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"You are the **light** of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Neither do people **light** a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives **light** to everyone in the house.

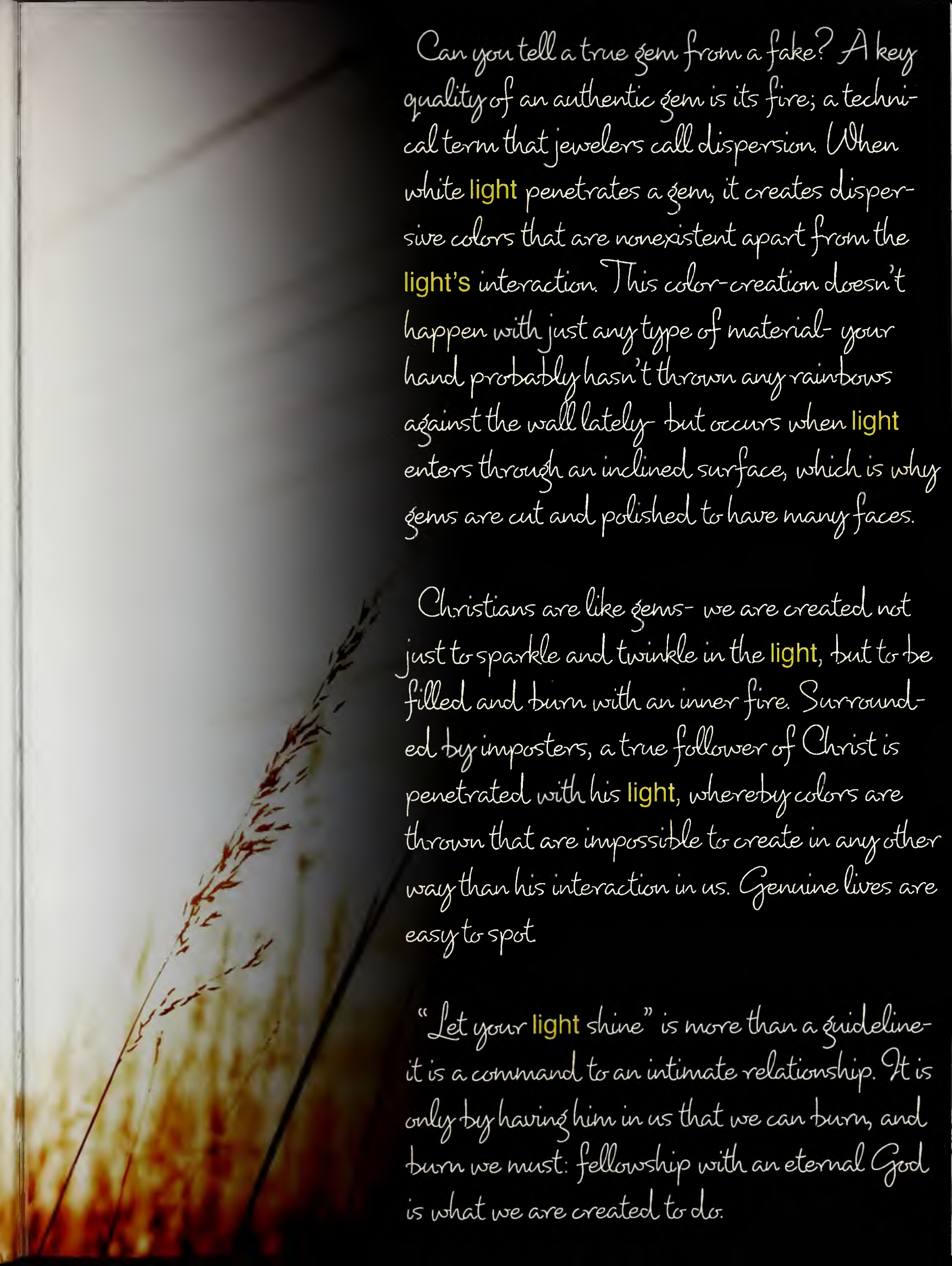
In the same way, let your **light** shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16









Can you tell a true gem from a fake? A key quality of an authentic gem is its fire; a technical term that jewelers call dispersion. When white **light** penetrates a gem, it creates dispersive colors that are nonexistent apart from the **light's** interaction. This color-creation doesn't happen with just any type of material- your hand probably hasn't thrown any rainbows against the wall lately- but occurs when **light** enters through an inclined surface, which is why gems are cut and polished to have many faces.

Christians are like gems- we are created not just to sparkle and twinkle in the **light**, but to be filled and burn with an inner fire. Surrounded by imposters, a true follower of Christ is penetrated with his **light**, whereby colors are thrown that are impossible to create in any other way than his interaction in us. Genuine lives are easy to spot.

"Let your **light** shine" is more than a guideline- it is a command to an intimate relationship. It is only by having him in us that we can burn, and burn we must: fellowship with an eternal God is what we are created to do.

Sharon Bellomy

By definition, the Office of Student Accounts is not a place students go to for fun. Usually when we find ourselves tromping up the steps to Miller Business Center and approaching the Student Accounts window, we're planning on banging some heads together until our problem gets fixed.

Mrs. Sharon Bellomy is not afraid of the onslaught. Rather, she diffuses it with grace and a kind word. "She's so warm and inviting," explains Marlin Wallace, Director of Student Accounts. "It's really helpful. That is not an easy job."

Dealing with everything from holds on accounts to negotiating with parents, Mrs. Bellomy has a true gift for refreshing those around her. "When I worked with her for 12 years, I never saw her once get irritated with a student," explained David Pickering, Director of Business and Human Resources. "When a student would come to the window complaining, she would always be nice, always sweet, always kind. And she always thought the best about that person."

Before working at Olivet, Sharon and Ray- her husband of forty years- spent seventeen years in pastoral ministry. "She struggled a little with the pastor's wife role, because smaller churches aren't always kind," Mr. Bellomy explained. "But she has a kind spirit- she's just on that side most of the time. She can overlook faults, and she's very forgiving."

Sharon is attentive to her home and family, described by Ray as a protective and sensitive mom to their adopted daughter, Kristen. She loves to cook, and has an outstanding reputation as a baker- particularly when it comes to apple dumplings- with her coworkers. Sharon is engaged with their church in a myriad of ways, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, and even making appearances with the youth group drama team on occasion.

"When she does things with kids, she's right in there," Ray said. He recalls one particular church costume party when she donned a "ridiculous clown costume, with a real curly afro-type wig. The kids just had a blast," he remembered with a laugh. Sharon's care for kids is a replanting of seeds of love that were sown in her. Adults in the church took her under their wing as child to mentor and drive her to Sunday school, despite the lack of support her parents showed. Eventually, through her strong example, both of her parents came to faith in Christ. "I think it makes her understand; the fifth graders she teaches still connect with her," Ray said. Sharon's whole life springs from her core of faith. Nominated as "Most likely to pray with a student" at annual staff meetings, her life is an example of Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." As Pickering puts it, "She truly thinks she's doing it for the Lord; that's why she's so nice to you."

Her spirit transforms the window at Student Accounts into a little window to heaven. "A lot of kids end up just standing at the window talking to her," Pickering said. "She knows a ton of stuff about a lot of students- she's always listening. Her focus is on the students... she's like an angel."

-Staci Bradbury





In your light

There is a phrase tucked away in the ninth verse of Psalm 36 which says, "In your light we see light." By itself, of course, light is invisible; and yet everything is invisible until light strikes it. So it is with God: we can't see God, and yet, it is only "in his light" that we come to truly see and understand ourselves and the world around us.

Olivet is a place of learning; thus, we seek the light. We want to know and to understand the arts and sciences. We look for light to help us grasp the truth of history and culture. We hope to illuminate the disciplines of psychology and business and nursing and computer science and theology and engineering and so on. In the words of the Psalmist, "In your light we see light."

Light is one of the most pervasive metaphors in Scripture. The Apostle John, speaking of Jesus, declared: "The true light that gives light to every person was coming into the world. In him was life and that life was the light of men." It is God who illuminates our life and we are, therefore, to walk in the light as he is the light.

This year's theme for the Aurora is "Shine" using Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV) which states:

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

This is a call to each of us as followers of Christ- we are to let our lights shine. The good news is that we can be beacons of light in a variety of ways: what we say, how we live, what we value and the way we do our work. These are all avenues through which the light of Christ penetrates the darkness around us.

As students at Olivet Nazarene University, you represent the dawn of a new generation. My prayer for you is that wherever life takes you and through whatever vocation you choose that you would be a torch bearer, taking the light with you as you go.

-Dr. John C. Bowling

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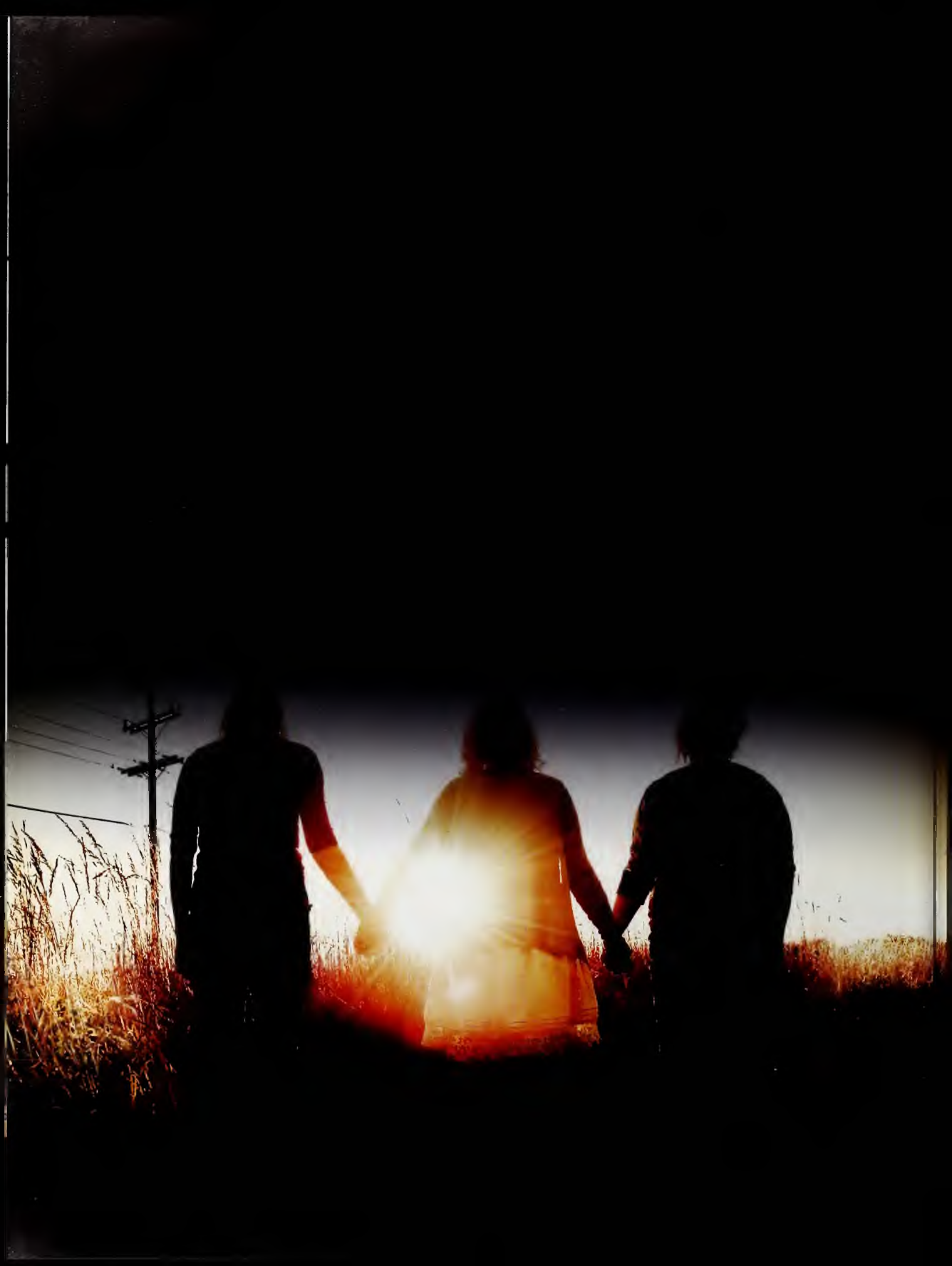
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Imagine walking to class one day, when all of the sudden the sun went dark and a giant black light came on in its place. Who would stick out? Anyone wearing a white t-shirt would be immediately distinguishable from the crowd because of the ethereal glow they emit. Christians, walking through the world, are just like that. What seems like plain, boring white is really evidence of an other-worldly connection. Whether you're hanging out at the Block Party, looking goofy at the Candy Costume Fest, or ripping it up dancing in an elf costume at Ollie's Follies, don't forget that at any moment the switch could be turned, and your true glow will be revealed. The truth is always present, but the light is not within our visible spectrum.

Let
Him fill you

The breakfast hub

The Hub, a student-led marketing team that advertises school events to the student body, is the center of information on campus. "I like to think of us as the Breakfast Hub because it's a variety of different students being locked in a room and not being able to come out until we come up with something creative," said Creative Director Cameron Carpenter.

Instead of receiving information through a mass email blast, students now have access to what is happening on campus through the "Life at Olivet" Facebook page, Youtube videos, and the Tiger Text, which is passed out after chapel. "We want to get important information out to the campus in the most memorable, creative, and effective way possible," Carpenter explained.

Leader Brent Brooks has been working with the Office of Student Development on the birth of The Hub for the past year. "Our name, The Hub, comes from the fact that our goal is to try to consolidate all the student information into as few channels as possible," explained Brooks. As the group is just a newborn, the details haven't been completely worked out yet.

"We are just doing our best with what we have. We rely on feedback from the students to see if we are doing something right or wrong. There's no precedent for what we're doing," Brooks said. "We're working on writing formal procedures so we can maybe pass on the torch eventually." Along with Brooks and Carpenter, the Hub team includes Kayla Rolling, who oversees content, Jordan Hansen as video editor, and Jesse Dillman as graphic designer.

"We've definitely become a big family," Carpenter said. "Anytime I have a job where I can look back at my work and laugh harder every time a project is replayed, I consider it a job well done." Highlights of their work have included the boardroom videos and the remake of the intro to the old television show Recess.

"When we did our first boardroom video, we forgot about an event that we needed to advertise for, which was for the football game," said Brooks. "Right at the moment that we remembered, we saw a football player walking by. So Smitty went out there and yelled at him to come over, and brought him in. We gave him a pizza box and told him to come into the meeting and say, 'Hey, are you guys coming to the football game?' and leave. And he became people's favorite character!"

The Hub not only allows hilarious and creative people to share their genius with the student body, but performs an important function as well by disseminating information. "It's really a "win-win" for everyone," Carpenter said. "For the most part, we've gotten nothing but positive feedback, and more people seem to be getting involved with student life. I'm very excited to see the success continue, and I think the students are, too."

-Staci Bradbury



And so it begins

At the beginning of another academic year, we all experienced many new changes such as class schedules, living environments, and even new friends. We waited in longer lines at Ludwig, dealt with slower Internet, and fought for parking spaces and seats in the cafeteria. But the start of this year symbolized more to each individual class.

For the Freshmen the first week at Olivet is all about connections. They spent their time connecting with their floor mates, resident assistant, fellow classmates, and most importantly, college life through programs such as JumpStart and Freshmen Connections. As sophomores entered their second year, the first week is all about remembering, such as what it was like to be a freshman as you see lines of cars moving into inner campus. It is also about remembering where buildings and classrooms are and how much time you need to spend on that dreaded thing called homework. The start of another year reminds the junior class to stay focused. It also means being focused on your major, because for many, classes are moving away from general education requirements and becoming centralized on your future career. Most importantly, it is about re-focusing on your spiritual life and centering yourself with God in the middle of everything. When asked what the start of her junior year of college means to her, Joy MacDonald stated, "It's kind of scary because you realize you are half way done and you don't want to grow up just yet." However, for most juniors staying focused on things from the start helped to take some fears away.

For seniors, the first week of their last year in college is about looking ahead. It's holding your head high and finishing out the year strong. Dr. Bowling addressed the senior class by asking them to "finish well," academically, socially, and emotionally by letting the disappointing moments go. Dr. Bowling also urged them to "give back to God and cherish the good moments in your Olivet experience." But most importantly, he encouraged the senior class to finish strong spiritually and graduate from ONU with a personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. For all Olivetians, the first week was about getting back into the groove of things, starting a fresh year focused on God and doing the work of His kingdom and letting our light shine for Him.

-Allyson Vrabel

The class of 2015 eagerly await JumpStart so they can make new friends and learn about college life (cl)

Kyle Knight and Bethany Miller **excitedly wait** for their group of freshmen to show up for JumpStart. (cl)



Students search for their new chapel seats and "chapel buddies" during the first chapel of the semester. (bb)



Emma Reutter **carries a box of clothes** into Williams during freshmen move-in. (ch)



ROTC **directs traffic** in order to maintain a fast pace for those who were moving in. (ch)



Josh Gill, Jesse Dillman, and Kayla Davenport **lead students in worship.** (bb)

Williams Hall **fills up with freshmen girls' belongings** awaiting to be put in their dorm. (ch)

Meghan Houk and Joel Lynn **enjoy some great weather** and a chance to make new friends in the Quad. (cl)



Dr. John C. Bowling **asks the student body to give him a show of hands** during the first chapel of the school year. (bb)



Sydney Bland helps out with freshmen move in day by **carrying items** into Parrott Hall. (cl)

Starting the year off right

There was a buzz across the Weber lawn as students and faculty began mingling, making introductions, and creating new relationships. The annual block party is a great opportunity to meet new people and reunite with old friends. It's a great way to kick off the first weekend event and is open to the entire Olivet community. There were plenty of fun activities for students to enjoy such as an obstacle course, a rock climbing wall, and a bungee ride. Students snacked on a variety of foods provided by Sodexo, Buffalo Wild Wings, and Domino's Pizza.

Throughout the night, students had opportunities to take photos with ONU's mascot Toby the Tiger, Woody Webb, Dr. Jay Martinson, David Van Heemst (most commonly known around Olivet as "DVH"), and of course Dr. Bowling. Dr. Jay enjoyed being in photos with his students and commented that with all the attention he was getting he "felt like Mickey Mouse at Disney!"

For some, dancing at Olivet may seem taboo, but not for this year's block party! Junior Elizabeth Kuhns was particularly excited about this new opportunity. The atmosphere was charged with energy starting with the crowd moving their feet to the popular line dance, the "Cupid Shuffle." This provided a segue for many students to stay and follow junior Amy Dillman as she led the crowd in a high energy Zumba workout. This became the highlight of the evening for Kuhns, who said, "I think they should do Zumba every year!" Dillman emphasized that, "Zumba is a great way to build community because it brings so much joy to people. I appreciate Olivet giving this new form of dance a chance!"

-Elizabeth Cook

The student body **moves with the music** as Amy Dillman directs a lively Zumba workout. (ch)



Kelly Hedtcke, Megan Jackson, Hilary Moore, Kara Engel, and Sarah Condreay **enjoy the complimentary pizza** as well as the company of good friends. (cl)



Alisha Evans **clammers forward** to the beat the resistance on the bungee run. (ch)



Joe Schindel **bounces down the slide**, accomplishing the inflatable obstacle course. (ch)



Skylar McCance **holds a rabbit** at the petting zoo. (cl)

Joshua Griffes, Sean Ports, and Ainsley Stebbins support their classes by **striking a pose** with Dr. Bowling. (cl)



bbie Willey **jumps and flips** on the euro bungee as others look on. (ch)



Josue Sanchez strives for success as he **climbs to the top** of the rock wall.(ch)

Bring on the heat

ONU students started celebrating "the most wonderful time of the year" by competing against one another in the much anticipated Ollies Follies sports and wacky games. The classes brought on their holiday and team spirit with this year's theme of "Olliedays." The seniors represented Christmas, juniors Valentine's Day, sophomores Fourth of July, and freshmen Thanksgiving. On Saturday, September 3, the athletic competitions began bright and early with sunny skies and sweltering temperatures of 95+ degrees. Students took extra precautions by drinking lots of water and sitting out during some games to regain their strength. The senior class took the lead in sports by winning ultimate frisbee, softball, and flag football. One of the closest games of the day was flag football. The seniors played against the sophomores and were tied for nearly half of the game. Afterward, senior Dante Payne said, "It was a neck and neck battle of the finest. I thought the game was going to go into overtime, but we held in there and won. It felt good to finally be flag football champions." The juniors came out on top in dodgeball and the sophomores soared like "fireworks" in volleyball, taking the senior class to three very close and intense games.

After the excessive heat a huge storm blew in, postponing the wacky games until Sunday evening. There was a dramatic drop in temperature but it did not hinder the number of attendees in the slightest. The Warming House bleachers were overflowing with students showing their class pride and team spirit. Seniors showed their strength by winning tug-of-war and tying the juniors in the Wheel Barrow Bobbing race. The juniors came away with first place wins in speed eating and the new Chugging Challenge. This game involved chugging a gallon of tea, one liter of root beer, and a quart of half and half. The seniors were no match in the highly acclaimed inner tube game, rounding up an astounding 60 inner tubes. They were so far ahead in the last round that every senior brought their tubes to the freshmen to help them come in second place, all while chanting the traditional "We love freshmen!" cheer. No matter the results, Ollies Follies proved once again to be an Olivet "holiday" that everyone enjoyed.

-Heather Mead



Students **struggle for the inner tubes** to earn points for their class. This year the inner tubes were coated with tearless baby soap and water instead of vegetable oil. (s)

Tyler Duncan **tips the ball over the net** as a sophomore goes up to block. (cl)



Mark Bundy **wheel barrows** Owen Blough to the pool of flour so he can retrieve a marshmallow and gain points for the senior class. (mr)



Freshmen **pack the bleachers** and cheer on their classmates at their first Ollies Follies. (mr)



Kortney Ellingboe and Rachael Hartman work together to **wheelbarrow to the pool of flour**. (s)

With **determination in their eyes** seniors Alex Lord, Liz Golle, Kristin Thompson, and Kelse Beville prepare to face the juniors in tug of war. (cl)



As students **down a gallon of tea** in the Chugging Challenge, Mitch Johnson and Jacob Salem watch to make sure they don't spill. (mr)



Luke Miller **tosses the frisbee** to a teammate during the sophomore Ultimate Frisbee match versus the freshmen. (ap)



Michael Bishop **shows the judges** he finished his portion of grapes in the Speed Eating competition. (mr)

The most wonderful time of the year

As with most holidays, Ollies Follies is a very hectic time of year, with all the rushing around to finish the show on time while balancing the start of the year and staying on top of homework. Despite the late nights and stress, the shows put on by each class come together and make Ollies Follies one of the most anticipated events of the school year. The freshmen class was very thankful this year to be at Olivet and to be accepted by the upperclassmen. With the holiday of Thanksgiving, they demonstrated their ability to fit in on campus and to learn the ways of their founding fathers. When asked of the freshmen class's first attempt at Ollies Follies, Michael Poff stated, "We did well for freshmen and I was impressed by the whole show." Having some experience now under their belts, the sophomores put together an all American Fourth of July celebration. With appearances by Captain America and Miss USA their portion of the show consisted American classics such as country music, red, white and blue, confetti, parades and of course fireworks.

The juniors were falling in love and hoping for the "ring by spring," with their early Valentine's Day Celebration. Love wasn't easy to come by this year with Cupid Junior hitting the wrong couples with arrows; it was up to the juniors to put the perfect couples back together. Their show included lovers from movies such as "The Notebook" and "Harry Potter." Despite the loving feelings, Valentines Day came in second place.

With three years of experience and a strong desire to be Ollies Follies champions, the seniors showed their Christmas spirit in this year's variety show. Santa Claus to everyone's enjoyment was played by Dr. Bowling, who showed the seniors that the true meaning of Ollies Follies is not winning, but team spirit. The seniors' show consisted of classic Christmas characters, such as nutcrackers, elves, Frosty the Snowman, a nativity scene, and even a "shufflin'" Grinch. The highlight of the show was when the seniors came out of presents in light-up suits. "When the lights went off in Chalfant, I wasn't sure what was going on. Once they came out in those suits, I was blown away! It was amazing!" exclaimed senior spectator Cathy Schutt. At the end of the night, the senior class got just what they asked for Christmas; an Ollies Follies victory!

This year's variety show put everyone in the holiday spirit, making us anxious for the holiday season and for Ollies Follies to come around once again.

-Allyson Vrabel



Madison Leeseberg as Miss America and Samuel Pimpo as Captain America **wave at friends** during the Fourth of July parade. (bb)



Kelly Kraker and Emily Hay show their holiday spirit as they **celebrate** the "12 Days of Christmas." (bb)



Sam Vroman and Maggie Shenk **represent the freshmen class** with their interpretation of the first Thanksgiving. (bb)



Caleb Carr and Erin Evans **pay tribute to America** while showing class spirit. (bb)



Scott Cardimen **astounds the crowd with his "shufflin" skills** as the Grinch. (bb)

Seniors **place the magic hat on Frosty the Snowman** in hopes that he can provide them with some Christmas magic. (bb)



With the help of Michael Doherty as Cupid, Taylin Frame finally **finds her match** in Seth Means. (bb)



The Freshmen boys all **stare in awe** at Dr. Bowling. (bb)



Monty Larcom, Matt Pioch, Jeremy Huish, and Michael Bishop **open the senior show by dancing** to "Jingle Bell Rock" from "Mean Girls." (bb)

"The Best of Times"

Broadway Revue was the "Best of Times." Forty students came together to put on 18 Broadway numbers from a variety of musicals. The songs varied in styles ranging from dramatic to comical and the performers did everything from dancing to singing with puppets. Considering that Broadway Revue was put together in only two weeks and led by student directors, the show was a great success.

"My favorite number was '21 Guns' because it demonstrated that sometimes simple is best." At least, that is the opinion of junior Samantha Starner. "Though the students simply stood in place while singing, the way the vocal harmonies blended together blew everyone away." While "21 Guns" only involved people standing on stage, other numbers relied heavily on choreography. Further still were numbers where the company broke the fourth wall and interacted with the audience. At the end of "Aquarius" the entire cast slowly danced off the stage and out of Kresge, bringing the first act to a dramatic conclusion.

"All these songs came together to form a tale, revolving around the finale, 'The Best of Times' from *La Cage aux Folles*. Right now is the best of times," said Abby Lalumendre. "Whenever your now is, whatever you are doing, this is the best of times. Like one of our directors, Emily Dillard said, we will never do that exact show with that exact cast ever again. So we needed to make it as good as we could and just enjoy the time we were having while we were having it."

- Heather Mead

Justin Marrier **celebrates winning** the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. (bb)

Samantha Starner **happily keeps her husband's dinner warm** from *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. (bb)



Tyler Abraham **sings** "Being Alive" from *Company*. (mr)



Abigail Combs **sings** "Holding Out for a Hero" from the musical *Footloose*. (mr)



Taylin Frame and cast sing "Aquarius" from the musical *Hair*. (mr)



Ron Gamache talks to his love in "Telephone Hour." (mr)

Emily Dillard sings the song "Fine Fine Line" from the musical *Avenue Q*. (mr)



Jake Boss and Courtney Weihman sing "We Both Reached for the Gun" from *Chicago*. (bb)

Olivia Buss performs "21 Guns" from the musical *American Idiot*. (bb)



Tyler Abraham, Monty Larcom, Ron Gamache, Aaron Lucas, and Andrew Nielson complain about Officer Krupke in their *West Side Story* act. (bb)

Shining moment

Coronation has been a tradition at Olivet since the 1950s, crowning one girl from the senior class as Homecoming Queen. Their peers, first selecting the top ten and then narrowing down the contestants to five, vote for candidates who are involved on campus, exhibit leadership, and academic success, and live a life for Christ. The night was filled with the court's biographies, recordings from the women's parents, special music, as well as question and answer session for each girl. But at the end of the night, only one was chosen to represent Olivet as the 2011 Homecoming Queen; this extraordinary woman was Shelbi Miller.

When asked about the moment she was crowned Homecoming Queen, Miller stated, "I didn't know what to do. I think I just froze and smiled and hoped that I didn't have anything in my teeth. I remember asking Annie Bell (Homecoming Queen for 2010) what to do and where to go because I couldn't remember what they said to do."

The best part of the event for Miller was spending time with her mother and the other court members. "They are all such a great group of friends and there was never a dull moment with them." Members of the Homecoming Court included Jana Pierce, Angela Rivas, Karyn Nichols, Sarah Sinn, Bryan Stevens, Austin Hill, Michael Bishop, Kyle Lowry and Mitch Johnson.

After spending four years here, Shelbi realizes just how quickly college can fly by. She urged the students at ONU to, "Make the most of your college experience because it is one you will never forget. Trust the Lord because He is your rock. Most of all have fun and spread as much love and joy as you can, and enjoy the people that you are surrounded by."

-Heather Mead



Shelbi Miller is **crowned Homecoming Queen** by the 2010 Queen, Annie (Weaver) Bell. Aside from the title, Miller was graced with a tiara, a bouquet of flowers, and a cape that has been worn by all of the past Homecoming Queens. (s)

Angela Rivas is **asked "what her favorite Olivet memory is"** by master of ceremony, Phil Steward. (cl)

Kyle Lowry and Jana Pierce **glide onto the stage**, standing in the spotlight. (cl)

The Homecoming Court is represented by seniors: Kyle Lowry, Jana Pierce, Bryan Stevens, Karyn Nichols, Michael Bishop, Queen Shelbi Miller, Mitch Johnson, Sarah Sinn, Austin Hill and Angela Rivas. (s)





Phil and Ellen Steward **act as masters of ceremonies** for the night's festivities. (s)

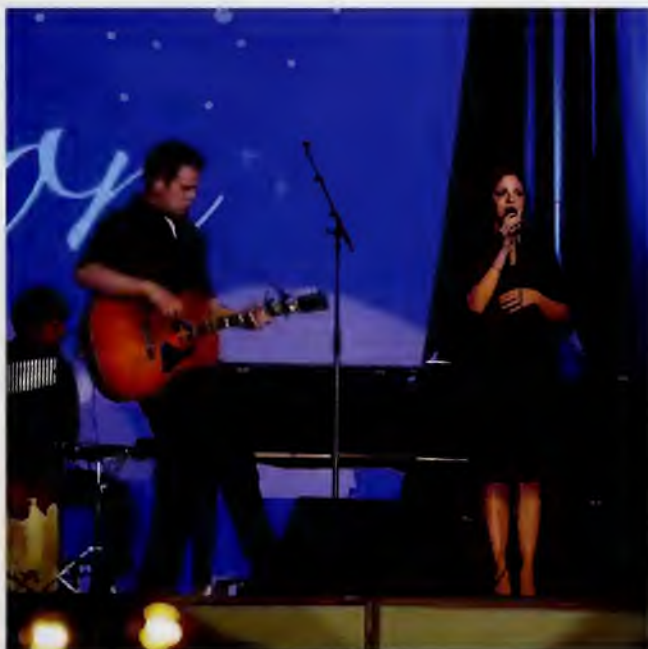


Bryan Stevens and Karyn Nichols **take their place among the other candidates.** (cl)

Shelbi Miller **takes her first steps as Homecoming Queen.** (s)



Mitch Johnson and Sarah Sinn **share their moment of honor**, stopping to pose before the crowd. (cl)



Tyson Dodd and Laura Fleschner perform entertainment for the night as they **sing "Beautiful Things"** by the Christian group Gungor. (s)

Homecoming is where the heart is

The 2011 Homecoming was a nostalgic experience for many alumni as they were able to catch up with old friends and beloved faculty members and relive old memories while revisiting the campus. For current students, Homecoming was full of pancakes, concerts, and a chance to spend time with family members who graduated from Olivet. Sophomore Hannah Rowen enjoyed watching the campus get ready for its festivities and stated, "I love how campus is so decorated for Homecoming, and everything gets very exciting!" Decorating campus was just the start of a great weekend filled with reuniting, singing, and laughter.

The Homecoming festivities began with coronation where senior Shelbi Miller was crowned Homecoming Queen. On Thursday the Alumni served the students at a pancake feast that was very successful; it was such a hit that the line was out the door and into the quad.

ONU's Tigers participated in athletic events during Homecoming week, where current students and alumni gathered together to cheer on the purple and gold. The women's basketball team won their game with a score of 92-91 against Davenport University and the football team beat Mckendree University 17-13, making for a successful weekend.

Throughout the weekend there were several other events to participate in such as the biology open house, the fall play, class reunions and dinners, and a 5k run. The weekend came to an end with the Bill Gaither Vocal Band performing in the Centennial Chapel to a sold out crowd. Olivet students involved in Gospel, Orpheus, Chrysalis, and Testament choirs as well as the Concert singers got the opportunity of a lifetime to perform on stage with the Gaithers.

While the events had to come to an end, the memories of this year's Homecoming will forever live on.

-Allyson Vrael

Tai Peachey shows determination as she **dribbles past the competition** at the first women's basketball game of the year against Davenport University. (s)



Joni Miller **intercepts the pass** from the juniors during powder puff. Overall the seniors took first place in the competition. (ap)

Quarterback Rico Prestia **runs for a first down** during the Homecoming game against Mckendree University. The Tigers won with the score of 17-13. (cl)





Cyndi Frame and daughter Taylin **sing "When you Believe"** from the *Prince of Egypt* together during the Homecoming Chapel. (bb)

After being crowned Homecoming Queen, Shelbi Miller **is presented with a gift** by Dr. Bowling during chapel. (bb)



The Gaithers **put on a fantastic concert** for the visiting Alumni and friends of Olivet. The Gaithers also invited all of Olivet's choirs to sing along with them on stage, making for a memorable night for all involved. (s)

Nate Launius **looks for an opening** to pass the ball during the first men's basketball game of the year against the University of St. Francis in Indiana. (s)

Creativity at its finest

On Halloween night, hundreds of Olivet students came to Chalfant Hall for the Candy Costume Fest dressed in a variety of creative disguises. Caramel apples, hot apple cider, flavored popcorn, and endless amounts of candy were provided for students enjoy throughout the evening. Some of the top costumes this year were Snow White and the seven dwarfs, a public safety officer and a parking ticket, *Iron Man*, and the cast of *Despicable Me*. Students who attended could enter the contest in categories such as individual, pairs, a medium group, and a large group of 14 people and up. The overall winner of the Candy Costume Fest was sophomore Logan Smith, whose *Iron Man* costume stole the show and the audience's attention.

Sophomores Annie Brandes and Leah Livingston were both dressed as members of the movie *Despicable Me* which won the large group category. The group of friends started thinking of costume ideas after last year's Candy Costume Fest, and they finally decided about dressing up as the characters from *Despicable Me* at a Cross Country practice. "Everyone started picking out their favorite character," said Brandes. "A lot of people wanted to be minions, but it worked because you can have as many minions as you need," she said. The costumes took about an hour and a half to put together the night of the candy costume fest. Livingston commented, "There were a lot of cheers as we walked across the stage," punctuated by camera flashes. Despite being somewhat nervous, the hard work paid off as they won the large group category and immortalized themselves in costume fame.

-Elizabeth Cook



Jackie VanderLaan, Breanna Fetkavich, Melinda Jones, and Melissa Buseth **roll out as the Kia hampsters.** (cl)

Logan Engelkes **busts a move** to the popular song "Party Rock Anthem" while dressed as one of the robots from the music video. (cl)



Lucas Sanor steals the show as the YouTube sensation the "Sexy Sax Man" **Sanor played music** in between group transitions and made the crowd erupt in applause when he played the theme song to "Star Wars." (cl)



Jeremy Heigt, Nick Garcia, and Jameson Forshee dress up as **Sesame Street** aliens. (cl)

Leah Livingston **carries her fluffy unicorn** as Agnes from *Despicable Me*. (cl)

Logan Smith **wins the overall prize for his Iron Man costume**. Smith made his suit out of rubber floor mats. (cl)



Senior Michael Bishop **shows off his alternate identity** of Superman. (cl)

Eddie Saliba **dresses up as the popular character of V** from *V for Vendetta*. (cl)

"These Shining Lives"

Based off true events that occurred in at the Radium Dial Factory during the 1920s and 1930s in Ottawa, IL, the play "These Shining Lives" follows four young women who forever changed the workplace for women through their courage and perseverance.

Jenny Ward, Kristina Kirkham, Hannah Williams, and Courtney Weihman told the story of how these women stood up for themselves after their health and spirit were endangered from working in the radium factory. All the women became very sick from radium poisoning, even though the factory was telling them that what they were doing was completely safe.

Sophomore David Timm who played Tom Donohue said, "The story was just so impactful to the audience, and when you are up there on the stage, you can feel the mood in the room change based on what they are experiencing. It really brings the story to life for me. It's like the audience is a mirror, and everything that I experience they experience and it comes back to me while I'm acting and sensing their emotion. The theatre is really a powerful thing."

The cast really brought the emotion within the story out, Jenny Ward explained; "One of the reasons the play was so powerful was because of the extremely talented cast. We all really bonded and recognized the importance of this story and worked incredibly hard to perform the show to the best of our abilities."

-Jessica Morey

Tom Donohue, played by David Timm, **begs** Catherine Wolfe Donohue to stop working at the Radium Dial Factory. (bb)



Pearl, Charlotte, Frances and Catherine Wolfe Donohue **reflect on life** before they became sick from radium poisoning. (bb)



The women **advertise** the watches they make on the radio. (bb)



Dr. Roundtree, played by Andrew Nielson, **reassures** Catherine Wolfe Donohue that she is perfectly okay working at the Radium Dial Factory. (bb)





Frances **warns** Charlotte to not let Mr. Reed know that she is getting sick. (bb)

Tom Donohue **understands** that Catherine is very sick. (bb)

Charlotte and Catherine Wolfe Donohue **discuss how bad they are feeling**. (bb)



Factory women **share memories** of working in the factory together before they fell ill. (bb)

Charlotte **reflects back on her life** as the fall play comes to an end. (bb)

The reason for the season



Dr. Neil Woodruff **sings one of two solos** for the evening. Woodruff not only sang in the concert, but also conducted the choir. (ch)

Dr. Jeff Bell **conducts the orchestra** and helps make the performances run smoothly by overseeing hours of practice. (ch)

Taylin Frame **beautifully sings** her solo during the concert, both of which were magnificent tributes to the story of Jesus Christ. (ch)



The Music Department performed the annual Messiah concert for the 76th time this Christmas to kick off the Advent season, and the Centennial Chapel was packed.

Dr. McMullian, a music veteran, has insight from years of experience. "I've played the Hallelujah Chorus at least 50 times in my career, but every time it seems cool," he said. "From start to finish it's so familiar, yet it seems creative and fresh every time. It's such a classic piece."

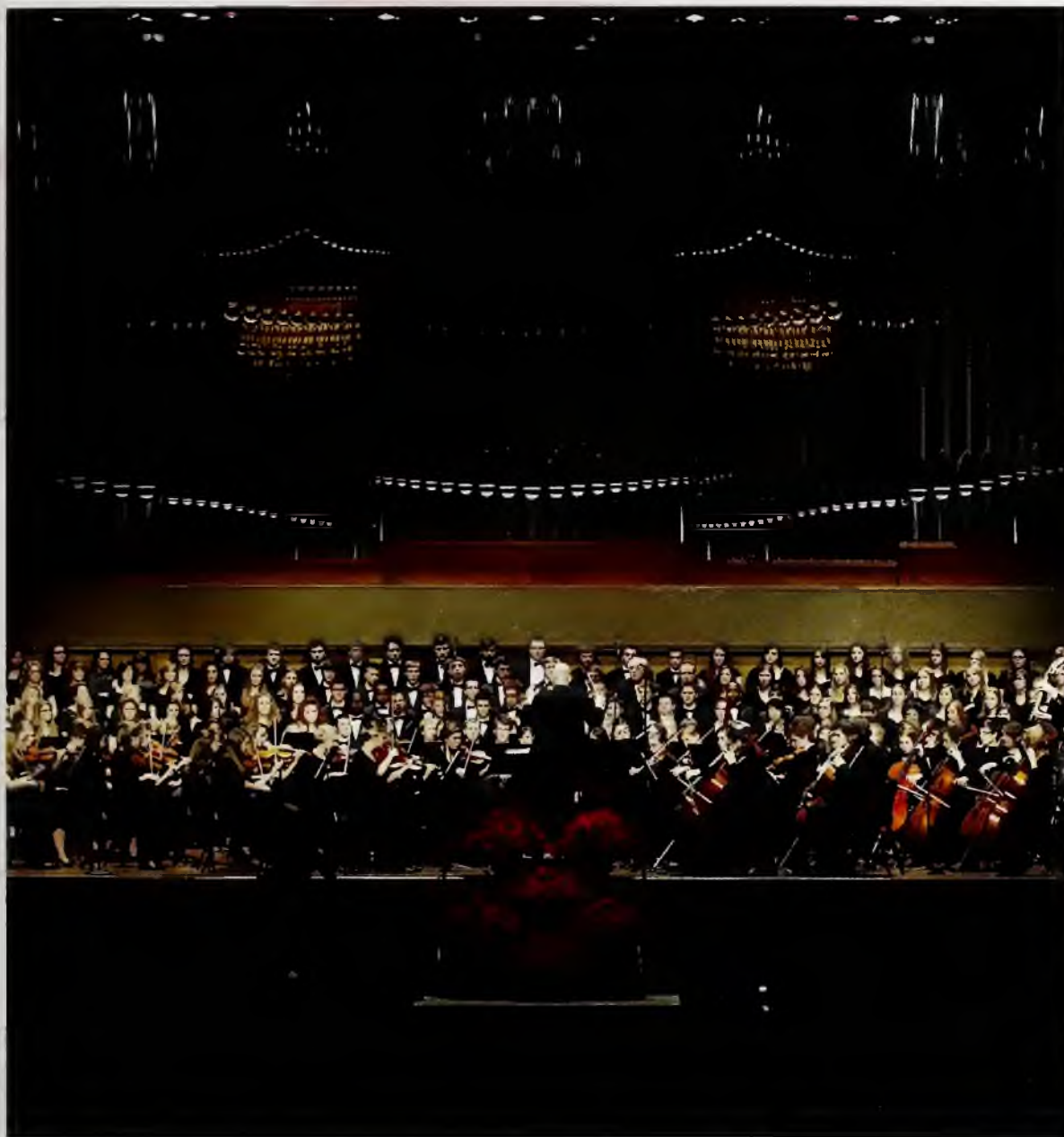
Like a comfortable blanket, each year the Messiah brings back rich understanding and appreciation for the birth and life of Jesus. "Listening to Handel's Messiah always reminds me not just of the incarnation, but of the gospel narrative in its entirety," said Orpheus choir member Andrew Carr. "What's even better is that by performing the Messiah, I have the opportunity to share the story of Jesus with others in a way that I know positively impacts their holidays and speaks to their souls."

The music was brought to life by various musical groups such as Testament men's choir, Chrysalis women's choir, Orpheus, and the university orchestra. Also featured were a myriad of solo performances. "It was nerve-wracking at first," said soloist Lillian Guenseth, "but it's like you're telling a story to people." She appreciates the rich past of the piece. "It was neat to be in that bit of history; it is an honor."

As a senior, Owen Blough has appreciated revisiting the Messiah each year, like a new conversation with an old friend. "I always enjoy going to Messiah, as it is a wonderful time of inspiration and remembering that Christmas isn't just about Jesus's coming, but also why He came; to bring the Kingdom of God."

-Staci Bradbury and Allyson Vrabel

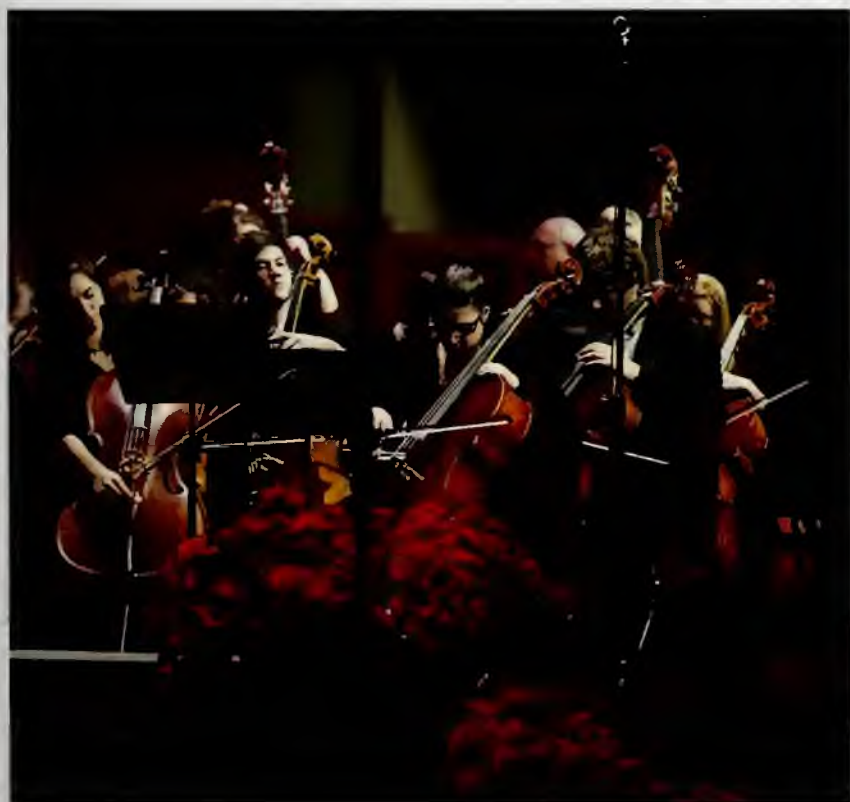




Dr. Don Reddick **welcomes the audience** and gives a preview of the night's events. (ch)

Dr. Bowling **opens the concert with a word of prayer.** (ch)

The music department put on a fantastic Messiah concert this year, due to the dedication and practice put into the performance. (ch)



David Rice **sings "For Unto Us"** and gives an outstanding performance. (ch)

The story of Jesus's birth is shared through the words in the songs while **the orchestra paints the mood for the story** we graciously receive during Messiah. (ch)

Rockin' around the Christmas tree

On Sunday, December 11th, Ludwig was transformed into a Winter Wonderland complete with chocolate fondue, a live band, and a roving Santa Claus. Each class council adopted and transformed a section of Ludwig to radiate holiday cheer. Called The Twelve Days of Christmas, this inaugural party took the place of the Christmas Banquet and gave students a chance to relax before finals began.

The theme emerged as twelve different activities were thought up. Highlights of the event included a team gingerbread house building competition (won by a house that was purportedly a mini-Olivet), a photo booth with holiday costumes, Christmas movies, dance video games, bingo, an ugly sweater contest, and crafts and card decorating.

-Jessica Morey

Michael Hileman **shows off his snowman ornaments** (ch)



Students **build gingerbread houses out of tasty treats.** (ch)

Students **get together with Christmas themed props in the photo booth.** The photo booth was a major hit at the event and was a great way for students to remember the evening with their friends. (ch)



Throughout the evening, students got to **enjoy listening to the musical stylings of the Dueling Pianos.** The group played songs that the audience requested throughout the night and were a musical hit. (ch)



Jeremy Height **calls out the winning BINGO number.** (ch)



Kelsey Beville, Karyn Nichols, and Dustin Proehl **pose for a friendly picture** in Ludwig. (ch)

Logan Long **shows off his steller ugly Christmas sweater** before judging began. (ch)

Mitch Johnson and Mrs. Bowling **DDR the night away** in the Red Room. (cl)



Matthew Vandyke and Cassie Collins **go head-to-head** in a game of foosball. (ch)

Students **line up** for the judges of the ugly sweater competition. (ch)

Brad Arthur and Spencer Cook **provide the comic relief for the evening.** (ch)

Morgan McPherson and Morgan Radzimanowski **celebrate the evening together.** (ch)



Holding out for an "unsuper-hero"



Tyler Abraham as "Cowboy Man," **leaps into the air** during a love song and dance dedicated to his cow and sidekick, Bessie. (gjf)

When asked what he was going to do after winning Mr. ONU, Captain Canada (alias Junior Jeremy Height) said that he was "going to Niagara Falls! It is the Disney world of Canada!" This year's theme was Unsuper Heroes, and there were plenty of contestants who put up a fair fight for the title. Representing the class of 2012 were seniors Jacob Naldi and Michael Bishop. Two juniors; the winner, Captain Canada, and Matt Wilson. Sophomores Kyle Miller and Tyler Abraham. Finally, representing the freshmen were Derek Schwartz and Brandon Klemm.

All of the contestants competed in the same categories, but with different skills. However, the hardest for Captain Canada was, "Learning the dance moves. Being a full-blooded Nazarene makes it hard to dance." Height also commented that his favorite behind-the-scenes moments were, "Some of the dance moves us guys came up with, though it took almost dropping a few guys on their heads to perfect them. Us guys trying to learn how to dance was just hilarious all around."

However, Mr. ONU is not just about winning the title. "The best part of Mr. ONU was getting to meet and compete with some awesome guys. I made a lot of friends out of this event. They made the whole competition hilarious and fun," said Height. In fact, winning was not even what Height expected at the end of the competition. Height reflected that, "I was very shocked, I did not immediately process the fact that I had won since they said Captain Canada instead of Jeremy, so I started clapping until I realized they meant me. It was awesome. I felt honored to win the title and sword of Mr. ONU."

-Elizabeth Cook



Derek Schwartz disguised as "Copy Cat" **shows off his tail** during the shorts competition. (gjf)



Matt Wilson **gets up close and personal** with a member of the audience. (gjf)

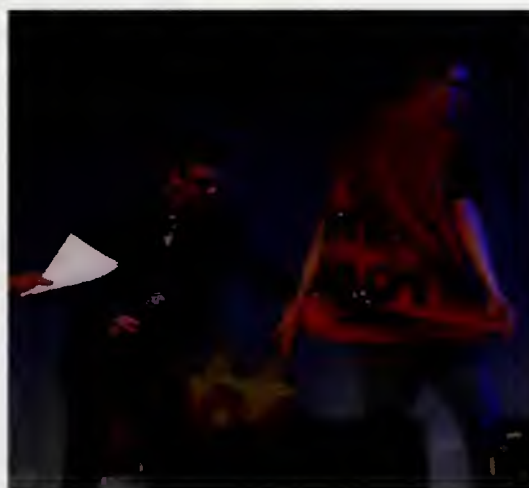
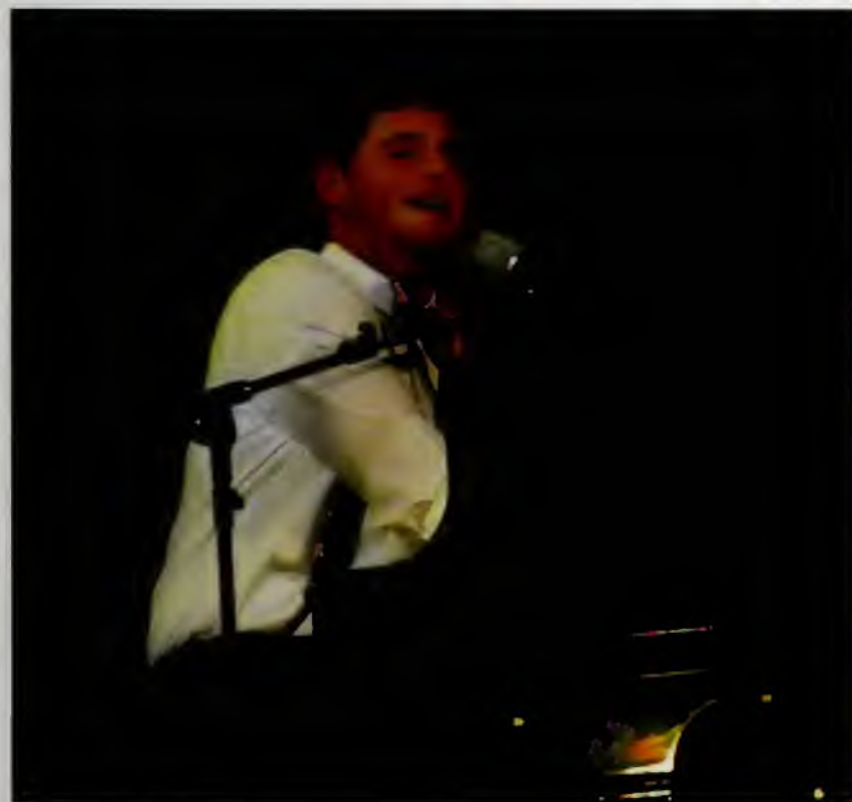
Brandon Klemm as "Moose Man" **prepares to showcase his talent**. (gjf)



"Mighty Man" Michael Bishop **serenades the audience** with an original song. (gjf)

Jacob Naldi **models his shorts outfit** on the Mr. ONU stage. (gjf)

Jeremy Height as "Captain Canada" **raises his sword in triumph** after winning Mr. ONU. (gjf)



Bryan Stevens **presents Jacob Naldi with the title "Mr. Smooth"** for selling the most smoothies in one hour at Common Grounds. (gjf)

Kyle Miller, whose superhero was "Penguin Man," **sings and plays a medley of superhero themed songs** on the piano during the talent portion of the competition. (gjf)

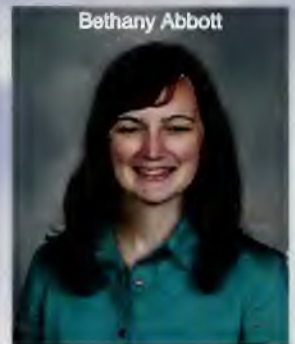
Who's Who for the class of 2012

54 members of the senior class were recognized by the Who's Who Among Students program. These students were part of a select group of students from more than 2,842 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to accept this prestigious award.

Olivet's campus nominating committee made up of representatives from the faculty, administration and student body selected and nominated the recipient for this award. Criteria for this selection included grade point average, participation and leadership in school activities, community involvement and leadership ability.

"These selected individuals exemplify the highest Christian ideals, strong academic achievement and a commitment to service," said Woody Webb, Vice President for Student Development. "Their influence both in and outside the classroom is being recognized by their peers as well as by the Olivet faculty and staff."

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Allison (McGuire) Ascher



Natalie Begick



Jordan Bergren



Kelsea Beville



Michael Bishop



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Lauren Comfort



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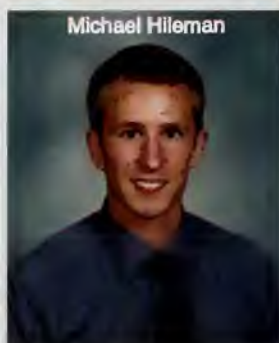
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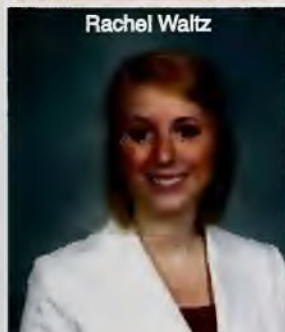
Shara Southerland



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Rachel Waltz



Maggie Whittington



Angela Williams



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Student Life

In a land not so far away

The spring musical, "Once Upon a Mattress" was a comedy based off of the classic "Princess and the Pea."

"The Queen will not let anyone in the kingdom get married until her son, Prince Dauntless, finds a princess to marry," said Emily Dillard, Green Room President. "The Queen doesn't like any of the princesses, so she gives them ridiculous tests which they all fail. Finally, this very outgoing and unladylike princess comes."

The couple falls in love, but the girl, Winnifred, is still tested by the Queen, who must not fall asleep due to the pea under her mattress. The whole cast came together to help Winnifred pass the Queen's standards in order to marry her love. "I'm a lady-in-waiting who is a part of the chorus in the show," said freshman Cassandra Petrie. "Me and everyone else in the cast help the story move along by supporting Prince Dauntless in his search for a princess, dancing our socks off, and helping the Princess Winnifred "pass her test."

The personalities of the characters also helped make the tale funnier. The people were all exaggerated and were told to behave cartoonlike. "I think the audience was charmed by the dialogue's witty humor, the absurdity of each character, and the music itself," said Petrie.

-Heather Mead



Lady Larken, played by Courtney Weiham, **assists Sir Harry with his daily workout** and informs him they are expecting a baby. (bb)



Princess Winnifred, played by Lillian Guenseth, **effortlessly lifts the weight** and passes the Queen's strenght test. (bb)



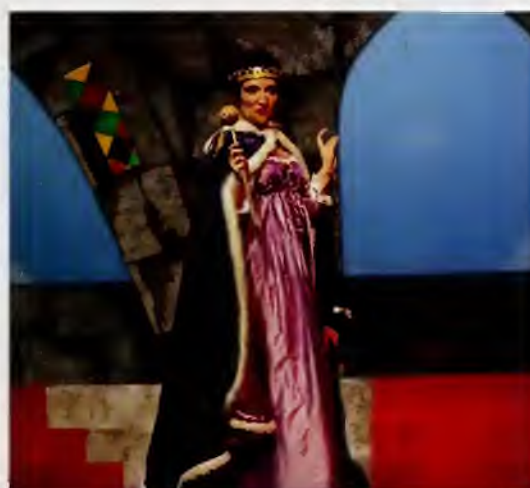
Queen Aggravain **uses magic** in order to get Princess Winnifred to fall asleep on the pea that is hidden under the 20 mattresses. (bb)



Tyler Abraham as Sir Harry, reads **Princess Winnifred's credentials** to the kingdom. (bb)

Winnifred **describes her home in the swamp** to Prince Dauntless and the ladies in waiting. (bb)

The kingdom celebrates Princess Winniefred passing the Queen's sensitivity test, allowing her to marry Prince Dauntless. (bb)



Queen Aggravain, played by Ashley Sarver, **forms her plot against Princess Winnifred**. (bb)

The Wizard, played by Emily Dillard, **shows off her many tricks** to the Minstrel, Wesley Taylor, and the Jester, Seth Lowery. (bb)



The light from a cell phone might be useful as a nightlight to help you find your pajamas when your roommate is asleep, but a single phone emits only a feeble glow. However, when thousands of people pull out their phones to illuminate the air at a rock concert, the effect is mesmerizing: light becomes a swaying, moving, living creature. The audience becomes connected, communally enjoying and creating the experience.

While our feeble light might dimly reveal the shapes of objects around us, our true ability to defy the darkness comes best from a group effort. We are vital pinpoints of a brilliant whole- without each individual reaching for his phone, there would be nothing. When was the last time you heard someone refer to a specific star? More often we talk about the night sky, or a constellation. To break up the fabric of darkness, every person must glow, yet it is the cooperative effort that shines.

Light
of the world

Family Friendly

J. Martinson. Who comes to mind? Most likely, the first person you think of is Dr. Jay Martinson, popular Chair of the Department of Communication. However, behind every great man there's a great woman, and Dr. Jay is no exception.

"Luckily, he's a popular one," said Jeanette Martinson, the less prominent half of J. Martinson. "I think it would be terrible, if we'd be sitting here and hear someone behind us like, 'What a jerk'! That would be awful." She laughed, clearly at ease with her husband's reputation.

Mrs. Martinson lives her life with spunky flair. With a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Master's in Professional Counseling, her calling is to love people. "I really, really like counseling," she said. "Sitting one on one is my absolute favorite thing to do." Currently an adjunct professor for the psychology department, she has been teaching in the master's program for several years, rather than maintaining her own private practice. "I feel like, right now, I have about thirty clients- and I have none!" she said with a laugh. "But I watch the students' [counseling] tapes, and I keep track of their people, so I feel like I have clients. Rather than sit with one person, I feel like I'm touching more lives this way, by teaching."

This year, she's picked up additional undergraduate courses to fill in the gaps in the department. She appreciates the enthusiasm to learn that the younger students generate in class. "I miss them when I'm not with them. They give me a fresh outlook!" she said. Even more than she loves students, however, Jeanette Martinson loves her family.

"You can pick the most important thing to you, and devote your life to it," she explained. Despite the pressure that comes from living and working in academia, she's not too worried about becoming another Dr. J. Martinson. "My full time things are mom and grandma, and I teach on the side, rather than being a Ph.D. with kids on the side," she said.

It hasn't always been that way, though. "It used to really intrigue me- I wanted that title," she said. "A lot of times in our marriage I would feel like, I know he's got the Ph.D., but I'm just as smart as him!" She went through a particularly rough time while they were at the University of Illinois, her at home with the baby and him studying for his Ph.D. "I think my self-esteem really suffered there. I would have been really tempted to get it just to say I did it." She laughed. "Jay would come home and have these studies and stuff, and I read Cat in the Hat- in fact, I memorized it!"

Now, however, she realizes that the credential is just that- a written validation. Choosing to focus on her family has given her a much deeper sense of fulfillment, as evidenced by the walking, breathing proof that frequently follows her around campus. "That's just a different investment," she said. "So he can be Dr. and I'll be Gigi- and that's okay."

A few years ago, Jeanette discovered what she called a "big empty spot" in herself. Although she had the opportunity to pursue another degree, she had another idea. "We were on this whale watch, and I saw this little Chinese girl, and I said 'Oh, adoption- that's what I always wanted to and didn't do!' And my daughter Rachel said, 'Why don't you just do it then?'" A couple years later, their family grew by one as they adopted a little girl from China, Lucy.

Martinson's family oriented life hasn't detracted from her professional success. She's worked with chronically mentally ill adults, run a successful private practice, and taught classes. In fact-as she mentioned with a grin- she's teaching one more class than her husband during the spring semester.

Jeanette Martinson knows what has her heart: family. "You'll get what is the most important thing to you, but you may not get the second most important- so make sure you get most important thing straight," she said. "What I desired the most was just the kids growing up. I think finally, maybe at this age I've decided I'm pretty content- I've done what I really wanted to in life."

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A passion for nature

What does one do during a summer of mowing lawns to avoid going crazy? James Smit, a senior, explained about one of his past summer jobs, "When I mowed lawns, it was such a mind numbing job that I would spend all day thinking- if I found a lottery ticket and I won a million dollars, what would I do? I'd love to go to the big national parks and travel to see all fifty states."

A nature-lover at heart, James will be graduating with a degree in biology. "What I ideally want to do is ecosystem management, managing a certain area so that you can get the most productivity, sustain ability, and still let it be used by humans," he said. He enjoys activities that let him explore and relish the outdoors, such as fishing and mountain biking, which flesh out his intellectual understanding of the environment with raw natural beauty.

James' interest in biology has led him to the position of president of Biophilic, the biology club. "I never really had envisioned myself as being the president," he said with a laugh. "When you're a freshman, you don't want to be in biology club, you're like- 'this is lame!' Then you realize that you become friends with the people in your major, and you know everyone, and it's fun to go to that stuff. You get advice and you hang out with professors." James appreciates the real world and practical experience the role has given him in managing a budget and a group of people.

The last four years have seen other changes within James, too. Starting out his first year more inclined to bend the rules than to uphold them, he's spent the last three as a Resident Assistant. "As a freshman or a sophomore you don't really appreciate what we have here. As I've gotten a little bit older I've come to appreciate it more, and enjoy some of the things that maybe when you're younger you don't enjoy, you just see as stifling or oppressive," James said. "You realize the rules really are not a big deal." Recognizing that his friends who attended state schools were thrown into a raucous atmosphere that they were unprepared for, he appreciates the structure that Olivet's rules create. "I'm so thankful for these four years I've had to assess the person I want to be," he said.

Olivet's smaller, more intimate community also appeals to him. "The thing I like the most is the people that I've met here, that you really get to know and become close friends with by learning their stories," he said. James relates how his RA from his freshman year now works with a church in Colorado, and he just sent a student from the youth group to Olivet. The student ended up on James' floor in Nesbitt. "It's the stories, the memories, and the connections," he explained.

One particular memory from college demonstrates James' goofy personality. "I like having a mustache, sometimes," he said. "I've had a mustache sometime during every year of college, and I usually grow one in the summer." However, this summer looms slightly more ominously than the past ones, as James, along with the rest of the senior class, face the next phase of life. "I think you can learn something from everyone. I've found that more as I go through school, not to ever shut anything out," James explained. "There's something you can learn from everyone and every situation." Armed with that attitude, his mustache, lawn-moving experience, and Biology degree, how could he fail?

-Staci Bradbury



Medical mission

Not many people have experienced being in the minority in the way that Tabitha Eckert has. When she was only two, her parents moved to Niger, a country in West Africa, as missionaries. Despite trying their best to emulate the people they were living with, they were the first white family to live in the town of Dakoro. "When I was small, the kids thought I was painted; they'd never seen a white kid before. So they'd kick me and pinch me to see if I'd cry, because they weren't sure if I was real," Tabitha recounted.

Since the Fulani people, the tribe that they were focused on ministering to, are nomadic, the family settled in the closest town, where her mom stayed at home teaching the kids while her dad traveled, sometimes for a few weeks at a time. The oldest of seven siblings, Tabitha grew up close to the four brothers born after her, since they were the only other English-speaking kids in town.

She grew up feeling outraged at the cruelty of the way the other kids in the village treated them. "They would come and sit on the wall around our house- kind of like an amphitheater or something- and while we played they'd be talking and commenting to each other on what we were doing. For a while they threw rocks, which was really bad because we were afraid to go out of the house. Then they started shooting rubber bands... I shot them back," she explained with a slight smile. "I was kind of a bad kid." However, Tabitha reached a turning point around the age of thirteen. As the Islamic culture began to make more sense, she realized that the people who were mistreating her had no concept of a loving God. Rather than hold them to a standard of behavior that they didn't even know existed, she decided to demonstrate what she longed for. "I realized I'd have to get out there and get on their level so they can see that there's a different way to be human. That was when I started learning their language and began to know the people in my town," she said. Eventually she became so fluent in Hausa, the ubiquitous national language, that she worked as a translator in a hospital.

For someone who had been interested in medicine since a young age, working in the hospital was a special treat. "Anywhere the doctor went, I went," she said. "I got to see way more than most non-medical personnel get to see." Tabitha traces her desire to serve in medicine to an encounter she had at age four with a little Fulani girl who had been bitten by a snake. She received poor medical treatment and suffered through the gangrene before her leg was amputated. "I looked at her eyes, and the only way I can describe them is someone who's been in a horror movie or something," she remembered. "I'm going into medicine because I cannot get away from the fact that there are children all over the world who should not have to have that look in their eyes."

When Tabitha was eighteen, her parents moved back to the United States so she could go to college. After a year spent "learning to be an American," she enrolled at Trinity International University in Chicago. Having finally acclimated herself to African culture, it was a tough transition for her. "I didn't understand American slang. One time, we were talking about pirate treasure, and I started referring to it as booty- everyone cracked up every time I said something." Tabitha found herself feeling superior to her classmates, preferring to spend time with her family. She explained, "My response to the transition was this Christian narcissism, where you convince yourself that God has somehow made you special. At the end of that year God broke through a lot of things for me. He was like, 'You are not special because of yourself, you are only special because you know me, and you need to know other people.'" Feeling led to apply for a position as an RA, Tabitha spent the next year building relationships with people and forming genuine friendships. She felt God calling her to nursing at the end of her sophomore year, and consequently transferred to Olivet. A senior this year, she has a dream of working with orphans or children who have been hurt in life.

"I'm just excited to live," Tabitha said. "I used to be so afraid of life; I was so afraid of everything because I felt like I had to earn God, and I had to earn my right to be recognized by other people. I think this whole process of coming to know that God wants to know us- and that's the only thing that makes us important- has really freed me to enjoy living."

-Staci Bradbury

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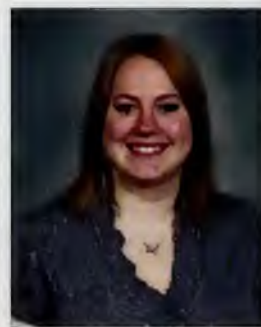
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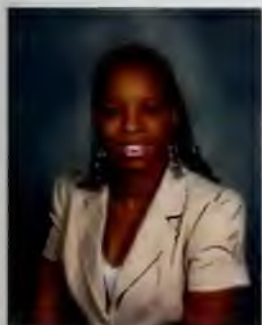
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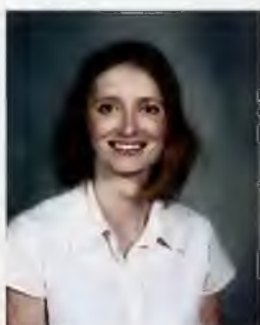
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Wide open spaces

Like a scrambled rubix cube with a multitude of faces and colors, Melinda Jones has many different sides that all combine to make her unique. At first glance, one might notice her curly brown hair, room-brightening smile, or staple boots. It might be discernable from a book she's carrying or a conversation she's having, that she's dietetics major or passionate about helping others. However, a cursory judgment is hardly sufficient.

"I think that people get the wrong idea about me sometimes," she said, her slight southern twang leaking through. "There's just too much stuff put on outward appearance." Having grown up on a farm in southern Illinois, Melinda finds rural areas energizing. "In the summer, I just go outside- I'll be like, 'Mom and dad, if I'm not in my room, it's because I'm outside.' I will literally just take a sleeping bag outside in the field and just sleep!" she said. An avid hunter, fisher, dirt biker, cattle-raiser and camper, Melinda considers life in the country much richer than life in the city. "The interaction and fellowship you have with outdoor activities is just so much more special," she said.

Unafraid to strike out on her own, Melinda loves to hunt. "I do bow and shotgun," she said. "I haven't gotten a big trophy buck yet. I'm not one of those people who will just shoot every deer that walks by. If you don't let the bucks get bigger, you're never going to kill a big buck." However, as every good hunter understands, there's more to it than just shooting a deer. "Even if you don't get a deer, I just love the experience," she said. "I love seeing the sunrise- it's just so peaceful; it's a great time to pray. Sometimes I bring my Bible out there."

Melinda's spirit also shines through in her work. Interested particularly in diabetes education, she worked at a hospital this summer and found teaching the patients one on one about food choices incredibly rewarding. While she considered studying the nutrition side of feed for cattle, her heart is with people. "I love telling stories and making people laugh. I really do deeply care for others and what's going on in their lives and how I can help them or be an encouragement to them," she said. This is displayed particularly well through her volunteer work with Olivet's Prison Ministry, which sends college students to visit inmates. "They're just people, you've got to remind yourself that," she explained. "Everyone makes mistakes."

Sometimes she wishes that same understanding attitude would be extended to her. "People tease me about my boots all the time," she said. "I think people get this idea in their head that girls have to be girly, and that doing these activities is more manly, but I don't think that's true at all. I think as women, we are called to be feminine, not girly." While she enjoys looking nice and getting cleaned up, Melinda feels that many girls miss out on life because they're so focused on impressing people outwardly. "If you look at women in the Bible, most of them are not girly; they were tough women! But they were feminine and knew how to compose themselves in a way that was of womanly character. If you look at the Proverbs 31 woman, she was a tough gal! But she still look care of herself outwardly, and she was a servant and possessed all the womanly qualities," Melinda explained.

Adventurous and confident in herself, Melinda is the type of person who frees others from their self-consciousness just by being very much herself in deeper ways than a glance would reveal. "I don't really care what they say, because I'm not going to change. That's just the way I am," she said with a smile.

-Staci Bradbury

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An ear for music

"If I had to pick a film score to compare myself with, it would probably be *How to Train Your Dragon*," Ben Cherney said. "It's fun but chill and it's slightly spastic at times, but it's epic!" One of those rare humans with genuine artistic genius, Ben thinks in music.

"I was really musical growing up. I just loved music, and I loved writing," he explained. "I could hear a lot of stuff just naturally." Unlike so many kids forced to take piano lessons, Ben mentions the music lessons he took growing up were more like punctuation to his natural gift. "I played by ear basically since I could get up to a piano," he said. Currently studying music composition, piano, and voice, Ben's time at Olivet is helping him to train his talent. "There's a lot of stuff that I hear and I'd love to be able to do; it's just sort of like floating around in my head, like a really cool jazz piano- but I can't actually get that out of my hands yet," he said.

Ben takes classes in a range of areas, including music theory, jazz, instruments, and musicianship which involves being able to read and produce what's on a page, or hear music and know how it looks written down. He particularly appreciates the professors at Olivet. "They're excellent at what they do, but they're also committed to Christ," he said. "That shows up in their classrooms. They care about each of the students on a very personal level."

One of Ben's favorite things to experience in music is collective growth. "There's just that joy in putting together a group effort that comes out really well, and it just makes it that much better," he said. "There's a process of blending that happens where the music just gets tighter, to the point where at the end of the year, Dr. Bell will start some songs and walk away, because we're listening and acting as a group." He also loves the community that the Orpheus choir in particular creates, as sixty-six people from different backgrounds learn to create art together. "In the end we really are a family- it's so great," he said.

Though Ben clearly belongs at Olivet, he didn't know it for a long time. After a fruitless search for a Christian liberal arts college with a music composition major, he finally surrendered his frustrations to God during his senior year of high school. "Like a week later, Olivet called me," he related. Though he had never heard of the school, or even the Nazarene denomination, Olivet explained that they had received his test scores- which he never sent- and had a scholarship package to offer him. "I came on my campus visit and fell in love with the campus," he said. "It was definitely a huge answer to prayer."

While Ben is not certain what the future holds for him, he's trusting that God will continue to mold paths for him to take. In the meantime, he's preparing by making his impact at Olivet through singing in Orpheus, composing for events such as the Composer's Concert- which debuted a rock symphony he wrote this year- and running sound for the Olivetians. "At this point, going through my degree and studying and doing my best in multiple areas," he explained, "is just preparing for whatever God will have for me."

-Staci Bradbury

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Trevor Alcorn
Shelby Allen
Ashlan Allison



Cierra Andecover
Artika Anderson
Martha Arntson
Anne Atwater
Joseph Badagliacco
Ethan Barse



Austin Barwegen
Sebastiana Basham
Kassandra Bauer
Lauren Beatty
Benjamin Beck
Kayla Bissonette



Joseph Blaney
Sarah Bodner
Danielle Bolander
Michelle Booker
Elizabeth Bott
Jacob Boyce



Kathleen Boynton
Cassandra Brainard
Shane Breitzke
Brent Brooks
Kelli Brown
Madeline Browning



Aaron Buchanan
Katherine Bultema
Ariel Burke
Tiara Burns
Natalie Bursztynsky
Olivia Bus





Melissa Buseth
Alicia Busse
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Jonathan Cable
Kendra Cable
Clinton Cabrera



Emily Caldwell
Jacob Caldwell
Kelly Carey
Julie Carlson
Nicole Carr
Jordan Carstens



Alex Cavender
Ryan Cawvey
Olivia Cheatham
Benjamin Cherney
Samantha Clark
Lauren Cloutier



Cassandra Collins
Alexander Colwell
Rebecca Compton
Sarah Condreay
Sarah Cook
Kellee Cousins



Ryan Covarrubias
Alexandra Cox
Clarissa Cox
Samuel Craven
Jose Cruz
Ashton Davey



Sarah Davis
Ashley DeVries
Nicole DeVries
Bradley Deal
Joel Deckard
Ashley Desrochers

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 Nicholas Dickrell
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 Samantha Engelland
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 Jonathan Erdahl
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 Chad Evans
 Brandon Eylander
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 Kathleen Farris
 Katlyn Farris



Darlene Fiedler
 Aaron Fiehn
 Christopher Field
 Tara Fieldhouse
 Aaron Florian
 Jacquelyn Ford





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Kayla Foster
Taylin Frame
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Dennis Gloodt
Ashley Goad
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Joshua Griffes
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Rachel Groters
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Tyler Hamilton
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Kathryn Hanley



Jordan Hansen
Timothy Harmon
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Rachael Hartman
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Jeffrey Hawkins

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Lindsey Hayes
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Chelsea Hays
Desiree Hays
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Jeremy Height
Benjamin Heincker
Emily Heinz
Benjamin Heller
Abigail Helmker



Kyle Henning
Elena Herath
Jamie Hill
David Hines
Rachel Hobbs
Stephanie Hobson



Shanna Hoekstra
Bethany Holaway
Laura Holdham
Katrina Holm
Katelyn Holmer
Dana Hopkins



Jennifer Horne
Jacob Hoskins
Bethany Hotle
Katherine Hozian
Tyler Hubbell
Elizabeth Huebner



Megan Huntsman
Adeyinka Ifaturoti
Megan Jackson
William James
Andrew Jensen
Sarah Jensen





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Devin Johnston
Lauren Jones
Melinda Jones
Hannah June



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Caroll Karns
Jillian Karrick
Matthew Kearney
Rachel Kearney
Megan Kepler



Ryan Kern
Caitlyn King
Gabrielle Kirby
Lindsey Kirchner
Kristina Kirkham
Faren Kirkland



Emily Klinefelter
Megan Klossing
Kyle Knight
Mary Koch
Shelby Koehl
Zachary Kohlmeier



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Julian Kurz
Andrea LaMontagne



Gabrielle LaSpina
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Kevin Lasowski
Brenden Lautenbach
Crystelle LeMay
Ryan Leander
Stephanie Liakopoulos



Ryan Lingle
Brianna Lomas
Ryan London
Kaitlin Loos
Ricardo Lopez
Autumn Lourash



Amanda Luby
Aaron Lucas
Jonathan Lyle
Mark Lynn
Joy MacDonald
Lisa MacDonough



Britney Marko
Joy Matthews
Rachel Maupin
Brandi McCarrey
Kylie McGuire
Seth McKinley



Nathaniel McManus
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Christopher Means
Bethany Meredith
Morgan Messer



Aaron Miles
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Rachel Moore



Stephanie Moore
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Khari Myer
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Joss Nicholson
Kirsten Niederwimmer



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Andrew Oliver
Linnea Orne



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David Parker
Emily Pascarella
Freya Patrick
Donte Payne
Isaiah Peachey



Adrian Perez
Seth Perry
Dana Peterson
James Phillips
Rebecca Phipps
Emilie Pickering

Christina Poe
Taylor Polatas
Sean Ports
Marcus Powers
Melissa Price
Erinn Proehl



Megan Radcliffe
Ashley Raffauf
Olivia Rairden
Meagan Ramsay
Travis Rasmussen
Tracy Redman



Miley Reed
Katina Reedy
Kolton Reeverts
William Reilly
Antoinette Restaino
Andrea Richardson



Elisabeth Rickard
Kristin Rinehart
Joshua Ring
Elise Rivett
Peter Robinson
Rebecca Rodeheaver



Jeremy Roesel
Emily Roeslein
Rebekah Rogers
Jacqueline Rose
Cory Rovens
Paula Saewert



Josue Sanchez
Lucas Sanor
Jordan Saunders
Leah Saunders
Sarah Schimp
Joe Schindel





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Hannah Schmidt
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Jennifer Schoenwetter
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Victoria Smallegan
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Kaleb Soller
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Alyssa Wilkins





Abigail Willey
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Derek Williams
Rebecca Williams
Taylor Williamson
Alexia Wilson



Jennifer Wilson
Katherine Wilson
Matthew Wilson
Lauren Winters
Allison Wiseman
Dianna Wood



Ted Woolsey
Benjamin Worner
Kimberly Wyman
Korissa Yergler
Catherine Young
Bailey Zeilenga



Rose Zell

The man behind the suit

For some people leadership is a learned quality. For others, like Scott Ellis, it is an inborn trait. A sophomore political science major, he recalls a debate in fifth grade during which his teacher told him he should be a politician. "It sparked an interest," he explained. Actively involved in campus life, Scott believes that college is what you make it. He participates in almost all intramural sports, and regularly attends Capitol Hill Gang meetings. "I go there and I usually just shut my mouth and listen, because there are so many people who just know so much more than me who I want to learn from," he said. Scott relishes the opportunity to be surrounded by others also actively pursuing knowledge. He also is an avid supporter of the various sports teams on campus, which probably has something to do with his competitive streak. "I make competitions up in my head, like if somebody's walking behind me, and they're catching up, I'll start walking faster," he said.

Scott channels his competitiveness into cheering for both the men and women's basketball teams. "My cousin is on the girls' team, and my roommate is on the guys' team," he said. "I wish I could change students' spirit when it comes to sporting events." Scott finds it frustrating to watch nationally-ranked teams succeed, but go unnoticed by the student body. To counteract that, he and his friends have formed a cheering section for the basketball games that they call "Ellis Island." Scott also has the job of being Toby the Tiger, which provides him with a front row seat to many different games. "I just wish more students would show up and pack the gymnasium, especially on Saturdays," he said.

As Toby, Scott gets an opportunity to foster school spirit. "My RA last year taught me some dance moves, and I usually try to bring candy," he said. While jumping around in a tiger suit might seem easy, every job has its challenges. Temperature regulation inside Toby is difficult, and kids often get the wrong idea about him. "The women's soccer games are notorious for little kids attacking Toby," Scott said. "I always try to make sure there's a second person with me, because there's normally just a pack of like eight kids that think you're a big toy. Kids will chase you the whole game, pull your tail and stuff."

However, in Scott's mind that is a small price to pay if Toby helps students to get motivated. A natural at finding ways to get people engaged and involved, he especially enjoys new groups in which no one knows one another. "I don't like when people are just lollygagging or not really knowing what to do, just sitting around," he said. "I try to go out of my way to talk to people, get to know people, include people -whether or not that's an awkward moment for you," he joked.

Scott enjoys professors that mirror his passion in their teaching style, explaining how many of his classes watch documentaries or have rousing discussions. "I'm at my best when I'm energetic and having fun," he explained. Whether he's partying it up as a giant tiger or debating, Scott's inner drive bubbles over to inspire others to action.

-Staci Bradbury



Sophomore Feature

Reaching kids through music

If Hannah Taylor had a recipe for life, it would probably include a big dose of family, a few cups of love for kids, a sprinkling of poise, and a shake of vivacity.

Coming from a family of teachers, Hannah is eagerly anticipating getting her degree in Elementary Education and a job teaching first grade someday. She has minors in Music and Spanish, with hopes of one day teaching in the inner city. "I'd like to start an after school program for music so the kids have an outlet," Hannah said. While she was active in everything from sports to show choir in high school, music filled a certain niche for her that nothing else could. "I know kids in the inner city are looking for something productive to do, and it seems like a good way to express that," she said.

Hannah is involved with Chrysalis, our all-women choir, and Proclamation Gospel Choir. One of her favorite moments of this year was when gospel choir had the opportunity to sing with the Gaithers during Homecoming. "It was unbelievably real," she said, beaming. "I grew up listening to the Gaithers. We actually got to meet Bill Gaither. For being old, he is so great!" Music is more than just a personal experience for Hannah; it's a tool to unite individuals in creative expression. "I love kids and I love singing, and music just a good way to bring people together," she said. Her biggest dream in life is to lead the African Children's Choir. When she was in fourth grade the group came to her church, and four of the little girls in the choir stayed at her house. "My heart has been with them ever since," Hannah related. "That's why I chose music."

Hannah indeed has a big heart, and it is very much focused on God. Although she loves the faith challenge that the atmosphere at Olivet presents to her, she's leaning towards working in a public school someday. "I think I would be a bigger influence on a group that didn't know the Lord," she explained. "A big thing that I learned from my sister, who is also a teacher, is that they need to know that I'm different; they don't need to know why I'm different. When they ask me questions, then I'll tell them- and it'll be a good day."

As a Resident Assistant on campus, she appreciates her friends who hold her accountable for having pure actions. "I went to a public high school, and I only had a few friends who were really solid in their faith," she said. "I feel like I am continually challenged at Olivet with it being a Christian school. My roommates challenge me all the time."

Overall, Hannah brackets everything she does with love, whether it's her relationships with the residents in her apartment building, her friendship with her parents, or her service to kids. The secret ingredient in her recipe is also the source of her strength: "The Lord is faithful," she said with confidence, "and you don't have to be afraid."

-Staci Bradbury



Sophomore Feature

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Nicole Ackerman
Somone Agers
Jose Alcantar
Cameron Alcorn



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Alyssa Alt
Justin Ambrosia
Amber Andersen
Lauren Anderson



Emily Arnold
Rivka Atadja
Kristin Attig
Lacey Austin
Jessica Bachelor
Jonathan Bader



Breanne Bambrick
Seth Barrigear
Elizabeth Bart
Steven Beckham
Brooke Bellamy
Matthew Bennett



Kara Benz
Josiah Berg
Brennen Berry
Eliseo Betancourt
Todd Bevan
April Biddle



Sydney Bland
Lisa Boaz
Hannah Bontrager
Johanna Boomer
Emily Borger
Christopher Bottari





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Richard Breeden
Anouk Breuker
Melanie Breunig
Jordan Britt



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Joshua Brooks
Titus Bryan
Brandy Buckholt
Jamison Burchfield
Andrew Burrington



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Aziza Butoyi
Adrian Calhoun
Ashley Camden
Hannah Campbell
William Carey



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Zachary Cataldo



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 Michael Da Silva



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 Mitchell Dale
 Kerrielle Davis
 Alex DeWees
 Jenna Dempsey



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 Joseph Devine
 Rachel Devine
 April Dhennin
 Sara DiLeonardo



Kellie Dignan
 Stephanie Dillman
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 Megan Dowell
 Ryan Drenth
 Michael Durazo



Kenzie Edwards
 Rachel Eliason
 Beth Elcessor
 Matthew Elless
 Alina Ellis
 Lauren Ellis



Scott Ellis
 Megan Elroy
 Julie Emmons
 Seth Erickson
 Erin Evans
 Jennifer Ewing





Chantalle Falconer
Ben Farris
Nathaniel Ferris
Jonathan Fightmaster
Aimee Fish
Zach Fisher



David Flack
Crystal Fleck
Erin Florence
Aisha Foday
Thomas Francoeur
Megan Franseen



Jackie Freed
Melissa Freeman
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Jaelyn French
Brian Fritz
G.J. Frye



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Lana Guinn
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Lauren Hall



Hyebin Han
Jarred Harrell
Danyne Harris
Jennifer Harris
Marshall Harris
De'Niece Harrison-Hudson



Luke Hasselbring
Lauren Hausken
Kara Heath
Michael Hedrick
Joanna Helmker
Joy Hess



Allison Hill
Christopher Hinrichs
Alexandria Hodges
Carolyn Hoffman
April Hogan
Elisabeth Holaway



Samantha Holmes
Benjamin Holt
Keegan Hurt
Taylor Hutson
Christopher Ingersol
Jordan Jackson



William James
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Allison Javorka
Erica Jenkins
Gloria Jentz
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Ross Johnson
Justine Josma
Brandon Juodikis
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Autumn Keiss
Nickolas Kellar
Benjamin Kelsey
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Melody Long
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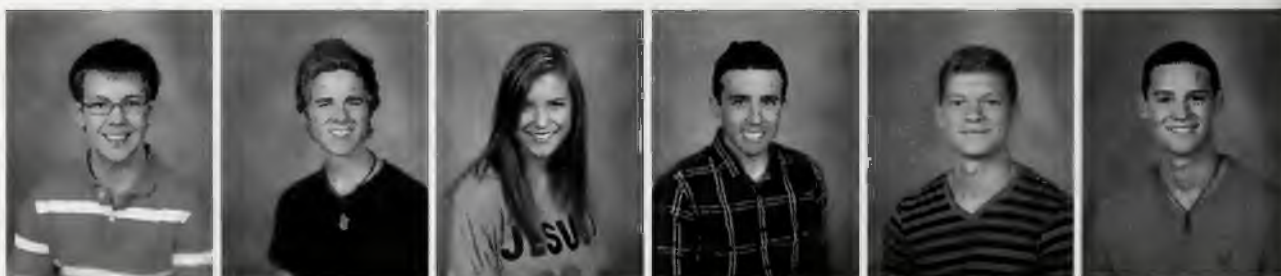
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John Neuman



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 Janalis Roche
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 Zachary Ruddle
 Heather Runyan
 Renee Runyan
 Madison Rupert
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Michelle Spencer
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 Kerry VanSyckle
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Ewelina Zajkowski
Olivia Zimmer
Meribeth Zweizig

A heart to serve

Quite a few students at Olivet are familiar with the Shepherd Community Center in Indianapolis. With a focus on inner-city ministry, Shepherd is frequented by religion students doing summer internships and MIA short term missions trips. None, however, know it quite as thoroughly as freshman Jenna Height.

"My dad runs Shepherd, so we live like five minutes away," she explained. Having lived there since she was two, Jenna- along with her older brother Jeremy, also an Olivet student- has grown up helping out around the center, doing everything from gardening, cleaning, running the Christmas shop, and helping with the kids in the afterschool and day camp programs.

Working towards a degree in Early Childhood Education, Jenna has a passion for kids. "I've just always grown up around them," she said. "I feel like I work better with kids- I couldn't see myself as a middle school or high school teacher. Kids say whatever's on their mind. They're just honest." She hopes to someday run or work with an orphanage, possibly overseas.

Being the daughter of a pastor has its perks. Jenna was raised surrounded not only by her parent's love, but an entire network of support. "It's a lot of fun because I get to go to different churches and I've met a lot of people," she explained. While she would sometimes get picked on for being the pastor's kid or feel pressured to have the Bible memorized, overall Jenna appreciates the experience. "I loved growing up in a Christian home; it was always nice to have my parent's support," she said. "I don't think I'd be where I am today without their support."

An avid reader and shoe shopper, Jenna has found friends in the dorm that helped make the transition to college easier. "It was hard coming here, but having them makes it easier," she said. She's been considering, along with a few friends from back home who attend Olivet, getting back into a favorite activity: playing the steel drums. "They look like bowl shaped metal pans," she said. "There are six different types, and about fifteen or twenty people in a group play them." Jenna played the tenor drum for three years of high school with her church, traveling around to other churches and her high school. "We had gigs!" she said with a laugh.

Jenna's background is beginning to bloom into a bountiful predilection to serve. "I love working with kids," she said, "so I think it would be so fun to run a good Christian environment someday."

-Staci Bradbury

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Freshmen Feature

A mind for cardio

When Brody Stewart speaks, he is careful to say what he means. He searches for the right word for everything, and does a mental double check of any date or time that he offers, to ensure its veracity. Precision is one of his gifts, and he's going to need it: he wants to be the person in charge of your heart.

"In seventh grade I went and saw some procedures by a cardiologist, and ever since then I've wanted to do that," he explains. "I have always kind of been interested in being a doctor, so they set up a procedure where I could go see it. They took this hollow wire, basically, and put it up and under the rib cage, into the vein, then sent a stint up on the wire, and then inflated and opened the vein, because it had collapsed." Among the different areas of cardiology, Brody hopes to specialize in open-heart surgery.

For now, he's studying Biology. He discusses classes that would make Bachelor of Arts majors quake in their boots with a quiet confidence, mentioning organic chemistry like it's no big deal. He enjoys learning, and is looking forward to anatomy. "They dissect cadavers, which is pretty cool," he said.

A freshman at Olivet this year, Brody is the type of kid who had a good deal of freedom at home having earned his parent's trust. "At home, my parents weren't really worried about me doing anything I wasn't supposed to, you just kind of knew where the boundaries were," he explained. He enjoys the social community at Olivet, however. "Everybody is easy to talk to," he said. He has the added benefit of a built in friend, too- his older brother, Caleb, who also attends ONU. Since Caleb is also a biology major, Brody has been able to get advice from his brother on various classes and teachers that await him in the future.

Already quite an accomplished traveler, Brody can see himself working in Africa someday, as a doctor and doing missions work. He attended Dr. Ben Carson's talk on campus this fall and particularly appreciated hearing about his medical service overseas. Brody has traveled to Florida and Canada on fishing trips. "My dad's relatives took us fishing for dolphin in Florida," he said. Dolphin? "Dolphin fish. It's called the Mahi Mahi; it's a colorful fish that tastes good."

He has also been to England and Ireland. Brody's grandfather lived in Ireland for a few years, so he traveled there with his two brothers, his Dad, and his grandfather to visit old co-workers. "I'd like to travel more," he said. "All different places in Europe- Florence, Venice, Rome, and maybe the Amazon in South America. It's ridiculous and it's huge." There is now about that Brody's future travels will be experienced with the same meticulous attention, which he dedicates to every part of his life.

-Staci Bradbury



Freshmen Feature

Freshmen

Tyler Abraham
Sarah Adams
Albert Adekunle
Ayodeji Adeyemi
Sarah Aeschliman
Valeria Aguilar



Orobola Akinmoladun
Desmond Albert
Amanda Aldeir
Monika Alfke
Nicholas Allen
Brooke Alleva



Marissa Alliss
Tyler Althoff
Angela Ames
Ernestina Amponsah
Abigail Anderson
Gina Anderson



Maria Anderson
Zane Anderson
Ryan Archer
Lynn Arnett
Hannah Arnold
Josiah Arriaga



Evanne Astell
Anna Aukerman
Julie Bachtler
Candace Baird
Adeena Balthazor
Morgan Bandemer



Kilmeny Barnell
Blake Barnes
Kacey Barnhart
Colleen Barry
Bonita Batton
Joseph Bauer





Morgan Baumert
Mark Beaumont
Alicia Beckmann
Sarah Beecher
Austin Beeman
Whitney Bell



Brantly Bemis
Anthony Benda
Austin Bensema
Attalyssa Berg
Timothy Berkey
Brittany Bernholdt



Grant Berquist
Gina Bianchi
Lydia Bilyeu
Alexander Blakeley
Keegan Block
Kristin Bloyd



Amy Blucker
Bailey Boicken
Katelyn Boicken
Sarah Bollinger
Amy Bolton
Brittany Booth



Michael Bork
Felix Bosede
Chris Boss
Nicole Bowman
Alyssa Brack
Danielle Branham



Amy Brenner
Cameron Brewer
Drew Brodien
Alexcis Brouwers
Derick Brown
Jessica Brown

Julie Buck
Jennifer Buhr
Caleb Burkey
Janice Burneson
Colleen Burns
Amanda Bursztynsky



Megan Butler
Philip Caffee
Sarah Campbell
Shawnte Campbell
Emma Capps
Jared Carl



Austin Carlquist
Zechariah Carlton
Joseph Caron
Celia Carr
Haley Carroll
Olivia Casey



Faith Cavender
Allison Chadwick
Renae Chapman
Hannah Cheney
Grant Chenoweth
Claire Chlasta



Krystal Church
Tate Church
Jessica Cichetti
Melanie Clark
Amelia Claus
Brenna Close



Isabella Colangelo
Katie Cole
Taylor Cole
Abigail Combs
Cristina Contreras
Mark Cooper





Morgan Cooper
Kristen Cornish
Shannon Cornwell
Garrett Corpier
Haley Cox
Jordan Cox



Theodore Cox
Joshua Craig
Lauren Cramer
Aaron Crane
Rebecca Crane
Mindi Crangle



Loren Crawford
Dylan Cregar
Diana Crispin
Samuel Cullado
Loren Culver
John Cummings



Taylor Dace
Matthew Dahlberg
Tessa Dattilo
Alexis Davis
Austin Davis
Emily Ann Davis



Mary DeMent
Elisha DeRamus
Amber DeYoung
Chase Deaton
Joshua Dees
Dustin Dehart



Kate Dekoning
Brianna Denhart
Jared Dennis
Ashley Dettore
Christina Di Monte
Rachel DiVittorio

Jessica Dieken
 Laurel Dispenza
 Victoria Dokter
 Olivia Doner
 Andrea Donley
 Sue-Lyn Dorrough



Emily Downing
 Brandon Doyle
 Clarence Driver
 Kayla Duclon
 Caleb Duffy
 Kaci Dunnum



Philippe Duplessy
 Austin Earley
 Daniela Echeverry
 Nicholas Eckart
 Jessica Eckerley
 Taihla Eddins



Sydney Edwards
 Gretchen Elliott
 Jonathan Elliott
 Samantha Ellis
 Tammy Ellis
 Jessica Ellison



Abigail Erickson
 Valerie Erickson
 Jori Evans
 Trinity Evans
 Tyler Evans
 Joshua Ewing



Jacqueline Fayne
 Thomas Fazio
 Emily Fernette
 Benjamin Fightmaster
 Kaitlyn Fitzgerald
 Kaitlyn Fitzpatrick





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Anna Floyd
Sarah Fox
Alex Franzgrote
Allison Fraser
Tasha French



Drew Frey
Jacob Friesen
Jordan Fry
Robin Funk
Selina Gaines
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Alicia Gallagher
Kelsey Gallagher
Brienne Gallivan
Libby Ganssarto
Jillian Gardner
Scott Gardner



John Gargiulo
Dolly Garrison
Jordan Garza
Lukes Gash
Courtney Gawthorp
Rowmail Gebre



Robin Gerboth
Kendall Gher
Adam Gilbert
Tyler Gill
Abigail Gillett
Jeffery Glitz



Sarah Gliwa
Kamaria Goedhart
Daniel Going
Bryce Goldade
Laura Goulden
Malia Grainger

Bethany Gray
Tyler Gray
Grace Gregory
Rebecca Gremer
Andrew Grice
Zachariah Grover



Luke Grysen
Jordan Gunn
Cameron Gunter
Griselda Guzman
Andrew Haack
Dakota Hack



Janelle Hackathorn
Alexander Hagberg
Alaina Hagen
Austin Halcomb
Isaac Hale
Mary Hall



Lauren Hamilton
Lindsey Hamlin
Shayla Hancock
Morgan Hanna
Jessica Hannapel
Denver Hanson



Tyler Harrell
Micheal Harrington
Dante Harris
Michelle Harris
Shelbi Harris
Luke Harvey



Haley Hatalla
Jordan Hawkins
Marshall Hawn
Samuel Hay
Danielle Hays
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Jenna Height
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Chelsea Henning
Rebekah Hernandez
Jonathan Herndon
Emma Hershberger



Anna Hiatt
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Jessica Higer
Sarah High
Phillip Hill
Glenn Hinkley



Nicholas Hinrichs
Anna Hoekstra
Patrick Hoepp
Rachel Holaway
Kelly Holda
Trevor Holdham



Tyler Holmes
Emma Hood
Amber Hope
Jordan Horn
Lauren Hoskins
Meghan Houk



Mariah Hudson
Jenna Huguley
Amy Huish
Amy Humrichouser
Chelsea Hunt
Sydney Hunt



Tori Hunt
Grace Huscher
Cassandra Hustedt
Chaz Hutchison
Charnise Hutton
Samuel Hyde

Hayley Ivanic
Lauren James
Emilie Janes
Emily Jarrells
Hannah Javaux
Joy Jenen



Peter Jensen
Emily Johnson
Maria Johnson
Robert Johnson
Seth Johnson
Elizabeth Jolly



Brenda Jones
Bridgette Jones
Matthew Jones
Nicholas Jones
Elise Jordan
Lucas Kamely



Teresa Kamper
Benjamin Kasinger
Rachel Keck
Jonathan Kee
Taylor Kelsey
Heather Kennedy



Jacob Kershaw
Alyssa Keuther
Madison Kiger
Elizabeth Kimball
Sierra Kindred
Rachel Kines



Aaron King
Kaylie Kinstner
Jenna Klimt
Jonathan Knapp
Stacy Knoderer
Alaina Knoedler





Alan Knol
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Jessica Koch
Sydney Koch
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Victoria Kovalcik
Peter Kraiss
Jennifer Krygsheld
Abigail Kuntz
Joshua Kurchinski
Jordan Lalumendre



Alexandra Lautenbach
Karen LeRoy
Jacob Leach
Grace Leighton
Kaia Lenzi
Lindsay Lester



Kelly Lickteig
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Megan Lingle
Elizabeth Link
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Kayla Mueller
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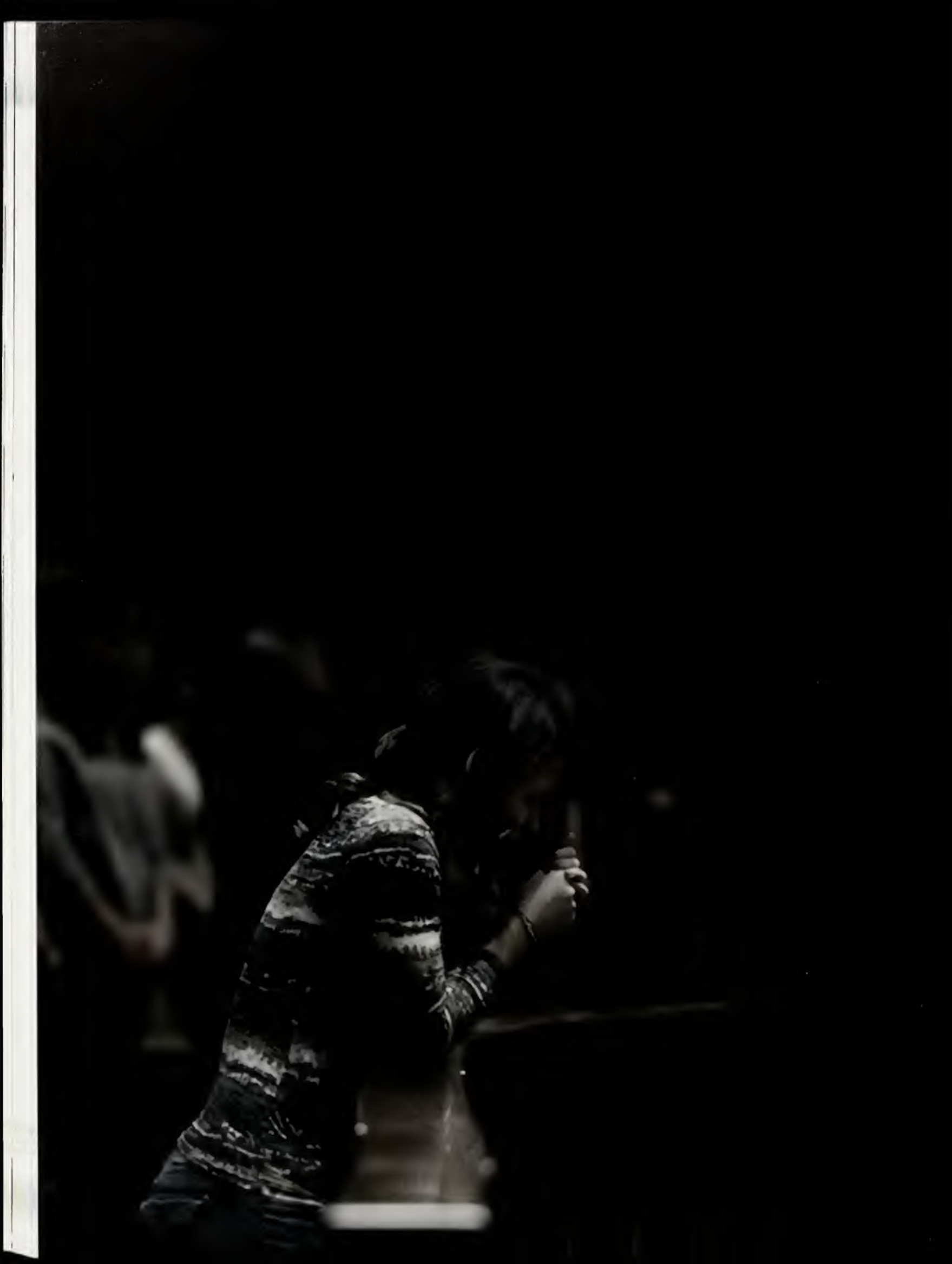
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Nothing. Imagine nothing. Pretty, tough, isn't it? Let's give it some substance. Imagine Space- you know, the final frontier. Outer space is an incomprehensible, unmeasurable, vast area of nothingness, with only solar wind, matter chunks, particle and dust clouds, and the occasional comet for company.

And, of course, light: the glorious impetus which God spoke into being, and we describe using words like electromagnetic radiation, heat particles, and wavelengths. Without light, the universe would be a cold bundle of defunct nothing. There would be no life. In fact, there wouldn't even be much that could be classified as a universe. So, just what does it mean to be commanded to "let your light shine?"

It means that we are called to radiate, to emit warmth and heat and love and create life in what would otherwise be a vacuum, to be the very thing that God spoke into existence. Our light does more than travel through the dark; it begets biodiversity, photosynthesis, people and animals that would not otherwise exist. It turns a desolate nothing into thriving, teeming, joyous life. Thus, in accepting the command to be the light of the world, we are acknowledging the idea from God himself that we are critical, essential, needed and vital in giving energy and life to his creation. We are, of course, created too, and powerless without Him; but in a way we are different from any other created thing, because our interplay with the rest of the universe is crucial to its vitality. Letting your light shine is not an option, it is a spiritual imperative, essential to God's glorification.

Glorify
thy Father

Cookie crumbs

"Go after a life of love as if your life depended on it - because it does. Give yourselves to the gifts God gives you. Most of all, try to proclaim his truth." (2 Corinthians 14:1) Jacob Schmidt lives out his life as if this verse were addressed specifically from Paul to him. A leader on campus in both Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) and Lifesong, Jacob leaves a trail of cookie crumbs to his Creator.

Dr. Lynda Allen, the business professor who advises SIFE, explained his secret: "I've seen evidence of Jacob's faith in all of his activities. Obviously it is evident as he leads worship, but beyond that Jacob demonstrates his faith in his every day walk. He leads with Christ-likeness."

Jacob credits Olivet for refining him over the past four years. "They recognize that not all the students are going to come in as solid Christians, but they want to make sure that these students have the environment to become that way by the time they graduate," he said. "Coming into college, I recognized that you have to claim your faith for your own, and they definitely strengthened me in that. I believe that Olivet as a whole has prepared me to be different from what the world would expect me to be," he said.

Graduating in May and starting a new job in July, Jacob is ready to embody his faith outside of the safe environment at Olivet. "I have a huge thing about not drinking alcohol," he explained, "and one of the things that my future boss mentioned was that as a part of the program I'm going to be in they're going to teach you a few things to do to get to know clients better. One of them was navigating a wine list when you go and have dinner with clients." He looked serious as he continued, "It will be interesting to see just how things work out with that, and I make a stand for something I believe in."

The challenge shouldn't come as much of a change for Jacob. Whether he's refereeing an intramural game, playing soccer, leading worship, or presenting for SIFE, Jacob's undertakings consistently substantiate his convictions. "I'm excited to see where God leads Jacob," said Allen. "He is so smart and has so many diverse gifts. I know that the future holds amazing things for Jacob as he continues to follow after God."

Jacob has used his gifts well at Olivet. As one of three directors for Lifesong, he is in charge of auditioning members, scheduling concerts for his group, and planning a retreat at the beginning of the year. It's a role that feels natural to him now, having been traveling with Lifesong since he was a freshman. "Most of the time when we travel, we stay at host homes," he said. "The best part is getting to know those families- finding out about the history of their church as well as their own personal history."

His leadership ability is rivaled only by his piano skills, both of which he implements in Lifesong. "I spotted Jacob playing the piano his freshman year and just loved his energy and spirit. He obviously loves what he does," said Jennifer McClellan, Spiritual Life Advisor. "He plays 'happy' and he worships sincerely."

Words like happy, sincere, and obvious are all cookie crumbs that follow Jacob. As McClellan summed it up, "I've seen evidence of his faith in his desire to serve Him with excellence."

-Staci Bradbury



Spiritual Life Feature

#onuchapel

If you have a twitter account, you have probably seen this hash tag most Wednesday and Thursday mornings on your friends' tweets about how much or how little they are enjoying the chapel service. This year's chapel speakers spoke on the theme of hands and habits, and emphasized how we as Christians need to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the world. A few of the most memorable speakers this year were Jon Acuff, Dr. Jim Diehl, and Tony Campolo.

Jon Acuff had the entire crowd laughing with his story telling abilities about prayer "shot blocks" and the "deep V-neck syndrome." Moreover, he emphasized that we should do what God has shaped us to do rather than what is expected from our parents, teachers, and peers. He also spoke about how we should not live our lives as "booty, God, booty," or slipping Jesus into our lives whenever it is convenient for us. He spent time calling the students to live their spiritual lives out for more than just Sunday morning church with a return to their secular lives the rest of the week.

Dr. Jim Diehl shared a personal story of God's healing in his life and called attention to the fact that "God is greater than fill in the blank." Through the story of the prophet Elijah and the words of Dr. Diehl students were reminded that even though we say yes to God, bad things will still happen. But that is not the end of the story. God will provide a way out of those situations even if it does not sound as nice. Diehl stated that, "Where God wants you is the right place at the right time no matter where it is."

Tony Campolo inspired us to live our lives completely and totally for Christ. He encouraged us to get jobs that will change the world. He persuaded us to be more than just "Christian up to a point." Using humorous stories as well as powerful inspirational tales, Campolo spoke and moved students towards doing more things that would live on after they are dead. Finally, a story of a homeless man inspired us to do to the least of these what we would do to Jesus. "If God gives you something good, you ought to share it with people," stated Campolo.

-Elizabeth Cook



Ian Morley **prays** as students are coming into chapel. (s)



Students come in and **find their chapel seats** and anticipate who is going to be speaking and what message the Lord is going to reveal to them. (s)

Jon Acuff inspires the students to not live their lives in a pattern of slipping Jesus into their otherwise secular lives, or as Acuff stated, "booty, God, booty." (s)





Students **lift their hands and hearts in praise** and worship. (s)



Chaplain Mark Holcomb **leads a prayer** as many students have feels led to pray at the altar. (s)



Dr. Jim Diehl brings a story of God turning hurtful things from your life into a personal victory for the Lord. (s)

Tony Campolo inspires the Olivet community with his words about becoming a people who create disciples. (s)

Students **gather at the altar** to pray and bring their needs to God. (s)



God is enough

This fall, Dr. Corey MacPherson, Chaplain of Eastern Nazarene College, led revival with humor and great truth for all who participated.

Though many students were shocked at the use of a U2 song during Chapel, MacPherson played "40" which spoke to our broken hearts that God is redemption and through Him we are given a new life and a new song to sing. MacPherson taught us that in doing the little things now, we are prepared to be faithful in our lives and ministries with the big things. We are to hold onto our dreams "even when the dream killers come and try to take them away."

Many students who had never heard the story of the jailer told in such a touching way were called to the altar to be set free of their captivity on Tuesday night. MacPherson then taught a "buckshot sermon" on Wednesday, giving some profound truths like finishing strong in order to leave things better than when you got to them and that God's will for our lives is to imitate Christ.

Students left revived and refreshed, ready to face the semester ahead of them with the calling that God had placed on their heart, all while holding on to the most important point made by MacPherson, De A Nu, which means God is enough.

-Allyson Vrabel

The congregation **sings out in songs of praise and adoration of our God.** (s)



Students come to the altar in prayer during the Wednesday Revival service in Centennial Chapel. (s)



Matt Smith, Kelsey Sowards, and Ethan Burch lead the congregation in praise and worship. (s)



Dr. Corey MacPherson, from Eastern Nazarene College, tells the story of the jailer and his family being saved. (s)

More than you can imagine



General Superintendent J.K. Warrick talks to the congregation about how we all have dreams through God, and even though Satan is the dream killer we need to hold on and not let go. (s)

Students let the Holy Spirit work through them after an altar call by Warrick in the Tuesday night service. (s)



General Superintendent Dr. J.K. Warrick led us this past winter in an amazing revival that changed the lives of many students.

On Monday, we were reminded that we all have dreams, God is in control of our plans, and that we are called to have a Holy Confidence as we see in Philippians. On Tuesday, Dr. Warrick reminded us that we are “the furthest we will ever be from home,” implying that we have to leave behind past comforts to follow Jesus and yield our life to him. When we do this, Warrick states that we then “let the mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus.”

Wednesday’s service ended with what we are to do after we are transformed by Jesus, which is to be disciples and pilgrims for Jesus. Dr. Warrick concluded with a final remark that “God makes all things work out for our good” as a reminder to follow the dreams we have in Jesus, turning to Him to be washed white as snow and then fulfilling His will in our lives.

Students were able to relate to Dr. Warrick’s language and break down walls and barriers that limited their spiritual life. Junior Josh Sutton explained, “Revival this winter was really awesome. Dr. J.K. Warrick was able to speak the truth to us and the Spirit really moved among the student body.”

-Allyson Vrabel



Each night the **students gathered into College Church**, and despite the tight fit the Holy Spirit was able to move in the lives of students. (s)

Jaclyn Puroll **talks to her friend** after an altar call, supporting her in her decisions and letting her know she is loved. (s)

Spiritual Life

Spiritual servants

The Spiritual Life Council is a group of students that are involved with spiritual growth, ministries and events on campus. The Spiritual Life Council oversees the thirteen different ministries that our school sponsors. Each ministry meets weekly, putting on at least one big event per semester. The council members were selected through an application and interview process. Each leader has a passion for what they are doing, as evidenced by the time and dedication put into their ministry.

The Spiritual Life members assist in every way possible to pull off events, from 24 Hour Prayer, the Festival of Ministries and Give Your Life Away Week.

Vice President for Spiritual Life Ian Morley has assisted all the ministries that the council oversees. He also leads meetings, and meets with the class Chaplains. "The Spiritual Life Council are the best people in the world and I respect each and every one of them," said Morley.

-Jessica Morey

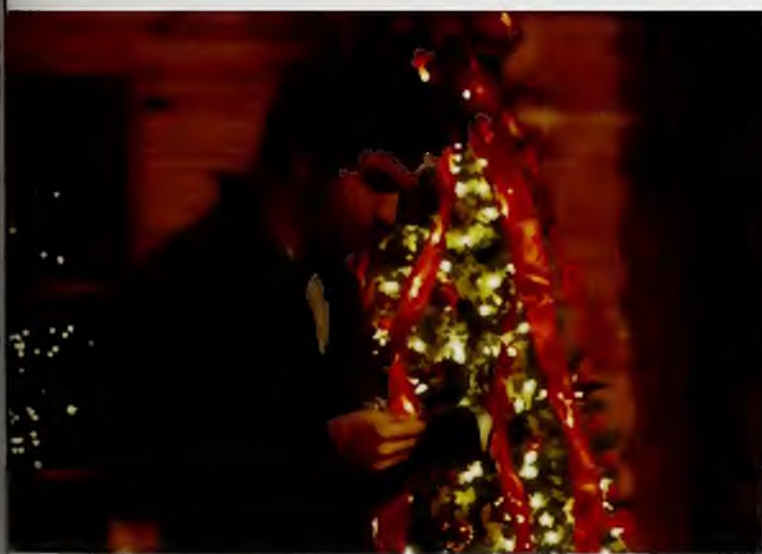


Members of Urban Children's Ministry **jump-rope** with their kids at the weekly meeting. (s)

Victoria Hall, Selina Gaines, and Jordan Hedgetake **decorates cookies** at the Christmas party. (ap)

Jacob Schmidt **sings and plays the piano** at the party for the guest's enjoyment. (ap)





Prayer Warriors **gather at Kelly Prayer Chapel** for 24-Hour Prayer. (ap)

Ian Morley **preaches on the birth of Christ**. (ap)

Students **enjoy hot chocolate and good conversation**, while getting to know new people at the Olivetians For Life Christmas gathering. (ap)

Hope Olson **shows off a gift** she recieved from the white elephant gift exchange. (s)

Rebah Seidler **passes out candy** at the Urban Children's Ministry Halloween party. (s)



Commitment to care



Best Buddies is a global volunteer movement which initiates friendships with people with both intellectual and development disabilities. There are two levels of involvement within Best Buddies. A college buddy commits to a one-on-one friendship, which involves a monthly visit and weekly contact. An associate buddy floats around at group events and socializes with all the buddies.

"Best Buddies gives our buddies the opportunity to interact with individuals and participate in activities that they might not have been able to be a part of if not for this ministry," explained leader Emma Reutter. Some highlights from this year were the Halloween party, "Buddy Ball" Christmas party, bowling, Valentine's Day party, and friendship walk. The group aims to have about one event each month.

"The joy expressed on their faces every time we see them is by far what I find most enjoyable about Best Buddies," said Reutter.

-Jessica Morey



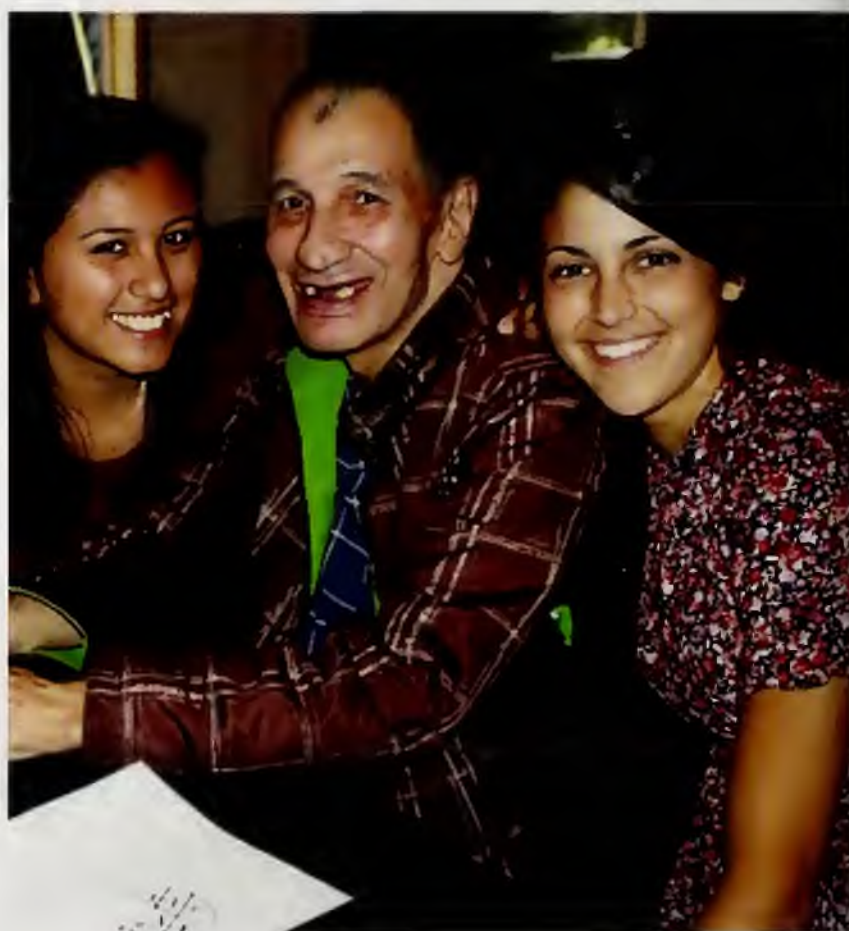
Jenna Engelsen and her buddy have a blast together **shooting hoops** at the buddies' meet and greet. (s)

Emma Reutter and her buddy **enjoy sweet snacks at the annual Halloween party**. (s)

Maggie Shenk has fun **playing games and coloring pictures** at the Best Buddies event. (s)



A group of Olivet students and their buddies **gather around the campfire** and sing worship songs together. (s)



Acts of love



Girls from Compassionate ministries take time to **make Christmas cards** for Olivet staff. (s)

The Compassionate Ministries group **gathers for a quick photo before going trick-or-treating for canned goods.** (s)

Compassionate Ministries is for students who want to get involved in ministry, but cannot find time to go to weekly meetings and events. The purpose of Compassionate Ministries is to show God's love through acts of service and show others that God cares about them. The group does service projects in the community, runs food drives, and participates in the "Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat program." The group is involved in larger projects such as the Crop Walk and Pro Life Walk, events that raise money for good causes.

The favorite project was the "Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat," where students went out into the community and collected canned foods throughout the local neighborhoods on Halloween. The food they collected was given to the Center of Hope where the food was passed out to needy families. The students love it because they get dressed up just like the kids on Halloween all for a great cause.

Katelyn Holmer, a member of Compassionate Ministries said, "I enjoy the opportunity to meet new people on campus and get to know a variety of people from different majors. It is a blessing to be a part of spiritual life and have a support system."

-Jessica Morey



Jordan Saunders and Jorgie Hoffrage **enjoy decorating cookies together.** (s)

Michael Gorski **dishes rice onto the plates of Krispy Kreme doughnuts** during "Give Your Life Away" week. The doughnuts and rice illustrate the difference in what we eat for breakfast compared to what people across the world eat. (s)

Helping hands

Proverbs 19:17 says, "He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done" (NIV). Disciplers is a ministry group on campus that travels to Hopkins Park, IL, twice a week to assist the Bible Witness Camp with their AWANA program. Danielle Bolander reminds students, "This area is one of the poorest in the country, and there is a community that is hurting and could use our help."

Disciplers ministers to both older and younger children. There are kids from kindergarten through 8th grade attending the AWANA program "The Bible Witness Camp is a safe place in a world of fear and violence where these kids can come. We teach them about God and the Bible and give them a chance to learn things that may be out of their reach otherwise. These children just need some love and support that many of them do not find at home," states Bolander.

The purpose of Disciplers is to ultimately spread God's love and the gospel to the children in Hopkins Park. Bolander affirms that those involved strive to be good role models for these kids and to create caring relationships with young students. Disciplers is a ministry that makes a positive impact on young students. Serving these children is a great joy to all involved.

-Elizabeth Cook



Rachel Weber **helps** little boys learn Bible verses each week. (s)



Stephanie Dillman, Andrea Gregory, and Kassie Bauer **watch the children play games in the gymnasium** at Bible Witness Camp. (s)

Danielle Bolander **guides a girl while she swings along the monkey bars.** (s)



Disciplers get ready to leave for a night of **educating children at Bible Witness Camp** in Hopkins Park. (cl)

Blessings all around



Martha Harrouff **shares a love of scarves** with her friend Cecile. (cl)

Evangels team members **enjoy the company and ministiring to the elderly.** (cl)



Ryan Stevens **enjoys building relationships with the residents** at the Provena Our Lady of Victory Senior Living Center. (s)



Allyssa Paulsen and Erin Taylor **visit with their friend** Ingrid. (cl)



The Monday group **looks forward to visiting the residents.** (cl)

Hanging out with the elderly at Provena Our Lady of Victory Senior Living Center may not be everyone's idea of a way to have fun in Bourbonnais, but a select group of students in the Evangels ministry think that it is actually a great time. "It's an awesome opportunity to minister to an under-served group of people," said senior Martha Harrouff. "Each and every time I go, I am blessed beyond words at the joy I see on their faces when they remember that it is the day they get to see us."

Providing joy for the residents is a significant aspect for all of the students involved, but they also receive quite a few joyful moments themselves. "The mission of Evangels is to bring a light into a dark place; to bring joy in to the many wonderful lives at the nursing home. What's amazing is that although we are ministering to the residents, they teach us so much!" stated senior Elizabeth White.

White emphasized that her reason to participate in Evangels is because, "It is important that none of God's loved creation is ignored. The people at the nursing home are wonderful people who long for love and attention. They are our history and we can learn so much from them." Harrouff concluded that Evangels strives to show Christ's love to the elderly. "This population is often forgotten, especially by the younger generation, and is lonely. By devoting a little of our time each week, we are able to bless their lives and also ours in the process."

-Elizabeth Cook

More than just sports

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is dedicated to fellowship with students and the group is primarily focused on two things: God and sports. Though the name of this club may make you think that it is only for Christian athletes, the club and its members are more focused on having a group of members passionate about God and play or enjoy watching sports. FCA meets every Tuesday in the warming house for games, worship, a message, and food. Cassie Brainard, a member of FCA's leadership team, states, "we want our members to grow in fellowship and discipleship, use their gifts for Christ, and have a blast!"

FCA meets to pray together as a group about things going on both on campus and in individual club members' lives. Throughout the year FCA puts on several events ranging from a Super bowl party to holiday parties to coach appreciation meals to even Olympic challenges. They have also teamed up with S.O.S to serve the homeless in the past as well. Members of the club who are involved in sports can generally be found leading prayers, devotionals, or worship services before games or matches to help team members be reminded to give praise to God for their talent and to be slow to anger when things do not go quite as practiced.

-Allyson Vrabel

Chelsea Hays, Josue Sanchez, and Tim Thomas are all **members of the tennis teams** and enjoy attending FCA each week. (s)



Members of the men's soccer team attend the FCA Christmas party. (s)

FCA leader Cassie Brainard **enjoys spending time** with Chantalle Falconer, a cross country runner for the Tigers. (s)



Olivet athletes **attend each FCA meetings each week in the Warming House**. Meetings contain time for worship, food, and games. (s)

It's hammer time



Members of Habitat for Humanity **set up a booth** at a home football game to show their service in the Kankakee community. (s)

An **award ceremony** was held in March at the Warming House, honoring the organization in Kankakee County. (s)

Mark Lynn **speaks** at the Habitat for Humanity ceremony where a received on behalf of the Kankakee and Olivet chapter. (s)

Olivet students and faculty **signed** a model house, showing their support of the organization. (s)

This year, Habitat for Humanity has become an integral part of campus life as students internalized the chapel theme "hands." Over the course of the last three years, the club has helped with four different houses, with a fifth house beginning during the spring semester. Students have helped to build and place the walls of the houses, as well as lay grass and plant flowers.

Striving to fulfill their mission of being co-workers rather than charity, Habitat built the fourth house in partnership with the Lockwood family. "I was so happy to see the family move into their new home. They worked harder than anyone to build the house, and I can't think of anyone who would deserve the house more than they do," said Junior Mark Lynn, a club co-leader.

To help promote Habitat for Humanity, members sold neon bracelets and shirts with the slogan, "It's Hammer Time!" and a picture of Dr. Bowling holding crossed hammers. Endorsed and promoted by Dr. Bowling himself, he showed his support by signing t-shirts. The money raised was given to the Kankakee County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity to help build the next house for a family in need.

-Allyson Vrabel

Spiritual Life

Home away from home

The area surrounding Olivet is populated by many different churches, each with a unique feel and draw. Sophomore Kerrielle Davis attends First Assembly Church of God, which is about a fifteen minute drive from campus. She feels the extra time to get to church is worth it. "It's very free; you can feel the Spirit is there. There are not a lot of younger people, but the older people are very friendly."

Becca Reed also makes the drive for a church that feels like home, choosing to attend Kankakee First Church during the school year. "I like it because it's really welcoming, there's a homey feeling," she said. Junior Melinda Morgan attends Westbrook Church of the Nazarene. "I like that the Sunday school classes are really small groups," she said.

Quite a few students also attend College Church, and some choose deeper involvement than just Sunday morning attendance. Kyle Shaughnessy and Joy MacDonald are both interns with the junior high ministry. "I saw it in the bulletin the first week of my freshman year," Kyle said. "God told me that this is what I needed to do. The thing I've enjoyed most is watching the boys in my small group mature in multiple ways over the past three years." "The most rewarding part is knowing that I am making a difference in the lives of girls for years to come," MacDonald reported.

No matter what the name of the church, Olivet students have found Christian homes that fit each of their individual needs.

-Staci Bradbury



Freshman Jacob Friesen **leads worship during Parlor.** (kb)

Students participate in powerful **worship during Wednesday night Parlor at College Church.** (kb)

Olivet Students help **lead the Wednesday evening kids' program** at College Church. (kb)

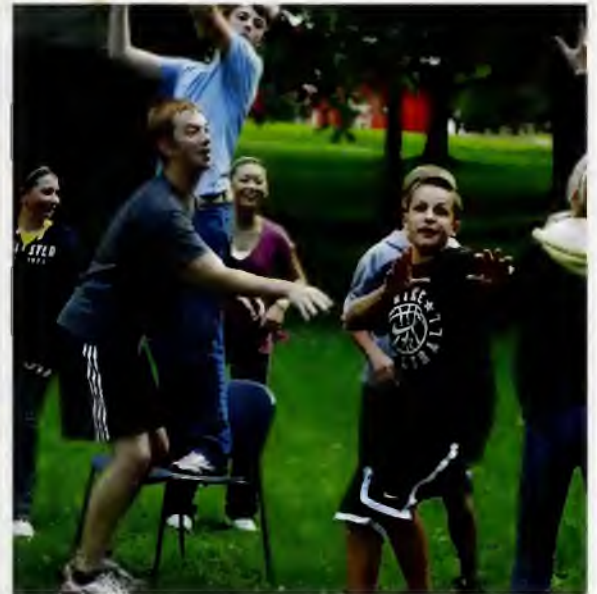
Brian Linsner **works on a craft project** with a group of boys. (kb)



More than just music



Lifesong is made up of many different students with great musical talents. (s)



Jacob Schmidt **plays a game with kids at a summer camp retreat.** (s)



Members of Lifesong **enjoy** their dinner. (s)



Lifesong **leads worship** at a Parlor service. (s)

Lifesong is an outbound ministry group that focuses on providing quality worship and outreach for churches. The group helps churches with special services throughout the region. Through their music, Lifesong performs worship for congregations and youth groups while setting an example of Christ in our daily lives.

Students from all four classes representing many majors make up Lifesong. Jonathan Burkey and Jennifer McClellen are the leaders and mentors.

Lifesong is a wonderful opportunity for students to lead worship and experience the Lord's work in the lives of others as well as their own. Lifesong is filled with dedicated students who do not always get much credit for what they do, but they greatly appreciate the support and prayers of everyone to keep the ministry going.

-Jessica Morey

Travel, minister, serve

New York. Honduras. Thailand. Haiti. This is just a sampling of the places Olivet allows students to travel to through Missions in Action. Senior Emily Hay went to Haiti with MIA and gained a new perspective. She explained, "It was so awesome to see so many Haitians that have so much hope. I will always remember the service when the preacher talked about the story of Abraham and Isaac."

Ainsley Stebbins, a sophomore, experienced the life-changing impact of MIA while in New York City. "They told us they like to call their organization 'TC,' which stands not only for Teen Challenge but also for 'Things Change,' and boy did things change while we were there! I know God taught me through this experience to be not so rigid in my life. Things change. I've got to learn to adjust."

Junior Kelsey McNulty gave and received love through the ministry of an orphanage in Honduras. "Our friends in Honduras are such loving people! I will never forget my first day at the orphanage when we barely had enough time to hop out of the back of the pick-up truck before all of the kids rushed at us and hugged us!"

Missions in Action not only plays a huge part around the world, but in the hearts and minds of the individuals involved in its ministry.

-Elizabeth Cook



Ashley McGuire and Tania Stott **do devotionals and play games** with a their MIA group in Haiti. (s)

Cassidy Lancaster **bonds with locals in Honduras** over spring break. (s)



Emily Hay, Christina Fiehn, and Jeremy Height **see the impact clean water has on the Haitian community**. Olivet raised money to create clean water wells for the Haitian people after the devastating earthquake. (s)



Students **went to Haiti over spring break** to help out churches after the earthquake in 2010. (s)

Ashley McGuire **paints the outside of a church** with help from Haitians (s)

Marcie Thompson **plays with an orphan girl in Honduras.** (s)



Emily Hay enjoys **playing games with the Haitian children.** (s)



Students on the Haiti trip **clean and rebuild** part of a church that was destroyed. (s)

A light into the darkness



Mission Possible members **gather together in prayer** for the female inmates at JCDC. (gjf)



Rebecca Busler **prepares to go to the prison** where she will serve as a light to the inmates. (gjf)

A new rule has been set in place this year for Mission Possible, our on campus prison ministry: every member must now have photo identification passes.

"Because of this, it has taken our ministry a great deal of time to get started," said member Lindsey Tobias. Once the group was able to get on its feet they started planning. One of the events they hope will take place is a Gospel Choir concert for the inmates at Jerome Combs Detention Center.

The rest of the semester they continued to live out their mission of spreading the love of Jesus Christ to the men and women in the prison. According to Tobias, "We do this through fellowship and prayer with and for the inmates."

This is very important because of the environment they live in, which includes sharing a cell with multiple people and only being able to read, write, sleep, or talk. Women in particular often have trouble keeping in contact with their families. Due to the rules, the inmates also cannot get under their blankets after they are done getting ready in the morning, despite the cold.

Tobias said, "I know that the prison system is very cold and harsh in the United States, so by bringing the love of Christ to these individuals in the prison system I feel that I am bringing light into a dark place. I feel that I have been called to this position."

-Heather Mead



Mission Impossible **brings the Gospel to the inmates** by sharing their stories, hosting Bible studies, and listening to them. (gjf)

Passion for the nations



Heart4Missions members gather weekly in Burke.

Cassidy Lancaster and Drew Dennis lead the ministry during the spring semester.

Freshman Sarah Aeschliman **draws students into Hearts4Missions** during "Give Your Life Away Week."

Heart4Missions, a group dedicated to addressing world issues, has grown more this year than ever before. "We learn more about each other and grow closer as a group as we continue to share and pray for what issues we have a heart for," said Cassidy Lancaster, a co-leader.

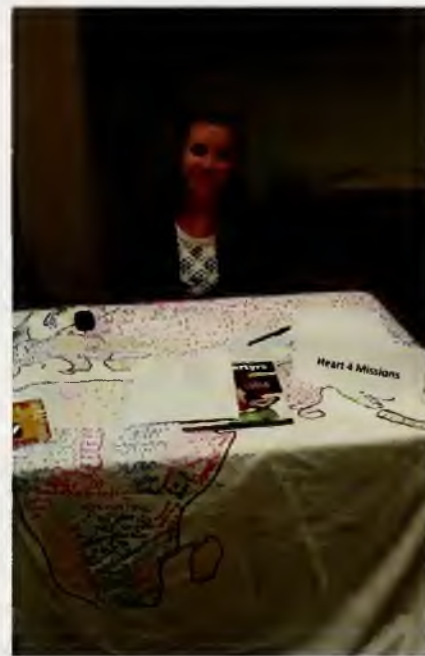
During the first semester, Heart for Missions focused on the persecuted church. To raise awareness the club hosted an event called "The Underground," which was a meeting to discuss the church in other countries. "During the service, the basement of Chapman was *packed* and someone from Voice of the Martyrs came and spoke," said Lancaster. "Then we broke off into prayer groups for persecuted nations." Each activity raises support for missions within the student body. Olivet is filled with people who have first-hand knowledge. They've had other speakers such as McClain RD Samantha Allen, who spoke about her World Race experience, and Bob and Yo Artz, who are missionaries in Thailand.

Lancaster said, "I have had a growing heart for missions since middle school and this ministry has really helped continue to grow that in me... it has made me excited to educate others about world issues."

-Heather Mead

Michelle Towle, Rebecca Busler, and Michelle Booker **listen intently** at the weekly meeting.

Group members **learn about each other's experiences** in missions as well as the persecuted church.



A voice for the voiceless

Olivetians for Life gives students a way to be actively involved in helping expecting mothers make wise decisions. Rebecca Hinkley, who co-leads along with Rachel Groters, explained, "We desire to be the voice of the unborn. We partner with the local pregnancy center Living Alternatives in their mission to transform and save lives."

The club has about twenty consistent members and has worked this year to increase membership in order to raise more awareness. The club puts on an event every month to draw in more members and give current members a way to fellowship together. One of the events they put on that had a great turnout was a showing of the movie *Blood Money*. Occuring during "Sanctity of Life week," the goal of the movie was to educate students about what is currently happening with abortion in the world today.

Rachel Groters explains the benefit of being involved for students: "Before I began volunteering at our local Christian pregnancy center with Olivetians for Life, I'd always considered myself to be pro-life. But it took seeing what's being done there with my own eyes to make me really want to advocate for the right to life. So many lives have been changed because of the center's influence, and it's been a privilege to help out in whatever way I can!"

-Allyson Vrabel



Katie Farris and Jenny Schoenwetter **pack diapers** for expecting mothers at the Crisis Pregnancy Center. (ap)



Rachel Groters **sorts through donated clothing** to make sure mothers are given the right size clothing for their children. (ap)

Members love getting the opportunity to volunteer at the Crisis Pregnancy Center and help mothers to make the right decisions and support them through the process. (ap)

Members **make cards for the women at the center** to show their support and let them know they are available to help out. (ap)



Creative exposition



Jacob Taylor, Hannah Williams, and Amanda Price **spend some time in fellowship** before they perform with Omega.(s)

Ariella Martin, Shelby Van Buren, Paige Watton, and Beth Eddy make a special bond with each other **traveling and working together as a team** that extends past their performances. (s)

Maria Anderson and Michael Kirkpatrick **practice a skit**, perfecting it before they act it out in front of an audience. Members take their time making sure their performance is meaningful and well thought out. (ap)

Jessa Sturgeon and Maria Anderson **enjoy running through a skit together during practice**. Not only do they present serious skits, but members get to be funny and show their humor off during a wide variety of skits that Omega puts on. (ap)



Omega exists to provide a fun and exciting ministry opportunity to reach out to the districts near Olivet. The goal of Omega is to share the gospel through unique and sensational skits. "Omega is a chance to give back to God what He has already undeservingly given us. It is a chance to work in a ministry with wonderful people. When you put a team together with a common goal, you're able to do so much more than working toward a goal alone. What better reason to work together as a group than to serve our God?" said Jessica Plantilla.

Each year two teams of five students head out with a leader to perform on either Saturday or Sundays during church services. They have also performed in chapel and at Jumpstart for freshmen. Omega has teamed up with other clubs such as the Prison Ministry and Urban Children Ministry to perform for a variety of audiences.

Not only do members get a chance to perform all over the region and bring people the gospel in exciting ways, they get to build lasting relationships with their team members. Co-leader Brianna Lomas states, "The best part about this ministry is the relationships that are created within each team. By the end of the year a family has been created and we really look to one another for spiritual guidance and support."

-Allyson Vrabel

Spiritual Life

Sing out in adoration



Students spend time in adoration of our God during the song "Our God is Greater," **lifting their hands in praise** of an awesome God who overcomes all. (cl)

"If you desire to have an encounter with a very real God weekly, Party with Jesus is the place to be. Party with Jesus provides an environment that really allows student to experience the Spirit of God in a free way," explained freshman Matthew Jones.

Party with Jesus, most commonly known as PWJ meets every Monday night in the Warming House to worship together freely. PWJ is the only service on campus led entirely by students and provides great music for students to pour their hearts out and sing praises to God. Each Monday time and dedication goes into selecting worship music and a speaker to make sure that Party with Jesus is a meaningful experience for the students who come seeking to know God on a more personal level. Freshmen class Chaplain Michael Poff stated, "I like Party with Jesus because it is a great time of worship, and I really believe God uses that time to make his presence known and to speak to students." During the Advent season, Party with Jesus does a special service titled "Party with Baby Jesus" where they focus on the incarnation of our Lord and Savior.

PWJ provides students with a stress free environment where they can worship God and connect with other classmates in Christ Jesus on a weekly basis.

- Allyson Vrabel

Joey Ramirez **sings out with all his heart** to the One who created us, to show the student body that God is love and that we can freely worship Him together. (cl)

Aaron Buchanan **plays the bass during worship** for Party With Jesus, enjoying the time to sing and worship with the student body. (cl)

Calum Samuelson **gives a message to his fellow students** challenging them to overcome sin through confession. (cl)



A prayerful people



Sarah Cook **brings her acoustic guitar and sings** for Prayer Warriors every Thursday night so that the group can spend some time worshipping God before the meeting. (cl)

The biggest aspect of a relationship with Christ is prayer. Through prayer we are able to talk to the Creator of the universe. Through prayer, we can give thanks and praise to God, express needs and requests, and ask for forgiveness and guidance. Prayer Warriors, led by Juniors Chad Evans and Michelle Booker, have made it their goal to pray throughout the week for the campus's needs and praises.

Junior Cassidy Lancaster explained, "Prayer Warriors is a great time for us to come together and share our burdens and pray for each other, the campus, and for events." Every semester the Prayer Warriors put on a 24-hour prayer event in Kelly Prayer Chapel, inviting spiritual life groups to host an hour, and for all students to come out and participate. The Prayer Warriors also get together on Monday nights to pray for the Party with Jesus band and for any upcoming events held on campus. On Thursday nights, junior Sarah Cook leads the warriors in worship with her guitar as the group sits in front of the Kelly Prayer Chapel and prays for each other and for the campus.

The group does a great job at communicating the requests, praises, and needs of our campus to a mighty God who is eager to hear from us and to provide for us when we rely on Him. The members of Prayer Warriors understand the importance of prayer and invite all students to participate in this spiritual discipline.

- Allyson Vrabel



Students spend time in community **praying and giving thanks to God** the Father for all the miracles He gives and needs He meets. (cl)

Co-leader Chad Evans **reads to the group from the Bible**, giving them encouragement and helping the group to better understand God's word. (cl)

Michelle Booker **spends time in solitude with God**, praying for her needs, the needs of the students involved in Prayer Warriors, as well as the needs for our campus. (cl)



Spiritual Life

Taking to the streets



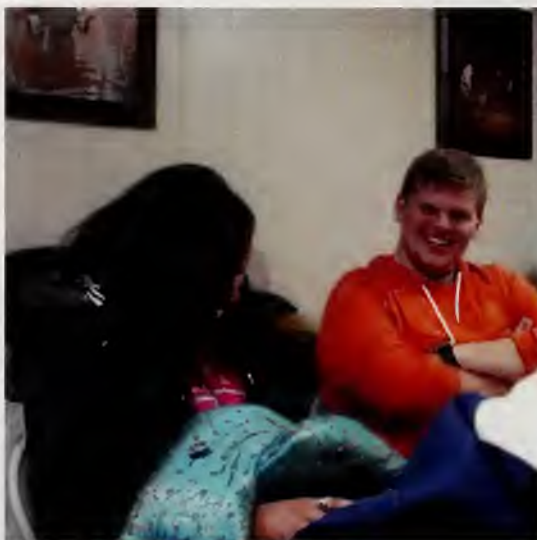
A member the church **talks with the students** of SOS. (s)

Pastor Ed **runs the homeless shelter** and works with the students of SOS (s)



The group at Gift of God Street Church **enjoy a time of worship, food, and fellowship.** (s)

Students **share a laugh** while hanging out at the street church. (s)



"Spread the gospel at all times. When necessary, use words," these words from Saint Francis characterizes the ministry of Save Our Streets. SOS is the homeless ministry on campus which goes to the Gift of God Street Church in Kankakee and works with Pastor Ed Kannape, to minister to the homeless population in our area.

Junior Tracy Redman has been involved with SOS for three years and is very passionate about the outreach they provide. "SOS is relevant to Olivet because we are called to serve. Jesus was a poor construction worker who hung out with the drunkards and the prostitutes. We need to reach out to those who are not saved, not just the people who are," stated Redman. Redman and other students involved in SOS minister to the homeless in Kankakee by eating, hanging out, having Bible study and fellowship with them. They also minister in Chicago by handing out lunches and are planning on connecting with Emmaus Ministries, which helps to get male prostitutes off of the streets in Chicago.

Overall, Redman stated that "the mission of SOS is to be the Hands and Feet of Christ, to serve those around us and those in poverty. To be a good friend and to spread love to the marginalized. To show everyone they matter, but not in a prideful way, instead be humble and offer a helping hand."

-Elizabeth Cook

Loving hearts

Students **put on their best smiles** for the camera with their little buddy. (s)

Student **plays a game** while blindfolded in the warming house. (s)



John W. Whitehead, founder of Rutherford Institute said "Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see." Urban Children's Ministry strives to do just that. "We want these children more than anything to feel the love of Christ, and one way they are going to feel this is if the relationship between them and their buddy grows," said junior Olivia Eaton. "Our mission is to be positive, driving influences in the lives of the children who visit, by loving them, being committed to them and by sharing the love of Christ," explained Rebah Seidler.

On a Wednesday night, those who participate in Urban Children's Ministry play some fun games together, make a craft, have a snack, and hear a devotion. "During these times, we encourage the big buddies to share Christ and to be Christ to the kids, since many of the children that come do not come from a Christian background," said Eaton. Seidler also emphasized that "the biggest goal for the ministry is for the big buddies to be positive influences and lights of Christ to their little buddies." Though there is always fun and games, Christ is always at the center. "Urban Children's Ministry is about more than just having fun, but sharing Christ with them and showing them what being men and women of God really looks like" said Eaton.

-Elizabeth Cook



Melinda Morgan and her little buddy **take a break** from the party for a quick snapshot. (s)

Rachel Devine and her little buddy **show off their costumes** at the Urban Children's Ministry halloween party. (s)

Spiritual Life



Stars form from a region of space known as the interstellar medium, which is littered with molecular clouds. Light passing through appears to be darkened and reddened. When a shock wave causes a cloud to collapse or be compressed, a proto-star can form out of a mere fragment. One proto-star can then trigger the birth of hundreds of new stars, forming a star cluster. Athletic achievement follows the same pattern: one example can stimulate the birth and growth of dozens of others. Ultimately, one star only offers life to a limited area, but a cluster becomes a point of reference in the night sky for those watching.

Confidence
in God's love

Practice made perfect

While most people assume that golf is solely an individual sport, sophomore Tyler Karraker knows better. "In order to compete and win in a tournament, you need at least four good scores," he explained. "You can't rely on one person like other sports- if only one person plays well then the team will never win."

Made up of nine guys, the Men's Golf team competes in several two-day long tournaments throughout the fall and spring. Each day, every member plays a round of eighteen holes. After combining each person's two scores together, the four lowest scores on the team are found, and the team with the lowest total wins.

"I like that you yourself are responsible for how you play and you don't have to worry about anyone else while you're playing," Tyler said. "However, at the end of the day, that is when the team aspect comes in. Each player contributes to the team."

While he's dedicated to making himself the best player possible, Tyler has a higher goal than earning accolades just for himself. "The most important thing is to win conference," he said. "I would love for our team to finally get to hang up a banner in the gym!"

He knows from experience that practice pays off. "I was horrible my freshman year of high school," he said with a laugh. "But I really enjoyed playing, whether I was bad or good- it's just an overall fun sport. Even though I wasn't all that great, I managed to make the last spot on the conference team freshman year." With that shot of confidence to motivate him, Tyler practiced every day that summer, and his golfing skills began to shine. He ended up as the number one golfer on the team, was named an All-Conference player, and helped his team to the All City title twice.

Used to living in Bourbonnais, the decision to attend Olivet as a commuter made sense. "I have a very close-knit family, and that was a major influence in choosing a college," Tyler explained. Academic and golf scholarships from Olivet sealed the deal, and Tyler made the transition. With a major in business administration, he hopes to one day own his own recording studio and label.

Tyler's personality is perfect for golf. He's the kind of person who intuitively knows how to make things fun, while still getting work done. "I like the laid back nature of the game; it's almost like you have no worries out there- unless you're playing badly of course!" he said with an easy grin.

-Staci Bradbury



Athletics

Chasing victory



Run. Run harder than you ever have, faster than your opponents, and longer than you think your body will let you. Overcome all obstacles and push through to the finish line. This is what the men's cross-country team does best.

The team had a fantastic year, coming out strong and ready to face anything that got in their way. They started off the year winning first place at the Midwest Classic, led by sophomore Mitchell Dale. They went on to place fourth in the college division of the Illinois Intercollegiate Championship, second at the Brissman-Lundeen Invitational, sixteenth at the Brooks Invitational, and fourth at the Great Lakes Invitational.

Individual runners played a key component in helping the team maintain their standing, such as Kasey Ferrigan, and Dylan Creger. The season wrapped up at the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Championship, where the men placed second, earning them their 7th trip to the NAIA Nationals.

The men's cross-country team gave it their all at the NAIA championship and took 20th place out of 32 schools.

-Allyson Vrabel

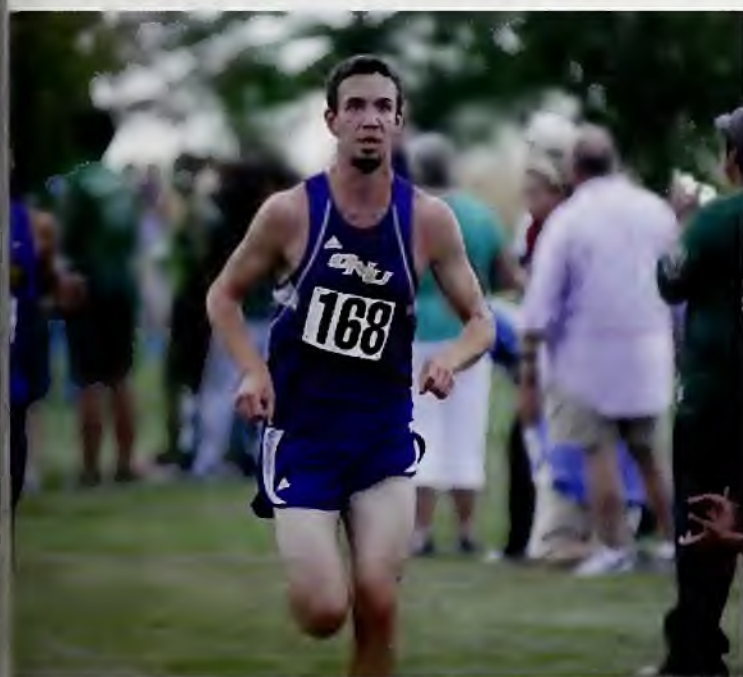


Members of the men's cross country team **practice** off campus. (s)

Matt Logan does his best to **improve his speed** and catch his opponent. (s)



Marshall Hawn is **cheered on by the crowd** as he crosses the finish line. (ch)



This years team did their best, **making it all the way to the NAIA competition.** (s)

Nicholas Mizeur **focuses on the finish line** and sets a personal record. (ch)



With his **arms pumping** David Powers shows his dedication at the beginning of th meet. (s)

James Fisher and David Ulrich **race against the clock to the finish line.** (ch)

Extended family

Women's cross country has soared, performing greater than they ever have before. "As a team we got three first place wins at our first three meets, and second to the number one ranked team in NAIA at our fifth meet," said junior Kortney Ellingboe. Having more freshmen on the team has also allowed for more participants in races. "They've definitely added their own personalities and strengths to the team, which makes it more fun as a group both in running and in just being a team," said Hannah Endrizzi, captain.

The number of runners, as well as a close-knit team, is their biggest strength this year according to Endrizzi. "Cross country is such a tough and disciplined sport, both mentally and physically, so to be able to have all your teammates as a strong support system makes it so much easier to run all those miles and to stay motivated throughout the training season from June to November; they really are like an extended family for me," said Endrizzi.

One way the team fosters close friendships is through practicing together. "Camp helped us to learn about each other and the new incoming runners we received," said Ellingboe. "We saw what we could achieve with the girls through the week."

-Heather Mead



Megan Houk and Christy Trank enjoy their **practice on the trails.** (s)



Women's cross country **members practice together for their meets.** Through practice, the women grow as individual runners and as a team. (s)



Shelbi Miller **pumps her arms** to help her finish strong in the competition. (s)



Cross country members have the perk of **running through Illinois beauty**. (s)



Leah Livingston, runner number 184, **keeps up with the group** throughout

Jessica Palm **focuses her eyes on the finish line** during the Midwest Classic. (s)



Lauren Versweyveld **pushes herself at a meet**. (s)

Turning point

At the start of this season, the football team had only two wins combined in the past three seasons. This year brought a new coach and a dynamic strategy. They came out with a 5-6 record and a fresh direction. "To break our losing streak was amazing; I am not going to lie!" said Senior Dustin Proehl. "A lot of us older guys had a rough couple years before this year and to finally get a win was great!"

The first home game was won in overtime with an interception run back for a touchdown, bringing the entire crowd to their feet. The whole football team ran onto the field with a roar of celebration. "Especially winning the way we did, I was on cloud nine for about four days!" Proehl said with a grin. "It felt good." Coach Brian Fish has motivated the players into believing in themselves and the program. According to Proehl, "The thing that has changed the most is our attitude of just wanting to come to practice and work hard. Coach Fish really preaches that we need to compete with ourselves and if we give our best every day good things will happen."

Throughout the season this initiative helped to emphasize that even if the scoreboard did not show a win, what mattered was that they played their best. "We really try to work together to play at our top potential; then we have a great chance at winning," Proehl said. After grinding out a change this season through hard work, the future of the program is sparkling. Most importantly, the team has become a family. Proehl stated, "I love these guys they are like my brothers. Our program is filled with guys who love Olivet and who love Christ."

-Elizabeth Cook



Linebacker Myles Toney **holds off William Penn's offensive lineman.** (kb)



Kicking the field goal for an extra point, Andrew Muzlijakovich gives the Tigers a 3-0 lead over Coe College. (kb)

Josh Howells is **encouraged by fellow teammate** Caleb Lourash after gaining a first down. (kb)

Defensive coordinator Andy Ankeny gives the Tigers defensive line **instruction for their next play.** (kb)





Raising their helmets, the football team celebrates their victory by singing the Alma Mater in the home opener against Coe College. (kb)

Quarterback Rico Prestia **gives the offensive line the next play** against William Penn University. (kb)



Awaiting the snap, ONU prepares to face off against Iowa's William Penn University. Despite their hard work, the Tigers lost the Statesmen with a score of 35 to 14. (kb)

Carrying the ball downfield, running back Michael Ho-Lewis gains a first down. (kb)

Set, spike, sisterhood

What would you do if you had sixteen siblings all of whom were girls? Well, the volleyball team may not actually be blood related, but they have a connection that helps them to bring fire on the court.

Senior Lauren Comfort, a defensive specialist, has been on Olivet's volleyball team for four years. When asked about what has brought them team together this year, she stated, "We went on a mission trip in May to Sun Valley Indian School in Sun Valley, Arizona, and that brought our team so much closer. We got closer on a much deeper level spiritually. Through the hard times of that week, we better learned the power of prayer and the power of supporting each other, which we brought back with us this year. We got closer than ever from that trip, so we worked hard when our freshmen came in to keep that same family feeling.

Comfort also stressed the importance of communication and goal setting in helping the team to play at its best. "When we communicate and have fun, then we play tougher and have more energy, making us play better together. Before every practice and every match, we always set goals for that specific day, both individual and team goals, and then we visualize ourselves doing things well. If we see ourselves practicing skills the right way, then we are more likely to do them correctly in practice and in games. It helps us go into that day with a positive attitude and the right mind set."

Most of all, Comfort really enjoys the fact that her team is like a family to her. "It is crazy how I went into my freshman year not knowing a soul, but ended my Olivet volleyball career with 20 sisters. There is no doubt that we have gone through hard times, but I think they are overshadowed by the great things our team has done in the last 4 years. I am so proud of what we have accomplished."

-Elizabeth Cook



Katherine Hozian, Molly Goldbach, and Heidi Schoenbein **celebrate** a well-earned point together. (mr)

DeeAnn Garvin soars as she **serves the ball** to start off the match. (mr)

Heidi Schoenbein **tips the ball over** a double block. (mr)



WINNING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Jessica Koch and Heidi Schoenbein **double-block** a hit from the opposing team. (mr)



Lauren Comfort **sets the ball** to the outside hitter. (mr)



Katelyn Miller and Molly Goldbach **await the serve**. (mr)



Terese Byrne **spikes the ball** over the net, earning a kill. (mr)

Athletics

Achieving their goals

The men's soccer team finished this year with a record of 6-4 in the conference. "Our goals going into every season are the same. We want to win the conference and head to the national tournament. We try to take things one game at a time so that we can hopefully achieve our ultimate goal," explained Michael Da Silva, a sophomore midfielder. To prepare for the season, the team has camp starting in the beginning of August. "We have a very young team this year with 8 freshmen, so we really just had to try and work things out," said Silva. The team improved with every practice and game. "I think that with time our team will find more and more chemistry and that will be scary for our opponents. We just want to continue working hard on the field as well as in the classroom. When we leave for summer, we need to continue working so that we can come back next season and take another shot at going back to Nationals," said Silva.

The coaches help the team do their best, provide faith, and coordinate wins. Their love for the sport also contributes. "I love soccer because of the joy that it brings to the players and to the fans. Soccer teaches many principles discipline, perseverance, hard work, and more. I love the aesthetics and athleticism of soccer," said Yonda Abogunrin.

The biggest strength in this team this year is how much talent they have. "We were quite energetic. Practices were fun because of the energy and it translated into many of our games," said Abogunrin. "Once we combine our skill level with the hard work it takes to win, I think that this program will reach an all-time high. We are super young and I am really excited about the future," said Silva.

- Heather Mead



Jon Rosenbaum **sprints after the ball** in efforts to keep it from his rivals. (kb)



Jon Rosenbaum **battles for the ball against MidAmerica Nazarene University.** One of the greatest accomplishments this year includes ranking 3rd in conference. (s)



The team **huddles together, focusing their minds and spirits before the game.** This year the team found their biggest strength in their unity, becoming like a family. (s)



Matt Bennett **sets up for a corner kick.** (kb)



Eugene Burndam **fends against two opponents** as he aims to protect possession. (kb)



Kyle Reopelle **practices his dribbling skills** before a game. (s)

Senior, Joel Kline **receives a pass** for ONU soccer. (kb)



Logan Engelkes **launches forward for a clear shot**. (s)



Yonda Abogunrin **maneuvers the ball** as the team warms up before their match. (s)



Playing for the glory of God

The Lady Tigers had a very successful season with many milestones. The team overcame a lot; there were many injuries in the middle of the season, but the team stuck together as a family and played their best.

Ranked sixth this season, the women's soccer team took the crown for the CCAC regular season and were the CCAC Tournament Champions for the first time in Olivet's history. The team played in the preliminary round of the NAIA tournament and won, which advanced them to the NAIA National Tournament in Decatur, Alabama, where the Lady Tigers suffered a tough loss to Embry- Riddle University.

At Nationals the Tigers held the score to zero for a majority of the first half before Embry- Riddle scored two consecutive goals. Shortly after, Senior Janel Schmitt scored a goal for the Tigers off an assist from Katrina Holm. Goalie Wendy Espejel recorded seven saves during the game.

Senior Forward Jessica Jones said, "We play our hardest not only for each other, but for the glory of God. We use our talents on the field to bring Him praise and we hope other teams see Him through us on and off the field."

-Jessica Morey



Meghan Pipal is protected by her teammates as she **takes the ball up the field.** (ch)



Janel Schmitt **kicks the ball away** from her opponent. (ch)

Junior Meghan Pipal **goes for a header.**(ch)

Kelsey Warp **strikes the ball towards the goal.** (ch)





Jessica Higer **works the ball to the outside** of the field looking for a good placement shot. (ch)

Katrina Holm **dribbles the ball up the field** past the defense. (ch)

Jessica Jones brings the ball up the field **looking for an open teammate** to pass to. (ch)

Kelsey Warp **fighters to gain possession** of the ball and has Janel Schmitt beside her for support. (ch)

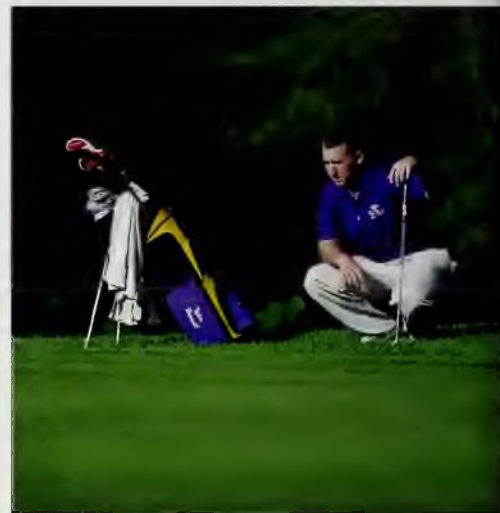
Driving for excellence

During the 2011 season the men's golf team demonstrated great passion for the game and every time they hit the green and excellence shined through as they gave their all.

The team started off the season with a 6th place finish at Calumet St. Joseph, led by junior Aaron Miles and senior Matthew who tied for 18th place individually. They continued their season with finishing 8th at Wedgewood Golf Course, led by Miles and freshman Michael Bork, and 14th at Illinois Valley Community College Invitational led by sophomore Tyler Karraker. At the IVCC Invitational the team as a whole scored 650, only 78 strokes over par. The team finished out the season at the NAIA Midwest Invitational led by Bork and Karraker. The team placed 13th overall with a score of 681, 113 over par.

These men showed that they wanted to achieve excellence both in scores and in sportsmanship this year, and enjoyed a great season together.

-Allyson Vrabel



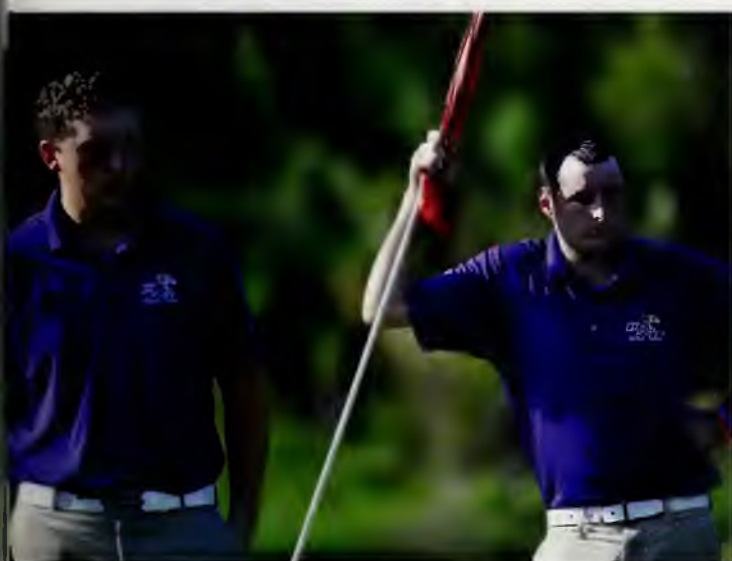
Matthew Krajec **follows** his ball, while demonstrating a great swing. (ap)

Tyler Harrell **checks out the course** and pays attention to the wind as he waits for his opportunity to achieve par. (ap)



Tyler Karraker **lines up the shot** in an attempt to not get a bogey. (ap)

Tyler Karraker gives his **swings through** in order to keep up with his competition during an invitational. (ap)



Tyler Harrell **drives the ball** to the hole, making par. (ap)

Aaron Miles **focuses on the ball** and hits it with just enough force to make it exactly to the hole. (ap)



Aaron Miles and Austin Bensema **watch their teammates play** as they wait for their turn, demonstrating the closeness the team shares. (ap)

Kyle Huber **drives the ball** down the golf course. (ap)

Second season leads to success

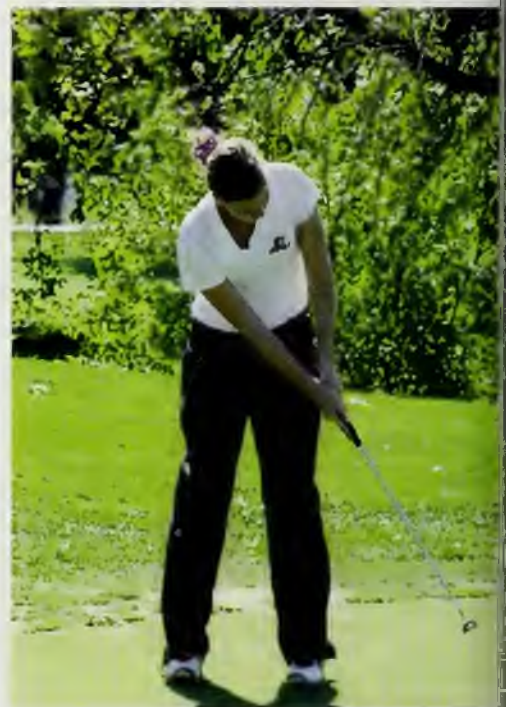
Every day a group of Olivet students goes out to the Elks Country Club in St. Anne and starts tearing up the course. The women's golf program is in its second year at ONU and senior Jordan Grambush has been a part of this program for both seasons: "I love being a part of this new program! It's fun to do new things and figure what works and what doesn't and learn everything as we go. It really brings us closer and figure out how everyone works."

Grambush explains that the girls bonded together because it is the second year they have had the program and a majority of the girls returned from last season, with a few new additions. When asked about a ritual that the team uses in order to work better together Grambush focused on the spiritual aspect of the team's relationship by stating, "We made sure that on the bus before every tournament we would have one of us do a devotional to center ourselves on why we were there and who we are playing for. God is really the reason why we do what we do and who has given us these abilities to play."

-Elizabeth Cook



Jordan Grambush **lines up a putt on the green.** (mr)



Ashley Miller **lines up a swing to drive the ball** down the course. (mr)

Ashley Dinneweth **putts** across the green towards the hole. (mr)



Gwen Holmes **watches her drive** fly down the fairway towards the green. (mr)



Lydia Bilyeu **squints into the sun** in order to be able to follow her shot down the course. (mr)



Ashley Dinneweth **visualizes the shot** she is going to make. (mr)

Megan Curie **observes the putt** she has just made roll towards the hole for par. (mr)

United on and off the court

This year many men's tennis players made their way to the small national tournament in Alabama. "The girls' and guys' team blasted everyone at regionals in St. Louis, Missouri," said Josue Sanchez.

"We are all working hard and always do things together as a team," stated junior Julian Kurz. Through this, the team has become more united this year. "Everybody on the team is really competitive and we really try and push each other to do our best," said Jensen. "We all kind of rely on each other to help the team out. And personally, I just love playing."

According to Kurz, the team is unified and has led to many great friendships. Tennis is a really difficult sport; you have to work really hard, but it pays off," said Sanchez. "There is nothing cooler than winning a difficult three-hour match, the look in the face of your opponent when he knows he is down, and the feeling of coming back when you are down."

- Heather Mead



Diego Consalvez **leaps into the air**, fighting for the win. (s)



Julian Kurz prepares to **serve the ball** to his opponent. (s)



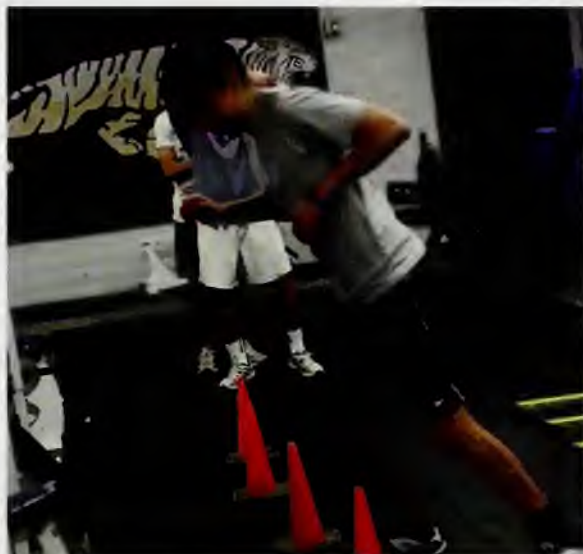
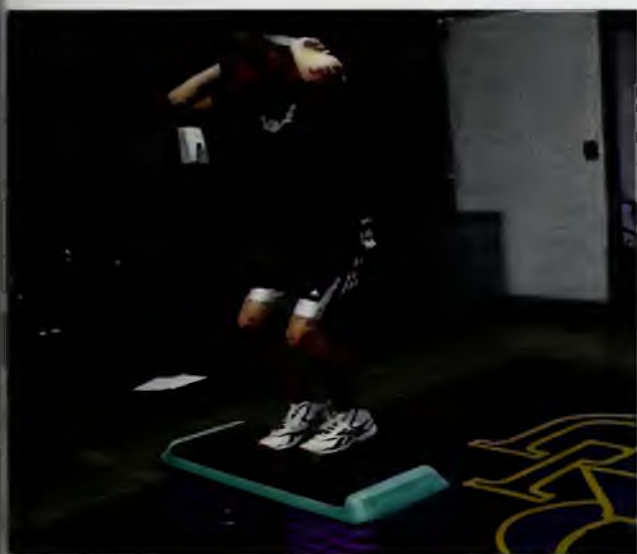
Landon Williams **awaits the serve**. (s)



The team grew the most this year in team unity. (s)

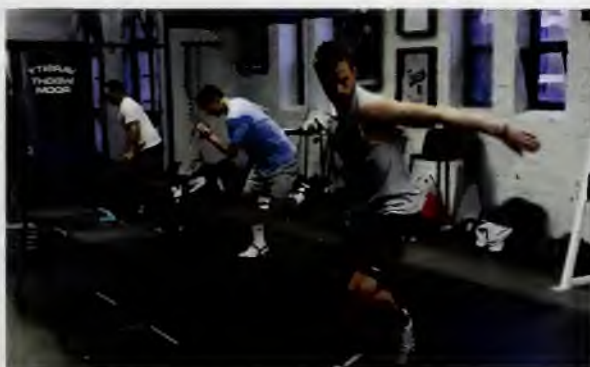
Joseph Badogliacco **builds up his strength** to compete with more agility and force. (cl)

Josue Sanchez **moves his way through the cones**, practicing speed and movement for the court. (cl)



Josue Sanchez **focuses his entire body on making the next hit**. (s)

Tim Thomas enjoys learning how to better his skills in tennis by **working on his movement technique**. (cl)



Training and dedication

The women's tennis team strives to be the best, demonstrate excellent sportsmanship, and to be dedicated to the team. They have won 8 NAIA Region Championships thus far and their reputation for being the best they can be continues to grow as the years progress.

This year the team started off by taking the court against Cornerstone University, and freshman Aziza Butoy and junior Aurelie Hascoet won their singles match 8-0 allowing for Olivet to take home their first win. As the year progressed, the team showed more dedication and teamwork as they played against various other teams. At the Hinds-Kellogg tournament hosted by Western Illinois University, Olivet brought home two singles championships by Hascoet and Butoyi and one doubles championship from the team allowing for another win. Butoyi also won the ITA East Central Regional Championship hosted by Mckendree University, and as a team the girls came in 6th place in the USTA/ITA National Small College Championship.

Tennis takes a lot of training and dedication, but these women have what it takes and push forward to achieve higher scores, to win their sets and matches, and to make Olivet proud.

- Allyson Vrabel



Cassie Brainard **practices in the gym to be prepared for matches.** The girls spend a lot of time in the gym to keep themselves in shape during season. (cl)

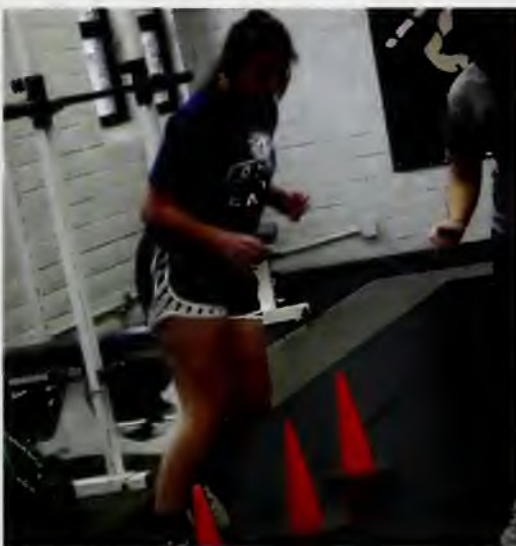
Lindsey Peterson waits to **receive the serve** from her opponent. (s)



Ashlan Allison **puts all of her strength into practicing** in order to improve her ability to be able to get to the ball faster. Though one might think that the only workouts they do would involve their arms, however, their lower body is just as important to build up for better speed and flexibility on the court. (cl)



Aurelie Hascoet **practices with weight balls** to build muscle in her arms. (cl)



Chelsea Hays **weaves through cones** to practice moving faster sideways on the court. (cl)



Cassie Brainard **hits the ball** perfectly to her opponent during a match. (s)



Taylor Stephans gets ready to **serve the ball** to her opponent during a match. (s)

T-I-G E-R-S!

Being on the cheerleading team is more than just motivating the crowd and the team; there is a serious athletic aspect of the sport as well. Junior Marcie Thompson said that her favorite memories happened when the team achieved a difficult skill such as a new pyramid or stunt: "This was especially true around Homecoming when we were working really hard late at night each day of the week." Senior Michael Alexander said, "The squad worked well together this year because of everyone's drive to get things done. We all wanted to get our stunts and everyone was pushing each other to do it. It has been important for us this year having more time to practice things like tumbling on the weekends and being taught more about stunting by other coaches."

For Thompson, the sport means more to her than just cheering on the athletic teams. "I found my first friends at Olivet through cheerleading and it has always given me a stable place during all the chaos of college. This year we have become more of a family rather than a team of several different cliques. As a family, we encourage each other and look out for each other." At the end of every practice, the group sits down together to pray together for each other individually and for the team as a whole.

Thompson stated, "I believe we have had amazing growth in the past year and have built a stable team to transition into next year. Next year we will be looking at a more competitive squad and hope to be performing more at off-campus exhibitions and competitions."

-Elizabeth Cook



Marcie Thompson **throws footballs to the fans** in the stands. (cl)



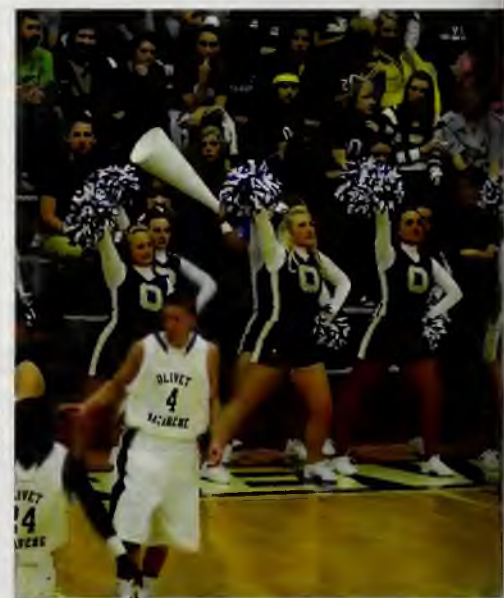
Alyssa Paulsen **helps pump up the crowd** during a football game. (cl)



Cheerleaders **perform a "Liberty"** during a time-out of one of the men's basketball games. (mr)



Doug Banker and Jaimie Teske **encourage the players** during a basketball game. (mr)



The squad **performs a cheer to motivate the players toward a win** during the Homecoming game against the University of St. Francis in Indiana. (s)



Isabella Colando **performs a complicated lift** during their half time performance. (mr)

Cheerleaders **raise their pom-poms** during a Free-throw for good luck. (ap)



Leishay Jordan **cheers on** the Tiger football team. (kb)



Toby the Tiger looks on as the cheerleading team **energizes the crowd**. (kb)



Stephanie Miller **is lifted high into the air** at the basketball half time show. (mr)

Athletics

Champions on and off the court

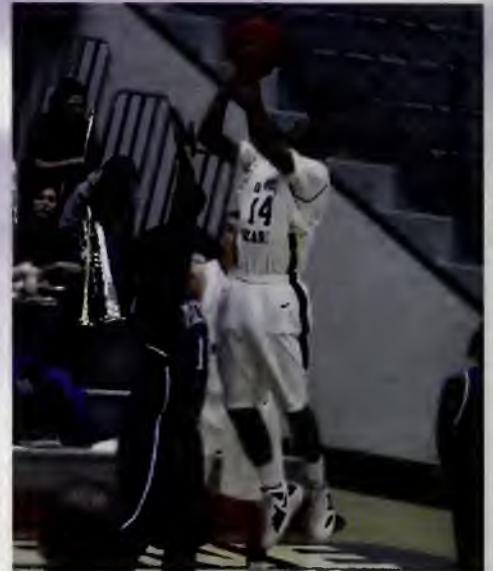
The men's basketball season was one of growth and development. The team had to overcome a lot of obstacles this season due to many injuries.

The Tigers started off as an inexperienced team, but they gained experiences and proved they can compete with any team in the nation. Senior guard Antonio Marshall broke both personal and team records this season. He also was named NAIA national player of the week at one point during the season.

The team received other recognition with players Ben Worner, Jake Boyce, and Antonio Marshall being named apart of the All-Tournament team at the Embry-Riddle Mitsubishi tournament in November. The team also served within the Chicago Heights Nazarene Church, where they put on a basketball clinic for the church's youth basketball program.

Coach Hodge enjoys coaching here at ONU because it gives him the ability to make a difference in his athlete's daily lives. Coach Hodge also stated, "It is more than just winning games and championships; it is about developing champions both on and off the floor."

-Jessica Morey



Tony Banks **goes over the defender** and makes a basket for ONU. (mr)

Senior forward Jason Newkirk keeps his eyes on his opponent. (mr)

Ben Worner **shoots a three-pointer** under pressure from Trinity's defense. (mr)



Brandon Streets **jumps above his opponents** to make the shot. (mr)

Jake Hasselbring **passes the ball** to Tony Banks during halftime. (mr)



Jake Boyce **tips the ball towards teammates** to gain possession of the ball. (mr)



Greg Bennett **dribbles the ball down the court** after getting the rebound. (mr)



Antonio Marshall **closely defends his opponent** in the Trinity game. The Tigers beat the Trolls with a score of 92-62. (mr)

Unstoppable



This year the women's basketball team added seven new freshmen after losing two seniors from last year.

"It's always an adjustment having new people come in and learn the system," said senior Stephanie Denius. "I think that there were so many new people, it took a little longer for us to really 'click.'"

"We have more depth than last year's team," said junior Danielle Tolbert. "It took some time for the freshmen to realize that when you're playing Tigercat Ball you have to give everything 100% every time that you're out there."

The team was also stronger, having better shooters and rebounders. This season's goal was to return to Nationals and go further than last year, where they finished in the second round.

On January 24, the women were able to beat their rival St. Xavier for the second time in 12 years. "It was only the second time that St. Xavier lost on their home court since 2009," said Tolbert. "Another accomplishment that we've had was just to gel together to make it where we are now."

It was moments like these that helped drive Tolbert to do her best. "I am not afraid of any opponent that we play," she said. "I play hard every time. I know that if we all play hard for the entire game that we will come out on top with the victory. The team motivates each other. Even though someone may be having a bad shooting day, we still encourage them to keep shooting."

-Heather Mead



Freshman guard Natalie Tunnel plays a strong defense against Trinity International University. (mr)

Stephanie Denius **concentrates on making the Free-throw.** (s)

Danielle Tolbert **looks for an open teammate** to pass the ball to. (mr)

Holly Schacht **guards her opponent.** (mr)





Members of the women's basketball team **gather in prayer after the game**, which has been a tradition of the basketball team for many years. (mr)

The Lady Tigers **cheer on their teammates from the sidelines** as they prepare to go in. (s)



Senior forward **Denita Phelps** stays close to her opponent. (mr)



Danielle Tolbert **prepares to gain an extra point** for the Tigers after getting fouled. (mr)



Bridgette Jones **maneuvers her way around** the Trinity defender. (mr)

Never give up

If you want to see a group of guys who will stop at nothing to get a win, look no further than the Olivet baseball team. Senior Casey Mast says that the team is made up of a group of talented guys who want to win. "We are willing to do what it takes, which has helped the team to work well together this year." Mast also emphasized, "We do not cut corners at practice, with school work, or in games." This helps them to improve their game and move towards a victory.

Mast's favorite memories happened when the baseball team would travel together. "The bus rides are usually long, but we have good camaraderie so the trips are always fun." Mast will always be grateful to the baseball team because, "It has allowed me to go to college and receive an education. More importantly it gave me four more years to play the game I love!"

-Elizabeth Cook



Senior Shane Breitzke **runs through first base** and gets a single. (s)

Ryan Kern **awaits the pitch** from the opposing pitcher. (s)

Outfielder Daniel Schneider makes the catch to end the third inning. (s)

Casey Mast **winds up at the plate** and delivers a strike. (s)





First baseman Ryan Kern **makes the catch from the his teammate**, getting his opponent out at first base. (s)

Daniel Schneider **tags homeplate** to score a run for the Tigers. (s)



Kevin Lasowski **pitches the ball over the plate** for a strike. (s)



Catcher David Mitroff **awaits the pitch**. (s)



Shane Breitzke **slides safely into second base**. (s)

For the love of the game

While not everyone who loves to play sports has enough time, dedication, or skill to play at a collegiate level, they still enjoy playing.

Intramurals offer students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to participate in sports and activities that they love as they playfully compete against rival teams and get to have fun with fellow teammates. Sophomore Jacob Roberts loves getting to participate in various intramurals, including basketball. Roberts explains, "Intramurals are a great way to get involved on campus while enjoying good competition and keeping open the possibility of gaining new interests and meeting new people."

Intramurals gives students extracurricular activities that are not as time consuming as a collegiate level sport, but just as fun. There are Intramurals for all students to participate in, ranging from electronic games and foosball to card games like Euchre and Rook to basketball and volleyball. With such a wide variety of opportunities to participate throughout the year, students can choose to participate in more than one Intramural to keep them active and in fellowship with other students.

Winners of any competition are awarded with an Intramural t-shirt and the satisfaction of knowing they have what it takes to beat their rivals and take home the gold.

-Allyson Vrael



Ryan London **tosses** the frisbee to his teammate. (ch)

Isaiah Peachey **keeps his eyes on his opponent** and plays a strong defense. (ch)



Team members **anxiously watch the hoop**, hoping the ball goes in for a point. (ch)



ONU guys participate in an intramural **bas-
ketball game** against faculty members for the
championship. (ch)



Students **prepare for the snap** during a flag
football match. Flag football is played during
the Fall semester at Fortin Villa. (ch)



Referee Andrew Butler **explains the rules**
to the players before the game begins. (ch)



Kristin Nichols **warms up** before a
frisbee match. (ch)



Jacob Schmidt **goes up** for the shot. (ch)



Groups as diverse as Rascal Flatts, Coldplay, Max Richter, Counting Crows, Run Kid Run, and Remedy Drive have recorded songs, which include the word "daylight" in their title. Light is a universal remedy from everything from a broken heart to a bad day. Each sunrise is a lyrical respite from the "dark night of the soul." To understand the nature of light, it has to be heard, rather than seen. Do a YouTube search, create a playlist on your iPod, close your eyes, and sit back to discover what light truly is.

Shine
before others

One big, happy family

The mafia bus. Dubious brown paper bags. Nate's birthday. The Dubstep version of Latin songs. This, in a nutshell, is Orpheus choir: a complex web of friendships, inside jokes, laughter, and of course singing. "Even though there are sixty of us, we spend so much time together and get to know each other so well on tours that it's really a big family," explained junior Ben Cherney.

Elizabeth Morley, choir chaplain, agreed: "There are a thousand choirs out there, but the special thing about Orpheus is how much we care about each other, come with energy, and want to be there." Rather than see rehearsal as a chore, the members arrive in the same manner that they would to a family dinner; excited, chatty, a little bit too loud. "It's almost therapeutic," said President Kyle Hance.

Three tours, multiple concerts, community events, and the Orpheus Variety Show are the choir's sustenance. A highlight from this year was the opportunity to sing a Christmas concert at The Art Institute of Chicago. "We came in the back to enter the building," Hance explained, "so we were walking through the museum and there's Buddha and all these pagan idols and worship symbols for all these religions that aren't Christianity, and amidst all of that we were able to present the glory of God." Director Dr. Jeff Bell described the experience as, "It was special in a way only God could arrange."

God's handiwork was also visible last May, as the choir traveled across the Atlantic to visit Africa Nazarene University in Nairobi, Kenya. For eight days, they packed in concerts, connections, and events to help promote the university and its newly started church. About 300 people showed up for Family Day, which Orpheus facilitated by inviting community members, painting faces, singing, and playing games with the kids.

In the midst of the children, Kyle Hance was talking with an African man when suddenly an "Oh snap!" moment happened. "I was just doing it like we do it here," he said, demonstrating by shaking his fingers in a quick snap, "and all of a sudden he started doing it, and I was like, 'Dude, it's international! You guys can do it too?'" Unfortunately, Hance learned that he was coming off a little differently than he intended; in Africa, the "Oh snap!" gesture is considered to be a threat, which parents use to warn children they are in for a beating!

Despite his unintended aggression, a number of kids turned up to church the next day on their own, indicating the success of the outreach. Sunday, however, was fraught with its own miscommunication perils. Caleb Carr remembered how he felt when he was asked to be on a prison worship team: "I was just thinking, are you serious? That's completely terrifying!" Their Kenyan leader suggested that the team get in a little practice before they got started. "We're like yeah, I guess we could use some practice if we're going to go into a Kenyan prison to talk to people!" Carr said with a laugh. "So we get over to the church, and we've got the instruments set up and everything and the word praise came up. Praise and worship team! Not prison worship team!" His willing spirit, however, to minister in a Kenyan prison with little preparation, demonstrated well the attitude of the whole group.

Their ability to laugh at themselves shone through when about eleven members got a stomach bug, nicknamed "The Amoeba." Just before the end of the trip, "mass mayhem" broke loose, and each person had to submit a stool sample for testing, even if they didn't have symptoms. "It was really funny, and we couldn't help but just joke about it because we ALL had to do it," said Hance. "Everyone was literally walking around carrying their little brown bag. Some people went to London," said Carr, pausing dramatically, "with their amoeba. Little travel buddy with ya."

Most of their trips are less exotic than that, but in a good way. Each of their three tours, characterized by hilarious traditions, takes them to different churches and venues in the Midwest. "We take a charter bus and a mini bus, and the mini bus is devoted to mafia," Cherney said. "If you aren't going to play, you aren't allowed to sit on the bus, basically, and it is so intense!" Between five devotion times and several performances, the choir also finds time to squeeze in tour awards and Dubstep remixes of their favorite Latin piece, Lux Aurumque. They've also added flair to their rendition of Happy Birthday, which used to just be an ugly yelling affair, by adopting the African version. "It's kind of a call and response, and at the end you get water dumped on your head," Morley said.

Now a veteran member, Morley has found a home in Orpheus. "What drew me to it the very first night at the welcome party was the community and the love and just the fun; it's a great group of people," she said. From concerts to traditions to cultural misunderstandings, the choir members grow into a rowdy family throughout the school year. "They're uplifting to me, just through everyday life," Hance said.

-Staci Bradbury



Traveling family

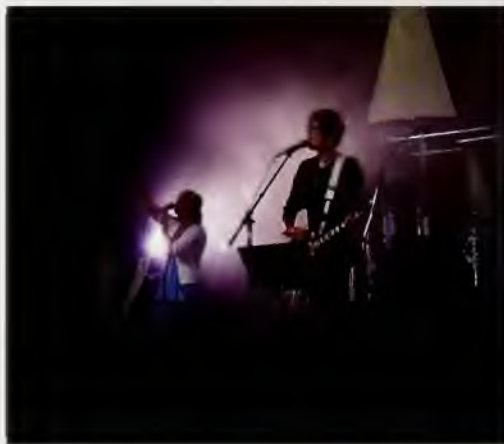
All Things New is a traveling music ministry dedicated to loving Jesus and all of His people. They require a huge amount of time and dedication since the band travels frequently. During the summer they perform at Christian youth camps as well as churches. Quite frequently during the summer weekends, All Things New is found at churches where they serve by leading worship. They also perform during the school year at both churches and weekend youth events. Members possess genuine passion for worship and it shows in everything they do.

- Jessica Morey

Kayla Mellinger and Josh Gill **lead worship at the Freshmen Jumpstart event.** (s)

Jordan Hansen and Josh Gill mix work with play by **taking a spin on a tandem bike.** (s)

Brad Palmer, Danny Ernest, Kyle Fellows, Jesse Dillman, Aaron Buchanan, Kayla Mellinger, Jordan Hansen, Josh Gill, and Courtney Cryer **combine their talents to create All Things New.** (s)



Servants through music



The group **enjoys traveling** throughout the summer and leading worship together. (s)



Ali Carter **sings worship** and is backed by Cal Samuelson on bass guitar at a summer camp. (s)

Becca Rodeheaver, Kelsey Sowards, and Rachel Lenger **have become close friends** by being part of Before Tomorrow. (s)



Male band members **have a blast on a weekend retreat**. (s)



Rachel Lenger **sings and plays keyboard** on the band's summer tour.

Before Tomorrow is a student-led ministry team that travels around the region leading worship. The band members' main purpose is to be servants in the name of Christ. "We try to help out in whatever needs the church might have, even if it only looks like putting some tables away, cleaning a children's room, or hanging out with teens," explained Joey Ramirez. "We try not to make it all about serving in music, but we try to give as much of ourselves to the congregation as possible."

During the school year, Before Tomorrow leads worship on campus and at different churches and youth retreats. During the summer the band travels to youth summer camps. Member Tyson Dodd said, "We are not musicians who get a chance to serve, we are servants who get the chance to play music."

- Jessica Morey

Uniting as a voice and family

From the performances of Messiah and Sounds of the Season to concerts at local churches, the fifty members of Chrysalis can be heard. This choir, made up purely of females, revolves around sacred music as well as Broadway songs and popular music.

"We have sung at Manteno Church of the Nazarene and many events on campus," said Bekka Rogers. "The highlight of our year was having the opportunity to sing with the Gaither Vocal Band during Homecoming." All the Olivet choirs combined for the event to back the Gaithers, singing to an audience of about 3,000 people. The ladies also had the opportunity to travel through churches in Indiana during the spring semester, but they see themselves as more than just a singing and traveling group.

"Chrysalis is an opportunity for young women to join together to become a unique community," said Rogers of the family atmosphere within the group. "We sing together, share our lives, and become friends. We are showing God's love to our campus and surrounding community by exemplifying the amazing talent He has given us." "During our rehearsals, we have devotions and times of sharing and get to know each other on a deeper level," said Andrea Richardson. With their hearts in the right place, they live out their purpose of ministering.

-Heather Mead

Kay Welch has been **directing** the choir since Fall 2010 and enjoys bonding with the women through the gift of music. (gjf)



Andrea Richardson and Sarah Gliwa are **piano accompanists** for the choir. This is Richardson's third year and Gliwa's first year participating with Chrysalis. (gjf)

Kay Welch **instructs her choir** through the songs they must perfect. (gjf)



Chrysalis is **made up of 40 women** who practice twice every week. (gjf)



Chrysalis **toured the Northeast Indiana district**, going through Fort Wayne and Middletown. (gjf)



We sing, we dance

Ashley Sarver and David Flack are prepared to **perfect the show's dance routine.** (gjf)



Created in the 2010-2011 school year, **Clefangers has spent a majority of this year in practice, fellowship, and prayer.** (gjf)



Being involved in the choir has helped the members have fun, **learn more about music,** and glorify God. (s)

A wide variety of students from all majors came together to form Clefangers, a show choir made up of twenty singers and instrumentalists. "We sing and dance, trying to bring the joy of music and performance to the world all for the glory of God. We are dedicated to achieving excellence as performers and using this group as an outreach," said sophomore Seth Lowery, a singer.

The idea was birthed last year by Music Education majors. Dr. Reddick, head of the Music Department, approved the idea. "We wanted to have experience with show choir in the event that they are hired at a school that has one," said Lowery. "This is essential in this part of the country, where show choir is most popular." Since it began the group has performed one show as a test drive. Encouraged by their success, the choir held dancing and singing auditions for this current year.

"The small performance we did this past spring got our name out and piqued interest amongst the student body," said Lowery. "It taught us a lot about working with others and striving for excellence. I personally felt that this experience helped me to mature as a performer and as a person. The Lord spoke to me through being a part of this group."

During the spring semester the choir performed multiple times including a competition at a local high school in February and at Olivet in April. "This is important to us, because it gives us a chance to witness to teens through our performing," said Lowery. "We can show the high schoolers that we aren't 'stuffy' or 'hypocritical.' Music can be the common ground through which we relate to the students." Lowery joined the choir to learn, but also for another reason entirely; he loves to sing, a trait shared and capitalized on by the group.

"This is seriously an honor to be a member of something that started last year and is unlike anything that this university has seen before," said Geeding. "It is my prayer that God will receive all the glory throughout this endeavor and that we can share His love through our practices, performances, and everyday life."

-Heather Mead

Music

Make a joyful noise

Seth Wenzelman **concentrate** on hitting the right notes. (cl)



Talents are given to us by God to use for His glory. Catie Young knows this, and uses her talents on a regular basis to be a part of Concert Band. "Concert Band works hard and does everything to honor God. We are not in the band for our glory, but for God's glory," she said. Trevor Holdham, also a member, finds it a fun and rewarding musical experience.

The time members spend investing in their music allows them a chance to get to know each other. "You are able to have connection with other players. Being in band has also helped us grow together as a community," Young said. During their concerts, there is always hope that the music will be a blessing to those hearing it. "We have a mission of using the talents God has given us. You never know when Concert Band can touch someone."

-Elizabeth Cook



The trumpet section **plays their best** during practice. (cl)

Concert Band **rehearses** for an upcoming event. (cl)



Students blend together to **play a beautiful song** on their flutes. (cl)



200 Concert Band & Concert Singers

Sing unto the Lord

Taylin Frame **sings with the concert singers** during an intense rehearsal (cl)



Ben Geeding **sings** during choir practice. (cl)



Zachary Kohlmeier **looks sharp** during a rehearsal. (cl)



For sophomore Ben Geeding, two things that go together perfectly are music and performing. For this reason, he is involved in many campus musical ensembles, one of which is Concert Singers. "It is such a blessing to be able to work with someone as knowledgeable as our conductor, Dr. Woodruff, and we have a lot of fun. We all love music and we all love singing, so it is a perfect fit for people who love to be challenged vocally."

Concert Singers are involved in many events on campus including the Homecoming festivities, Sounds of the Season, Night of Jazz, and Chamber Ensemble concerts. They also sing with different ensembles, such as Gospel Choir and the Show Choir here on campus.

Wherever they go, Geeding said, "The members of Concert Singers seek to glorify God in all that we do. Word, deed, thought, and song; we aim to sharpen the skills He has equipped us with in order to point to His majesty. We don't sing only sacred music. We sing everything from Hungarian folk songs to jazz to sacred praises. We believe that as long as we sing, we sing to Him."



Josh Ring and Cassandra Hustedt **combine their voices** to create a beautiful harmony. (cl)

-Elizabeth Cook

Music

Got rhythm?

The handbell choir is **directed** by Katherine Nielsen. (ap)



Do you have rhythm? If so, the handbell choir is the group for you. While it might not seem like it, the handbell is actually a percussion instrument. The group implements a variety of techniques to play the handbells, from ringing to slapping them down on the table to tapping them with percussion mallets.

The group's goal is to play together so it sounds like only one person is playing. As performers frequently play two bells simultaneously, everyone must count accurately to create one sound. The unique sound adds a fun touch to each music performance at Olivet. The handbell choir has the opportunity to perform at two of the Chamber Ensemble concerts throughout the year.

-Jessica Morey



Handbell choir members **enjoy playing an instrument** that few have the experience to play. (ap)

Anthony Benda works with the ladies to **prepare for a concert**. (ap)



Kelcie Steins and Emily Borger **concentrate on learning their cues**. (ap)



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The cherry on top

Patrick Wright and Christy Trank **get their swing on** at Jazz Band practice. (ap)



Members of the **trumpet section** play together during rehearsal. (ap)



Chris Field fulfills an essential role as **drummer**. (ap)



The jazz band adds flair to any concert, like the cherry on top of an already great dessert. The band plays different styles of music from Swing to Latin. The jazz band is made up of talented musicians who audition to earn a spot. Patrick Wright, who plays lead trumpet in the jazz band said, "I joined the jazz band because jazz was my strong suit all through high school. I wanted to continue playing jazz, and that was the opportunity Olivet had for me."

The jazz band consists of five saxophones, four trombones, four trumpets, a piano player, bass player, and a drum set. "My favorite thing is the opportunity to learn more and more about jazz from Dr. Jacklin, who has been an awesome first-year teacher. He will definitely take this band to new places," said Wright.

-Jessica Morey



Jamila Coker **practices** with another pianist to get in sync for a concert. (ap)

Music

More like family

Marching Band is a huge family here at Olivet; the members all come together with different majors, backgrounds, and personalities all with one focus.

Music is one thing they all have in common and it brings them together to accomplish their one goal of glorifying God while performing for crowds. The group starts rehearsing two weeks before school starts and continues to practice five hours a week during the school year. The halftime show this year was called "Red Sqaure," which used music of Prokofiev and Rachmaninoff to create a drama that pulled the audience in and ended with an incredible triumph. Drum major Rae Marie Donaldson said her favorite part of the season was, "During our last practice we had the first snowfall, and an inch of snow was dumped on us during the first 30 minutes. It was the perfect way to end the marching season."

-Jessica Morey

Members of the pit play their parts to add a special touch to the music the band is playing. (cl)



The band blasts their sound and the **color guard members** add a touch of flair to the halftime performance. (kb)



Flutists stand up straight and look forward while at attention before they perform the show. (cl)



The drumline puts Kristin Marshall **on top of two bass drums** to finish the feature. (cl)



Bethany Abbott starts the "Red Square" halftime show with a **flag solo**. (cl)

The marching band **proudly marches on to the field** ready to show off their hard work for the fans. (cl)



Drum major Joy Matthews looks on as the marching band comes on to the field. (cl)

Jeremy Huish plays the tuba. (cl)



The pit **shows off their talent** in front of the band during the halftime show at the first home football game. (kb)



Aisha Foday plays the flute and marches to her next spot in the drill. (cl)

Drawing people to God

The Olivetians **perform for faculty and staff** during the President's Dinner. (s)

David Rice **sings his solo** during Winter Revival. (cl)



The Olivetians **lead praise and worship** in chapel during "Give Your Life Away" week. (s)

The musical group **travels throughout the Olivet region**, ministering to people through their musical talent. (s)

One of the most prestigious music ministries on campus is The Olivetians. The Olivetians consist of eleven extremely talented Olivet students who enjoy pouring their heart out in songs and praises to God. When the Olivetians are not on campus performing, they are spending their weekends and summers traveling around the region performing in churches and at special events.

Sophomore Amber Leffel, who joined the group this year, explains where her interest in the group came from; "I have for a long time felt called to minister to people through music, and I always admired the Olivetians when I watched them while growing up." She looks at her opportunity to participate in the Olivetians as God's way of pulling together her passion for ministering and her love for the group. Leffel states, "I love to travel and I love to sing, and I can barely believe that I get to do the thing that I have always wanted to!"

Leffel's favorite part about being involved in the Olivetians, however, is not about her own desire or passion, but about God's. "The most important part in this is that the name of God is made known and glorified," stated Leffel. God uses the talents of these eleven spectacular singers to bring people into His Kingdom, and they are glad to be a part of such an amazing experience.

-Allyson Vrabel



A ministry in music

Wesley Taylor **sings cheerfully for the Lord** during a performance in chapel. (s)

Taylin Frame belts the lyrics to a powerful song. (s)



Orpheus, a music ministry at Olivet, is one of the largest music groups on campus. Orpheus consists of over fifty students who have a passion for music ministry. These students share their talent with fellow Olivetians while on campus and with the region surrounding Olivet when touring throughout the year.

Sophomore Caleb Carr explains that Orpheus is like a big family that can get together and enjoy time spent rehearsing instead of doing homework. Carr stated, "It's four hours a week when I can drop all the craziness of school, work, and everything else and just be with people who care – people who laugh with me, pray with me, and sing with me."

Carr also pointed out that he loves to look at the faces of the people who watch Orpheus sing; "You can see it in their eyes – they get what we are saying and it is speaking directly to them." Junior Lindsey Hayes says the best part of being in Orpheus is the opportunity to travel together making memories and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ through song.

-Allyson Vrabel



Orpheus travels around the Olivet region performing for churches during weekend services. (s)

Ben Cherney plays piano as Christine Caven joins in with her violin, adding variety to the Orpheus performances. (s)

Music

Keeping the beat

Percussion Ensemble **uses office supplies as make-shift instruments** for a concert. (gjf)



Students **work on perfecting their performance** during practice. (gjf)



Ensemble members **study the sheet music** for their percussion piece. (gjf)

Being a part of percussion ensemble is more than just keeping the beat. Professor Matt Jacklin says that his favorite part about directing the group is, "Seeing the energy and enthusiasm that the students exhibit towards each of their individual parts of the entire product. When the whole thing comes together in the end, the students seem very excited and proud about their contribution to the experience."

Percussion ensemble is about more than just the music. It is about the students who are a part of it and the experiences they have while making music. Junior Chris Field said, "My two favorite things are just having fun with everyone at practices and performances and the cool pieces we play." Senior Mike Zaring said, "The best parts about being in the percussion ensemble was the time that was spent with other percussionists, having a good time, and molding a piece of music into a really beautiful work of art."

-Elizabeth Cook



Professor Matt Jacklin **conducts** the students during a percussion ensemble concert. (gjf)

Singing from the soul

Gospel Choir members **rehearse** for an upcoming concert. (kb)

The choir members **feel the power** in the songs they sing. (kb)



Gospel Choir **prepares to sing** at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene. (kb)



Worshipping God and moving to energetic praise music is one of the most enjoyable parts of being at a concert where Proclamation Gospel Choir is performing. Senior Katie Abrassart said her favorite part is the freedom to be myself during the performances: "Most choirs just have you stand still and sing, but with gospel choir we have fun."

Junior Jade Green described gospel choir as a family: "We lift each other up to God and we praise Him together. Even when we're in practice we are still worshipping our Father. It is not just normal 'choir' practice, it is a praise session." However, the most important part of gospel choir is the opportunity to bless others with the gospel in musical form. Green said, "Gospel Choir is becoming increasingly more popular, so we are participating in more events. This allows us to share God's love with more people so it is really great!"

-Elizabeth Cook



Jade Green, Emily Hay, and Elizabeth Kuhns have become close friends through Gospel Choir. They enjoy traveling together and spreading the word of God. (kb)

Men of music and Christ

Testament is the men's choir at Olivet. Testament's purpose is to build relationships among the men on campus by giving them an outlet to meet new friends. The group performs throughout the Olivet region at local churches; they also participated in Messiah and Sounds of the Season. When asked about his favorite part about Testament, Geoff Sauter stated, "I not only get to share my love of musci with the guys in the choir, but I also get to help share our ministry through song to the people we perform and worship with."

Professor Schultz, the director of Testament, said "The group has changed since I was a member. Testament is always about community; specifically living, praying, and singing alongside guys who become like a family."

-Jessica Morey

Mike Speer, Dustin Twining, and Anthony Banda **rehearse their music** before their upcoming tour at local church. (mr)

Professor Schultz, director of Testament, **plays the piano** for the men during rehearsal. (mr)

Mike Harrington and Kyle Miller **practice together** so they are able to hit every note perfectly. (mr)



Members of **Testament** prepare for their upcoming performances. (mr)

Two orchestras, one university

Joy Matthews **plays the clarinet** and concentrates on hitting the correct notes. (cl)

Dr. Woodruff **directs the Orchestra** during Sounds of the Season. (cl)



Flutists practice for their upcoming performance. (cl)



Olivet has two orchestras: University Orchestra and University Strings. Both groups play a wide variety of music and participate in many concerts throughout the school year. This year Olivet was able to present the world premiere of "Raggedy Ann's Adventures" by American composer and Olivet alumnus David Culross. Other performances included "Fall Pops", Handel's "Messiah", "Sounds of the Season" and also tours to schools and churches. Having two complete orchestras made up of undergraduate students is unique for a school our size.

Dr. Woodruff stated, "We emphasize that if every aspect of our lives is to be dedicated to God's purposes, then stewardship of our gifts and attention to the details of making music well are profound acts of worship." The Orchestra's mission is to help students understand what it means to fulfill their God-given calling to be good stewards with their musical gifts.



University Orchestra practices frequently to become better musicians. (cl)

-Jessica Morey

Music



Did you know that all the knowledge we have about the universe has been gleaned from light? Light can tell us the temperature, chemical composition, and velocity of objects billions of miles away.

Everything from microwaves to gamma rays provide information about the nature of things scientists would otherwise not know. In the same way, there's a spectrum of different outlets through which we shine. From the Multi-Ethnic Relations Club to the Men's Baseball team, Christians are designed to provide information about our universe and its Creator. Each different kind of person emits a different light and reveals a different secret.

See your
good deeds

United Community

"Our strength is a contented and intelligent community." This truth, spoken by former US president Rutherford Hayes almost a century ago, is at the heart of the mission of ONU's Multi-Ethnic Relations Club. "We're about the unity and fellowship that God constantly talks about in the Bible. We celebrate that friendship and the education of different ethnicities and races," said President Gregory-Elijah Bennett. The club hosts events both to celebrate differences in cultures and to cultivate understanding of them. Christmas Expressions, an annual coffee shop show featuring poetry and songs, highlights talented individuals, as does ONU's Got Talent each spring. The club also helped to sponsor Olivet's Fashion Show and worked closely with Mu Kappa and Gospel Choir. "I think we have the best events on campus," said Ariel Turner with a grin. "The little coffee shop shows have big turnouts."

MERC also runs an aggressive education campaign, seeking to create an intelligent community of students. In February they created posters and chapel videos to raise awareness of Black History Month. Another facet was the Black History Wheel of Fortune event, which offered prizes for students who could correctly remember facts about historical Black Americans from posters put up around campus. With motivation stemming from a historical legacy of persistence, the group works tirelessly to get their name out, from showing movies like *The Help* to creating display cases in the library.

While it may appear that their energy is all focused outwardly, the group strives to create a model of unity for the campus to follow within their group. They meet weekly and try to complete one or two service projects each semester. Member Meiling Jin explained, "My favorite part of MERC is the socializing time. Everyone brings the unique aspect of their own culture to share with other people." Under her guidance, the club celebrated the Chinese New Year at one of their meetings in true traditional style by eating dumplings and passing out red envelopes containing chocolate coins.

"MERC helps you learn to talk to other people who didn't grow up the same way as you did," said Justine Espersen. They've created a community of members, which is why Vice President Torraine Hoover looks forward to meetings. "I like to touch base with people because it makes me feel like we're more of a family," she said. To support each other, they set aside time each meeting to address members' spiritual needs. "As chaplain, I present devotionals and encouraging scripture to uplift our group. We're in college so we're all stressing out about work and school. It's just good to have an encouraging group," said Coker.

While currently thriving, the club actually had humble beginnings. "When I first came into MERC, we didn't even meet weekly, just every two or three weeks. It wasn't as closely knit and family oriented as it is now. It has grown mightily," said Bennett. MERC, Gospel Choir, and Mu Kappa all stemmed from what was once just a small committee on Multi-Ethnic Relations. "It was just about two or three people who met and tried to just come together and talk and make themselves more aware," said Bennett about the club's formation. "Now we have twenty to thirty people meeting each week, and we host successful events. My vision is to always remember where we came from, and also to make us one of the most prominent clubs on campus." While prominence may be the goal, communion is the means. Despite all they do, Bennett sees the real success of MERC not in an event or a meeting. "When I see a smile or laugh between two different races, that's my favorite part, for the simple fact that it lets me know this is not in vain," he said. "Everything that our forefathers went through to bring unity, to stop prejudice, to show that everybody can come together and use the same bathroom and eat in the same restaurants, was not in vain; that's what it comes down to for me."

-Staci Bradbury



Clubs and Organizations

A passion for serving

Associated Student Council, better known as ASC, wants to give Olivet students the best experiences they can and to change the school for the better. Student Body President Kyle Lowry, strongly emphasized communication in the council this year. Part of the way that communication is practiced is by discussing and correcting ONU rumors. "ASC members do their best to find out what the facts are in a situation and set the rumors straight when they are repeated," said Lowry. This is done specifically through the issues of the GlimmerGlass, along with The Hub and Tiger Text, which help pass along information to the students.

When asked what the student council hopes to do for the student body, Vice President for Women's Residential Life, Karyn Nichols stated, "ASC is here for the students and the Olivet community, and we want to know what we can do to make the students have a better college experience." Another major aspect of Associated Student Council is hosting events that ONU students will enjoy. "We basically plan for the entire year the first month or two of school," said Mitch Johnson, Vice President for Social Life. These events include the Block Party, Ollies Follies, 12 Days of Christmas and many more.

Other branches that make up ASC are Aurora, Club Relations, Finance, Glimmerglass, Spiritual Life and Publicity. "I serve for clubs on campus, helping them go through development to plan events and keep the budget when they plan events," stated Breanne Bambrick, Vice President for Student Relations. She is the first face that people see when they enter the ASC office, acting as a secretary as she takes notes during the meetings and shows people where to go. "Everyone on council loves the position they are in," said Bambrick, "it's a blessing to serve the student body."

-Heather Mead



The Executive Council leads the student body in positions that involve club relations, student life, finances, men and women's residential life, publicity, spiritual life and editors of the GlimmerGlass and Aurora. This years Executive Council is represented by Sarah Zelhart, Kelsea Beville, Mitch Johnson, Kyle Lowry, Shane Emaus, Ian Morley, Cathy Schutt, Bre Bambrick, Karyn Nichols and Alex Ripberger. (ch)

Dr. Jay Martinson **leads the ASC council in a devotional** before each voting council meeting. Martinson has been the faculty advisor since 1995. (ch)

Vice President for Publicity Kelsea Beville **shows off the freshmen Ollies Follies t-shirts she designed** during a JumpStart conference. (cl)





Associated Student Council **puts on campus events and sponsors the clubs on campus**, and each member of the council has a passion for serving the ONU student body. (ch)



Kyle Lowry and Shane Emaus **sell class t-shirts for Ollies Follies** during the Block Party. (cl)



ASC holds a **voting council meeting where they discuss campus issues, petition funding for clubs, and plan events** for the ONU student body. (ch)



Karyn Nichols, Kelsea Beville, Mitch Johnson, and Shane Emaus **enjoy the scenery on top of Mt. Sulfer** at Banff National Park, in Alberta, Canada. The Executive Council attend at the Nazarene Student Leadership Conference where they met with fellow Nazarene universities from the U.S. and Canada. (s)

Promoting class unity



Joe Schindel **introduces freshmen to life at ONU during Jumpstart.** (cl)

The **sophomore class** council is represented by : Ross Johnson, Alina Ellis, President Brandon Klemm, Treavor Dodsworth, Anna Grieder, Josh Parker and Madison Leeseberg. (ch)

Dr. Bowling isn't the only president around Olivet. Each class is led by a peer-elected student president, chaplain, and five representatives. When all the classes converge, they form the Associated Student Council. The council has worked extremely hard to build unity throughout the student body by putting on multiple social events throughout the school year. Some of this year's events included Olive's Follies and the Candy Costume Fest, as well as all-school speed dating.

Individual class events included the seniors' Silent Night Masquerade, an extremely formal event in the Venetian Renaissance style, with a Christmas flare. Sporting classy hors d'oeuvres and desserts, as well as a live string quartet and a superlative award ceremony, the banquet took the edge off the lack of an all-school winter banquet for the senior class. In the spring is the annual senior banquet, a time to get together and celebrate the four years the seniors have had together as a class. "We want their last year here at Olivet to be a year that the class of 2012 will always remember," Kayla Rolling, President of the senior class, explained.

Other events include the junior class bonfire and sledding party, sophomore BBQ, and freshmen cosmic bowling. Over 250 freshmen went to Brookmont Lanes and bowled the night away. The four hours of bowling included a bowling tournament, won by Sierra Navarro with a terrific score of 254. Events such as these not only allow students to get to know each other, but also facilitate a good time on the weekends.

-Jessica Morey



The **freshmen class** council is made up of: President Caleb Burkey, Michael Poff, Grace Amponsah, Marshall Hawn, Jon Herndon, Candace Baird, and Dani Martin. (ch)



Chris Cornish **carries a table** while helping freshmen move in to Chapman Hall. (ch)

Representing the **senior class** are: Angela Rivas, Christ Cornish, Steven Krueger, Chad Hemphill, Jana Pierce, President Kayla Rolling, and Jacob Salem. (ch)



Fellow junior class council members discuss an event before an ASC meeting. (ch)



Jose Cruz works the school wide lock Party. (ch)



Kyle Boone, Kara Hepler, President Jameson Forshee, Joe Schindel, Jeremy Height, Matt Van Dyke, and Jose Cruz make up the **junior class** council. (ch)



Joe Schindel and Ross Johnson catch up before the start of the voting council meeting. (ch)

Making memories last

DSL Cameras, Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, and Microsoft Word are essential tools for the Aurora staff as they work hard throughout the school year to create a yearbook that will be cherished by the student body and faculty. As the school year goes on, the yearbook staff attends all of the campus events, as well as events sponsored by clubs and ministries and much more, documenting a year full of memories to preserve for students to look back at for years to come. This year, the Aurora staff worked hard to put together a yearbook with the theme "Let Your Light Shine." As Christians we are to shine our lights for the whole world to see, and as a campus we glow when we demonstrate this command from the Lord. This year's theme originated from Matthew 5:14-16 which explains our call from Christ to "shine before others...and glorify your Father in Heaven."

The yearbook staff is led by Executive Editor, senior Sarah Zelhart, who has been involved with yearbooks for seven years and is in her second year as Aurora Editor. Zelhart manages the staff, edits pages, and much more ensuring the staff meets all their deadlines and creates the best yearbook possible. Each branch of the Aurora staff (photography, design, writing and business) is led by an Executive, of whom Zelhart states, "They are some of the greatest people I know. I would never be able to do all of this without their help. They are a great group of friends and we have grown extremely close. I love working with them."

Despite moments of stress and long hours in the office, Sarah explains, "I wouldn't change this experience for anything. I have an awesome staff who works extremely hard throughout the year on top of all their school work and other extracurricular activities; they always manage to get everything done."

-Allyson Vrabel

The Aurora staff **works hard throughout the year** to meet all their deadlines and create a yearbook that the students and faculty will enjoy. (bb)

Executive Designer Anna Zanellato **edits pages** on deadline night in the Aurora office. (bb)



As members of design team, Amanda Mazzaro and Emily Hay **work on creating layouts** and selecting the photos for each page. (ch)



Staci Bradbury **leads the writing team** in their weekly meeting, covering assignments and making sure stories are turned in. (ch)



Photographer Chad Hemphill **checks the camera** before taking pictures at an event. (bb)



Each team of the Aurora is led by an Executive. This year's **Executive team members** include: Staci Bradbury, Jenna Engelsen, Amber Olney, Sarah Zelhart, Brandon Nielson, Brent Brooks, and Anna Zanellato. (cl)

Scientific fun

The members of Biophilic enjoy getting a break from classes and labs to **hangout together** and share laughs and memories with others in their same field of study. (s)

Every month members of **Biophilic** have a **get together** and eat, play games, and have a great time to take away from the stress of everyday life. (s)



Marcus Powers and Ryan Lingle **show off the broken piñata** from the group's Halloween party. (s)

Each year Biophilic helps to **clean up the Kankakee River** as a way to get involved in the community and to give back. (s)

Biophilic officers enjoy the Halloween party. (s)

The Biophilic club gives Biology majors the opportunity to be involved in a community where everyone knows the ups and downs of being a Biology major. Another advantage of Biophilic is that students can to get know their professors on a more personal level. Club President James Smit explained, "One of the things that is great about Biophilic is that it gives students an opportunity to interact with professors outside of the classroom. The professors usually bring a lot of humor and energy to our meetings."

The club offers its members various activities to participate in throughout the year, such as helping in the Kankakee River clean up, hosting a bone marrow drive, and throwing parties for events such as Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Senior Biophilic majors also give presentations on academic options after college to the underclassman, and the club notifies its members of opportunities to listen to speakers whos message is relevant to the biology field. Sophomore Kenzi Roberson enjoys participating in Biophilic because it is a "great opportunity to hang out with other biology majors and take a break from studying."

-Allyson Vrabel



Let's talk politics



Drew Dennis as Ron Paul **debates current political issues with other students** acting as candidates in the political debate. (kb)

Matt Logan **gives the audience the opportunity to ask questions** to members acting as political candidates during a debate. (kb)



Ethan Gallagher as Mitt Romney **argues for a stronger immigrant legalization law**. (kb)

Tyler Hamilton as Newt Gringrich **argues for lower taxes, limited government, all against "Obamacare"** during a debate with other students acting as Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum. (kb)



Capitol Hill Gang exists to give students an opportunity to be actively involved with politics around campus. Matthew Van Dyke, CHG president explains, "As the only school-sanctioned political club, it holds the rare distinction of a truly non-partisan entity."

Over the last few years, CHG has gained popularity and has tripled in size to over 60 active members. In addition to meeting 2 times a week to discuss politics and current world situations, this organization holds debates, hosts speakers, serves in the community and helps with local campaigns. Members enjoy getting to know more about politics and what they believe in. Member Matthew Logan shared his thoughts about the importance of being involved. "The greatest part of Capitol Hill Gang this year has been in the way we have challenged and debated our various viewpoints. I love being able to say that I've developed relationships with many of my peers on both sides of the aisle due to this club," stated Logan.

This club is not exclusive to those pursuing a major dealing with politics, but is open to any Olivet student interested in getting involved with politics in the community. Van Dyke also explained that the goal for this previous year was, "We wanted to inform more people about politics because it affects everything we do. With the upcoming 2012 elections, the club has been busier than ever, working to set up forums and debates to discuss the issues that affect us every day."

-Allyson Vrabel

The art of chemistry

Being in the **Chemistry Club** helps students get to know each other better and work together on projects and studying for tests. (kb)



Professor Paul Armstrong **lectures to students** during a Chemistry Lab about safety. (kb)



Chemistry Club members are **passionate** about informing others about science. (kb)

"The chemistry club exists to represent the needs of students pursuing either a degree in Chemistry, a career in chemistry, or both," said the club president, Michael Doherty.

Chemistry club ties in what students learn in the classroom to their daily life and to their future. Each semester they go to PJ's Ice Cream in Manteno with their professors to hang out and enjoy a sweet treat. They also usually put on seasonal events that tie in chemistry for fun and fellowship.

This year they visited classrooms in an effort to inform children about science and what scientists do. They created fun and exciting mini-labs that the schools rarely have the funding to do.

While the major is tough at some points, especially in the first two years, Doherty explained, "Chemistry Club fosters an environment for the upperclassman to get to know the freshmen, as well as provide them with little tips and advice so that maybe they can better understand Chemistry and be more successful both in and out of the classroom...or should I say lab room!"

-Allyson Vrabel



Andrew Loftin, a 2009 graduate of ONU, **gives a presentation** to the Chemistry Club about his job at CSL Behring. (kb)

Professional passion



Melanie Toppmeyer



Sara Erickson





Zachary Baker



Gabrielle Kirby

Just how do you pronounce the name of the social work club? "I've heard it could be said dye-a-cone-ee-yah, or something like that," said President Gabrielle Kirby, "I don't know- it's Greek!"

"Yeah, we don't speak Greek," agreed former president Zach Baker. "But it means serving hand. It's really a group about servitude, about learning how we can serve and fit in this community while we're here at Olivet." Open to students from any major interested in helping out, the club consists primarily of students studying social work. "It's different from ministries, because this is more a professional thing; it's what we'll do as a career," Kirby said.

Member Melanie Toppmeyer explained, "It's more hands on. It's more of what we're going to be doing as a job. It's not just writing papers; we actually interact with people." People are, after all, what is closest to the heart of social work majors. "I always loved working with people, but I never really saw it as a career option until I checked out the social work department," Kirby said. Toppmeyer had a similar experience: "I just kept feeling like I wanted to help people, and I didn't really know how to do that. I didn't understand how that could be a job."

They've found social work to be the perfect medium to channel their passion through. "I think there's just a strong urge to empower people in so many different ways, and I think we get that call from God," said Baker. With a broad influence, Diakonia reaches out to all sorts of different people groups, from foster children to the elderly. "I think social work majors find out that they like too many things. I wish there was something I didn't like!" Kirby said with a laugh. Diakonia's outreach is headed up by professor Jan Hockensmith, who leads by example. "She has very good hospitality for us," said Baker. "She's very caring, and she opens up her home to us. Anytime we need something, whether it's for the club or for classes, she's has the door to her office open, always wanting to talk and invite you in."

One of the events the club sponsored this year, in partnership with One Hope United of Kankakee, was a Christmas party for foster children. The club passed out name tags which listed a child's name and a gift from their wish list to Olivet students, who then bought the gift and attended the party. "We had food and different Christmas games," Kirby said. "I enjoyed interacting with the kids." Diakonia is a group of students who at the core of their being love people. "If I had all the money in the world, I would probably still do social work," Baker said, summing up the spirit of all the members.

-Staci Bradbury

The start of something new



At this year's Soles4Souls event **more than 500 pairs of shoes were donated** (s)

Kaitlyn Worrall and Devin Williams **express their passion** for exercise science. (kb)



Exercise Science Club members are **passionate about health and fitness** (kb)

This club brings people in the **Exercise Science** department together in community. (k)

The Exercise Science club has grown as a club with more people interested and attending. "We are hoping to have more information meetings in the spring about the Graduate Record Examination, which is required for some graduate schools," said club President Shara Southerland. The club desires to aid those who are filling out the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service. They will also work with the dietetics club for their annual event, "Dump your Plump."

In the beginning of the year they had a cookout and helped with Soles4souls, where over 500 pairs of shoes were donated. "We also had a career night, where we had two physical therapists, one occupational therapist, as well as a physician's assistant come in and talk to students about their profession and what they had to do schooling-wise to get there," said Southerland.

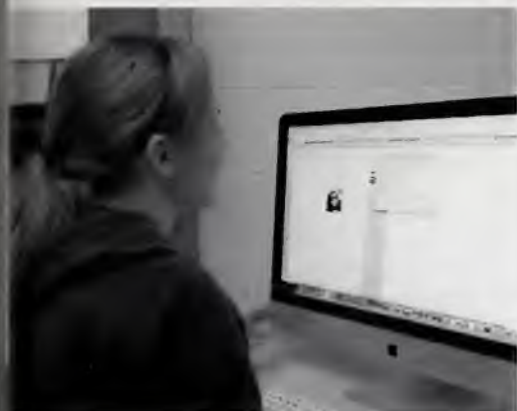
Exercise Science club was created in order to unite the department and teach those who want to go into physical therapy, athletic training, occupational therapy, and physician's assistant. "I'm involved because I care," said Southerland. "I have realized over the past four years that there are a lot of things I know now that I wish I would have known my freshman year here. I just want to be able to help those who are asking the same questions that I did."

- Heather Mead

Finding the story

The GlimmerGlass **prints a bi-monthly newspaper**, keeping ONU students informed. (cl)

As **Executive Editor**, Cathy Schutt edits pages, manages the staff, and makes sure deadlines are met. (bb)



Luverta Reames **writes down notes** for her story. (cl)

enny White **places her story on the page** for the upcoming issue. (cl)



The goal of the GlimmerGlass, our school newspaper, is to inform everyone of everything Olivet, including any new events, corruption, entertainment, or trends. This year the GlimmerGlass has assistant editors for each editor to help with writing stories and laying out pages. "A lot of the writing burden has been taken off the editors so we can focus on making sure all of the stories are good, the layouts look great, and the story ideas are interesting," said Life Editor Autumn Keiss. The Life section is also new, made by combining the Art and In-Depth section.

Making the newspaper can be summed up in two words: stressful and exciting. "Editors have to use the events calendar, Tiger Text, posters, bulletin boards, word-of-mouth and other creative sources to find interesting stories for each issue," said Keiss. Then stories are assigned, written, edited by a section editor, and then edited again by the Executive Editor, Cathy Schutt. After all the writing and correcting, layout begins with using pictures taken by GlimmerGlass photographers.

"A lot of work goes into the GlimmerGlass," said Keiss. "Countless hours of writing, editing and laying out pages. It's important for readers to know how hard we work to put together a good product for them. The reader's needs always come first."

-Heather Mead

Clubs & Organizations

Working to preserve

Do Christians have a responsibility to be green? Jenny Schoenwetter, co-president of the club Going Green, believes so. "God gave us something magnificent, and I believe we should strive to return it to its original beauty and stop it from getting worse," she said. "It breaks my heart to see creation filled with waste, so I do what I can to change that while encouraging others to follow."

Promoting recycling on campus is a big way to do just that. Going Green encourages perspective shifts through crafts that reuse garbage along with documentaries such as Bag It, which asks, "Is your life too plastic?"

Members of Going Green participated in The Kankakee River Valley Cleanup and hope to bring in a speaker from the Evangelical Environmental Network. Overall, their biggest goal is to get Christians thinking about the issue. "I love to introduce people to the passion that I have to go green," Schoenwetter explained.

-Heather Mead



Club members are eager to return the Earth to its original beauty, the way God created it. (s)

During the fall semester, the Going Green Club gathers to **clean up the Kankakee River**. (s)



Members of the Going Green Club **collect trash** from the contaminated river to dispose of it properly. (s)

Students **work together** towards a similar passion of conserving our planet. (s)



Dramatists among us

Amber Leffel and Brock Johnson **perform in Common Grounds** at Green Room's open mic night. (kb)

Joey Ramirez **expresses his heart's desires** in one of his very own songs. (kb)



"Green Room creates events so theatre kids from all over can meet other theatre kids just like themselves," explained Green Room president Emily Dillard. The group aims to promote theatre by sponsoring events and providing an outlet for the dramatists among us (such as Dillard) who are formally studying theatre. "I love being involved with this club because it's a great learning experience for my future career, and it's so much fun," she said.

Part of the fun this year was "Elegies," a song cycle about people passing away. This was different from past events because the whole play was sung. Green Room sponsored an open mic night in January to show off the group's talents. The performances ranged from solo acts to small groups who sang or played instruments.

24 Hour Theatre occurred in mid-February. The premise is that talented people work together to write, learn, perform, and produce one-act plays in the span of just one day. Highlights from the spring included the musical, "Once Upon a Mattress," and the spring play, "Metamorphoses."

-Heather Mead

Samuel Cullado **plays self-written and cover songs with his electric violin.** (kb)

Elizabeth and Ian Morley **perform and show their passion for music as a duo.** At this open mic night, the Morley siblings performed multiple covers and original pieces. (kb)



A fight for justice



Garrett Corpier **listens as ideas are brought up** at a Social Justice Club meeting. (bb)



Erin Evans **leads the group** during one of their first meetings. (bb)



Hillary Vaughn and Rebecca Mussleman **smile for the camera.** (bb)

Club members **talk and laugh** together. (bb)

A feeling of responsibility for what happens in the rest of the world is something that many Olivet students have. A group of these students decided to get together and form the Social Justice Club at Olivet. However, President Erin Evans emphasizes that "We don't want to be a club focused on ourselves, but rather the needs of others throughout the globe. We strive to raise awareness of different injustices that a majority of the population is blind to."

By initiating events and fundraisers to generate knowledge of real world issues, the Social Justice Club not only helps the cause, but it helps students at Olivet gain a greater understanding of the issues in the world. Kelly Fagerburg stresses that, "As busy college students, it is easy to forget how easy we have it here and lose sight of what is going on around the world that we, as Christians, have a responsibility to respond to. We hope that through the Social Justice Club we will bring to light the issues of children without shoes, war, and sex trafficking, and do what we can to end them."

Ultimately, this group has a heart for what they are involved in. Fagerburg added, "We think this club is perfect for anyone who feels the same way, whether they know nothing about the organizations or issues we are representing, or have known about them for years. Also, TOMS are extremely popular among ONU students, so many already know about them; this is a way to be more involved with that organization. The war in Central Africa and sex trafficking are not talked about very often on our campus, and they may not seem relevant to college students. These issues are all too real and will affect our country and world if we don't do anything about them."

-Elizabeth Cook

Committed to excellence



Dr. James Upchurch, Dean of the School of Education, **inducts the new members** of Kappa Delta Pi for the 2011-2012 school year. (cl)



Members of **Kappa Delta Pi** are education majors who exhibit excellence in all that they do and hope to improve the lives of children through education. (cl)

Without teachers where would we be? Kappa Delta Pi is a group of education majors who want to influence the next generation. Senior Sarah Whitten describes Kappa Delta Pi as "an international honor society for educators. We work to prepare education students with skills and experiences such as teacher panels, principal panels, and a Literacy Alive program that promotes reading."

Education students are invited to join Kappa Delta Pi during their junior year after they have been accepted into the education program and acquiring a minimum GPA of 3.3. Whitten emphasizes that "Members of Kappa Delta Pi pledge to the ideals of faith in improving the education of children and young people, developing an inquiring mind, serving the community, and a willingness to work for the objectives of our profession." President Lindsey Mecum sees Kappa Delta Pi's purpose as "promoting professionalism and excellence in teachers and to recognize outstanding contributions in the field of education. Overall, Whitten believes "Kappa Delta Pi is an organization that allows student teachers and pre-service teachers to connect to the others around the world. It is a wonderful organization that stands for excellence and the education of all."

-Elizabeth Cook

President Lindsey Mecum **welcomes students to the teacher panel** that was held in the fall. This question and answer session gave education majors the opportunity to talk with current teachers and student teachers. (cl)

Dr. Upchurch speaks with a first year teacher at the question and answer session. (cl)



Dedicated to greatness



Corrie Everson and Emily Wood **listen to election information** at a Kappa Delta Rho meeting. (bb)



President Danae Zarubuck **leads the meeting**. (bb)



Melinda Jones and Martha Harrouff **laugh** as they talk together. (bb)

Kappa Delta Rho members empower others through their service and leadership. (bb)

"We may be one of the smaller departments, but we are a dedicated group of individuals and we work hard to achieve departmental and personal goals," said president of Kappa Delta Rho Danae Zarubuck. "Kappa Omicron Nu is the Family and Consumer Sciences Honor Society. Kappa Delta Rho is the Olivet branch of this larger society. We help with service projects that are put on by graduating seniors. We host a Portfolio Workshop for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. We held a fundraiser in November, and then in the spring many of our members also participate in the FACS Fashion Show."

Junior and senior family and consumer science majors are invited to apply and become a part of this honor society if they meet the requirements necessary. The mission of Kappa Omicron Nu is to empower leaders through scholarship, research, and leadership. However, Zarubuck emphasizes that Kappa Delta Rho is "a group of individuals who are committed to excellence and striving to better ourselves professionally so we can be prepared to enter the real world after graduation."

-Elizabeth Cook

"Commies"



President Allison Ascher listens to the members of Lambda Pi Eta. (gjf)

Lambda Pi Eta members **exhibit excellence** both in and out of the classroom. (gjf)



Lambda Pi Eta is the Communication Honor Society on campus. The students involved become members of the National Communication Association. Communication majors are invited to become a part of it during their junior or senior year here at Olivet.

The club is not all about the education, however. According to senior Allison Ascher, Lambda Pi Eta puts together activities like Commies in Costume, a Halloween party, and Communications Week, a time for Communication majors to get together and learn more about the major and fellowship with fellow teachers and students. They also organize a service project.

"Lambda Pi Eta is relevant to students at Olivet by giving fellow Communication majors a chance to fellowship, teach and reach out to younger communication majors, and make a difference not only on campus, but also outside the reach of Olivet," said Ascher.

-Elizabeth Cook

Lambda Pi Eta members **laugh together** as they share ideas for an upcoming event. (gjf)

Members **discuss ideas** amongst themselves. (gjf)



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Students are hard at work figuring out the **Math Murder Mystery**. They start out by working on a computer math problem. (ch)

A group **solves riddles** and math problems. (ch)



Students play the game "set," which involves **solving a math crossword**. (ch)

About 25 students **participate in the annual Math Murder Mystery event** that takes place on campus. The group come together at the end to try and figure out the fake murder mystery. (ch)

Interested in the equations, proofs, and imaginary numbers all associated with math? ONU's Math Club is not limited to just math and engineering majors. "Contrary to popular belief, we do not just sit around and complete math problems," said President Danielle Vander Schaaf. "Every club meeting is interactive and fun and does not require advanced math skills." Throughout the year they have many activities such as a mathematical photo scavenger hunt, origami sessions, and the annual math murder mystery.

The Math Club meets once a month to explore math-related topics. If the world of numbers sounds particularly appealing, then the Math club may be just the place for you.

-Jessica Morey

Be a man

During the man tournamnet, two men **joust** to the death...or just until their ribs hurt. (cl)

Jeremy Height and Brandon Klemm **participate in an eating challenge** during the Man Competition.(cl)



Men's Residential Life is a part of ASC and looks out for the interests of all men on campus. MRL plans and hosts fun events for guys to participate in during the school year. These events help the men build community and camaraderie on campus.

Men can become a part of the council by signing up at the beginning of the school year, and by being on the council you get to help brainstorm new ideas and make decisions for events that will be put on throughout the year. The MRL council puts on events like the all-school tailgate party, Guy's Night, Manvember, and Juggernaut. During Manvember the men don't shave for the whole month of November. For the month of "Manvember" male students who wanted to participate, received a "man card" that had a list of things for the men to do for women, such as cook them dinner. Through events like these, the men of ONU can come together and do manly things, while honoring Christ.

-Jessica Morey



The sophomores try to beat the freshmen during **tug-of-war** at the "Man Tournament." The tournament was MRL's big event in November, giving the men on campus opportunities to compete in various manly activities. (cl)

Caleb Burkey **goes crazy** on some hot wings during the eating competition. (cl)

Do you hear what I hear?



The National Association of Music Educators keeps music educators connected. As Rachel Tschetter, club president, said, "There are several benefits of being involved with NAME, like going to conferences, getting plugged in to the music programs in the area, teaching opportunities, and receiving articles."

Members also grow into better teachers. At conferences, the members learn topics such as new music techniques. The group regularly has meetings consisting of committee work and learning opportunities. "Fall semester we had a workshop on Kodaly," said Tschetter. "Spring semester we will have a few more workshops on teaching disabled students and show choir. We do fundraisers and have a party every semester."

The workshops are something new this year as well as meeting twice as much as years past. There are also committees that help organize the work load and event planning. "I love how easy it is to be able to learn more about my field of study," said Tschetter. "Not only does NAME help with my educational needs, but it also helps with my promotional needs because it is a nationally recognized organization."

-Heather Mead

The **National Association of Music Educators** has meetings one to two times every month. (ch)

NAME is a nationally acknowledged club that helps explain to its members the many opportunities for furthering their education. (ch)





Kyle Miller **laughs with his group members**, as they share their experiences in a music classroom. (ch)

Rachel Tschetter **explains to the members what they can do when placed in their future fields**. (ch)



The **members sit in at one of the workshops**, a new addition for this year. (ch)

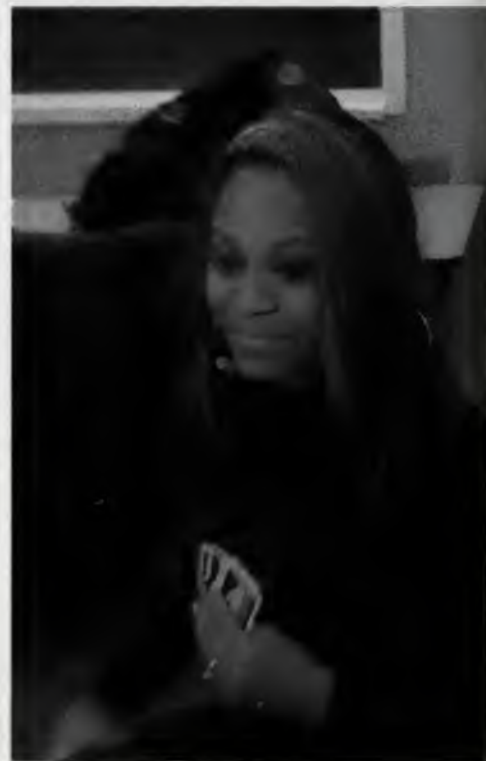
Across the globe



Members of Mu Kappa **enjoy snacks and card games** together. (ap)

Members of both Mu Kappa and MERC **joined together for a Christmas party** this holiday season. (s)

Jamila Coker and Ariel Turner **joined together for food and fellowship.** (ap)



Students **enjoy** their holiday treats. (ap)

Torraine Hoover **waits for her turn to draw a card** during a Mu Kappa event where the group played the game "Spoons." (ap)

"The best thing about Mu Kappa is that even though we all come from different countries and have different backgrounds, we all share the common interest to work and play hard – there's never a dull moment!" explained Narmaly Jean-Baptiste, president of Mu Kappa. Once a club for only missionary kids, Mu Kappa has grown to include military children, international students, first generation Americans, and more.

"The purpose of Mu Kappa is primarily to provide support and mentoring for these students, who sometimes face unique challenges in an American culture different from their primary culture," said Rebecca Schnurr, the faculty sponsor. This year the club focused on their relationship with MERC, who also aims to direct more student attention towards diversity. In April, they co-hosted Diversity Week with MERC and also participated in the FACS fashion show, sporting traditional dress and cultural wear. Diversity week included a talent show, a fair displaying boards prepared by MERC members offering information about their home countries, and ethnic dishes served in Ludwig.

As students from across the world collaborate in Mu Kappa, they not only find a place within Olivet to belong, but add diversity to the rest of the student body as well.

-Heather Mead

Becoming aware of your surroundings



Johanna Boomer is one of the new members of the club, which has continued to grow. (ap)

The club **gathers every month** for their informal meetings in the Viatorian Room. (ap)

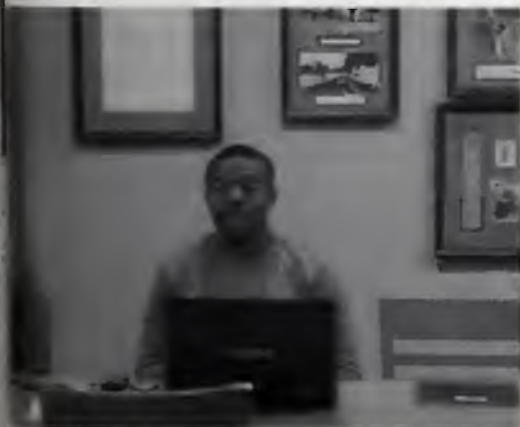


MERC aims to spread ethnic diversity awareness throughout the campus as well as teaching everyone that no matter what race, we are all in the one body of Christ. "We have a stronger alumni base, better advertising strategies, and a more in-depth Facebook page and Twitter account this year," said G.E. Bennett, the club president. "We have also added more events and gained support from companies in the Kankakee area."

This past year, MERC continued its tradition of hosting the annual Christmas Expressions event in Common Grounds where people read poetry, discussed how different cultures view Christmas, and sang holiday songs. "Christmas Expressions was packed out this year and filled with fellowship and laughter," said Bennett. The club also hosted a fashion show in March and Diversity Week in April. Bennett stated, "This week starts with a Diverse Celebrations dinner, Diverse Expressions which is similar to Christmas Expressions, and the greatest show on Earth: ONU's Got Talent."

Bennett is involved because he wants to unite people of different races. He said, "When giving your all to something, you have to believe in the very foundation and purpose of that entity. I believe in MERC and everything that it stands for and I hold true to the fact that we are not only teaching diversity, but also bringing people closer to God."

-Heather Mead



MERC President Gregory-Elijah Bennett **strives to unite people of different races.** (ap)



Sophomores Meiling Jin and Staci Bradbury first **joined MERC their freshman year.** (ap)



MERC members help **plan their club events** together. (ap)

Clubs & Organizations

There's power in the blood



Junior Josh Sutton **gives blood** during the fall semester blood drive. (cl)

NSA **holds a blood drive** each semester, encouraging students to come out and participate. (cl)

Tracy Redman **shares some laughs** to keep her mind off of her arm for a while while SA takes blood. (cl)

Sophomore class president Brandon Klemm **participated in helping NSA this year with their blood drive**, which was the most successful one they have had yet. (cl)



Although nursing students already spend a lot of time together with all the classes and large amounts of homework they share, the nursing department offers a club called Nursing Student Association to anyone involved in the major as a way to give them something fun and more relaxing to be involved in. Level II representative Bethany Meredith explains the importance of this club to her, stating "I love NSA because we collaborate to uplift one another and encourage each other throughout our busy weeks, stressful days, and exciting moments".

The "NSA has an executive council made up of 15 members representing sophomore through senior nursing students. These members are elected for a one-year commitment to help plan events for nursing students, connect nursing students to service projects in the community and on campus, and promote health and wellness," states the NSA President, Rachel Waltz.

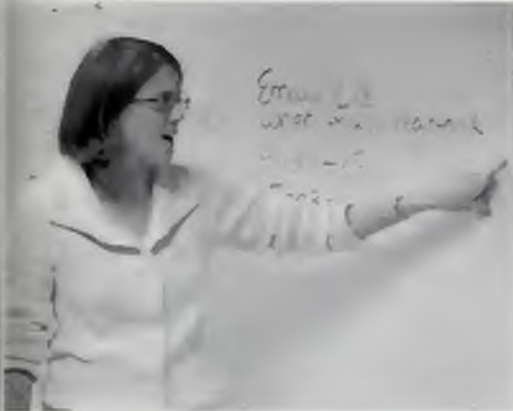
Some of the opportunities that NSA has for its members to participate in are blood drives, bonfires, holiday parties, weekly devotionals, and article contributions to the GlimmerGlass about health topic. This year during their fall blood drive they were able to collect enough blood donations to break their previous record. The association also does two graduation pinnings a year and holds a party to induct new members each year as well. This year is the 50th anniversary of the Nursing Department, and to celebrate they are hosting an open house and an affinity dinner.

-Allyson Vrabel

The science of teaching



NSTA Members **gather together for a group dinner**. This gives them time to share stories and create memories. (cl)



Elizabeth White **helps underclassmen understand their lab better** as she T.A.'s for a science class. (cl)



Caroll Karnes **helps a student to perform a science experiment**. The students love having interactive science labs as teaching devices. (cl)



The National Science Teachers Association is attempting to help refocus schools on science. At Olivet, the club is focused on helping engage and educate children through interactive science. "NSTA is about students who desire to share a passion for science with our generation," said President Aaron Fiehn.

NSTA has about fifteen members who share the same passion. The club helps out in the community to do this already with cub scouts and local schools. NSTA also holds a yearly conference that students can attend.

Members enjoy implementing the skills they are learning in classes and getting practical what they will be doing after they graduate. Member Elizabeth White explained, "It is an awesome experience being able to practice teaching science to young children. We make science fun for them!"

-Allyson Vrabel

Clubs & Organizations

Geology rocks!

Geology students love taking trips to state parks to study the land. (ap)



Olivet Geological Society is primarily for those who are earth scientists, but anyone is allowed to join in order to learn more about geology and grow with others who have the same passion. "We were able to do a camping trip this year, which didn't happen last year," said Brian Schrock, club president. "We did a lot of hiking and identified fossils. We also built some pretty big campfires where we sat around and talked for hours each night. There were tons of stars to see in the sky so we watched for shooting stars for about an hour."

This trip took place at Apple River Canyon State Park (IL) in October and lasted for the weekend. The club's activities are usually fairly cheap since they are for college students. This particular camping trip was paid for by the club funds, making it free for the students. Another trip the society likes to take is to the field museum which usually costs \$20; this includes admission, the train ride fair and food.

"We usually have a few OGS/departments parties with the professors throughout the year," said Schrock. "We also try to do at least one camping trip each year, as well as a trip to the Field Museum in the spring." Schrock is involved because he loves to lead and encourage other people in joining his passion. "OGS is a great way to build friendships while developing a passion for the world around us," said Schrock.

-Heather Mead

Professor Max Reams explains to students about the stream table that was recently added to Reed Hall of Science. (s)



The stream table allows Geology students to **see how water and sand interact**, creating stream features such as cutbanks and sandbars. (s)



Professor Ryan Alexander demonstrates how to use the stream table. (s)

Clubs & Organizations

Promoting historical awareness

Phi Alpha Theta is a group on campus focused on promoting the study of history through academic excellence, as well as promoting awareness of both significant historical and current events.

The group consisted of 10 members who are dedicated to this mission, and at the end of each year new members are inducted into the club. This year, to raise awareness and to show fellow students what the club is all about, Phi Alpha Theta hosted a mock academic conference during Scholar's Week.

President Ethan Stephens explained that the group hosted a guest lecture from political author and frequent Fox News guest S.E. Cupp. Phi Alpha Theta hosts a political or historically influenced individual each year and opens the event to the entire student body to promote the group as well as to make contemporary issues know

-Allyson Vrabel



Members of Phi Alpha Theta **achieve academic excellence**, while promoting historical and current events. (bb)

Ethan Stephens, Matthew Jones and Ashley Sarver **converse** with S.E. Cupp. (s)



Audience members **listen** to guest speaker to S.E. Cupp's presentation. Cupp is a conservative political columnist and commentator. (s)



New and improved

Pre-Law Society is made up of: Zac Cataldo, Matthew Logan, David Parker, Matthew Van Dyke, Lindsay Tobias, and Cassie Collins. (gjf)

Lindsay Tobias **leads the meeting** and discusses upcoming events. (gjf)



This past year was a year of remodeling and rebirth for the Pre-Law Society. Through all the changes one thing stays the same; the club still exists to give students the opportunity to have fellowship together with others in the same program and to equip them for their future careers.

In an effort to redesign and start fresh, the Pre-Law Society made changes that included a new meeting time, a new constitution, and a fresh executive staff, explained President Lindsey Tobias. Despite the changes made and the year of reconstruction, Tobias believes that the new changes are very helpful and exciting for future members, stating, "It is my belief that the changes will benefit generations of Pre-Law Society members to come."

Pre-Law Society is designed to benefit and serve any students in the Pre-Law Program who are willing to get involved and better their future. The club connects Pre-Law students and helps them to prepare for law school by practicing the LSAT, which is the entry level exam, and by going on tours to visit law schools.

-Allyson Vrabel

Matthew Logan and Lindsay Tobias **plan a mock trial**, open to all Olivet students. (gjf)



Members of Pre-Law Society **listen to President Lindsay Tobias** as she conducts the meeting. (gjf)



Clubs & Organizations

Express yourself



Meiling Jin demonstrates her **urban** side of fashion. (ch)



G.E. Bennett **styles a Ghana t-shirt** during the International section of the show. (ch) Gretchen Oswalt **styles** her boho look. (ch)

Flashes are going off and music is pumping. Students are strutting their stuff down a lit runway wearing clothes in styles including geek chic, all-American, urban, and college life. SUFACS partnered with MERC to put on this year's annual FACS fashion show. Senior Corrie Everson and junior Emily Wood were this year's co-directors. "The hardest part was keeping track of everything by ourselves. It was our first big event and we didn't know what we should expect," said Everson.

Throughout the event there were many twists and unexpected turns, but in the end it turned out well. "The best part was the feeling we had when there was nothing we could do, but watch the show and watch our hard work pay off. It's one of our most fun events for a lot of people because it is so different, and we had fun meeting new people and providing a cool event for the school," said Everson. Senior Reetu Ghotra was one of the models in the show, said "It was a fun bonding experience with other people who were both nervous and excited about doing something that they had never done before, attempting their catwalk down the runway."

-Elizabeth Cook



Grace Amponsah wears a traditional **African dress**. (ch)

Doug Banker looks classy in a vest and tie from JCPenney. (ch)

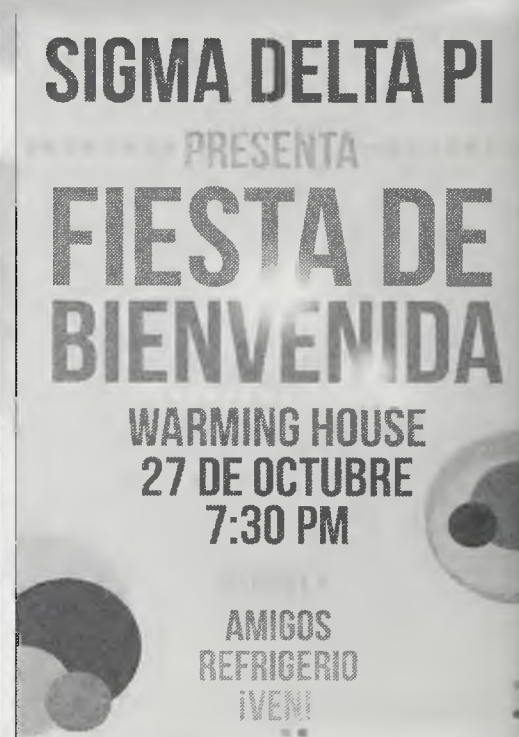


Alex Ripberger sports a **suit** from JCPenney. (ch)



Nicole Sloan beautifully **models a prom dress** from the Wedding Center. (ch)

More than just posters



"The 12 Days of Christmas" event was advertised through brightly colored posters and giant wooden Christmas trees. (s)

Publicity Council **used the beloved Disney cartoon "Recess"** to advertise ONU Recess at Riverside Fitness Center in the spring. (s)

Campus **clubs and ministries** can utilize Publicity council's creativity to spread the word about upcoming meetings and events. (s)

Members of **Publicity Council** spend countless hours designing posters, T-shirts, and other forms of advertisements for campus events, clubs, and ministries. (bb)

Visual art is what the Publicity Council creates to advertise the many events that occur on campus throughout the school year. VP of Publicity, Kelsea Beville, wanted to make this year stand out and help students remember the events put on by coming up with very creative advertisements besides just posters.

This year the design and marketing teams came together and accomplished Kelsea's goal by using a huge pumpkin to advertise the Candy Costume Fest, giving all the girls on campus flowers for Homecoming Coronation, and bringing in a huge Christmas tree cut out for the 12 days of Christmas party. The council is made up of graphic designers and marketing students who bring creative ideas together in order to make all students aware of events happening on campus.

-Jessica Morey

248 Publicity Council & Reserve Officer Training Corps

Land of the free, because of the brave



Micah Bennett **takes roll** of the new cadets during their first day of training. (s)

ROTC members **complete the course** at Fortin Villa. (s)



Reserve Officer Training Corps is a branch of the army that teaches leadership and military tactics to the cadets in the program.

ROTC cadets are early risers, getting up three days a week at 5:30 a.m. to work out and keep physically fit in order to pass the Army Physical Fitness Test. The goal of ROTC is to prepare the cadets to be future military leaders of America. ROTC has its benefits with 100% of schooling being paid for along with room and board, a monthly stipend, and a guaranteed job.

Caitie Sweet states, "ROTC trains me to be mentally and physically tough in a Christian atmosphere." Everyone involved in the program is essential to the success of ROTC, and it is a big commitment. Sweet says, "I enjoy contributing to this program and being allowed to work with peers to develop others. Seeing cadets grow as people and leaders is very rewarding. I enjoy pushing myself mentally and physically in various aspects."

-Jessica Morey



An ROTC member back **crawls under** barbed wire at Fortin Villa. (s)



Josh Burns and fellow soldier practice **combat skills** in the water at BBCHS's pool. (s)

Por el amor al español



Jake Boss, Hannah Pargulski, and Tianna Frey take part in one of this year's **initiations**. (mr)

The inductees **light their candles**, an initiation tradition. (mr)

Jack Christiansen, the society president helps lead this night with a reading. (mr)

Nine members were initiated on this night 12 members were inducted into **Sigma Delta Pi** this year. (mr)

Sigma Delta Pi, a Spanish honor society, began in 1919 to recognize students who participate in Spanish language classes as well as those who have an interest in the language. "It honors those who have made contributions to the Hispanic world through study and appreciation," said Jack Christensen. SDP currently had 12 members this year, and there are usually 3-10 students inducted each year.

"We are in the beginning stages of joining ASC," said Christensen. "That is our biggest step this year. In the past, SDP has hosted Study Abroad Forums and soon we will be doing a service project for the community." The society has two inductions and a party every semester. The first induction occurred in the spring of 2008. The ceremonies for these new members includes an explanation of what the society's colors mean, what the emblem means, and what they are expected to do.

Although its research, preparation, and application for a new chapter came first, the first induction ceremony was held during the spring semester of 2008. "I love the Spanish language, so getting involved was the right decision," said Christensen. "My thought was, 'What is better than being with a group that has the same interests as me?. When the opportunity presented itself for a position of leadership, I wanted to pursue it."

-Heather Mead

250 Sigma Delta Pi & Sigma Tau Delta

Moving write to the top

Students **make crafts and enjoy snacks** at the Sigma Tau Dr. Seuss party. (ch)

In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, Sigma Tau **put on an event** in the Fishbowl of Benner Library. (ch)



Students **enjoy dressing up** as characters from Dr. Seuss's beloved books. (ch)

Allison Javorka and Martha Harrouff **pour drinks for students**. (ch)



The international English honor society Sigma Tau Delta promotes global literacy. However, only a number of people can enter the honors group. "Admittance to our group is based on GPA and number of English courses taken," said co-president Emily Spunaugle. The society offers opportunities for leadership, scholarship, awards, and publication. According to their admittance letters, "Membership in Sigma Tau is sure to sweeten job résumés and grad school applications."

At the end of February, their international convention was held in New Orleans, LA where 7 members' papers were presented. These students included Megan Dowell, Sarah Jensen, Autumn Keiss, Britney Daette Marko, Ian Matthews, Jessica Mondy, and Dana Peterson. "My paper was about a short story I read in American Literature last year," said Meg Dowell. "I analyzed the themes of true love and reality by giving examples from a story about two people who found a happy ending when there almost wasn't one. I never thought it would get picked."

On February 23 in Benner Library's Fish Bowl, the society, along with the Student Dietetic Association, created an all-campus event for Dr. Seuss Day. "Sigma Tau provided fun games, and SDA made "Seussical" snacks," said Spunaugle. "Because Sigma Tau is an honor society and doesn't maintain much of a "presence" on campus, it was a great opportunity to catch us "in action."

-Heather Mead

Clubs & Organizations

Laughter is the best medicine



Lucas Fain and Matt Jones **act out** a topic that the audience gave them. (cl)

Jonathan Shreves and Matt Wilson **listen to hear what the audience members want** them to do for their next game. (cl)

Freya Christine, Becca Yates, and Lucas Fain do their best to **entertain the crowd** with their improv comedy. (cl)

Members of **Spoons 4 Forks** stop for a quick photo after an improv show. (cl)

Spoons 4 Forks, an improv comedy team at ONU, performed a show once a month for their audiences this year. The way Spoons 4 Forks does their improv is in a Christian way, by keeping their material clean and reflecting God with their comedic talents.

The group uses a variety of games, and the focus of each game is given to them by the audience. The group makes up funny skits on the spot and their main purpose is to get the audience to laugh. Member Matt Wilson said, "I enjoy how close the team is and how we are more like a family than anything else." As a team they come together to perform and just get people to laugh during their shows. Eric Harmon mentioned what he enjoyed the most; "Shows are the most fun I have. I love to perform and the energy of the crowd is such a rush."

-Jessica Morey

Fighting the "freshman 15"



SDA members **enjoy time together** over cookies and hot chocolate. (cl)

Members of the dietetic association **make chocolates to sell** and raise money for their group. (cl)



Think back to your freshman year when you lived on campus and ate most of your meals in the cafeteria. Every freshman has the fear of the "freshman 15" hitting them with the all-you-can-eat buffet.

The Student Dietetic Association is an organization on campus for the dietetic majors, and their mission is to, "Provide dietetic students an avenue to grow, develop, lead, and encourage one another in their passion for nutrition and health." SDA helped students to improve on their nutrition even though healthy options aren't always the first thing you think of in the cafeteria.

SDA is very involved on campus and in the community. They volunteered at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora, Illinois. SDA has also put on events on campus such as "Dump your Plump" which was an exercise and wellness competition during February. During National Nutrition Day, the group promoted healthy lifestyles and proper nutrition.

Martha Harrouff said, "I have a passion for nutrition, people, and helping people." She also stated, "My most cherished moments of the SDA will be the relationships I have built with fellow students."

-Jessica Morey



Martha Harrouff and Professor Anstrom talk together about Dietetics and future events. (cl)

Dietetic majors gather for a quick photo after a meeting. (cl)

Hands-on education



Miley Reed enjoys playing on the scooters during Physical Education methods. (kb)

Through the physical education class, **elementary education majors** get ideas on how to incorporate physical activities and games into their classrooms. (kb)

Students prepare to **race** on the scooters (kb)

Kelli Brown **tutors** a fifth grade student on multiplication facts. SEA members receive hours through tutoring and volunteering at local schools. (kb)



The Student Education Association is a student-led group that provides both on and off campus opportunities for students enrolled in the education program. In addition to group meetings and fellowship together as education majors, the club offers valuable opportunities for members, including reading with children in the community, tutoring students, and assisting teachers.

President Lindsey Kirchner explained, "SEA strives to help prepare education majors to become professionals influencing lives and allow future educators to receive valuable experiences." Through all the opportunities to get involved that the club offers throughout the year, it is very easy for SEA club members to prepare themselves in their future career.

Council Member Alli Chadwick loves the opportunity to be involved in a club that prepares and equips her for her future profession. Chadwick stated, "I believe it is a wonderful opportunity that offers students the ability to get involved, be inspired, impact the community, and gain an edge in their field."

-Allyson Vrabel

More than just "home-ec"



Sarah Durazo decides which handle would look best. (ch)

Elizabeth Cook, Professor Catherine Anstrom, and Danielle Strange gather for a picture at the **SUFACS party**. (mr)



Members of **SUFACS** major in home and interior design, family and consumer science education, and child development. (mr)

The object of the Student Unit of Family and Consumer Science (SUFACS) is to provide an introduction to Olivet students about the Family and Consumer Science career path and to help those pursuing this career do so with a Christian attitude.

The club has around 20-30 members each year and meets often for meetings and events throughout the year. Some of the events held include a fashion show in March, craft fair in December, and an end-of-the-year banquet. SUFCAS tries to incorporate outside students into the club, and this year they did so with their December craft fair. Member Hope Olson stated, "The first "Christmas Bazaar" event was a great way for artists and crafters to show off their talent and sell their creations to students and faculty alike."

SUFACS also participates in Family and Consumer Science service projects in effort to give back to the community. In the past, they have had guest speakers in their profession come into meetings to give students an idea of what it looks like to be involved full time in their career choice.

-Allyson Vrabel

Clubs & Organizations

Helping businesses grow

Jason DeYoung, Kelly Fagerburg, and Emma Reutter **stuff bags** for the Kankakee Trolley Tour. (s)



Sam Fowler **searches for an internship** at the Job Fair held in February. (kb)



Brent Brooks and Emily Hay **inform** Amanda Mazzaro about the upcoming job fair. (kb)

Austin Brink **sells tickets** for people to ride on the Kankakee Trolley. (kb)

Members of **SIFE** are passionate about business and helping others. (bb)

The worldwide Students In Free Enterprise mission statement is, "To bring together the top leaders of today and tomorrow to create a better, more sustainable world through the positive power of business." SIFE president Lauren Blunier said, "It is unique that students can be involved at either the club level or the class level. Club members volunteer at their own pace while class members contribute a minimum of fifty hours of project work a semester. Anyone can be involved with SIFE, all years and majors. We create our own projects, so we get to work on goals that we are passionate about."

This year, SIFE went to Haiti over spring break to deliver shoes to Haitian entrepreneurs. "My all-time favorite SIFE moment was when I got to go to Haiti this spring break with four other SIFE members and personally deliver shoes to entrepreneurs who we've been writing business plans and sponsoring microloans for over the past two years! It was such a cool moment to actually meet the Haitians that our project is reaching and see that what we're doing for them is a matter of putting food on the table," emphasized Blunier.

Keeping women connected



Members of WRL **discuss ideas** for Mr. ONU. (kb)

VP for Women's Residential Life Karyn Nichols and Kristin Nichols brainstorm at a WRL meeting. (kb)

Council members **bounce ideas off each other** for future WRL events. (kb)



The women of WRL pose for a picture after the **Homecoming Coronation**. (kb)

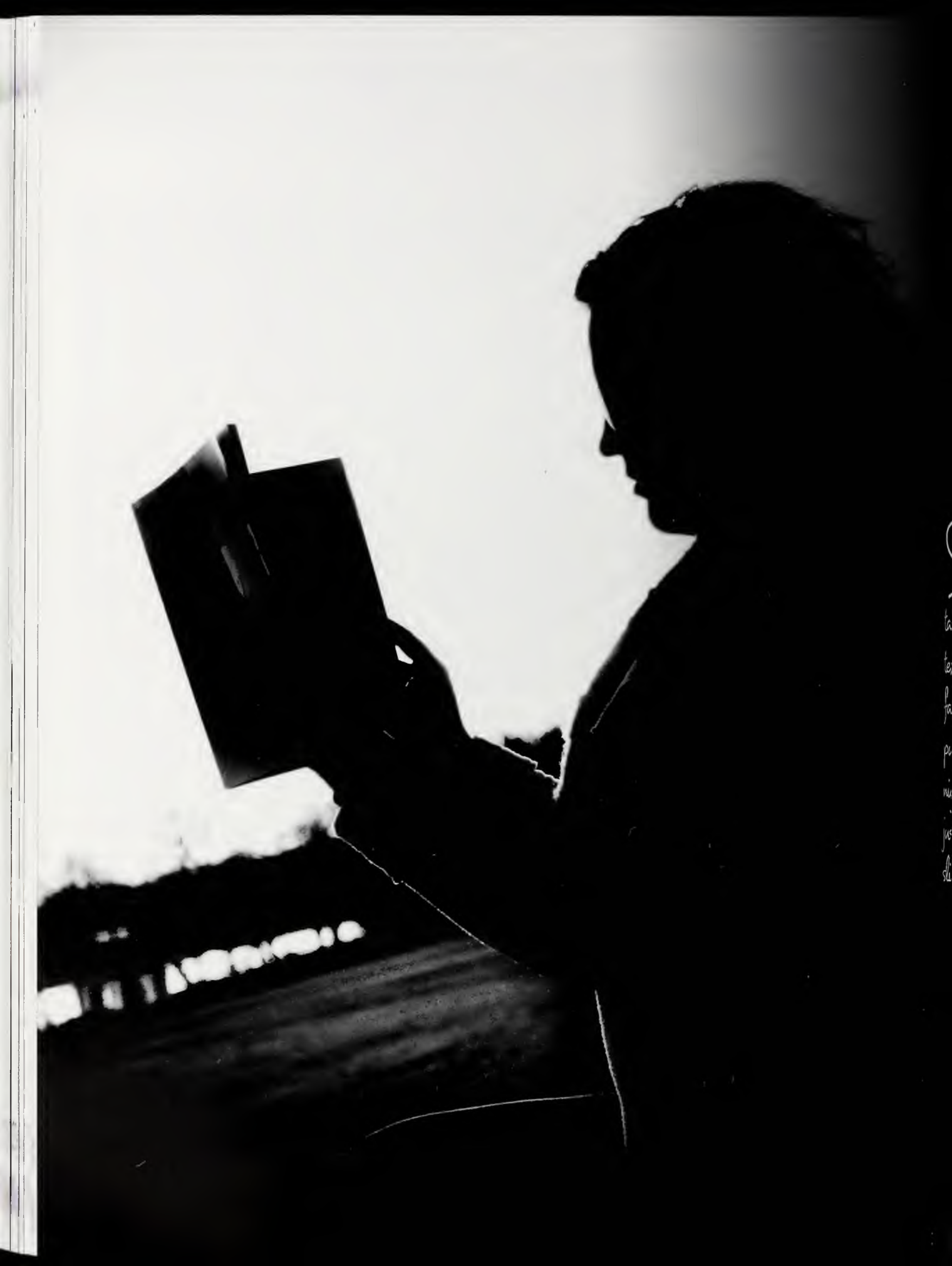
According to Women's Residential Life Vice President Karyn Nichols, the goal of WRL is "Connecting women on campus and helping create an atmosphere that is fun for the ladies."

WRL is involved in planning numerous events on campus. Nichols and her team of women help with Homecoming Coronation, the Sister 2 Sister ministry, Mr. ONU, and the Leading Ladies Luncheon. The group also puts on events like a women's self defense class and parties for girls in Sister 2 Sister. Nichols stated, "We assisted with Operation Christmas Child by helping promote it in the women's dorms and apartments. WRL even teamed up with MRL for some events this year."

Nichols enjoys working with her fellow council members. "They are so hard working and creative. They are very responsive in helping me last minute, which I appreciate so much. I love brainstorming for events with them." WRL is an organization for women to provide more events that everyone on campus can enjoy and learn from.

-Elizabeth Cook

Clubs & Organizations



Staying up late studying is practically in the job description of being a student. Have you ever considered, though, how much more difficult your task would be without a desk lamp? Not only does light illuminate that pesky textbook, but it actually slashes melatonin- the chemical that makes your body fall asleep- and helps you stay chipper under the watch of the moon. And after pulling you through the night, seeing the friendly face of the sunrise after an all-nighter is like getting a big hug right when you need it the most. Light is more than just the bread and butter of being a student; it's the comfy blankie and bunny slippers that made all the hard work of studying manageable.

His love
inspires you

Commies on campus

"FORE!"

Swoosh-Whack-Thump.

"Yes!"

"OUCH! Really Dr. Jay?"

As if finals aren't stressful enough, many students walking around campus in December have the added challenge of guarding against incoming tennis balls, whacked at them with golf clubs by none other than a group of snickering professors. Only one posse is capable of such devilry: the Communications Department.

Headed up by the infamous Dr. Jay Martinson, the department consists of six teachers who make laughter a priority, whether they're teaching class, sailing down the Kankakee River dressed as pirates, or blowing off steam through a round of tennis ball golf. "We're allowed to deduct strokes if we "accidentally" happen to hit a student with one of the flying tennis balls," said Professor Mark Bishop, who won this year by nailing a student in the ankle. "So watch out, if you see us across campus, we could be aiming for you!"

"Although we take our call to produce competent communicators very seriously, we don't really take ourselves very seriously," said Dr. Emily Lamb Normand. Realizing that a strong department is unified, the professors bond through the wackiness. "It's a rare opportunity to work with colleagues who are also among my best friends," explained Dr. Jay Martinson. "We function better as a team because we truly enjoy each other."

That team maintains students as their burning priority. They've recently changed the curriculum for Communications majors to reflect the increasing convergence in media. "Our new structure will essentially "cross-train" media students in video, audio, writing, and speaking skills which are now expected of all media graduates," said Martinson. As Bishop put it, "These days, media companies are hiring one person who can do three jobs as opposed to hiring three people to do three different jobs. We're preparing students to stand out among other graduates."

Since Martinson's arrival in 1993, the department has more than doubled in size. The biggest concentration is now TV production, an area of study which didn't exist twenty years ago. Students have access to more than 20 cameras, two TV studios, an editing lab, premiere software, and leading internships, according to Bishop. "Our changes are taking a great program and making it better," Normand said. Perhaps the most important resource the department has to offer, however, is its people. Senior Allison Ascher, president of the Communications honor society, has recognized the difference: "I like how the Comm. department is all one big family," she said. "As a major, you go through so many different things together, and you come to find good friends within the department. I also like that the professors are friends as well. They do silly things together, like golfing through the middle of campus."

"All of life revolves around being able to interact and communicate effectively (through a variety of means); our department prepares students to do just that," Martinson said. "I want our department to provide a training ground that pushes students academically and spiritually so that they can become leaders in their careers, communities, churches, and homes." As evidenced by steadily increasing numbers of Communications majors, students are willing to dodge a few tennis balls to learn from such a devoted group of role models.

-Staci Bradbury



Academics Feature



Erica Kimmel **cuts clay into coils** during ceramics (mr)

Kelsea Beville, Anna Zanellato and Joshua Stone **discuss a project** during Publication Design. (mr)

Department of

Art & Digital Media

WILLIAM GREINER,
Department Chair

103 Majors with studies in
Art and Art Education



Emily Cheeseman



Alyssa Saathoff



Stephanie Williams



Professor Mark West **assists a student by drawing a detailed example** on the white board. (mr)



Ryan Cawvey **works hard on his project** in ceramics class. (mr)

Department of

Behavioral Sciences

RAY BOWER,
Department Chair

103 Majors with studies in
Sociology and Psychology



Prof. Krisitan Veit



Shannon Hancock



Jenna Engelsen



Paige Stines and Steven Kruger add insight to the class discussion (ch)

Students enjoy listening to **Professor Kristian Veit's lecture** in social psychology. (ch)



Students **learn about operant conditioning using SNIFFEY the virtual rat.** (ch)

Whitney Swick **receives assistance from her professor** on a class project. (ch)

Department of

Biological Sciences

DWIGHT GINN,
Department Chair

172 Majors with studies in Biology, Clinical
Lab Science, Environmental Science,
Science Education, and Zoology



Katie Newberry



Garrett Wasson



Krystal Meyer



Heidi Schoenbein and her lab partner carefully **examine a bone** in a biology lab. (ch)

Lisa O'Connor enjoys her study time as she **works on an assignment** with her classmate. (ch)



Students **concentrates in anatomy lab**, observing various bones. (ch)



Jessica Bachelor and her classmates **discuss their work** with a biology TA. (ch)



Professor Williams **focuses the students' attention** during his presentation. (ch)



Students sit in class, **focusing hard on their assignments.** (ch)

Department of

Business

GLEN REWERTS,
Department Chair

260 Majors with studies in Accounting,
Business Administration, Business Information
Systems, Economics-Finance, International
Business, and Marketing



Emily Heinz



Connor Dimick



Jason Deyoung



Alex Reiter **concentrates on his homework.** (ch)

Students **research information** for their project in Economics. (ch)

Department of

Communications

Jay Martinson,
Department Chair

141 Majors with studies in
Communication, Journalism,
and Mass Communications



Dr. Jay Martinson



Joey Ramirez



Kelly Nelson



Kelly Nelson is **preparing for an interview** with Joey Ramirez about Party With Jesus. (kb)

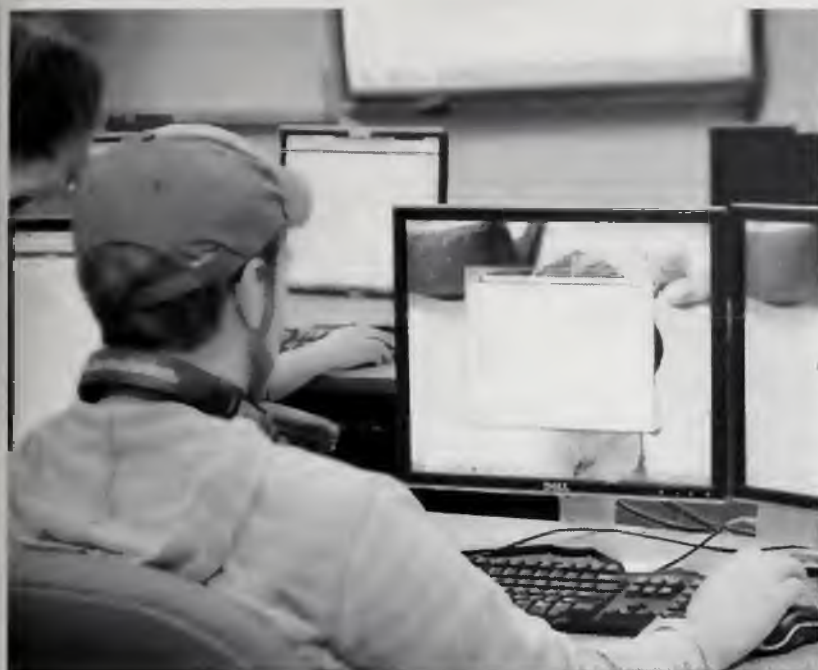
Joey Ramirez **smiles for the camera**, waiting to share the good news of an in-reach ministry in the Larsen Fine Arts Center. (kb)



Dr. Jay Martinson **enthusiastically teaches his class**. (kb)

Nora Durkin and Chelsea Hays **set up the camera** before an interview. (kb)





Computer science studies **learn computer languages** such as Java and C/C. (kb)

Student **prepare to work on an assignment.** (kb)

Department of

Computer Science

Catherine Bareiss.
Dpartment Chair

44 Majors with studies in
Computer Engineering, Computer Science,
and Information Systems



Peter Robinson



Dr. Larry Vail



Nic Dickrell



Those in computer science are **studying to improve our current technology.** (kb)

Students **listen intently on the teacher's instructions.** (kb)



Ashley Goad and Stephanie Chaplinski **flip through textbooks** to get an idea for a science lesson plan. (cl)

Sarah Kooy **gives a book talk** on Halloween children's books for in Children's Literature. (cl)



School of

Education

JAMES UPCHURCH,
Dean

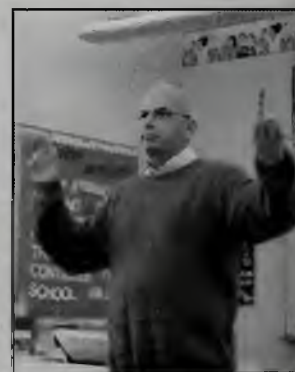
228 Majors with studies in Early
Childhood Education and
Elementary Education.



Dr. Roxanne Forgrave



Miley Reed



Dr. Dale Oswalt



Rachel Williams and Rachel Domaoal **present their puppets** in Applied Arts. (cl)



Molly Karenke and Andrew Faber **use the Ellison Di-Cut machine** in the Curriculum Center for their bulletin boards in Language Arts and Social Studies methods. (cl)

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Department of

Engineering

MIKE MORGAN,
Department Chair

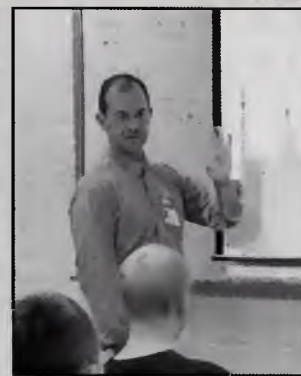
105 Majors with studies in Engineering.



Luis Aguilar



Ryan Shrout

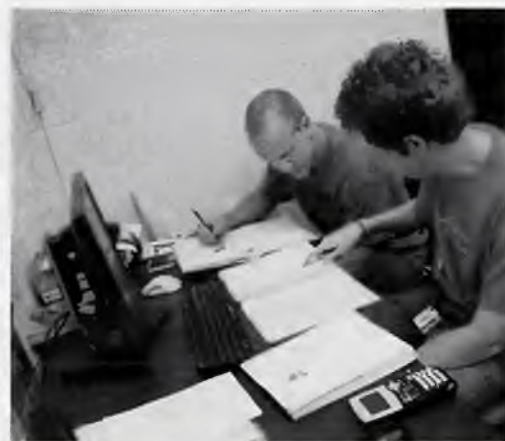


Prof. Joseph Schroeder



Seth Means and Linnea Orne **solve the equation together.** (cl)

Josh Long watches carefully as Christian Bach **performs an arc weld** in the engineering shop. (cl)



Aaron Lucas and Nate DeGraaf **utilize the Engineering lab's computer software** to complete a project. (cl)

Owen Blough is **hard at work on his senior Engineering project** with assistance from Nick Pickering. (cl)



Academics

Department of

English & Modern Languages

Sue Williams,
Department Chair

92 Majors with studies in English,
English Education, Spanish, and
Spanish Education



Beth Thrall



Cherish Klossing



Ian Matthews



Professor Forrestal **leads class in a discussion** on C.S. Lewis. (ch)

The group **visited the house where William Shakespeare was born.** (s)



Over Christmas break students got the opportunity to travel to England. **The group toured to the historical stie of Stonehenge.** (s)



Katharyn Schrader and Alexandra Cox **listen intently** to Professor Forrestal in their C.S Lewis class. (ch)



Alex Smith **wraps Brandon Brown's ankle with ice** and plastic wrap after a tough track practice. (gjf)



Dana Clausing wraps freshman Stefan Sauders elbow with ice and **secures it with plastic wrap for a tight hold**. (gjf)

Department of

Exercise Science

Scott Armstrong,
Dpartment Chair

199 Majors with studies in Athletic Training,
Exercise Science, Physical Education,
Recreation & Leisure Studies, and
Sport Management



Alex Smith



Mackenzie Stephens



Dana Clausing



Mackenzie Stephens **places plastic wrap** on the foot before covering it with an Ace bandage.(gjf)

Dana Clausing **secures the bandage** on Cory Miller's ankle. (gjf)



Madison Leeseberg and Anna Grieder **listen during a class lecture.** (ap)

Lauren Versweyveld and her fellow classmates **practice checking for a pulse.** (ap)



Department of

Family & Consumer Science

DIANE RICHARDSON,
Department Chair

109 Majors with studies in Child Development,
Dietetics, Family & Consumer Science,
Family & Consumer Science Education,
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Chelsea Speas and
Lauren Ciganek



Corrie Everson



Prof. April Kamba

Michael Bishop, Torey
Laferney, and Aaron
Link **practice CPR.** (ap)

Professor Catherine
Anstrom **assists her
students** in a sewing
project. (ap)



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Department Chair

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History, Political Science, Public Policy,
Social Science, and Social Science
Education.



Denee Jones



Dr. David Van Heemst



Matt Vandyke



Students are **consistently challenged** in American Civilization. (ap)

Jose Alcantar, Chyna Sparks, and Josh McLaren anxiously **await their turn to present** while Tanner Garner delivers his portion of the presentation on Sparta and Athens. (ap)



Matt Logan and Josh Griffes **join the class discussion**. (ap)

Students **take notes during Western Civilization** with Professor David Claborn. (ap)

Academics

Department of

Mathematics

DALE HATHAWAY,
Department Chair

61 Majors with studies in
Actuarial Science, Mathematics, and
Math Education



Damion Fields



Dr. Stephen Brown



Kayla Layman

Students listen to Dr. Brown's lecture in math for liberal arts. (ap)

Tyler Abraham **presents the class devotional** for the day. (ap)



Amber Stoffel **copies the equation** at the beginning of class. (ap)

Phillip Hill **writes down notes** for the upcoming exam. (ap)





Taylin Frame and Rose Hall **lead worship** for their class. (ap)



Monty Larcom **takes notes during a music lecture.** (ap)



Chris Field **plays the drums** during a worship service that was put on in class. (ap)

Department of

Music

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93 Majors with studies in Music, Music Composition, Music Education, Music Ministry (Church Music), and Music Performance



Dr. Woodruff



Christopher LeFevre



Melody Abbott



The class **listens as students play a worship set.** (ap)

Jon Cable **leads acoustic worship** with back up vocals from Taylin Frame and Rose Hall. (ap)



Academics

Department of

Nursing

LINDA DAVISON,
Department Chair

304 Majors with studies in Nursing



Krista Robyn



Rachel Waltz



Faren Kirkland

Bryan Stevens, Nate Iwema, and Rachel Waltz **present a skit about diagnoses** for the other nursing majors. (mf)

Bryan Stevens **volunteers his group** for the first presentation. (mf)



Sarah Taylor **sits in ludwig discussing nursing endeavours.** (mf)



Sarah Di Monte and Lyndsay Coombs **get ready for a mock speed dating activity.** (mf)



Rachel Steen and Morgan Lathrop **du-
tifully take notes on their fellow nurs-
ing majors' presentations.** (mf)



Kaylee LaPenas and Lauren Faber **document their data.** (cl)



Jon Erdahl **prepares for Geology lab.** (cl)



Alex Tharp, Alexandra Cox, Ryan Hutton, Rachel Devin **work together in the gravity lab.** (cl)

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Physical Sciences

MAX REAMS,
Department Chair

44 Majors with studies in Chemistry,
Geological Engineering, Geology,
Physical Science, and Science Education



Dana Clausung



Ben Miller



Dr. Brewer



Caroll Karns and Becca Garst **work to characterize their sand sample** in Hydrogeology lab. (cl)

Kaylee LaPenas and Tammy Ellis **complete their project** in the gravity chamber. (cl)

Academics

Department of
Social Work and Criminal Justice

HOUSTON THOMPSON,
Department Chair

186 Majors with studies in
Criminal Justice and Social Work



Sarah Schrock



Kara DeYoung



Prof. Janice Hockensmith

Sarah Tournear and Heidi Watson are very **focused on the lecture in their Crisis Intervention class.** (cl)

Katie Schultz, Sarah Warner, and Brianna Robertson **take detailed notes during class.** (cl)



Ben Tobey **giving a presentation** on serial killers in his Criminology class.(cl)



Jessica Harper is **learning about Crisis Intervention**, and is taking good notes from the lecture that was given in class. (cl)



A Teacher assistant **begins the class with a group discussion.** (cl)



Brad Speakman **talks with classmates** about the different interpretations of Scripture.(cl)

Sarah Beecher **shares her thoughts with the class.** (cl)

School of Theology and Christian Ministry

CARL LETH,
Dean

182 Majors with studies in Biblical Studies, Children's Ministry, Christian Education, Intercultural Studies, Ministerial Missions, Pastoral Ministry, Philosophy-Religion, Religious Studies, and Youth Ministry.



Alex Strand



Brody Stewart



Zach Grover



Two students **listen carefully during group discussion** in their class.(cl)

A group of students **talk about their papers** that they wrote for Christian form. (bb)

Oh, the places you'll go...



Kelsey McNulty **makes some new friends** in Ecuador. (s)

Taylor Martin **poses with a group** on a day trip in Ecuador. (s)

Kelsey McNulty **plays with a baby monkey** in Ecuador. (s)



Aubry Dee **gathers with fellow students for a picture** in front of the Sydney Opera House. (s)

Getting tired of the boring landscape of Bourbonnais, Illinois? Catch yourself daydreaming of places like England, Australia, India, or somewhere else? Then studying abroad might just be for you! With exciting opportunities all over the world, study abroad provides the opportunity for college students to earn credit while traveling the world.

Senior Angela Williams is the student ambassador for the study abroad program and she studied abroad in Uganda this past year. Williams declared at the study abroad meeting, "Study Abroad is a very valuable experience even beyond the classroom." Katelyn Holmer also shared about her study abroad experience in Uganda and had a "rural home stay," during her time there. She commented that "you learn a different way of living." Senior Aubrey Sarna studied abroad in Australia in a program which offered arts, music, and theology. Sarna said, "When you study abroad, it's a great opportunity to try out new things." Senior Joshua Tracy claimed to be an introvert, but wanted badly to be in the music industry. He said that his study abroad experience was, "The thing that [he] needed to get [him] out of his comfort zone and boy did it ever!"

These experiences are just a small sampling of many stories about study abroad. Perhaps this will be an opportunity for you to step out of your comfort zone and embrace a new land, a new culture, and a new outlook on life. As Professor Jan Hockensmith so aptly stated during the meeting, "It is a life changing experience."

-Elizabeth Cook



Aubry Dee **meets a cuddly koala** while studying in Australia. (s)

Kelsey McNulty **dresses in traditional clothing** with a local girl in Ecuador. (s)

Taylor Martin **takes a boat ride** to the Galapagos with a group of students in Ecuador. (s)

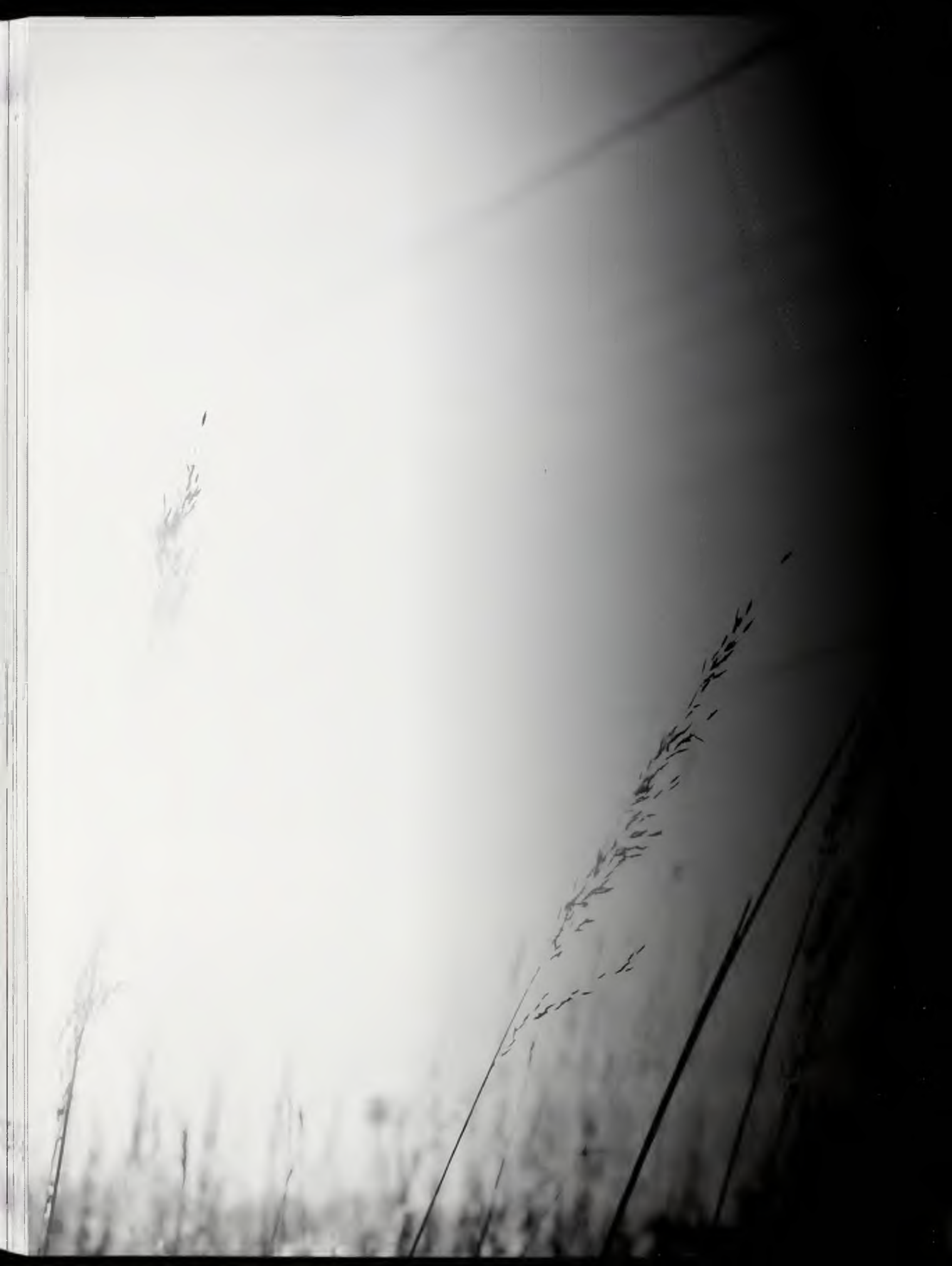


Students **join a group** of Ecuadorians in tribal garb. (s)



Aubry Dee **enjoys the view** in front of the Sydney Oprea House in Australia. (s)





The death of one star can outshine an entire galaxy. When a high mass star ceases nuclear fusion and collapses, the resulting explosion- called a supernova- triggers new star births, and can shine between a thousand to a million times brighter than before. Supernova are rare events, carefully noted and documented by observers, impossible to ignore. As Christians, we are called to die. The beautiful sacrifice of our surrender to God, through death to ourselves, burns a million times brighter than whatever half-hearted, "good" life we were previously attempting. Like a star, our lives only shine with true glory when we give up control, cease our efforts, and die to ourselves. It's not an easy process; it's an explosion. Yet that is what we are compelled to do: Let our light shine. If we are to offer light to the whole world, what better way to do it than to give our lives, and consequently burn brighter than a million stars?





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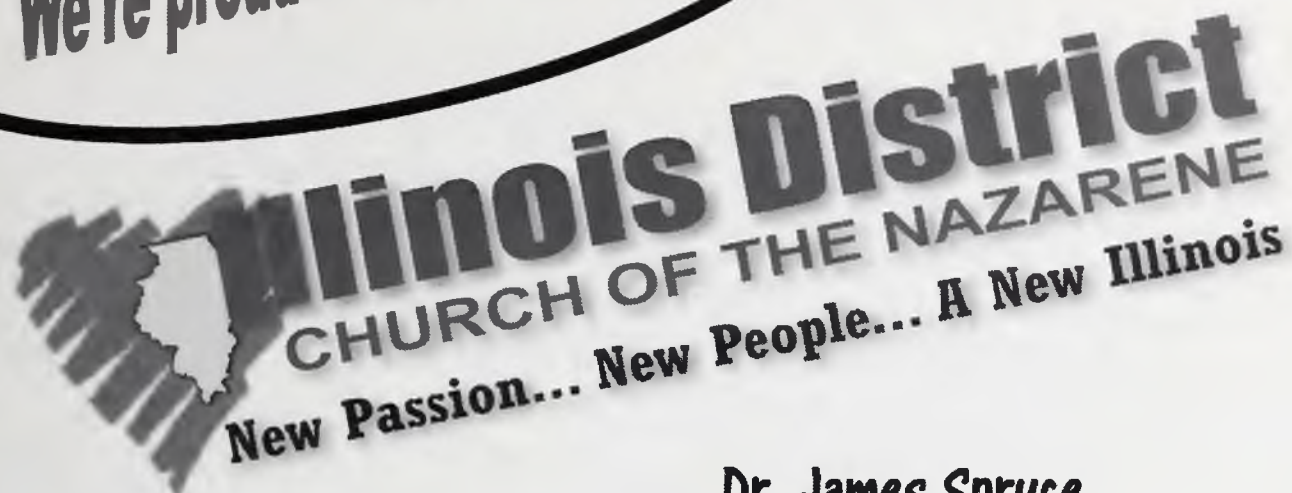


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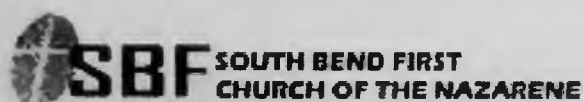
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