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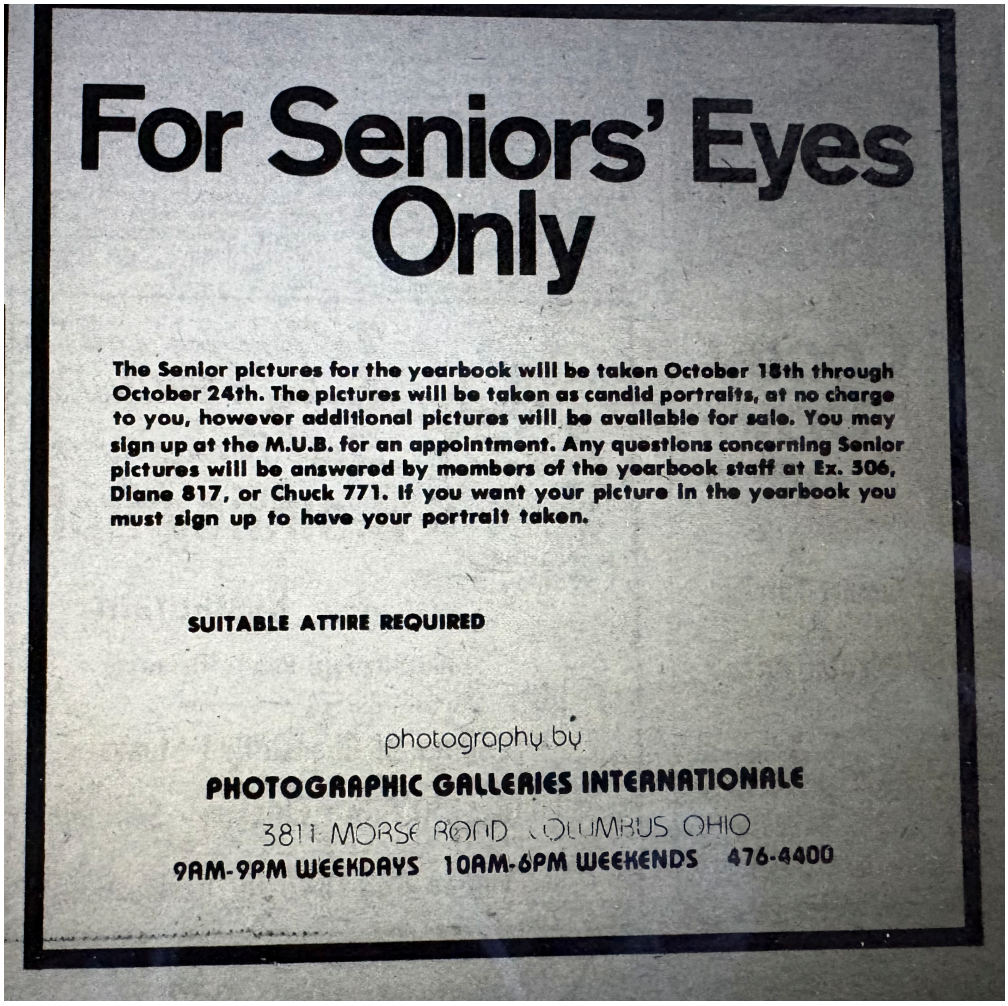
Ohio Wesleyan 50th Reunion Delaware, Ohio May 14–16, 2027

Happy Halloween, Class of 1977 Battling Bishops! What were you doing 50 years ago?

In October 1976, Walter Mondale and Bob Dole participated in the first vice-presidential debate. The VHS was first offered for sale in Tokyo for $1,060. The Cincinnati Reds swept the New York Yankees in four games to win the World Series, and Hank Aaron played in his final game.

Marathon Man was the number one movie. Billboard's top ten included "A Fifth of Beethoven" by Walter Murphy and the Big Apple Band, and "Disco Duck" by Rick Dees and his Cast of Idiots! However, at OWU we were listening to Hall and Oates' "She's Gone," Gordon Lightfoot's "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald," and Chicago's "If You Leave Me Now."

On campus, we were to be suitably attired for our senior pictures:



Did you know that Bigfoot broke into Branch Rickey?:

'Big foot' scars floor

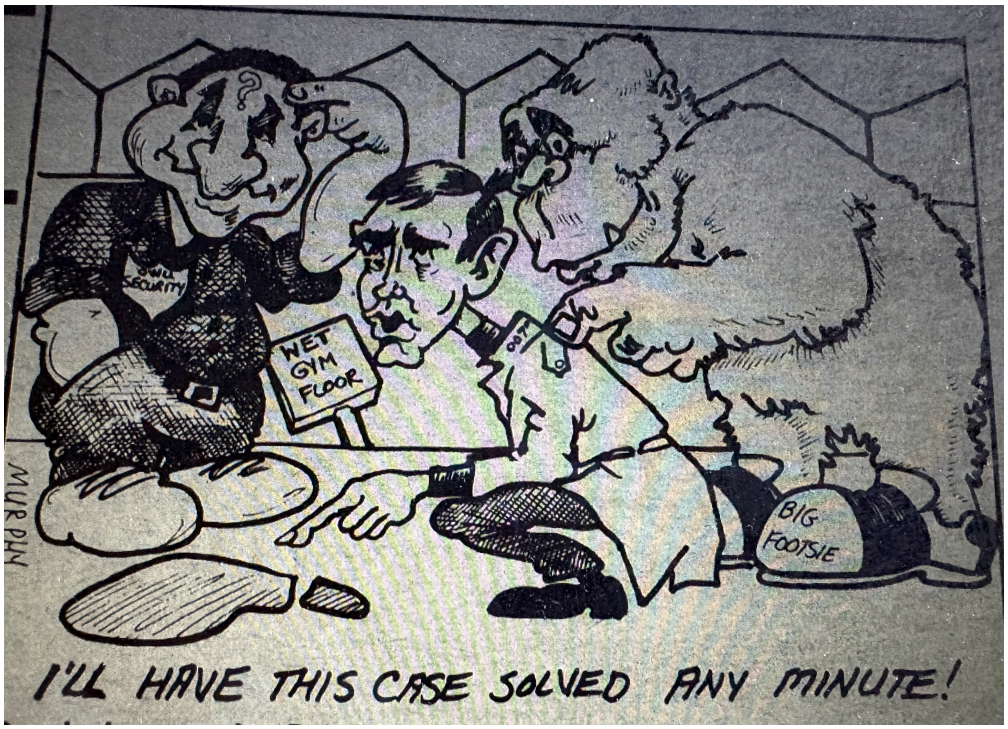
The Battling Bishops' struggle for a new gym continues, as phantom footprints struck the newly painted gym floor last weekend.

Four different types of footprints were found in the three-second lanes and center jump area of the new gym floor Saturday evening. Sydney Wynne, director of the physical plant, said the floor was struck sometime between 4 p.m. Friday and 6 p.m. Saturday.

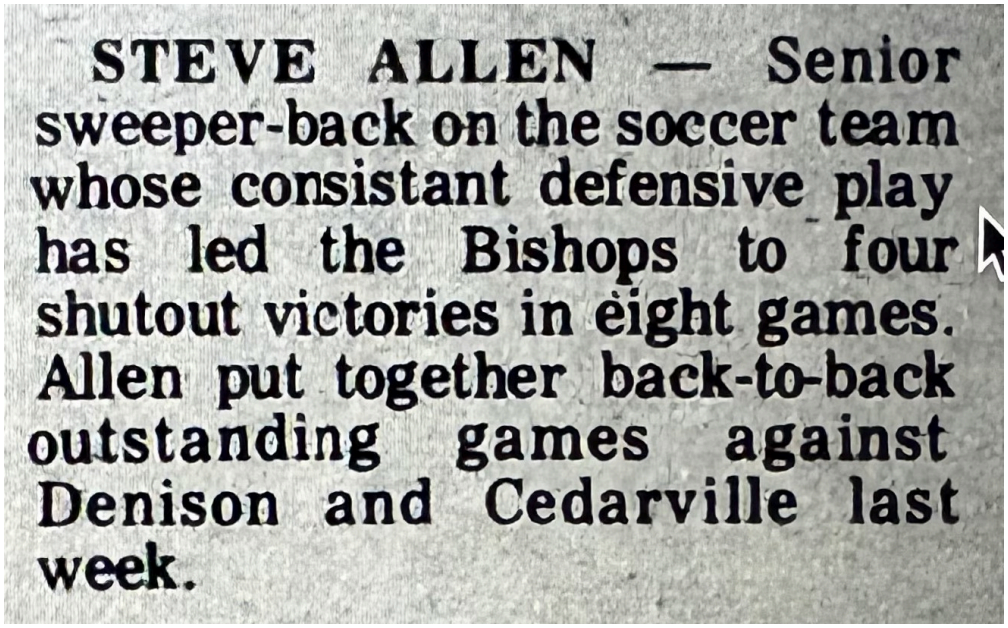
Wynne said he believes four people got in the gym through the field house. All the doors to the gym were locked, but a panic device on the door from the field house can be used to open the door, Wynne said. He said now the door is blockaded when workmen leave the gym.

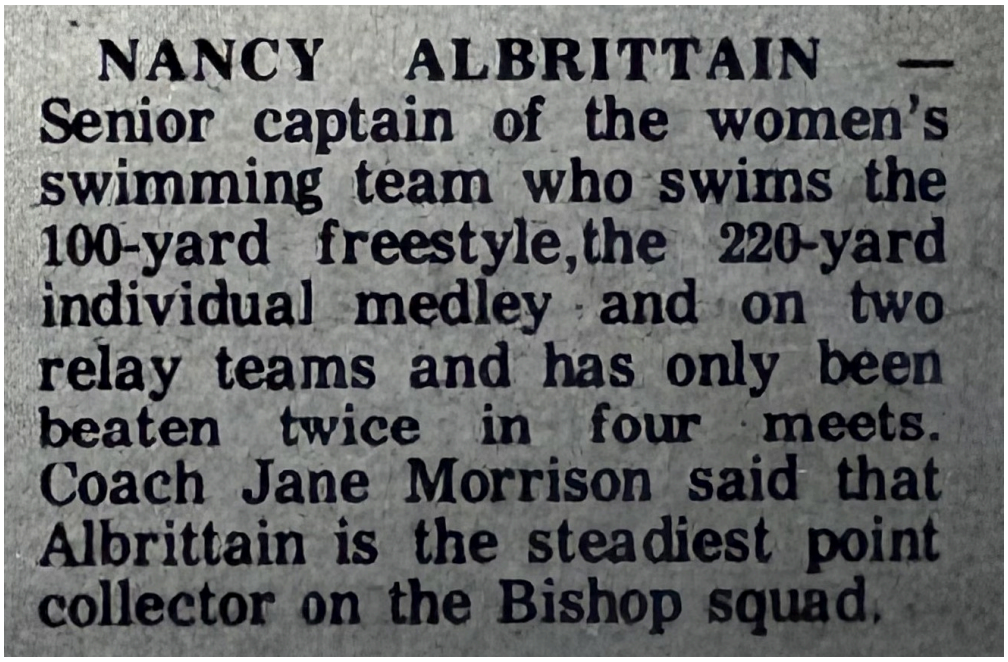
The scarred parts of the floor will be resanded and repainted, which will not affect the completion date of the gym, Wynne

said.



Our classmates Steve Allen and Nancy Albrittain were recognized for their athleticism on the field and in the pool:


STEVE ALLEN — Senior sweeper-back on the soccer team whose consistant defensive play has led the Bishops to four shutout victories in eight games. Allen put together back-to-back outstanding games against Denison and Cedarville last week.



Bishops, we're your 50th class reunion committee reminding you to save these dates: May 14–16, 2027. On Friday, May 14, events start in the late morning so plan accordingly!

Friends, don't forget to complete your reunion questionnaire by November 1st! Can't find the paper copy? It's available here: owu.edu/emailupdate

Also, bookmark our reunion page: owu.edu/1977

Join us on social and share with your friends:
Facebook: OWU '77
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Start making your travel plans! More information regarding places to stay, including campus residence halls, will be coming soon.

The Pacer Inn in Delaware is now taking reservations for Reunion Weekend (May 14–16, 2027). Please call the Pacer Inn directly (740-362-0050) and say you are with the 50th reunion. There will be a two-night minimum covering Friday and Saturday. Room prices will vary and will increase after Thanksgiving.

Our 1977 Awardees, who will be presented at Reunion Weekend, are:

- Linda McGoldrick—Distinguished Achievement Citation
- Katherine Bissell—Alumni Award
- Gordon Witkin—Alumni Award

We will spotlight them in this and subsequent newsletters.

Class of '77 Alumni Award Recipient Spotlight: Gordon Witkin



Perhaps few OWU alums have maintained more college friendships than our ’77 classmate **Gordon Witkin**. Gordon was a stand-out journalism and politics and government major at OWU, juggling writing for the Transcript with JV soccer, performing for the jazz band, and engaging in myriad escapades with his Phi Delta Theta brothers. All the while, he managed to earn A’s from the impossibly demanding Verne Edwards, Journalism Department Chair. OWU’s journalism program launched Gordon into a distinguished decades-long career, starting as a reporter with The Indianapolis Star and rising to national editor at U.S. News & World Report and finally to executive editor of the nonprofit Center for Public Integrity, which won a Pulitzer Prize under his leadership. In Gordon’s so-called retirement, he has embraced his passion as a talented jazz saxophonist, leading his band “Nobody’s Business” toward an increasingly influential presence in the Washington, D.C. music scene.

“Ohio Wesleyan jolted me out of my affluent Northeast prep school bubble and aggressively exposed me to a different part of the

country and to kids with varying experiences and backgrounds," Gordon says, noting that he still gathers annually with fraternity brothers from across the country. "I also had some fabulous professors: Corinne Lyman, Art Peterson and Bill Louthan in politics, David Jennings and Jan Hallenbeck in history, and the incredible Verne Edwards, who knew how to push students toward excellence while supporting us as well."

Last but not least, Gordon still remembers the phone number for Domino's Pizza. (363-9824 if you want to place an order.)

Looking for more Golden Transcript memories from October 1976?

- Our classmates Bonnie Milne and Holly Baumgardner brought "Cuckoo's Nest" to Chappelear
- Stephen Stills came to campus on 10/28/76!
- And who knows what this was about?

With our best wishes,

Class of 1977 50th Reunion Committee

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