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*“It’s a very important thing to learn to talk to people you disagree with.” - Pete Seeger*

FEATURE PHOTO



Early this week, severe cold shut down area schools, universities and businesses, but not The College of Wooster. The temperature dipped down to -10. “It is indeed cold out there,” said Dean of Students Kurt Holmes in a campus-wide email, “but the Scots are a hearty bunch” (Photo by Angela Neely).

## Reusable to-go boxes coming soon

*Greenhouse working with Dining Services to implement plan next semester*

**Wyatt Smith**  
News Editor

The student group Greenhouse is working with Wooster’s Dining Services to implement a reusable to-go box program next semester. “The change has not yet been approved,” clarified Chuck Wagers, director of Campus Dining and Conference Services, “although the motivation for change is sensible. ... There needs to be education and buy-in from the student population and administration before the decision is made to implement this new system.” Under the new system, students will receive a token which can be exchanged for a plastic to-go box when entering dining halls. Specialized vending machines will trade a dirty to-go box for another token. Unlike the current disposable boxes, the reusable containers will have multiple sections to keep food sepa-

rate, although they will not come with a detached cup. The new boxes will likely be larger than the present ones. If students lose their token or to-go box, they must pay a fee to receive a new token. To make the plan financially viable, the reusable boxes would completely replace their disposable counterparts. If prices do not change, the program will pay for itself in three years. “I think it’s a great thing,” said Caroline Kamen ’16, one of the students who first proposed the idea, “because it’s another step towards having a sustainable future and towards people consciously thinking about what they’ve used in the past and how it’s wasteful.”

The College currently goes through over 100,000 disposable boxes annually. “Ideally, these containers would go to our compost facility once used,” said Wagers. “In reality, most to-go containers end up in a trash can instead of a compost container. Either way, our current to-go containers are disposable and create waste, both physical waste and financial waste.” “I’m always looking to eliminate things that are building up in our waste stream. We should just find ways around them.” **Sb Loder** A relatively new phenomenon

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## College considers options for new science building

Debt financing on the table for the massive project

**Maddi O’Neill**  
News Editor

The forthcoming construction of a new science facility will cost an estimated \$40 million, and will be the largest project the College has ever undertaken. Due to the size of this expense, administrators are considering using some debt financing to pay for the development. John Hopkins, associate vice president for college relations and marketing, said that the College has begun an “aggressive fund-raising effort,” which administrators hope will cover most, if not all, of the cost of the science facility. Hopkins added, however, that “this is by far the largest capital project the College has ever undertaken, and it’s possible that we will need to consider supplementing the fund-raising with some debt financing.” **John Hopkins** Typically, the College has tried to avoid debt financing as a means of funding projects. Hopkins said, “That has generally been the case, but over the past decade or so the college has also used modest amounts of debt when necessary to accomplish our goals.” “Our approach is very conservative, but there are instances where a prudent amount debt financing makes good financial sense,” he said. The College’s conservative approach to financing

in the past has led to what Professor John Rudisill describes as “a bond rating that is as good as it gets.” Rudisill, sharing his perspective as a professor, explained that this means that the College has access to debt financing at very low interest rates. “Not advancing and building things to maintain our status as a premier institution seems to be unwise given that [we] could do it at a faster clip with low interest,” said Rudisill. “Most of the administration recognizes that that makes fiscal sense.” With regard to the College’s annual budget, Hopkins said that students should not feel any major changes as a result of the project. The possibility of debt financing is not expected to make a significant dent. Referring specifically to the expected maintenance costs of the science facility, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Auxiliaries Jackie Middleton said that the College “will accommodate that additional expense in our financial planning.” Although specifics are still undecided, Middleton explained that the College will request proposals from a number of architectural firms which are interested in constructing the science facility. “We anticipate beginning the design process in January 2015, and hope to break ground 18 months later, in June 2016,” she said. *Continued on page 2*

## Water damage to Shack to cause delays in the College’s ownership

**Ben Taylor**  
Viewpoints Editor

The recent spell of cold weather has caused the water pipes in the building that formerly housed the Shack to burst, resulting in a substantial deal of damage to the property and potentially affecting efforts by the college to acquire it. “I haven’t seen the damage first hand,” said Dean of Students Kurt Holmes, who is one of the people closest to the situation, “but my understanding is that it was a

significant amount of water.” As the *Voice* reported in December of last year, the College is in the midst of attempting to purchase the property, a process that is still ongoing due to some confusion regarding the legal status of the building. “The Shack is not yet owned by the College but we do have a pending purchase agreement, which is an agreement to move that direction,” said Holmes. “At a minimum I suspect this will delay our ability to take possession of the facility and thus delay our initial uses.” **Kurt Holmes**

While it may delay the process, the occurrence of the water damage will not keep the College from purchasing the property, though the building itself may now be unusable. Evaluations as to the usability of the land have yet to occur. “This damage is obviously a serious issue, but it doesn’t change the value of the land, and, if the damage can be successfully remediated, the usefulness of the building as well,” said Holmes. “I don’t think we even know yet what it will take

for a professional to remediate the problems, or even if that is possible. That investigation is underway by the current owners.” As of the *Voice’s* last report on the Shack in December, the College was not planning to demolish the building. A number of potential uses for the space have been discussed, but without knowledge of whether it can be remediated, it is unclear how many of these options are still viable moving forward.

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Saturday	2/1	Sunday	2/2	Monday	2/3	Tuesday	2/4	Wednesday	2/5	Thursday	2/6	Friday	2/7
													
33°F		26°F		26°F		29°F		24°F		24°F		25°F	

BITE-SIZED NEWS

LOCAL

Ohio's bobcat population recovers to "protected" status

The Ohio Wildlife Council is considering a recommendation from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to change the bobcats' conservation status from 'threatened' to merely 'protected,' following a surge in sightings over recent years. The council is not slated to make its decision until April.

Ohio's bobcat population declined following the state's settlement in the mid 19th century.

However, more than 100 sightings of the elusive nocturnal predator have been reported yearly since 2011. In 2012, bobcats' conservation status had been altered from 'endangered' to 'threatened.' The majority of recent sightings have been in the southeast of Ohio, especially Noble County.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch

NATIONAL

Braindead pregnant woman taken off life support

After a drawn-out legal battle, Marlise Martinez of Texas was taken off life support. Her body was released to her husband on Sunday. Mrs. Martinez, who died very suddenly of a blood clot in her home, was kept on life support for several months because she was 14 weeks pregnant at that time. Her husband said she would not have wanted treatment to continue.

A court order required that she be taken off life support when it was revealed that the fetus would not be viable. Martinez was 23 weeks pregnant when she was laid to rest.

Source: CBS News

INTERNATIONAL

Future of Afghanistan's educational system bright

In a recent speech, Afghanistan's Education Minister Farooq Wardak gave an optimistic vision of his country's school system, promising universal primary education by 2020. Addressing concerns that the withdrawal of foreign troops could destabilize such domestic programs, Wardak held that locals — even the Taliban in some regions — are devoted to maintaining the nation's schools.

Wardak also spoke of a cultural shift, with a wide variety of Afghans embracing the need for education. Some 700 schools that had been closed due to violence have since reopened.

Afghanistan's current number of students is more than six times higher than it was in 2001, although it remains disproportionately male.

Source: BBC

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To-go box cont.

enon, reusable to-go boxes are already available at a handful of colleges, including Oberlin College, Washington & Jefferson College, Boston University and Williams College.

Wooster's move toward reusable to-go containers started over a year ago, when Kamen and Lauren Swank '16 researched the idea for Greenhouse, Wooster's largest environmental student group. Working with Loder, the two students pitched their idea to Dining Services in the fall of 2012.

Due to peculiarities in Ohio's health code, Kamen and Swank's plan had to be approved by the state government, a process that took from early 2013 until last June.

In the fall of 2013, Loder, Greenhouse and Dining Services began working on the specifics, such as when to implement the switch as well as the number and location of the vending machines. This past fall also saw the addition of Annette Hilton '17 to the cause, who replaced Swank after she transferred to a differ-



Greenhouse's Caroline Kamen '16, one of the architects of the transition, shows off a reusable to-go box (Photo by Wyatt Smith).

ent school.

The plan's designers hope to introduce the reusable containers at the beginning of the 2014-15 school year, both to ease the transition and to properly incorporate the start-up cost in Dining Ser-

vice's budget.

Kamen, Hilton and Loder are presently working to inform the campus about the switch. Greenhouse hopes to table in Lowry and hold public meetings to address student questions and concerns.

Science building cont.

"Construction will likely take another 18 months, so the soonest the new facility would be ready to come on-line would be sometime in 2018."

Administrators do not anticipate any interruptions to classes during the construction process.

Curriculum changes in the sciences are also expected to accompany this project. Provost Carolyn Newton explained that members of the College's faculty have been planning ways to adapt science education for several years.

Their input will be taken into account in the planning of the new science facility. "Faculty are excited about building a curriculum for the future, a future that we know will be ever more interdisciplinary and collaborative," Newton said.

Currently, Newton expects that the completed facility will house the biology, biochemistry, molecular biology, neuroscience and environmental studies departments.

On the lighter side...

Roughly 70 cats found in Rittman house

On Jan. 17, a Wayne County bailiff went to a house in Rittman to serve an eviction notice. The resident wasn't home, but the bailiff discovered that the house was full of semi-feral cats living in inhumane conditions.

The evicted tenant returned and managed to shuttle away approximately 20 cats, yet scores remained.

The next day, staff from the Wayne County Humane Society spent over eight hours catching 47 additional felines. At least one additional cat eluded capture, necessitating the use of live traps left in the house overnight.

A veterinarian was brought in to assess the cats' health. Because the cats were not well taken care of, it is unclear how many of them will be eligible for adoption. Semi-feral animals can act violently and unexpectedly.

"You can't put up for an adoption a cat that will rip your face off," said Stuart Mykrantz, executive director of the Humane Society.

The landlord predicts that it will cost thousands of dollars to repair the damage the felines caused to the house, especially to the flooring, even though the animals were in the house for no more than three months.

Source: The Daily Record



This clowder of cats has it much better off than the felines found in the Rittman house (Photo courtesy AP).

SECURITY BRIEFS

Provided by Security and Protective Services

VANDALISM

1/25 — 5:02 p.m.  
Scot Cottage  
Heater cage cut

1/25 — 10:52 a.m.  
Stevenson  
Window damaged

ANIMALS

1/20 — 9:02 a.m.  
Hider House  
Bat found and released

1/26 — 5:46 p.m.  
Lewis House  
Bat found and released

FIRE ALARM

1/25 — 2:55 a.m.  
Corner House  
Suspect shot off extinguisher

1/26 — 3:52 a.m.  
Shearer House  
Fire detector malfunctioned

ALCOHOL

1/18 — 1:15 a.m.  
Compton Hall  
Suspect admitted to drinking

1/19 — 12:08 a.m.  
Calcei House  
Suspect admitted to drinking

1/26 — 1:31 a.m.  
Bissman Hall  
Suspect, 18, drank too much

1/26 — 3:56 a.m.  
Lewis House  
20-year-old suspect drank too much

DISORDERLY

1/17 — 12:40 a.m.  
Bornhuetter  
Suspect was uncooperative

1/18 — 1:55 a.m.  
Miller Manor  
Victim injured; suspect lied to SPS

1/26 — 3:56 a.m.  
Lewis House  
Suspect cursed at officer

FIGHTING

1/26 — 3:37 p.m.  
Bryan House  
Two suspects reportedly punched and kicked two victims; two witnesses were present

THEFT

1/15 — 12:00 p.m.  
Kauke Hall  
Victim reported stolen ID



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Consent is not sexy

Grassroots campaigns to combat sexual assault are gaining strength on college campuses across America. In recent years, Wooster has seen students taking action against rape culture on campus in a variety of ways, from public displays and discussions to an overhaul of the first-year orientation program. Especially when we consider the jaw-droppingly tasteless and backward “date rape” dance at last year’s Lip Sync (we’re still waiting on that apology, incidentally), these efforts are to be applauded. However, the admirability of their cause aside, campaigners on campuses across America would do well to avoid falling into the same patterns that they aim to eradicate.



GARETH MCNAMARA

I’m thinking in particular of the slogans organizers choose to rally people behind their cause, the language and rhetoric they employ. The international “Consent is Sexy” campaign is a particularly thorny example. The campaign offers posters and other materials to colleges across the U.S. and abroad, bearing messages such as, “Man enough to accept no?” Are you starting to see the problem?

Let me give a different example of the troubling rhetoric around curbing rape culture. Last week, President Obama announced the creation of a White House task force to tackle sexual assault on college campuses. While this move is to be applauded, the language the President employed when making the announcement strays wide of the mark: “I want every young man in America to know that real men don’t hurt women.”

Real men? Man enough? Apart from the manner in which these kind of comments grossly ignore sexual assaults in which men are victims, this kind of rhetoric reeks of machismo and paternalism. It paints men as the only perpetrators of sexual assault. It implies that women are necessarily submissive in sexual situations and men are in control, only deferring to consent out of macho insecurity, as if failing to do so will

somehow make them less masculine. Frankly, everyone should take exception to this. Women shouldn’t stand for being characterized as secondary, their bodily autonomy subordinate to the desires of men. Men shouldn’t stand for being portrayed as rutting animals, whose carnal urges can only be tamed by appeals to some Freudian man-pride. None of us should need this kind of nonsense to convince us that sexual assault is wrong and getting consent is necessary.

Let’s take a case closer to home. Last year, a list of “reasons to get consent” was displayed on one of the Wired Scot notice boards. Like “Consent is Sexy” and President Obama, the heart of what this was trying to get at was admirable, but the execution was feeble. Just like we shouldn’t need appeals to cartoonish notions of masculinity to persuade us of the importance of consent, we also shouldn’t need a top 10, 20 or 40 to convince us that we ought to refrain from sexually assaulting another human being.

Non-consensual sex is sexual assault. Re-read that sentence, absorb that fact. It is the only bit of information that any of us should need to know in order to recognize that we have to get consent before engaging in sexual activity. When those fighting rape culture engage in the type of rhetoric employed by “Consent is Sexy” and President Obama, when we go down the route of justifying the need for consent on any other grounds, we lose sight of this fundamental point. And this point is the only one that really matters. Getting consent is not an option. It’s not a matter of preference. It shouldn’t have to be dressed up in irrelevance or made “sexy.” No person with even the most basic decency should need consent sold to them. If you really must make a list of the reasons someone should get consent, it should only be one item long. It should look like this:

“You should get consent because non-consensual sex is sexual assault.” That’s it. That’s all the justification anyone should need. Consent isn’t manly. It isn’t sexy. It’s mandatory. That’s all that matters.

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The future of the Republican Party

The purpose of this opinion piece is to present an argument for a viable and sustainable revitalization of the Republican Party. As cumbersome as it may be, the current American political system has come to wholly rely upon a two-party system. Further, the resulting force this presents is one that the Republican Party has not, and cannot, transcend under current agenda scruples; in order to present itself as a better option, the Republican Party must alter its general principles. A “great schism” of sorts has plagued the current version of the Republican Party. If the United States were to function under a multiple party system, those less favored factions of the party, whether it be the Tea Party, the Establishment or libertarian Republicans, would be effectively silenced at the ballot box. The Republican Party is precariously situated as a result of a responsibility to encompass each of these factions. From the extreme political tactics of Ted Cruz to the hawkish stances of John McCain, the Republican Party is forced to tiptoe across the spectrum. Contemporary American politics require a restructured Republican Party; the welfare of our country re-



ALEX DOWNS

quires a better functioning Republican Party. A brief overview of a plausible outline for Republican stances must be progressive, but also adhere to core tenets; in order to accomplish this, I will touch on contentious points that necessitate reform. First, support for gay rights ought to be immediately adopted as a cohesive portion of the party platform. The 14th Amendment to the United States constitution requires all citizens be treated equally under the law; consequently, no party should advocate for government autonomy in regulating intimate individual choices. Second, akin to this socially contentious issue, the legalization of marijuana ought to be supported by the Republican Party. In keeping with free-market principles and wading social tides, the Republican Party stands to gain for marijuana’s legalization. Third, the party ought to manifest practical regulations for gun control. Absent the complete regulation of guns, the solutions that require background checks and a harsher crackdown on those able to purchase more powerful weapons will provide a centrist approach

to arms proliferation that has lead to increased violence.

Fourth, the Republican Party ought to endorse termination to increased military involvement in foreign affairs. Specifically, increased use of military might in the Middle East and beyond should be curtailed. In addition, military spending should be limited to permit funding to be appropriated to other growth-hungry projects.

Fifth and lastly, immigration reform ought to be at the forefront of the Republican Party agenda; indeed, an easier path to citizenship for those undocumented aliens remains in keeping with the upward mobility scruples the Republican Party champions.

This compilation of policy reforms stands to gather support for the Republican Party from those less satisfied with the party’s direction, as well as from the mounting group of Americans registering as Independents. In sum, the Republican Party is capable of patching holes in agreement amongst its members; this is the face of a revitalized, sustainable Republican Party.

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What does “liberal arts” mean?

“Wooster is a liberal arts education.” This is a phrase that I have heard and repeated almost

as many times as I’ve politely corrected my relatives’ pronunciation of W O O -

ster. I used to think that a liberal arts education meant fulfilling a certain number of Q, H and R requirements while taking classes where the professor knew my name. I knew that a liberal arts education meant more, but could never find the words to explain what. I am a few months away from graduation, and I just realized how exactly to explain why “liberal arts education” is more than a hollow phrase.

On Jan. 18 and 19, I, along with 11 other students, proudly represented Wooster at the American Collegiate Moot Court Association National Championship held at Sandra Day O’Connor School of Law at Arizona State University. In one round, one judge, a professor at a well-known law school, praised not only our efforts but the efficacy of Moot Court as an exercise in critical thought. He explained, “This is one of the most useful exercises that

anyone can participate in. To take a case where you have to formulate an argument for both sides of an issue and give those in a convincing manner — even if you don’t agree with them — that teaches you something you can’t learn anywhere else.” For the most part, he is right.

Moot Court is a very specific exercise that teaches the art of argumentation. It consists of one mock Supreme Court case that presents two current issues in law and society. We competitors are given about 20 actual Supreme Court cases from which we must craft arguments both for and against particular issues. For example, our cases challenged the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act and same-sex marriage before either issue reached the Supreme Court. As undergraduate students, we have the opportunity to make arguments that real attorneys are arguing before the real Supreme Court. We present arguments both for and against particular issues with logic and clarity. We are asked to form arguments based on critical analysis, rather than personal belief and emotion. We are asked to do all of this while articulating our thoughts in a respectful, persuasive manner. Moot Court may not be the only place where I have learned these things, but it

does take all of the great skills gained from a liberal arts education and apply them in the same exercise.

To me, Moot Court epitomizes what a liberal arts education means. It means engaging challenging material. It means professors who care and facilitate our desire to learn. It means setting aside our own preconceptions in order to analyze the merits of an argument. It means basing an argument in logic, rather than an appeal to emotion. It means respecting the counter-argument. It means that making poor arguments is a necessary precursor to the articulation of great arguments. It means learning how to work with different personalities and be respectful at all times. It means that disagreement and frustration is resolved by a simple “I understand where you are coming from, but I have a different interpretation.” It means spending hours upon hours with classmates or teammates. It means that those individuals — whether they remain acquaintances or become the closest of friends — help you grow and learn as an individual.

It means liberal arts.

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# Issue of the Week: Gun Control

## The politics of gun control: From where do we derive our values?

I trust the fire department, but that doesn't mean I don't own smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. I trust the police also, but that doesn't mean I won't own a gun when I live on my own.



ABBY HELVERING

There is no question that gun violence is a terrible, terrible problem, and one that has been highlighted by recent tragic events. Something ought to be done. That being said, handgun restrictions, assault weapon bans, gun-free zones and sweeping gun control legislative acts are not the answer. While I'm sure all of these solutions are proposed

with the best intentions and a sincere desire to better society, they are proposed with a certain amount of naïveté. As I understand it, there are three main types of gun violence which are primarily targeted by such laws: gun murders, organized crime and random shootings. Of the three, certainly the latter draws the most attention and sorrow from the public and the legislature; additionally, it is the hardest to prevent through legislative action. Shootings of this type are generally perpetrated by mentally ill and emotionally unstable individuals who have no business owning a gun. The easy answer to this is background checks, which I admit can absolutely help in preventing a small number of these

incidents. But the fact is that almost all perpetrators in these incidents do not come by their guns legally, so impositions on legal avenues fail to even touch the root of the problem. There is no good answer. Any legislation which so drastically limits gun ownership that it prevents random shootings would also drastically impact civil liberties. So what about cases where a child gets ahold of a gun? Quite frankly, it isn't the place of the government to ensure that children cannot do so. This is the responsibility of the parents, or whomever it is that owns the gun. Do we want the government to be so involved in our lives that it acts in loco parentis? Just like parents are the ones responsible if they let their children play in the street,

they are the ones responsible if they let that child get ahold of a gun. This is the price we pay for some individual autonomy. It is also important to note that random shootings comprise less than one percent of all murders. This isn't to say that they are insignificant. Of course not! And I definitely don't think that the solution is arming our teachers or increasing the prevalence of guns; these solutions just increase the possibility that guns will fall into the wrong hands. There are governmental actions which can reduce gun violence, but limiting gun ownership is not the route to take. The U.S. homicide rate has actually decreased as gun ownership increased. The amount of firearm deaths has decreased by 100 per-

cent in the last 10 years, yet, at the same time, gun ownership is higher than ever. The fact is that guns are effective tools in self-defense. One shortcoming of much proposed legislation is that it assumes those who would commit gun crimes would respect gun legislation. If someone is planning on committing armed robbery, why would they care if it's a gun free zone? Chicago has enacted some of the most comprehensive gun control laws, but it has some of the highest instances of gun violence. Handgun and assault weapons bans don't work. Cracking down on the illegal arms trade does.

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## Guns and criminality

The prohibition of an item or material by a governing authority presents a peculiar opportunity for those willing to defy the law and possess the prohibited items. The inherent danger involved in the transportation and distribution or use of prohibited commodities has proven throughout human history to be a relatively lucrative business.



BRYCE BENEFIELD

The items that are deemed illegal create value for those looking to generate income off the record. Americans learned an important lesson upon the prohibition of alcohol in the early 1920s; it was one of substantial failure. The most interesting, albeit unforeseen, result of signing of the 18th Amendment into law was an ensuing deterioration of the American rule of law as a whole, along with the rise of an immensely powerful criminal class. This class then became entrenched enough to stabilize and diversify within the nation as a counter culture. A criminal class is comprised of individuals who have little to no reluctance towards violating the law, and thus are willing to act according to their own desires regardless of what the law says. Further discussion of the criminal class can be extended beyond the simple prohibition of alcohol; a more modern example of a powerful criminal class is the Mexican cartel, which was financed by the multi-billion dollar illegal marijuana and drug industry. The prohibition of marijuana and alcohol both created and entrenched a counter culture. Counter cultural tendencies arise where people postulate about the legitimacy of the law and relevant injustice, "my society was wrong about this prohibited material, and I think they could be incorrect about other common notions." People grow to distrust government authority when faced with institutional contradiction in values.

My argument will be concluded with a discussion of the prohibition of firearms, a topic completely relevant to the operations of criminal classes. If a nation were to pass a universal ban on all guns, the possession of firearms, being illegal, would also be lucrative. Illegal firearms would be lucrative because their illegality does not inhibit the fact that they still would serve a primary function for individuals as a tool of self preservation (the ability to prevent external harm to oneself.) The retained instrumental value then leads to a situation where any and all people who still value the instrumental utility of a firearm (and maybe the right to self preservation) would now be forced to operate within the criminal class to exercise that right. Immediately this person would now have to operate as if police officers, government inspections and the authorities as a whole were a threat, newly antagonistic and contradictory towards their self-ideation. More importantly, those law abiding citizens who would admittedly follow the letter of the law, and give up their right to possess an instrument of self preservation, would be at the hands of those who rejected that notion. This point denies the viability of the old intuitive adage, "less guns equals less violent crime." Because strategically, those with guns where guns are scarce would be much more powerful relative to the rest of our law abiding citizens, depending mostly on how many instruments of self preservation we deemed were prohibited. In this sense, if granny were living in Detroit, where police response time is nearly an hour, wouldn't it be better for her to be allowed to preserve her own life through any means necessary? Government prohibition of firearms, like alcohol and marijuana, would benefit the long-term viability of the criminal class more than anyone else.

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## Revising US gun control regulations

In the past year, several acts of gun violence have caused a renewed debate over gun control laws. Most notable among these cases is the shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin by George Zimmerman in a supposed act of self-defense. This November, 19-year-old Renisha McBride was shot and killed by Theodore Wafer. McBride approached Wafer's home for help after backing into a parked car in Dearborn Heights, Mich. and was shot before she could reach the porch. In the past week alone, shootings have occurred at Purdue University and South Carolina State University, both resulting in one death; shootings also took place in a Philadelphia high school and a New Mexico middle school. I maintain that these recent acts of violence necessitate a reexamination of both America's gun laws and society's attitude towards mental illness.



RACHEL SULLIVAN

If Americans possess guns at all, both the type of weapon and the individual owning the gun should be closely examined. The Second Amendment states that "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed." Gun rights adherents employ this passage to support their position, but in reality, the founders referred only to gun ownership for an organized militia, not for private citizens. I do not argue for a complete ban on all guns; such a measure would be so poorly received by the American public that it would undoubtedly lead to increased violence. However, I do favor a ban on handguns. Currently, 67 percent of murders are committed with firearms. Chicago's 1982 ban on handguns has resulted in a steady decline in homicides, and is currently 17 percent lower than in 1982. Gun control adherents will cite a similar ban implemented in Washington, D.C. in 1976, which resulted in a 76 percent increase in homicides. The ban was struck down by the Supreme Court in 2008, but this increase in gun violence was not caused by the ban itself, instead by the fact that criminals could easily purchase guns outside of the D.C. area and bring them into the city. A ban on handguns must be national for it to be effective; it will undoubtedly result in a

lower national homicide rate. Banning handguns, however, will not individually be effective enough to see a large decrease in homicides. I believe that the larger issue is the ease with which individuals with mental illnesses or the intent to murder can obtain guns, by both legal and illegal means. Therefore, I argue for strict background and medical checks and gun safety training when a gun is purchased. The vast majority of criminals who commit murders with guns obtain these weapons from family members; because of this, an investigation into the mental health gun owner's immediate family should be required as well. All gun owners should be educated on gun safety and required to store their weapons in locked, secure areas. Furthermore, education to promote the understanding, detection and treatment of mental illness in America should be increased. Gun rights adherents claim that "Guns don't kill people. People with guns kill people." This may be the case, but it is currently far too easy for those with the intent to murder to obtain these weapons.

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## Guns and preventable casualties

It has been said that the politics of gun control are impossible to reconcile. I believe that



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of value to us? To get to the bottom of this, we must recognize that there are three components involved in this debate: a very specific set of rights, the lives of those in the path of firearms and the guns themselves. I don't believe it is too reductive to treat them as the main elements of this equation. It is my argument that, in order to honor and preserve the second of the three components, we must abolish our focus on that set of specific rights and focus instead on the guns themselves. After the Sandy Hook Massacre, it was revealed in investigations that the shootings of 20 first graders, four teachers, a principal and the school's psychologist were carried out to completion in a breathtaking five-minute timespan. That five-minute period contained the discharge of 152 bullets. When the Assault Weapons Ban was in

effect, restrictions were in place so that a citizen could only purchase ten round magazines. Sandy Hook, the killer, would have had to reload fourteen times, allowing the escape of many more children. Instead, 152 bullets were fired in the span of five minutes. The accumulation of experiences that died along with the people who would have lived them is staggering. This is from where my core argument stems: with each gun rights activist that bases his or her argument on the belief that we are robbing gun owners of a recreational experience, an actual experience of a child, such as the ones at Sandy Hook Elementary, is taken away. This is why it is imperative that even if the debate cannot be completely resolved, there must be concrete action taken to renew the Assault Weapons Ban passed under the Clinton Administration in 1994. The passage would support the notion that we value life, which unequivocally trumps the Second Amendment. This progress would be coupled with the fact that gun control has

existed in legislation (for a period of ten years, no less, until it was revoked under the Bush Administration) without the complete abolition of the Constitution, dissipating the common argument that the right of citizen would be degraded if action were taken in a regulatory direction. Time is a blessing when it allows children to escape from a classroom with a shooter in it. Yet time, when spent unwisely in legislative deliberations, can also be lethal. There is too much value placed in a right that has allowed for the massacres of elementary school children to proceed. There is too much value placed in a slippery-slope fantastical vision of a future in which a Police State reigns. There is not enough value placed in the efficient passage of a law that would preserve lives. As Dianne Feinstein stated in a 2013 CNN interview, "You reach a point where enough is enough."

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# Great Decisions Lecture Series: Who’s coming to dinner?

## Documentary filmmaker and Nobel Peace Prize winner to visit Wooster

**Sanjana Kumbhani**  
*Features Editor*

The College of Wooster is one of the supporters of the Great Decisions Lecture Series. Having been around for over 30 years the Series is a joint venture between the

College and the local Wooster community. The focus of the series is always on world affairs, and it ties in influential figures to come lecture who appeal to a very broad demographic, from Wooster High School and College students to local adult community

members. This year, the series kicked off spectacularly with *The New York Times* Correspondent David Sanger coming in to talk about U.S. foreign policy. More recently Ivan Vejvoda, vice president for programs at the German Marshall Fund, highlighted the crisis and success of the European Union. The next segment of the series involves a screening of the highly acclaimed documentary film, *Rafea Solar Mama*. This film explores the journey of illiterate women in small communities in Jordan who travel to northwest India. They are trained there to become solar engineers and they take their knowledge and skills of electrifying villages back to Jordan. The film sheds light on the obstacles the women face being from small conservative Arabic communities and debates the question of whether it is appropriate for those women to do this kind of work. On the following day, one of the directors of the film, Jehane Nonjaim — de-

scribed by John Rudisill, associate professor of philosophy and executive director of the Great Decisions Program, as “one of the brightest new documentarians today” — will deliver a talk capturing the zeitgeist involving the sense of time and developing fully the characters that she is framing in her documentaries. She will emphasize the changing dynamics of a woman’s role in society today, especially those in the Middle East and how they fit into the globalizing world. Being of Egyptian-American descent and educated at Harvard, Nonjaim has the expertise and understanding to deliver a talk no one wants to miss. The last leg of the series includes a lecture by Nobel Peace Prize laureate and former President of Timor-Leste, José Ramos-Horta. He just returned from Guinea-Bissau where he was appointed by the UN Secretary General to serve as the Representative and Head of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office to restore constitutional order in

the country. He has also witnessed first-hand the violence, unrest and instability Timor-Leste faced when it was invaded by Indonesia after its independence from Portugal. His talk will focus on his own experience dealing with peace and conflict and how wars can be prevented and peaceful resolutions achieved. It was because of a personal connection that we are able to have Ramos-Horta come to Wooster. Carolyn Robinson, a Wooster citizen who eventually went on to become a producer at CNN, was acquainted with him through her job, and is now a member of the local committee responsible for organizing the series. “Great things can come out of even a small town like Wooster. If it were not for her, we wouldn’t have the honor of having someone like Ramos-Horta come to talk at Wooster,” remarked Rudisill. For more information about the lecture series, visit <http://www.wooster.edu/news/releases/2014/january/great-decisions/index.php>.



Audience awaits David Sanger in Scheide (Photo courtesy [info@greatdecisionswayne.com](mailto:info@greatdecisionswayne.com)).

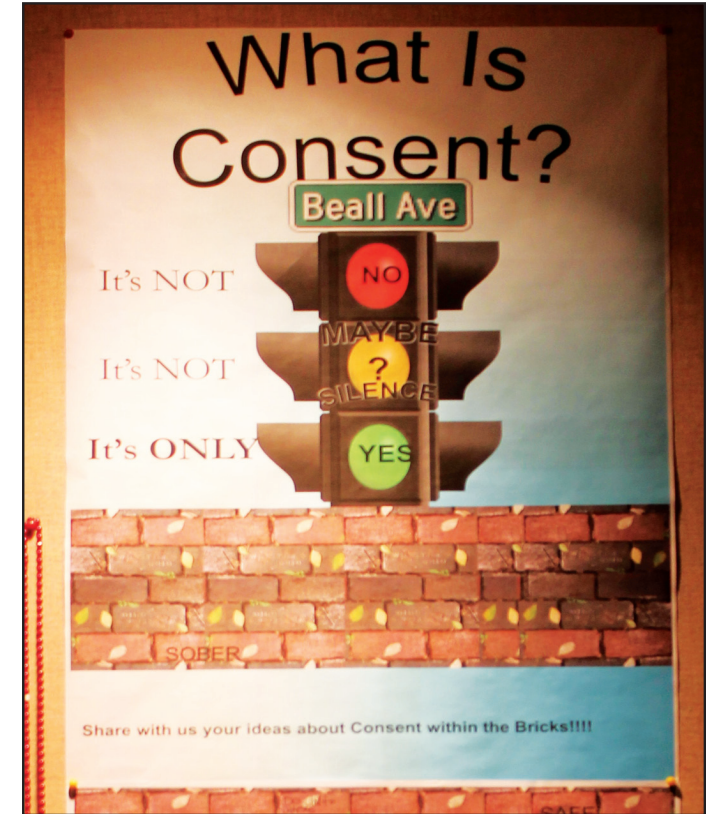
# k(NO)w open house: outlines strategic planning for semester

**Dani Gagnon**  
*Features Editor*

Last Wednesday Jan. 22, k(NO)w held an open house inviting the student body to attend and hear their definitions and outlines of their goals for the semester. The meeting, while short, was direct and efficient in refining the framework for the group’s short-term goals. When reflecting on the group’s development, Group Organizer Gina Christo ’14 said that while k(NO)w officially formed spring semester of the 2012-13 school year, it came into its own last fall and this semester it can finally present itself to campus. Before the formation of k(NO)w, there wasn’t a space for students to hold a discourse

about sexual abuse or consent. Christo reflected that the group became that space within the last two semesters. While that was not the original intent, the process helped define k(NO)w’s passions and made clear a direction for the group to move in. This semester is what many students are referring to as the reinvention of the organization or the second debut of k(NO)w in collaboration with other student groups on campus, as well as organizations off-campus. Within the first founding semester, k(NO)w’s presence quickly became well established on campus. However, after their initial and immediate success, it began to plateau. k(NO)w plans to appeal to a wider spectrum of students, among many other new approaches. One of the

many new avenues k(NO)w is going down is appealing to a wider spectrum of students. Early efforts have already been put forward to collaborate with on campus groups Brothers of Diversity and Black Students Association. Christo said she hopes to start working with Greek groups, athletes and departments to try to reach out to more students on campus who have yet to be involved in k(NO)w’s dialogue and message surrounding sexual respect. Jacob Danko ’16 spoke briefly about the events that were outlined at the Open House last week. According to Danko, k(NO)w plans on hosting a “Security Fireside Chat where we hope to create a space in which students, security officers and possibly deans who attend, can start a dialogue about the process of reporting cases of sexual assault or sexual harassment.”



## Environmental Tip of the Week

Do you often find yourself advocating for a cause you truly believe in, but wondering how effective your words are? Do you want to learn how to engage an audience while advocating for their support? Are your friends sick of the talking points and statistics you whip out every time your favorite topics come up? Try telling a story! Storytelling conveys a personal commitment to your environmental or social issue. Within a story, you can portray the complications of a political, cultural and/or religious issue. A story will also engage your audience and help them feel a personal connection with the issue. If you’re interested in learning how to develop storytelling skills as a way to advocate for an ethical cause, there will be two Storytelling and Sustainability workshops on Wednesday, Feb 5 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.. RSVP by emailing [SLoder@wooster.edu](mailto:SLoder@wooster.edu).



## Recipe of the Week by Chef Bridget Schmidt

### Make Apple Walnut Cinnamon Raisin Pancakes in Lowry

When it’s this cold, there’s nothing harder than getting out of bed in the morning. But maybe this tasty breakfast will help motivate you!

#### Step 1

Order your pancakes. We recommend a multi-grain pancake with chocolate chips.

#### Step 2

Gather your ingredients. You’ll need one apple, a scoop of walnuts, cinnamon, syrup, a teacup of hot water and raisins.

#### Step 3

Pour the raisins in the hot water and let them soak.

#### Step 4

Cut up the apple in small cubes and put it in a bowl with all the other ingredients (expect raisins) and microwave them for a minute.

#### Step 5

Add the raisins to mix and if you’re feeling adventurous and up for a challenge you can try to mash up the apple cubes.

#### Step 6

Collect your pancake before someone steals it and then pour your mixture on top of the pancake and add additional syrup if desired.

Want to share your culinary creations with the campus? Anyone can be the featured chef of the week. Just email Dani at [DGagnon16@wooster.edu](mailto:DGagnon16@wooster.edu) or Sanjana at [SKumbhani17@wooster.edu](mailto:SKumbhani17@wooster.edu).

(Photos by Dani Gagnon)



# Visiting director asks students to tell their story

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Director Emmanuel Vaughan-Lee is visiting Wooster this coming Wednesday for a viewing of his newest documentary, *Elemental*. The film focuses the forces that drive people to protect the nature around them. It takes the perspective of three individuals overcoming different environmental challenges around the world. *Elemental* has won the Best Global Message award in the Feature Film Category of the Jaipur International Film Festival, as well as awards for its editing and videography.

Vaughan-Lee believes that human characteristics of film are very important to the movement for a cleaner and more sustainable environment.

“So many current environmental documentaries focus on the issues only, leaving out the human component. We wanted to do something different and tell a story about our relationship to the natural world through very personal and emotional stories.” Vaughan-Lee went on to explain that, “Through their lives, their struggles and victories, we experience firsthand what life is like for those at the front lines of the environmental movement. The issues are always

there in the background, but it’s our characters’ emotional journeys that form the narrative we follow in the film.”

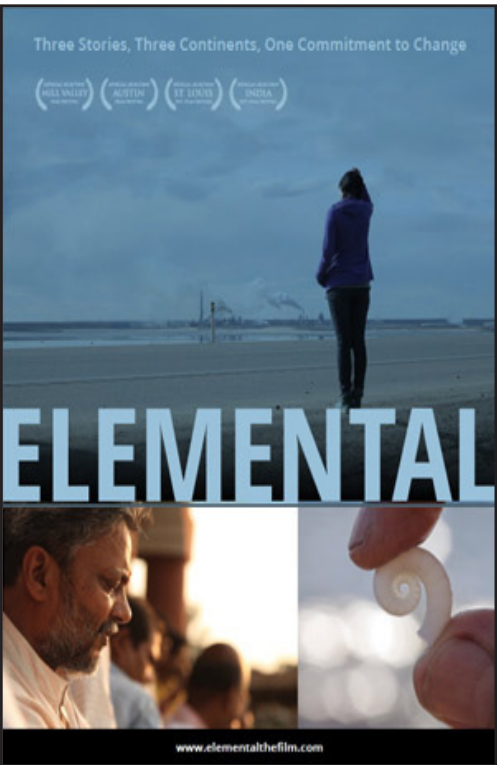
“The goal for *Elemental* was to raise some deep philosophical questions about what it means to relate to nature. I hope that students walk away from the film with a fresh perspective on how they view the natural world and what it means to them. What they do with that perspective will no doubt be as varied as the characters in the film.” Vaughan-Lee hopes that Wooster students will tell stories of their varied experiences and understandings in all sectors of their lives to impact serious environmental change.

Vaughan-Lee began as a musician, engaging in the narrative components of the songs he wrote. When he transitioned to film, he realized he could explore all of his narrative through story. He wrote the musical score for *Elemental*. *The New York Times* complimented Vaughan-Lee’s musical score saying, “this sensitively scored film complicates the typical missionary’s-progress arc by acknowledging its would-be heroes’ weaknesses and the day-to-day obstacles to doing good.”

Two storytelling workshops will be led by Vaughan-Lee on Wednesday Feb. 5 at 1 p.m. and 4

p.m. The workshops will focus on how storytelling is an important method of engaging people in sustainability. In the workshops, Vaughan-Lee will show some other short films, illustrating emotional interaction between humans and their environment. The 1 p.m. workshop will be held in Lowry 119, and the 4 p.m. one in Mateer G01. To RSVP for these workshops you should contact Wooster’s Sustainability Coordinator, Sb Loder, at SLoder@wooster.edu.

The viewing of *Elemental* will take place in Mateer Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday Feb. 5. This viewing is open to everyone and does not require an RSVP. Following the film, Vaughan-Lee will be present for a question and answer session. There will also be a reception after the event. Loder believes this multidisciplinary event will appeal to the wide



New documentary, *Elemental*, visits Wooster Wed. Feb. 5 (photo courtesy AP).

student population.

“This film and the workshops bring together so many different issues (social, religious, political, cultural, environmental) in a personal and relatable way; it seemed to fit the way individuals at Wooster embrace complex identities and the way we learn to investigate issues from multiple perspectives,” said Loder.

# New Against Me! release important, but inadequate

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A&E Editor

I first fell in love with Against Me! towards the end of eighth grade. Growing up in coastal New England, I was surrounded by a cesspool of a burgeoning hipster culture and social pathology. My middle school friends overwhelmed me with their irony, conservative politics and blink-182 records. Radical and dressed fully in black, Against Me! represented something that was missing from my life musically: a form of punk that was just

as political and violent as the 1980s American hardcore scene, but more accessible and heartfelt. Unfortunately, my exposure to Against Me! was a little too late and in 2007 the band promoted to a major label for more money, abandoning any of their supposed punk principles. In 2010, on their release *White Crosses*, Tom Gabel (now Laura Jane Grace) took the ultimate stab at her past and sang: “You want me to surrender my identity/ I was a teenage anarchist/ The revolution was a lie.” Their sound transformed from clumsy and abrasive bro-hymns to

polished arena rock. Their raw sound only grew more and more tame. These sudden changes left many feeling abandoned and disillusioned. Then in May 2012 in a surprising turn of events, Laura Jane Grace publicly came out as transgendered, announcing plans to transition to living as a woman.

On their most recent release, *Transgender Dysphoria Blues*, Grace skillfully weaves together her identity with the band’s reawakened roots in punk ideology with lines like, “You’ve got no c\*\*t in your strut/ You’ve got no hips to shake” and “They just see a f\*\*\*\*t.”



From left to right, Inge Johansson, James Bowman, Laura Jane Grace, Atom Willard are the current lineup of Against Me! (Photo courtesy Pitchfork).

It is clear the new album served a release and rejection of years of suppression for Grace. On the track, “Drinking with Jocks,” Grace thrashes and separates herself from the homophobic and poisonous culture she grew up in and belts, “There will always be a difference between me and you.” However, the album’s intensity is erratic and the lifeless instrumentation largely dilutes any emotion. The band’s instrumentation, production and melodies have become so tame; with each new release they fall closer to sounding like every other band on the radio, only with more obvious punk influences. For example, the song “Unconditional Love” is as obnoxiously sugary as any early 2000s pop punk. The verbose lyrics barely secure the staccato drums and guitars, and leave the listener indifferent. As much as I would like to believe Laura is pouring her heart and soul into the lyrics of this song, its production makes me feel like I could swap the lyrics out with any other pop rock song.

It’s easy to become distracted by this album’s weak production value and lackluster instrumentations, but once you consider the people behind the music of this record, *Transgender Dysphoria Blues* sounds anything but apathetic. Even if their sound has transformed into something completely different, Against Me! has returned to who they truly are.

## THE SCENE

### BIOLOGY AT ITS BEST

Deep within the Chicago Field Museum, two women ponder the dismembered corpse of a snow leopard laid out before them.

“I have never smelled anything like this,” said Emily Graslie, a visitor to the museum.

“Do you smell the spice in it?” asked Anna Goldman, manager of the Field Museum’s mammal preparation lab. “There’s the urine, right? You can smell the ammonia, that’s all this region. But you can also smell the fat a little bit, you can smell the muscle, there’s a little bit of blood in there. It’s got this spice to it.”

“One of the best parts of this job,” continued Goldman, “is not only seeing the insides of so many different mammals, but also all their different smells. Primates smell totally different than any other mammal. And chipmunks, they smell the best.”

This is a scene from *The Brain Scoop*, a YouTube channel that provides a surprisingly engaging look at taxidermy and biology. The show is hosted by the ever-enthusiastic Graslie, an art student turned taxidermist, with production help from YouTube celebrities Hank Green and Michael Aranda. The channel is named after a specialized piece of taxidermy equipment.

*The Brain Scoop*’s videos include conversations with experts, Q&As and informational pieces, but the frequent dissections are the best. Between 10 and 15 minutes long, these longer episodes follow Graslie and her colleagues as they cut into a wide array of animals, from zebras to anteaters to squirrels. Graslie provides constant narration, which itself varies from informed commentary to “oh gross, look at that!”

If you’ve already heard of *The Brain Scoop*, it’s probably because of “Where’s My Ladies At?” a video in which Graslie discusses the gender gap in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) disciplines and highlights sexist YouTube comments she received. This episode — featured on *Jezebel*, *The Huffington Post*, *Upworthy* and *NPR* — has twice as many views as the channel’s next-most-watched video. Its popularity led to potential book deals and endorsement offers.

“Where’s My Ladies At?” is a great video and you should all see it; yet, I have mixed feelings on how its responsible for a surge in the channel’s popularity. People should be watching *The Brain Scoop* because it’s awesome, without the added perk of feminist solidarity. That said, I applaud Graslie for using her internet platform to call attention to an important social issue. Her advocacy gives another dimension to the show, pairing the scientific content with the realities of the society that produces it.

In all, *The Brain Scoop* is one of the best educational channels on YouTube, on par with (if not better than) the likes of *CGP Grey* and *V! Hart*. For those of you who miss childhood visits to the zoo, hunting for bugs in the backyard or high school dissections, *The Brain Scoop* can help instill such wonder for the natural world once again.

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## WoosterStreetStyle: Showcasing personal style on campus



Wooster’s hearty students brought out their warmest parkas, thickest gloves, largest scarves and highest boots this week to combat the sub-zero temperatures, but as always, in style.

Jeremy Ludemann ’14 (left) and Sydney Jones’15 (right) show off styles currently trending in the polar vortex.

Ludemann keeps the Woo Street dream alive with a thick scarf and an even thicker coat. You can never have enough scarves. Jones’ deep red coat livens up the dull greys of the winter landscape.

(Photos by Angela Neely).





BITE-SIZED SPORTS

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL  
PLAYERS FILE TO BE IN LABOR UNION

Kain Colter, the quarterback of Northwestern University, and an undisclosed number of players took steps toward forming a labor union that would recognize them as employees of the University. The president of the National College Players Association, Ramogi Huma, filed this petition. Huma, a former UCLA linebacker, was contacted by Colter last spring. “Athletes deserve an equal voice when it comes to their physical, academic and financial protections,” he said. Colter did not pursue this labor union because of mistreatment by Northwestern University. He instead is trying to help “all players” that play football in the NCAA. “Right now the NCAA is like a dictatorship. No one represents us in negotiations. The only way things are going to change is if players have a union,” Colter said (ESPN.com).

LYNCH SNUBS SUPERBOWL MEDIA DAY

Seattle Seahawk Marshawn Lynch said the bare minimum at a media day for the upcoming Super Bowl. The quiet running back has already been fined \$50,000 this season for not speaking to any media outlets during interviews. Lynch, knowing full well that every player is required to participate at media day, spoke for six minutes to the NFL Network. In that short time, he managed to say that the day “ain’t [his] thing.” Defending himself from many critics, he stated that he was not raised to talk openly with the media. At the end of the short interview he added, “Game time, though, I’ll be there” (ESPN.com).

MEN’S BASKETBALL SHOCKED BY  
TIGERS’ STAMINA

After a hard battle, the Scots lost to conference rival DePauw University. This was the first loss the Scots have endured all season. The Scots trailed the Tigers for the majority of the game, but kept the score within a close margin. While the offense struggled, the defense forced 15 turnovers. Doug Thorpe ’14 scored the team high of 22 points, while Xavier Brown ’15 added 17 and Kevin DeBoer ’14 converted 12. DeBoer also led the Scots in rebounds with four. On paper and in the rankings, the Scots are said to be the better team, but this is the third straight season that they have lost to DePauw. This loss threatens Wooster’s first place spot in the conference. The Tigers trail one game behind the Scots. Wooster looks to rebound tomorrow when they host the Wabash College Little Giants at 2 p.m. (WoosterAthletics.com).

Basketball stumbles off track



Women’s basketball has endured a string of tough losses recently but is confident for the remainder of the season (Photo courtesy Wooster Athletics).

Lincoln Plews  
Senior Sports Writer

It has been a rough few months for the women’s basketball team. After starting the season with an impressive five game winning streak, the Scots have now lost 11 of their last 12 games. In that time they have allowed an average of 78 points per game, while only scoring an average of 55 points.

The Scots’ recent run of losses can reasonably be attributed to worthy competition rather than poor play. Two of the losses have come to nationally first-ranked DePauw, a perennial powerhouse in Division III.

The Scots entered their most recent game against DePauw fresh off of a narrow 65-63 loss to Allegheny. In their previous

meeting the Scots fell to the Tigers 98-68. However, they scored the highest point total of any team that has faced DePauw this season.

The away game this past Saturday at DePauw did not have a silver lining. The Tigers shot a blazing 67 percent from the three point line and 60 percent from the field on the way to a 98-32 win over the Scots.

Despite their struggles, the Scots remain upbeat and confident in their abilities. “Our team’s strength is that we never give up,” said guard Lauren Hancher ’16. “We continue to play hard no matter the score.” Hancher is leading the Scots in scoring this season with 14 points per game.

This dramatic run of bad luck by no means indicates that the

season is lost. The remaining seven games are all in-conference match-ups, five of which will be played at home, so the Scots have a good chance to finish the year quite strong. “Five out of our next seven games are at home, and all of them are winnable,” Hancher said.

The Scots will have a good chance to get back on track with a home game against Ohio Wesleyan on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Ohio Wesleyan is currently ranked fifth in the NCAC with a record of 10-8 (5-4 in conference play).

“Hopefully our focus on executing the offense correctly and playing team defense will give us a win this Wednesday against Hiram and the games after that,” Hancher said.

Moore hurdle hurts, performance a slam dunk

Sheamus Dalton  
Sports Editor

While most of Colorado’s sports fans were preparing to see their Denver Broncos in the upcoming Super Bowl, there was a select group of Coloradans who were focused on something entirely else over the weekend. The thrill-seekers, the daredevils and all those who harbor an irrational desire for adrenaline-filled experiences met in Aspen, Colo. for the 2014 Winter X Games.

Unlike any other event, the Winter X Games take the traditional winter sports many of us enjoy at our local ski resorts and supercharge them. Bunny slopes are replaced with quad diamonds, 90-foot kicker jumps are added and a few backflipping snowmobiles are thrown in. Across the Buttermilk Mountain, 16 men’s and women’s events took place in disciplines such as snowboard superpipe and snowmobile long jump.

Last week, the X Games created some memorable moments. Tucker

Hibbert won his seventh straight snocross gold and Danny Davis won his first gold in superpipe.

However, nothing during the five days seemed to match Colton Moore’s emotional performance in snowmobile freestyle, only one year after his brother Caleb Moore died in a tragic crash during the 2013 Winter X Games in the same event.

“This is the greatest moment ever, to be able to come back and ride for my brother,” said Moore in an interview with ESPN.

“And not just for him, but with him, because I know he was out here with me all night. To be able to come out here and get gold is unbelievable. I just give it all to him. I know he was the one helping me do everything I was doing.”

Many of the athletes who competed in this year’s Winter X Games are now on to Sochi, Russia for the Winter Olympics. While this may be considered a bigger stage on a global scale, it will be a tall order to match the action, emotion and glory of Moore and many like him at this winter’s X Games.



Colten Moore celebrates after an emotional victory in snowmobile freestyle at the Winter X Games (Photo courtesy ESPN).

PERSPECTIVES OF THE PEOPLE

Read this if you don’t care about the Super Bowl

God loves football. In fact, just the other day He interrupted my rant about how much I miss Mike Alstott to emphasize the importance of this year’s holiest of games, Super Bowl XLVIII. Please, let me paraphrase what He told me.

See, Peyton and the Broncos represent the last stand of honor in the National Football League. They are a hard working band of blue (and orange) collar men who exemplify the concept of “team.” They are all family men in the same babysitting co-op. They are ingenious, sincere and they humbly acknowledge their

new role as America’s Team (sorry, Dallas). They hail from Denver, the healthy heartland of the American west and the American Dream. Not much else really needs to be said about the Broncos.

Denver is God’s team. Then there’s the Seahawks... Oooh. They represent the new, flashy, disrespectful generation of football. They are a polluted Pacific wave of depravity that is infesting football at all levels. They stand for taunting, rowdy and selfish lack of composure, unnecessary attention and all of the negativity that comes with it. I feel sorry for their mothers.

The Seahawks unfortunately come from Seattle, where the hipsters flock, it’s always dreadful and rainy and cannabis isn’t even legal yet. They play in that unoriginal Century Link stadium. Every time I see that ugly excuse for architecture all I can think about is irresponsible athletes driving drunk to strip clubs to awkwardly scatter one-dollar bills around.

The only thing Seattle has going for them is the old-school ground game in Marshawn Lynch, a classic brute as big and dumb and somehow as accomplished as any running back we’ve seen

since Mike Alstott. However, unlike Alstott or any of Denver’s players, Lynch is an intolerable goon and is just about as ugly as that foresworn stadium.

And Pete Carroll is to football as what all politicians are to politics: a piece of garbage.

And you want me to talk about a crook? Russell Wilson is the epitome of sneaky, rat quarterbacks who never learned how to keep their unwanted athleticism in the pocket. I hate that another young, crumbly QB meandered this far into the playoffs behind his exceptional defense and running game.

The Seattle Seahawks are Tom Hanks’ and Meg Ryan’s team.

So please, in order to conserve the good-natured tradition and glory of the best sport ever invented, both God and I advise you to concentrate all of your positive vibes to the Denver Broncos. Convert the energy from those chicken wings to the good guys--especially Peyton, the honorable hero who should command God’s team to a victory this Sunday. Thank you. Nick Barrow declined to be photographed for this column, but if you wish contact him, he encourages you to approach him in person.



# Track and field dribbles out against NCAC competition

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The College of Wooster track and field team came up short with a combination of seven wins against Ohio Wesleyan University on Saturday, Jan. 25. Conference foes Allegheny College and Kenyon College were scheduled to attend the competition, but due to poor weather conditions, they were unable to travel to the Scot Center for the meet, leaving Wooster to fight it out in a dual against the Battling Bishops.

The women won four events in a competitive 97-58 setback against the defending North Coast Athletic Conference champions. The men fell by a similar score of 93-58 to the Battling Bishops, who are ranked No. 21 in all of NCAA Div. III.

The women dominated the jumping events, with Katie Cameron '17 landing first in the long jump (15 feet, 1.5 inches) and Jocelyn Lion '15 doing the same in the triple jump (31 feet, 6.75 inches). Kendra Shehy '15, Amy French '14 and Hilary Coady '16 all cleared four feet, 10.25 inches in the high jump for a first-second-third Wooster finish. Shehy gained first-place honors with the least number of fouls.



Amy French '14 helped lead the Scots in the high jump during competition over the weekend (Photo courtesy Wooster Athletics).

On the track, Wooster clinched an impressive victory in the 4x400-meter relay, as Ashley Huddson '15, Edith Anderson '14, Hilary Coady '16 and Lauren Buyan '15 outraced Ohio Wesleyan 4:15.42 to 4:17.25. Individually, Anderson was runner-up in the 400 meters (1:02.03), Paris Nahas '16 also

placed second in the 60-meter sprint (8.44).

During the men's competition, the Scots excelled in the distance events. Blake Pecoraro '17, Gabriel Abud '14 and Luke Hutchings-Goetz '14 formed a top-three finish in the mile with respective times of 4:41.12, 4:42.47 and

4:46.35. David Brew '14 coasted to the finish line for a win in the 800 meter race with a time of 2:00.50, which was four seconds ahead of the second-place runner.

Wooster's other victor was Mark Stair '17 in the high jump (six feet, five inches), while others of note included runner-up performances

from Tarik Welch '16 in the 400 meters (54.65), Morgan Clark '14 in the 5000 meters (16:09.86) and Matt Margida '16 in the shot put (44 feet, 1.5 inches).

Fighting Scots Anderson and Mamoudou N'Diaye '14 expressed confidence in the team and optimism for the upcoming meets.

"We have talented upperclassmen, but this new class of first-years is really exciting to watch," said N'Diaye. The Scots have proved their talent through their performance in the meets thus far, especially when Stair '17 broke a 36-year-old high jump record last week with a height of six feet, 7.5 inches. "What's even more amazing is they only can go up from here."

In addition, when asked about the team's strengths, Anderson added, "Our team is extremely supportive of one another, and we love to cheer each other on during events. We are also good at simply trying our best, even if another team may be stronger than we are in some areas."

As the season is just beginning, the Scots will have many opportunities to improve on their efforts. Tomorrow Wooster will host The Fighting Scots Invitational Competition featuring field events at noon and track events at 2 p.m.

## Voice Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb. 1
					8:15 p.m.-9:45 p.m., Jazz ensemble concert, McGraw Chapel 10:10 p.m.-12:10 a.m., Free ice skating, Alice Noble Arena	10 a.m.-6 p.m., Track and field Fighting Scot Invitational, PEC 2 p.m., Men's basketball vs. Wabash
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		7 p.m.-9 p.m., Great Decisions documentary screening: Rafea, by Jehane Noujaim, Scheide Music Center	Noon-1:30 p.m., Great Decisions Lunch and Lecture: Jehane Noujaim, Kittredge 4:30-8:30 p.m., Play 4 Kay Event, Scot Center 6 p.m., Women's basketball vs. Ohio Wesleyan 8 p.m., Men's basketball vs. Ohio Wesleyan	8 p.m., Piscataway Nation singer and dancers, McGraw Chapel	7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Casino Night at Wool Vegas, Lowry Lounge 8:15 p.m.-10:30 p.m., I.S. productions, Freedlander Theater	8:15 p.m.-10:30 p.m., I.S. productions, Freedlander Theater
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
11 a.m.-7 p.m., Shopping trip to Easton Town Center (Columbus) 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Gospel choir concert, Scheide Music Center		6 p.m.-9 p.m., Africa Week lecture, Lean Lecture Room	6 p.m.-10 p.m., talk and film showing: "Slavery by Another Name," Lean Lecture Room		8 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Valentine's Day craft night, Lowry Lounge	2 p.m., Women's basketball vs. Wittenberg 7:30 p.m., Men's basketball vs. Wittenberg

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### 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

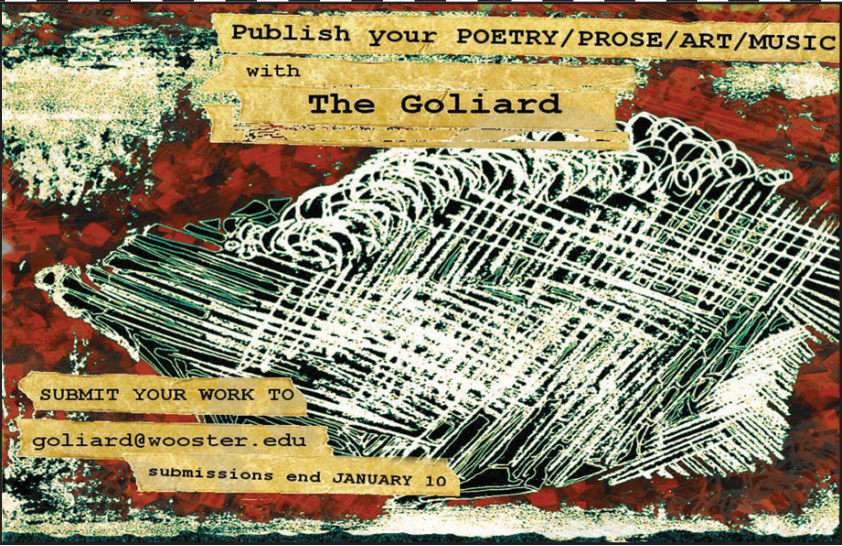
to theatre productions can be found in the calendar above, with additional information provided below if necessary. Campus groups can list events within the calendar for free. Separate advertisements on the back page are \$3 each.

Advertisements, announcements and enquires printed on this page are limited to the campus community and to on-campus

events. Events must be open to the campus at large, and are not limited to but may include speakers, performances, movie showings, special club events, etc. The Voice reserves the right to edit or reject any posts that we receive.

Please direct comments or concerns to Ian Benson '14 and Travis Marmon '14. We always appreciate your suggestions.

## This week in photos



The Goliard has extended its deadline to Feb. 10. Be sure to submit your work to goliard@wooster.edu to be a part of this year's issue. Poetry, prose, art and music submissions welcomed.