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“Why can’t we get all the people together that we really like and then just stay together? That wouldn’t work. Someone would leave. Someone always leaves. Then we would have to say goodbye. I hate goodbyes. I know what I need. I need more hellos.” — Snoopy (from Peanuts)

APEX to combine academic resources

APEX incorporates the Learning Center, Lily House, Career Services and Registrar’s Office in Gault Library

Ramsey Kincannon & Emily Bartelheim
News Editors

The College of Wooster administration is excited for yet another one of its projects: the Advising, Planning and Experiential Learning Center (APEX). APEX will integrate, coordinate and expand the College’s existing resources in academic advising, career services and experiential learning, including the Applied Mathematics Research Experience (AMRE), internships, entrepreneurship and socially involved externships.

“[Our] vision for an integrated advising center,” said President Grant Cornwell, “is to create a program where academic planning is not separate from life planning, where aspirations for careers are integrated with deeper questions about meaning, significance and, dare we say, even happiness.”

Lisa Kastor, director of career services, is familiar with the history of the project, because she

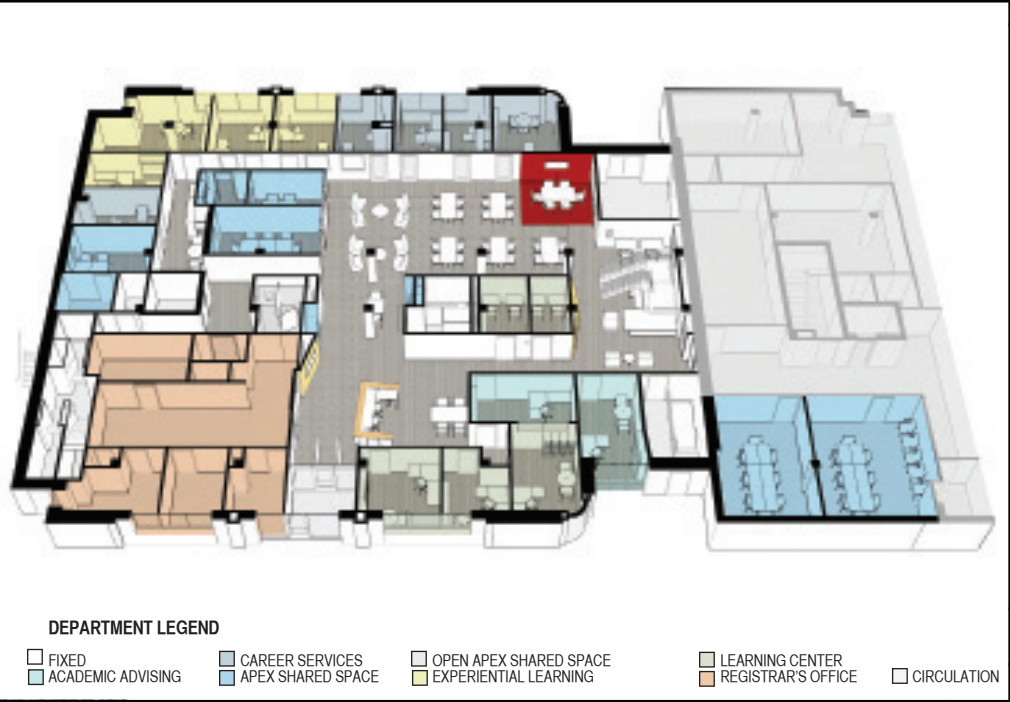
was part of the task force that led to the APEX four years ago. To her, the goal was “to help every student, all four years, academically, professionally and personally.” From there, staff, administrators, faculty and students came together in order to best facilitate helping new groups of students.

The new center will be in the basement of Gault Library (what is currently Lower 1), and will be fully finished on August 15. Dean Henry Kreuzman said the inspiration for the APEX is to “advise students in a more holistic manner.” The Lily House, Academic Advising Center and Career Services

to Practice (experiential learning).

“With I.S., we do something really distinctive, but there’s still a component that we don’t really pay attention to: mentoring that student,” Kreuzman said. “The academic, personal and professional are all integrated in I.S. and all students should have that experience.” The summer ARCH program was the first step to starting this process, and the APEX is the physical embodiment of the process of integrating every aspect of students’ lives.

“I think we’ve come up with a unique model, unlike most other schools,” said Kastor. “Advising happens in many places. It doesn’t just happen with faculty advisors. It could happen with a food service worker, it could happen in career services.” The hope for Kastor, Kreuzman, and other Wooster officials is that this model serves Wooster students well.



The floor plan of APEX creates a convenient hub for all of students’ academic and career needs (Image courtesy Bohnin Cywinski Jackson).

“The idea of bringing all these resources together is pretty rare [in other colleges], and that’s what we’re really excited about.”

—Dean Kreuzman
Dean for Curriculum & Academic Engagement

were all spread around the campus and it was hard for students to put these together. “The really great thing about [APEX] is the integration of all these different offices so the students have one place to go when they need help,” Kreuzman said. APEX will also help fulfill two of the College Administration’s five Strategic Initiatives: Student Educational Planning and Advising, and Bringing Theory

The APEX will have three offices devoted to the Learning Center staff (Pam Rose, Amber Larson and Linda Marion), two for the Lily House staff (Allison Schmidt and Karen Parthemore) and five offices for Career Services personnel. There are currently three staff members in Career Services and the College plans on adding another for the upcoming APEX. The Financial Aid office has temporarily moved

to Pearl House and will eventually reside in the Rubbermaid Building where Career Services currently is. A position for an assistant director of internships will also open and be added to the mix. The Center for Entrepreneurship will still be in Morgan Hall, but another office will hold an employee from this program in the APEX.

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Beall Avenue woes continue despite College’s efforts

Kris Fronzak
Editor in Chief

Despite a continuing run of negative interactions between pedestrians and drivers on Beall Avenue, planned safety measures for the street are, as of May 2012, limited in scope.

Security and Protective Services (SPS) logged 26 incidents on the street in the fall of 2011, and 17 so far this spring (2012). This is the first year that specific records have been made of incidents on Beall Avenue. Although only three of those logged were overtly racial

in nature, the reality is that blatant discrimination is a common occurrence for many passers-by on the street, whether or not students choose to report it to security. Security reports do not indicate the ethnicity of a victim or perpetrator, leading to the question of whether those victims on the street are singled out because of race, supposed sexual orientation, gender or any variety of reasons.

Understaffed SPS and the City of Wooster Police Department with a \$2 million deficit don’t bode well for increased security measures. SPS originally planned several hall presentations to raise student awareness, but was unable to implement them. They are also working with the city to deal with these incidents, though specific plans remain undeveloped.

The street is a big concern for Steven Glick, the former Wooster chief of police and current director of security at the College. Just last weekend, a student was hit with a blowgun dart while entering campus housing on Beall. Glick, as a police officer, is the only member of SPS with off-campus jurisdiction, so beyond reporting incidents to the Wooster PD, SPS’s power to track perpetrators is limited.

“The PD is already stressed. The response they can give us for non-criminal matters is open to question, and a lot of this isn’t necessarily criminal in nature. I think we’re doing a better job getting the information and students are better at reporting [the incidents], but we aren’t getting them all,” said Glick. “Students are our eyes and ears. We can’t be everywhere at once; it’s not possible. We’re here to help the college community stay safe, but it has to be a joint effort.”

“Students have gotten more com-

fortable telling [SPS], but a lot still goes unreported. People sometimes feel that the reporting is a hassle — or that security doesn’t give two sh*ts about their safety,” said Deja Moss ’14.

LaTricia Mitchell ’14 agrees. “Many people don’t like reporting that because of its interrogation process of ‘Did you see the license plate?’ and ‘Do you remember this?’ Others don’t report incidents because they don’t feel that they’re relevant — if issues are racialized, there aren’t people here that have their back. But the problem is not with Security. The main demographic

of Wooster seems to be having a hard time coming to terms with diversity.”

Indeed, white males seem to prompt the vast majority of aggressive or discriminatory incidents.

Moss alone has experienced a slew of negative incidents on

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Understaffed SPS and the City of Wooster Police Department with a \$2 million deficit don’t bode well for increased security measures (Photo by Bob West).

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► *Adriana Hoak ’14 interviews students about their views on diversity on campus.*

► *Studio art majors Abiose Spriggs ’12 and Lida Bilokur ’12 have their I.S. exhibits on display in Ebert Art Center.*

► *Madison Carey ’12 broke the single season scoring record for women’s lacrosse.*

Drawings by Emily Bartelheim Temperatures from AccuWeather.com

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BITE-SIZED NEWS

NATIONAL

Lone dolphin may be victim of bullying

A lonely dolphin, who has spent the last five days swimming in the Bolsa Chica wetlands in Southern California, may be being bullied.

Peter Wallerstein, the director of Marine Animal Rescue, said that “the dolphin may have been prevented from leaving the Huntington Beach nature preserve by other dolphins.” Apparently, the incidents have left the dolphin slightly scarred. “He was scared, he was intimidated, he was bullied ... [dolphins] can be very aggressive toward each other. They’re not the sweet, loving, gentle animals portrayed by the movies and the cartoons. They do have a dark side.”

Wallerstein and other scientists are trying to usher the dolphin back into the ocean, but it has been hesitant to return (msnbc.com).

NATIONAL

Facebook provides organ donation option

Starting May 1, Facebook users can publicly notify friends about their organ donor status. And it’s not so you can rub how great you are in everyone’s face — well, it kind of is, actually.

Facebook seems to be trying to peer pressure its users into registering as organ donors. If everyone else on your Newsfeed is doing it, why wouldn’t you?

Facebook might not yet be a tool to “solve complex social problems,” as Mark Zuckerberg told ABC — but it definitely has the power to be one.

If Kony2012 has taught us anything, it’s that people are more compelled to do good when the act is public and requires nothing more than the click of a mouse (jezebel.com).

STATE

FBI arrests five men trying to blow up Cleveland bridge

Cyco, a mohawk-wearing anarchist, was among five men who were arrested after conspiring to blow up a bridge 15 miles south of Cleveland.

The men were arrested Monday evening in an FBI sting, but didn’t put the public in any danger because of the fact that the explosives they had were inert and controlled by an undercover FBI employee.

The group of men were charged with conspiracy and attempted use of explosive materials to damage physical property affecting interstate commerce. It is unclear how much prison time the five will face (cnn.com).

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Four monkeys retiring from psychology department

Emily Bartelheim
News Editor

Psychology professor Claudia Thompson brought six Cebus Apella monkeys to The College of Wooster in 1983. They were a gift to her from the University of Chicago. The original six monkeys were retired to wildlife reserves and private zoos years ago — the seven monkeys of the current group are their descendants.

From time to time (this will be the fifth), Thompson retires small numbers of the monkeys to live in more natural habitats with larger social groups. “This year, I found primate sanctuaries for four monkeys: Riley (13 years) and her son Calvin (four years) will live at The Primate Sanctuary in Niagara Falls, New York,” Thompson said. “Pipin (five and a half years) and Zeke (seven years) will move to Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary in Florida.”

The three remaining monkeys (Alex, Gismo and Jake) are nearly 30 years old. “I’ve known them all their lives and they will stay at Wooster, because two of them have developed diabetes and it would be stressful to move them,” Thompson said. The monkeys will still be observed in Thompson’s Animal Cognition and Learning & Behavior classes, as well as serve as a focal study for a senior’s I.S. next year.

“The College continues to be very supportive of the monkeys, and they provide a unique educational opportunity for Wooster students,” Thompson said. “The monkey caretakers and I will miss Riley, Calvin, Zeke and Pip, but we are happy for their good fortune in being accepted by the dedicated and highly experienced people at the sanctuaries. We know they’ll live ‘happily ever after’ there.”



Photo courtesy Claudia Thompson.

APEX cont.

Unlike the CoRE, which has many grey tones to feature the emphasis on technology, the color scheme for the APEX will be warmer colors (reds, yellows, greens), similar to Kauke, in order for the space to be new, fresh and lively. APEX has been developed through the same company as the CoRE: Bohnin Cywinski Jackson. There will be different pops of color everywhere — even the carpet.

Beall Ave. cont.

campus, from being shoved into a wall by an unnamed Wooster athlete, pushed off the sidewalk and being called a “stupid b*tch” on the way to a party and a “n*gger” and “c*nt” multiple times. She was also told that she lost her right to complain about racial issues on campus because she is a minority student and is therefore probably receiving financial aid to come to Wooster.

“Some of these incidents were scary because if my friends hadn’t been there, what would have happened? And all of them involved Caucasian males. What does that say for the portrayal of culture at Wooster? The college does a great job of attracting diversity, but not of making them feel that they have a valuable voice,” said Moss. “I went to counseling at Longbrake [Wellness Center] because I was literally breaking down for two weeks. I seriously thought about not coming back. The only reason that a lot of us [minority students] are staying is that hopefully we can make a difference.”

“Today I was barked at and yelled at by people in two different cars,” said Anya Cohen ’14. “It’s become a constant reality for a lot of people, and I think it gets worse as the weather warms up and drivers keep their windows down.”

The frequency and nature of incidents along Beall Avenue have also forced a number of students to change their walking habits, especially at night. When traveling down Beall, Mitchell walks on the grass instead of sidewalks. Moss avoids Beall when possible, taking roundabout routes to class and avoiding Drugmart completely.

When asked to clarify “experiential learning,” Dean Kreuzman said it “provides opportunities to provide experiences outside the classroom ... it’s the integrating of theory and practice.” This encompasses internships, I.S. (as an example of “learning then doing”) and even workshops for TA’s. “An internship where you go away and have the experience isn’t as effective as when you maintain relationships like you would here.”

“If I’m walking north on Beall at night, or through the Holden parking lot, I have Security’s number or 911 on my phone, ready to call. And I never walk home by myself. I’ll have friends walk me or will stay on the phone with a friend until we’re both in our dorms,” said Bria Price ’14.

Members of the community also have the gross misconception that all Wooster students are wealthy. However, over 75 percent of those enrolled receive some form of financial aid, with the average aid package coming in at \$24,820. Many students enrolled today could not have attended Wooster without extensive loans and aid from the school.

“I think that [the belief that students are privileged] is where a lot of communication between us and the Wooster community is lost. That’s what generates the racism, the sexual orientation slurs ... they attack the people that they can attack,” Price said.

The tension is not limited to students — drivers have targeted alumni, professors and staff of the college as well.

“As a student, I was walking north on Beall at dusk and several white males in a pickup truck started yelling at me and called me a n*gger and a b*tch. I was stunned. I haven’t experienced anything as blatant recently, though I have had people yell unintelligible things at me,” said Susan Lee, the assistant dean for multi-ethnic student affairs. “I suspect that because we have an African-American president and family in the White House, and are clearly not living in a ‘post-racial’ America, some people are more willing to display their hostility and racist sentiments toward people of color.”

SECURITY BRIEFS — 4/24 - 4/30

INFORMATIONAL

4/28 — 2:53 a.m.
Lowry Center
Suspect admitted to making a fake 911 call.

ALCOHOL

4/24 — 5:01 p.m.
McDavitt House
Alcohol found in house of five underage students.

4/28 — 10:24 p.m.
Ebert Art Center
Suspect admitted to drinking underage.

4/28 — 11:14 p.m.
Compton Hall
Suspect admitted to drinking underage.

VANDALISM

4/25 — 11:32 a.m.
Andrews Hall / Timken Library
Graffiti found in 6 locations throughout buildings.

4/26 — 9:21 a.m.
Lowry Center
Someone(s) placed large rock in waterfall.

4/28 — 9:44 a.m.
Luce Hall
Fire extinguisher discharged on second floor.

4/28 — 3:23 p.m.
Lot 23/Westminster
Car mirror reported broken.

4/29 — 8:03 p.m.
Lowry Center
Graffiti found on Lowry box truck.

4/30 — 8:00 a.m.
Holden Hall
SPS barricade broken, found in building.

THEFT

4/25 — 1:09 p.m.
Lot 11/Bissman
Victim reported items taken from car.

4/26 — 4:58 p.m.
Calcei House
Victim reported items stolen from her car, credit card used.

FIRE ALARM

4/25 — 9:28 a.m.
Schlabach House
Hair straightener caused the alarm.

4/27 — 11:18 p.m.
Westminster Cottage
Pull station activated on first floor.

4/29 — 1:55 a.m.
Kenarden Lodge
Discharged fire extinguisher caused the alarm.

SUBSTANCE

4/27 — 10:39 p.m.
Bissman Hall
Staff member reported four students who admitted to smoking marijuana.

4/28 — 11:14 p.m.
Compton Hall
Two students admitted to smoking marijuana.

DISORDERLY

4/28 — 10:24 p.m.
Ebert Art Center
Suspect caught urinating outside of building.

ASSAULT

4/28 — 11:29 p.m.
McDavitt House
Suspect pushed and punched victim.

4/28 — 8:52 p.m.
Beall Ave.
Victim reported being hit by dart from blowgun.

HARASSMENT

4/25 — 3:00 p.m.
Beall Ave.
Victim reported being hit with crayons from bus.

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The things I will miss

It's been four years and I already miss the chirping noise when you cross Beall in front of Lowry, dinners at Kitt and sledding down the hill next to the football field.

I miss those very first parties and subsequent hangers, those nights in the lounge that turned into sleepovers. I miss petty dorm rivalries that did not hinder a (failed) effort to fill the arch with snow. I miss missing my FYS; I couldn't tell you what the topic was. I miss trying to find the library with my friend halfway through the year, and almost getting lost in the process.

I miss my first political science class, which hit me so hard I finally understood what academia really was. I miss my sophomore hall, calamitous and smelly as it was. I miss losing my voice at football games, even though I didn't care if we won or lost. I miss the friends that left Wooster, whether under their own power or not, and I regret not staying in contact with them more. I miss the welcoming atmosphere at house parties, where it didn't matter that I wasn't an upperclassman or a potential pledge, I was just seen as a fellow participant in The College of Wooster nightlife.

I miss Avery house. I miss the camaraderie in cleaning the perpetual mess an hour before we told people to show up, and

the subsequent week of clutter that would follow. I miss landing the Chief Copy Editor gig at the Voice, finally understanding my submissions from the past were immature and amateur at best. I miss my time in Washington, D.C., meeting uproarious Colombians and insane Norwegians, and then driving back to Wooster in May for my favorite part of the year.

Now I miss these final weekends, realizing there would be no more noon lunch lines or midnight breakfasts, no more move ins or homecomings. In a masochistic way, I could say I miss I.S. The late nights in the Voice office are over, the room which doubled as my sanctuary for completing I.S. over spring break. I miss watching the Voice writers grow, both in output and confidence, and recognizing my own writing now appears at least somewhat stronger.

I'll miss constructing plans for future semesters at the College, now replaced by plans for how to pay the tens of thousands of dollars I still owe. I'll miss seeing financial statements and putting them off, only now to be receiving requests to donate to the Wooster Fund while I'm more in the red than I am ideologically. It was an incredible four years here, and I don't regret a single procrastinated essay or miserable Thursday morning. In more ways than one, I hope it was worth it.

John McGovern was a Viewpoints editor on the Voice and can be reached for comment at JMcGovern12@wooster.edu.

Never acquiesce to Galpin

In the four years I have spent at this college, I have learned many



DAN HANSON

new things about the world, about myself, and about the way this institution is managed. In many respects, these have been the best years of my life. I have made the best friends I've ever had, taken classes that opened my eyes in unexpected ways, and I am a better man because of it. I love this college and will miss it dearly. One aspect of this school that I have no respect for, however, is our administration.

Recently, those in charge of our institution decided that we're now a "trendy" college, inviting a new wave of recruiting. I take great pride in the rigors of Senior I.S. and this school's general academic demands, and I think Wooster deserves recognition as one of the finest liberal arts colleges in the country. However, the administration does not view this new recognition as an opportunity to display legitimate merit for deserving

students, but rather as a chance to market the commodity that is this college. I fear that the "new kind of student" they are recruiting is not the talented-but-underprivileged student who could be an asset to this campus, but rather rich kids who can improve the president's already obscene salary and maintain the skyrocketing tuition. Our wonderful institution has become a commodity hawked by the administration, rather than a place of opportunity for the worthy.

With the pathetic joke that is the

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"Sober, Safe, Smart" program, it has become pretty obvious to the student body at large that the ability of the Dean's office to accurately respond to the needs of the student body is, well, sort of a joke.

The incompetency of Deans Holmes and Buxton extends beyond this stupid endeavor to interactions with the student body

which are much more destructive: I have had multiple friends who took a leave of absence for medical reasons and then found that the Deans' office had no interest in aiding them. Rather, they found people who were cruel, ignorant, and seemingly committed to preventing them from returning. These people became victims of this college's incompetent current administration.

I urge all underclassmen to keep these questions in mind as the go through this institution. Never ever take for granted that Wooster is run in a way that benefits the student body best, and never forget that it is not only our prerogative but our duty as students to take control of this school. You will see Galpin make decisions that are offensive, misguided, or just plain wrong. It is your duty to agitate and publicize them until this school lives up to its promise. The President and the Deans can only control us so long as we do nothing to stop them.

Dan Hanson was a Viewpoints editor for the Voice and can be reached for comment at DHanson12@wooster.edu.

How will you be defined?

Last year, I lived in a program house. During the school year, my best friend and roommate was kicked out of school. Our other house members and myself were suspected of being in cahoots with him and trying to poison the minds of innocent, naïve first-years (apparently getting caught publically urinating makes me a potential menace to society).

Unfortunately, and somewhat unjustly, we were expelled from our program and forced to find housing somewhere else on campus, and move our stuff — all during finals week. The decision was passed down to us through a staff member, who relayed the decision of Dean Kracker and Dean Holmes while they were off doing other more important things.

We tried to appeal, yet we were told that the decision was final. I sent several emails to Dean Kracker, asking for a meeting of some sort to explain the situation, and was essentially told to get over it (the lesson here: when you're a private institution, you can do whatever you want).

So, our house did what any group of angry, wronged and shocked group of kids did: We threw a party — or, at least, tried to. The Facebook event grew so

large, with so many people pledging support (and beer), that we were called and told in no uncertain terms that if we ended up throwing the party, we could be suspended. The risk of "violating our own self-respect," or some other vaguely worded rule, was enough to force us to shut down the party.

You might think that this piece is merely venting about the one thing that's most bothered me about this institution. Rather, I'd like to use it as a possible guide to respond to life's most maddening and frustrating situations.

The response here is not to simply withdraw and retreat, because then, you're missing out on great experiences that the College can provide. I loved working with W.A.C., Effie's Players, Moot Court, writing for the Voice and the variety of other opportunities I pursued here. Giving up on these things would've made the cold, Ohio winters completely unbearable.

The members of our house kept doing the activities that we cherished at the college. We still kept writing for the Voice, doing improv

comedy, singing in Wooster choir, student teaching, and a variety of other things on campus. Eventually, we joined two other friends and applied for a hall program in Stevenson, and we were approved

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only a couple of months after the rather hellacious Avery House conclusion. Since this year has started, I have had a number of wonderful memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life, including screaming out my window at trash trucks, singing the Canadian national anthem at "Covers," and collecting a ludicrous number of Taco Bell sauce packets (there must be at least 500 in Jack Tracy's desk drawer).

So, when things seem to be going their worst, you can't let your life be defined, ruled and overrun by it. Instead, you have to dive into the activities you love, and those that you're synonymous with.

Ramsey Kincannon was a News editor for Voice and can be reached for comment at RKincannon12@wooster.edu.

Student experiences paradigm shift from City to College

I wasn't only born and raised in Wooster, Ohio, but I grew up across the street from The College of



EMILY BARTELHEIM

Wooster. You can really, you can see my house from Wagner Hall. It has always been a running joke in my family that it takes 30 whole seconds to drive my stuff to and from my dorm during moves (about two minutes if you hit the one red light).

As annoying as I thought it would be to stay in the same city for college, I can safely say that Wooster has been nothing but rewarding. As a senior in high school, I received much advice from individuals who told me I should go elsewhere, and yes, I will admit it: I wanted to get the hell out of dodge — go somewhere new, somewhere huge, somewhere exciting. I wanted

to get the "true college experience." All my friends were going to different cities far away from home, and I felt trapped. (Granted, at the time, my mother worked at the College, so the option of receiving a quality education for free was a no-brainer.) But after my first year here, I realized there was nowhere else I could be happier.

It's been an interesting dynamic: being from Wooster and also going to college here. If I wanted to go home, I could go home. If I didn't want to go home, the campus is isolated enough from the city that I didn't have to see my family at all if I didn't want to.

Yes, there were experiences throughout my college career in which some clarification was needed in terms of "townie life." No, I do not like this term — it is derogatory and just doesn't sit well. I wholeheartedly agree that there are individuals from the community who haven't put their best foot forward, but many students

at the College have the wrong impressions of community members. It is important to remember that the encounters on Beall Ave. only encompass a select population. More people need to realize the strong interdependence between the City of Wooster and The College of Wooster. Without the business brought by the College's students, families and tourists, the city would surely suffer, and without the community, the College would no longer thrive as it currently does.

There have been times when I came to the defense of my fellow college students concerning community/college relations. But I have also come to the defense of my hometown on many occasions (as my friends can attest). Part of the problem is that upon entering the College, many students feel a sense of entitlement. "We're here to get a higher education, and what do you do?"

To those who complain about the

City of Wooster: if you don't like it because "there's nothing to do," then why did you come here? There are plenty of things to do around town, but they're not going to conveniently fall in your lap. To those who make remarks about "townies:" not everyone is a farmer or Amish. Sure, Wooster has its issues, but it's not the worst chip in the bag.

I'm sure some of you are rolling your eyes as you're reading this, but don't judge a book by its cover. (Yes, I said it.) Don't get me wrong, I wouldn't turn down a chance to go somewhere new — 22 years is plenty of time in any one place — but once you've experienced the paradigm shift that I have, you'll see what I mean. In the meantime, try putting the shoe on the other foot.

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Don't stop exploring

I came home from my study abroad experience with something I consider a little different.



ANDREW COLLINS

While I was in New Zealand, I walked. A lot. I walked around Wellington, Akaroa, Dunedin, Queenstown and Kaikoura. I hiked along the beautiful Coastal Track and hiked 15 miles over the volcanically active Tongariro Crossing. My apartment in Christchurch was three and a half miles from downtown, and I walked the distance on a regular basis, always taking a different route.

I didn't walk everywhere, but walking was the cheapest and most thorough way to explore. There was so much to see that I explored as much as I possibly could.

Contrary to what many people experience, though, my adventures did not leave me with a sense of despair at having to return to small-town Ohio. Instead, they made me realize just how little I knew about the places I thought I was most familiar with. When I got back, I vowed to explore my surroundings to the fullest possible extent. Much to my surprise, I found that there was stuff to do around here.

Explore. When you're bored, just walk out the door and go somewhere. Do something different. Take a stroll down Bever, almost to route 30, to Grosjean Park — one of Wooster's best-kept secrets. This little wooded oasis, stuck in the midst of industrial solvent facilities and gravel distributors, is a fantastic place to relax, skip rocks, have lunch, or just walk, and it's never crowded.

If you're looking for a good dinner with friends, consider TJ's, Melvin's,

or the Old Jaol tavern — Broken Rocks is not the only nice, inexpensive restaurant in town. If you want a romantic gourmet dinner, check out South Market Bistro. If the entrees are out of reach, maybe you can split a couple of appetizers.

If you have access to a car, there are even more possibilities. Five miles west of campus is Wooster Memorial Park, a 200-acre ravine with over eight miles of trails. If you don't want to follow the beaten path, then just hop in the stream and walk for a while. If you're feeling up for a longer drive, Cuyahoga Valley national park is only an hour to our north. There are huge open spaces and miles of trails along the valley that take you around cliffs, caves, and waterfalls.

Cuyahoga is also home to Blossom Music Center, which hosts the Cleveland Orchestra and popular acts like Lady Antebellum, Dave Matthews, the Beach Boys, Toby Keith and others every summer. On your way back on I-77, take exit 137 and stop by The Rail outside of Akron for the best burger, fries and milkshake you will ever have.

Explore. Look beyond the Internet. Check out some local history at a small museum. Take notice of the local dances and wine tastings that are advertised on telephone poles. Look for live music and give it a shot. Find new places to walk — you'll be amazed at the things you might come across.

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Seven wisdoms from Editor in Chief

It's been a glorious and rocky time at the *Voice*, and despite watching senior staffers write these editorials for



KRIS FRONZAK

four years and planning out how awesome mine would be, it's now the day before deadline and I'm just drafting this. So typical.

My experience on the staff of this paper has taught me a lot of crucial life lessons, both gently and painfully.

1. Surround yourself with people who are smarter than you.

This doesn't mean that you should avoid having less-intelligent friends.

2. When your intuition raises its hackles, be aware.

Literally every time the *Voice* has published something that got us in factual trouble or unnecessarily offended someone this year, I've recognized it before it went to print. But I doubted my intuition, held my tongue, and ended up dealing with the backlash after the paper was published. Which brings me to my next point,

3. Don't be afraid to argue. When you know something is right, you need to show others that it's right or you'll risk looking like a spineless, personality-lacking dweeb.

4. In fact, embrace arguments. There's nothing better to challenge your worldview than people (constructively) telling you you're

wrong. My perspective has improved on a vast amount of issues since I've befriended people who like to challenge my viewpoints. Even the most solid, seemingly flawless argument can be deconstructed with a well-placed comment, as long as you're open and listening to the opposition.

5. Don't dwell on the idiocy of others.

This week, I interviewed all sort of people for a news article about tension between the city and College, especially in regard to incidents on Beall Avenue. It's utterly infuriating to hear people's stories, but dwelling

"cancer babies" that sent me into a fury I still haven't fully recovered from. I still find it unbelievable that Wooster enrolls these kinds of people, but recognize there's little I can do to change their perspective. And, to bring it back down to a less controversial topic,

6. The professors here are excellent. Use them.

Whether for random life help, class-related questions, I.S. mentoring, or letters of recommendation, teachers are one of the greatest, brightest and most well-meaning resources we have at the College.

7. Do grammar good.

Does that sentence make you feel nauseous? If not, you may want to catch up on middle school English classes, because you can be the most skilled researcher,

mathematician, or what have you, but unless you can construct a decent sentence/thought, you'll have a hard time getting anywhere in life. This is especially true on the *Voice* staff, but across the board, people respect those who can successfully communicate. If nothing else, learn the difference between "you're" and "your"; "to" and "too"; and "their," "there" and "they're." And for God's sake, avoid doing things with your "bear hands."

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Battle your boredom

It's hard for me to sum up my time and experiences at The College of Wooster, mostly because of how fast



ERIC BATKE

the time has gone. While I wouldn't say that I have regrets, I do wish to offer a warning to those who have more time before they leave this campus: defeat your ennui.

Ennui can be defined as, "weariness resulting from a complete lack of interest," and more simply as "boredom." Wooster isn't the most interesting place in the world, and sometimes the boredom can seem stifling. But what happens when this boredom develops its own momentum? What happens when you start to feel that laziness and boredom are preferable to whatever activity may lay outside your dorm room and hallways?

This is the very essence of ennui, and it is precisely why you should never find yourself content with the sedentary lifestyle. While some of you may function better this way, it has been my experience that the less we do, the less likely we are to do anything. Over time, this effect can compound, becoming stifling and shame one from doing anything at all. How many of you sit here now wishing that you had entered a particular student group when you were a first-year, as the extra time would have led to you having a chance at a leadership position?

It's easy enough to say here that one should never have regrets, but that's taking the easy way out of this whole advice game. Instead, I would simply like to encourage you to do things that you might hate.

Join SGA, even if you think it's a figurehead organization that has no actual benefit for the students. Get a campus job, even if you are intimidated by the process of going to Career Services. Write for the *Voice*, even if you're worried that everyone will hate your opinion! If after two weeks you still hate whatever you're doing, then stop doing it — you certainly will not be any worse off than before, and every spark of motivation helps when

we're in a place that seems to never change.

Really, we can all do whatever we want without needing to fear judgment. That's one of the beautiful things about this campus community. But in order to feel healthy and secure with oneself, I would argue that it is necessary to engage oneself as much as possible. Do not simply broaden yourself for your resume, or your parents; any new experience should be for you.

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Strive for a college by and for the students

In my four years at the College of Wooster I have had an amazing experience, mainly due to the



BOB WEST

College's remarkable student body and professors. The Wooster community is a small one, as such the connections between students and professors is tight-knit and welcoming. It is unsurprising that students and professors define the College's direction, as they are the people who engage in the College's most forthright mission of education. But outside the classrooms, on the academic quad, the College is comprised of several buildings that serve the students and the professors, not to mention the broader Wooster community.

The libraries are the most obvious space for academic pursuits outside a lecture hall. The Andrews library, situated on the corner of Beall Avenue and East University underwent an overhauling renovation over this year's winter break. Thematically designed for collaboration, the "CoRE" comes across as an Apple store in outer space, complete with all the beeps and boops that more than 20 computers and big-

screen televisions can blare.

In the weeks after winter break 2012, I regularly occupied my carrel on the third floor of the Gault library, which is separated from the CoRE by three flights of stairs, a

I think that the current administration is hijacking the College's ethical and aesthetic direction under a façade of enhancing "global engagement."

watching sports on the CoRE's televisions. I'm no curmudgeon, I enjoy television a lot, but the fact that the library has devolved into a Circuit City-style media center is depressing. I don't blame the library staff, I blame the design team that was undoubtedly hired to "optimize" or "modernize" the library for professors and students to use. I wonder if a poll was taken, and if so was any sort of feedback actually used in the renovation? It doesn't appear to be so, even if a truckstop-style coffee machine was installed. I'm ultimately disappointed about how the library was changed, and how it reflects top-down decision-making.

The first house I ever lived in was next to the community library, and I can remember my dad insisting that my sister and I only whisper to main-

tain the peace and quiet that most readers and researchers expect in a library. In my eyes, when it comes to academic interaction, books, wooden tables and chairs filled with individuals are all a library needs. Long-

distance collaboration is undoubtedly facilitated by computer screens and the Internet, and with the current fascination with the words "global engagement" one can see why the technocratic design was chosen. The student body is diverse enough for global engagement to occur face-to-face between students from disparate backgrounds. Clearly that is not enough global engagement, and we all need to be Skyping with all the ends of the earth in our library.

This college has always been globally engaged, as a home to children of missionaries, and as a place that students from across the world could, and still do, come to be educated. I think that the current administration is hijacking the College's ethical and aesthetic direction under a façade of enhancing "global engagement." Why not pursue self-reflection, social responsibility, or freedom of expression, all of which are important in the College's "Mis-

sion and Vision," yet seem to fall short of the currently emphasized "global" initiatives. No one seems to fully understand how to be a global citizen, even the myriad professors I've asked don't know. Are you a global citizen? Are you not? The fact of the matter is that we're all living in Wooster, Ohio. A suggestion for students: get involved in the broader Wooster community. Don't waste your four years figuring out how to pay for a plane ticket to change the far reaches of the globe when the citizens of Wooster can use more than a few helping hands.

A similar suggestion applies to the College's administration: get to know the student body, and not just the special interest groups that look good on paper and bring in donor monies (i.e. sports teams, Greeks, and SGA). I doubt that any of the Dean's or the President could identify more than 10 percent of the student body by name, and yet they claim to exemplify the college's best interests. What better interest does the college have than the student body and the professors who teach those students? Regardless of the quality of a product, when costumers and employees begin to feel like disposable entities, the overall experience loses value (and I'm not speaking economically).

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Students on campus diversity

Though progress has been made, diversity remains slim

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Recently, diversity and a sense of belonging on The College of Wooster campus has become an imperative part of the college experience.

"I think diversity is something that is overlooked at Wooster," Antwan Chambers '14 said.

Chambers thinks that the campus has potential with the different groups that are represented, but that the diversity of individuals involved is something that needs to be addressed.

"We had an open formal to promote the Men of Harambee. We don't discriminate against other groups, and we want everyone to share in the experience," Peter Jeffy '14 said.

Greek groups including Alpha Gamma Phi also promote open campus events and have hosted open barbecues, though the promotion of these events needs to be more apparent to the entire student body.

"We try to include more people, it's just hard to get non-Greeks to come to our open events," Miranda Ingraham '14 said.

A liberal arts college promotes differing thoughts and values, though it can be difficult to get different individuals involved in certain extra-curricular activities.

"The problem is people don't want to be open, nor do they want to engage with different students. I'd love to see non-African American students at BSA (Black Student Association) meetings," Chambers said.

Some students think that many people here really do try to encourage diversity.

"I think there already are a lot of efforts by students, especially from student organizations, who want to promote diversity," said Susie Ko '14. "Sometimes the effort may be interpreted as inaccessible or exclusive, but that also points to the apprehension that the general student



The Men of Harambee are one of the groups committed to promoting diversity on campus (Photo by Henry Phillips).

body may have in seeking or participating in new cultural experiences."

Regardless, diversity is still a core value in the Wooster ethic. "We must treat every single student and staff member with respect for who they are and what they represent. All of us are human and none of us are fully formed," President Grant Cornwell said.

Though about a third of the student body is from Ohio, the college has made progress in diversifying enrollment.

"The proportion of students and faculty of color is much higher than it ever has been. We also have a very healthy LGBTQ community," Cornwell said.

Student opinions differ on how each group should be represented.

"I am not a fan of Gay-Straight Alliances but I appreciate what Spectrum is doing, especially with promoting equality and ending ignorance," Kathy Arnold '14 said.

To educate students on differing opinions and values, classes and campus-wide fireside chats have allowed students to discuss this issue.

"In order to promote diversity I

have attended some of the campus talks and taken classes so that I personally can try to promote a more open and friendly environment," Eryn Greaney '14 said.

It is important to note that, as educated students, language is something learned, but not always acted upon when dealing with sensitive subjects.

"I had a hard time receiving a check from student employment because I am not American. They needed some kind of legal documents to get me my check, and then within the document it stated that I had a hard time getting anything because I was foreign. While I am foreign, I feel like a better word could have been chosen," Seungryong Riew, '14 said.

It is also difficult to decipher between certain nationality groups.

"People always assume I am an international student from China. But really it makes me wonder if there is an absence of Asian representation in American high schools that makes it become acceptable to assume your Asian peer is from abroad. I'm Korean," Susie Ko '14 said.

WVN Program Houses

Plans for the program houses of 2012-2013

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Features Editor

Every year, on-campus houses are designated to work with the Wooster Volunteer Network to create a better relationship with the Wooster community. Next year, many students will be living and participating in a wide array of different program houses. Here are a few of the WVN program houses for the 2012-2013 academic year:

PE.A.R.L.S (Positive Environment for Achieving Real-Life Skills):

This program will be working closely with female middle school students and act as positive role models and mentors. They will support academic success and social confidence. They hope to introduce healthy lifestyles via physical activity and nutrition. They will foster a judgment free atmosphere and the development of individuality.

Habitat for Woomanity (Woobitat for Woomanity):

This group of students works closely with the Habitat for Humanity ReStore. They help with donations, upkeep and customer service. They directly assist those looking for aid from Habitat for Humanity through the construction of new homes.

The Wayne County Humane Society:

This program provides foster care to the animals from the Wayne County Humane Society. They hope

to reduce crowding in the shelter so that they can remain a kill-free shelter. They assist in socialization of future pets in order to make them more adoptable. They work to promote and raise funds for the humane society.

4 Paws for Ability:

This group will work to train a service dog to greatly impact the life of someone who needs it. They will receive a puppy to foster and train mid-November and provide daily training, frequent socialization in public places, and a loving home. They will create a blog in order to track the puppy's progress.

Your Human Resource Center (Homework for Hoops):

This group will aid students in completing their homework assignments through one-on-one tutoring. They also provide an hour of physical activities and sports in the PEC for the students that they help. This allows the students to differentiate between work time and play time.

West View Manor Nursing Home:

This group works to provide companionship, facilitate activity in group programs, clean up and organize the center. They play games and music, socialize with residents, hold exercise classes, help with parties and get to know residents on a personal level.

Apple Creek Educational Assistance:

This group works with the 3rd

grade classrooms in Apple Creek Elementary. They work directly with special needs students by providing individual instruction. They assist with the "Character counts" program by interacting with the students as positive role models. They hope to provide inspiration and motivation for the students to make good choices academically and in their every day lives.

WOODS:

These students will work to design and run an outdoor education program for the upper elementary students. Projects are designed to be semester-long or year-long. Ongoing projects include: trail maintenance, identification and eradication of invasive species and creating outdoor spaces appropriate for use by the preschool and toddler classes. They work to teach outdoor appreciation and environmental awareness.

ABLE/ESOL:

This group works directly with ABLE to help adults improve their reading, writing, and math skills in preparation for the GED exam or college/vocational school entry exams. They also work with ESOL to help community members improve English language skills including comprehension and writing.

Mighty Mentors:

This group positively influences the students they mentor on a weekly basis to recognize the importance of schoolwork for a successful future. They motivate students to make positive choices academically and in everyday life.

Senior Staff Voices

We here at the Wooster *Voice* love our senior staff members and wish them the best of luck in their post-college endeavors and asked a few of them to share what it is that they will be doing with their lives this summer, and in some cases, beyond. Thanks for a great year and we wish all of the class of 2012 the very best.



John McGovern — Starting in June I will be living in Portland, Ore. working for Politi-corp, a group of 20 people in Portland that work with progressive campaigns in the area. I'll probably stay there after I'm done and work on other progressive campaigns.

Dan Hanson — I'm going on a road trip out West with some of my friends and then hopefully getting a job in either reporting, copy editing or union organizing.



Emily Bartelheim — I'll be working for The Daily Record as the Editor for Spectrum Publications. I'll be responsible for the writing, editing and design of the advertising department's magazines and brochures.

Andrew Collins — I'll be spending at least two more years at school! And I didn't learn my lesson — I'm staying in Ohio. Over the summer, though, I'll be in the mountains in Utah and Montana 24/7. Might go home to Maine for a little bit, too. Maybe.



Matt Kodner — New York City here I come! I'll be working as an editorial intern for The Gameological Society, a new sister-site to The Onion and A.V. Club. I'll be freelancing, and hopefully will land a job copy editing or blog-

Kris Fronzak — In an effort to decompress from I.S. brain-death, I put off job hunting until several weeks after spring break. As a result, I will either move to Brooklyn in a leap of faith, live with my family in New Mexico and freelance, or flee the country.



Robert West — I have an internship at the Federal courthouse in Pittsburgh for the summer, after which I hopefully will be going to China for a year to teach English as a second language!

From the Vault

The class of 1997 offers advice

The closing of another year means another class of seniors to graduate and another class of juniors to replace them. And with all of that comes a grab bag of feelings and emotions, which two members of the class of 1997 used to offer advice to those who would soon replace them.

What the brochures don't tell you: two seniors offer a guide for the next crop that will take their place

by Nat Missildine and Ryan Murrey

You only learn by coming to the end of something and the beginning of something else, or so we've heard, in which case the following evidence of knowledge doesn't have any value.

Yes, the game is up. As seniors we have arrived to where we always imagined we might one day be on the twilight of the undergraduate career. As much as we try to resist a thanks-for-the-memories, this-is-the-end-of-the-beginning yearbook letter, the need for some degree of closure on the college experience lingers like a hammering tequila hangover. We decided to compile a list of things that we have learned about this place that has defined the last four years of our late adolescence/early adulthood. We wanted to record, for time eternal, the truths that we have uncovered along the way. These are those unofficial things that most people know, but often go unsaid. So we are going to say it. Here is a collection of what we have gathered over the years at this most quirky of places where the weather is wet, the faculty is liberal and the booze comes from the drive-thru. A partial list:

- The campus breeds neuroses.
- Every rumor you hear is actually true.
- Bathroom stalls, or library study tables, are the only places that real issues get discussed.
- While meeting Wooster students coincidentally at a place other than Wooster, it is suddenly okay to talk with someone outside of your established social clique.
- Senioritis usually sets in sometime around the beginning of sophomore year.
- By the administration's definition, seven percent means diversity.
- There's always room for anyone on the burgeoning bandwagon of bisexuality.
- Student government is as essential, as influential and as effective as it was in high school, but without the popular kids.
- If your romantic relationship survives February, you've got a keeper.
- By senior year, all the same-year dating possibilities have been exhausted because of a past relationship, a past or current relationship with one of your friends, or a one-night embarrassing inebriated fling.
- I.S. is a myth.
- Going abroad helps with the claustrophobia.
- When all else fails, masturbate.
- The Voice staff members work harder than any other organization volunteers on campus.
- When you reach senior year, you never feel as old and mature as the seniors you remember from years past.
- You always want to leave, until you've left, at which point you want to come back.

Senior staff picks personal arts favorites

With commencement just around the corner, we asked our departing seniors to leave us with a few A&E favorites. Looking for some new music? Fiction? How about a Nintendo character recommendation? Look no further...

John McGovern, Viewpoints Editor:

Favorite NBA Jam quote: "IS IT THE SHOES?!"

Favorite movie trailer: Yogi Bear

Favorite Mom's worker: All of them

Favorite Monopoly space: St. James Place

Favorite minor character in a TV series: Uncle Leo (Seinfeld)

Favorite book I actually read in High School: "Heart of Darkness"

Favorite foreign movie: "The Full Monty" Gotta love a plot concerning burly ex-steel mill workers meeting up with a guy nicknamed "Horse" to become amateur Chippendale's dancers to earn child support money, eventually stripping naked to a soundtrack of Donna Summer and Tom Jones. On a completely heterosexual level.

Andrew Collins, Photo Editor:

Favorite band: East Village Opera Company

Favorite photograph: "Lunchtime atop a Skyscraper," Charles C. Ebbets

Favorite musical artist that has my name: Phil Collins — Did I get called his name or did he get called my name? It's a chicken or egg kind of question.

Emily Bartelheim, News Editor:

Favorite book: "The Catcher in the Rye"

Favorite Nintendo character: Kirby: my go-to in Super Smash Bros. I get

'em every time with the Up-B attack (sword-spin-and-jump move). Watch out.

Favorite move I've seen 50 times and will never get tired of: "My Neighbor Totoro" — Judge me all you want, but I grew up on this film. And show me one person who doesn't think Totoro is absolutely adorable! You can't.

Dan Hanson, Viewpoints Editor:

Favorite song: Galaxie 500's cover of "Don't Let Our Our Youth Go To Waste" by Jonathan Richman

Favorite album: Three-way tie between "154," "Chairs Missing," and "Pink Flag," all by Wire

Favorite painter: Cy Twombly

Favorite medium: Oil painting and sharpie (only in combination).

Kris Fronzak, Editor in Chief

Favorite song of the moment: I'm slightly ashamed to admit that, as of two years ago, the song on my computer with the highest play count was "Redneck Girl" by the Bellamy Brothers. It's just so damn happy and upbeat. The trend that I see in all of my favorite music, however, is harmony. If a song has good harmony, (which "Redneck Girl" definitely does) it's hard for me to dislike it. And because of that, my favorite songs are now "Excuses" by the Morning Benders and the Beach

Boys' "In My Room" and anything by Beirut, Coldplay or ABBA.

Favorite musical: Phantom of the Opera.

Favorite writer: Dave Barry is a comedic genius. His columns never fail to inspire belly laughs, even in the most miserable curmudgeon. I spent several years trying to emulate him in every way (except perhaps looks), before realizing that it was a lost cause. Now I'm a journalist, which is probably the least comedic writing profession of all.

Favorite work of fiction: "Howl's Moving Castle." It's been my favorite since I was eight and discovered Diana Wynne Jones. The book has since been turned into a Miyazaki-directed genius-type movie as well.

Favorite short story: "The Night the Bed Fell," by James Thurber. This story has been my favorite since middle school, and I'm pretty sure I'm the only audience member at Wooster who enjoyed Woo Idol several years ago when someone's 'talent' was to recite the entire thing. It's quirky and somewhat idiotic, but utterly humorous as well.

Ramsey Kincannon, News Editor:

Favorite Shakespeare quote that sums up most of humanity's problems: "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in

ourselves." (JC: I, ii). If I believed in college yearbooks, this would be the neat little quote next to my senior portrait conveying how deep and artistic I am. *Best Live Show I've ever been to:* The National (Memorial Day, 2009, 9:30 Club in Washington, DC). The energy was unbelievable, the band fed off the crowd in a way I've never seen before, and getting to hear my favorite song of theirs "City Middle" — which they play incredibly infrequently? It's a live gem. *Favorite book I'll never fully understand:* Ulysses. I read through it this semester and understand maybe 4.30 percent of the whole thing. You better believe it's not going to stop me from going to an Irish Bar on Bloomsday (June 16, the day the entire book takes place) and pretending that I'm an expert while I drink my Guinness.

Matt Kodner, Staff Writer:

Four TV shows most people hate that I unabashedly love:

- 1) "iCarly" — Anyone who says iCarly sucks has never watched an episode of it. This is one of the most consistently funny sitcoms on air right now, and has been for the last four years.
- 2) "America's Funniest Home Videos" — people getting hurt is funny
- 3) Everything on Christian TV
- 4) "Yu-Gi-Oh!"

THE SCENE

IAN WANTS TO CALL YOU

There's a certain notion in pop music that dictates that you simply cannot like it if you wish to be considered cool, though there are exceptions to be made for ironically enjoying some songs. But fully and wholeheartedly embracing a sugary sweet, catchy song about boys and being young and crazy is usually a big "no" for someone who wishes to present themselves as 'cool.' And yet, I find myself unabashedly adoring Carly Rae Jepsen's "Call Me Maybe" a.k.a. that song that you're probably humming right now.

IAN BENSON

At first, it was easy to condemn the song as simply another silly pop song, created by Canadians as a means to drive American parents crazy or their children sing this non-stop while listening to Radio Disney or whatever seven-year-olds listen to today. Bieber himself even helped popularize the song with a viral video of him and other tween idols singing along, so the potential for hate with this was strong. But "Call Me Maybe" somehow possessed the ability to transcend these limitations, proving itself to be a perfectly crafted pop song.

It is impossible to escape it, and yet I'm still not sick of it. Over the weekend for example, I heard it probably five times, two of those times at parties. People went nuts for the song both times. One person I knew was dancing and complaining about how much they hate the song before stopping to sing along to the chorus. The disco strings and ridiculously catchy hook worm their way into your brain and grab hold until eventually you're running at the gym, quietly singing to yourself "Before you came into my life/ I missed you so bad/ And you should know that," not caring who sees you.

And how can you dislike a song that presents itself in such a hesitant and simple way? It's not "Call Me" or "Kiss Me" or anything of that ilk. It's "Call Me Maybe." The protagonist of the song just wants the boy to call her, and she's even unsure that will happen, asking him to call her, maybe. She even feels that simply giving him her phone number is crazy because she just met him, (something that truly isn't all that crazy).

Thus, "Call Me Maybe" chronicles a wallflower coming out of her shell, finding this whole world and being afraid of how it will view her. She is unsure and filled with doubt, but still just wants this boy to know she wants him in her life. It's a call for the shy and the awkward to just let go and do something that they view as crazy. All of this is told with a fantastic hook, superfluous and yet wonderful strings, simple lyrics and a sense that the song presents itself for exactly what it is — a great pop song, and nothing more.

So do I listen to it while I walk to class? Of course. Do I sing it in the shower? Perchance. Have I determined that it should play at my wedding? Wouldn't you like to know. Am I caught up in a fad? Maybe. Perhaps I'll look back on this song in a few months and wonder what I ever saw. But right now, I'm going to continue wholeheartedly enjoying this song until the next perfectly crafted Canadian pop song comes around.

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Studio art majors exhibit I.S. projects



Studio art Independent Study exhibitions in Ebert Art Center concluded last week with Lida Bilokur '12 and Abiose Spriggs '12.

Above: Bilokur created her own mark-making process in her I.S., developing what she called a "scratch away system" using wax, india ink, black gesso or pen. Inspired by the artist's experiences in Vietnam, the project focuses on the nation's melding of ancient tradition and modern consumerism.

Right: Spriggs's mixed-media project is comprised of two- and three-dimensional pieces that interpret ideologies and practices found within the varying cultures of the African Diaspora, infused with the artist's own conclusions.



Left: A "scratch-away" painting by Lida Bilokur, depicting three Vietnamese travelers '12. Right: An untitled painting by Abiose Spriggs '12 from his I.S. about the African Diaspora (Photos by Sarah Kristeller '14).

WoosterStreetStyle: Showcasing personal style on campus

A Classic Collegiate Look

When WSS caught up with Annie Jaeb '14, she had layered a pale pink cardigan over a plain white V-neck t-shirt to create a timeless preppy look perfect for spring. Calling her style "cute but practical," the key to Jaeb's outfit's success is its simplicity. The sophomore added flair with a front-tie belt of her khaki skirt and classic Sperry top-siders.

"My closet consists mostly of hand-me-downs from my beautiful friends (a perk of being a little [sorority sister]) and things from secondhand stores," said the Delta Theta Psi member, "I love mixing and matching all the different pieces I've collected over the years."

By sticking to a neutral palette, brightened with some nice pastel pink in her sweater, Jaeb draws even more attention to this fresh take on a mini-skirt.

The Ohio native looks at once professional enough for a formal meeting with a professor and casual enough for a spontaneous after-class picnic on the quad.



Annie Jaeb '14, perfects preppy polish on Beall Ave. (Photo by Amanda Priest '13).

Women’s lacrosse finishes season with decisive victories

Travis Marmon
Sports Editor

The college lacrosse season concluded last week, with Wooster’s women’s team earning two victories and the men finishing with a loss.

Strong offensive play helped the Wooster women’s lacrosse team close its regular season strongly last week, as they dispatched Ohio Wesleyan University 19-12 and St. Vincent College 15-4.

On April 25, the Scots (12-4-1, 4-2 NCAC) took on conference opponent OWU (8-8, 1-5 NCAC) at Carl Dale Field. Wooster’s offense took advantage of the Battling Bishops early when Alison Schlothauer ’14 scored just 17 seconds into the game. Ohio Wesleyan evened the score a minute later, and the teams were deadlocked at two goals apiece after just over five minutes.

Wooster blew the game wide open with a nine-goal tear after Clare Nelson-Johnson ’13 scored on a free position shot. The Scot offense dominated over the next 18 minutes, as Madison Carey ’12 scored three



Madison Carey ’12 broke the College’s single-season scoring record on Saturday against St. Vincent College. She has 86 goals this season (Photo courtesy woosterathletics.com).

times, Jaqueline Wallat ’12 scored twice and Schlothauer, Eliza Parry ’14 and Sophia Hoover Grant ’15 scored one goal each. The Bishops finally broke their scoring drought with three minutes left in the first half, but Wooster’s Parry and Shelby Stone ’15 scored unassisted goals to end the half with a 13-3 lead.

Ohio Wesleyan actually outscored Wooster in the second half, scoring the first three goals, but they never narrowed the deficit to less than six goals as Wooster’s offense kept

deflating their runs. Nelson-Johnson, Carey, Parry and Molly Sennett ’15 all found the net in the second half en route to an easy victory.

On Saturday, Wooster wrapped up the regular season against non-conference opponent St. Vincent. Senior Day went smoothly for the Scots as their defense stifled the Bearcats, holding them to just four goals. Carey’s lone goal two minutes in opened the game’s scoring. It also broke Wooster’s single-season scoring record, putting Carey’s total

at 86 on the season.

Carey found herself in more of a distributing role during the match, racking up five assists, including two during the Scots’ 5-0 run following St. Vincent’s first goal. Stone, Cassie Greenbaum ’14, Nelson-Johnson and Wallat all scored during the run before the Bearcats made it 6-2 with two minutes left in the first half. Wallat scored again to give Wooster a 7-2 lead at the break.

Isabel Baylor ’12 increased the lead at the start of the second half.

Following a St. Vincent goal, the Scots put in seven unanswered, with Nelson-Johnson scoring three, Shannan Pullara ’15 scoring two and Greenbaum and Ashley Parry ’15 making one each to finish the run. A Bearcat goal with 51 seconds left was meaningless, as Wooster won 15-4.

Wooster played in an NCAC semifinal match against Denison University on Thursday after press time. The victor will play the winner of the game between Allegheny College and Wittenberg University tomorrow at 5 p.m.

The Wooster men’s lacrosse team ended their season on a sour note at Kenyon College on Saturday. Patrick Schlick ’13 and Tom Herold ’15 scored the first two goals of the game, but the Lords (10-4, 4-1 NCAC) went on a 9-1 run to give themselves a 9-3 lead at the start of the fourth quarter. Matt Ranck ’13 had a hat trick in the Scots effort, but they ultimately fell by a 11-5 score.

Wooster finished its season with a record of 6-9 (1-4 NCAC). They will only lose four players to graduation, however, and expect better next season.

Baseball ties for second-place conference finish

Julie Kendall
Sports Editor

Wooster’s baseball team finished the regular season this week, achieving a 23-15 overall record with an 11-5 conference performance that places them in a tie with Allegheny College for second place in the NCAC East Division.

The Scots’ ten-game winning streak ended on April 24, when they lost 9-4 in a non-conference matchup at Heidelberg University. Four Wooster pitchers took turns at the mound, as they struggled to keep a check on the ‘Berg’s hitting during the second, third and fourth innings.

They suffered another non-conference loss at home the next day, when, despite putting up nine runs on 11 hits, they failed to keep pace with

the NCAA’s No. 1-ranked Marietta College team. The Pioneers set up a 9-2 lead within the first two and half innings, but when Wooster’s offense ignited in the bottom of the third, they tallied six runs on five hits to shrink the scoring gap to one. However, they were unable to stop Marietta from steadily building a lead through the rest of the game, and ultimately fell by a 15-9 score.

Last weekend, Wooster hosted Allegheny College in a four-game series in which the teams contested for second place in the NCAC East Division. They split double headers on both Sunday and Tuesday to end the season with even conference records.

The Scots began the day on Sunday with a 2-1 win in the opener followed by a narrow 4-3 loss. Game one began with three scoreless innings,



Steve Hagen ’14 tosses a pitch against Allegheny College (Photo courtesy woosterathletics.com).

before Wooster put up a 2-0 lead, which they held onto through the sixth. The Gators got on the board in the top of the seventh, looking to start a comeback by hitting a triple

and a scoring single on one out. Wooster looked to Steve Hagen ’14 in their bullpen to seal the win in seven pitches, earning him his fourth save of the season.

Roles were reversed in game two, when the Scots put up a rally in the bottom of the ninth, trying to overcome a 4-1 deficit. Although they managed to score two runs and then load the bases on two outs, the game ended on a shallow popup to center with the home team just one run behind.

Tuesday’s series began with a 4-1 loss for Wooster, who struggled to create offensive momentum, and scored their only run in the bottom of the final inning. They earned a 9-8 victory in the final game, narrowly avoiding another Gators comeback in the sixth inning while steadily posting runs through the entire game.

The Fighting Scots advanced to the NCAC Tournament, which was played this week after press time in Chillicothe, Ohio.

TRAVIS’ PRO TOUR

The winners and losers of the 2012 NFL Draft

Although the first two picks of this year’s NFL Draft were long foregone conclusions, the three-day spectacle was unpredictable, exciting and sometimes confusing.



TRAVIS MARMON

Here are the winners and losers of the 2012 NFL Draft:

Winners:

New England Patriots

The Patriots added immediate contributors to their porous defense by trading up to get Syracuse defensive end Chandler Jones and Alabama linebacker Dont’a Hightower. Hightower was arguably the best player on one of the nation’s top defenses in college. He and Jerod Mayo will make an

imposing pair. Jones is a fearsome pass rusher and run stopper, but he is very undersized at 247 pounds. His speed will help make up for the Pats’ bad secondary. Speaking of secondary, New England made a highly questionable reach in taking safety Tavon Wilson in the second round, but I like the late-round pick of Nebraska cornerback Alfonzo Dennard, who could be a surprising player.

Green Bay Packers

Another great team with a bad defense, the Packers addressed their needs by taking defensive players with their first five picks. USC defensive end Nick Perry and Michigan State defensive lineman Jerel Worthy should help their pass rush tremendously. Perry may play outside linebacker and draw attention away from star

Clay Matthews. Worthy was a steal at the 51st overall spot and will probably play defensive end as well as nose tackle in certain situations. Although he occasionally disappeared in college, Worthy was a dominant player when he was on. Vanderbilt corner Casey Hayward will also help one of the league’s worst pass defenses.

St. Louis Rams

Although things looked bleak when Jacksonville traded up to take Justin Blackmon right before the Rams’ selection, St. Louis played the draft smartly and filled a variety of needs, while also stockpiling picks. LSU defensive tackle Michael Brockers will contribute immediately. I do not think that Appalachian State’s Brian Quick was the best receiver left when he was taken, but he should be a weapon for Sam Bradford. Janoris

Jenkins may be the most talented cornerback in the draft, but he fell because of character issues that most likely will not matter. St. Louis may finally be climbing out of the hole they’ve been in.

Losers:

Cleveland Browns

Getting Trent Richardson is fantastic, but Cleveland gave up three picks to move up one spot and take him. They used their second first-round pick to take 28-year-old Brandon Weeden at quarterback. Weeden is talented and a better fit for the NFL than Colt McCoy, but he has an injury history and the Browns will most likely be looking for yet another quarterback in a few years.

In the second round, Cleveland drafted tackle Mitchell Schwartz with the superior Jonathan Martin

still on the board, then took a massive reach in round three to select defensive tackle John Hughes, who some felt would go undrafted. They also failed to address their need at receiver until round four in a draft that was deep at the position.

Kansas City Chiefs

I am not buying into the Dontari Poe hype for now. While Poe’s workout numbers are amazing, the fact that it is almost impossible to find good game highlights of him in a day and age where every player and their mother has a YouTube highlight reel is worrisome. Poe is a freak, but workouts alone do not justify the eleventh overall pick. This was the biggest reach of the first round other than Ryan Tannehil. The rest of the Chiefs’ draft was fairly average.

BITE-SIZED SPORTS

CAMPUS SOFTBALL STREAK ENDS

After extending its winning streak to six games on Sunday against Oberlin College, the softball team finally lost on Monday in both games of a double-header against Heidelberg University. At home on Sunday, the Scots beat the Yeowomen 6-1 and 6-3. Gina Pirolozzi ’13 pitched a complete game in the first win, and Jenn Horton ’13 did the same in the second. On Monday, Heidelberg put up 16 hits in the first game en route to a 12-1 ’Berg victory. The second game was a pitcher’s duel, but Heidelberg held onto a 1-0 win before the game was called short due to rain.

CAMPUS TRACK AND FIELD START NCAC EVENTS

Last Sunday, two Wooster track and field athletes earned points toward the North Coast Athletic Conference Championship meet by placing seventh in their respective competitions at the conference Decathlon/Heptathlon meet hosted by Ohio Wesleyan University. David Brew ’14 earned 5,213 points through his performance in ten events, of which he excelled with a first-place finish in the 1,500 meters (4:26.41). Jensen Buchanan ’14 scored 3,237 points in seven events, consistently placing sixth or seventh in individual events. The track and field conference championship meet will take place this weekend at Allegheny College.

CAMPUS WOMEN’S TENNIS WRAPS UP

The Fighting Scots’ women’s tennis team competed at the NCAC Tournament last weekend at Kenyon College, where they finished in last place in a field of eight teams that featured two nationally-ranked squads. Wooster fell 5-0 in their first matchup against 12th-ranked DePauw University, and then took a 5-1 loss to No. 25 Wittenberg University. Ashley Stockwell ’12 and Lauren Gilliss ’13 won a doubles match 8-6 against the Tigers. In the fight for seventh-place against Ohio Wesleyan University, the Scots lost with another 5-0 score. The team finished their season with a 3-20 overall record (0-3 NCAC).

Senior Editorials, cont from pages 3 and 4

Let Wooster be the right fit



MATT KODNER

My sophomore year, I read an article about how awkward our campus was and how it needed to change. The author's solution was so incredibly obvious that I felt stupid for not realizing it myself.

It's simple: Stop pretending didn't have that conversation with that person you met over the weekend. It's honestly that basic. There is no reason not to acknowledge each other. Do not avoid eye contact. Any pretense of awkwardness is self-inflicted, and remediable with a little bit of confidence.

I know this because a senior girl had the balls to write it in the *Voice*. It felt like she was talking right at me, even though we had never met and weren't avoiding each other. But it still reached me, and to the best of my ability, I have stopped being awkward, and started smiling at people I meet. It's that easy.

I want to make it clear that I'm being completely sincere here, because every article I've ever written for the *Voice* has been largely pointless and inflammatory. As entertaining as it has been to try and reach an audience through sarcasm and raging misogyny, I am taking this last opportunity to reach anyone reading, and I want to do it right. Beyond this, the most important thing I've realized since coming here is that everyone here is nice.

And if you are thinking of someone who does in fact suck, take solace in the fact that they won't last. The guy from my FYS who picked a fight with me during the first few days of orientation on our community service trip has long since dropped out. The assholes like him don't stick around because they don't fit in here. Don't ever forget that.

If you think this isn't a good fit, I would tell you to give it more time. You probably have some amount of friends who care about you, and who you care about more than you realize. My best friends now are still the

guys I met in my dorm during orientation week. Even though I wasn't happy for a lot of freshman year, and thought about transferring, every graduate I talked to told me to stay. They assured me that it would get better, but that I had to let it get better. Eventually, I stopped resisting the fact that I could possibly see myself here, and accepted that I was never going back to high school, and everything started to get better. I met new people who became my friends, and everyone started introducing each other to everyone else.

This is due in part to a random article I read in the *Voice* because I was bored in Lowry. Whatever opinion you have, don't be shy to hear what others have to say. If you want to get a message across to campus, ask any editor from the paper before a Thursday night (that's when Editorial Board was) if you can write for their section. It's that easy to reach the campus.

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No, pizza — yes, Voice

My position on *The Wooster Voice* has not been a traditional one. As the Business Manager, I am part of a rotating cast of a ghost department. That is to say, I get to be the one who sits in on meetings and says no. No, you can't buy pizza. No, we



KEVIN CARPENTER

we're not making a donation. No, we don't have enough for that chair, a lamp, or a new rug (but yes, we will buy \$5,000 worth of brand new computer equipment). Since becoming Business Manager at the beginning of my sophomore year, I have honed my ability to disagree to such an extent that I have considered putting it on my resume, and still might.

In all seriousness, I have really enjoyed my time on the *Voice*. Although the editorial team does not necessarily see much of me during layout

or at other times, I help keep the finances of the paper in order, manage the budget, fudge the budget, sell ads to make the budget, and spend the budget. I have taken on the role of printer technician and have even functioned in a weird sort of "here's a tip" editorial way.

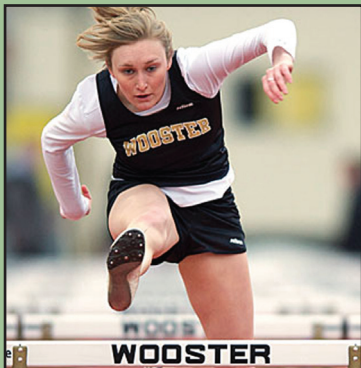
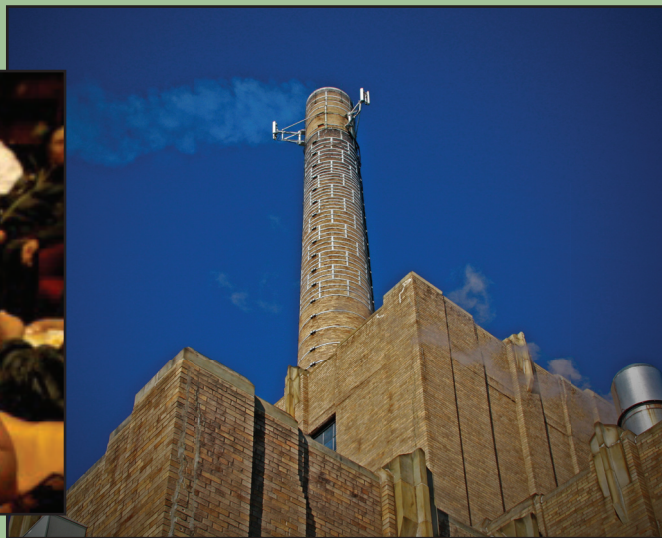
Over the three years of working on the *Voice*, I have seen it grow and change in extremely dynamic ways while other things remain the same: although the *Voice* office will always be stuck in Lowry basement, each new year the new staff is able to make the paper their own and come together as a complete and well-oiled team. Being a part of that team, without taking any

Being a part of that team ... has made the *Voice* one of my favorite parts of my Wooster career.

of the flak from controversial articles, has made the *Voice* one of my favorite parts of my Wooster career. I hope that whomever takes on my position next year will be just as assertive, but enjoy the experience on the paper as much as I have.

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