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"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting" — Franklin D. Roosevelt

The College of Wooster celebrates family weekend

Family Weekend

October 26–28, 2012



Becca Lang '12 and family celebrated last year's family weekend (Photo courtesy wooster.edu).

Anya Cohen
News Editor

This weekend, the College of Wooster will welcome an estimated 350 to 375 families to celebrate the college's annual family weekend.

A wide variety of events will be offered to both Wooster students as well as their visiting family members, ranging from athletic events and a capella performances to research presentations by fac-

ulty and experiential learning presentations by students.

"Family weekend really provides an opportunity for families to see the campus and what is offered at the College of Wooster," said Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Special Programs Ben Hancock, who helped organize and publicize family weekend. "There are a lot of cool things in terms of what students are involved in."

With five athletic events, an improvisational comedy show and many picnics and tailgates, students and visiting family members will have no problem staying busy.

"We try as hard as possible to cram as much into a couple of days so that parents can get a feel for what student life is like at the college, both in terms of the academic as well as the co-curricular opportunities," Hancock said.

Family weekend schedule

Friday

10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
The College of Wooster Art Museum
Ebert Art Center
Shiva Ahmadei, Bea Nettles and Ellen Scheffield
11 a.m. Golf Scramble
Golf and lunch at the Wooster Inn with members of the faculty, staff and administration (RSVP required)
L.C. Boles Memorial Golf Course
2 a.m. - 8 p.m. Guest Registration
Lowry Center, Main Lobby
3 p.m. Campus Tour
Gault Admissions Center
4:30 p.m. Wooster Chorus Performance
Scheide Music Center, Gault Recital Hall
5:30 - 7 p.m. Presbyterian Families Reception
Overholt House, Beall Ave.
7 - 8:30 p.m. Student A Capella Groups
McGaw Chapel
9 p.m. Don't Throw Shoes (Student Improvisational Comedy)
McGaw Chapel
9 p.m. - 12 a.m. Common Grounds
An alcohol-free atmosphere including entertainment for all students, staff, faculty and visiting alumni or families on campus.
Gable House

Saturday

8 - 8:55 a.m. Continental breakfast with the President for the parents of first year students
Come meet the President, current parents and members of the council.
Lowry Center Ballroom
8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Guest Registration
Lowry Center, Main Lobby
8:30 - 9:30 a.m. First Year Seminar Reception
Meet the first year seminar advisers.
Lowry Center, First Floor
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Departmental Open Houses
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Advising, Planning, Experiential Learning (APEX) Open House
Gault Library, Lower Level
10:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Small Scots
Children are welcome to join in group activities and games supervised by current students (registration required).
Lowry Center, Scot Lanes
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Faculty Research and Scholarships Presentations
Presentations are concurrent; select one to attend
-Nancy Grace "The Beat Generation and the New World Order"
Scheide Music Center, Gault Recital Hall

-Jeffrey Lantis "The United States and the World Beyond the 2012 Elections"
Severance Hall, Room 009
-Mark Wilson "The Jurassic Seas and Cretaceous Islands: Ten Years of Wooster Geology in Israel"
Scovel Hall, Room 105
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Student Experiential Learning Presentations
Presentations are concurrent; select one to attend.
-Summer Vocational Exploration: APEX Fellows Funded by the Lilly Project
Andrews Library, CoRE Cube, First Floor
-Off-Campus Study
Babcock Hall, Ground Floor Lounge
-An Experiential Learning Sampler
Gault Library, APEX McCreight Room, Lower Level
11 a.m. Cross Country- NCAC Championships
Golf Course
11 a.m. Field Hockey vs. Oberlin
12 - 2 p.m. Scot Spirit Tailgate Lunch
Please purchase tickets at guest registration in Lowry Center.
Lowry Center, Back Patio
1 p.m. Swim Meet vs. Wittenberg
PEC
2 p.m. Football vs. DePauw
5 p.m. President's Reception and Pipe Band Serenade For Parents and Students
Lawn of the President's House
5 p.m. FIS Fall Fest Potluck Picnic
Kitteredge Dining Room
8:15 An Evening of Romance and Swing
The College of Wooster Jazz Ensemble and Wooster Symphony Orchestra
Scot Center

Sunday

9:30 a.m. A Conversation With The President
President Grant Cornwell will offer brief observations on the year at Wooster and then respond to questions.
Wishart Hall, Lean Lecture Hall
10:45 a.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church
A lunch for parents and students following the service.
Mackey Hall, Westminster Church House
11 a.m. Mass
A reception hosted by Newman Catholic Community will follow the liturgy.
Scheide Music Center, Gault Recital Hall
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Hillel
Brunch for parents and students
Babcock Hall, Dining Room

Obama and Romney face off in the last debate

For the final debate, the two presidential candidates met in Boca Raton, Fla. to discuss foreign policy

Ian Benson
News Editor

President Barack Obama came out on the offensive against Republican challenger Mitt Romney in the third and final presidential debate on Monday at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla. Obama, who has been criticized for his passive approach in the first debate, sharply criticized Romney, saying "Every time you've offered an opinion, you've been wrong."

While the debate lacked the finger pointing and interruptions of the previous debate, the two candidates frequently traded jabs, even on topics they agreed on. They grew especially heated on issues relating to their differing views on domestic policy such as education and energy.

Despite the debate's focus on foreign policy, the candidates repeatedly brought up domestic issues such as the economy, which polls have shown is the number one issue for most voters heading into the election.

However, there were some issues on which Obama and Romney found common ground. On the topic of Israel, Obama pledged that he would stand with the nation should they be attacked, moments before Romney said, "If Israel is attacked, we have their back." They also agreed on a lack of direct U.S. involvement in efforts to remove Bashar Assad, the Syrian President.

Romney shifted focus in the Middle East to Egypt, Libya and other nations that have ousted despots in the past year, saying that despite early hopes, they have produced a "rising tide of chaos." He criticized the president for a lack of a strong policy to counter these changes, bringing up Ansar Dine, an al-Qaeda-like group that has seized northern Mali.

Romney did take the time to praise the president for the assassination of Osama bin Laden, but said "We can't kill our way out of this... We must have a comprehensive strategy."

On the topic of the military,



Governor Romney, moderator Bob Schieffer and President Obama (Photo Courtesy AP).

Obama fired back at Romney, who criticized the president by pointing out that the U.S. Navy possess es fewer ships than they did during World War I. Obama replied "Well, Governor, we also have fewer horses and bayonets because the nature of our military has changed."

Obama also criticized Romney

for saying that Russia is the United States' number one geopolitical foe. "Governor, when it comes to our foreign policy you seem to want the policies of the 1980s," he said. "Just like you want to import the social policies of the 1950s and the economic policies in the 1920s."

With only a few days left before

the Nov. 6 election, the candidates have now hit the road, focusing on a few final battleground states in the home stretch before Election Day. President Obama was joined by Vice President Biden for events in Ohio and Florida, while Romney and Rep. Paul Ryan campaigned in Colorado and Nevada.

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BITE-SIZED NEWS

LOCAL

Wooster City Hall evacuated due to bomb threat

A bomb threat was called into the Wayne County Justice Center a little after 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23, evacuating homes and buildings and shutting down Market Street. Wooster City Schools and the College were both notified.

After an extensive search, no explosives or explosive residue were found in the building, police reported.

The Wooster Police Department is currently investigating the incident.

Source: wkyc.com

STATE

Rape flier causes stir at Miami University

Last weekend, a student at Miami University found a flier entitled "Top Ten Ways to Get Away with Rape" posted in the men's bathroom of a freshman dorm. The tips on the flier ranged from putting roofies in a girl's drink to slitting her throat in order to ensure that she cannot later identify her rapist. Number 10 on the list of tips read "RAPE RAPE RAPE... college boys live it up!"

Since the discovery of the flier, a mandatory meeting was called for male students living in the hall where the flier was found, and the police have begun an investigation. Many students and faculty members at the university have criticized the school's handling of the flier and feel as though the school is trying to "brush the issue under the rug." Those criticizing the university's response say that the school did not reach out to enough of the campus to inform them of the incident.

Source: <http://news.cincinnati.com/>

INTERNATIONAL

Tropical storm Sandy is 18th tropical storm this season

Tropical storm Sandy, the 18th named tropical storm this season, is projected to become a hurricane that will pose a threat to Jamaica, Cuba, Haiti, the Bahamas and eventually the United States. If Sandy makes it to the United States, the damage will be likely in southeastern Florida, but officials say that there is a chance that the northeastern part of the state will also experience a significant storm. Another tropical storm may be brewing as tropical depression number 19 of the season has the potential to turn into tropical storm Tony.

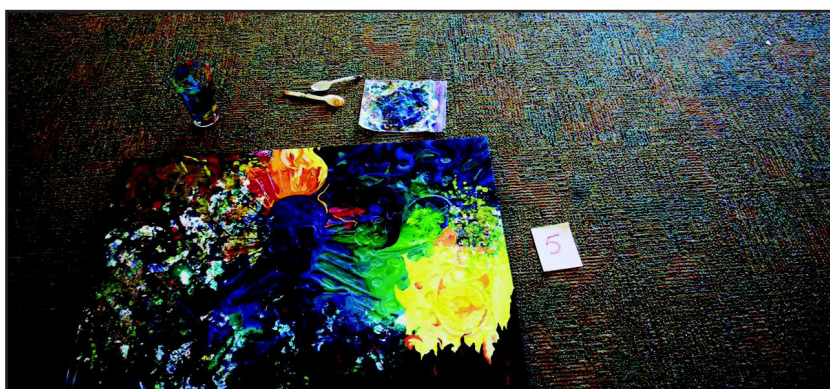
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Reduce Reuse Recycle week in Wooster



Entries for the found object competition (Photo by Amanda Priest).

Tanvi Sood
Staff Writer

The College of Wooster celebrated its first ever Reduce Reuse Recycle (RRR) Week Oct. 21-27. The week was aimed at spreading sustainability awareness and practice among the campus community. RRR also included a heavy stress on individual-impact sustainability plans.

The Week was divided into four "sections": start, reduce, reuse and recycle. Sunday started with

the Walk in the Park and Kick-Off Art Off Competition. Monday continued with the screening of "Flow" and a guest speaker on "Impacts of Unconventional Shale Gas Drilling." Tuesday night's Local Cheeses & Breads dinner at Lowry was also cosponsored by the event. Thursday there was both a sustainability crafts night & a clothing swap. The week is ending with today's recycling awareness in front of Lowry and finally, Saturday's Vegan Co-Op dinner in Babcock

Kitchen.

Hoping to diversify the events so that a larger section of the student body could be involved, RRR's organizers planned activities ranging from academic lectures to Craft Night. However, the most impact was felt on Tuesday, when Campus Dining surprised students with a menu of locally made cheeses and breads.

Though campus sustainability initiatives are sometimes overlooked by the community when it comes to individual change, the RRR Week went into the specifics of student life to draw attention to their cause. Since this is the tenth Annual "Campus Sustainability Day", SB Loder, a recent graduate from the College and Sustainability Director, said "I thought it was about time we joined in and I'm so glad we could make this happen." Loder ran the Sustainability House in her senior year and worked on many "mini projects," one of them was the compost bins all over campus.

She is now on the environmental staff at the College and works as the intersection between staff, faculty and students to create a more sustainable community.

With the Scot Center up and running and the Board of Trustees promising to convert the coal plant to a cleaner energy source, it seems apt for such an initiative to come in at this time. "This is a time to mobilize the forces by making the individual more aware about everyday consumption, since the College is still coping with the financial aftermath of these two big projects," says Loder.

The week also included an all-dorm recycling competition, the winner of which will be announced on Saturday's Vegan Co-Op in Babcock Hall. Overall, the week worked well to bring the students, staff and faculty together to engage in more sustainable practices, all in an attempt to create a more environmentally conscious college community.

On the lighter side...

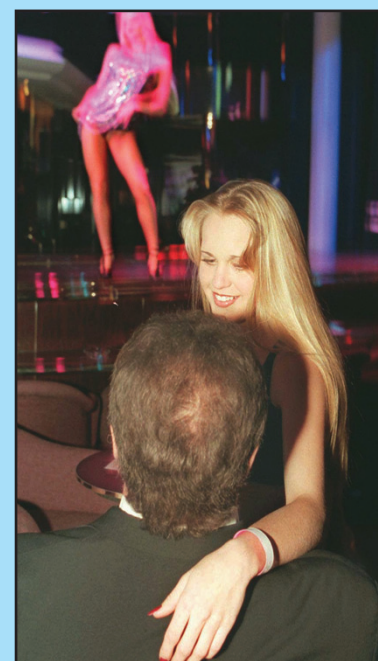
Lap dances do not promote culture, a New York court says

New York's highest court concluded on Tuesday that lap dances, contrary to popular opinion, are not in fact art, and thus can be taxed. In a 4-3 decision, the court ruled that because they do not promote culture in the way that ballet or other artistic endeavors do, strip clubs can be taxed for admission and private dances.

The case was brought to the high court in a lawsuit filed by Nite Moves of Albany, N.Y. The club argued that fees for admission and for the private dances were exempt from sales taxes. The court struck this down though, saying the club failed to provide reasons why it should qualify for exemptions for "dramatic or musical arts performances" while also failing to promote culture and artistic performances.

Instead, the court chose to put strip clubs on the level of amusement parks and sporting venues, as they are other entertainment venues that are subject to sales taxes.

In the dissenting opinion, the judges argued that there is no distinction between highbrow and lowbrow dances, and that the decision in this case raises serious constitutional problems.



(Photo courtesy AP).

SECURITY BRIEFS

INFORMATIONAL

10/15 — 12:35 a.m.
Schlabach House
WPD shut down loud party.

ALCOHOL

10/12 — 9:32 p.m.
Luce Hall
Underage suspect in possession of alcohol, 19.

10/12 — 9:32 p.m.
Luce Hall
Suspect admitted to drinking, 19.

10/21 — 12:40 a.m.
Holden Hall
Suspect admitted to drinking at least 15 shots, 19.

THEFT

10/8 — 11:20 a.m.
Wishart Hall
Victim reported bike stolen, recovered.

10/15 — 8:45 a.m.
Bornhuetter Hall
Area Director reported DVD/VCR stolen.

10/16 — 12:30 p.m.
Bissman Hall
Victim had ID stolen while in the shower.

10/20 — 1:51 a.m.
University St.
Suspect admitted to stealing a college table and taking it to an off campus house.

10/20 — 1:41 p.m.
Douglass Hall
Witness reported extinguisher taken from 1st floor.

FIGHT

10/20 — 2:59 a.m.
Holden Hall
Suspect admitted to throwing punches, admitted to accidentally causing fall. Witness present during the incident was knocked down.

PROPERTY

10/21 — 3:29 a.m.
Wagner Hall
SPS found broken window in bathroom.

TRESPASSING

10/10 — 8:20 p.m.
Gault Library
Suspect reportedly viewing porn on computer. Witness reported the incident to SPS.

10/14 — 3:28 a.m.
Schlabach House
Community members angry because they were kicked out of party, made threats.

FIRE ALARM

10/12 — 11:10 p.m.
Stadium House
Blow drying hair caused the alarm.

10/13 — 11:05 a.m.
Kenarden Lodge
Bad smoke detector caused alarm.

10/13 — 3:51 p.m.
Weber House
Burnt food caused the alarm.

10/19 — 1:26 p.m.
Kenarden Lodge
Use of curling iron under smoke detector caused the alarm.

10/19 — 9:12 p.m.
Armington Hall
Birthday candles caused the alarm.

10/21 — 4:16 p.m.
Kennedy Apt.
Steam from shower caused the alarm.

VANDALISM

10/9 — 8:01 a.m.
Stevenson Hall
Report of extinguisher shot off.

10/11 — 12:00 a.m.
Lot 42
Reported car mirror broken off.

10/13 — 8:50 a.m.
Gault Manor
Graffiti found on door and bench.

10/14 — 9:36 a.m.
Lot 29
Reported mirror broken off vehicle.

10/14 — 9:36 a.m.
Holden Hall
Bulletin board was ripped from wall.

10/19 — 11:40 p.m.
Kenarden Lodge
Someone threw trash can out 3rd floor window

10/16 — 10:51 p.m.
Gault Library
Witness reported suspect writing on doors. Suspect denied any involvement.

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Vote, it's good for you

Please vote. I know that the period for voter registration is over, but for those that are registered, seriously, please follow through and vote. I've heard the argument that 'my vote doesn't really matter', but if the majority of the American public held that belief, we would be in big trouble. How can the wheels of democracy keep turning if Americans don't see the value of helping decide who governs our country? At the very least, your vote will cancel out someone else's that you don't agree with.



LAURA MERRELL

The importance of voting is undeniable. In the very close 2000 presidential election between George W. Bush and Al Gore, approximately 500 votes in Florida decided the election (as well as a 5-4 Supreme Court decision, but I won't get into that). You never know, but in close elections, you can have a deciding vote. Although the College of Wooster has students from a variety of states, 35 percent reside in Ohio. Since Ohio is a swing state, that's just another reason to make your vote matter.

While believing a single vote doesn't count is ridiculous to me, I can understand the concern about the convenience of voting as a full time college student. I won't be voting in Ohio, since I'm from Washington State and am already registered there. In Washington, everyone votes by mail, which is very convenient for me as a busy student. I can vote at my leisure, simply get a stamp and mail my ballot in. However, in Ohio, absentee voting requires mailing in a form by a certain number of days before the election.

I have never voted at a poll myself, but I can imagine that the wait could be daunting and off-putting for many. Hours of waiting at a polling site with a paper due or a test the next day is a 'creative' reason in favor of foregoing voting. But this election decides the president we all have to live with for the next four years.

Among the American public, and more specifically among students on our own campus, there are varying degrees of how closely people follow the election. This should not act as a deterrent for voting. If you have an opinion about who you would like to run our country, then go vote. Your vote is no less worthy than others'. Citizens above the age of 18, who meet all eligible voter requirements, are equally entitled to partake in choosing our president. Just because you haven't memorized Mitt's "Five Point Plan" or the President's "Plan for an Economy Built to Last" doesn't mean you should hide out during the election and stay silent.

On our campus, there are constant reminders of the election, although they may not all be positive reminders. For the unsure or tentative voter, the people badgering us about voting in Lowry could be more of an annoyance than a motivator. In the YouTube ads and during the recent presidential debates, a common theme was that the younger generation of voters, our generation, would be stuck with the debt and the decisions that arise from this election. Instead of getting stuck with other peoples' decisions, make an effort to contribute to the decision of who should be in charge for the next four years.

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Break the silence: sexual assault

Over the next two weeks, I will be writing on the topic of sexual assault. The treatment of these crimes represent deep chasms in our culture as a whole, and these faults are crippling college and university campuses nationwide, which are the country's supposed bastions of critical thinking and social progress. In writing, I hope to examine personal and political aspects of sexual assault, promote transparency of college sexual assault policies and explore potential solutions.



SARAH KRISTELLER

On Wednesday, Oct. 17, Amherst College's independent student newspaper published an essay online by former Amherst student Angie Epifano, detailing her sexual assault committed by a fellow student in an Amherst dorm, and subsequent interactions with the administration. Reading her story was an experience that hit far too close to home, even on a laptop 600 miles away from western Massachusetts.

I am also a survivor of a sexual assault that took place at Amherst College, at the hands of an Amherst student. I was 18 and a first-year at nearby Smith College. It was my second weekend of school and I went with some other Smith women to check out an Amherst party. There was booze (provided by the college). There were speakers blaring "American Boy," that stupid Estelle song from 2008. I distinctly remember a poster on the dorm room wall that read "Smart sex is like hockey. You need protection to reach the goal. Use a condom." There was fuzzy recognition of the irony of these words as I was sexually assaulted.

There were the repeated placations of "You should just stay,"

then the adrenaline-induced sobriety and the scramble to find my things. "I really have to go, now. You said you were a nice guy and I don't think that you are." Insulted, he denied any misconduct. Eager to leave, I opted for an apathetic surrender, a bizarre hug and a hurried exit. There was the nauseating uncertainty of whether or not I'd just lost my virginity as I ran barefoot to the bus stop, my sandals left behind as vestiges of my reckless stupidity.

My belief that I was to blame for this haunting ordeal is a common response among survivors of sexual assault. It's called victim-blaming, and it's an internalization of the same phenomenon that pervades our culture. The lack of support and advocacy for Epifano's rights and well-being from the time that she sought help to her eventual withdrawal from Amherst signifies the failure of the entire system to address the needs of student survivors.

After silently coexisting on campus with her rapist for months, Epifano began seeing the school's sexual assault counselor. She was discouraged from pressing charges and college officials questioned whether she was really raped. Her request to change dorms was declined. Upon admitting suicidal thoughts to one counselor, she was required to spend five days in a psychiatric ward, at the conclusion of which she was initially denied return to campus on a technicality. She was denied her study-abroad privileges, barred from taking classes at any other schools in Amherst's consortium, and suffered further penalties.

Epifano withdrew and courageously asserted control over her own recovery. She eventually reported her rapist, who nonetheless graduated from Amherst with Hon-

ors. Her decision to share her story has inspired me to share my own. It also serves as an essential point of reference as student concerns over sexual misconduct at Amherst compel the administration to reassess their policies, recently publishing statements from both the president and the board of trustees on its website front page. Whether these statements will elicit real change remains to be seen.

Epifano's case enrages me, as an institution designed to foster its students' growth actually prolonged the suffering and victimization of one of its own. It also will hopefully embolden survivors, as she recognizes that these failures reverberate through entire institutions. Perhaps most significantly, Epifano's story has inspired declarations of solidarity from students around the country who want to interrupt the silence that shrouds incidents of sexual assault.

It is not my intention, nor do I believe it is Epifano's, to scapegoat Amherst for their failures. However, when institutional policy deters survivors from pursuing legal or disciplinary action or fails to provide sufficient support systems, it effectively promotes rape culture. Such policies are cowardly and mangle any good faith attempts by administrators to protect survivors from potentially worse harm.

In my next article, I will address how the roles of dialogue, sexual assault policy and survivor support play into the Wooster culture. In the meantime, Wooster should respond to the events unfolding at Amherst and offer its unyielding support for survivors, reiterating a zero-tolerance policy on sexual assault.

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The Web: best thing since sliced bread

All you kids out there don't know what you have these days. You don't know how to appreciate the amazing things you have access to that the rest of the world might not. Over fall break, I spent a day and a half at my mom's new house in Hinckley Township. It's about 40 minutes north of Wooster, and there was no Internet.



ERIC MOIZUK

While I did enjoy this quality time with my mother and our dog, Taco, I did not enjoy the time spent the next morning, when I was trying to occupy myself on that day without classes by attempting to tackle a pile of work (without the Internet). So I ended up writing a paper for my religion class. It only took about 20 minutes. Also I wrote this viewpoint. It only took about 15 more.

But you kids these days really don't know what it's like. Here is my challenge for all of you: some Friday, get

really drunk and take a crowbar to the back of your laptop. Pull out the wireless card, and enjoy! See what happens. Sure, you may have voided your warranty, (eliminating any chance of repair for this problem or others), removed your Internet capabilities forever, and probably concerned everyone around you about the state of your mental being, but you would know what my life was. You will experience what my Saturday morning was like: waking up, pulling out your laptop, opening it up, going to check Facebook because 'what else do I have to do?' and then realizing that there

is no Internet. It's awful. But then I got to help my mom take out a wall in between two of the bedrooms, so that was actually pretty cool.

Whenever you're working on a paper and think it's really hard to focus, or you just don't have any inspiration, or you are bored so you go and check Facebook for a little bit to get that energy level back up, but then after looking at pictures of your friend from sophomore year who you haven't talked to since before last summer, just cherish the fact that you have the Internet, you jerk. And don't blame your procrastination on the Internet or the institution for not properly preparing you for long papers or your I.S.; blame it on yourself for having such horrible study habits and being an awful human being. Screw you; I hope you get hit by a car for not pressing the new crosswalk button outside of Lowry.

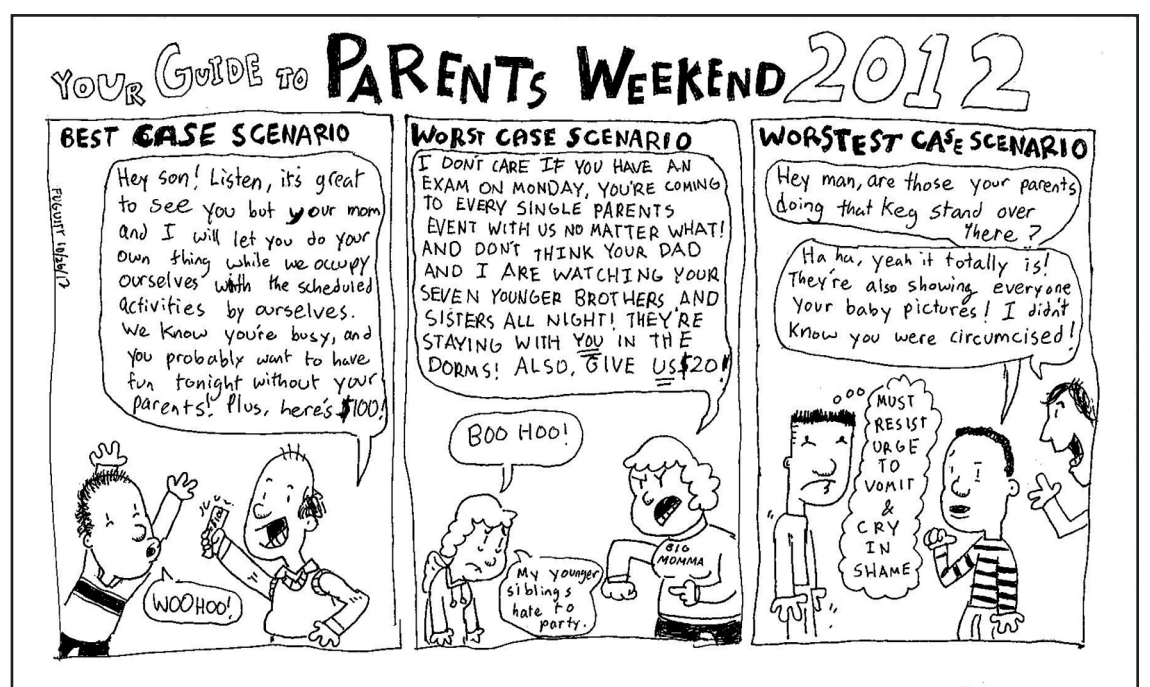
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President's foreign policy superior to Romney's

The third presidential debate focused on the hotly contested topic of foreign policy. Much like the Bush administration's, President Obama's foreign policy has been indelibly marked by its role in the Middle East. Finding success in Libya and in the killing of Osama bin Laden, but floundering in its response to the protests in Tahrir Spring and receiving criticism for drone attacks in Palestine, it becomes clear that the military provides the best approach in the War on Terror.



JAMES PARKER

In spite of critiques directed at the Obama administration regarding foreign policy, multiple facets of their stances on the subject may sway voters who regard foreign relations to be of the utmost importance. Because of the presence of multilateral organizations and increased globalization, Obama's expertise and his academic and personal background make him a quintessential leader. Furthermore, his innateadroitness in handling foreign relations is

amplified by the expansive skills of Vice President Biden, who served as former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who garnered experience in the field of foreign relations as a junior senator and as First Lady.

The Romney/Ryan ticket, however, withers under scrutiny. Their experience in foreign relations simply is not comparable to that of Obama. Apart from his work as a missionary in France during the late 1960s and his work with foreign investors at Bain Capital, the Governor's experience is best described as non-existent. This was made painfully clear during his trips to Israel and to the Olympic Games in London. His fumbling and tactlessness were subject to ridicule by politicians around the world.

The Governor was quoted saying, "A few things were disconcerting" about

London's handling of the Games. Responding to Romney, Prime Minister David Cameron said, "of course it's easier if you hold an Olympic Games in the middle of nowhere." Romney continued his gauche blundering when he insinuated that Palestine was less of an economic success than Israel due to cultural differences.

The Governor's position on foreign policy demonstrates severe misunderstanding of power dynamics in the twenty-first century world. His "might is right" methods are similar to that of the Bush era that prompted international backlash.

It is important that voters are informed of the shortcomings of both candidates. However, Gov. Romney's regression to an America of the past that essentially over-employed its economic and military might to bully others into submission is utterly alarming. The Romney campaign needs to be aware that America today has evolved

substantially from the country it was 60 years ago. When the Governor paints Russia as one of our nation's greatest enemies he threatens to send this country back in time. The Cold War and World War II made the United States a beacon of democracy and diplomacy that other nations could follow. Conversely, economic unions form worldwide and become crucial in developing markets, we are poised to fall from the lofty position our nation has taken.

The time has come for the reality of the world we live in to be addressed more openly by moderators and campaigns alike, so that the development of diplomatic and military strategies can be facilitated with ease, mirroring this period of rapid evolution we find ourselves in, which the Obama administration is simply better equipped to handle.

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Romney's Neoconservatism

Monday's debate between Mitt Romney and Barack Obama was heated and divisive. With four years in the Oval Office under his belt, I think that regardless of personal political beliefs, we can agree Obama has more foreign policy experience than Gov. Romney. Still, I was intensely troubled by Romney's prescription for foreign policy. Then again, I'm not a fan of neoconservative values.



DAN GRANTHAM

Yes, I believe Romney is a neoconservative, and it is a word I exclusively use in a pejorative sense. Why? Not because I am intensely liberal (I am), but because a neo-conservative foreign policy prescription is based not on existent realities, but on a reality created by elite conservative scholars in the wake of the perceived failings of liberal polices. Responding to the social upheavals of the 1960s, neoconservatism uses myth and a restrictive sense of American religious identity to harness and consolidate power.

As such, neoconservatism assumes that average Americans are too individualistic to act cohesively as a nation, but this, after all, is the paradox of liberal democracy: the importance of an indivisible nation made up of free citizens. To remedy the factitious nature of liberal democracy, neo-conservatives use Christianity and the myth of American exceptionalism to justify foreign policy programs that assume, in Gov. Romney's words, that the U.S. is "the hope of the earth."

While national myths predate the late-twentieth century rise of neoconservatism, its success lies in the newer idea of the United States being endowed by its Creator to vanquish evil. But to vanquish evil, leaders need a "bad guy." In this sense, Gov. Romney, like President Bush, has found pure evil in the form of Islam.

In Monday's debate, Gov. Romney outlined his "straightforward" foreign policy to deal with the evil Muslim world. But there was nothing straight forward, or for that matter real, about Romney's policies. They are unreal because Romney assumes, as a neoconservative, that the Muslim world accepts entirely the type of extremism that felled the World Trade Center. After all, neoconservatives argue, they are a tribal race too divided to have civility.

Apparently, the twenty-first century organization of the Arab Spring did not make the error of such a perception clear to Gov. Romney. But then again, neoconservatism's source of power, the myth of America, is known by the followers of neoconservatism to be untrue. Thus, Gov. Romney argued that the Middle East is too backwards to create change for itself, knowing full well that it is. As such, his foreign policy prescription is to create more economic development, better education, gender equality and the rule of law. Seemingly ignorant of state sovereignty, I doubt Romney's neoconservative policies could ever come to fruition.

What I am trying to say is that Gov. Romney's foreign policy is based wholly in the lie of neoconservatism. The United States is not the hope for the earth, and if it was, it is not because we are a Christian nation fighting the idiocy of Islam. We are a state in a global system of other states, we know no better than any other state about how to "fix" the Middle East. Mr. Romney's neoconservative worldview is exactly that which forments hatred against the United States. So let's leave neoconservatism in the past. Better yet, leave Mitt Romney there too. I'm sure Ronald Reagan would be thrilled!

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U.S. should reconsider Syria policy

In Monday night's debate, both President Obama and Gov. Romney pledged to continue helping arm Syrian opposition militantism a careful way, excluding the foreign and domestic Islamist groups that now have an undeniable role in the conflict. Until now, this strategy has been prudent. After all, the complexity of the situation in Syria rivals that of the conflicts in Iraq and Afganistan, and direct intervention would only tangle the threads. Prudence is a good quality in Middle Eastern relations, but whatever our efforts at arming the Free Syrian Army and their offshoots actually were, they have failed to bring a timely end to the conflict that has now claimed more than 30,000 lives.

The U.S. should loosen the restrictions they have placed on heavy arms importation to rebel groups in Syria. A new Human Rights Watch report suggests that the embattled Assad is turning heavily to the use of cluster bombs, focusing on rebel-held neighborhoods in Aleppo, Damascus, Idlib, and Deir Ezzor - all areas in which he has no hope of regaining control. Assad's untouchability in the air might be his main advantage as he threatens to drag all of Syria down with him. The use of heat-seeking, ground-to-air missiles is a minimum requirement for opposition victory according to Hanin Ghadar, editor of Now Lebanon. Middle East scholar and Syria expert Joshua Landis has also recently endorsed this position, arguing that anti-aircraft missiles would at least end the massive, one-sided destruction that the regime is able to inflict

with its planes and helicopters. We also need to be concerned about the destabilization of the region, an idea that has finally been given form by the Friday assassination of Lebanese security official Wissam Al-Hasan. The assassination, carried out by car bomb in an active residential neighborhood, is widely viewed as a Syrian revenge attack (possibly carried out by their political allies, Hezbollah) for the arrest of one of their main agents in Lebanon, Michel Samaha. Hasan, a Sunni associated with the anti-Syrian March 14 bloc, was the one who carried out the arrest. There is a strong precedent for this kind of political assassination in Lebanon: 12 anti-Syrian politicians and journalists have been killed since Syria's 2005 withdrawal from Lebanon. The fragile political ties between Lebanon and Syria, as well as the strategic reasons for weakening Hezbollah, make Lebanon's stability an important concern for the U.S. and its allies.

The introduction of anti-aircraft missiles would not necessarily end the conflict, but it would allow rebel militias to maintain the safety of areas they have won on the ground or where they have popular support. It would also severely limit Assad's ability to cause widespread destruction in Syria and the region. It has long been speculated that Assad will eventually fall back to the coastal Alawite heartland. Whether this happens or not, it is unlikely he could manage control of even that region for long, as the major population centers of Tartous and Latakia have sizable Sunni populations. However, if the status quo remains, the U.S. will be giving tacit approval to Assad's last-gasp scorched-earth campaign.

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2012 voter's guide, part 2: local races

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Features Editor

With most media coverage centering on the presidential race, it is important to remember that many other elections will occur on Nov. 6. Therefore, the *Voice* offers a rundown, divided into two parts, of the non-presidential contests relevant to those registered in Wooster. Last week's installment covered contests in the federal legislature. This week, the focus is on local races.

Ohio House of Representatives
Ron Amstutz, a Republican, is seeking his third two-year term as the representative of the 1st district — which includes the entirety of Wayne county — in the Ohio House of Representatives. Amstutz has represented Wayne county in the state legislature since 1980, switching between the House and Senate due to consecutive term limits. Beforehand, he was the mayor of Orrville for four years and worked as a journalist and editor for *The Daily Record*.

As chair of the Finance and Appropriations Committee, Amstutz played a crucial role in lowering Ohio's income tax, repealing Ohio's estate tax and reforming the state's corporate tax structure.

Amstutz is challenged by Democrat John Maglio, an active member of the Wayne County Young Democrats who served as an intern for former State Senator Jason Wilson. In contrast to Amstutz's three

decades as a politician, Maglio has yet to hold elected office. If elected, Maglio promises to work to fully fund public education and support local businesses.

County Races
Almost all candidates for positions in Wayne County's government — including commissioners, treasurer, coroner and sheriff — are Republicans running unopposed. The only exception is the contest for County Engineer, the individual in charge of constructing and maintaining the county's roads and bridges.

Republican Roger Terrill is seeking to extend his 20-year tenure as Wayne County's Engineer. While in office, Terrill has replaced a third of the county's nearly 500 bridges and relocated and updated the county's construction facility. This election will be the first time during his political career that Terrill will have an opponent.

Terrill is challenged by John Long, an Independent. Long is currently a vice president at a private engineering and surveying firm, where his work has included site planning for Gault Manor and the recent renovation of Kauke Hall. Long aims to bring a fresh perspective to the County Engineer post and restructure aspects of the Tax Map Office, which holds detailed records of all properties in the county.

State Board of Education
The Ohio State Board of Education oversees the Ohio Department of Education and is in charge of

implementing educational laws passed by the state legislature. Bryan Williams is considered the incumbent in the non-partisan contest to represent northern central Ohio on this board, even though his past term was spent representing the northeastern corner of the state.

A registered Republican, Williams previously worked as a lobbyist for non-union construction firms. In an interview with Akron.com, Williams highlighted his support for a teacher-evaluation system, increased use of technology and competition between schools for students.

Williams faces two challengers. The first is Rich Javorek, who is endorsed by the Wayne County Democratic Party. A public school teacher, Javorek taught social studies in Brunswick, Ohio for 30 years, followed by an adjunct position at the for-profit Bryant & Stratton College. He hopes to increase and standardize funding to Ohio's public schools and prevent any needless politicization of proposed governmental assessments of teachers and students.

Williams's second challenger is Marianne Gasiiecki, founder of the Mansfield Tea Party. Gasiiecki is a stay-at-home mom, works part time as a financial manager, and volunteers as a reading tutor at a local public school. A newcomer to both politics and the public education system, Gasiiecki advocates decreasing the class time spent on "social issues," replacing it with reinforcement of the more practical fields of math, science, history and English.

Probate and Juvenile Court
If number of lawn signs is any indication, the contest for the Probate

and Juvenile Court Judge is one of the most contentious local races. The judge of this court handles issues related to guardianships, adoptions, marriage licenses, estates and name changes, as well as most offenses committed by minors. Both candidates are College of Wooster alumni.

The incumbent is Latecia Wiles, who is endorsed by the Wayne County Republican Party. Before being appointed as judge earlier this year, Wiles spent eight years in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. During her short tenure, Wiles has worked to reduce the court's expenses, especially through moving court documents online.

The challenger is K. William Bailey, who is endorsed by Wayne County Democratic Party. Bailey used to be Wayne County's Probate and Juvenile Court Judge, but was forced to resign in 2002 due to health reasons. After spending the intervening time as a visiting judge and adjunct professor at the University of Akron's School of Law, Bailey is seeking to return to his old post.

Not Included in This Overview
Information on referendums and candidates for Ohio's Supreme Court — as well as a host of electoral information — can be found on votewayne.org.



Ohio House candidates Amstutz, left, and Maglio, right (Photos courtesy of the Ohio House of Representatives and Maglio's campaign).

CONSCIOUS INDULGENCE

Balancing work and health in college

As a college student, there are some days when I put working out and healthy eating on the back burner.



Camille Schwartz

Instead of eating a balanced diet of fruits, vegetables and protein, I go straight for comfort foods and caffeine. Instead of taking

a break and going to the gym, I isolate myself in the library for hours at a time. On Friday afternoons when my classes are over, instead of running on the treadmill, I curl up in bed for a Netflix marathon.

For many college students, mid-October marks the period when professors pile on course midterms and big essays. The high academic pressure during this time can make it difficult for students to maintain a balanced lifestyle. When we get stressed about school, it feels intuitive to work harder and neglect the less urgent routines in our lives like sleep, diet and exercise. We often go into fight-or-flight mode and begin to ignore our most basic needs.

I've discovered that while this outlook can sometimes be constructive, it can also be dangerous. When I don't allow myself to take a break, I often end up being counterproductive. In some cases, I even get physically ill. It's likely that the hectic nature of college life won't slow down anytime soon. However, we can change our perspectives and our habits about handling stressful situations. Here are some ways to create a better balance between work and health.

1) **Schedule time for yourself** — while you're planning your day, remember to save time for relaxing, eating and sleeping. Take time aside each day to do something you enjoy, whether it be reading a book, dancing in your room or enjoying warm tea with a close friend. Even if it's only for 30 minutes, giving yourself a little time will not only relieve some of your stress, it will likely make you more productive overall.

2) **Don't put too much on your plate** — in college, it's easy to overbook yourself with difficult classes and extracurricular activities. Before adding that extra activity or class to your schedule, ask yourself if it is really necessary. The less you have on your plate, the more time you will have to focus on the most essential tasks for your personal success and happiness.

3) **Get more sleep** — many students place both their social lives and their schoolwork ahead of sleep. However, according to Donna Arand, PhD, clinical director of the Kettering Sleep Disorders Center in Dayton, Ohio, "a lack of sleep impairs your ability to learn, remember, and process new facts." So the next time you're tempted to pull an all-nighter, think about the negative effects it will have on your body. Shoot for at least eight hours of sleep each night.

4) **Allow yourself to be enough** — as college students, it's easy to feel like we aren't smart or accomplished enough compared to our peers. Remember that comparing yourself to others is a recipe for stress and burn-out. Look at your own achievements and how far you've come. Be confident about your own abilities and know when it's time to call it quits.

Though I am by no means the queen of a balanced lifestyle, I have found that when I do take time for myself to exercise, eat right and rest, I am actually more productive in my studies and significantly less stressed. I feel more in control of my situation and confident in my ability to tackle big tasks. Maintaining a balanced lifestyle is not something that happens overnight, but there are choices we can make each day that will help us to start creating a more balanced life.

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Where to Vote

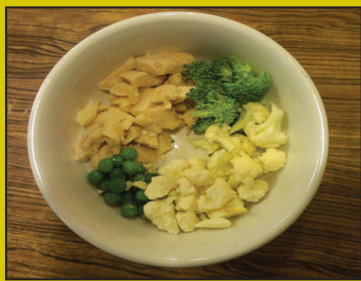
Wooster students who listed their campus housing as their primary residence when registering to vote do not all vote at the same polling station. According to the Wayne County Board of Elections, the majority of these students vote at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 527 Beall Ave. However, residents of Babcock, Bornhuetter and Compton Halls, Gault Manor, Henderson and Kennedy Apartments and Bryan, Iceman, Johnson, Kate and Reed Houses vote at Brookdale Place of Wooster, a senior center at 1615 Cleveland Road.

Recipe of the Week: Chefs Kim and Jackie

This week, Kim Schmitz '13 steps up to the podium as a Lowry culinarian. The dish she creates is a new twist on a default Lowry item. When there's nothing at Basics, International or Vegetarian, everybody has a go-to meal that they can always count on. For some, that's pizza, but tired of the same old pie, Chef Kim has made a few changes.

(Photos by Kim Schmitz '13)

Feta Ranch Chicken Pizza



1. Grab a bowl and some fajita chicken strips from the salad station.
2. Add a scoop or two of Feta cheese. Go for the bigger chunks, if you can.
3. Add any and all of your favorite vegetables. I recommend broken up broccoli and cauliflower for crunch. Peas also work surprisingly well.
4. Take it to the pizza station and ask for a personal pizza with no sauce. You can still get cheese if you like.
5. When it's finished, drizzle on some ranch dressing and enjoy!



Jackie O'Dell '13 created the following recipe. She recommends making it for a group of friends to share.



Buffalo Chicken Dip

1. In a bowl, collect: four pumps of ranch dressing; two pumps of Frank's Redhot sauce (add more if you like it really spicy); approximately 1/4 cup of cream cheese; and a big scoop of cheddar cheese.
2. Put in the microwave for 45-60 seconds, then stir.
3. Go to the grill and ask for a grilled chicken breast or two. Option one is to dip the chicken in the sauce with a fork. Option two is to cut the chicken into small pieces and mix it in with the sauce, then scoop it out with tortilla chips.

Environmental Tip of the Week

A few years ago, most of the showerheads in residence halls were replaced with pause-button showerheads. The pause "button" looks like a bolt going through the pipe. If you slide the bolt through the pipe, you'll notice a decrease in pressure until the flow of water stops.

The best part about this pause-button: it maintains your water temperature. Pausing the flow of water is very useful when it comes to lathering and shaving. When you just need a long hot shower, try using a little less pressure and it will make a big difference in your water consumption.

If you don't have a pause-button showerhead or yours is broken, ask your RA to put in a work order for your bathroom. Houses can also request pause-button showerheads.

Other tips on water consumption: don't run water while brushing your teeth, always use cooler water to save energy and don't forget to bring your reusable water bottle with you every day so you don't need a disposable plastic bottle later.

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Books, paintings and photos on display in Ebert

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Editor-in-Chief

The College of Wooster Art Museum opened this past week with new exhibitions in both galleries, featuring the work of three different artists. In the Sussel Gallery, Ellen Sheffield's sculptural books share the space with Bea Nettles' photography and artist books. Shiva Ahmadi's traditional paintings hang next door in the Burton D. Morgan gallery.

Sheffield, a visiting instructor of art at Kenyon College and the owner of Unit IV Arts in Gambier, Ohio, will present "Page by Page." Included in the show are both her sculptural and artist books. Both projects are focused on wordplay and disrupted narrative, as well as "letterform perception, reading comprehension, and how to give tangible form to the poet's quiet voice." Her artist's books are physically dismantled,

with the parts then recombined, allowing for a reframing through layers of the structure. The exhibition features several series where text and appropriated images are rearranged within the book, creating coded visual symbols through the poetry. The pieces are technically impressive, and create the sense of an indispensable quality of the relationship between book and poem.

Nettles, Professor Emerita at the University of Illinois, has been exhibiting and publishing her autobiographical works since 1970 and has had more than 50 solo exhibitions. The photography in her exhibit, "Return Trip," combines landscape images and glimpses of daily routines based on her travels to Italy, Spain, Morocco, Hawaii, North Carolina, Georgia, New Mexico and Florida. The 25 black-and-white photographs represent "the layered and cyclical nature of time, sense of place, and memory," according

to Nettles. Intermittently including portraits throughout her layered photographs, these memories are presented in groups, with four photos included in each piece, which helps to create the depth of the memory.

Ahmadi, a native of Iran now based in Detroit, is showcasing works from her "Throne" series. This exhibition was organized in support of the 2012 Wooster Forum, titled "Complexities of the Middle East," and features representational watercolors influenced by Persian and Indian miniature painting.

Regardless of the initial sparse feeling of the gallery, the few pieces that are included are heavy in contentious political and religious content. Commenting on the instability in Iran and the mounting uncertainty of tension between aggressive regimes, the beautifully painted pieces contain faceless figures and animals surrounded by pools of blood, offering grenades and nuclear

reactors to the enthroned tyrants. Ahmadi says that her loosely spattered and highly layered paintings on aqua-board "create an allegorical realm where faceless tyrants and religious authorities sit on ornate gilded thrones while subservient minions bow to them."

While the opening receptions for both Sheffield and Nettles' shows were this past Thursday, the reception for Ahmadi's show will be Thursday, Nov. 8 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Burton D. Morgan Gallery, with a talk by the artist at 7 p.m.

All three exhibits will be on view at the museum through Dec. 9.

The College's museum is located at 1220 Beall Avenue, on the first floor of the Ebert Art Center. The museum is opened Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m.

All receptions, lectures and exhibitions are free and open to the public. For more information visit Wooster.edu/CWAM.

THE SCENE

CRAVING A SPOOKY STORY THIS HALLOWEEN?

With Halloween coming up next Wednesday, you may be looking to get a good thrill in the spirit of this spooky occasion.



BROOKE SKIBA

Scary stories may provide you with just the horror you desire. Tales about the supernatural have made their way

from spoken-word to literature and continue the tradition today in the form of scary movies. Many of us may even think of campfire stories with only the firelight or a single flashlight creating shadows in the dark.

But why are we so attracted to these scary stories? Those who are, most often enjoy them because of the adrenaline rush they provide. Yet, unlike a ride on the Millennium Force, scary stories usually have a more lasting effect than the two-minute lurches in your stomach. The movies come back to haunt many of us as we're trying to fall asleep or when we're studying alone in the library lower basement late at night.

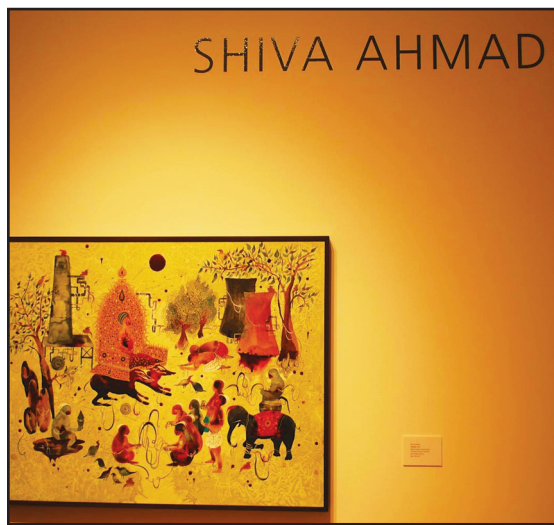
However, if you're immune to the horror "symptoms," you may still be craving a good thrill this Halloween. Scary stories are all around us on campus if you're watching and listening close enough. Horror junkies can certainly find excitement in everyday events, such as waking up to a sleepwalking roommate standing over you, or exiting an elevator late at night to find someone unexpectedly standing outside as the door opens. Not to mention the chill that comes over you when you walk past Henderson Apartments, or walk past the tree gravestones by Galpin. We have our own ghosts on campus, one of which, Effie, enjoys watching the plays put on by the theatre department. Watch for her this weekend when you go to see Equus.

What you really have to worry about are the creatures on campus. Many of my own classic campfire horror stories from Wooster do not involve the supernatural at all. In case you're now dying for a thrill, I'll share one story with you. I hope that it helps get you thinking about which of your own stories you'll be telling around the campfire for Halloween.

I was walking back to Holden from Morgan one night, and it was especially dark – the kind of night when everything blends together in blackness and you start to see nonexistent shadows in what little light there is. No one was around, and I was particularly jumpy. Every little noise—a rustle in the trees, sounds of footsteps that may or may not have been right behind me, a howling off in the distance – sent my heart racing. I was clenching my mostly-empty coffee cup so hard that it began to cave in.

I slowly approached a trash can to throw it away. Though I still felt scared, I had no idea that I was about to face an even worse terror: I quickly tossed my cup into the trash and I heard a tiny rustling sound deep in the trashcan. I froze in my tracks, stiff with fear, but also (just like every protagonist in a scary movie) somewhat curious. I peered down through the opening of the can. The rustling stopped for just a moment, and I saw nothing but the black of the garbage bag. Suddenly, a small dark figure jumped out at me and I recoiled, terrified. Ever since, I've had a fear of small black squirrels and throwing things away.

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Shiva Ahmadi's paintings (left) occupy the Burton D. Morgan Gallery, while Ellen Sheffield's sculptural books (center) and Bea Nettles' photography (right) share the display space in the Sussel Gallery. All are available for viewing through Dec. 9 (Photos by Amanda Priest).

Obeidallah: his journey from lawyer to comedian

Dominic Piacentini
Senior A&E Writer

This Thursday, Nov. 1, comedians Jamil Abu-Wardeh and Dean Obeidallah will visit campus to humorously discuss issues in the Middle East as part of the Wooster Forum series. Both Wardeh and Obeidallah were a part of the comedy group "Axis of Evil" which aired a special on Comedy Central.

In an interview with Obeidallah, I discovered more about his background and comedic style.

When did you start doing stand up?

The first time I stepped on stage was in the mid 1990s. I had been a lawyer and the New Jersey Bar Association was holding a funniest lawyer contest. The people at the law firm where I worked suggested I do comedy – I took that as their way of saying I was a horrible lawyer and should try something else.

What made you want to get into this business?

I enjoyed making people laugh. Plus, being a lawyer sucked. I liked the idea that in stand up comedy, I could talk about topics I felt strongly about – political and social issues – and make people laugh about them while sharing

my views on the topics.

Why do you like to make people laugh?

Not sure why – why does chocolate taste good? It just does.

Do you think humor is a good way to talk about current events and issues in the world today?

Yes, I believe that comedy can be utilized effectively to raise issues of the day and inform and educate people about them as well as make them laugh. That is why I love "The Daily Show" and "Colbert" because they do that on a nightly basis.

How might students benefit from going to one of your shows?

If nothing else, some fun and laughs. Isn't that enough? I'm a comedian first and foremost which means I must get laughs. While I raise issues that I'm passionate about, it is still a comedy show.

What is your comedy all about? Is there anything specific you like to convey in your shows?

It ranges from politics to pop culture. But I do raise issues that are se-



Obeidallah will perform Thursday, Nov. 1 in McGaw (Photo courtesy Dean Obeidallah).

rious such as Islamophobia, immigration, Obama, Romney and issues in the current presidential campaign, which you must hate hearing about since you attend school in THE most important swing State in America!

You are a member of the Axis of Evil comedy tour, correct? And you had a special on Comedy Central?

Yes I was – we broke up as a group years ago. But it was a lot of fun and the special on Comedy Central changed my career for the better in many ways. It opened up a lot of doors

and led me to appear on many more TV shows.

What was that group all about?

We were four Middle Eastern-American comedians and we talked/joked a great deal about the challenges posed by that in post 9/11 America. Prior to that, there had never been a special on a major U.S. TV network featuring comedians of our heritage.

Is there anything else you think the student population should know about you or your show?

I hope the students find my show funny and unique. I try to avoid being the typical comedian. The show is written for all to enjoy – you don't have to be of Arab heritage or Muslim to get the jokes.

Also I have performed a great deal in the Middle East from Egypt to Saudi Arabia and my show will share some of those experiences.

Finally, in addition to being a comedian, I write a weekly opinion article for CNN.com and I appear on CNN Weekly talking about political and topical issues infused with some comedy.

Obeidallah and Abu-Wardeh will be performing at 7:30 p.m. in McGaw Chapel on Nov. 1.

WoosterStreetStyle: Showcasing personal style on campus



Lisa Favicchia '13

Our featured girls this week showcase their chic, fall styles and express a common appreciation for the exposed back zipper trend.

Lisa (left): "I am inspired by the fashion trends I found in Barcelona and I have tried to bring that style back with me. I think [exposed back zippers] are a unique trend because it is a subtle detail that draws people's attention when they catch a glimpse of it."

Julie (right): "I always like classic pieces with a twist—for example, unexpected [exposed] back zippers on a basic dress. And you can call my style snugly chic. I am almost always nestled into a giant scarf or sweater."

(Photos by Beth Milne)



Julie Shuff '14

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BITE-SIZED SPORTS

CAMPUS SWIM SEASON STARTS

The College's swimming and diving teams opened the fall season on Saturday at the Kenyon Relays in Gambier, Ohio. The men's team finished in third out of six competing schools. Their best result came in the 200-yard breaststroke relay, which the team of Peter Parisi '13, Brian Maddock '15, Frayne Poeting '16 and Evan Hagedorn '15 finished in 1:53.27, putting them in third place out of 17. The women finished in fourth place out of seven schools, led by Samira El-Adawy '13, Molly Laubernds '16, Holly Hickman '15 and Mariah McGovern '14 in the 200 backstroke relay with a time of 1:54.33. The Scots host their first home meet tomorrow at 1 p.m. against Wittenberg University.

CAMPUS

FIELD HOCKEY UPSET BY TRANSY; BEATS KENYON

Despite outshooting its opponent 33-3, the Wooster field hockey team lost 2-1 to Transylvania University at home on Sunday. Nikki Sever '14 put the Scots on the board first, but they were unable to get past Pioneer goalie Sara Aschbacher again as she made 17 saves. Sara Clark and Brittany Rebalski scored Transylvania's goals. Wooster played again on Tuesday, beating Kenyon College 5-2 in Gambier, Ohio. Clare Nelson-Johnson '13 led the Scots with three goals and an assist, while Sever and Kate Brondyk '16 scored one goal apiece. Liz Plumley '13 made eight saves. The Scots play Oberlin College at home tomorrow at 11 a.m.

MLB WORLD SERIES BEGINS

The 2012 World Series began on Wednesday after press time, featuring the San Francisco Giants of the National League against the Detroit Tigers of the American League. The Giants made the series after facing elimination in both the NL Division Series against the Cincinnati Reds and the Championship Series against the defending champion St. Louis Cardinals. The Tigers got past the Oakland Athletics 3-2 in the ALDS and swept the New York Yankees to win the pennant. The first two games took place on Wednesday and Thursday in San Francisco. The series moves to Detroit for game three tomorrow. All games will be broadcasted at 8 p.m. on FOX.

Volleyball plays final home games



Erica Skillman '14 spikes the ball against Thiel College on Saturday. The Scots dropped their final home match in five sets (Photo by Ben Robertson).

Julie Kendall Sports Editor

In their final two home matches of the season last Saturday, the College of Wooster volleyball team swept conference opponent Oberlin College 3-0, before losing 3-2 in a non-conference matchup against Thiel College. With an overall record of 16-11, 4-4 in the North Coast Athletic Conference, the Scots have earned the fifth seed in the NCAC Tournament, which will take place on Nov. 2 at Wittenberg University. There, they will take on the fourth seed Denison University in the quarterfinals.

Wooster showed off their offensive talent in their final conference match of the season against Oberlin, earning decisive set wins with scores of 25-16, 25-21, and 25-15. They topped the Yeowomen in every area, including team hitting percentage (.279 to .088), total digs (81-50) and team blocks (6-3). Pacing the Scots in

scoring was Paige Parker '14, who had 17 kills and a .516 hitting percentage. Marlowe Beatty '16, Autumn Berry '14 and Maddie Flynn '15 contributed two service aces a piece.

The Scots met a tougher matchup later that afternoon against Thiel, who currently stands at 18-7 despite losing to Wooster earlier in the season. The Tomcats took the first two sets with scores of 25-18 and 25-21.

Wooster initiated a comeback rally, narrowly winning the next two sets by scores of 22-25 and 23-25, pushing the match to five sets for the 11th time this season. The Scots used their momentum to gain a 13-10 lead, before Thiel rattled off five unanswered points to take the set 15-13.

Despite the narrow loss, the Scots posted strong numbers, including several individual records. Erica Skillman '15 led the offense with a career-high 21 kills in the match, followed by Parker with 15 kills

and Melissa Morgan '13 with 12. Berry totaled a career-high 57 assists, in addition to four service aces and 21 digs. Kelley Johnson '13 contributed 30 digs and three service aces to the effort.

Earlier in the week, the Scots posted two 3-2 wins against Marietta College (25-18, 26-24, 14-25, 19-24, 15-8) and Ohio Wesleyan University (25-16, 22-25, 25-19, 22-25, 15-13). Parker earned 36 kills for those two matches, followed closely by Skillman, with 30. Against Ohio Wesleyan, Wooster's defensive effort stood out, as the team registered 10 blocks and 75 total digs. Berry contributed 50 assists against the Bishops.

Before heading to the NCAC Tournament next weekend, the Scots will play two more non-conference matches on the road tomorrow at Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pa. First they will face the host college, then take on Bethany College in a neutral site match.

Women's soccer still strong despite falling to Witt

Lincoln Plews Senior Sports Writer

Wooster's women's soccer team now sits in second place in the NCAC with a record of 10-5-1 (5-1 in NCAC) with two games left to play in the regular season. The Scots went 2-1 in the last two weeks, beating DePauw 3-1 and Hiram 4-0 before falling 2-0 to Wittenberg this past Saturday.

The men's squad went 1-2-1 in the last two weeks, and currently stands at 4-10-1 on the season (1-5-1 in NCAC). The Scots lost to Allegheny 1-0, tied DePauw 0-0, lost to Kenyon 2-0, and picked up their first conference win of the season with a 2-1 win over Wittenberg.

The women's win versus DePauw on Oct. 13 was a bit more exciting than the 3-1 final score would suggest. DePauw struck first, netting a goal just two minutes into the game. That would prove to be the only goal of the first half. Unshaken by the 1-0

halftime deficit, Wooster exploded in the second half to score three goals and take a decisive win.

The 4-0 win against Hiram was achieved in a very similar fashion, with the Scots scoring all four goals in the second half. Although they failed to find the net in the first half, they dominated the entire game. Wooster outshot Hiram 13-1 in the first half and 7-2 in the second.

The women's only conference loss of the season came in a 2-0 decision this past Saturday when the Scots fell to rival Wittenberg. The hard-fought battle between the NCAC's top two teams was scoreless through the first half, with both teams combining for a mere five shots.

Wittenberg broke the tie just two minutes into the second half, when the Scots failed to clear the ball and Witt striker Kaylee Gialamas sent a low shot into the back of the net.

The Scots fired five shots in the next 20 minutes, but were unable to equalize the game before Wittenberg

scored its second goal with 14 minutes left to play. The Scots tried valiantly to get back into the game in the closing minutes, but were unable to connect on any shots and fell 2-0.

Wooster's men's team recorded its first conference win of the season this past Saturday, defeating rival Wittenberg in a 2-1 decision.

The Scots knocked in the first goal of the game with 13 minutes to play in the first half. George Skelly '14 finished a nice assist from Noah Wagemann '14 to put the Scots in the lead 1-0.

Wittenberg equalized the game five minutes into the second half, but Wooster's Andrew Roop '15 connected off a through ball from Adam Will '13 just three minutes later to put the Scots back on top 2-1.

This proved to be the final score of the game, largely due to four key saves by Scots goalie Matthew Canter '14 in the final 35 minutes (including a game-clinching save with in the game's final 30 seconds).



Wooster's Paige Madden '15 looks to cross the ball against Witt (Photo by Abena Boamah-Acheampong).

GUEST COLUMN

Cross country deserves your support in NCAC finals

Tomorrow, the College of Wooster community can take advantage of an excellent opportunity that only comes around once every nine years. At 11 a.m., the rolling hills of the L.C. Boles Memorial Golf Course will host the North Coast Athletic Conference Cross-Country Championships. Collegiate harriers from the great states of Indiana, Pennsylvania and, of course, Ohio, will come together to determine which school fields

the finest cross-country team in the league.

As captains of the men's cross country team, we encourage your attendance to support our athletic pursuits. We realize cross-country may not be the "sexiest" varsity sport at Wooster, but we contend that cross country actually has a lot to offer. For example, there may be no athletic event more spectator-friendly than cross-country. Onlookers can place themselves anywhere on the course to get an up-close-and-personal look at male and female runners struggling to complete the 8-kilometer and 6-kilometer courses, respectively.

Races always finish within half an hour, without any breaks in

the action. Additionally, there is no more satisfying feeling than watching your friends physically exert themselves while you just sit back and relax. Trust us, we know.

When you arrive at the course, which is located behind the Wooster Inn, the first thing you will have to decide is where you want to view the race from. There are no bleachers or stands in cross-country.

Rather, you get to pick your vantage point for the competition. We recommend staying near the driving range. That way, you can witness both the start of the race and the most exciting moment in athletics, the cross country finish line. You will be thrilled and

astonished to behold the ruthless conclusion of a long distance race as runners relentlessly gallop towards their final destination.

But there is more than just the start and finish to a race. By standing on the driving range, you will see the NCAC's top competitors run by several times, as the course features several loops that crisscross the landscape. When runners dash past, there will be multiple occasions for you to cheer them on. We recommend you describe how good they look, and comment on their proximity to the finish line. Even if they are miles away, you might be able to convince them otherwise.

You may be asking yourself, "why should I even bother coming

to a cross country race in the first place?" Well, we hope that we have been able to persuade you of the benefits of cross-country spectating. But beyond that, we can show the rest of the NCAC schools that the Fighting Scots support each other. Cross-country hosts so few events of this magnitude, and we would love to see as many Scots attend as possible.

In the words of the legendary College of Wooster cross country coach Dennis Rice, "You've got to look good to be good." We both know that the men's and women's cross country teams would look great if you all would come to the meet tomorrow.



GUS FUGITT AND
SAM SWARTZ

Football blown out by 13th-ranked Wabash College

Travis Marmon
Sports Editor

The Wooster football team failed to keep up the momentum following its 45-14 dismantling of winless Hiram College last weekend. On Saturday, the Scots traveled to Crawfordsville, Ind. to face No. 13 Wabash College, where they were routed 30-0 by the Little Giants.

Wooster was outgained 414-195 in the defeat, including a 295-58 disparity on the ground. The Scots failed to make it into the red zone even once, while the Little Giants made four appearances, scoring on three of them.

Already up 3-0, Wabash scored the first touchdown of the game with three minutes left in the first quarter. The Little Giants started with the ball at midfield, and quarterback Andy Walsh completed a 39-yard touchdown pass to Darren Bost to increase his team's lead to 10-0. It would be the last scoring play of the first half, as the Scots turned the ball over on downs in Wabash territory in the second quarter.

Wooster's lone highlight of the half came on the ensuing Wabash drive, when Brandon James '15 intercepted Walsh's pass. After an



The first-team offense runs a play in preparation for tomorrow's game against DePauw University (Photo by Ben Robertson).

illegal block in the back penalty, the Scots started their drive on their own four-yard line. Wooster drove to the Wabash 35, but coach Mike Schmitz elected to punt on 4th-and-7 — a questionable decision considering the field

position and the fact that there was only a minute left in the half.

The second half was even worse for the Scots, as Richard Barnes '14's pass on the second play of the period was intercepted by Cody Buresh and returned

for a Wabash touchdown. The Little Giants failed an attempted two-point conversion, but still maintained a 16-0 lead.

Wooster went three-and-out on the next possession and punted the ball away. Wabash then ran

eight straight running plays to get into Scots territory, where Walsh hit Jon Laird for a 20-yard touchdown strike to increase the lead to 23-0.

Wooster drove all the way to the Wabash 38-yard line on the next drive, but failed to convert on third down. Desperate to get something going, Schmitz called for a fake punt, but Dana Obery '13 could not complete his pass.

The Scots' Shawn Chaffee '13 did force a fumble a few plays later, which was recovered by Girard Ogletree-Crawford '13. However, Wooster failed to capitalize, as two penalties and a sack put the team at 4th-and-30 at its own 43-yard line.

Wabash put the game away for good on the next possession. The nine-play, 65-yard drive ended in a one-yard touchdown run by Walsh to make the lead 30-0. Justin Rice '15 was ejected from the game after a personal foul on the final Wooster possession. The drive ended on the next play, as Barnes was sacked on fourth down.

The Scots dropped to 2-5 (1-3 NCAC) after the loss. They will hope to get back into the groove tomorrow against DePauw University (1-6, 0-4 NCAC) at John P. Papp Stadium. Kickoff is at 2 p.m.

Voice Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21	22	23	24	25	Family Weekend 26 4:30 p.m. Wooster Chorus Concert, Scheide 7 p.m. A Capella, McGarv 8:15 p.m. Equus, Freedlander Theatre 9 p.m. Don't Throw Shoes, McGarv 11 p.m. - 2 a.m. UGDP 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Recycling Extravaganza, Lowry	27 11 a.m. M XC, Golf Course 11 a.m. Field Hockey vs. Oberlin 12 p.m. W XC, Golf Course 1 p.m. W Soccer vs. OWU 1 p.m. Swimming vs. Wittenberg 2 p.m. Football vs. DePauw 8:15 p.m. Equus, Freedlander Theatre 6 p.m. Vegan CoOP, Babcock
28 1 p.m. Field Hockey vs. Bethany 1 - 6 p.m. Free Bowling for Faculty, Staff and Students, Scot Lanes 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Scot Marching Band Concert, McGarv 3 - 5 p.m. Chamber Music Series Concert, Scheide	29	Civility Day 30 7 p.m. Salgado Maranhao Reading, Babcock Lounge	Halloween 31 4 - 10 p.m. Free Bowling for Students, Scot Lanes 11 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Dining with Count Chocula	1 4 - 10 p.m. Free Bowling for Students, Scot Lanes	2 7 - 9 p.m. W XC Twilight 5K Challenge, Golf Course 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. M XC Twilight 5K Challenge, Golf Course	3 1 p.m. Football vs. Kenyon 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Cosmic Bowling, Scot Lanes
4 1 - 6 p.m. Free Bowling for Faculty, Staff and Students, Scot Lanes	5	Election Day 6 6 p.m. - 12 a.m. Election Dsy Party, Lowry 7 - 9:30 p.m. November Film Series: Crude, Mateer	7 4 - 10 p.m. Free Bowling for Students, Scot Lanes	8	9	10 7 - 10:30 p.m. International Culture Show 7:30 - 11 p.m. Wooster Symphony Orchestra, Scheide 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Cosmic Bowling, Scot Lanes International Education Week (through Nov. 17)

Lost late Sept. favorite baseball style cap. Dark Blue with Volkswagon logo Lowry Center, Beall Ave. parking lot area. \$25 reward, call Joe Retzler at 330-264-0001. Leave message if not home. Make my day.

This week in photos

Left: Women of Images in the CoRE sponsoring an event to raise awareness about Breast Cancer (Photo by Amanda Preist). Right: A pumpkin left on the front step of the Cornwell's house, they wanted to extend a thank-you to the person who left it (Photo courtesy Peg Cornwell).



Voice Calendar of Events and Classified Listings

In an attempt to better spread the word of events on campus, the Voice is dedicating our back page to campus-specific events and information. Anything from sports games to the-

atre productions can be found in the calendar above, with additional information provided below if necessary. Campus groups can list events within the calendar for free. Separate advertisements on the back page are \$3 each.

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Please direct comments or concerns to Emily Timmerman '13 and Lee McKinstry '13. We always appreciate your suggestions.

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