Fun Run & Walk for Education

One of Ohio Wesleyan's newest community members has hit Delaware with a running start. Emma Bricker, volunteer extraordinaire, and wife of OWU president Mark Huddleston has organized a 5K Fun Run & Walk for Education.

The Fun Run & Walk will take place April 2, 2005 at 3:30 pm starting and ending in Selby Stadium. The entry fee ranges from $10 for OWU students and those over 65, $15 for those between 19 and 64, and $20 for entries received after March 25 or on the day of the race. All proceeds will be used to start a scholarship fund to aid local high school students who wish to attend Ohio Wesleyan.

In addition to the 5K run and 5K walk, Bricker has also organized a Kids Battle the Bishop Run. Kids 12 and under can race with the Ohio Wesleyan Bishop around the track at Selby Stadium. The entrance fee for children is glue sticks, pencils, crayons, a gently used book, or any other school supplies. These will be distributed to Delaware City Schools.

Bricker felt a need to strengthen the relationship between Ohio Wesleyan and the Delaware community. Why organize a run to do this? "I'm a runner!" explains Bricker. She believes that a community-wide fundraiser will help to bring the two communities together. Bricker also believes in the value of a strong education and wants to make Ohio Wesleyan a more

Service-minded Freshmen Make an Impact

Tabrine Dolder

Serving her community is nothing new for freshman Tabrine Dolder of Hilliard, Ohio. Dolder was involved in SADD for four years in high school and served as the president her senior year. She also participated in the Hilliard Youth Leadership Institute, STAMP mentoring (anti-tobacco campaigns with 7th graders), DARE, Glennmont nursing facility, and Special Olympics bowling.

"Community service is a way of giving back and sharing the blessings I have been given with others."

Dolder became involved on campus by attending the service fair. She became involved with the Juvenile Court Mentorship program, which she learned about through the Community Service RoundTable, and Buckeye Valley Reads. Dolder was a BV Reads participant Fall semester and was hired as the student director of the program for second semester. "I think that being involved in community service has allowed me to meet people at OWU," comments Dolder. "Service is a way of exploring interests, and I think it will help guide me down a career path. Service has given me a purpose

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visible option to local high school students.

Support has been found from all corners of the Ohio Wesleyan and Delaware communities. The Alumni office has assisted in setting up online registration for runners and walkers at http://inauguration.owu.edu/run.htm, Chartwells has agreed to provide the post race celebration, and downtown businesses have assisted in advertising. AmeriHost, Nationwide, and the local Chamber of Commerce have also been helpful. Bricker is also hoping to attract the support of a local radio station to be on site the day of the race. Bricker hopes to involve students as runners and assistants, especially with the kids’ events.

Bricker emphasizes that the focus of the event is fun. She hopes the setting will feel “carnivalesque” with face-painting, a climbing wall, door prizes, and prizes for the top three finishers in each age category. While taking place during the presidential inauguration, Bricker plans to make this an annual event. She hopes to expand her “wild, hair-brained idea” into a trio of events to take place throughout the year that will all feed into the same scholarship fund.

The Inaugural President’s Fun Run & Walk for Education is guaranteed to be a fun event for runners and walkers of all ages from all over the Delaware area. In fact, President Huddleston, himself will be participating as a runner instead of handing out awards at the finish line!

To register for the race or to find out more, visit the race website, or contact Emma Bricker via e-mail at racinfo@owu.edu or by phone at

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and made me feel at home in Delaware.”

Stephanie Bologieorges
Chicago native Stephanie Bologieorges arrived at OWU with an impressive repertoire of service experience under her belt. In high school Bologieorges was involved in several mission trips through Group Work Camps, including trips to Puerto Rico, Pennsylvania, and Illinois. Bologieorges’ favorite service opportunity was a peer mentorship program that paired mentally or physically handicapped students with classmates to help integrate them into the mainstream education system.

Multiple venues have drawn Bologieorges into service work. “Chaplain solicited me through Bible study to work in his office!” Her roommates, flyers around campus, and word of mouth have also alerted Bologieorges to opportunities.

Participating in service work has led to a more positive and enjoyable OWU experience for Bologieorges. She enjoys meeting people through the programs she is involved in and finds the work fun and stress relieving. “Service work reminds me of how we have a lot and makes me aware of what others don’t have.”

Kirsten Pfund
Pfund arrived on campus with a mission. “The second I arrived on campus for orientation I knew I wanted to lead. Younglife had a huge impact on me in high school and I wanted to leave that same impact on others.” Pfund was also involved in Interact and National Honors Society in high school, in addition to Wyldlife, a Younglife program.

Pfund. “It was amazing! The people were great and it was neat seeing all of the houses we worked on get put up.” Pfund will also be living in the Habitat for Humanity House next year, where she will continue to work with the club on campus and in the community.

Emily Uline-Olmstead
High School Senior year was a time of learning and opportunity for Emily Uline-Olmstead. She volunteered at her local YWCA assisting with practical skills. “I got to work with the residents and I was able to use my computer skills to help them with resumes and education programs.”

Uline-Olmstead took charge when she arrived on campus. “I realized I wanted to become an activist so I did anything in my power to make that happen. I used the resources on campus to reestablish ProgressOWU and now we have a variety of speakers coming to campus in the next couple of years.”

Working with the women at the YWCA was Uline-Olmstead’s favorite service opportunity. “It was really about women’s rights and... empowerment, and that is something that is really important to me.”
Lilly Grant renewed for an additional year

It all began with a vision. Elizabeth Cademartori of the Class of 2003 assisted in writing the Lilly Endowment Grant awarded to Ohio Wesleyan for the full $2 million in 2002 for the purpose of creating opportunities for students to reflect upon their calling - as Fredrick Beuchner says, "The place where your deep gladness meets the world's great need."

This year, the Endowment has announced that it is extending the grant for an additional year in recognition of the University’s excellent program development and expression of the Lilly vision.

The Lilly Endowment, Inc. is a private organization that seeks to grant the wishes of its founders—to encourage faith exploration and leadership in the church and in society at large.

Ohio Wesleyan University's Chaplain's office has been able to expand and improve upon existing programs as well as start new ones with the additional funding provided by the Lilly Grant. Several staff positions were made possible with the grant, yearly retreats for each class have been established, spring and summer mission teams have been enhanced, and individual students have benefited from the Lilly money. Over 100 students and faculty are involved in the spring and summer mission week teams alone. Faculty also have the ability to apply for mini-grants from the larger grant to support their own projects.

Sophomore Carrie Christian explains how her experiences at Ohio Wesleyan have been impacted. "The Lilly Grant has enabled me to explore my faith and to discover and learn how to use my gifts. Whether it be through retreats, mission trips, or other experiences with the OWU faith community, the Lilly Grant has not only provided the funding, but also the spirit, to learn more, grow more, and live more faithfully."

Christina believes the Lilly Grant has benefited OWU greatly. "The Grant has provided motivation for this University to take vocation seriously and to pursue discernment more deliberately in university programming."

According to the Lilly Grant Brochure, “The intended result is a melding of students' career choices with their deepest sense of calling, their secular sophistication with their sacred search for meaning, their sense of self with the sense of selflessness.”

With the renewal, the Lilly Grant will continue to fund Chaplaincy programs for another year. When the grant was originally awarded, the University Board of Trustees agreed to a matching fund campaign in order to sustain the Lilly vision at OWU in perpetuity.

Reflections On The End of An Era

With the close of this academic year, a cherished campus entity will cease to exist except in the memories of the seventy-plus students who have resided at 81 Oak Hill Avenue. Of course, I’m speaking of the retirement of the House of HOPE Small Living Unit. For the past eleven years HOPE’rs have been engaged in the mission of “helping others pursue education” through tutoring, mentoring, teaching and caring. Each of those students residents made the personal commitment to give back to the Delaware community through direct service on a weekly basis. Many of them continued to serve after graduation as camp counselors, Peace Corps Volunteers, educators, social workers, editors and so forth. Their mission on campus continues through such programs as the Columbus Initiative, Buckeye Valley Reads, and Bishop Buddies. Their spirit of service to the community will live on through the new Habitat for Humanity House, which will occupy the same 81 Oak Hill address. And so, for eleven years of dedicated service, I say to each of the residents of the House of HOPE, “Well done, and thank you.” -Sue Pasters

Way To Go Greeks! Some Notable Service Events:

- Delta Zeta's Valentine Raffle to benefit Breast Cancer Research
- Alpha Sig’s Servant & Date Auction to benefit Canine Companions
- Chi Phi & Kappa Kappa Gamma’s annual Easter Egg Hunt for Delaware children on Palm Sunday
- Delta Zeta’s Blood Drive on March 21st to benefit the American Red Cross
- Sigma Phi Epsilon’s Miss OWU Pageant on March 23rd to raise money for the Breast Cancer Foundation
- Delta Gamma’s annual Anchor Splash on April 1st (6-8 pm) to benefit Service for Sight
- Kappa Alpha Theta’s Jail ‘N Bail on April 13th to benefit the CASA program

To have your philanthropy or service event (Greek or not) advertised in Opportunity Knocks, email Marian at mhoman@owu.edu, or call Sue Pasters at (740) 368-3084.
Delaware County HFH ReStore
To benefit Habitat for Humanity
305 Curtis Street
Delaware, Ohio
(740) 363-9950
Retail Sales: Thursday 4-8 pm
Fridays & Saturdays 8 am to 6 pm
Bathtubs, cabinets, doors, faucets, hardware, sinks, tools, windows, tile, fencing, ceiling fans, light fixtures, plumbing, ceiling tile, insulation, roofing, siding, newer appliances, paint, vents, stair parts, new carpet, lawn and garden, shower stalls...AND MORE!
All donations are tax-deductible!
Call 363-9950 to schedule a drop-off or pick-up!
All proceeds from the public sale of donated items benefit Delaware County Habitat for Humanity in their efforts to eliminate sub-standard housing.

OWU Pet Pals volunteers at the Humane Society of Delaware County walking dogs, maintaining the facilities, and assisting in the office. Volunteers are always needed, especially ones who can help provide transportation. Interested? Contact Priyanka Deobhaka at ppdeobha@owu.edu

Want to see the man with the bow tie run a 5K?
Think you can keep up?
Find out April 2, 2005 at the Inaugural President’s Fun Run and Walk for Education! Join members of the OWU and Delaware community at Selby Stadium as they race to raise money to support local high school students wishing to attend OWU. Entrance fee is $10 for OWU students and those over 65, $15 for those 19-64, and $20 for entries after March 25. Visit http://inauguration.owu.edu/run.html for more information, or email Emma Bricker at raceinfo@owu.edu, or call 740-368-3900.

Q: How Can I Serve and Have Fun?
A: Tutor an Adult Learner!
- Work with adults on reading, writing, spelling, and basic math skills
- Tutor in a classroom setting
- Help someone succeed in work and life!

Adults in Delaware are seeking to improve their skills for personal and professional growth. You can help them! Work with the classroom instructor. Daytime and evening hours available.
For information on adult tutoring opportunities in Delaware County, call the Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) office at 740-363-1993 x 2267 or e-mail able@delawareareacc.org.

Sponsored by the Delaware Area Career Center ABLE-GED Program and the Literacy Coalition of Delaware County, a United Way Agency.

Circle K
Swim for Diabetes
Saturday, April 16th
Open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Pfeiffer Natatorium
To participate, call Chioke at x2252 or e-mail czbarkar@owu.edu
Before going on to graduate school or beginning a career, become the positive social change that you wish to see in this world ... start by getting involved with City Year.

City Year's mission is to build democracy through citizen service, civic leadership, and social entrepreneurship.

City Year is an international non-profit civic leadership and community service network -- a proud member of AmeriCorps. We seek individuals from all majors interested in serving in a paid volunteer role providing literacy tutoring and mentorship to Columbus Public School students for 43 weeks of the year. Individuals who take part in City Year Columbus projects are distinguished by their commitment to empowering youth and their desire to demonstrate that a small group can initiate powerful, lasting change. Visit us on the web at: www.cityyear.org. We'll be visiting campus twice during the second semester – March 23 and 29. See Career Services for details.

Contact our recruitment team to learn more about our program and application process for our 2003-2004 service term or contact our service department to get involved now through volunteer opportunities: (614) 224-9569.

Volunteer with Preservation Parks of Delaware County!

Preservation Parks is working to preserve and protect “green” areas in the ever-growing Delaware County. We currently have four parks open; and, a fifth will open this summer!

If you love being surrounded by nature, consider volunteering with Preservation Parks. We are looking for volunteers to staff the nature center, maintain trails, participate in our adopted highway cleanup, and assist with special events. We value your talents and are open to projects you would like to create.

If you have any questions please contact Saundra Sklar, Education Program Coordinator, at (740) 524-8600, ext. 3, or you may view our web site at www.preservationparks.com.

Volunteers needed at Grady Memorial Hospital

The Front Escort has an opening on Wed. 8 a.m. until Noon and Thurs. 2–5 p.m. Provides escorts to assist patients in wheelchairs to and from medical departments. This position requires a lot of walking.

Grady Gift Shop is looking for friendly volunteers to assist customers. Currently, alternate Sat. and Sun., 1–5 p.m. is available.

The Information Desk needs volunteers Mon. 3–6 p.m., Sat. 1–4 p.m. to greet visitors and provide patient room numbers.

The Grady Coffee Shop needs help on Mon. 11-3 p.m. and Thurs. 9-1 p.m. Duties include waiting on customers, running dishwasher & cash register and clearing tables.

The Patient Registration Escort Service has openings on Mon., Tues. and Fri. from 6–8 a.m. The volunteer Escort takes patients to Hospital Departments, pickup/deliver specimens and paperwork.

Volunteers receive orientation, training and special benefits.

Call Shari Furay (740) 388-5155 for more information.

Want to be a role model for a Delaware youth? Looking for a rewarding experience?

The T.E.A.M. Mentor Program of the Delaware County Juvenile Court needs mentors to care, listen, and guide 10-14 year old court and non-court involved youth. Mentors are asked to spend a minimum of two hours a week with their young person for one year. For more information on how YOU can make a difference, contact Patty Cram, Mentor Program Coordinator at (740) 833-2678.

Columbus's working poor need your help!

The Mid-Ohio Workers Association work to change unfavorable conditions. 83% of service and other low-income worker families can't afford their housing without sacrificing another basic necessity like food, utilities or medical care. Over 126,000 Franklin County residents have no medical insurance and every night 100,000 children go to bed hungry. To get involved, call (614) 262-0567.
Serve your community at Andrews House!

General Maintenance Volunteers are needed with the upkeep of the house, grounds maintenance, as well as general house-keeping tasks!

The Computer Learning Center at Andrews House needs volunteers to teach introductory computer classes as well as monitor during our open access computer times in the community computer lab.

Transitional Housing Volunteer Position to help provide hot meals to homeless families and make their stay at Andrews House comfortable. The person also heads donation drives for needed program items!

Serve Delaware’s Hungry on the Second Friday or Third Thursday of every month! The second Friday of every month Andrews House serves a hot, sit-down dinner to Delaware’s hungry. Come join partner churches to serve these meals! The Andrews House now also serves soup and sandwiches the third Thursday of every month! Preparations begin at 3 pm.

Andrews House is located within easy walking distance of campus at 39 W. Winter Street on the corner of W. Winter and N. Franklin. For more information contact Jill Lee at 369-4520.

BIG Fun
With Bishop Buddies!

A partnership between Ohio Wesleyan, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio and Conger Elementary
To learn more, call BBBS at 369-2447 or the OWU Service Learning office at 368-3084.
You Can Make a Difference!

Contact **Connections**
The Delaware County Volunteer Center
39 W. Winter Street,
Delaware, OH 43015
(740) 363-5000
connections@midohio.net

**Training Opportunity:**
Tuesday, April 12th
**Working with Special Needs**
**Community & Understanding**
**Elder Abuse Laws**
9:00 am – 12:00 noon
(registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)
Hayes Services Building – Room G35
140 N. Sandusky St.

(Session Costs $40, CEU’s available)
Questions? Call 363-5000

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**WHO SAYS THERE’S NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH?**

Help the Delaware County Senior Nutrition Program deliver meals to local seniors who are unable to prepare meals for themselves.

**What you need:**
- A valid driver’s license
- An insured vehicle
- 2-3 hours, once a week
- A desire to help others

**What you receive:**
- Mileage reimbursement
- Supervision and support
- Annual training
- A free lunch at Grady Memorial Hospital (see, I told you!)

Call Jane Luzadder for more information
(740)368-5384

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**Delaware County Office of Victim Services**

- Victim Services is currently offering a wide range of exciting internships and volunteer opportunities especially appropriate for Sociology, Pre-Law, Political Science, Psychology and Women’s Studies majors.
- Interns and volunteers will provide assistance and support to crime victims and survivors throughout the criminal justice system and this traumatic time in their lives.
- **CLASS CREDIT IS AVAILABLE!**

Interested students should contact Sarah Wheeler at 740-833-2710

The Delaware County Office of Victim Services is a division of Delaware County Prosecutor’s office

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**Turning Point**

Programs for Victims/Survivors of Domestic Violence
Help stop the cycle of abuse!
To volunteer, call Lindsey Winfield
(740)382-8988 or email lwinfield@turningpoint6.com

Help the Red Cross with bloodmobiles, children’s programs, the Youth Service club, or be trained to help with local and national disasters.
To find out more, contact Judy Domire 362-2021 or jdomire@delco-redcross.org.
Visit us online at:
http://delawarecounty.redcross.org
OWU Bowl for Kids' Sake 2005

All sixteen lanes for the annual ALL OWU NIGHT of Bowl for Kids' Sake have been filled! This year’s event will be held on Friday, April 1st from 10 pm until past midnight at the Delaware Lanes on Route 36-37 East. As usual, there will be tons of games and prizes for the bowlers and all the proceeds from the event benefit the Delaware County Chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio. Teams will be competing for trophies, and bragging rights, based on the amount of money they raise, so all donations are greatly appreciated.

Sponsor your favorite OWU team today!
* The Student Teams are as follows: Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Chi Phi, Delta Zeta, Delta Gamma, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, CLEAR, Horizons International, Circle K, Smith West-2nd Floor, and Celebrate Life.
* The Staff Teams are: Housekeeping-Stuy, Kim Hammy; Housekeeping-E. Campus, Ruthann Huston; B&G-Powerhouse, Tony Caldwell; and B&G-Hayes, Donn Moore. Questions? Call Sue Pastors at 368-3084. And to learn more about the work of Big Brothers Big Sisters in Delaware County, call Nancy Duffee at 369-2447.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a United Way Agency.

OWU Calendar:
March 29: City Year visits OWU
April 1: OWU Bowl For Kids’ Sake! AND Delta Gamma’s Anchor Splash
April 2: Inaugural President’s Fun Run & Walk for Education, 3:30 p.m. at Selby Stadium
April 3: Spring Break Mission Week
April 6: OWU Presidential Inauguration Day
April 8-9: The LC sponsored 30 Hour Famine
April 10: Monnett Weekend
April 28: Last Day of Classes
May 7: Baccalaureate
May 8: Graduation
May 9: Lost Sock Memorial Day

For more information, visit the Chaplain’s office calendar at http://chaplain.owu.edu/files/calendar.html