods fair last Tuesday. Underlying this exuberance was a serious interest in food politics.

As students crowded around the tables, vendors offered locally made honey, beef jerky, caramel corn and more.

Bill Speicher of Keric Korn and Candies offered up samples of his homemade, flavored popcorn. "We put pride in what we do and try to put out the best products," he said. "We use the best ingredients available."

Jodi Macbeth of Gold Rush Medina Food, whose company has produced premium beef jerk for nearly ten years in Litchfield, OH, earnestly claimed that hers was the "best jerky around because it's locally made." Not only did she feel that small-scale, local production lends itself to the development of a better

product, but it also "helps the community out."

Other vendors interviewed for the article concurred that the relative size of their operations ensured a higher level of quality control and provided support for local businesses. Not only are these companies locally based, but they almost exclusively only use local goods and ingredients.

Gina Fusco, a DeCafé manager, began the Local Foods Fair seven years ago to encourage interest in the limited local goods offered at the store. "It is a long [standing] philosophy to support local business...it reduces the carbon footprint," she said.

Politics aside, Fusco enjoys hosting the event because, as she said, "It's a lot of fun!"

For some students, the politics embodied by the event were just as important as the free sample of food.

"Supporting local economies over global economies fosters community," said College senior Ted Rees. "It takes business away from multinational corporations."

# Oberlin City Council Leans Toward Continued Coal Power

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power, but green power doesn't just cost ten percent more, it costs more like 60 percent more."

Ashenhurst critiqued the College for its single-minded rejection of the coal plant buy-in option: "The College says, 'Don't do it.' The Committee on Environmental Sustainability says, 'Don't do it.' And I know [environmental studies professor] David Orr says, 'Don't do it.' But nobody has told us where we're going to get base-load, reliable power — not just when the wind's blowing or the sun is shining — 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Where that reliable power comes from, in this country, is coal or nuclear."

"In terms of low-cost, reliable power for the town, we really need this," said McMillan. "We need to make sure that when you flip the switch, the lights come on. If we don't get in on [the coal plant], we'll be at the mercy of the energy market, which

is predominantly coal anyway."

Ashenhurst challenged the College to put its money behind its ideals: "The College should say more than, 'Don't do this.' It should say, 'We'll help you.' We haven't heard [College Vice President of Finance] Ron Watts say, 'By all means, go buy a natural gas fired plant and raise our electric rates 70 percent.'"

"The economic, ecological and human implications of the decisions at hand are significant and deserve more careful consideration than I fear they may receive."

John Petersen  
Professor

"It's the city's responsibility to investigate alternatives to coal and exercise due diligence when spending 36 million of the taxpayers' dollars, not the College," countered Engstrom.

"That's their obligation as public servants and as those who have the power and authority to make this kind of longer term decision for the community."

"We're hopeful that there might be some alternatives to the coal plant, but we have to be realistic," said College President Marvin Krislov. "There is an issue about cost."

Environmental Studies Professor and Chair of the College's Committee on Environmental Sustainability John Petersen described what he saw as the pressing dangers of giving in to the possibly more cost-effective coal-generated power: "The effects of human-released greenhouse gases are already affecting weather patterns, economic opportunities and human lives in northeast Ohio and these effects will increase in the coming years. The drought earlier this summer and the recent flooding in our region are precisely the kind of extreme events that result from reliance on coal-fired power plants."

"The economic, ecological and human implications of the decision at hand are significant and deserve more

careful consideration than I fear they may receive," said Petersen.

"City Council has an obligation to engage in a far more comprehensive analysis that considers the full ramifications of coal power and its alternatives before they approve investment in AMPGS," he said, worried that City Council will skim over the debate in favor of an easy fix.

McMillan asserts that Oberlin can pursue energy-efficient practices even with a contract with AMPGS, as the plant will only provide Oberlin's base-load power of 64 percent. Since the City already acquires 17.5 percent of its energy from renewable sources, the purchase will still leave a large percentage to be decided, leaving the door open to green sources like wind or hydroelectric power.

"We're already the greenest town in Ohio," commented Ashenhurst. "We're running as fast as we can."

Supporters of the buy-in argue that the AMPGS plant runs off of "clean coal technology," meaning that the smokestacks emit fewer particles of sulfur and nitrogen oxides

than a conventional coal plant might and that a system to contain carbon dioxide emissions could theoretically be installed.

Coal critics reject this claim. "There is currently no commercially available technology in existence or likely to be developed in the near-term future that can directly capture and sequester carbon dioxide emissions in the geological substrate of northeast Ohio," said Petersen.

This coming Monday's city council meeting looks to be a historic one, as the city will decide either to buy into the plant or table the issue. "We've had a bunch of slideshows and presentations, and we're going to get more this Monday night," said Ashenhurst. "There's going to be a lot of agitation."

In a letter to the *Oberlin News-Tribune*, Petersen encouraged Oberlin citizens to "turn out in force" for the meeting "with the same enthusiasm and commitment to a clean energy future" demonstrated in the past.

Staff writer Kate Riley contributed to this report.

## Review Security Notebook

**Sept. 21, 3:03 p.m.** A student reported the theft of a backpack from an unattended practice room in Robertson Conservatory. The backpack was located by officers in a nearby practice room. Missing was a wallet, credit card and some cash.

**Sept. 21, 5:42 p.m.** An officer and Oberlin Fire Department responded to a fire alarm on the third floor of South Hall. The cause of the alarm was smoke from burned food. The smoke was cleared and the alarm reset.

**Sept. 22, 8 a.m.** A student reported

the theft of a bicycle from outside of Wilder Hall. The bicycle is a Next, orange in color, similar to a BMX bicycle. A bicycle fitting the description of the missing bicycle was located at Noah Hall. It was transported to the Security Department for safekeeping until ownership can be determined.

**Sept. 22, 3:18 p.m.** A student reported the theft of a secured bicycle from the south side of Asia House. The bike is a Schwinn Prelude, silver/blue in color, men's road bike.

**Sept. 22, 11:12 p.m.** Officers and Oberlin Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the Union Street apartments. The cause of the alarm was found to be smoke from

burned food. While on scene, officers observed a female stumbling in the area. She was transported to Allen Medical Center for treatment of burns to her abdomen received from hot water.

**Sept. 23, 3:44 p.m.** A student reported the theft of a locked bicycle from Finney parking lot. The bicycle is black and white in color and was rented from the Bike Co-op.

**Sept. 24, 8:30 a.m.** Officers and Oberlin Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at 284 Goldsmith Lane. Smoke from cooking bacon activated the alarm.

**Sept. 25, 9 a.m.** Custodial staff reported vandalism to light fixtures

at Langston Hall. Damage consisted of broken light fixtures on the first floor and a shattered "EXIT" light on the third floor. A work order was placed for repair.

**Sept. 25, 9:30 a.m.** A student reported the theft of a unlocked bicycle from outside the courtyard area of Allen Memorial Art Museum. The bike is a Huffy, men's mountain bike, metallic forest green, gear shift handlebars with black mesh seat, broken rear springs. The bicycle was not registered at the time of theft and the value is unknown.

**Sept. 25, 6:42 p.m.** A student reported the theft of a locked bicycle from the north side of South Hall. The bicycle is a women's Trek mountain

bike, silver/green in color, 21 speed. Value is unknown.

**Sept. 26, 3:02 a.m.** An officer on patrol of the Oberlin Inn was approached by a male employee who was experiencing lightheadedness, blurred vision and a racing heartbeat. The employee was transported to Allen Medical Center by ambulance.

**Sept. 26, 4:15 a.m.** Officers responded to Philips Gym after receiving a report of two students swimming in the pool. The individuals exited the pool and were identified. They were advised of the hazards of their actions and being in the building after hours. The students were then escorted from the building.

## the news in brief

### Annual Dog Show Held in Tappan Square



**Mixed company:** A woman holds a small kitten at the Doggie Doo Pooch Parade, Oberlin's annual dog show. Chris Hamby

**Yan Slobodkin**  
News Editor

On Saturday, dog owners from Oberlin and elsewhere gathered in Tappan Square with their pets to participate in Oberlin's third annual Doggie Doo Pooch Parade.

The event featured vendors of dog-related items, contests such as Best Trick and Longest and Shortest Ears, as well as information on pet adoption from local rescue groups. The main attraction was the parade, which gave owners the opportunity to show off their pets.

Everett Tyree, Oberlin City Councilman and one of the judges for the contests, said that the event was a good way to bring people from various communities together in Oberlin.

"It's a very good thing for the Oberlin community," Tyree said. "It's really becoming a tradition."

The proceeds from the event will be donated to local animal shelters.

### Students Urge Senator to Support Treaty

**Yan Slobodkin**  
News Editor

On Tuesday, Sept. 25, a delegation of Oberlin students and graduates led by Annie Watson, OC '07, and affiliated with Amnesty International traveled to Cleveland in order

to persuade Ohio senator Sherrod Brown to vote for the ratification of an international treaty for the rights of women.

This measure, officially known as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, defines what constitutes discrimination as "any distinction...made on the basis of sex which has the effect or purpose of impairing...enjoyment by women...on a basis of equality of men and women, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural, civil or any other field."

According to the United Nations, which adopted the CEDAW in 1979, signatory states commit themselves to incorporating this principle into their legal systems and are required to submit regular reports to the UN on their compliance with the treaty.

College sophomore Ramona Demme, one of the students who served on the delegation, said that the idea was well received by Elizabeth Thames, the Brown staffer who met with the group.

According to Demme, Thames said that Senator Brown should support the measure, and even expressed surprise that anybody would oppose it.

Currently, 185 countries are party to the convention. The United States is one of eight countries, and the only industrialized nation, that has yet to adopt CEDAW. President Jimmy Carter signed CEDAW in 1980, but the U.S. Senate has yet to ratify the agreement.

### NSF Awards Oberlin Grant for Computer Modeling

**Rani Molla**  
Editor-in-Chief

Oberlin recently received a \$541,000 grant from the National Science Foundation's Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics program to be distributed over the next five years. The grant will be administered through the Oberlin Center for Computation and Modeling, which will use the money for scholarships for those who show interest in the field and to bring in modeling specialists to teach courses here at Oberlin.

According to Dan Stinebring, professor of astronomy and physics and a founder of OCCaM, "Modeling is the effort to quantitatively characterize a complicated system and its behavior." Computing assists in the modeling.

Students majoring in the sciences, including math and computer science, can apply for these need-based grants of up to \$10,000 per year for two years (junior and senior). The selection process for 2008-9 scholarships will begin this spring. There will be approximately 24 scholarships awarded in total.

The original proposal to the NSF for this grant was created through the effort of Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs Pam Snyder, Professor and Chair of Computer Science Rich Salter and Professor of Geology Laura Moore, as well as Stinebring.

Details for the student applications have yet to be finalized.

### Alumni Elect McGee-Tubb 2007 Class Trustee

**Kate Riley**  
Staff Writer

After making it to the final round of elections along with one other candidate, Mathilda McGee-Tubb, OC '07, was elected trustee for her class.

While at Oberlin, McGee-Tubb served on the Educational Planning and Policy Committee and worked for the Office of Admissions as an academic ambassador and tour guide. A religion major, McGee-Tubb's goals for the trustee position include "devising alternative funding options that could lower tuition and reinstate Oberlin's qualification for programs like the McNair Scholars, improving town-gown relations and making further progress on Oberlin's contribution to global environmental sustainability."

Class trustees are chosen through a sequence of two elections; McGee-Tubb and Jaimie Harrow, OC '07, were announced as the final candidates after a primary election in May, and McGee-Tubb was announced as class trustee after a final vote in August.

### After Delays, Azariah's Café Opens in Main Library



**A place to work:** Two students study and sip drinks in recently opened Azariah's Café. Chris Hamby

**Brian Pugh**  
News Editor

Mudd Library's Azariah's Café finally opened on Monday, after a week-long delay. Previously, the *Review* reported that the Café would open on September 17, but according to Director of Business Operations and Dining Michele Gross, the 24th was selected in response to a lack of student workers for the earlier date.

Student reactions to the Café were largely positive, despite opening day snafus. A shortage of appropriate name tags led *Review* Arts editor, College junior and Campus Dining employee Laurel Fuson to wear a sticker that read "Jennifer."

Cashiers spent minutes perusing the plastic buttons on the register, searching for the one that matched the desired item. One student got a coffee nearly half-off because the attendant could not find the appropriate button.

"Did the price go up ten cents overnight?" asked one student in reference to his second pumpkin muffin purchase. Apparently there are two muffin buttons on the register, one that charges one dollar and another that charges ninety cents.

Holly Roney, College sophomore and the first student to make a purchase at the new Obie Dollars-only, student-managed and operated café, said buying her bran muffin and "muddchino" was "fun."

"I like that they have lots of power outlets for my laptop and that I can talk while in the library," said College junior Jo Valente.

"I like that these seats have straight backs, which force you to sit up straight so it concentrates your energy," said College junior Melissa Streng. "And the colors remind me of the autumn."

The café did not experience a rush of students this week, but rather a consistent few mulling around. It is open Monday

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## Alumni Gather at Alma Mater

Not only undergraduates return to Oberlin in September! Each year the leaders of the Alumni Association also return to campus at the beginning of the new academic year.

The alumni leaders return for meetings and to attend programs that will help us to better support and encourage our fellow alumni to support Oberlin. This year over 225 members of our Alumni Council will be on campus the weekend of September 28-30, 2007. It will be special because we will welcome our new College President Marvin Krislov and his wife, Dr. Amy Sheon, to their first Alumni Council Weekend.

At our dinner on Friday, Sept. 28, we will present awards for significant volunteer service and we will also honor William C. McNeill '66 with our Distinguished Achievement Award. Bill McNeill has spent his entire legal career working to ensure justice and equal opportunity to economically and socially marginalized members of our society. He is currently Senior Staff Attorney for The Employment Law Center in San Francisco, CA, where he leads a staff of 32, including 13 attorneys who handle a docket of public interest cases on core issues affecting workers.

During the weekend, we will have meetings for our commit-

tees, reunion planners and affiliate groups, orientation sessions for new members of Council and a panel discussion with our Alumni-elected Trustees. We will also attend sporting events and the dedication of the Fred Shults '54 Field, made possible in part through a significant gift from long-time Council Member Dick Bailey '51. There will, of course, be musical events for us to attend and our regular Alumni-Student Exchange Reception and Dinner hosted by the Office of Career Services and the Career Services Advisory Committee.

On Sunday, Sept. 30, we will hold our Annual Business Meeting of the Alumni Association where we will hear reports from our committees and affiliate groups and we will also recognize the distinguished service of our retiring Executive Board members: Bill Bradford '76, Chair of the Awards Committee; Gwen Haverstock Freed '85, Chair of the Communications Committee; Deena Jang '79, At-Large Member; Al McQueen '52, At-Large Member; Dwan Vanderpool Robinson '83, Chair of the Nominations Committee; and Susan Rudzinski '85, Chair of the Career Services Advisory Committee. After our business session, we will conclude our program with a question-and-answer session with President Krislov, which

is always a fun time where the President gets to match wits with a room full of Oberlin alumni!

Finally, I will complete my term as President of the Alumni Association and pass the gavel to my successor Bill Hilton '65. It has been a great joy and privilege to lead the Association for the past two years and I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish during this period.

As Oberlin approaches her 175th anniversary next year, I am very optimistic about our future. I have every confidence that Marvin Krislov will provide Oberlin with magnificent leadership in the years ahead. His leadership will place the College in the public consciousness as one of the very best institutions in the world for educating women and men for positions in the academy, the professions and the arts. I also know that my successor will be a wise steward of our Alumni Association structure. He should not be afraid, however, to push and challenge us to always reach higher to advance the interests of Oberlin College. My love for Oberlin grows ever stronger, secure in the knowledge that our best days are yet to come.

**Wendell P. Russell, Jr. '71**  
Alumni Association President

## More Letters to the Editors

### Staff Responds to Study Away Editorial

To the Editors:

Thank you for calling attention to the Oberlin Study Away program in last week's editorial "A Study of Study Away." This program is a wonderful opportunity for Oberlin students. Living and working abroad can be a life-changing experience, but few have the opportunity to do this after college. Many people on campus work hard to ensure that Oberlin students are able to take advantage of this experience.

Your editorial complains about the complexity of the application process for studying away. Much of the complexity stems from our desire to make as many programs available to students as possible. It is incumbent upon the College that we certify the validity of the educational experiences students have away from the campus. After all, we give credit towards graduation for these activities. We could do this quite easily if we restricted study away opportunities to a small number of programs with which we were very familiar. If we even restricted study away to the Affiliate list of 85 programs we could reduce the amount of paperwork needed by students. We prefer to give students more choice. There are well over 3000 study away programs that are available to Oberlin students. We can't know all of these programs, so we require students to provide us with information about the non-affiliated programs in order to obtain permission to go on them. It seems a small price to pay for such a rich opportunity.

We make information about study away opportunities available

to students in many different ways. This week there are two information sessions and the Study Away Fair – both of which were well publicized in your recent issue. There have also been recent information sessions about the Danenberg Oberlin-in-London program and the PRESHCO and Puebla programs offered through the Hispanic Studies department. The Study Away Office staff advises many students on a walk-in basis and over 175 students each semester are advised individually by the Study Away Advisor.

Naturally, we are always looking for ways to simplify the study away application process while preserving its integrity. We are always looking for ways to make study away more rewarding for students. Over 40 percent of the Arts and Sciences students at Oberlin spend at least one semester studying away from campus. We strongly encourage all students to look for ways to incorporate study away into their educational programs.

**–Bob Geitz**  
Chair, Faculty Off-Campus Study Committee  
**–Ellen Sayles**  
Associate Dean of Studies,  
Director of Programs for International Education

### Student Senator Wages Peace on War

To the Editors:

I want to applaud the *Review* for its presence and coverage of the peace rally in Tappan Square on September 15th. It was a fantastic event, in which many students came together with local activists to voice

our outrage against the war and militarism as a whole. I was proud to be a part of it.

My contention is only with the headline, "Oberlin Declares War on War." I had to do a double-take when I saw it. It is not just a bad headline. It is one that takes away from the spirit and purpose of the event it is trying to convey to our community. I expect the news editors to be trained to avoid this type of mistake.

Members of the Oberlin Peace Activist League and many other similar groups stand in opposition to the implementation, effects and the general philosophical framework of the war on terror. We are not declaring war on anything. We are part of a movement in this country to escape an endless and spiraling cycle of violence that has been described well by Gandhi, Martin Luther King and many others.

It is clear at this point, after countless atrocities and civilian deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan, that the actions taken under the banner of the war on terror increased violence and instability in the world. In both of these cases, the U.S army is acting under the premise that we can bomb our way to national security. If the "bad guys" are located, and we deliver a half-ton bomb to the area, we will be more secure and will build democracy in the Muslim world.

That premise has proven to be utterly false. Our bombings, raids and torture have only intensified levels of violence. We have created a new generation of people that hate our country. U.S taxpayers are in effect paying for the largest insurgent training camps in the world, sowing the seeds for future conflicts.

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## The Bad Kind of Senioritis

Every so often, like the sting of a bad dream, seniors are hit with the realization that this is our last year here. The e-mails from Career Services are noticeably more persistent than before, listing job after job and beckoning us with the promises of meeting alumni in the nauseating process of "networking." Our worlds change before us as we watch our friends meeting in Java Zone with men in suits who represent some presumably integral piece of the "outside world." Deadlines for fellowships and grants near and pass, but stake their place inexorably in our thoughts as we hear of friends frantically writing proposals to discuss with reputable professors and fretting about the next week's deadline.

Here we are, still in Oberlin, OH, bottling ourselves up for hour after hour in our off-campus rooms and library carrels, researching theory upon theory to incorporate into honors projects. And the rest of our time, we are consumed with doing all the things we have never done before and we realize regretfully that we will probably never have the chance to do again. So on we go, nodding to our best friends in Wilder Bowl and hurrying to the next meeting.

Then another deadline passes, another e-mail from Career Services, another wave of anxiety about the future. In no time we will be graduating, leaving behind the comfort of Oberlin and we will have reached the inevitable: face-to-face with finding a job in the (real) world of jobs. But even this is not for sure. There is the immediate choice of joining the workforce or going to grad school and we find ourselves superficially pondering which will take less work, updating and sending out resumes or signing up for and taking the GREs.

We begin to contemplate the value of our Oberlin education. Would the prestige we associate with our expensively-unique Oberlin education be similarly recognized by the outside world? If not Oberlin's long-standing traditions and avant-garde social choices, would our potential employers even recognize the school's name? Would employers be banging down our doors with job offers and if so, would those jobs be at once well-paid while being socially conscious and spiritually fulfilling? The simple response to the worth of our Oberlin education would be to expand on the experiences we receive here, which, like anywhere, depend on how much we put into it. Many of us, however, continually struggle to find a balance between doing too little and too much.

For some of us, it has been weeks since we've seen the light of day and we wonder if we are making the best of our time here. Being completely academically-focused is not necessarily congruous with being a well-rounded, social human being. But after this year is over we will never have to work this hard in our lives again, right? For others, days go by when it seems that absolutely nothing has gotten done, while time is passed napping or sitting in the Feve. But after this year we will never have another chance to waste so much time slacking off, right?

And then we remember that our future grows out of our experiences here. So everything we have done (or not) these past years has readied us (or not) for what is to come next. We need to make sure that we are not already living in the future and meanwhile missing out on the experiences that will shape it.

We get scattered bits of news from last year's class as they make distance from the college trough and establish themselves among the ranks of the not-so-sympathetic outside world. They suggest that finding a job that parallels our desire to be both socially active and also well-paid is not as easy as we would hope. Many of our older friends reminisce about their days at Oberlin, visiting every chance they can get.

Here we are, physically living in the land of their memory, but mentally jumping all over the place. Any conception we have of the way it will be for each of us individually after Oberlin is hypothetical and not worth squandering bits of our last precious college year at Oberlin.

Are we currently balancing being successful with successfully slacking? Are we remembering to care about our campus jobs while not caring too much? Are we maintaining our friendships with those who help us define who we are? This year, when all these conflicting pressures are leaving us emotionally unstable, or at least very, very busy, we need to take the time to put each day into perspective and consistently incorporate balance into our lives.

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# Just Broads

A weekly column for Old-Heads  
by Kate Mooney

It was one of those countless nights, when we should have been outside in this fleeting weather, recklessly indulging in the ephemeral fall bliss, trying to convince the younger kids that here at Oberlin College, we are at once defiantly-stoned, world-traveled and forever-lounging. And when you are a senior, you should aspire to be as high and soaring as the frisbees we send gliding through the air in defiance of the coming winter winds, depression, isolation, hibernation. But instead, we shrugged our senior responsibilities and lay strewn like dirty clothes across the couch, paused *The Office* because we had an idea we needed to talk about: Oberlin should really just be a two-year community college.

"It's great when you're young. It's nurturing, perfect. But then you grow and Oberlin doesn't grow with you."

"That's what I love about Oberlin: I get older, it stays the same age."

"Yeah, except I don't love it."

"When we were younger, we had older boys; now the older boys are our age, and all we can do is look to the young ones."

"Wouldn't it be nice if Oberlin could change as you changed?"

"But it doesn't. So you ought to pack up after sophomore year, transfer to NYU, seek your fortune and grow up."

For a moment we treasured our group insightfulness, but momentary brilliance collapses into jest, the show goes back on, and here arrested in our youth, at our very best we are cheeky, saucy, maybe pithy, but never wise.

When we were freshmen, the seniors had presence — affected or not — you knew who they were, they took up space, they had beards, they did younger girls and then disposed of them, they threw parties with kegs and \$1 jello shots. Maybe it's a perspective thing, kind of like how as a senior in high school, the incoming freshmen suddenly looked much smaller than you ever imagined you were at the same age. Perhaps seniors only exist to those who look up to them. We're the same as seniors always were, but now that it's our turn, we don't look like I remember they did.

So, to fill the shoes of this quintessential "senior male," we're going to man-up and throw a party this weekend. We're thinking a good theme would be *The Graduate*. But not because we're about to graduate from college — for the other reason. But if you have any ideas, please send to kmooney@oberlin.edu or call me at (504) 473-6876. See you Saturday night. Literally.

We women at Oberlin really have quite a predicament: Trying to find a man here is like walking into Fairchild Co-op and asking for a hamburger. And if you do manage to find a few guys you like, you'll then discover you have a doppelganger, a girl who happened to date him and him and him before you did, until you both drown in this recyclable pool of questionably-sustainable men. And suddenly the female race turns against one another, you're about to declare war, all because in this version of the state of nature there is a dearth of dick. Oh doppelganger, oh doppelganger, how I wish we could have bonded rather than competed. But now you and all the men we had in common graduated...

**Cartoonists and columnists and puzzlists, oh my!**

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## Insensitive Headline

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These issues are of the most serious nature. They will continue to shape the future of our country and the wider world. Though a headline in this paper is perhaps not of great importance, it is critical to avoid mistakes. If these things are not caught by the editors the purpose and mission of the *Review* is also impeded.

—Colin Jones  
College Senior

## Art Rental Not Perfect, but Neither was the Article About It

To the Editors:

As 20th in line for this year's art rental, even I can agree that the system is flawed.

However, I believe that the idea of a lottery or upperclassman-only rental completely misses the point. Art Rental is one of those really cool things about Oberlin that draws in freshmen, yet many people never get to rent because it is so poorly advertised. Despite this year's turnout there was still very low awareness that art rental had even occurred in any science labs or seminars. If "the cause of art is the cause of the people," then why are we limiting art rental to art students and their friends?

My bigger problem, however, is with the suggested lottery system. Art Rental for me is about sacrifice, and I have tremendous respect for the people who showed up at 6 and thus took home their first choices. One student this year tried to explain to me that someone who arrives at 11:30 p.m. wants the art just as much as those who arrived at 6. I completely disagree, and would much rather see a Picasso on the wall of the person who sacrificed six hours of their time to get it.

My suggestion for future art rentals? Put the list up at midnight on Tuesday, and let people wait (in line) all day Tuesday, with no prelists and no leaving allowed (except to pee). I've got my eyes set on the Dali, and I'll be there at 4 p.m. next year to get it. And if someone else is there at 3 to beat me, then I'll consider Art Rental a success.

—Tim Dustin  
College Senior

## Potential City Council Member's Statement

To the Editors:

I am writing because I believe that students are an important part of the Oberlin community. For nearly a year my wife and I have had plans to be in Florence, Italy this fall. In spite of those plans, I decided to run for city council to assure that voters had real choices on election day. As a candidate I wanted the *Review* to have some information about me and my position on some of the major issues facing the city.

- 1995-present — President of the Oberlin Civic Improvement Corporation
- (OCIC) promotes the city's industrial and commercial development.
- 1991-1993 — Participated in the Mid-Range Strategic Planning Process. Member of the Financial/Economic Development Task Force
- 1982-94 — Member and Chair of the Oberlin Public Utilities Commission
- 1989 — Chair of "Save the Roundhouse Committee"
- 1973-79 — Member of Oberlin City Council; Chair in 1979
- 1965-93 — Government teacher, Steele High School, Amherst

Oberlin is in the midst of major development pressure, both commercial and residential. We must have policies and their supporting ordinances that encourage traditional and mixed-use development, the East College Street Project, for example. We should eliminate zoning that promotes sprawl with its strip malls and turnpike wide streets, it's good for fast cars but bad for dogs, cats and little kids. We should be a town of walking neighborhoods and rectilinear streets (eliminating sidewalks takes the neighbor out of neighborhood and cul-de-sacs isolate people and don't go anywhere).

Open space is best in public parks rather than lawns that householders must mow. Oberlin would realize a continuing bonus from denser development because our infra-structure costs would be a lot less. Our streets and sidewalks, our water and sewer lines, even our electric power lines would be shorter and cheaper. The money saved is much better used for our libraries, parks, recreation programs and schools.

Oberlin should amend its sustainability ordinance to include a goal of carbon neutrality. In September, Council on first reading adopted a green building policy. It is inappropriate for council, on the very same evening, to vote participation in the AMPGS coal power station, a CO<sub>2</sub> emissions giant. AMP Ohio has served Oberlin very well over the years. We should make every effort to continue this relationship while seriously exploring green energy alternatives with the College.

Improve the inter-personal relations of council. Members should respect the opinions of others, they can disagree without being disagreeable.

—John (Jack) F. Baumann

## Obies Should Think Before Voting

To the Editors:

Should Oberlin college students register and vote here in Oberlin? Of course. Should they vote for local candidates and local issues? Well, yes and no. It certainly is their right to do so but exercising that right may or may not be ethical. Here are some ways to judge. Ask yourself:

1. Am I well informed about the candidates and the issues? Do I understand the arguments for and against?

2. Am I voting with convictions or on a whim?

3. Are my motives in my vote honorable, truly exercising my citizenship? Or am I allowing myself to be manipulated? Am I voting for someone or something that I believe could produce mischievous results?

4. Do I have the right to impose a decision on the residents of Oberlin the effects of which, good or bad, will be felt by them but not by me?

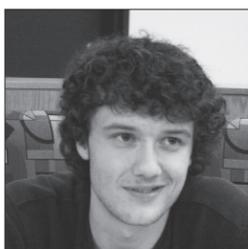
Oberlin will soon elect seven people to its city council. Some of these are current council members whose behaviors and positions are well known. Some of them are already campaigning among you. If you do plan to vote, learn about these incumbents in particular. Be skeptical! Talk to residents of the town, to faculty who live in Oberlin and to alumni in the area.

If you cannot do this, do listen to your ethical voice, and vote only on what you sincerely believe you understand.

—John J. Picken

# Perspectives

What do you think of Azariah's and the Commons?



"It seems like a waste of money, since the DeCafé and Dascomb are so close."

—John Braswell  
College junior



"I love it! Though all the newspapers and magazines hinder my studying. Also, the coffee could be better."

—Shannon Ikebe  
College first-year



"I don't think it was really necessary, and you can't even use Flex points there. The Commons is nice, though."

—Nathan Kingery  
College junior



"It's exciting to offer these new things to the students. I think this place is going to be the new in-spot once kids hear about it."

—Carol Sweaney  
Azariah's employee



"It's cool, it looks nice... that's about it."

—Kawren Scott  
Langston High School

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### Weekly Caption Contest #2

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The *Review* will  
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in next week's  
issue.

# TRUE Blue

by Sam Lewis

## Stand Up for Rights of Youth

Eight million minors in the United States — the richest country in the world — lack health insurance, making it impossible for these young children to get the six check-ups a year recommended by the American Medical Association. A recent attempt to expand SCHIP, the largest health insurance program for children, failed to get the votes necessary to override President Bush's veto. Meanwhile, Barack Obama, who is relying on the enthusiasm of young people in his bid for the presidency, just released a tax plan with a massive giveaway to retirees.

While it is admirable to allow dignified retirement for America's seniors and grant them access to prescription drugs and health care, it is telling that we do not allow children growing up in America the same right even though they are far cheaper to insure. This embarrassing failure is perhaps the most recent high-profile example of our government neglecting the rights of minors, but it is far from the only area in which they are lacking.

A 17 year old with impacted and infected wisdom teeth, an excruciatingly painful condition, needs parental consent to have them removed. In the event that parents oppose the surgery (as some do for religious reasons), the only recourse is a court. Even then, unless the minor can prove that her condition is actually life-threatening, she'll be forced to suffer with it. Similarly, many states have passed parental notification laws restricting the rights of minors to get abortions. These laws not only diminish the chance that they will choose to get abortions, but also endanger the lives of those who are impregnated through incest. The health of young women is jeopardized because they are not believed to be capable of making a decision that thousands of adults can make.

The tragedy of millions of young people left without health care or the right to make basic medical decisions is undeniable, but the criminal justice system is the root of even more shocking abuses. In Ohio, chil-

dren as young as ten are allowed to waive their right to counsel in interrogations with police officers and guilty pleas can be extracted without parents or lawyers present. False guilty pleas coerced from minors have again and again led to profound human rights abuses. Jeffrey Desckovic, a 16-year-old resident of New York State, confessed to the murder of a classmate after more than six hours of interrogation by police without a lawyer. Despite the fact that the DNA evidence on the victim did not match Desckovic's, he was convicted. Desckovic spent 15 years in prison before his conviction was overturned through an appeal by The Innocence Project.

In one of many eerily similar cases, 14-year-old Michael Crowe confessed to the murder of his little sister after three days of interrogation by police without parents or a lawyer present. DNA evidence at the scene of the crime eventually led the police to the real killer, a mentally ill homeless man, but not before they used what an expert witness referred to as "psychological torture."

These egregious policies stem from a lack of political power among the young. College students and other young people lack representation because voter turnout is

reduced by restrictive ID laws such as the ones we have in Ohio, which force students to vote by absentee or provisional ballot or not at all. Expanding the right to vote to 16 and 17 year olds would give a voice to minors on important issues such as education that are often neglected by lawmakers. It should also get high school students in the habit of voting before they graduate. These policy changes can be made on a state-by-state basis, so if Ohio chooses, it can lead the way in protecting the rights of young people and expanding the democratic process. Any downsides to 16 and 17 year olds voting are far outweighed by the dangers of the status quo: consistent deprivation of youth rights and a chronic lack of investment in or concern with the interests and needs of young people.

Finally, it is vitally important that young people vote at high enough rates that representatives take us seriously. Higher turnout among the 18-30 demographic would have won Ohio for John Kerry, giving us a president whose views on the war, education and college aid are far more in sync with ours. Oberlin students should keep an eye out for voter registration and absentee ballot forms for the 2007 elections, which should be arriving in OCMR boxes soon. As young people who can vote, we have an obligation to make our voices heard for those who are denied their rights and an opportunity to bring our issues to the forefront of public discussions.

## Staff Box: Voter Registration Tips

Though the 2007 local elections are overshadowed by the looming presidential campaign, students and other citizens should still be prepared to vote. On the local level, there is a city council race that will address key issues such as constructing a new coal power station or investing in alternative energy and tax levies that aim to be more equitable by taxing income more and property less. Statewide, there is the potential for voters to mandate paid sick days for Ohio's workers and decide what some consider to be the most important issue of all, whether or not strip club patrons can touch the "performers."

In order to weigh in on these burning questions, though, you must be registered and ready to vote. By early next week, students should receive a packet paid for by the President's Office that will

include a voter registration form and a form to request to vote by mail. These forms will be pre-printed so the only thing left to do is add your signature and the last four digits of your social security number. New students and people living in new residences should complete these forms and everyone should be sure to request a mail-in ballot since it is the easiest, most reliable and, thanks to onerous ID requirements at polling stations, the only way people will be able to vote effectively. Once completed, the forms can be dropped off at a special box at the Wilder desk or with volunteers stationed at tables near the mail room.

A campus-wide e-mail will go out announcing the arrival of the voter registration forms. People with questions should contact [ober-voter@gmail.com](mailto:ober-voter@gmail.com)

-Brian Pugh

# THE ETHICAL OBIE

## Welcome to The Ethical Obie

We live in a strange world. A constant clashing of cultures, backgrounds, personal etiquettes and traditions leaves us confused about how to deal with society. Nothing, unfortunately, is Darth Vader-black or Luke Skywalker-white, but layered shades of gray.

You have a new opportunity: Now you have a chance to penetrate the dark depths of morals and ethics. Now you have a chance to come to the bright light of understanding. My name is Jay Nolan, and I am "The Ethical Obie."

I am the teacher of the ExCo "The Ethical Obie." Let me say right off, I am interested in ethics as a hobby. I am not a philosophy major, nor am I the most ethical person around. My interest in ethics came from family dinners spent together reading and debating Randy Cohen's column in *The New York Times Magazine*, "The Ethicist." I carried this interest with me to Oberlin and thought, "Wouldn't

this be great to get credit for?" The ExCo was born. Since starting the ExCo, students have approached me, sometimes in jest, sometimes to make conversations and sometimes out of real curiosity, with ethical dilemmas that they have been facing in their lives at Oberlin. During one of these discussions, I referred back to "The Ethicist" and someone suggested I try to do the same here at Oberlin.

And so here we are.

This column will feature ethical quandaries and moral predicaments that you and your fellow students face in your daily lives of learning here at Oberlin. You can e-mail these questions to [theethicalobie@gmail.com](mailto:theethicalobie@gmail.com). I will reply to one or two questions per column. No real names will ever be revealed. Disagreements with what I say are welcome and I will probably publish them on occasion.

As I said, I am not a philosophy major, nor am I the most ethical person ever. But I am a student here at Oberlin and I am enthusiastically interested in ethics. I think that gives

me enough for credentials. The replies to your questions will not come from a professor or some greater being, but from a student like yourselves. I will use simple language and references, the kind not easily found or deciphered from Hume, Plato or St. Anselm. Finally, I am sure that birds do not write *Bird Talk* magazine, and yet it is still a credible production. Similarly, I do not have to be a professor or philosophy major to contemplate ethics.

So bring on the problems that shake your principles and challenge your concepts of right and wrong. How should you confront a sexist roommate? Should you sleep with your professor or simply cheat on a test? If your girlfriend dumps you on Facebook only, are you allowed to hook up with other people? Should you be stealing food from Dascomb? The answer to these questions and more will be explored.

Thank you,

Jay Nolan

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# This Week in Oberlin History

September 29, 1989:

## 20 years later, Oberlin is... still expensive

Charges for tuition, room and board will break the \$20,000 mark next year for the first time ever, according to a five-year financial plan presented to the Board of Trustees last Friday.

Oberlin's new price tag, which administrators said is only tentative and must still be voted on by the Trustees, would be \$20,673 next year - 4.7 percent over inflation and 9.7 percent over this year's fees. By 1994-95, total student charges are projected to be \$27,659.

The plan, drafted by Provost Sam Carrier, has touched off a debate over how the College raises and spends its money. Trustees and administrators say the College needs to raise revenues and curtail expenses in the short term, in part by reducing the number of students receiving Oberlin scholarships. The goal, they argue, is to create a strong financial foundation for Oberlin students 20 years from now.

"One of the roles of the Trustees is not only to protect the College for today but also for the future generations of Oberlin students," said George R. Bent, chair of the Board.

But many current students say they can barely afford to attend Oberlin now, and the administration's proposal will make it impossible for poorer families to send their children here in the future. Education is not a commodity, they say, and cannot conform to supply and demand economics.

College officials argue that tuition hikes reflect a complex set of financial problems. The College's costs are increasing rapidly due to a shorter supply of qualified faculty members, high maintenance costs and an increasing number of scholarships. Meanwhile, endowment money and gifts, the College's only sources of income outside of tuition, are not rising fast enough to keep pace. In order to meet those increasing costs, administrators say, the College must either raise tuition or dip into its endowment assets, which are already low compared to Oberlin's competitors.

A series of poor investment decisions coupled with inflation during the 1960s and 1970s led the endowment's real value to decline. Meanwhile, costs grew. Between 1977 and 1988 the total cost of education at Oberlin nearly quadrupled, jumping from \$18 million to \$50 million.

After President Frederick S. Starr came to Oberlin in 1983, gifts to the endowment started growing again, but not enough to offset the years of erosion. The five-year plan and the newly created position of Treasurer aim to repair the loss of those years.

But if the College pays bills with endowment money, less and less of it can be invested and draw interest, and the endowment will not grow. The College's only choice, administrators claim, is to increase tuition, so that 20 years from now the endowment will have grown enough for its interest alone to pay for many expenses, including scholarships.

Since the College will still be collecting tuition while many of its expenses will be covered by the endowment, administrators argue, it will have more money to spend on expanded educational services. The College argues that the larger endowment will ultimately allow it to avoid hiking tuition every time expenses rise.

Oberlin and its competitors all charge roughly equal tuitions. Meanwhile, many of the 16 schools that the College competes with for students earn large incomes from endowments that are bigger than Oberlin's.

Administrators plan to limit financial spending to its current level and increase individual aid packages at the same rate as tuition. To do that, they propose to cut the percentage of students on scholarships over the next five years from 45 to 41 percent, or by about 160 students, which administrators say they can achieve by recruiting more wealthy applicants.

But members of the General Faculty Planning committee, formed last spring to review the college's budget policies, said they are worried such a policy might hurt student diversity and the College's accessibility to poor students.

Many students said the new College policy will undermine the purpose of need-blind admissions, which is to choose students according to merit, not need. The 100 or so students who protested Friday chanted "Recruit excellence, not affluence."

# this week in OBERLIN

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept. 28	Sept. 29	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Oct. 5
4.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.: TGIF, Wilder Bowl. 4.30 p.m.: Celebration of the new Academic Commons, Mudd Library. 5.30 p.m.: Shabbat, Kosher-Halal Co-op. 8.00 p.m.: Guest Voice Masterclass - Marilyn Horne, Finney Chapel. 8.00 p.m.: Anime Club screening of BECK, Craig Lecture Hall. 8.00 p.m.: How I Learned to Drive, The Little Theater. 8.00 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.: Pan's Labyrinth, King 106. 8.15 p.m.: "The Right Time, the Right Place, but the Wrong Attitude," William C. McNeill III, OC '66, West Lecture Hall. 10.00 p.m.: Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, Asia House's Shepherd Lounge.	10.00 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.: "Creating a Business Plan," Science Center. 2.00 p.m.: How I Learned to Drive, The Little Theater. 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.: Graduate Teacher Education Program Open House, Lewis Annex - second floor. 5.30 p.m. - 6.15 p.m.: Alumni-Student Exchange, Science Center Atrium. 7.30 p.m.: Contra Dance, Wilder Main. 8.00 p.m.: Guest Recital - Natasha Farney and Father Sean Brett Duggan, Kulas Recital Hall. 8.00 p.m.: How I Learned to Drive, The Little Theater. 8.00 p.m.: Mike Marshall and Darol Anger, Finney Chapel. 8.00 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.: Princess Mononoke, West Lecture Hall.	2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.: Guest Voice Masterclass - Marilyn Horne, Finney Chapel. 2.00 p.m.: How I Learned to Drive, The Little Theater. 2.00 p.m.: Sunday Object Talk, Allen Memorial Art Museum. 5.00 p.m.: Mass on the Grass, Tappan Square. 8.00 p.m.: Oberlin Chamber Orchestra with Barbara Nissman, Finney Chapel. 10.00 p.m.: No Age with This Moment in Black History, The 'Sco.	Noon - 2.00 p.m.: Open bowling hours, College Lanes. Noon: Divinity School and Institute of Sacred Music information table, Wilder Basement. 4.35 p.m.: Biology Seminar - "Shedding Light on Shade Grown Coffee," Craig Lecture Hall. 10.00 p.m.: The Semi-Automatic Players: Opaque (Upon Reflection), Episode 2, Cat in the Cream. 10.00 p.m.: Latin Night, The 'Sco.	P/NP, CR/NE or withdraw deadline for a first module course. 12.15 p.m.: Brown Bag Workshop Series - "Self-directed Job Search," Stevenson Career Services 106. 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.: Free bowling, College Lanes. 4.45 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.: "Studying for and Understanding Oberlin Math and Science," Peters 130.	12.00 p.m. - 1.30 p.m.: "Ancient Egyptian Pigments: Investigations of Coffins," Science Center Wright 201. 12.15 p.m.: Brown Bag Workshop Series - "Self-directed Job Search," Stevenson Career Services 106. 8.00 p.m.: Artist Recital Series: Chanticleer, Finney Chapel. 8.00 p.m.: Open Mic Night, Cat in the Cream.	12.20 p.m. - 1.20 p.m.: McNair and Mellon Student Research Presentations, Wilder TBA. 4.45 p.m.: Poetry reading by Kazim Ali, King 106. 7.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.: Allen After Hours, Allen Memorial Art Museum. 7.30 p.m.: "Henry Chandler Cowles: Pioneer Ecologist," Lewis Center - Hallock Auditorium. 8.00 p.m.: Oberlin Wind Ensemble, Warner Concert Hall. 8.00 p.m.: Mostly Others Do the Killing, Cat in the Cream. 10:00 p.m.: Dan Deacon at the 'Sco.	12.00 p.m.: Louise Young on Japanese Imperialism/Manchukuo, Wilder 101. 4.00 p.m.: Oberlin Shansi Music and Dance in Asia Symposium, Wilder Hall. 4.00 p.m.: Jewish Women's Vocal Music from Kerala, India, Wilder 112. 5.00 p.m.: Icho Daiko Japanese Taiko Drumming Performance, Shipherd Lounge, Asia House. 8.00 p.m.: Oberlin Orchestra, Finney Chapel. 8.00 p.m.: Salman Ahmad, Warner Concert Hall. 8.00 p.m.: "Super 8 and Double A: Fieldwork in Tribal India in the Pre-Digital Age," Wilder 101.

**Quote of the Week:**

Cul-de-sacs... don't go anywhere.

- John F. Baumann  
about Oberlin's residential development.

(See page 8)

## this week in THE STARS

**Aries**  
Make sure to finish that reading for next week. DeSales can tell the difference between crazy talk and regular talk. No, his eyebrow doesn't just do that.

**Taurus**  
Expect to jump over several pits of lava and dodge a swinging blade or two. If that doesn't sound very challenging, remember that it's a lot more intense in real life, and you're not going to make a cute sound if and when you die.

**Gemini**  
Sweeping changes are soon to come in your life. You'll never have to touch his hands for stupid reasons again.

**Cancer**  
Today is a great day to expose yourself to other points of view. Besides, you could use a stroller ride more than that whiny baby in Tappan anyway.

**Leo**  
There's nothing wrong with having some alone time once in awhile. Just be careful that you don't have so much that your friends think you've gone on a hermetic quest to recharge your chi.

**Virgo**  
Relationship Escalator going down.

**Libra**  
Have faith. If your feminine wiles can get you into a mess like this, they can probably get you out.

**Scorpio**  
Get ready to tell all your friends about the sword of Smulmur you got in that latest raid your guild pulled off in WoW. Oh, wait.

**Sagittarius**  
You'll be thrilled when your boyfriend takes you out to that restaurant you always wanted to go to. The only thing more thrilling would be if he used his own money to pay for it.

**Capricorn**  
Change is in the air. Unfortunately, so is the Plague. Plan your future accordingly.

**Aquarius**  
You really can't believe it's not butter.

**Pisces**  
Take heart. You'll soon truly know the answer to the age old adage. "Where's the beef?"

## Editor's Picks

### Special Events

**Celebration of the new Academic Commons**  
Friday, Sept. 28, 4:30 p.m. - Mudd Library



Yuling Chow

First it was Azariah's. Now it's the new Academic Commons! This Friday, Sept. 28, Mudd Library will celebrate another addition to its hallowed halls. After a long, long wait reminiscent of Microsoft ("Shall we bring it out now? No, now? How 'bout now?"), the new Academic Commons is finally open and ready to provide coordinated research, information technology and learning assistance for Oberlin students and to facilitate academic community on campus. This 30 minute celebration will include remarks by Director of Libraries Ray English, Oberlin College President Marvin Krislov and others involved in the planning process.

### Allen After Hours

Thursday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m. - Allen Memorial Art Museum

Didn't get enough of the Allen last week during the Art Rental extravaganza? Do you wander through the exhibits day after day for hours on end? Would you like to just live in the museum 24/7? Well, you can't do that. But you can come to Allen After Hours if you don't get your fill during the day. On Thursday, the museum will be open from 7 to 9:30 p.m. just for Oberlin College students. The new fall exhibitions will be on display, as well as an interactive multi-media installation entitled "The Co-ed Bed," by the Cleveland-based arts collective Gallery U-Haul. Students are also encouraged to bring papers to make collages, or a work of art to exchange in the art swap. Don't like art? Come for the music, door prizes and free food. And if you don't like free food, there's something wrong with you.

### Arts Events

#### Oberlin Chamber Orchestra

Sunday, Sept. 30, 8 p.m. - Finney Chapel

The Oberlin Chamber Orchestra kicks off its first concert of the year with a performance funded by the Robert James Frascino AIDS Foundation, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to "provide crucial services for men, women, and children living with HIV/AIDS and to raise awareness of the HIV/AIDS epidemic through advocacy and education." The concert features guest artist Barbara Nissman, a pianist who has been involved with the benefit concert series "A Concerted Effort" since 2002. This series, sponsored by the Robert James Frascino AIDS Foundation, has raised well over \$1 million for AIDS service organizations worldwide. Nissman will be performing Ginastera's Piano Concerto No. 1 and Brahms' Symphony No. 1 with the Oberlin Chamber Orchestra. But it doesn't end with a night of beautiful music. In conjunction with the Oberlin Chamber Orchestra concert on Sunday night, portions of the AIDS Memorial Quilt - a 20 year old project which memorializes the lives of AIDS victims - will be on view starting the next day. The quilt will be on display from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1 through Sunday, Oct. 6, in Wilder Main. For more information about these AIDS awareness projects, visit www.concertedeffect.org and www.aidsquilt.org.

#### Artist Recital Series: Chanticleer

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 8 p.m. - Finney Chapel

Are you ready for musical euphoria? Lysergic bliss? An "orchestra of voices" known for its brilliant sound, pop infusions and performing five songs nude in Las Vegas? Well, the Of Montreal concert will have to wait. This week, Chanticleer comes to Finney Chapel! This Grammy award-winning men's chorus will give a performance which includes early works by Byrd and Palestrina, Romantic music from the 19th and 20th centuries and arrangements of folk songs, familiar gems and spirituals. Tickets are \$7 with your OCID. And who knows? Maybe they'll cover "Heimdalsgate Like a Promethean Curse."

#### How I Learned to Drive

Friday, Sept. 28, 8 p.m. - The Little Theater  
Saturday, Sept. 29, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. - The Little Theater  
Sunday, Sept. 30, 2 p.m. - The Little Theater



Rachel Saudek

Just a friendly reminder about this weekend's first big theater event of the fall semester - the Paula Vogel play *How I Learned to Drive*, starring Merry Scholl, Andrew Mooney, Sarah Degni, Josh Christian and Emily Andrysick. Tickets are available for \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door at CTS.

## PHOTO of the week



Chris Hamby

Students stroll through Wilder Bowl in the rain, Wednesday, Sept. 26.

### Lectures

**"The Right Time, the Right Place, but the Wrong Attitude"**

Friday, Sept. 28, 8:15 p.m. - West Lecture Hall

As part of his visit as Oberlin College 2007 Distinguished Achievement Award recipient, William C. McNeill III, OC '66, will give a lecture entitled "The Right Time, the Right Place, but the Wrong Attitude." McNeill is the Managing Attorney at the Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center in San Francisco. He will be speaking about civil rights issues and his work to "bring justice to those least able to access or obtain it," which has taken him all over the country in the past 40 years.

- With reporting by Lauren Friedlander

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!

## The Weather this week

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Sunny.	Sunny.	Mostly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Sunny.
High 72 Low 47	High 71 Low 47	High 75 Low 52	High 76 Low 53	High 76 Low 54

## Allen Lines Walls with Drawings

Dana Harrison

For the visual artist, the precision of a line or the placement of a hand often begins in a fervor of shifting paradigms: a stream of consciousness, a circling of squares and a squelching of the internal editor. The sketch — the drawing on paper — functions in the creative process as a means to another end; it can be a way to explore ideas and designs for larger works in other media such as painting, print or architecture. A drawing can also be significant as a finished work in itself. A recently-opened exhibit at the Allen Memorial Art Museum, "On Line: European Drawings, 16th - 19th Centuries" explores this expressive medium and the incredible insight that drawings offer into the minds — and hands — of the artist who made them.

Curator of Western Art Andria Derstine, who organized the exhibit, explained: "Drawing is basic to the arts. Artists start with getting their ideas on paper. It really is their initial thoughts."

'You can really see the artist working the ideas out. It's fun to feel like you're connecting with the artist's thoughts.'

Andria Derstine  
AMAM Curator

The exhibit highlights selected works from the Allen's permanent collection that haven't been displayed in several years. Because of drawings' sensitivity to light, they are stored in boxes for protection.

"This was an extraordinary opportunity to get them all out," said Derstine. "There hasn't been a big drawing show in at least five years, so this was a way for me to see what we had, and it was also was also a chance for a new generation of Oberlin students to see them."

A compelling survey of master draftsmanship, the exhibit highlights 162 works on paper dating between 1500 and 1911 from all the major schools in Europe. It offers a broad yet intimate view of a wide range of themes and techniques in varied stages of completion and for varied purposes.

The exhibition, which is organized chronologically, opens with a sketch by Fillippo Lippi done in 1500. The sketch served as a preparatory study for a painting depicting the lamentation of Christ at the tomb. In the work, two angels surround the figure of Christ — one holding the crown of thorns, the other, three nails. In the left hand corner, there is an outline of a spear, another symbol affiliated with the death of Christ that, as an addition to the composition, the artist seems to have reconsidered. Sketchy and faint lines also surround certain features, such as the angels' wings and Christ's hands, in an effort to reorient them compositionally. Such a sketch shows us the process of an artist constantly modifying a work in progress.

"You can really see the artist working the ideas out. It's fun to feel like you're connecting with the artist's thoughts," said Derstine.

In addition to religious themes, drawings are based on historical narratives, inviting the viewer to "spend time with the

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## How I Learned to Drive

Oberlin's Theater and Dance department's first production of the year, *How I Learned to Drive*, opened last night. Written by Paula Vogel and directed by Sarah Frank, the show presents a gripping story and an astonishing reality.



## Sold Out Play Runs Through Weekend

Micheline Heal  
Staff Writer

Upon leaving *How I Learned to Drive*, I was not quite sure what to think of it. How often is an audience led to empathize with a pedophile? I know that I enjoyed the experience, however. The subject matter of the play really goes against the grain, yet it's a funny play. There were a number of times that I was laughing so hard I nearly fell out of my chair.

Director and College junior Sarah Frank was drawn to this play because "the choices that Li'l Bit makes as she tells this story, as far as which memories she shares when and how she creates the scenes, present a story truer to her experience of it than a literal retelling could."

Despite their spliced nature, the scenes are held together through an emotional arc and the serious subtext of pedophilia is relieved and supported by humor. The character Li'l Bit presents each specific scene intentionally to help show that her story is about much more than molestation.

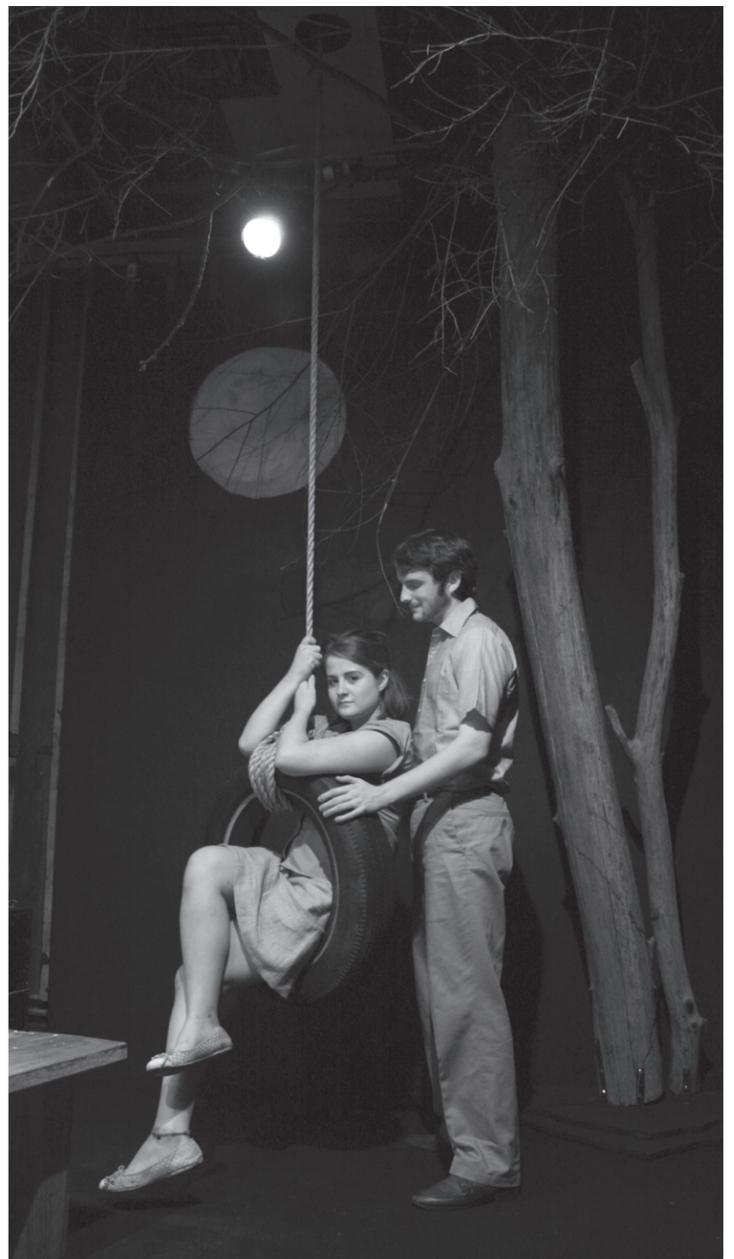
College sophomore Merry Scholl takes on the challenging role of Li'l Bit, which requires her to portray someone from age 11 through age 35, switching back and forth between her character's retrospective commentary and her presence in the scene itself.

"The scenes go into each other, so it's hard to prepare," said Scholl.

Through posture, voice and the tempo at which she delivers her lines, Scholl adeptly distinguishes between the ages she plays back-to-back.

College junior Andrew Mooney, who plays Uncle Peck, found it equally difficult to age 25 years on stage. He conquered this challenge by working with his voice and expressing his maturity through his interactions with other characters.

The cast is completed by a Greek chorus comprised of College senior Sarah Degni, double degree sophomore Josh Christian and College sophomore Emily Andrysick, who function to frame the play and act as a variety of smaller roles. They are essential to the story and are impressive in their portrayal of many different characters.



Learn to Drive: The first production of the year includes a Greek chorus (top) and two characters who each age over 20 years (above). Rachel Saudek

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# Main St. Series Kicks Off With Dinosaurs and Catholicism



**Role Reversal:** Although Sarah Green, OC '02, pens poems about her years as a student, she has now assumed the role of professor. Evan White

**Angel Lin**  
Staff Writer

The 2007 – 2008 season of the Main Street Reading Series launched last Sunday with a breath of fresh talent at FAVA Gallery.

First on the docket was Sarah Green, OC '02, returning to her alma mater this year as a visiting professor. Her collection contained a large cut of tributes to her yesteryear capers

at Oberlin College detailing experiences with civil disobedience, the cold and the legacy of the Underground Railroad.

“Math Tutor” featured Green’s former fourth grade charge at the local public school: “When you don’t take off your sunglasses it means you aren’t speaking either, so it’s a dinosaur book afternoon.”

“I remember a sociology major came in once from the College to survey the kids on

the ideal man and woman. All the kids were like, ‘My tutor is the ideal man, ideal woman,’ but mine said Jennifer Lopez,” she remarked afterwards with a grin.

Green also shared a prose poem about a student addressing the state of Ohio.

“I want to tell you about kissing in a pickup truck,” said Green, “but that was Kentucky...You are the folk song no one knows and no one misses.”

Other selections included meditations on a collapsed oven and “Chances Are,” a strip club in Lafayette, Indiana that Green converts to a space of big heart and possibilities.

Picking up the second half of the program was Cleveland poet Dave Lucas. Lucas read grave, incising probes of simple bodies — “Firefly” as a thing of ecstasies and “Sophomores” as “zealots of June,” who stand “quiet and apart, as if their beauty were an inconsolable grief.”

Of divergent temper were an antic poetic rendering of the Town Musicians of Bremen, who serenade to the effect of “a ploughshare dragged across a field of slate” and a handful of tart couplets dispensed throughout.

“There was a time when the only things I could write were these little epigrams that rhymed,” said Lucas.

“On Catholicism: On which conception was immaculate,” read Lucas, “I have been, apparently, inaccurate.”

Both bards have impressive credentials: Green has taught at Emerson and Wheaton Colleges of Boston, Massachusetts, after earning an MFA at Purdue University, where she studied poetry with Guggenheim Fellow Marianne Boruch; Lucas, recipient of the 2005 Joan Leiman Jacobson Poetry Prize, studied at John Carroll University and the University of Virginia with Rita Dove, Charles Wright and Greg Orr.

This reading, hosted by Professor Emeritus David Young and students of the creative writing department, was tailed by a reception and book raffle. The year-long series will pick up again on October 28.

# Deppmans Travel Asia for a Year of Lectures and Study

**Emily Edison and Ashley Simpson**

After a year-long sabbatical in Asia, Assistant Professor of Chinese Hsiu-Chuang Deppman and Assistant Professor of English and Comparative Literature Jed Deppman have recently returned to America. The two traveled to Taiwan with both their children.

Hsiu-Chuang Deppman received a Fulbright grant to research her main project, which she referred to as “a monograph entitled ‘The Cultural Politics of Adaptation: Chinese Fiction and Film from 1980 to 2006.’” She described it as “a chronological, decade-by-decade analysis of the parallel literary and cinematic movements in three Chinas: Hong Kong, Taiwan and China.”

Although affiliated with the Institute of Chinese Literature and



**Jed Deppman** Eva Green

Philosophy at Taipei’s Academia Sinica, Hsiu-Chuang Deppman presented papers and lectured at other institutions and conferences in Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Japan and the U.S.

Also at the institution as a visit-



**Hsiu-Chuang Deppman** Cary Foster

ing researcher, Jed Deppman worked on his book, *Trying to Think with Emily Dickinson*.

“I’m trying to place Emily Dickinson in her philosophical context: mental philosophy,” he said. “She invented the ‘trying to think’

form, in which she uses lyric poetry to answer really hard philosophical questions...We can learn a lot from understanding the way Dickinson approached the vocabularies and philosophies of her time.”

Jed Deppman also visited two other major institutions, the National Sun Yat-Sen University and the National Cheng Kung University (where Hsiu-Chuang studied). During his year abroad, Jed lectured on James Joyce’s *Ulysses* at Italy’s James Joyce Genetic Seminar. On his way back to Taiwan, he made a stop in Japan for the annual Emily Dickinson International Society conference.

Both professors talked about their trip with enthusiasm. Hsiu-Chuang Deppman said it was “a busy and fulfilling year,” and Jed Deppman described the Academia Sinica as

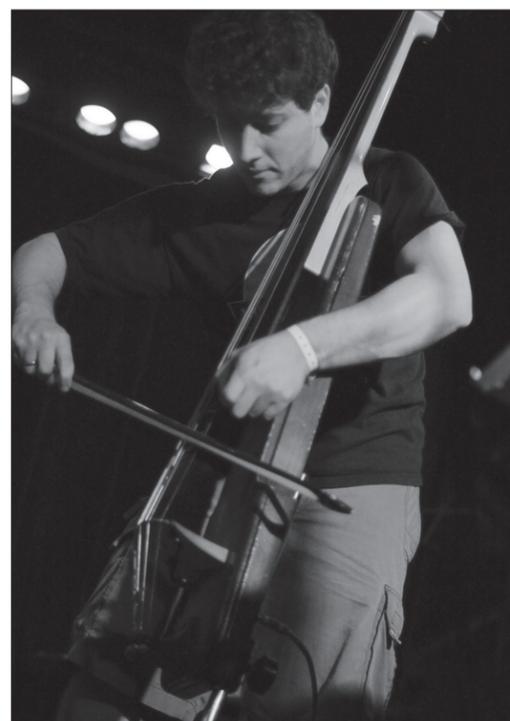
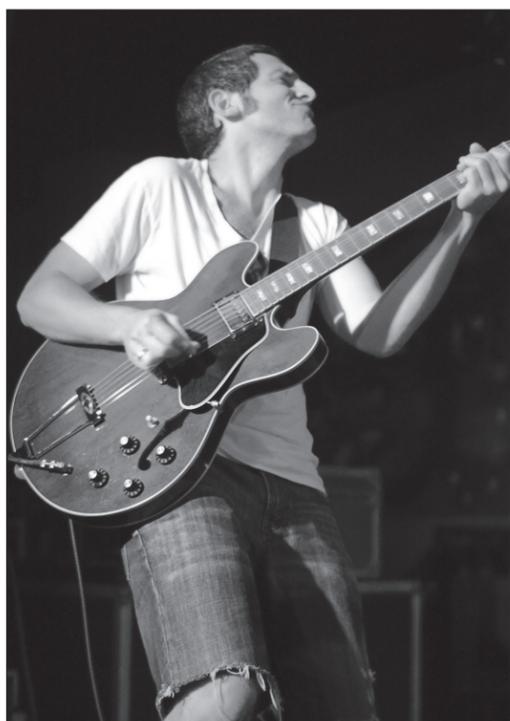
“unlike any place in America. It’s a pure research institution.”

Jed likened the atmosphere to a college campus — without any students. Employees “come around and supply you with tea and hot water every morning because they want you to keep working,” he said.

Expect to see both professors’ central projects in print this coming year.

Both members of the Oberlin faculty since 2003, Hsiu-Chuang Deppman teaches courses in Chinese language and literature, modern Chinese literature and film and comparative literature. Jed Deppman is the program director of the Literature department and is currently instructing the first year seminar, *Death and the Art of Dying* as well as the introductory comparative literature course.

## Gutbucket



**Gutting Out the ‘Sco:** New York City band Gutbucket played to an enthusiastic student crowd after a bit from Oberlin’s very own, The Pianos.

Gary Cohen

# Press Records the Successes of Oberlin Alumni

**Laurel Fuson**  
Art Editor

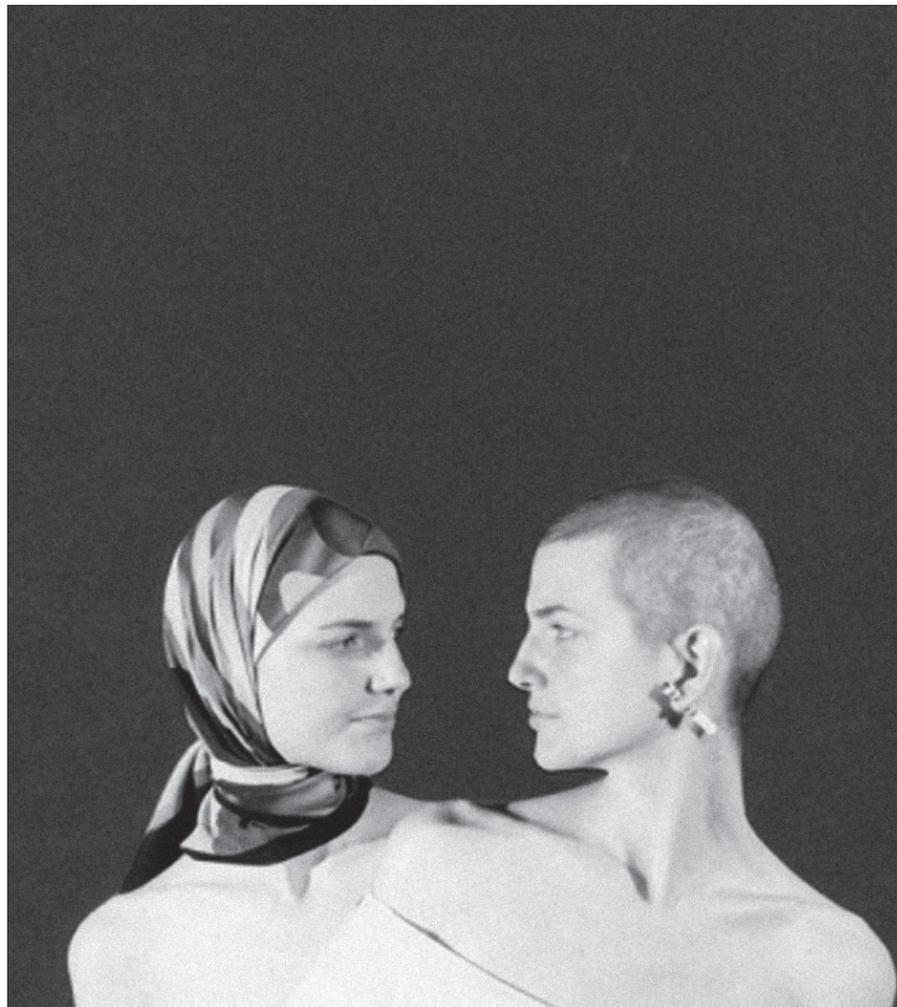
Oberlin students never seem to stop. As they delve deeper into their studies and passions than the typical college student, it is hard to believe that they ever sleep. And this intensity with which the typical Obie lives appears to extend past graduation. Recently, some alumni have been making headlines around the globe.

**‘What pains me the most about the headscarf issue is the lack of dialogue and empathy between the conflicting sides.’**

Iz Oztat  
OC '05

Most Obies enjoy a good PBS documentary, and some have been anticipating the seven-part series on World War II, titled *The War*, for quite some time. “Ken Burns’ much anticipated look at World War II already is a hit — in bookstores,” said *USA Today* on September 20. The book accompanying the epic story — and bearing the same name — was released before the series even started. Geoffrey C. Ward, OC '62, collaborated with Burns to write both the book and the film script. Each follows the stories of civilians and soldiers from four American towns from 1941 to 1945, beginning with the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. The book was released and hit No. 34 on *USA Today*’s bestseller list.

The Internet is becoming more and more of a canvas for digital art. On September 18, the San Francisco-based International



**Sisters:** A selection from a series, *Sisters*, by Iz Oztat, OC '05. Photo courtesy of [imaginingourselves.imow.org](http://imaginingourselves.imow.org). Museum of Women hosted an online show, which included a series, entitled *Sisters*, by Iz Oztat, OC '05. Shown in the exhibit, *Image and Identity — Custom and Costume!*, Oztat’s work was a part of the site’s “Imagining Ourselves” project. The exhibit explores the generation of women in Turkey who have had to choose between wearing a traditional headscarf and attending university. “What pains me the most about the head-scarf issue is the lack of dialogue and empathy between the conflicting sides,” said

Oztat.

Having graduated from Oberlin with honors in studio art, Oztat is now studying for an MFA at Turkey’s Sabanci University. In this small world, another alumna, Adrienne Koteen, OC '02, has also been involved with “Imagining Ourselves,” working for the past four years as a curator for the exhibit. Moving east from California to New York City, Obies continue to grace the Broadway stage.

According to *Playbill*, “Broadway’s original ‘Cosette,’ three-time Tony Award nominee Judy Kuhn, OC '81, will return to *Les Misérables*, 20 years later,” in order to take on the role of “Fantine” (Cosette’s mother) starting near the end of October.

Kuhn has already compiled an impressive list of credits to her name. She has been nominated for three Tony Awards and three Drama Desk Awards for roles in the American premieres of *Les Miz* and *Chess* and a revival of *She Loves Me*. She is also known for singing the title role in Disney’s *Pocahontas* and its sequel.

Recently, she has been working on a solo album, *Serious Playground: The Songs of Laura Nyro*, which highlights the work of that singer/songwriter and will be released by Ghostlight Records on October 2.

And behind the stage, Stacy Fullerton, OC '07, is breaking new ground as an intern at the Kennedy Center Institute for Arts Management, “an experiential training initiative that is rooted in the practical application of management skills.” Fullerton is interning in the education department’s Professional Development Opportunities for Teachers program. Her responsibilities include assisting with professional development workshops for teachers by coordinating events and preparing teachers’ materials. Fullerton also maintains a close relationship with leaders in education in the D.C. metropolitan area as well as artists throughout the country.

## Actors Reflect On Theater Production

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Mooney and Scholl have nothing but good things to say about working with Frank. “Sarah’s really great about knowing what she wants and being willing to listen to us,” said Scholl. “I don’t think I could have done this with another director,” added Mooney.

A set Frank described as a 3-D collage is a work of art in itself. Designed by College junior Liz Woodbury and painted by College sophomore Hannah Epstein it is a fitting landscape in which to tell the story of the play.

Although the show has sold out for tonight’s performance, it will run again in Little Theater on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 2 and 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available through CTS and at the door.



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## Conservatory Changing Scope

**Sophia Yan**  
Arts Editor

The Conservatory has recently been in flux with a number of new changes and exciting events. A popular conversation topic has been the new jazz building. Architects’ sketches for the facility are on display in the Con lounge. The wall is covered with plans in muted colors, depicting various angles and cross sections of the structure. The design will reorganize and enhance the Conservatory’s existing resources while adding on other elements, such as a state-of-the-art recording studio.

But before the Con breaks ground for construction, HIV/AIDS awareness will expand its efforts next week on campus, with a series of events sponsored by the Robert James Frascino, OC '74, AIDS Foundation. On Sunday at 8 p.m., pianist Barbara Nissman will perform Argentinian composer Alberto Ginastera’s Piano Concerto No. 1 Op. 28 with the Oberlin Chamber Orchestra under the baton of Bridget-Michael Reischl in Finney Chapel. Although the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display during the concert, it will move to Wilder for the remainder of the week.

Next Friday, Oct. 5, at 8 p.m., United Nations Goodwill Ambassador for HIV/AIDS Salman Ahmad of Pakistani band Junoon will give a concert in Warner Concert Hall. Ahmad is a singer, guitarist, composer, storyteller, HIV/AIDS activist and a filmmaker. He will screen his film, *Islamabad Rock City* (2001), which is about Junoon. According to the Center for Disease Control



**Gloria Kim**

Photo courtesy of [www.oberlin.edu](http://www.oberlin.edu)



**David Bowlin**

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and Prevention, more than 1 million Americans are living with HIV, and approximately 25 percent of those are not aware of their status. About 40,000 new HIV infections occur annually in America, with half of those in people under the age of 25. More than 40 million people in the world live with HIV.

Assisting with the Con’s exciting endeavors is Gloria Kim, OC '02, who has recently begun her appointment as Assistant Dean for Artistic Programming and Operations at the Conservatory. She will manage the Artist Recital Series, the Conservatory’s concert tours and various other performance events.

Prior to returning to Oberlin, Kim worked as the manager of the Annual Fund for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association in California. She has also worked with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Aspen Music Festival and School. Kim studied Piano Performance in the Conservatory and Arts Administration in the College.

Another addition supplementing the stellar staff is David Bowlin, OC '00, who joined the faculty this year as Assistant Professor of Violin. He is a founding member

of the International Contemporary Ensemble and has performed in Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. Bowlin is the first-prize winner in violin at the 2003 Washington International Competition for Strings.

After graduating from Oberlin, he earned a master’s degree from the Juilliard School in 2002, where he also served as a teaching assistant to Ronald Copes, OC '71. Bowlin is currently a doctoral candidate at New York’s Stony Brook University.

Saddled alongside its award-winning faculty comes the Master of Music Teaching program, anticipated to be a breakthrough in the world of music education. The program is aimed at students who have “the desire to pursue a performance career, a dedication to investing in and improving local communities and a passion for spreading the joy of music through teaching.” The five-year program will train students in both performance and pedagogy in either the instrumental or choral/vocal categories.

Such changes will hopefully prove to be instrumental in enriching the Conservatory and its offerings as the year continues to unfold.

# European Drawings Display Allen's Versatility

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work, really see the details." When Derstine uncovered a drawing done by Louis-Philibert Debucourt, she initially could find little background with its given title, "Cardinal de Rouen." However, in studying the historical context implied within the work itself, she was able to correct the files and identify the title and subject study instead as "The Cardinal de Rohan." The graphite and colored pencil drawing illustrates this figure, opulent and grand, pointing to a document — "Gestures are never arbitrary," Derstine noted.

On the document, she was able to decipher the words "Monument élevé...de Turenne." Upon further research of this monument erected for Turenne, a great military figure under Louis IV, she was able to connect the patronage of it to the Cardinal de Rohan. Other images of the Cardinal confirmed that it was indeed him in Debucourt's 1783 drawing.

**'It's like [the artist's] sneaking up on it from behind.'**

Andria Derstine  
AMAM Curator

Drawings were also based on the natural world, including plants and animals. Jean-Baptiste Oudry, who specialized in still life painting, presents a 1720s black and white chalk drawing, "Bear Seen From Behind."

"It's like he's sneaking up on it from behind. It's intimate and subtle," said Derstine.

John Ruskin, who was a writer and social critic as well as an artist, believed that the beauty in nature could only truly be found in the most essential elements that composed it, such as rocks or grains of sand. His 1870s drawing, "Gold in Oxide of Iron," is a detailed study that explores this mentality.

The exhibition also explores the study of human forms and portrait types in sketch form. Artists who were being formally trained began to learn their craft by first studying the nude. One of the later works on view is "Portrait of Madame Thiers" by Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres. The drawing concentrates primarily on the details of the face and the solemn expression that is being communicated.

"I just love the way she is looking at us," said Derstine.

In comparison, the body of the figure is much more sketchy and outlined.

"[Ingres] can work out the drapery on his own time when he gets back to the studio," said Derstine.

One of the younger works in the show, dated 1911, is Egon Schiele's



Jean-Baptiste Oudry, *Bear Seen From Behind* Photo courtesy of www.oberlin.edu

"Girl With Black Hair." His final painting was lost, but "often a sketch can be a reminder, especially if it feels like a finished work."

Contrary to Schiele's often overtly sexualized female bodies, this sketch focuses in on facial details, austere and somewhat impenetrable, while the breasts and torso are left to be a bit more finished.

An exhibit such as this one often propels new research, which in turn prompts a teaching museum such as the Allen to further strengthen its holding. In consideration of this, Derstine will teach a second module course organized around the drawings collection that is currently on view. The course will focus in on the questions that the medium of drawing raises, from technique to materials used, in order to understand the role sketching plays in the creative process of the visual arts as a whole.



Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres, *Portrait of Madame Thiers*

Photo courtesy of www.oberlin.edu

## Posters Create Buzz on Campus

Dear student,

Take a deep breath.

You are doing a great job.

love,  
Oberlin

Just yesterday afternoon, the Conservatory was postered with four different motivational signs by an anonymous person. With messages including, "Dear student, The future looks great. Don't forget to sleep. Love, Oberlin;" "Treat yourself well! You deserve it;" "Music really is this wonderful. Don't forget;" and "Take a deep breath. You're doing a great job," it's hard not to crack a smile. Spotted on bulletin boards outside professors' offices and near the practice rooms, they may offer harried students a little bit of solace.

Last week, flyers advertising a Limp Bizkit concert at the 'Sco on Thursday, October 4th around campus sparked a buzz that spread amongst the student body quickly. By the weekend, students could be overheard at parties squealing excitedly about the show. The posters were printed on flimsy, 8½" x 11" sheets, with a pixelated picture to boot. And the best part? The concert was supposedly funded by "your student activity fee." According to the 'Sco's calendar, however, composer and performance artist Dan Deacon, who hails from Baltimore, will be performing that night.

-Sophia Yan

## Toonbangla

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Residential Education and Dining Services

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#### Attend a H&D Committee Meeting- Tuesday, September 25, 4:45pm, Wilder 215

Agenda: Discussion

Fall Semester Fasts  
Committee Structure Proposal  
Dining Committee Report  
Upcoming Housing Selection Process

### Housing & Dining Questions?

Do you have questions about housing or dining?  
Come to the RE&DS "Drop in Hours" and talk to a member of the staff every Thursday 12:30-1:30pm, Griswold Stevenson

### Lost ID Card?

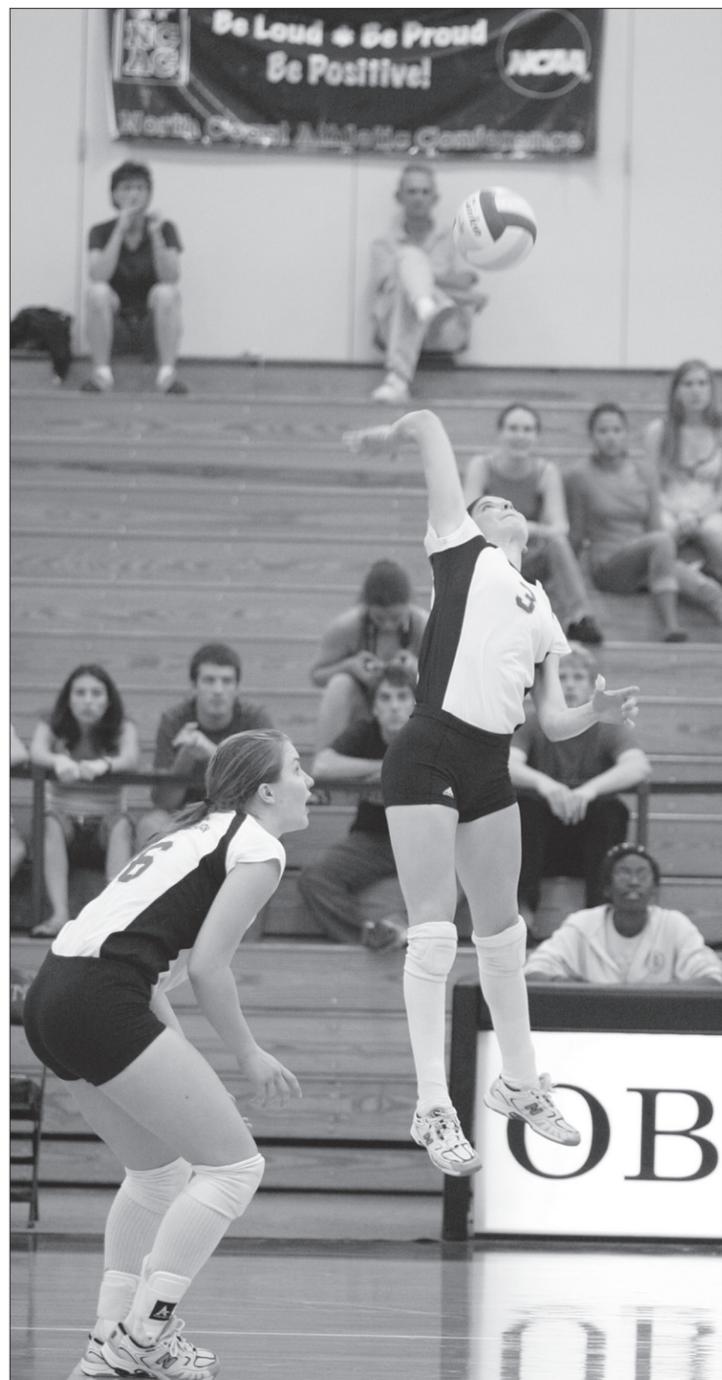
#### If you lose your ID card M-F 8:30am-4:30pm

Campus Dining Services Office- Stevenson - Griswold  
you can either request a new ID card (\$10.00)  
or a temporary card used until you locate your lost card

#### If you lose your ID card M-F after 4:30 pm or weekends

- (1) Safety and Security Office  
you will receive a temporary access card
- (2) Stevenson Line Checker- Biggs  
after presenting your temporary access card  
you will receive a temporary meal card (if you are on a CDS dining plan)

# Volleyball Served by NCAC, Denied Conference Win



**High Hopes:** Senior co-captain Deysi Villarreal shows off her jumping ability in Oberlin's home game against Wooster. Brian Hodgkin

**Asishana Osho**  
Staff Writer

After winning what the team thought was its first conference game in over three years last week, the Oberlin volleyball team has hit a bump in the road. Three consecutive losses at home have dropped the team to 0-4 in conference as the Yeowomen look to bounce back this weekend.

The win that had the Yeowomen in an uproar thinking that they had broken a four-year duck of zero conference wins was reviewed after Kenyon, whom they beat 3-0 on September 18, folded its program. The consensus from the conference, at this point, is that the Yeowomen's win will not count as a conference victory, but only an out-of-conference win.

‘We can beat [Ohio Wesleyan]. As long as we fight hard and believe in ourselves, we will win’

Melissa DeLombaert  
First-year

Oberlin entertained Wittenberg University, the second-ranked team in Division III women's volleyball, on September 21, followed by Earlham College on the 23rd and finally Wooster on September 26. All three games were conference games, with the Yeowomen looking to secure their first conference win, making headway in ultimately trying to qualify for the conference tournament.

With the 3-0 thwacking of Kenyon College still fresh in their

minds, the Oberlin team went into the Wittenberg tie full of confidence. Victory at the expense of the immaculate Wittenberg Tigers (15-0), though, was a feat easier said than done.

It was obvious that Oberlin needed something special in order to emerge victorious. Oberlin started the match the sharper of the two teams, going out on an early run in the first game and going on to lead 14-13 by the midway point. It was all Wittenberg from there as the Tigers showed exactly why they were ranked so high, by going on an unstoppable rally to take the game 30-21.

In the second game, Oberlin put up a lackluster performance as the opposition breezed by to win 30-16. The Yeowomen came back to speed in the third game and put up a good fight. In the end, the favorites emerged victorious taking the third game 30-20 as they extended their spotless record to 16-0.

Next up, Oberlin welcomed Earlham College, hoping to return to good form after the loss to Wittenberg. The game kicked off at an intense pace with both teams hitting hard as each tried to gain momentum. The score remained close throughout the first game but the Earlham team was able to gain some control towards the end as it went on to win the first game 30-25.

In the next game, Earlham College picked up where they left off, dominating proceedings as they marched to a relatively easy 30-19 victory. Backed by the ever-present Oberlin fans, the Yeowomen took initiative in the third quarter and put a stop to Earlham's dominance.

Led by senior captain Deysi Villarreal, who had 21 digs and 24 assists on the night, Oberlin launched a third game rampage as the team played its way to a 30-25 victory. The fourth game was a disappointing

## Next up

Volleyball at Denison  
Tuesday, October 2  
7 p.m.

one for the Yeowomen as the visitors regained their edge and then went on to claim a 30-25 victory to take the match 3-1.

To close out the triad of home games, Oberlin faced the College of Wooster in a contest on Wednesday. Oberlin played well all around, keeping things close as it battled to take the lead against the visitors.

First-year Amanda Wysk continued her amazing season with another stellar performance as she raked in 19 kills and 20 digs on the night. Despite Wysk's impressive showing and the persistence of the players, the Oberlin team was unable to claim the victory as Wooster won 3-1 — a game that could be described as a mirror of the contest against Earlham. Wooster took the first two games 30-18 and 30-17, and Oberlin responded with a 30-23 third period victory. The visitors then went on to win the match with a 30-21 fourth period win.

With these losses, Oberlin drops to a disappointing 3-10 for the season and 0-4 in conference play. The Yeowomen know they have the potential to do better and first-year Melissa DeLombaert voices her belief that the team is still a work in progress, saying, “It's a very young team, and we have a lot to learn from our coach and from each other. The good thing is we're doing exactly that and I think we're getting better.”

Oberlin is in action at home against rivals Ohio Wesleyan University tonight. Despite dropping a few games, the Yeowomen are confident they can get back on track in the league.

“We can beat [Ohio Wesleyan]. As long as we fight hard and believe in ourselves we will win,” said DeLombaert.

## Fans Should Be Excited for Mouth-Watering Contests

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Boy was I wrong.

The history of the homecoming dates back to a University of Missouri 1911 football game during which the athletic director was worried about a lack of attendance after

changing the location of the game. To draw a huge crowd, he added additional activities on top of the game, including parades and parties that also were geared towards returning alumni. Now schools nationwide have homecomings, except Oberlin. But that is about to change.

With Saturday supposed to be a relatively warm, sunny day, the atmosphere around North campus should be buzzing with passionate alumni, parents, fans and friends eager to cheer for their beloved Oberlin. I only wish that the homecoming day was advertised a little

more on campus.

Regardless, it will be a day to remember, hopefully not just for the homecoming itself, but for the teams that make headway into their respective conference schedules. Women's soccer goes up against Denison, no stranger to the national rankings in

past seasons, in the first conference game of the season. Football will hope to bounce back after a tough start to the season and bring the dedicated Oberlin fans something to cheer about. Men's soccer is hoping to dethrone OWU from its perch at the top of the conference.

The day's games should be full of excitement. As for the homecoming dance, I can't really say how that will stand, but I will keep my fingers crossed that it is somewhat of a success. After all, it seems few know about it, let alone want to spend their Saturday night in semi-formal attire. But I was wrong about homecoming in the first place, so I can't really hypothesize about the dance.

All I do know is that I am excited. For prospective students, this could be a great opportunity to see what Oberlin athletics is all about. As Samuel Jackson perfectly put it in the 1993 blockbuster *Jurassic Park*, “Hold on to your butts.” So fans, be prepared for a great day.

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## On Deck

### Saturday, September 29

Cross Country at Roy Griak Invitational (Minneapolis, Minn.), 9 a.m.  
Volleyball Alumnae Game, 10:30 a.m.  
Women's soccer vs. Denison, noon  
Football vs. Hiram, 1 p.m.  
Men's soccer vs. Ohio Wesleyan, 2 p.m.

### Tuesday, October 2

Women's soccer vs. Ohio Wesleyan, 4:30 p.m.  
Field hockey at Ohio Wesleyan, 4:30 p.m.  
Volleyball at Denison, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, October 3

Men's soccer at Wooster, 4:30 p.m.

### Friday, October 5

Volleyball at Allegheny, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, October 6

Volleyball at Hiram, noon  
Football at Denison, 1 p.m.  
Women's soccer at Earlham, 1 p.m.  
Volleyball vs. Tri-Valley (at Hiram), 2 p.m.  
Men's soccer at Earlham, 3 p.m.  
Field hockey at Denison, 6 p.m.

### Sunday, October 7

Women's soccer Alumnae Game, TBA

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# Losses Take FH to 3-7 Overall



**Push and Shove:** Junior Abigail "Prunee" Brox fights for position in Oberlin's home loss to Depauw. The Yeowomen fell to Washington & Jefferson 1-2 on Wednesday evening. Brian Hodgkin

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Allen, evened up the score on an assist from fellow senior tri-captain Christine Politis to tie up the score at the end of the first frame 1-1.

At the start of the second half, the game began to speed up as the ball traveled from one end of the field to the other, the two sides looking for the go-ahead goal. Luckily for Oberlin, the next goal came from a shot by first-year Taylor Rogers, the assist coming again from Politis.

While Oberlin tried to protect the lead and survive the DePauw onslaught at the end of regular time, a penalty stroke was awarded to the visitors. Again Fehr found the goal to tie the game up 2-2

### Next up

Field Hockey at Ohio Wesleyan  
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4:30 p.m.

with only three and a half minutes remaining, thus putting the game into overtime.

During the extra frame, Fehr completed her hat trick to end the game and demoralize a Yeowomen team that had fought hard to the end. "We're not holding other teams accountable," said Ranieri.

On Wednesday, Sept. 26, the Yeowomen fell to Washington & Jefferson College 1-2. Sophomore Catherine Meredith, off an assist from Allen, scored Oberlin's lone goal. It was Meredith's team leading fifth goal of the campaign.

Laura Peery, who scored both of W & J's goals, led the Presidents. Oberlin saw a continuing problem against Washington & Jefferson: not getting enough shots off.

Ranieri would like to see her team "tighten up and play tougher defense." Oberlin fell to 3-7 in the year. Fortunately, the team has yet to play most of its conference games so it can still turn its season around as the quest to regain the North Coast Athletic Conference crown continues.

Oberlin's next game is on October 2 at 4:30 p.m. against Ohio Wesleyan University, a conference opponent. Hopefully Oberlin will get back on its feet and regain a winning record in the conference as it now stands at 2-2 in NCAC play.

# Yeowomen Cross Country Ranked 28th in National Poll

**Zachary Lewis**  
Sports Editor

Over the last two years, winning has been part of the Oberlin College women's cross country team's modus operandi. On September 27, the Yeowomen were ranked within the top 30 teams of Division III cross-country, coming in at 28th.

"I'm so excited," said junior Nicole Ouellet. "We were ranked last year but that was in mid-October and was lower than 28th."

The ranking is well-deserved as last year the lady harriers came away with the North Coast Athletic Conference title and this year they seem to be on pace to repeat for the title and excel past their seventh-place finish in last year's Great Lakes Regional race.

Strong performances over the last few weeks by seniors Marie Barnett and Alison Doniger, juniors Nicole Ouellet and Maddy Davis-Hayes, sophomores Piper Niehaus and Clara Shaw and first-year standouts Joanna Johnson, Erica Grohol and Julia Bebee

have pushed the Yeowomen into a dim but slowly growing national spotlight.

"When I was tying up my shoes to run this summer in Russia I kept thinking to myself that I am doing this for my team, we are going to Nationals this year," Ouellet stated.

The next chance for the Yeowomen to show their class and prove their rank correct as well as build on it will be on Saturday, Sept. 29 at the Roy Griak Invitational where other nationally ranked teams Carleton College (34), North Central (33), St. Thomas College (24), St. Olaf College (18), University of Wisconsin — Platteville (16), University of Wisconsin — LaCrosse (13), University of Wisconsin — Eau Claire (9) and Luther College (4) will run. The Yeomen too will participate in the men's event.

Having rested his top runners for both the Yeomen and Yeowomen during the Otterbein Invitational, Coach Ray Appenheimer will have a completely healthy and well-rested squad for the event.

During the Invitational, the Yeowomen took sixth out of 16 teams

while the men finished 14th of 16. Senior Alex Petek spearheaded the Yeowomen assault along with junior Elizabeth Fabis, finishing in 30th and 31st, respectively. For the Yeomen, senior Andrew Pike led the way, finishing in 73rd.

**'I kept thinking to myself that I am doing this for my team, we are going to Nationals this year'**

Nicole Ouellet  
Junior

Saturday will prove to be an incredible opportunity for both the Yeomen and Yeowomen to compete against the nation's best Division III schools while at the same time showing them that Oberlin cross-country is a force that will grace the top ranked teams in the nation for years to come.

## Standings

Field Hockey						
	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Kenyon	4	0	1.000	5	2	.714
Ohio Wesleyan	2	1	.667	5	2	.714
Denison	2	1	.667	3	5	.375
Wittenberg	1	1	.500	4	2	.667
<b>Oberlin</b>	2	2	.500	3	4	.429
Wooster	2	3	.400	3	4	.429
Earlham	0	5	.000	1	5	.167

Football						
	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Wabash	1	0	1.000	3	0	1.000
Allegheny	0	0	.000	2	1	.667
Wittenberg	0	0	.000	2	1	.667
Kenyon	0	0	.000	1	2	.333
Denison	0	0	.000	1	2	.333
Earlham	0	0	.000	1	2	.333
<b>Oberlin</b>	0	0	.000	0	3	.000
Wooster	0	0	.000	0	3	.000
Ohio Wesleyan	0	1	.000	0	3	.000
Hiram	0	0	.000	0	3	.000

Men's Soccer								
	Conference				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Kenyon	1	0	0	1.000	7	1	0	.875
Ohio Wesleyan	1	0	0	1.000	8	2	0	.800
Wittenberg	1	0	0	1.000	6	2	1	.722
Wooster	1	0	0	1.000	5	2	0	.714
<b>Oberlin</b>	1	0	0	1.000	6	2	2	.700
Allegheny	1	1	0	.500	6	3	0	.667
Hiram	0	1	0	.000	6	1	1	.812
Denison	0	1	0	.000	4	2	1	.643
Earlham	0	1	0	.000	2	6	0	.250
Wabash	0	2	0	.000	2	7	0	.222

Women's Soccer								
	Conference				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Wooster	0	0	0	.000	7	1	0	.875
Earlham	0	0	0	.000	6	1	1	.812
Denison	0	0	0	.000	7	2	0	.778
Wittenberg	0	0	0	.000	7	2	0	.778
Hiram	0	0	0	.000	5	3	0	.625
Kenyon	0	0	0	.000	4	3	1	.562
Ohio Wesleyan	0	0	0	.000	3	3	1	.500
Allegheny	0	0	0	.000	2	4	1	.357
<b>Oberlin</b>	0	0	0	.000	2	4	1	.357

Volleyball						
	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Wittenberg	3	0	1.000	18	0	1.000
Hiram	3	0	1.000	14	1	.933
Allegheny	2	1	.667	9	5	.643
Wooster	2	2	.500	6	11	.353
Denison	0	2	.000	6	6	.500
Earlham	0	1	.000	6	7	.462
Ohio Wesleyan	0	2	.000	6	9	.400
<b>Oberlin</b>	0	3	.000	3	9	.250
Kenyon	0	0	.000	0	3	.000

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# IN THE LOCKER ROOM

# Jessica Greenberg

This week Moose Terry sat down and talked with the women's soccer senior captain, Jessica Greenberg. The psychology major and four-year Oberlin College athlete discussed many realms of her life as an Obie student-athlete, ranging from soccer to teaching Spanish and eating delicious ice cream.

**Moose Terry: How long have you played soccer and why do you love it so much?**

**Jess Greenberg:** I have been playing since I was five, so for about 16 years. I just love the game of soccer and the different components of being on an athletic team.

**MT: What goals did you have coming into this final year of your career?**

**JG:** I wanted to be a good and honorable captain, as well as a good friend and role model for my teammates. I also wanted to show the first-years that this can be a good year and we can capitalize. We can do so well as a team.

**MT: What has been your favorite part of playing soccer at Oberlin?**

**JG:** The team chemistry and how everyone gets along so well in the program. Having all unique personalities come together as a family. I also love how there is time to be a complete jackass but also run and work my ass off.

**MT: What is the fondest memory you have of playing for Oberlin?**

**JG:** It would have to be sophomore year when we beat Kenyon. It was raining, snowing and all other 30-degree precipitations and Kenyon was ranked second in con-



Jess Greenberg

ference. We beat them 2-1 and it was the greatest moment to date. It was during fall break so nobody

was there but it was awesome.

**MT: You have a new coach this**

**year in Kristen Hayden. How is that working out for the team?**

**JG:** She has really stepped up and

fulfilled the role. She's a real hard-ass and pushes us to do our best. It's fantastic.

**MT: Outside of soccer, what is your favorite activity?**

**JG:** Hanging out with my friends, eating ice cream and I just recently started playing the piano. I love being 21. Also I enjoy teaching Spanish to kindergartners.

**MT: Can you describe your teaching program?**

**JG:** Well, it's called SITES (Spanish in the Elementary Schools) and Oberlin students go to places like Prospect Elementary and Eastwood to teach Spanish. It's really good because you get a chance to broaden kids' horizons.

**MT: What plans do you have after Oberlin?**

**JG:** I want to attend grad school for psychology. I have a lot of research experience but I have not decided between working more in counseling or in the clinical environment.

**MT: What is your favorite place in Oberlin?**

**JG:** I would have to say it is Miller's Ice Cream because I love ice cream. My favorite flavor is mint chocolate chip; it's a party in my mouth.

**MT: Well it's time for this week's Judy's Oasis Vomit Special question of the week. Apples or oranges?**

**JG:** Apples, because they are crispy, crunchy and come in different colors.

Interview by Moose Terry

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## Heisman Club Presents: A Symposium For All

The John Heisman Club is proud to present its second symposium, featuring Charlotte Lettis Richardson and her documentary film, *Run Like a Girl*. The second installment in the Heisman symposium series comes fresh off the heels of the highly attended "Caught in the Spotlight: Anxiety and Performance" event from this past spring.

On Saturday, Oct. 6 at 3:00 p.m., Richardson will be in Oberlin to tell her story, one of struggle, frustration and, ultimately, reward. As a talented distance runner at the University of Massachusetts in the 1970s (before the ratification of Title IX), her opportunities to display her talent were limited; she had to run in "open" road races where she was heckled and hassled by the public.

Because of the inequality she experienced as a runner, Richardson dedicated her life to advocating women in sports. She has coached some of the most successful female athletes of the past 30 years.

A theater and women's studies major in college, Richardson went on to film school at the Northwest Film Studies Center in Portland, Oregon. *Run Like a Girl* is her first film. She has run professionally and served as the head of promotions for women's running at Nike. Richardson currently works as the head coach of the Athena Track Club in Portland.

Her story is well documented in the film. The movie contrasts her experience with the hardships of a female athlete who preceded her and with the opportunities of a young female athlete today.

The screening of the film will be followed by a discussion and question and answer session. Refreshments will be served.

# Yeomen Break Deadlock to Cruise Past Muskies

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on. After finishing the non-conference schedule with a 5-2-2 record, Oberlin knew it had to start off well against a decent Allegheny side. While the heat affected both teams throughout the first half, creating periods of sluggish play, Oberlin showed its quality as it produced a fine goal in the 42nd minute to take a 1-0 lead into half time.

**‘When Muskingum tied the game with 20 minutes left, we didn’t lose our cool.’**

**Sam Zackheim**  
Senior, Team Captain

First-year David Lowe, who came on as a substitute, beat his defender on the outside left midfield and found junior Zach “Lulu” Lewis on the cross. Lewis did not hesitate, struck the ball the first time and scored, sending the Oberlin bench and fans into a frenzy.

Oberlin played solid defense in the second half, keeping Allegheny at bay to record the team’s sixth shutout of the year. First-year Zach Lipshultz also helped out the Yeomen, who produced several fine saves, to preserve the 1-0 score.

The Yeomen produced a solid performance last Saturday as a flurry of second-half goals helped down non-conference opponent Muskingum College 3-1. Unleashing 21 total shots on goal, the Yeomen

overcame first-half frustrations to take the lead on a great run by first-year Chris Campbell in the 65th minute. Muskingum responded just five minutes later when a lapse in the Oberlin defense allowed the Fighting Muskies to notch the equalizer.

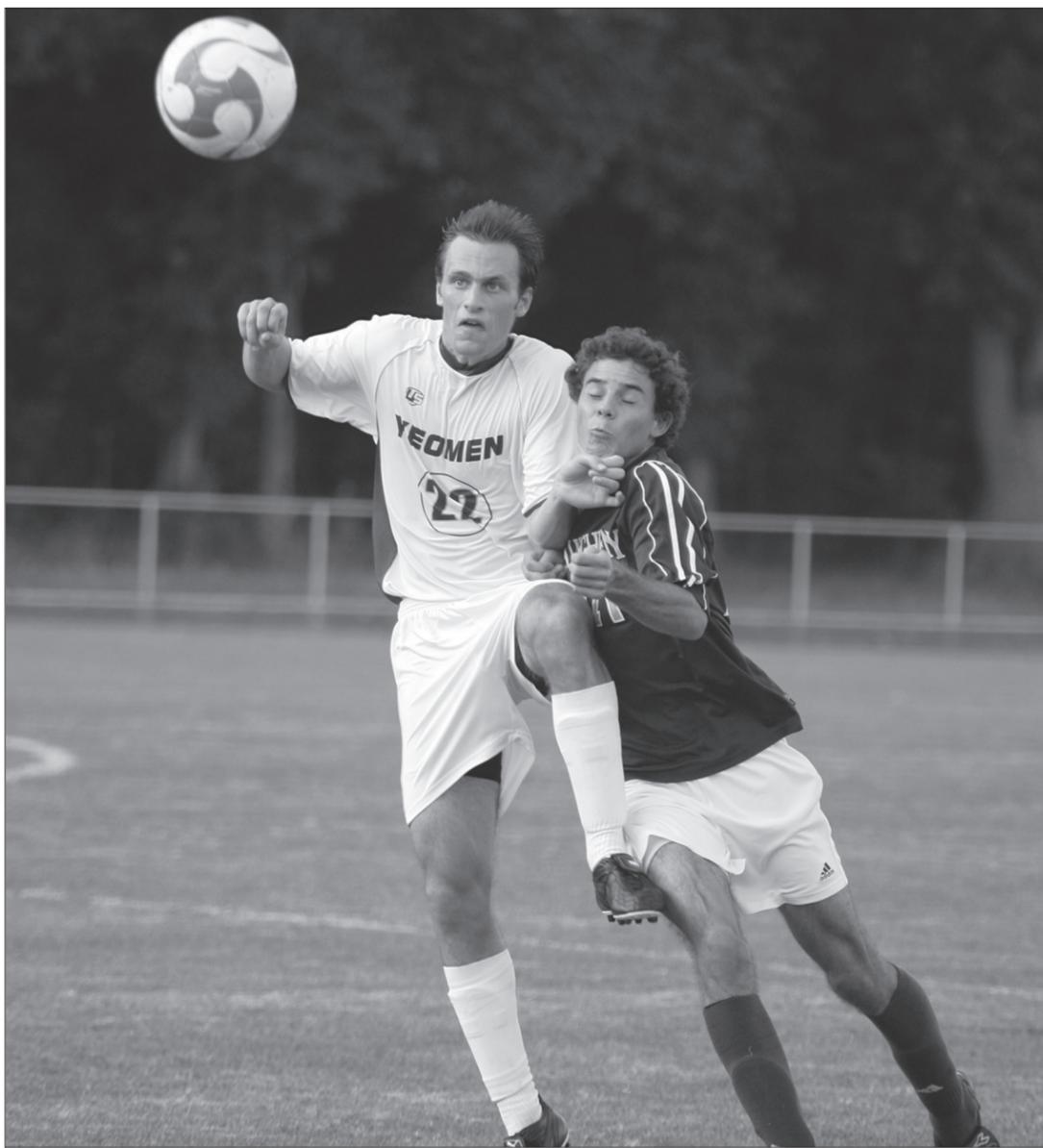
That was it for Muskingum, though, since junior goalkeeper Derrick Bean stood firm in the net, recording four saves in the afternoon. In the 75th minute senior co-captain Sam Zackheim put the Yeomen up for good with his third goal of the season.

It seems it would not be a soccer game this year if junior Luke Hoffman did not find the back of the net. In the 83rd minute Hoffman broke away on a strong pass from junior John Lindner to score his team-leading eighth goal of the season.

After the game, Zackheim was full of praise for the team’s composure after giving up a goal late in the game.

“When Muskingum tied the game with 20 minutes left, we didn’t lose our cool. I’m always emphasizing the importance of staying together on the field — mentally through our attitude, and physically through our team shape. I thought we it was awesome how we responded as a group. Aside from our work ethic and skill-level, it’s our team chemistry that will propel us this year.”

The Yeomen play at home against last year’s conference champion, Ohio Wesleyan, on Saturday. The game is among the host of athletic events going on during Oberlin’s Homecoming weekend.



**Eye of the Tiger:** Senior co-captain Sam Zackheim finds himself in the heat of the fight against an Allegheny defender in Oberlin’s 1-0 win. The Yeomen are now 1-0 in conference play. Brian Hodgkin

## Football Puts Frustrations On Deck, Prepares for NCAC

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Carroll capped the drive with a four-yard run into the end zone.

After giving up another touchdown in the second half, Oberlin’s offense got going. The Yeomen marched 92 yards downfield, their second longest drive of the season, for a touchdown.

On a trick play, senior wide receiver Andy Stein, one-time starting quarterback for the Yeomen, threw a 40-yard bomb to senior Chris Schubert for a touchdown.

William & Jefferson responded with two touchdowns to make the score, 56-14. The game was basically over when it entered the fourth quarter, but that did not deter the Yeomen. Oberlin put it all on the line in the fourth quarter, showing heart in the midst of a blowout.

After the Presidents’ final touchdown, the Yeomen got the ball on their own 20-yard line. Twelve plays later junior Greg Mangan threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to fellow junior J.J. Hepp.

Three plays later, senior Nick Bartlett

intercepted a William & Jefferson pass, giving the Yeomen excellent field position. First-year Ryan Harvey made the Presidents pay for the turnover as he rumbled into the end zone for a three-yard score.

The loss dropped Oberlin to 0-3 entering conference play. Even with the poor start, the Yeomen will not be deterred.

All three losses have come in non-conference play and the Yeomen still have eyes on a conference championship, although they know that their play has to get better to achieve any preseason goals.

“We had high expectations entering the season and still do,” said Mangan. “For us to get where we want to, we are going to have to clear our minds and start playing the game with some confidence and an attitude.”

Oberlin will look to get the season back on track this Saturday at home against conference foe Hiram.

“We have Hiram this week at home, so it’s good to get back in front of your own and get this back on track,” said Schubert. “I can say it’ll be an entertaining game and the first step to that conference championship!”

## Despite Team’s Hard Work, Victory Eludes Yeowomen

**Drew Williamson**  
Staff Writer

The Oberlin College women’s soccer team suffered another tough loss this week, this time at the hands of the Marietta College Lady Pioneers. This was the last non-conference game for the Yeowomen and they were hoping to end the non-conference season on a good note.

On Saturday, Sept. 22, the Yeowomen traveled to Marietta College to compete against a team that had won three straight games prior to that day’s contest. Marietta was looking to extend its streak while the Yeowomen had lost its last three and were looking to turn things around.

The game started at a hot and humid 2:00 p.m. in front of a crowd of nearly 130 spectators. The Lady Pioneers converted early, scoring in the 5th minute of the match. Jessica Martinez of Marietta scored her fifth goal of the year as she hit a shot from about 20 yards out that flew over junior goalkeeper Sarah Grabinski and into the side netting.

After the goal, Oberlin regrouped and settled into its offensive and defensive strategies. The remainder of the first half was evenly matched with Oberlin taking seven shots and Marietta taking six. These shots forced Grabinski to save two while Marietta’s Helen Hetzel saved three.

Though they were down a goal, the Yeowomen battled fiercely to get one of their own. Of particular note in the first half was that Oberlin gave up only a single corner kick while Marietta gave up five. Unfortunately, the Yeowomen were unable to capitalize on these.

The advantage in the second half seemed to swing toward the Lady Pioneers. In the 62nd minute, Marietta grabbed another goal as Kaley Donovan hit a cross home after it drew Grabinski out of position. The second half saw the Lady Pioneers take eight shots

to the Yeowomen’s three, forcing Grabinski and Hetzel to five and three saves, respectively.

Marietta held onto its lead for the remainder of the game. The team outshot Oberlin 14 to 10, with Marianna Siders taking five of the 14. On the side, the Yeowomen’s co-captain, senior midfielder Jess Greenberg, sophomore Kate Berry-Millett, and first-year Katy Holihan each grabbed two shots.

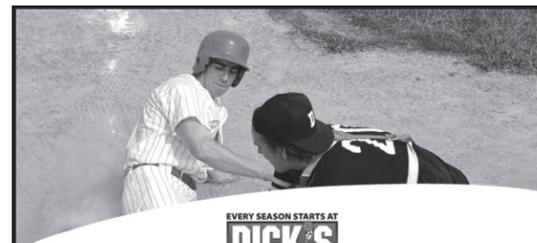
**‘When you look at the last four games, those were well-played games. We don’t need to change anything’**

**Kristen Hayden**  
Women’s Head Soccer Coach

This loss drops Oberlin’s record to 2-5-1 and raises Marietta’s to 5-2-1. Oberlin has lost its last four games and scored only one goal in the last seven games. With conference games quickly approaching, the Yeowomen are looking to get things to click so that they can begin North Coast Athletic Conference play with a win.

When asked about what needs to change as conference play nears, head coach Kristen Hayden said, “When you look at the last four games, those were well played games. We don’t need to change anything, just continue to play tough.”

The Yeowomen’s September 26 game against Allegheny was postponed due to lightning, giving the Yeowomen some extra practice time before they start their conference season against Denison on September 29 at 12:00 p.m. on Fred Shults field. To do well in Saturday’s game, junior forward Joelle Sesar said, “We need to be dangerous in the final third (of the field).”



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## Homecoming Hurrah

Mike Mullaley

### Sports Opinion

Saturday is Oberlin College's 2007 athletic homecoming, but odds are if you have not hung around Philips Gymnasium, talked to one of your football classmates or gone to the athletic website within the last week, you probably have no idea that September 29 will be unlike any previous sports day in the recent history of Oberlin athletics. Or at least that is what I expect.

Games and festivities start at 10 a.m. with an alumni swimming and diving meet and end in the late afternoon with a men's soccer game against conference powerhouse Ohio Wesleyan. Sandwiched in between is an alumni volleyball game, a Heisman Club Tailgate, women's soccer game, a football game, scoreboard dedication and the Fred Shults Field Dedication. The action-packed day concludes with a free homecoming semi-formal dance at the 'Sco from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

When I discovered that the athletic department was having a homecoming this weekend, I stopped what I was doing and stood motionless and befuddled. After going two years without even hearing the word whispered around campus, I was not sure what to expect. Before I knew it, memories of high school homecomings came flooding back.

I don't know what other Obies experienced during their golden years in high school, but as a person from a decently large public school in a well-populated city that had a somewhat functional football team, homecoming week had a little more spice than the rest.

"Spirit Week," as it was so eloquently dubbed, consisted of the school creating daily themes to encourage students to show their pride through wearing eccentric outfits. The end of the week culminated with the much-hyped and occasionally amusing pep assemblies, which were followed that night by the football game and homecoming dance at some fortunate B-grade hotel conference room. That allowed boys and girls of all ages and sizes a legitimate reason to grind up on each other while listening to Nelly's "Ride with Me."

While they were amusing at the time, I assumed that after I graduated from high school these memories would slowly vanish into oblivion. Before Lulu informed me that homecoming was an annual event at most colleges, I thought they were not even a part of college athletics.

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# Men's Soccer 1, Allegheny 0



Jeremy Simon  
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Nearly two years ago, the Oberlin men's soccer team bowed out of its first ever North Coast Athletic Conference tournament in disappointing fashion, losing to Allegheny College 1-0 at home. Hopes of finishing the much-improved year on a high dissipated, and Allegheny players taunted the Yeomen as they walked off the field to their locker room. This game would not be forgotten.

### Next up

Men's soccer vs. Ohio Wesleyan  
Saturday, Sept. 29  
2 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Yeomen locked horns with Allegheny in the first conference game of the season, defeating the Gators 1-0. The win took Oberlin's undefeated home record to 15 straight games, dating back to that infamous loss. Oberlin had additional motivation to beat Allegheny after losing 4-0 last year.

The Yeomen started brightly, taking the game to the Gators early

**Watch This:** First-year goalkeeper Zach Lipshultz makes sure the defense is organized in Oberlin's 1-0 home victory over Allegheny College. It was Oberlin's fifteenth straight undefeated home game.

Brian Hodgkin

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# Football Fall to #15 Wash and Jeff, 26-56

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The Oberlin Yeomen played against the Washington & Jefferson College Presidents, ranked 15th in D-III football nationally, and fell by a score of 56-26 on Sept. 22. Oberlin had a sluggish first half, but played Washington & Jefferson

almost evenly in the second half.

The Yeomen defense came out firing on all cylinders to start the game, forcing W&J into a three-and-out on its first possession. The Presidents returned the favor and took over in Oberlin territory after Oberlin's punt netted a mere 12 yards.

Oberlin's defense could not

### Next up

Football vs. Hiram  
Sunday, Sept. 29  
1 p.m.

continue the momentum of its first defensive stop as W&J utilized the big play ability that has the team nationally ranked to score touchdowns on its next five possessions.

The Presidents found the end zone on plays of 33, 31, 45, 65 and 29 yards, all in the first half.

Down 21-0 a mere eight seconds into the second quarter, the Yeomen marched down the field 50 yards in ten plays to score their lone first half touchdown. Junior R.V.

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# Field Hockey Unable to Hold Off DePauw

Dharam Khasa  
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"It's just disappointing to have another loss," Coach Deb Ranieri

commented after a tough 3-2 overtime loss on Sunday to DePauw University. The Yeowomen played well but were unable to capitalize on opportunities they created. Even

though Oberlin controlled the ball well in the first half, they were only able to get two shots on goal.

DePauw's Ashley Fehr scored the first goal of the game 16:41

into the first half in what turned to be a back and forth contest. Oberlin's senior tri-captain, Ashley

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**Twinkle Toes:** Sophomore Catherine Meredith weaves in and out of defenders in Oberlin's 2-3 loss against DePauw University.

Brian Hodgkin