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# Voice

The more I study religions, the more I am convinced that man never worshipped anything but himself. — Sir Richard Burton

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## "Intersections" addresses many religious issues

*The first in a series of three discussions dealing with the intersection between faith and careers in the real world*

DAN SHORTRIDGE

Several students on Tuesday night participated in an informal discussion of "Intersections" between career and faith, focusing on the practice of law. The discussion, sponsored by the Office of Campus Ministries, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and the Pre-Law Advising Committee, featured four lawyers from the local community, who are all active members of their respective faiths.

The panelists, all of whom live in Wooster and are members of the local bar, represented a variety of religious traditions. Doug Druschal, the discussion moderator, represented the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Margo Brochl, a Wooster alumnus who practices law out of her home, described the work she

does as "more defined by what I don't do than by what I do. I take care of people who don't have anybody," she said, adding that she has "not really found a comfortable church home." Frank Chicconetti, a Wooster native and alumnus, specializes in estate planning, taxation, and business litigation. Chicconetti was raised Catholic, but "found it too dogmatic." He is now a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Wooster. Frank Avellone, a member of the board of the local Jewish Temple, is the director of the Wooster and Wayne Legal Aid Society, a non-profit poverty law office that is involved in legal issues from domestic relations and violence to tenant and welfare rights.

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## Harris talks Council

CARLYE BURCHETT

The chair of Campus Council for the 1997-98 school year, Rorie Harris '99 has some opinions on Campus Council and its function within the College. She sees the primary responsibility of the Council is to "create guidelines and let students know they do exist," so that students know where to go and what to do in specific situations.

An example of these guidelines is the two projects that Campus Council is currently undertaking which were left undone last year. One project relates to setting up a uniform funding model for all the organizations, such as SGA and WVN, that fund student organiza-

tions. The goal, Harris said, is "getting concrete, eliminating maybe questions."

The second project relates to the "same idea of getting concrete answers to maybe questions. It deals with club sports, and the project stemmed from a question that the men's volleyball team brought up. Campus Council wants concrete answers to questions like "who is a club sport, and who is not?"

As for how Harris sees her new role as chair of Campus Council, she says, "I like it, I do ... it's interesting. I see it as a job, and somebody has to do it." She commented on how when people find

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## Happy Birthday I.S.!



PHOTO BY DAVID HEISSERER

Last Friday marked the 50th anniversary of Independent Study. Above, President Stan Hales and Dean of Faculty Susan Figge enjoy the lunchtime picnic in front of Kauke. Both Lowry and Kittredge were closed, forcing students to attend the picnic, where Food Services had boxed lunches and a Dixieland Band provided background music. The Scot Pipers also played "Happy Birthday." Other events occurred throughout the weekend, including a series of lectures by alumni in different fields regarding their perspectives on the Independent Study experience and how it impacted them.

## ACS faces problems

AARON RUPERT

Academic Computing Services now has Babcock Hall to add to its plate of problems. "Netscape keeps working intermittently," says Brian McFillen '01, who is a first hand observer to the Localtalk network problems that are causing Babcock to fall on and off the College network.

"We recognize that it is still a problems, and we are committed to repairing it," said Phillip Harriman II, director of ACS. He stated that ACS has known for some time that Babcock has had network difficulties. According to Harriman, ACS made some hardware replacements that were to repair the problems, but the problems persist.

"[The Babcock network] is all on one loop," said Ben Adair '97, this year's ACS intern. Being on one loop, the network signal degrades, which caused the dorm to drop on and off the network. According to Adair, ACS is considering splitting Babcock into two or three separate loops, which would alleviate the network problems, even though Babcock is going to be wired for Ethernet over the summer. Adair stated that, even though it would cost ACS to change the Babcock Localtalk wiring, ACS feels it needs to make the change to give the students the network services they expect.

These problems are added to what Harriman has called, "a hectic month." Ethernet has become one ACS's biggest headache. "Helping students," said Harriman "getting their computer's connected to Ethernet is more difficult than to Localtalk."

"It's finally calmed down a bit," said Adair, "but the first three weeks were hell." Adair also stated that, though some problems have been more serious, many difficulties have been caused by people not being "very thorough in reading their documentation."

### THE FINE PRINT

✓ If you have laundry tokens left from the old system, they may be returned to the Front Desk in Lowry Center for a cash refund. All tokens must be returned by Friday, Oct. 3.

✓ Tuesday Adam Werbach, the Sierra Club president will speak on "Faith in the Future" at 7:30 p.m. in McGaw as part of the Forum series.

✓ SAB will sponsor Party on the Green, featuring the Twistoffs, this Saturday from 8 to 11:30 p.m. on the Armington Quad.

✓ Anna Rhee, director of the Washington Office of United Methodist Women, will speak Wednesday on "A Covenant for the Generations and the Generations" as part of the Lay Academy of Religion lectures in Lean Lecture Hall at 7:30 p.m.

✓ CD Trader will be in the Lowry Lounge Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

✓ ACS will sponsor computer user classes Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Taylor 209 at 4 p.m. See page 7 for details.

# News Briefs

## CAMPUS

•At its second meeting Wednesday, SGA conducted a mock funding meeting and created ad-hoc committees. Members will be looking into the bookstore, phone company, housing expansion, and computer services. On the funding end of things, new guidelines have been written and the funding meetings have been broken into two days, instead of one long time period. These efforts have been made to attempt to avoid the controversy that surrounded last year's funding process. Meetings will be held Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. in Scovel.

•On Tuesday, Oct. 14, ACS will be removing the old network communication boxes from the following buildings: Kauke, Scovel, Compton, Galpin, Holden Wing-Annex. All machines in these buildings must have converted to Ethernet in order to connect to the campus network. If you have any questions, contact ACS. The VAXcluster and the ACS Software Server are also scheduled to be down for full backups on Monday, Oct. 13. All mail and printing services in Taylor Hall will be disrupted. There will also be re-configuring of the campus network. This means that all network communications will be taken down.

## NATIONAL

•According to an annual survey conducted by the College Board, undergraduate tuition has risen five percent since last year. This figure is three times last year's amount, with the average price for public institutions at \$10,000 and private colleges costing roughly \$21,400. Tuition has been increasing since 1976, but the latest hike comes amid drastic state and federal educational cutbacks. With rising prison and health care cost, states have decided to spend less on education. While enrollment is increasing, aid is decreasing, with the average aid per student growing at half the rate of tuition.

## INTERATIONAL

•On Wednesday, Britain and Ireland rejected a demand by pro-British unionists for the expulsion of the IRA's political arm, Sinn Fein, from the historic Northern Ireland multiparty talks. After seven hours of talks in Belfast, Northern Ireland parties also announced a major breakthrough, saying they would move next week into a long-awaited negotiations on the province's future. Britain and Ireland both said in a statement that Sinn Fein had not breached the Mitchell Principles, a peace code written by Sen. George Mitchell and adopted by all participants at the talks.

compiled by Jamie Mapes and James Koller with information from CNN-Online

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# Independent learning and Botstein

HEATHER SCHWARTZ

To begin the celebration of the 50 year anniversary of Independent Study, Leon Botstein presented a lecture, "On the Nature of Independent Learning," on Thursday, Sept. 18. Included in the audience gathered to listen to Botstein speak were alumni from the class of 1950, the first graduating class to complete the I.S. program at the College of Wooster.

Leon Botstein has been the president of Bard College in New York since 1975. Before he became president of Bard, he earned a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Chicago and a master's and doctoral degrees from Harvard University. He is the editor of "The Musical Quarterly" and is also a published author. His most recent book is "Jefferson's Children: Education and the Promise of American Culture." Botstein is also the music director of the American Symphony Orchestra and the artistic director of the American Russian Youth Orchestra. He has even performed with the widely popular Yo Yo Ma at the 3,000 year anniversary of Jerusalem.

President R. Stanton Hales, during his opening comments at the forum, stated that Botstein, being a teacher, scholar, performer, author, and a personal experience in independent learning, was an



PHOTO BY MARY LAING

Professor Leon Botstein

"ideal choice to open the celebration" of 50 years of I.S.

Botstein opened his speech by congratulating the College of Wooster on its ability to maintain a sense of tradition. He then began speaking about what tradition truly is, and how it pertains to independent learning. Botstein also told of 1947, the year that I.S. was introduced to the College, and how it was the beginning of the Cold War. He spoke of how the people living during 1947 still carried with them the memory of World War II and that the people of that time came to college to try to "rebuild a world that came

to a point of almost utter destruction."

Botstein also said that learning can only be achieved by experience and asking questions. Botstein suggested that a person must establish his/her needs and wants, and then develop an agenda as to how to achieve these desires. Studying certain subjects and writing one's own curriculum is the most efficient way to learn, he claimed.

This is why Botstein believes that independent study is the best way to learn; it allows students to experience the subject of their major first-hand.

Yet Botstein did not only speak about independent learning. He stated he believes that there are no true individuals, and that people are all alike and simply attempt to be different and unique. According to Botstein, individuals are "really unbelievably the same" in that they say and think the same thing, and that what they choose is quite uniform. "In some ways, what he said was true, but I consider myself an individual," stated Erica Dodds '01 in regards to this portion of Botstein's speech.

The Forum concluded with a question and answer session, for which Botstein commented, "No person should be allowed to speak without being questioned. No one should ever be allowed to say something without being challenged."

# Harris

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about her new job, she sees two extreme reactions: "either 'sorry,' or 'wow,' you are the most powerful person on campus. What is that like?" She says she sees her job as being at neither extreme, but a balance between them.

After three weeks on the job, Harris thinks that it is "going well ... I was worried initially ... it is different from what you see and what you do, but everybody is working together well; things are looking pretty good." She is positive about the makeup of the Council; "it has potential, a good group of people." This year, her goal for the Council is to get things over with, and not spend weeks and weeks debating issues. The watchwords for this year are "efficiency is key"; Harris said that the job is "really hard to do, do things quickly but also see both sides of an issue ... but worth trying to do."

Harris believes one of the most important things students can do is, "come to the meetings. See what it is like, tell me what you think ... I really want to know ... I can take constructive criticism."

Campus Council meetings are every Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Kauke 127 and are open to the campus community.

# Intersection discussion

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The questions directed to the panelists throughout the evening dealt mainly with the ways in which personal faith influenced their practice of the law.

For Brochl, her parents' strict Presbyterian faith "really put me off from organized religion for a long, long time." It was her father's death when she was a senior in college that forced her to "grapple with developing a spiritual life." It was that sense of spirituality, rather than the influence of an organized faith, that drove her to "be someplace where I could help people."

Chiconetti stated that his faith did not influence his choice of careers, but rather that "my religious beliefs have grown stronger as I've matured as a professional." The practice of law, he said, is often a simple matter of "what's right and what's wrong." He cited a case in which his client lied under oath in pre-court depositions: "I couldn't say anything on the record then, but after that, our relationship was terminated."

Avellone, who was not raised in a religious household, came to Judaism after experimenting with several other traditions in the 1960s. To Avellone, who has been in public-

interest work all his career, law allows him to "satisfy my most inner personal desires and get paid for it." He cautioned to look out for "moral and ethical land mines," and described the "temptation" that young lawyers are often faced with when burdened with financial problems caused by massive law school loans.

All three lawyers agreed with Avellone that "what contemporary lawyering is about is navigating waters to help people solve problems." Brochl added, "without faith I wouldn't be able to do it." Chiconetti said that on his gravestone, he would like an inscription that read simply, "He Helped People."

This discussion, according to Campus Minister Linda Morgan-Clement, was the first of three dealing with intersections between faith and careers. The next two will deal with medicine and government service.

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## Speaking of ...

## They cheated and they lied

As we relaxed in our hammocks and sipped Country Time lemonade this summer, life seemed perfect. The birds chirped, the dogs barked, children played in the street, the sun shone with all its might, and the mail came on time. We opened our summertime greetings from the College and read with hope in our hearts. Ebert Art Center would be complete on time! We made the Dean's List! A "nationally known band" would be appearing at Party on the Green! We sighed with happiness, our lives complete, our summer days made in the shade.

But no. We woke up to the harsh realities of our summer jobs at Bob Evans and Piggly-Wiggly, and the prospect that our summer news from Wooster was premature. Many of us were wrongly told we'd made the Dean's List; we'd achieved that goal the semester before, but due to a computer error our hopes were raised then squashed like a ant. Granted, we were informed of this error in an apologetic letter from the dean later. The construction workers on the quad are now sophomores; Ebert is now scheduled to open in mid-October. But we still have our nationally known band! Wrong again. The Twistoffs may be known in Cleveland, but the attitudes of Cleveland hardly reflect the sentiments of a nation. We can only think back the mythical year They Might Be Giants came to Wooster, and pound our fists on the table of Lowry, saying we deserve a nationally known band. Just we become cynical and begin ranting and raving about all our

## Teaching an old Galpin new tricks

As a student of your U.S. class, I am Galpin. Our course was a great introduction to the U.S. and we enjoyed it very much. Our PR camp, forums were a highlight of our semester. The past year with important events during the winter and the holidays. That is a pity. But some of us come to college to attend class. Not really it would be nice if we could attend the celebration. Students doing an U.S. were not permitted to attend because the administration did not have the foresight to allow students to attend unless a professor cancelled class or were fortunate enough to have a free period. How many times can we be told "Miss their class, come to mine"? What happens if one professor mandates students attend a lecture that takes place during another? Or if a student has classes from 11 to 1, do they go without lunch?

This college has already decided not to honor national holidays such as Martin Luther King's birthday and Labor Day; now it has decided not to honor its students. Sure, the pomp and circumstance was nice, especially for the guests and alumni, but once again the students take it on the chin. Surely Stan, Barbara and Susan had the opportunity to plan this day better. Heck, isn't 50 years enough time? We thank you from the bottom of our heart. Perhaps you won't stick us at the bottom of your toolbox next time.



## Ted's seminar in self-promotion

It seems like Christmas has come early this year as "giving" is on

## JAMES KOLLER

"Newsweek" only to see Ted Turner with a David Letterman toothy grin, fully equipped with cowboy hat. It seems that Ted has pledged to give \$1 billion to the United Nations Feed the Children campaign, divided into ten \$100 million annual payments. While I do acknowledge that this is a terrific gesture, it amounts to nothing more than another investment for the Man Who Would Be God. Now, this might sound insensitive, but before you praise Ted as holier than thou, remember that this is precisely what Ted has always wanted. He wants to be known as the man who made it rich by luck and skill, and then be seen as the gracious philanthropist. However, given King Ted's history, he is merely trying to inflate his image to match his ego.

Turner claims that he decided to give his money away while on the way to New York City to receive an award. Of course the day before, sculptors from Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum had been measuring him for a statue. I suppose the epiphany to selflessly hand over one-third of Ted's net worth came after this self-aggrandizement. A far cry from the man who once fired his son by referring to him as "toast."

What is the first thing Ted did after the epiphany? He called his old buddy Larry King of CNN fame (which Ted founded) so CNN could "break the story." Please, spare me the Ross Perot method of self-promotion. At least Ross paid for half

of his public

If Ted really had a generous heart, then his Turner Foundation would consistently donate to charity. But in reality, it ranks near the bottom of the list when compared to similar foundations set up by wealthy Americans. Why now, why the sudden change?

In recent years, Ted's reputation has suffered even more since the fight with fellow media guru Rupert Murdoch for supremacy of the international news market. Thus, while the idea of giving money is good, the self-publicity is worth more to Ted.

Let there be no doubt, this money is an investment. An investment in Ted. His value was \$2.2 billion a mere nine months ago. Of course, now it is 3.2 billion. Since that money is far more than Ted could spend at The Gap, what better way to give away money than to use expendable income. Of course since Ted's worth was rising by \$1 billion in nine months, what trouble is \$100 million per year? If I could double my income in 18 months, I would give one-third of it to publicize myself. Therefore, the publicity will only increase the interest in the Turner empire.

Ted asked the president of the Carnegie Corporation what the largest gift ever had been before deciding to reveal his bombshell. Had the largest gift been one dollar more than he was planning to give, what do you want to bet that Ted would have one-upped it? About as likely that broccoli will be served at Lowry in some form at dinner.

Of course, if my wife were Jane Fonda, I would be on my hands and knees apologizing to the American people as well. You know Jane, the

highly publicized exercise guru who reportedly lost her weight through bulimia. But if those videos are so darned good, what is the need to make 20 of them? Before attaining guru status, Jane made her name traipsing off to Asia during the Vietnam war to give helpful advice to the Viet Cong.

And who could forget about the Atlanta Braves? At first I was a Braves fan despite Ted's presence at the home games. Then I found out that the cameramen get paid \$10 for every minute Ted is pictured, and \$100 if they capture him doing the Chop. Of course, now the broadcasters will be talking about their boss (he owns the team and the station that broadcasts the team) and his new "selfless donation." Let us all pray that the Braves don't win the World Series. We can all watch Ken Griffey gain his first World Series MVP, sparing us Ted's conquering grin.

Mother Teresa emphasized that the important thing was not giving, but doing so selflessly. She never asked for publicity and never wanted any. Had Ted given his money unannounced, not proclaimed it to the whole world via CNN and given a speech to the United Nations to explain why he is giving, I could see his motives as pure. As things stand, they are not; they are a mere investment in his own name. Ted has never exhibited selflessly, and that is part of the charm and power that have made him what he is today. Sorry, Ted, you cannot change your colors, only highlight them. But when you speak at the dedication of your wax figure, remember that we see right through you.

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# Service as part of ACS *Less talent, more hairspray*

How many students have been frustrated, lost, utterly confused, and ready to toss their computer out the nearest window? Even I, a self-proclaimed "closet computer freak," have encountered times when I simply could not or did not have the time to fix a problem with my computer. This is where Academic Computing Services (ACS for those who are acronymically inclined) comes into play. Unfortunately, I have developed a view of ACS that is a little less wonderful than the "bold new world" that Bill Gates has tried to impose upon us. Imagine it: in place of high powered attorneys, government power-brokers, and Hollywood moguls, there are the power-mongers of ACS, keeping us at bay, making us crawl to them for answers as to why, oh, why we cannot: 1) Receive/send e-mail, 2) Set up Ethernet/Local Talk, 3) Use Netscape, 4) Print or, 5) Annoy our neighbors with Broadcast messages.

I do not mean to degrade the computer consultants at ACS. They do in fact on occasion help with certain problems— as long as they don't get any more difficult than "is your computer turned on? Are the plugs all in? Are your Eudora settings correct?" It seems that ACS doesn't understand its clients and therefore cannot relate successfully to those of us who really don't understand, or simply don't have the time to "troubleshoot" on our own.

Case in point: there was no need for a consultant (whom I had left voice mail for during the afternoon of the previous day) to call me the following morning at 8 a.m. Call me a snotty East-Clevelander, but I feel that 8 a.m. borders on I-just-woke-up—don't-mess-with-me time for many people. There was also no need for a consultant to tell me, "we might fix the network" on a day when my dorm was disconnected "unbeknownst to the consultants" from 12 noon until the following morning. Might? MIGHT? MIGHT look into the problem? Sorry, guys, but I've got \$25,000 saying someone better get on the ball now—I've got some important e-mail to send to my girlfriend.

We need to see a little more empathy for the end user and his/her understanding of computers. Not all of us enjoy playing with extensions and control panels all day to eliminate a conflict that someone from ACS seated in front of the computer for ten minutes could accomplish. I don't know about everyone else, but trying to follow directions over the phone consists of instructions being given to me and blurring out phrases like, "Wait," "which folder was that?" and finally, "Oh, screw it." When your VCR or TV breaks, do

you call the repair person to give you instructions over the phone on how to service it on your own? Last time I checked there wasn't any company called "U-Change-it-Oil" who gave phone directions for changing my car's oil.

The one person whom I pray to religiously at ACS is Walter, the head of computer repair. Walt is almost guaranteed to solve whatever problem you've got (on the hardware side) in 4 seconds or less, WoosterGuaranteed™. So if anyone sees Walter around Taylor, give him a high five, say "hello"—do something to show appreciation for someone, who, in my opinion, is the one person who is in touch with the techno-challenged and provides quick service at ACS. Why is this? Probably because Walter asks questions and Walter is extremely knowledgeable. Is it just me, or does anyone else think that "very knowledgeable in the field" should be a prerequisite for a high tech job?

We could simply eliminate a lot of confusion and misunderstanding by instituting a "house-call" program of sorts. This won't put an end to every problem; in fact, I'm sure that demand for on-site help would far exceed supply, but I think I can say that many people would be happy to see such a friendly policy in place. ACS should also focus on human relations, particularly in reference to its student consultants. I am not saying that every student consultant is bad, obnoxious, or demeaning, but I bet many students have hung up after an ACS "help" session feeling the need for psychological help in order to get over the mental beating they just took.

ACS provides this campus with some wonderful technology tools— newly installed Ethernet, training courses in computers and specific applications, hardware installation and troubleshooting, sales, etc. But, keep in mind that just like our cars and TVs, which are "tools" in a similar sense, we really cannot be expected to perform too much self-service on our computers.

I hope that the department doesn't forget what the "S" stands for: Services. ACS is providing a service, and, unfortunately, ACS has fallen out of touch with its customers and their needs. Independent Study is enough frustration, and if my computer is on the fritz at the same time, I'm not going to be in the mood to entertain phone directions to repair the problem.

Bring back the house calls. By the way, where does one change the oil on a Mac anyway?

*Travis Grundke is a guest columnist for the Voice. He welcomes suggestions for improving computer service on campus.*

My mother was a cheerleader. Back in the 1960s, women were beginning to take incredible athletic strides, but it wasn't easy. To run marathons, women had to enter under male pseudonyms and hope they didn't get mauled at the finish line. Women's athletic programs, in those days before Title IX, were few and hard to come by. So my mother stood on the sidelines in her short skirt and kicked up her heels and watched the boys play with an enthusiastic grin painted on her face.

It couldn't have been easy.

My grandmother didn't go to high school. Her father owned a big farm and needed help running it. Girls didn't need to go to school, he said. They were just going to get married and have babies anyway. So my grandmother, whose quick mind had been stimulated by school, stayed home and milked cows and cleaned house and in time married a farmer of her own and stayed home and milked cows and cleaned house and had seven babies.

It couldn't have been easy.

Today it is easy. Not only was I required to go to high school, my dad filled out a FAFSA so I could go to college. I was never told that if I was polite and pretty I could skip on education; I was never told to stand out-of-bounds at men's athletic events and cheer for the boys. They gave me a library card and told me to read; they gave me Nikes and told me to run. My experience was empowering, but it was not unique.

The old mindset persists, though, and that's why we still have cheerleaders. It's not that the crowd follows them in cheers—honestly, when is the last time that happened? They stand as a throwback to the day when women couldn't compete, when they were supposed to look

supportive and political wives were supposed to watch doe-eyed as their husbands spoke rather than serve as partners in law firms or run the Red Cross. They provide nostalgia for the old men in the crowd and something for women to discuss cattily if the game fails to hold their attention. That's about it.

As for nostalgia, there's always Miss USA. In 1950, she mattered. The only time she has mattered in these recent years was when Penthouse published a photo of a nude winner and launched her career warbling on Disney soundtracks. Other than that, she has become completely anachronistic. I doubt more than a handful of people can even name Miss USA, and without her tiara and carefully sprayed hair, I can't imagine she would even be recognized in the street.

And yet, in my mailbox, there is an invitation to be Miss Ohio. The Miss USA pageant has sent me a press release, announcing the news that I surely have been waiting my whole life to hear: the talent portion of the contest has been discarded. "All judging," the release trills, "is based on poise, personality, and beauty of face and figure." Miss USA will no longer have to sing, dance, or play the piano. The token talent competition is gone. She just has to look good. Easy!

We have long justified beauty pageants because the winners get scholarships. This year's Miss Ohio, the release tells me, will make "over \$2,000." Two thousand dollars seems a fat sum, but really, it is a small gain to justify the degradation of the dozens of women who vie for it, now strutting around in two-piece swimsuits and now displaying absolutely no talent, just showing off their poise or personality or beauty or whatever it used to be important for women to have.

If they want to give scholarship

money to women, they could give it for better criteria. They could honor the women who know the periodic table, who have figured out the words to "What's the frequency, Kenneth," and who can use "parsimonious" in conversation. They could provide scholarships for a 5K PR under twenty minutes or the ability to draw in three-point perspective, but instead they choose to reward poise. Sure, the singing was bad and the tap-dancing worse, but at least last year we could pretend that these women were earning their \$2000 for something more than supplying jollies for a host of lascivious watchers with a predilection for perky smiles. Hypocrisy is annoying, but sometimes the bald truth of a situation makes us long for it regardless. No woman needs to hear that she has worth only because of her beauty of face and figure, and no Miss Ohio should have to admit she was crowned without even a shred of talent.

My little sister is nearly 12 years old and already has the makings of an athlete. Long legs, good bat speed, and a certain amount of gutsiness. I'm proud of her, and I want her to be the athlete that I never quite became.

This summer, though, Rachel confided that she might try out for cheerleading. "Why?" I asked, aghast.

"They look cool," Rachel said.

Hey, when you run cross-country, your hair gets sweaty and you don't get to wear lipstick. You just don't look cool. Cheerleaders wear makeup. So does Miss Ohio. They might not have talent, but they do have mascara, and they don't have to have talent. The easy way out? Maybe. But how easy is it to sell your self respect and the progress of three generations for \$2,000 and a tube of lipstick?

*Sarah Fenske is the Viewpoints Editor of the Voice.*

## Senators, lend me your ears ... please

"Hi Ruchi! Won't you vote in the SGA elections?" I heard on the way to lunch at

**RUCHI BHANOT** Lowry. I

approached the desk. There was a box proudly displaying itself the property of SGA. It wasn't that I was oblivious to the happenings, but I chose to ignore them.

Why? Because the candidates were oblivious of my existence. In other words, they chose to ignore me after they declared their candidacy. I didn't know 95 percent of the candidates on that list. The ones I knew, I wasn't sure whether they were better than the ones I didn't know.

We knew that the SGA elections were approaching, yet one could hardly feel the excitement apart from the dangling posters to the entrance

to our dorms, Kittredge and Lowry. Isn't it the responsibility of the students standing up to represent us to tell us who they are? How are students expected to know whom they are voting for? Are we expected to go up to the candidates and ask them, "So, tell me something about yourself. How do you plan to bring my concerns to SGA?"

Several candidates did make comments in the *Voice* two weeks ago. The recurrent expressed desire was "to get involved in student government," and "to bring the students' concerns to SGA." However, the one thought that bothers me is, exactly HOW do these 'representatives' expect to "facilitate" the communication between SGA and the students if they don't even know the students?

The Student Government Association is the first step for newcomers to the "political arena" or the second step for those who were exposed to it during high school. I guess they are forgetting the first lesson to the process of "joining the government," to have the communication between whom you are representing, both the governing body and the population. They took care of the former, and unfortunately they forgot the latter!

Here are a couple of suggestions for future candidates. Go and attend dorm meetings to express your views. Give them reasons to vote for you. After all, if you ignore us now, don't be surprised when we disregard the voting table at Lowry or Kittredge!

*Ruchi Bhanot is a guest columnist for the Voice.*

# Ohio State football—more fun than a dozen garages

*A trip to an Ohio State game with 91,157 people is quite an experience for two guys from Wooster.*



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The crowd at the Horseshoe was packed before Saturday's Ohio State game.

**JAMES W. KOLLER  
KUNAL K. SINGH**

It has been said that football is uncultured—it is violent, nauseating, but definitely uncultured. But there is no better culture, particularly for a southerner, than college football in Big 10 country. The south is laden with a bunch of uncultured heathens, or at least that is the word on the street.

And while we are on the subject of uncultured, what about those Indians? No, not the ones in Cleveland, but the ones half a world away. There are some among us, I've seen them.

When fellow Scot Kunal and I undertook our mission four months ago, we had no idea what we were up against. Tickets, it seems, are hard to come by for Buckeye football. We set out to find out why. With the help of our friend Stacy and her cultured and considerate father, we were fortunate to snag a couple for last Saturday's game against Arizona.

As traitors to our alma mater, we set out for Columbus one hour before the kickoff of the Homecoming Game. Concluding that four Homecomings are more common than one Ohio State game (neither of us are math majors!), we left with a clear conscience and a mere \$60.

Sure I had trouble finding highway 30, but direction is something my life has often lacked. Traffic got thick 60 miles from Columbus, but not in the other direction.

"Kunal, have you ever been in front of 90,000 people before?"

"No, but it seems that there are 89,999 people in front of us now."

Following the cavalry of vehicles, many with OSU flags on their antennae, was the sure way to the OSU game, though we wondered if they might be headed to the Reds game. We had a good laugh at that one.

We parked on the sixth level of

an underground garage. Our spot was so bad that we were actually the only car to be above ground in an underground garage. But this was good, for the scenery was amazing. We saw many gift shops, as if every Saturday were Christmas.

"James, look, the [Goodyear] blimp is even here. It is being televised nationally."

"Yeah, but I bet it [the blimp] is on the way to the Wooster game."

[Insert chuckle here.]

The most incredible thing about the OSU campus was that the buildings had signs with names on them. I guess the Buckeye campus has made signs that do not have big red letters with words "STEAL ME" on them. Big endowment I guess.

There it was—Ohio Stadium, built in 1922, in the shape of a horseshoe. Originally built to seat 71,000, it now seats up to 95,000. The stadium is sacred to any die-hard Buckeye fan. Historic games against Notre Dame and Michigan dot its history. To see such a historic, physically domineering structure was both an honor and dream come true.

It didn't matter that we were going around the stadium in the opposite direction of the other 90,000 people. No, as we looked for Gate 3, the numbers descended ... 26 ... 24 ... 22 ... 20 ... you guessed it, we were on the wrong side of the stadium. But that was of little consequence to the Big Indian and his faithful sidekick.

There is a balcony overlooking the main entry. This balcony was packed with students looking out over the parking lot. Public education at its best? No, the band made its entry through the front to a boisterous student section. It didn't matter that we were delayed entry 20 more minutes. We were among the gods, the *real football fans*.

Kunal was obsessed with buying souvenirs, but James was adamantly opposed to paying \$30 for the

cheapest T-shirt. It could be said that James had little choice since he was carrying only \$20, but the truth is that he is a man of principle.

Nestled into our seats with souvenir cups in hand and hot dogs comfortably resting in stomach, we were ready for the game. Kunal, the Prophet, nudged me. "This is the experience of a lifetime."

One of the unique things about Ohio State is their pre-game festivities. Sure, everyone cheers as the home team takes the field, but how many places sing along during the national anthem? I tried to take my seat, but I was proven to be uneducated in the ways of the true Buckeye fan. The entire stadium

remained standing with a reverence that is usually reserved for fallen war heroes. What could this be? Nothing other than the singing of the alma mater, as I was soon to find out.

"Kunal, I am going to look like an ass standing and not knowing the words to the alma mater."

"It's what you do best, James."

Luckily for me, on the Jumbotron, the words were spelled out and despite the absence of binoculars, I was able to mutter along spiritedly.

The game? It was a football game, of course, and football is not nearly interesting as the community atmosphere it evokes. Sure the Buckeyes jumped out to a 28-0 lead,

tried to blow it and held on for a 28-20 win. But I didn't care that much about the score. I say this, but I was yelling with the best of them. And I was also annoying the older alumni who held season tickets and wondered what this whippersnapper had for breakfast. (Grits, in case you were wondering.)

With less than 2:00 left in the third quarter, the game became ... almost normal. But the 'Shoe would not allow it. From my sleep, I heard a mighty clatter. The OSU band decided to make a pit stop in the endzone and the crowd came alive once again. Nevermind that 91,152

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# OSU

## Homecoming for all

## Colombian expedition

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people failed to perform a decent wave: when the band showed up in the nosebleeds ready to thrill, all was forgotten.

"James, why don't we leave early and get to the car? I want to buy some souvenirs. I have way too much money," suggested the brilliant Indian.

The only problem with so many people being in the same area is parking. At Wooster, I can look for a blue car and chances are good mine will be the only one.

"Let's look for a parking garage," I ignorantly suggested. After an added gift shop stop that left us with a combined \$3.14, we found a garage. We climbed all six flights of stairs because there was no elevator. Sure, there was one there four hours ago, but so what?

"Uh, James, this isn't it."

"Sure it is, you just drank too much coke."

How was I to know that there were letters on the garage for a reason? One hour, five miles and three garages later, we found the car. Hey, by then it was the only blue car in lot. For that matter, it was the only car in the lot.

"Look on the bright side, Kuny, we got to know the campus real well."

"Shut up and start driving. I am going to miss my first class [on Monday] at the rate you are going."

So we head back to Wonderful Woo. Sure, we tried to eat dinner at McDonalds, but the ATM was down and we only had enough for one burger and drink between the two of us. We were poor, tired and hungry. But it was worth the trip. I may still be an ignorant American, and Kunal an ignorant Indian, but we are cultured and content, the American way.

SAMBIT BASU

It feels rather strange writing an article on Homecoming during my first month at Wooster. I am writing on a subject that is completely alien to me. I never really understood exactly what Homecoming was till I actually experienced it. We never had the concept of Homecoming in my high school. I spoke to quite a few people to find out exactly what they thought of Homecoming.

Nupur Goyal '00 participated in the ISA float at the homecoming parade and said, "Homecoming to me is when the seniors return after graduating and it's a reunion for everyone. All weekend the festivities add color to the reunion. The parade was a time for us to show our different cultures. It was also a great thing to have all the first-years participate and add a lot more to our float. Since I will miss the seniors as they go away again, I look forward to having the new students add color to the campus." When seniors leave an institution it is always an emotional moment. People who have been here even for a year have developed extremely close bonds with their seniors. That is one of the great things about a college the size of Wooster, the interpersonal relationships that one can form with other students, especially the seniors.

The first year students had extremely varying viewpoints on homecoming. Gjalte Lindeboom '01, who is from The Netherlands, said, "Homecoming is an all-American tradition. It gives you the feeling that Wooster really is a home for its students. The functions, the parade, in fact the whole weekend sends out the message that one can return to Wooster whenever one likes and receive a warm welcome. Reunions in Holland last for only one evening and they are nowhere near as elaborate and fun as the Wooster homecoming. We used to watch American television and we had all these

grand ideas about 'homecoming queen' and all the glitz attached to 'Americanism.' But I prefer the way Wooster does it. It's far more fun!"

The recycling department won the award for the "Best Float" at this year's homecoming parade. They were the winner last year as well. I work for recycling and it does give one a sense of belonging to be a part of the homecoming parade. It's not so much the fact that we won (although that did help!), but rather the fact that we were a part of Homecoming. It felt good to go down the streets of Wooster with everyone cheering. The streets were lined with people and it filled me with a sense of happiness tinged with awe. After all, I am only a first year here and yet I have felt at home right from day one, never more so than at the homecoming parade. Enough about the current students. The graduates are the ones we want to hear from. Tanya Mirza '97 said of Homecoming, "It's a chance to catch up with old friends and one of the few opportunities to really dress up in Wooster." Wooster is one of the few schools that makes such an effort to welcome its graduates back home. The reason why so many seniors return for Homecoming is because they feel so comfortable and are accepted so easily once they arrive. One can only imagine what it must feel like to come back to the college where you spent four of the most important years of your life. You make new friends, friends that will last you a lifetime. You work your way up towards your senior I.S. It must be a tremendous feeling of achievement, pride and relief all rolled into one. For seniors, there is no time to think of all this while you are doing your I.S. As one anonymous senior said, "I.S. is like marriage—you can't live with it because it's bloody hard work. You can't live without it as it's essential for your survival. All in all, it's one big learning experience."



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Ingrid (c), at her high school graduation with classmates Subhashni Idupulapati (l) from India and Carolina Henrique (r) from Brazil.

*The second in a series, Stacy discovers that while there are many similarities, the United States and Colombia are still worlds apart.*

STACY INGRAHAM

"If you go to Colombia, you have to know how to dance," said Ingrid Paredes, a first-year Wooster student from Cali, Colombia.

Ingrid not only enjoys the hot dance clubs where couples dance to the Salsa, the Merengue and Vallenato, but she loves the country's beautiful sites. "Colombia has the Pacific Ocean, the Caribbean Sea, and the Andes Mountains, and since there are so many different altitudes, there are different temperatures wherever you go," said Ingrid. Native Colombians are spread out across the globe, totalling 36 million people who Ingrid describes as "hard workers."

Ingrid has been proving to Wooster that she, as a Colombian, is a hard worker. Not only is she working toward a major in international relations and minors in economics and dance, Ingrid has been balancing a busy social life and the activities she has chosen to be involved with, including Wooster Chorus, gospel choir, dancing and choreographing and the International Student Association.

"A person can have fun wherever they go, and I am having fun here," she says.

In Colombia, the drinking age is eighteen, and sixteen is when a person can get their drivers license.

Recently, the Colombian government has been trying to reduce the crime rate, so an 11:30 p.m. curfew was set for those under the age of eighteen.

"The curfew is enforced, and IDs

are always checked," said Paredes. "If somebody underage gets caught after hours, they not only are punished, but the place they were at is forced to close for at least one week."

Ingrid attended Colegio Bolivar, which is an American school, and chose to study in the United States because she is used to the American system of schooling.

However, schooling in Colombia is much different from the United States. For instance, Colombian high school seniors have to complete a senior project of their choice, which is to be at least thirty-five pages long, and give a twenty minute oral presentation to a panel of three judges.

Since this is such an intense research project, there are no additional classes to take during that final quarter.

According to Ingrid, at Colegio Bolivar the grading system is different from that of most schools in the United States.

Instead of letter grades, students take tests in each of the eight subject areas to judge whether or not they are ready to advance to the next grade level.

"I think this is a better way of grading students, because we have to learn the material, not just do whatever we have to do to get a decent grade," Ingrid said.

Though there are differences between Colombia and the United States, she says, "two of the similar things Wooster and Colombia have in common is how open-minded and co-operative people are with foreigners. It makes me feel at home."

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# Dorms and houses spruce up for Homecoming activities

LAUREN KULWALCIK

Anyone who happened to be touring The College of Wooster's dorms on Saturday morning before the Homecoming game must have been very confused. Why were people singing and shooting Nerf guns in Douglass, and why did Kennedy Apartment C look like a Spanish restaurant? Props, paper, and odd behavior served as the media in Homecoming weekend's Hall and Section Decorating Competition.

Criteria for judging the competition included thematic content, creativity, and appearance. The decorations had to relate to the theme "A Time for Tradition, A Time for To-

getherness," and portray it through use of various creative mediums. Decorations could not be obscene, offensive, discriminatory, or suggestive of drugs or alcohol, according to the Student Activities Board's official rules.

Douglass Hall Main Lounge continued its three-year winning streak by being awarded "best hall decoration" this year. Troy Kozee '98 announced before Douglass's performance that because Douglass has been "a close-knit group for over twenty-five years," their hall exemplifies togetherness and tradition. Through a brainstorm effort spearheaded by Katy Geldrich '99 and Karen Engle '98, Douglass Hall

members composed music, lyrics, and skits for their "decoration."

As judges entered the lounge, Francis Browne '99 played the violin, while two people posed as gargoyles on the fireplace mantel and bubbles filled the room. Then Alex Reed '01 played the piano while dorm participants sang the unique song entitled "Tradition." As the original lyrics by Jenny McComas '99 sang of late night snacks, IS cram sessions, and Nerf gun wars, actors portrayed these Douglass Lounge traditions by using props.

Matt Peterson '99 was more than willing to participate in the competition, but he had a bit of advice for the future: "Don't have a dance on

Friday night next year, damn it!" Everyone involved was sleepy and slightly stressed out an hour before the judges arrived.

Kennedy Apt. C roommates relaxed in Spanish attire in a living room that was decked out with festive Mexican wall hangings and ferns. A pair of red satin panties tacked to the wall complemented the Spanish music in the background and the tortilla chips and fake daiquiris on the table. Kennedy Apt. C won "best small house decoration." Although Kennedy is a recycling theme house and not a Spanish one, creativity compensates for the glitch in this case.

Babcock Hall's decorations cel-

ebrated the diversity of the Wooster student body. Each hall chose a country to represent through costume and props. Flags and cultural fabrics hung from the ceiling and windows, while participants wearing anything from saris to soccer shirts formed a circle in the center of the lounge. The highlight was the mock bullfight in which paper tubes taped to heads served as the bull's horns. Although Babcock had strong dorm participation and vivid decoration, Douglass's performance could not be beaten.

Bissman Hall eighth section, Delta Phi Alpha, won "best section decoration" due to the cute construction paper people holding hands taped to the wall and the nifty paper globes hanging from the ceiling. Section members adhered to the intended theme and created a happy, colorful hall.

Other competitors who deserve recognition but did not receive cash awards include Armington Hall, second section Zeta Phi Gamma, Stevenson Hall second floor, and Holden Hall, third floor Lowry side. Armington dropped out of competition because Friday night's party destroyed Thursday night's decoration efforts.

The judges who trekked around campus in the rain and humidity at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning included Professor Heather FitzGibbon, Tamesha Joseph, Caroline Mucchekehv, Residence Director Michelle La Rock, and Amber Reese, co-chair for the Special Events Committee.

## Don't Throw Shoes: today Woo, tomorrow—Turkey?

CHARITY BABCOCK

Of course, there's "Saturday Night Live," "Second City," MTV's "The State," and "Kids in the Hall," but who's the funniest and zaniest of them all? Anyone within a two mile radius would know the answer to that question: "Don't Throw Shoes."

This College of Wooster comedy troupe is, according to member Tim Ziegler '00, "something like 'Saturday Night Live.'" "But better," Sally Thelen '98 interjected.

"Don't Throw Shoes" began eight years ago and has created two full generations of "Shoes" since then. Thelen and Ziegler claimed that they are breeding their own generation, however.

Indeed, the popularity of "Don't Throw Shoes" has sky-rocketed within the past few years. Ziegler joked that they'll be on their world tour next year, focusing especially on Turkish venues. "The Turkish are crazy about us," Thelen smiled.

The name "Don't Throw Shoes" has stayed with the group since its birth, but it still carries special meaning to current members.

They say the name is basically a precaution. Fruit and veggies are okay for the audience to throw because the troupe can eat them as a Lowry supplement. Throwing knives shows that the audience members care enough to bring knives to the performance in the first place. But everyone owns shoes; therefore, shoes are humiliating. Ziegler said, "Shoes just smell." Thelen worried that "fungus could infiltrate into our ears."

"Don't Throw Shoes" is a tight-knit group that currently consists of seven people. They meet four nights a week because, according to Thelen, "it's a lot of practice, being funny." They work on improvisation skills, develop zany ideas for skits, and eventually decide which sketches are funny and which should be buried deep beneath McGaw

Chapel.

If anyone is interested in becoming a part of "Don't Throw Shoes," auditions will most likely be held next semester to replace graduating seniors. "Don't Throw Shoes" looks

to tour in Europe. Apparently, the gullible are accepted into "Don't Throw Shoes."

In addition to Thelen, Ziegler, and Finn, members of "Don't Throw Shoes" include Billy Dewar '98,



The Turks are crazy about "Don't Throw Shoes."

PHOTO BY DAVID HEISSERER

for people who are animated, creative, have good stage presence, work well with groups, and are "good-looking with good dental hygiene."

But beware of being duped by audition advertisements as "Shoes" member Maura Finn '00 was last year. She claimed that the audition notices said that "Don't Throw Shoes" would go on a European tour the following year (which seems to be a running joke among the troupe). She was so excited when she made "Don't Throw Shoes" that she called her father and told him that she was going to get

Matt Sparks '98, J.R. Strauss '00 and Chris "Sweets" Wright '98. They are advised by former Shoe Ron Hustwit, Douglass's Resident Director.

The first "Shoes" performance of the year will be in Luce Multi-purpose room on Wed., Oct. 1. Contrary to usual practice, there will be a \$1 admission charge. It's for a good cause, however.

Ever since the birth of "Don't Throw Shoes," it's been a tradition for all of the members to wear off-white Converse tennis shoes. Only two of the current members own these particular shoes, and the

troupe has not made much money in the past few years because their performances have been non-profit.

For their Oct. 1 show, "Don't Throw Shoes" will be performing barefoot. They will use the money they raise to purchase shoes, and, just so that the audience knows that they are not being duped, Thelen invites the audience to come along when they go to purchase the Chucks.

Another bonus that an audience member may receive at a "Shoes" performance is either an evening full of laughter or a guarantee to a pair of pants belonging to a member of the troupe if they don't make you laugh. "Or at least crack a smile," Ziegler added.

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# Not just a "Game"

## Sally Says ...

SALLY THELEN

I'd like to think I live life on the edge: I steal food from Lowry; it's my senior year, and I have yet to visit Career Services; I ate a Taco Bell burrito once. I practically fly into the face of danger. It wasn't until watching "The Game" that I realized how many elements of risk-taking my life just happens to be missing. Sure, I've come mighty close to having to explain exactly why I have pilfered half the bagel population in the free world in my back pack. But I have never dodged the bullets of machine guns, risked being framed for drug possession, had all my friends and family turn against me in order to possess my millions, and been left for dead in a foreign country.

Nathan Van Orton, played by Van Orton, is a young man who has a simple, no thrills, existence as an investment banker, suddenly altered when his brother Conrad, played by Sean Penn, gives him a birthday present that will not soon be forgotten (and no, it is not one of those cards from the special "unforgettable moments" section of the Hallmark store). The present is a gift certificate for Consumer Recreation Services, a company that promises to make Van Orton's life fun.

What evolves is not exactly my idea of a good time, but it is riveting viewing. Rapidly, all of Van

Orton's control over his life dissolves as his pens start to leak through his pockets, his briefcase won't open, waitresses spill drinks on him—until he ends up being the target of machine guns, trying to save his millions from being swindled, and fighting for a life that no longer exists. Douglas has perfected his role as the cold control freak who watches his world break, and Penn is deliciously paranoid as the emotionally unstable brother.

Directed by David Fincher of "Seven," and written by John Brancato and Michael Ferris, "The Game" is a compelling, unpredictable, nightmarish film that highlights the fragility of control we have over our lives. Scenes of moody darkness are segmented by bright flashbacks of Van Orton's family through home movie videos.

The ending here is, if anything, more over the top than the beginning. I don't know if it's a metaphor for everyday life, but I think there would already be ten movies out about my bread product smuggling (the part of me played by Winona Ryder, who looks lovely even when interrogated by Lowry workers).

Inspired by all the film's derring-do, I scheduled a trip to Taco Bell in the near future (actually, two weeks from now; I figured that would give myself enough time to muster up the courage to confront the refried beans). Until then, if all of you readers out there wouldn't mind keeping quiet about any of my prior violations every time you see me partaking of on-campus food service, I'd really appreciate it.

# Choir thrives on community feeling

KATIE HUBER

Beginning yet another powerful year here at The College of Wooster, the Gospel Choir is no ordinary group of students. A blend in every sense of the word, the choir is 73 members strong, representing an amazing variety of majors, ages, sex, race, and religion. It is the blend of the four-part harmony, however, that truly drives this ensemble to its success.

The spirit behind the group, which practices from 7 to 9 p.m. every Monday in Gault Recital Hall, is instantly obvious. Opening each practice with a prayer, the members are free to express individual concerns. They also pray for the success of the group.

Though no particular religion is a prerequisite for joining, the lyrics all celebrate the Lord's presence and express excitement about his coming. Both the words and the music seem to give the rehearsals a liberating feel, and give the singers a chance to reach their beautiful hearts. Their cappella sound is particularly inspiring and energetic, and the unity of the group is evident from their first note.

Not only Wooster students participate in the Gospel Choir, community members are also welcome, and an occasional high school student participates by invitation. "We'll be good. You should all come out and hear us," Andy Taylor, a senior at Wooster High School commented after his first rehearsal with the choir. He said it would not



PHOTO BY DAVID HEISSER

A Monday night rehearsal in Scheide's Gault Recital Hall

be his last. "I don't like to miss it, I love it!"

Janet Kandel, a Wooster resident, agreed. In the choir for six years, Kandel's name joined the choir after her college concert. Other community members include Sara Snyder, Deb Swind, and new member, Mijena. "It's a blessing to be in this choir," she says after several weeks of rehearsal.

Directed by Joyce Mason, the choir has multiplied rapidly in the past few years, partially due to the energetic concerts they give and word of mouth spread by current members.

"The students themselves are an inspiration to me," Mason commented. "It's the most fun I have all week." The group sings a variety

of styles, including fast songs such as "Shabach" and "Help us on the Way," and slow songs like "What if God is Unhappy" and "Jesus Loves Me."

The group has an "African" theme to it. "Rehearsal is a bonding experience," says Kandel. "It really draws more into the members and has been so in every concert."

"It has enhanced my college career," Henry Menzies '98 says of the Gospel Choir.

Though Menzies participates in many other activities, including serving as DJ for the Underground and assuming resident assistant responsibilities on the side, the gospel choir is a source of friendship and relaxation during her busy week. "A lot of my closest friends are here," she stated.

Kendra Sims '98 is also an active participant in the choir. This is her fourth year, and she strongly encourages anyone interested to join. "We take them under our wing," she responded, in reference to new members. "It's kind of like a family."

"Everybody who comes feels really welcome," Matthew Horning '99 commented. A sociology and black studies double major, Horning attributes the choir to one of the main reasons he came to Wooster. "I spend my entire week looking forward to Monday nights," he admits.

The members of the choir encourage any interested students to show up at practice Monday evenings ready for a unique experience and a good time. Though the group counts as .125 credit, students can join just for fun, no matter what their musical background or major.

The Wooster Gospel Choir will be holding its first concert of the season on Nov. 16 at 4 p.m., and they encourage students to attend. The group performs anywhere from nine to twelve songs, including "Revelation 19." They guarantee a night of great celebratory music and a full, energetic sound.

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# Scots roll over Denison; go 3-0

# V-ball hosts tourney



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Wooster Quarterback Rich Judd '99 attempts a pass during the Scots 45-22 thrashing of Denison on Saturday. The Scots are 3-0 on the season.

## JAMES ALLARDICE

In a record setting day at John P. Papp Stadium, the Scot football team routed Denison 45-22, improving their record to 3-0. Despite not starting, quarterback Rich Judd '99 became the all-time passing leader with 3,656 yards, and Brandon Good '99 had nine receptions to become the all-time reception leader with 115.

The Scot offense rebounded from last week's sluggish performance against Grove City with an impressive offensive display both passing and on the ground.

"We wanted to get back to a 60-40 run ratio," head coach Jim Barnes said. "We established something with Jeff Elser '99 and Will Schober '00 that they had to respect. And as a result, the passing game was able to get back on track." Elser carried the ball nine times for 71 yards before spraining his left ankle. Schober ran the ball 16 times for 70 yards, at times running over several would-be tacklers.

"The guys up front (offensive line) took a big step forward," Barnes said. "They opened some big holes for Elser and Schober, and did a great job of pass protection." After the opening kick-off was returned by the Scots to their own 48-yard line, Sean Malone '99 forged a 21-yard drive and Ben Arnold '00 kicked a 38-yard field goal to give Wooster an early 3-0 lead. Malone started after Judd's disappointing performance against Grove City, in which he was 7-18 passing for only 59 yards.

"Sean's had a good camp and he deserved the start," Barnes said. "It took some pressure off Rich (Judd) a lot of which was self-induced." It took only three plays for the defense to assert itself.

On a third and eight from the Scot 30-yard line, Denison quarterback Keith Schmid was intercepted by Mike Noble '98, who ran 37 yards for a touchdown. After the Arnold

extra-point, the Scots were quickly up 10-0.

"We've done a good job of containing the running game," Barnes said. The Scot defense held Denison to only 83 yards on 33 attempts rushing. "Nobody has had an inside running game on us, and that allows the secondary to sit and jump on a lot of passes," Barnes said.

On the next possession, the defense held the Big Red to three and out and forced a punt. The Scots got the ball at their own 14-yard line, where the offense took over again. On second and ten, Malone's pass was intercepted by Denison, and they took over first and goal from the Scot 9-yard line.

Again, the defense was able to hold the Big Red offense, and forced a field goal. The Wooster lead was trimmed to 10-3, but Denison would never be close again, because the Scot offense opened up as Judd entered the game. In a ten play, 65-yard drive, Schober carried the ball 7 times for 28 bruising yards.

The ground game opened up the passing game for Judd, who connected with Kelly McFarland on a 13-yard play action pass for a touchdown. After another defensive stand, the Scots took over at the Denison 49-yard line. On the first play of the second quarter, the Scots needed one yard for the first down, and Elser ran 40 yards for a touchdown to extend the Scot lead to 24-3. Following a Malone interception, Denison was able to sustain a drive, going 57-yards on 14 plays for a touchdown.

With 1:05 left in the first half, the Scots got the ball on their own 32-yard line and Judd came back in the game for good.

Elser ran the ball to the 41-yard line, and then Judd proceeded to complete five of six passes, marching the Scots to the end zone and putting the game out of reach for Denison.

On the drive, Judd completed three passes to Good for 35 yards,

and two to Reggie Ray '00 for 23-yards, including the touchdown reception from nine yards out. At half, the Scots stretched their lead to 31-10.

In the third quarter, Judd passed for two more touchdowns, extending the Scot lead to 45-10. In the fourth quarter, with the game out of reach, Denison scored two touchdowns, closing the gap to 45-22 after two blocked extra points.

On the day, Judd passed for 195 yards, completing 14 of 22 passes, while Good caught nine passes, for 122 yards, both setting school records. Elser ran for 71 yards before his injury, and is questionable for Saturday.

Wooster will travel to Cleveland to face Case Western Reserve on Saturday. Case Reserve enters the game with an 0-2 record, following a 37-32 loss to fifteenth ranked Washington. The Scots enter the game undefeated, and with their best record in a decade.

"Case is always very sound defensively," Barnes said. "Offensively, they use the run to set up the pass, and they have a mature quarterback. We need to control, if not eliminate the running game."

The College of Wooster would like to extend its thanks to all of the present and past Wooster students who attended Saturday's game.

## MICHAEL SUSZTER

Last weekend, the women's volleyball team hosted Notre Dame College of Ohio, Ohio Dominican, and Defiance in a mini-tournament. The day looked like it was off to a bright start against the first team of the day, Notre Dame. In the first two games, the Lady Scots served Notre Dame off the floor. Then for some unknown reason, the momentum shifted and the Scots were the ones getting served off of the floor. Wooster seemed to be playing in a panicked state. The defense was in the correct positions, they just did not look relaxed and definitely were not in control.

Notre Dame finally woke up with the help of their five fans and eventually crawled their way back to a 2-2 tie in the match. The fifth game was obviously an important one for it decided the victor of the match. It is also an important variable for the team's momentum in the rest of the tournament. The Lady Scots went into the deciding game enthusiastic and ready to win. After 20 minutes of side outs and the occasional point run, the game was tied, 13-13. After two hours of back and forth volleyball, Notre Dame unfortunately put together the final run and won the first match 16-14.

After a short rest, the team was

back on the floor facing the tallest team in the tournament, the Ohio Dominican Panthers. There were a few players over six feet tall with unbelievable vertical jumps. The Panthers just got finished spanking Defiance, blanking them 15-0 in one of the games. Ohio Dominican gave Wooster the same treatment they served up to Defiance. The Lady Scots were already in low spirits after their first round loss and this second round loss would eventually show how determined and strong willed the entire team must be.

This loss set the stage for the tournament's drama. Could Wooster regain their composure after losing the first two matches? The Lady Scots brought a disappointing 0-2 record to the final match with Defiance. They left with with an official record of 1-2, which could have easily been a record of 2-1 had they won the first match. This final match was an important win for the team. It displayed their ability to conquer obstacles when they are tired and without momentum.

The Lady Scots were scheduled to have a game away at Walsh last night, but for some unseen difficulty, it has been rescheduled for some time next week. There is also another mini-tournament here at home this weekend. Wooster will be playing Mount Union and Wilmington.

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## Field hockey wins

RYAN CLARK

On Saturday, the Lady Scot field hockey team faced Ohio Wesleyan at home on the Cindy Barr Memorial Field. The Homecoming day game was to begin at 11 a.m., but due to rain and thunderstorms in the area, the time was pushed back until 12:30 p.m.

The Lady Scot defensive starters included Heather Heitsenrether '98, Jeanine Edmonds '99, Kathy Ward '98 and team captain, Shanna Jalali '98. The starting offensive line consisted of Laurel Conly '98, Marissa Moore '00, Brenda Bakwesegha '98 and Laurie Snyder '98, all backed up by midfield players and team captains, Jaime DiFabrizio '98 and Meg McLaughlin '98.

The Lady Scots started off slow,

allowing OWU to dominate the first five minutes of playing time. However, the women collectively raised the level of play and took over. With 11:13 left in the first half, Bakwesegha scored for the Wooster squad. The Lady Scots continued to dominate the game both offensively and defensively after this goal. With only 1:13 left in the first half, Bakwesegha scored again.

The Lady Scots continued this high level of play throughout the second half. Neither team was able to score in this half and the Wooster team finished the game with a winning score of 2-0.

Melissa Goodwin '00 defended the Wooster goal throughout both halves, allowing the OWU squad no goals.

## Men's CC runs well

DAVE WALKENHORST

Last Saturday's GLCA meet, held at Earlham College, was a solid showing for Wooster men's cross country. The Scots placed fifth out of nine teams, defeating Kenyon, Ohio Wesleyan, Albion and Earlham. Coach Rice felt that "the team put forth a solid effort. Our team goal was to finish in the top four, and we were just short of that goal. We need to strengthen our fifth, sixth, and seventh positions in order to challenge Denison." Coach Rice also felt that "the second, third, and fourth runners put forth a solid effort, but can improve. Andrew

Dawson ran an excellent race, and was able to challenge the top runners in the region."

In Saturday's 8000 meter (5 mile) race, Andrew Dawson '99 finished first for the Scots (5th place, 26:32), followed by Allyn Peterson '99 (27th, 28:07), Scott Greenaway '00 (34th, 28:18), Robert Buckley '00 (35th, 28:27), Josh Baird '98 (52nd, 29:06), Brendan McCabe '99 (53rd, 29:06), Dave Walkenhorst '99 (67th, 29:57), Aaron Veith '99 (83rd, 30:57), Matt Schneider '01 (102nd, 31:37).

This Saturday is one of the best early season meets in Ohio; the Wooster Invitational. The men's race starts at 11:45 a.m., preceded by the women's race at 11 a.m.

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## Before winning was important

LUKE LINDBERG

The other day, I was home in Cleveland for a concert at Severance Hall. It wasn't a Cleveland Orchestra performance like the normal shows at Severance, but an all-out Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Benefit Concert. Anyway, that factor was completely insignificant, but it will help me get to my point. Yes, in fact, this week my editorial will actually have a point. So anyway, I'm home with a couple hours to spare and I happened to start going through all the crap in my old closet. My parents had recently converted my room into a tea room or something so I figured I better get anything of value out of there before it was used for some sick activity.

So at about 4 p.m., I'm going through all my closet stuff and I come across this old soccer uniform from about 1985. Oh, man did this bring back some memories. I started going back through an old photo album and I found picture after picture of my old Community Services soccer team.

I had started playing when I was in kindergarten and all of my friends had as well. So we kept the same team intact for almost 10 years and some of us even played high school ball together. Man, do I miss those days.

Those were the days when the important part of the game wasn't who won, but whose dad was supposed to bring the pop after the game. Nobody cared about goals or fouls or anything like that, we just liked getting our own uniforms and getting free pop. Pop and uniforms in those days were like a free hour and a nap today.

The significant thing about Community Services soccer, though, wasn't the pop or the fun that we'd have trying to hit my dad in the crotch during warm-ups, it was the fact that the group of kindergartners that didn't know a throw in from a goal at one point, eventually evolved into a team of college caliber players. Over five players from my old

team currently play soccer at schools ranging from Baldwin Wallace to Cleveland State to Indiana University. It's fun to talk to those guys now and look back on the old days.

After the days of Community Services soccer, we moved onward and upward to the days of club soccer. Our first uniforms were black and white and my dad and the rest of us came up with the name "The Phantoms." My dad was pretty partial to "The Black Widows," but since we didn't know what black widows were at the time, we voted that one down.

Boy, we were an awful team at first. We were playing at the Warrensville Fitness Center in Cleveland and we were competing against club teams that had been playing together for years. The Southeast Celtics were one, in fact, that just mauled us every time we played them. I recall our first game ever, in fact, as the Celtics gave us a true beating, pulverizing us with a 21-0 score.

Over the years, however, we improved, eventually becoming the Cleveland Eastside juggernaut known as The Eastside Kickers. We could compete with the best of them and nowadays there are Eastside Kicker clubs of all ages throughout the Cleveland area. Knowing that we had something to do with their success is a great feeling.

I think one of the greatest moments of my life, in fact, was the day that we clinched the fall season title by beating the Southeast Celtics, the same team that had beat us 21-0 just a few years before. The game was a complete mudfest, including slide tackles and rain delays. But when it was all said and done, we had finally achieved our status as a team, a true group who had bonded and fought together over the years.

I still hang out with many of those guys from my old team and miss the ones who I no longer see. Before high school, before girlfriends, before we even cared about

being all city or all state, there was once a group of guys who just wanted to play soccer with each other. No one fought over minutes, and no one argued bad calls by the referee. Everyone was all about playing for the fun of it. Making the District Finals my senior year in high school was a great feeling, but it will never compare to the joy of playing ball with fifteen of my closest friends.

Finally, for anyone who has these programs around their area, I encourage you to promote them and help out in any way you can. And when some of you finally do have kids, sign them up for these recreational leagues. These are the experiences that help kids grow. I owe a lot to my mom and dad for signing me up for something I was unsure of going into. Now that I look back, however, as I am still surrounded by my friends from these experiences, I realize that it was a part of the best time of my life. Thanks mom and dad!

## Lady Scot CC update

DAVE WALKENHORST

According to Coach Rice, the Lady Scots cross country team's goal was to finish in the top four at last Saturday's Great Lakes College Association meet, held at Earlham College.

The Lady Scots achieved that goal placing fourth out of eight teams, defeating Denison, Ohio Wesleyan, Earlham, and Kalamazoo.

Rice's outlook is that "with such a young team, we will continue to get better each week. We are right where we need to be in order to meet our goals at the end of the season."

In Saturday's 5000 meter (3.1 mile) race, Rachel Dawson '01 finished first for the Lady Scots (2nd place, 20:19), followed by Beth Huffman '99 (19th, 21:01), Beth Schell '98 (22nd, 21:07), Christie Judd '00 (33rd, 21:21), Laurie Cappell '99 (34th, 21:23), Sandy Tecklenberg '01 (36th, 21:30), Sarah Antel '00 (42nd, 21:52), Katie Pease '00 (49th, 22:04), Katherine Rath-Coursey '99 (54th, 22:12), Denise Bertsch '99 (62nd, 22:40), and Julie Morrison '98 (79th, 23:28).

This Saturday is one of the best early season meets in Ohio; the Wooster Invitational. The women's race will start at 11 a.m. and the men's race at 11:45 a.m.

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## Lady Scot soccer team prevails in impressive fashion

CH. ISHTIAQ GHAFOOR

Well, it looks like the Lady Scot soccer team is finally on the long awaited roll, delighting a heavily partisan and somewhat vociferous crowd with some nifty footwork on Homecoming Saturday to record a 2-1 win over rival Denison. While the Big Red wails could be heard from the football field, the Denison women's soccer team had a hard time holding onto their breaths as the Lady Scots piled it on on offense.

Chaya Cashin '99 and Melissa Eging '98 contributed the goals, while the whole team provided the type of team spirit that alumni love coming back to watch. Not only were the Lady Scots entertaining in their performance, but they were equally industrious in their basics, as Megan Mueller '98 and Jennifer Waina '01 clamped down the midfield.

The 2-1 victory opens North Coast Athletic Conference play for Wooster, and of course it's warming to start with a win. There lies a difficult week ahead in terms of fixtures, as the Lady Scots travel to last year's nemesis Wilmington on

Wednesday, who it may be remembered ended last season's 18-match winning streak.

The next opponents, however, strike a less threatening pose. They are Ohio Wesleyan, who the Lady Scots outplayed 2-1 last season. The match this time round will be at Carl Dale Memorial field at 4 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 27.

It would be an understatement to say that an away win against technically impressive Wilmington would do wonders for Lady Scot morale for the rest of the season. Jessica Critchlow '01 and Leah Dwyer '99 have both been strong in goal this season, and the defense seems to be coordinating better with every match. But the midfield is Wooster's strength, and we hope to see the Lady Scots utilizing it to full effect to outplay Wilmington, and then Ohio Wesleyan on Monday.

Cashin now leads the Lady Scots in scoring, having scored two goals in six games. Eging has added the Lady Scots' other goal. Annie Gillespie '98 leads the team in assists, owning both of the Lady Scots' assists this season.



Lady Scot Melissa Eging '98 goes head to head with a Denison defender on Saturday.

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## Scot soccer team opens NCAC schedule vs. Denison

LUKE LINDBERG

The men's Fighting Scot soccer team continued a tough schedule this week, competing against an undefeated Denison team and a 5-3 Marietta squad. These two games both took place at Carl Dale Memorial Soccer Field, becoming the second and third straight games for the Scots at home. They will play their fourth consecutive home match on Saturday versus Walsh.

Denison rolled into Wooster on Saturday afternoon to compete against the Scots in the annual Homecoming match-up. Being the first North Coast Athletic Conference match-up of the year, the Scots were anxious to get off on the right foot in their quest for a league crown. Denison boasted a 4-0 record coming into the match, however, so knocking them off would definitely not be an easy task.

The Scots starting line-up, judging by the Denison match-up, has begun to take shape. With Matt

Eging '00 out for the year, Head Coach Graham Ford had to make some adjustments in his regular line up. Apart from the normal foot-holds, such as Adam Cornett '98, Ryan Catteau '98, Brian Hansen '98, Mike Sistili '99, and Brad Pierce '99, the Scot line-up looks like it will continue to feature some impressive young talent. Among the underclassmen in the starting line-up, Adam Evans '01 and Kyle Abraham '01 have made significant contributions.

The Denison game started out in similar Wooster fashion, as the match was competitive on both ends of the field. Wooster and Denison both kept the pressure on early, each team mounting significant scoring opportunities. For example, the Scots almost struck early as Brian Hansen sent a dangerous cross through the air over Denison's penalty box and it was almost converted by Mike Sistili.

A scary moment occurred at the 29:30 mark as starting goalkeeper

Matt Patsch '99 took a foot to the head and was down on the ground for several moments. Veteran Steve Postal '98, looked primed to come off the bench to replace his fallen teammate, but Patsch shook off the hit and remained in the game.

The Denison squad was obviously a very talented team, but they did tend to play tough ball that really was not very sportsman-like. Their behavior, combined with another poor officiating job by the referees, led to a couple of near team incidents. Denison's forwards all played like goons and many of them should be ashamed of their conduct.

The Scots narrowly missed a few scoring opportunities in the first half, as the offense clearly wanted to put a shot in the back of the net. Ryan Catteau narrowly missed a shot as he put a free kick just over the Denison net with 18 minutes remaining in the first half. Chuck Draper '99 took the same offensive view as he almost converted a shot

at the 12:30 mark. The half ended in a 0-0 tie.

The second half featured many exciting moments. Mike Sistili opened up the game's scoring with a goal with 41 minutes remaining. Adam Cornett set the whole thing up as Sistili scored off Cornett's free kick. Denison kept the pressure on after the Scot score, however, as they added their own goal at the 30:12 mark. The next 30 minutes were marked by an overabundance of midfield headballs, which raised tensions on and off the field.

At 3:10, however, the Big Red took the lead for good as Matt Patsch made a great play to deflect the ball out of the Wooster box, but then the ball was deflected back in and converted for the game's final score. Despite a neat Cornett-Sistili connection at the 2:30 mark, Denison held on for the win.

The Scots stayed at home this Wednesday for a 4 p.m. start with the Marietta Pioneers. A tough but small squad, Marietta gave the Scots

a run for their money, as they eked out a 3-3 overtime tie.

The game's first half featured only one goal as the Scots converted a penalty kick for the score. The penalty kick occurred because Brian Hansen cut strongly through the box and was awaiting a head ball as he was violently shoved down in the box. Mike Sistili took the kick and placed it perfectly in the corner of the net. Give Hansen credit for the assist as he took a big hit to ensure the penalty kick.

The second half featured four goals, all of them well maneuvered by the two teams. The Scots fell behind 2-1 on two Marietta goals before going back on top on goals from Adam Evans and Ryan Catteau. 3-2 was the score with 10 minutes remaining.

Marietta tied the game with only a few minutes to go and forced overtime, the Scots third OT period of the season. Despite a competitive third period, neither team could convert and the game ended in a 3-3 tie.

### Wooster's Week in Sports

#### Football

Sat. Case Reserve (A) 1:30 p.m.

#### Women's Soccer

Sat. Ohio Wesleyan (H) 12 p.m.  
Wed. Heidelberg (A) 4 p.m.

#### Men's Soccer

Sat. Walsh (H) 2 p.m.

#### Cross Country

Sat. Wooster Invitational (H) 11 a.m.

#### Volleyball

Sat. Mount Union (H) 11 a.m.  
Sat. Wilmington (H) 3 p.m.  
Tues. Lake Erie (H) 7 p.m.

#### Field Hockey

Sun. Oneonta State (H) 11 a.m.  
Tues. Ohio Wesleyan (A) 4:30 p.m.