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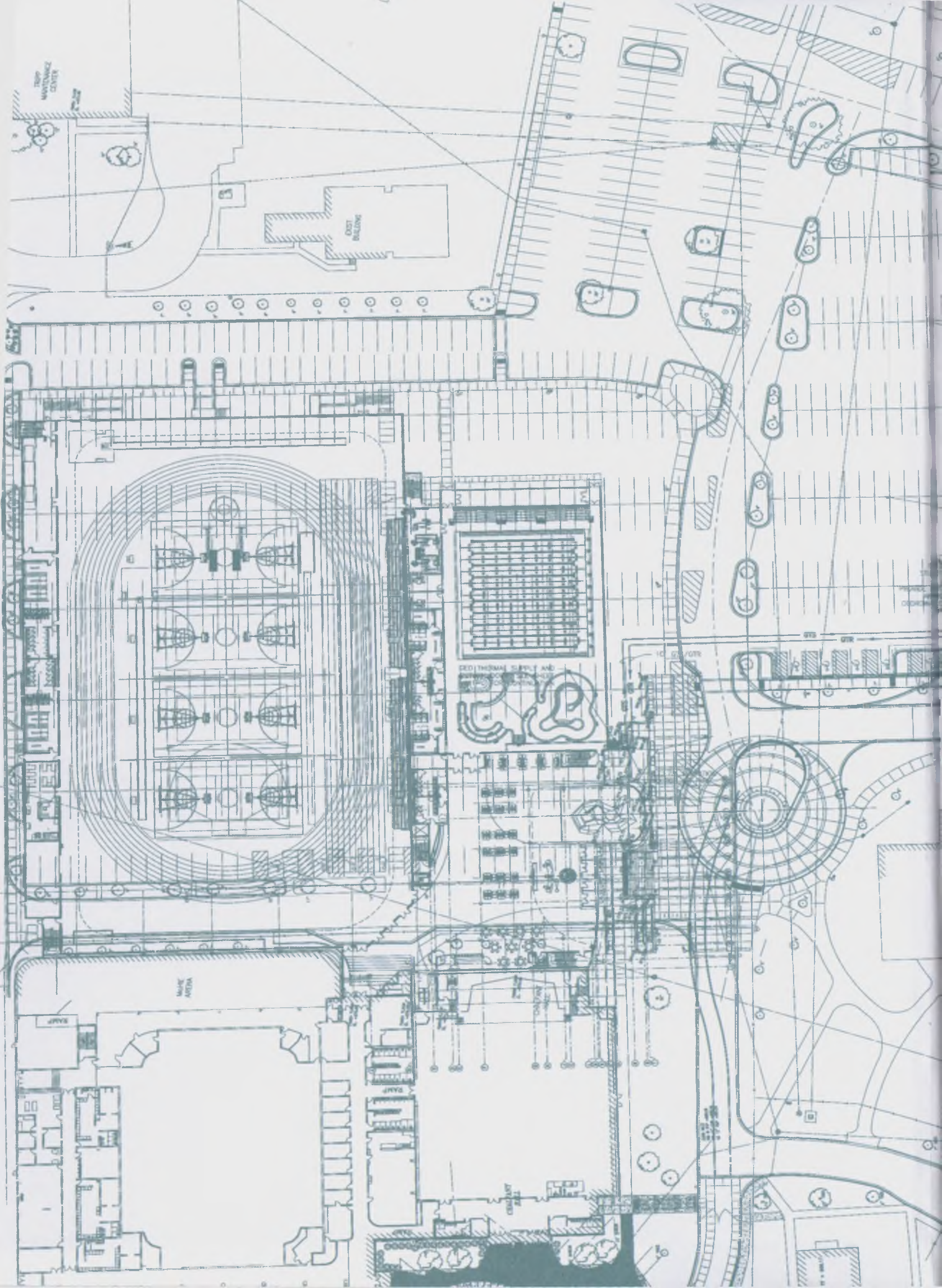
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// Structure

There is no quick fix to this. Fissures are observed through coke bottle glasses: aisles and pews, altars and podiums, the grapes fermented and not. Angles are calculated in order to turn the proverbial mole hill into a canyon. Wars are waged over thickness of paper, rather than what's written upon it. Through the foundation is strong the structure still sways, growing out instead of up, collapsing upon itself in a lonely narcissism. A first look reveals a palace embroidered with jewels of the postmodern taste, inducing an epileptic fit through mastered visuals and sound. Upon closer inspection no description could be farther from the truth. The absence of a heart creates a distended cavity lacking support. Only with unity can we mend the flesh and bone of the unseen God. Only with humility will we mend the kingdom of Christ.



//The Heart of Life

Greg Bruner

"Hi, I'm Greg Bruner, Financial Aid Director at Olivet Nazarene University." It's the greeting that his friends tease him about; a claim to fame that isn't famous but is a fundamental part of his identity.

"His bosses used to joke, 'We'll have security remove you if you show up. We'll change the locks,'" his wife Tina said with a wry smile. "I've had to call Human Resources and tell them to tell him not to come into work." Even when he was so weak while recovering from surgery that he couldn't walk up the stairs into Miller without resting, he still came to work.

Such dedication was modeled by Greg's father, who worked even while fighting cancer, using his lunch breaks to receive chemotherapy. Greg Bruner has inherited this ability to internalize work, to be the same person everywhere.

"One of his phrases is that he's a lifer; he's not going anywhere," explained Dr. Doug Perry, Chief Financial Officer at Olivet. Since arriving on campus as a freshman, Greg has never left. "It's never even tempted him," Tina said. "He could make a lot more money at a bigger university, but he's never even looked."

And that's despite a near-death experience in the basement of Williams Hall during his days as supervising custodian. On his thirtieth birthday, while he used a wet-vacuum to try to clean up water in the flooded basement of Williams Hall, he was electrocuted, nearly to death. The story has become legend among his friends and coworkers. "It was a serious thing, but now we like to joke about it," Perry said.

The jokes don't bother Greg one bit. "He just loves the people that he works with; he holds them in such high esteem," she said. People who come into contact with him sense how much he genuinely cares about their situation. "He's the best financial aid director we've ever had," Perry said. "He's kind, he's gentle, he works well with families and students, and he's always trying to come up with a solution rather than a roadblock."

The position of director is hardly easy—despite what he'd like, Greg can't help every student who comes into his office. Those days he comes home beat, torn apart by seeing students struggling beyond his control. But even when facing insurmountable challenges, he remains optimistic.

One such mountain was the process of adopting two daughters from China. Greg and Tina teamed up with Dr. Jay Martinson, chair of the communication department, and his wife Jeanette. "It came down to an act of obedience, what he felt the Lord was calling him to do," Martinson said. The two families set up a joint bank account to pool their resources. "He said, 'I don't know how we're going to afford it, but it's something we need to do,'" Tina explained.

Greg's confidence gave the group confidence. "He's an encourager and puts a positive spin on everything," Martinson said. Grinning, he recalled how on the flight home from China Greg stood up and apologized to the entire plane for their new baby daughter's crying.

The example is one of a thousand case studies of care in Bruner's life. As Tina explained, "Days when he really gets to help somebody—that's what he loves."



Greg Bruner is "a giant teddy bear," according to Dr. Jay Martinson.

//Dr. John Bowling

A Firm Foundation

It sits on two city blocks and rises over one quarter mile into the sky. Its 110 stories comprise 4.5 million square feet of office and commercial space. When you drive north from the Olivet campus toward Chicago, you can first see it while you are still south of Route 30. It breaks the plane of the horizon when it is still over 20 miles away.

It took 2,000 workers, working around the clock for nearly three years, to build it. This structure, first known as the Sears Tower, and now The Willis Tower, was for many decades America's tallest building. Just this year it was edged out of first place by the new Freedom Tower in New York City.

I'm not sure what all is involved in the engineering and construction of such massive buildings as these, but one thing I do know is that when the construction crews begin, the first direction they work is not up . . . but down. Before a building can reach for the sky, it must first be anchored on a firm foundation.

In Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus ended his Sermon on the Mount with a story of two builders.

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who builds his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

The message of the parable is simple and profound . . . foundations are fundamental. This is a tried and true principle for every structure and is true for life itself. Before an individual can successfully build a life, he or she must first determine the foundation.

This is why an Olivet education is so important. The Olivet experience is not just about learning how to make a living, it is more fundamentally about learning how to live. During a student's university experience, he or she is laying a series of foundations for life: an academic foundation, a personal/social foundation and a spiritual foundation.

The 2013-14 edition of the Aurora reminds us all that . . .

Everyone is a builder.

Every building will be tested.

Only those with a proper foundation will stand.

Those are good lessons to learn and remember throughout our lives.





//People

It's a parade of pastels moving through inner campus; the Greek chorus of the Olivet community. As the students gather through the doors of chapel, propped upon in apprehension, individual physiognomic features blur into one collective hum, but within the bustling crowd are lives and souls exceptionally beautiful and intricate, a fingerprint often overlooked in the spirit of community. Each with tattered clothes and scars, each with love pressing against the confines of their hearts and waiting to spill onto their passions and the people they love. Christ manifests in the flaws and the blemishes of his people, turning crags of clay into the house of God.



// Campus Leaders



The Perry Center

Nearly 10 months after opening, the Student Life and Recreation Center (SLRC) was officially named in honor of Dr. Douglas E. Perry for his 40 years of service to Olivet. The decision to name the building was made during the annual Board of Trustees meeting, according to an Oct. 10 Olivet press release. The official name of the building is The Douglas E. Perry Student Life and Recreation Center. Perry currently serves as the Vice President for Finance, but his 40-year career at Olivet began in the building and grounds department mowing lawns and cleaning buildings. He has served as the Chief Financial Officer for Olivet for the last 30 years. Perry played a large role in making the SLRC a reality. "He was the first to catch the vision, and he did the initial research. It was Doug who identified and enlisted the architectural firm for the project," Bowling said. "Perhaps most importantly, Doug created the financial plan to make it a reality." The Board of Trustees unanimously voted to name the building after him, but Perry said there were many others who made the building a possibility. "I never even considered that any building would be named after me, let alone such a major campus building as the Student Life and Recreation Center," Perry said. "I am truly honored and grateful for this recognition."

By Brandon Klemm



Students Reflect Upon Their Future

This picture was printed in the Kankakee Daily Journal during his freshman year at Olivet. Perry, a student from Kankakee, Illinois, is in the center of the group. Perry, a student from Kankakee, Illinois, is in the center of the group.

This picture of Perry with the title "Students Reflect Upon Their Future" was originally printed in the Kankakee Daily Journal during his freshman year at Olivet.



The administration team is made up of Dr. Ryan Spittal, Dr. Walter "Woody" Webb, Dr. John C. Bowling, Dr. Douglas E. Perry, Dr. Brian Allen, and Dr. Dennis Crocker (1). The board of trustees members each belong to different Nazarene districts (2). Doug Perry and his family during his early days working at Olivet (3). (S)

The A-Team's New Kid



"I have a remarkable sense of being a part of the team," said Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Dennis Crocker of his new position on Olivet's Administrative Team. ONU is in good hands under the leadership of these men who "collaborate instead of compete" and strive to leave their weekly meetings in agreement about the direction in which they are moving. According to the self-proclaimed "new kid," their meetings are effective as well as fun. "There is an informal banter that is refreshing," Dr. Crocker smiled, explaining for example that the alumni members don't shy away from hazing the new guy.

By Katharyn Schrader

#onuchapel

Cory Lara @coffeeordie

So, those Nazarene gentlemen and ladies that stood up are like the Jedi council of the midwest? Cool. #onuchapel

Katelyn Spencer @Katelyn_Jess

Dr. Bowling is speaking but all I hear is "Beard, beard, I have a beard." #onuchapel

Abby Ragsdale @abbyrags

Bearded Dr. Bowling is what I imagine Mr. Whittaker from Adventures in Odyssey would look like #throwback #onuchapel

Sarah Jane @ohsarataylor

Can't handle Dr. B's beard swag in #ONUchapel right now.

//Animated Educator

Dr. Aggie Veld

“Can you make me look thin?” Dr. Aggie Veld says, sitting on an open counter top in the greenhouse. She’s taken to the fresh air, having escaped for a brief minute from the labs in the lower level of Reed. Dr. Veld’s passion for education couples with her fascination for the world of science.

To say that Dr. Veld is known around campus is an understatement. As one of the professors teaching General Biology, she sees the majority of students at some point in their college career. “I have to pretend I’m jazzed,” she says about her personality, which is high energy to say the least.

Her mildly frantic persona is exhibited through the number of places she’s lived, which include Florida, Germany, and California. She says shyly, “My teaching career has been a bit of a patchwork.” She earned a master’s degree in science with a minor in chemistry, but was initially unable to find a teaching job and took a position in the computer programming industry. She eventually settled at home to homeschool her four kids over a period of seven years, but her heart has always been for teaching students the love of God through science.



“We don’t have
to understand it
for it to work.”

An Incredible Symphony

“I can’t pull them apart,” she says about the relationship between her faith and science. She believes that God has granted man three gifts. First, the gift of life. Second, “the fact that He lets us figure it out.” Third, “We don’t have to understand it for it to work.” She hovers closely to the leaves of an unnamed plant, pointing out the various cells that make up photosynthesis. “It’s in his system,” she says, “What an incredible symphony.”



Bio Baby

Dr. Veld teaches General Biology, Environmental Science and Technology of Elementary Education in addition to supervising four out of the seven Anatomy and Physiology labs. She is in her ninth year as a professor here. “Gen Bio is my baby,” she says. “Studies show that it is the last science most students will take in their lives.” Her heart is for educating students who aren’t science majors about what biology means for them. “You are on the edge of fertility,” she said. “You can teach biology to the students, or you can teach the students biology.”

She’s not planning on going anywhere soon. “I asked God to let me live to one hundred,” she says. “I’ve got forty-seven years left.” She’s excited for her job every day. “I get to learn, pass it on, and see people take that ball and run with it,” she said.

//An Open Heart

In God's Garden

When Francisco Medina-Garcia was a boy, he and his friends would hike up the mountains near the small town of Casacuaran, Mexico. Using their hands and the thick vegetation, they constructed forts and tree houses. Sometimes they would play baseball, using branches as bats and whatever they could find in the garbage as a ball.

"My family was extremely poor," Francisco said quietly. "One room for six people: my parents, two sisters, one brother, and me. We cooked, slept, and did anything there." The cramped room was often one person short; his father worked as a manual laborer in the United States, and was gone for months at a time. As soon as Francisco turned eighteen, he left Mexico to join his father in the fields of central Illinois. Their family was starving, and he hoped to return with hands full of dollar bills, just as he had seen the others do. "They were talking about a place that was wonderful," he said. That is not what he found.

One evening, after twelve hours in the blistering sun, Francisco trudged toward the small house where he and the other workers slept. In the front yard sat a baseball. Francisco's mind wandered back to his childhood and he let out a laugh. His younger self could not have imagined something as wonderful as a clean, smooth baseball.

He left the ball for several days, where it remained untouched in the front yard. Finally, Francisco decided that it must have been lost, so he walked over and picked it up. Less than five minutes later Francisco was staring at a policeman's polished boots, being actively accused of theft. He had been set up.

"I was thinking, 'This is not the place that the other immigrants were talking about. This is not the American dream.' I didn't understand why people would treat me like that. I was just here to work," he said.

He met opposition a number of times within that first year. One night he found the words **GO BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY** scrawled across his front door. His house was egged several times.

After a year, he moved to Kankakee, where a couple of Catholic nuns invited him to a Spanish mass. Surrounded by the golden glow of candles and the soft chant of prayer whispered in his native tongue, Señor Francisco was filled with a sense of peace. "I think God gave me hope. I started thinking 'maybe it can be a change. Maybe not everyone will treat me the same.'"

Not long after, Señor Francisco met a compassionate social worker. Eight years later the two were married and Francisco's father-in-law recommended him for a position in the department of building services at Olivet. He cleans floors, empties trash cans, and does odd-jobs in the dorms. 2013 marks a decade of his employment here.

For Francisco, the best part about working at Olivet is interacting with students. "God gave me an open heart and a love for talking to people. The more you talk, the more you learn about people's differences, and the more you learn about God," he said. Sweeping a large hand through the empty space before him he added, "God's garden is made of flowers of all different colors to make it beautiful."

By Erin Stephens





The Greatest Place

One afternoon, grasping a rough mop-handle in a tanned hand and rubbing droplets of sweat out of his stinging eyes with the other, Francisco remarked to a coworker, "I am living the American dream working here at Olivet."

The man's eyebrows shot up. "Your dream is to clean toilets?"

Francisco ignored his coworker's taunt. "You have to look at the whole picture," he said, "I want to make a better life not just for me but for my family." His work at Olivet has qualified his son and two daughters for free tuition here.

According to Francisco, when he sees his eldest child dressed in a graduation robe holding a crisp college diploma, his hope for the future will be fulfilled. What is more, the struggles that he overcame in immigrating to this country will be worthwhile.

Ten years ago Francisco became a United States citizen. Although Mexico will forever be in his heart, Señor Francisco embraces America as his new home. "This is the land of the freedom and the beauty. It is the greatest place. And I love it."



Faculty and Staff



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Adam Banter
Jonathan Bartling
Alissa Bass
Clayton Bass
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Rebecca Belcher-Rankin
Jeffery Bell
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William Dean
Mary Dillinger
Nancy Dodd



The inside scoop on Professor Jori Sharda's unique place of origin: Japan

Q: What was your favorite thing about growing up in Japan?

A: I love the people and the food. The people are very kind and respectful. The food is amazing. They have the best fish. It is so hard to get good fish in the States.

Q: Has your life in Japan influenced how you raise your own kids?

A: Yes it has! I speak in Japanese at home. I'm passing on the culture.

//The Doctor and Dora



The inside scoop on Dr. Veit's hidden talent: Drawing Dora the Explorer.

Q: Why do you draw Dora the Explorer?

A: I love to draw, and it is fun to color and draw with my kids. They enjoy it when I can draw their favorite characters, so I am constantly trying to draw their favorites better. At the same time, I am trying to keep up with all the new ones they keep getting introduced to! So, sometimes in class an illustration or graphic reminds me of a shape that also belongs to one of these characters, and I (for whatever reason) just complete the illustration for my students. Honestly, I think I (and my students) am caught off guard when this happens! However, I think this can be a nice thing when you are talking about things like research methodology or statistics. I think a little lightheartedness can go a long way to facilitate learning, and I sincerely believe that Jesus was spontaneous and joyful and, looking at creation, artistic.

Q: How long did it take you to learn how to draw Dora? Do you have an art background?

A: To learn the cartoon characters Kylie and Bailey like most, I do have to study them a little. However, I did take art classes in junior high and high school. I really considered a career in graphic design at one point.

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The inside scoop on Dr. Anstrom's secret obsession: pugs.

Q: What started your love for pugs?

A: My husband is to blame, at least that is what I tell him. We both love animals and had always had larger dogs. He wanted a small dog, one that could sit on his lap while he watched football games. He decided on a pug, and I was not sold. I didn't think they were the most attractive breed, but we went to look at some puppies. It was love at first sight for both of us, but Leo (our first — he is still with us at eight) and I bonded. I spent every waking hour over the summer training and playing with him.

Q: Do you receive pug gifts?

A: You bet, every Christmas, every birthday, and I would not have it any other way.

Q: How many pugs do you have now?

A: Six seems to be our lucky number. I cannot image my life without my pugs, always happy to see me — they are my friends for life. We do not breed our pugs; we do rescue and would never turn one away. We live in the country, on an old farm, so who knows when the number of pugs will increase. We always have room for one more pug!



//Best Barista

He's the reason we look forward to going to the library to do homework, the explanation for taking an unnecessary detour for a cup of coffee.

"I don't go to Jazzman's for the coffee; I go for the experience of talking to Lee," Heather Rossner said. "We talk about his life and his travels."

Students love his warm smile, how he greets them by name and makes their drink with care. And if you stay and chat, as he is so willing to do, stories will begin to slowly emerge. There was the time he got robbed at gunpoint off the coast of Venezuela. Or the time he almost died from hypothermia while backpacking in Iceland.

"I don't do tours," he said, a slow grin spreading over his face. "I make my own way." Often he travels with one of his three children or his wife. Of the places he's been—from Europe to Latin America—Australia is his favorite.

"I like to interact with the natives," he said. The Michigan State graduate has certainly spent many hours getting to know the natives during his last six years of working at Jazzman's. "Interacting with students is my favorite part," he said. "I love you guys."

The feeling is mutual. "Lee's smile and kind spirit always make my day," Sydney Morehead said. "He's the only reason I get drinks from Jazzman's before 3 p.m. His flawlessly sweet caramel blasts are just an added perk!"

Rossner agreed. "He's my favorite staffer," she said. "Like maybe him, then Dr. Bowling second."

By Staci Bradbury



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Brian Stipp
Linda Stone
Tonya Stott
Judson Strain
Shelly Stroud



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Laura Warfel
Kelly Wellenreiter
Corrie Wessman
Jeremy Williamson
Melody Wilson
Stephen Wilson



David Wine
Carla Wolf
Neal Woodruff
Karen Wright
Kent Wu
Beatriz Ydrovo
Jennifer Kershaw

//Global Perspective

Stefanie Strothmann

She's quite possibly the only Kenyan who can't run. She tells me this as we make our way to the eighth mile of the Chicago Marathon on the Red Line, munching on enormous cinnamon rolls that threaten to cause diabetes and ignoring the sign telling us that consumption is prohibited on CTA transit. The conversation circles back to accents and pronunciation, and she's kind enough to repeat any word when prompted.

The differences between Kenya and America are bountiful, but she doesn't prefer either culture over the other. The Kenyan paradigm is more community based, but the independence offered by America is rewarding in a different way. "I miss food back at home," she says, although she's not disappointed with the selection which America offers.

"I wanted something completely different from what I was used to," she says about choosing to go to school in America. She was born in Kenya, where she now lives, but she also spent a year and a half in England while her mother was working toward her masters' degree at Newcastle. "She has a school," she says of her mother's profession, further clarifying that she founded a school in Kenya and now acts as headmaster.

Stefanie courageously took the chance and has become a familiar face at Olivet, working at the Alumni Center, serving as the treasurer of the Mu Kappa club and Lambda Pi Eta, the communications honor society, and serving as a freshman connections mentor.

By David Modica





"I heard about Olivet from Becca Reed (far right), whose parents were missionaries," she says. The choice was easy from there, as she repeatedly states that she likes to be around diversity. "It gives me different perspectives," she says. Her biggest concern about international perspective is the "generalizations [that] occur," a point that she strives to combat.

Stefanie Strothmann is a senior corporate communication major, with a minor in marketing. "I'm interested in international relations," she says about her future. "I'm still figuring it out." She would like to stay in America after graduating, but if the plan falls through she says there is always England, Australia or South Africa.

The Future

Seniors



Olivet is one of over 2,000 schools to award students the academic honor of selection to Who's Who Among Students. The national honor program identifies campus leaders through student and faculty vote. The Who's Who logo on a student's picture indicates an exceptional GPA, leadership ability and community involvement.



Sarah Abner
Elementary Education



Oluwayonda Abogunrin
Engineering



Malory Adam
Child Development



Somone Agers
Criminal Justice &
Psychology



Jose Alcantar
Athletic Training



Cameron Alcorn
Information Systems



Brandon Allison
Political Science



Alyssa Alt
Psychology



Emily Arnold
Intercultural Studies



Rivka Atadja
Chemistry



Kristin Attig
Youth Ministry



Lacey Austin
English Education



Jessica Bachelor
Exercise Science



Jonathan Bader
International Business



Breanne Bambrick
Social Work



Seth Barrigear
Criminal Justice



Elizabeth Bart
Physical Education



Steven Beckham
Actuarial Science



Matthew Bennett
Nursing



Jessica Benz
Zoology



Kara Benz
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Caleb Bernhardt
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Brennen Berry
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Eliseo Betancourt
Nursing



April Biddle
Zoology



Sydney Bland
Social Work



Lisa Boaz
Math Education &
Actuarial Science



Hannah Bontrager
English Education



Emily Borger
Dietetics



Alicia Boss
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Christopher Bottari
Graphic Design



Staci Bradbury
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Psychology



Antonette Brandes
Child Development



Richard Breeden
Spanish Education



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Sociology



Joshua Brooks
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Alexis Brutlag
Elementary Education



Titus Bryan
Engineering



Brandy Buckholt
English



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Mathematics



Andrew Burrington
Chemistry



1. How has your view of ONU changed since you were a freshman?

I have truly grown to love this place. As the excitement and newness of freshman year wore off, I began seeing Olivet in a new light. I have come to see it as a place where living out the life that God has called us to holds high importance. This isn't just a place to get an education, it's a place to figure out who you are as a kingdom person.

2. On average, how many hours of sleep do you think you got as a college student?

I'm a big fan of naps. I would probably only average about five or six hours a night with the occasional afternoon nap. And I don't mean just a 20 minute snooze, I'm talking a two hour slumber.

3. Any advice for underclassmen?

Live it up. Seriously, cherish every moment you have here. You may not realize it now, but this place is really special. Play intramural basketball. Prank Chaplain Holcomb. Build cardboard castles. Move all of your friend's stuff into the community bathroom. Live in the moments.



Kristen Burton
Biology



Rebecca Busler
Nursing



Adrian Calhoun
Religious Studies



Ashley Camden
Child Development



William Carey
Criminal Justice



Kaitlin Carlson
Elementary Education



Rachel Carman
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Caleb Carr
Music &
Religious Studies



Jordan Carroll
Christian Education



Tyler Cary
Nursing



Kelsey Castleman
Elementary Education



Zachary Cataldo
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Christine Caven
Music Ministry



Faith Cavender
Criminal Justice



Bethany Chatman
Youth Ministry



Lindsay Chenoweth
Nursing



Benjamin Cherney
Music Composition



Zachary Christensen
Economics & Finance

If you could change the school mascot,
what would you change it to?



Garrett Corpier

If I could
change the
school's mascot,
I would make it
David Bowie.



Alexander Cobb
Biology



Sarah Cochran
Religious Studies
& Psychology



Jamila Coker
Music Ministry



Emily Cole
Social Work



Katie Cole
Actuarial Science



Stephanie Connolley
Elementary Education



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Garrett Corpier
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Megan Cwayna
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Information Systems



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Ashley Dinneweth
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Dietetics & English



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Krista Eddy
Psychology



Beth Ellcessor
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Matthew Elless
Pastoral Ministry



Alina Ellis
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Scott Ellis
Political Science



Megan Elroy
Elementary Education



Julie Emmons
Nursing



Justine Espersen
Journalism



Aaron Eubanks
Communication Studies



Erin Evans
Ministerial Missions



Tyler Evans
Actuarial Science



Jennifer Ewing
Accounting & Business



Chantalle Falconer
Music Performance



Frank Fankam
Nursing



Nathaniel Ferris
Engineering



Jonathan Fightmaster
Math Education



Aimee Fish
Elementary Education



Matthew Fisher
Computer Engineering



Zachary Fisher
Exercise Science



David Flack
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Crystal Fleck
Multimedia Studies



Kayla Foster
Child Development



Thomas Francoeur
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Nursing



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Monica Galarowski
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Ronald Gamache
Communication Studies



Tanner Garner
Athletic Training



Laura Garwood
Elementary Education



Miranda Geever
Chemistry



Nicholas Geever
Intercultural Studies



Brian Ginn
Biology



Camilo Giraldo
Engineering



Cassidy Glandon
Accounting



Brenna Glendenning
Nursing



Ashley Glover
Social Work



Cristina Gomez
Social Work & Spanish



Rebecca Goodman
Social Work



Mark Gordon
Science Education



Richard Graczyk
Nursing



Julia Gregory
Geology



Jeri Grevis
Geology



Anna Grieder
Marketing



Allison Grigus
Art



Allyse Groover
Spanish Education



Lillian Guenseth
Music Performance



Lana Guinn
Accounting



Geneva Guy
Psychology & Sociology



Jenna Haenni
English



Hyebin Han
Biology



Meredith Hanshaw
Nursing



Lanae Harding
Spanish Education



Danyne Harris
Elementary Education



Marshall Harris
Biology

If you could change the school mascot, what
would you change it to?



Jake Neuman

"I would probably change our mascot to Dr. Bowling. How cool would that be? We could all wear Dr. Bowling wigs and cheer "Bowlings. Bowlings. Bowlings." No one else would have it, that's for sure. He's been here long enough it's about time we honored his legacy in a fun and memorable way. Instead of a Toby the Tiger costume we could have a big Dr. Bowling head and a guy wearing a suit. It'd be great!"

Kyle Miller



"Well, I'm less in touch with my red-neck roots, I have more facial hair, and I have more loans. On a serious note, I've begun to recognize the blessings in my life and have become more thankful for the people who have challenged me to grow."

Somone Agers



"I can honestly say I have matured beautifully since freshman year by God's grace. My perspective on life is no longer egocentric but more so a selfless desire to serve God's people. I am confident that the Lord has changed me, not for my own benefit but for my generation."

Garrett Corpier



"I've started using fun closings for emails like 'Cheerio!'"



De'Niece Harrison-Hudson
Actuarial Science



Luke Hasselbring
Elementary Education



Lauren Hausken
Elementary Education



Lindsey Hayes
Elementary Education



Taylor Haymes
Elementary Education



Kara Heath
Exercise Science



Michael Hedrick
Exercise Science



Joanna Helmker
Social Work



Allison Hill
Music Ministry



Carolyn Hoffman
Business



April Hogan
Social Work



Elisabeth Holaway
Music Education

// How have you changed
since freshman year?



Samantha Holmes
Criminal Justice



Torraine Hoover
Social Work



Mariah Hudson
Business



Justin Hughes
Business



Brianna Hutchins
Exercise Science



Taylor Hutson
Biology



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Economics & Finance



Christopher Ingersol
Biology



Caitlin Iwema
Dietetics



Jordan Jackson
Marketing



William James
Actuarial Science



Stephanie Jansma
Dietetics



Gloria Jentz
Math Education



Austin Johnson
Housing &
Environmental Science



Lindsey Johnson
Nursing



Matthew Jones
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Finance & Accounting



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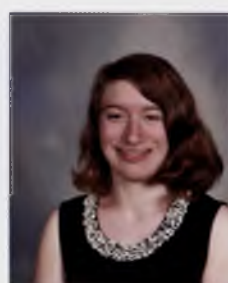
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Fashion Merchandising



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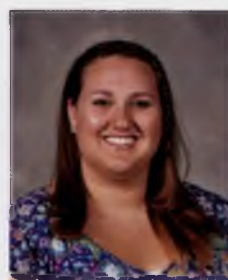
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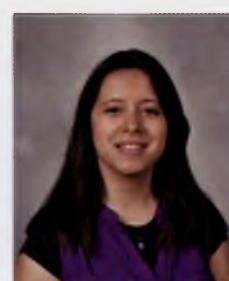
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Management



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Ministerial Missions



Ashley McLaughlin
Social Work



Dana McMahan
Elementary Education



Gabrielle Metzger
Elementary Education



Bethany Meyer
Pre-Art Therapy



Krystal Meyer
Nursing



Ryan Miedema
Business Information



Hannah Milby
Psychology



Ashley Miller
Social Work



Hannah Miller
Computer Science



Katelyn Miller
Business



Kyle Miller
Music Education



Michael Miller
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Scott Miller
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Nicholas Mohr
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Alyssa Mol
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Alison Monkemeyer
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Andrew Moore
Music Education



Garren Moore
Actuarial Science



Kenneth Moore
Psychology



Sydney Morehead
Criminal Justice
& Psychology



Johnie Morgan
English



Spencer Morris
Psychology &
Sociology



Jean Mosey
Nursing



Katherine Mount
Psychology



Sarah Murphy
Music Minisry



Rebekah Musselman
Business



Andrew Muzljakovich
Chemistry



John Nardoizzi
Business



Aaron Nelson
Zoology



Amanda Nelson
Family &
Consumer Science



John Neuman
Multimedia Studies



Kristin Nichols
Criminal Justice



Michael Nielsen
Sociology



Phillip Novak
Dietetics



Alexander Nuxoll
Business



Gabriel Nye
Intercultural Studies



Desiree O'Brien
Nursing



Kelsey O'Doran
Psychology & Sociology



Jerald Obotte
Computer Science



Ashlie Olkoski
Dietetics



Hope Olson
Interior Design



Rachel Oswalt
Elementary Education



Michael Paarlberg
Mechanical Engineering



Jessica Palm
Business



Bradley Palmer
Criminal Justice



Andrew Pals
Business



Nicole Papineau
Music Education



Joshua Parker
Religious Studies



Paige Patterson
Biology



Elise Payne
Engineering



Austin Pendry
Psychology



Lindsey Peterson
Graphic Design



Molly Peterson
Psychology



James Phillips
Elementary Education



Emily Picklesimer
Nursing



Bethany Pilcher
Child Development



Samuel Pimpo
Mechanical Engineering



Michelle Pinkney
Social Work



Michael Piotrowski
Psychology



Alex Pollock
Political Science



Ainsley Ports
Christian Education



Katelyn Posing
Elementary Education



Kimberly Powers
Social Science
Education



Amanda Price
Actuarial Science



Serena Procknow
English Education



Benjamin Prude
Electrical Engineering



Steve Rachan
Math Education



Ashley Raffauf
Music Education



Lindsey Ramirez
Biology



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Biology



Rebecca Reed
Communication Studies



Heidi Reichelt
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William Reilly
Psychology



Nicole Reinsma
Accounting, Finance
& Business Administration



Alexander Reiter
Computer Science



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Nursing



David Rice
Music Ministry



Kristina Richardson
Actuarial Science
& Math Education



Michelle Richey
Social Work



Lorisha Riley
Mathematics



McKenzi Roberson
Biblical Studies



Jacob Roberts
Pastoral Ministry



Nathan Roberts
Psychology



Brandon Robyn
Engineering

What has been your most embarrassing
moment at Olive?



Kyle Miller

By far my most embarrassing moment here at ONU was when I received a standing ovation for spilling my entire tray of food all over the cafeteria floor. I was starving one night at dinner so I had a sandwich, stir fry, and whatever was in the main line. My tray was already full when I tried to get water from the lemon water containers. **I failed to balance my tray on the ledge** which sent my food straight to the floor and broke all of my plates! As a musician, it's sad to realize that this moment will probably be my only genuine standing ovation.



Ariel Rock
Social Work



Vanessa Rodriguez
Elementary Education



Caleb Rogers
Pastorial Ministry



Andrew Rothen
Electrical Engineering



Zachary Ruddle
Business



Renee Runyan
Music Education



Madison Rupert
Psychology



Jacob Ryan
History & Political Science



Edward Saliba
Chemistry



Thomas Sanders
Elementary Education



Andrew Sayre
Biology



Alyssa Schaffer
Interior Design



Melissa Schaver
Graphic Design



Megan Schneider
Nursing



Felisha Scholz
Zoology



Katharyn Schrader
English



Cheryl Sendzik
Multimedia Studies



Megan Shaddick
Biology



Lauren Shaner
Christian Education



Molly Shirosky
Ministrial Missions



Justin Shutt
Criminal Justice



Kara Sitton
Chemistry



Logan Smith
Chemistry



Megan Smith
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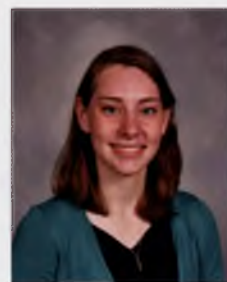
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Stefanie Strothmann
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Benjamin Stultz
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Hannah Taylor
Elementary Education



Sara Taylor
Nursing



Wes Taylor
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Jaimie Teske
Marketing



Andrew Thompson
Biology



Brianna Thompson
Religious Studies



Brittany Thurmond
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David Timm
Communication Studies



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Mechanical Engineering



Rebecca Timmer
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Lindsey Tobias
Criminal Justice



Kayla Tolley
Biology



Blaire Toms
Zoology



Sarah Toporek
Nursing



1. How has your view of ONU changed since you were a freshman?

I've realized more and more how integrated Olivet is in the Nazarene Church. Coming in as a non-Nazarene, it's been very interesting to see and learn all the Nazarene traditions here at school. In addition, it seemed like a really big school at first, because I didn't know anybody. And now, as a senior again with lots of classes, I feel like I don't know many people once again.

2. Who is your favorite professor and why?

What a tough question! I feel like I've really gotten to know and love many of the professors that I've had. To just pick one is too hard. I would have to say all of the professors in the Education Department. They are all so loving and full of passion. They have encouraged me to not only be a great teacher but to be a servant of God.

3. What will you miss most about Olivet?

I think I'll miss the excitement more than anything, be it move-in days, Ollie's Follies, or those last days leading up to breaks. There's a lot of emotion here at Olivet, and it's always been great to engage in that excitement with other people. I hope that God provides me with people who keep me this enthusiastic about even the little things.



Grant Touma
Sports Management



Sarah Tournear
Intercultural Studies



Michelle Towle
Nursing



Christy Trank
Business



Ariel Turner
Elementary Education



Jacklyn Tusack
Biology



Sarah Uhey
Intercultural Studies



Chanteil Ulatowski
Biology



Anna Ullrich
Economics & Finance



Tracy Van Zandbergen
Elementary Education



Jake Victorson
Business Administration



Caitlin Volz
Elementary Education



Allyson Vrabel
Children's Ministry



Jason Walker
Multimedia Studies



Rebecca Walker
Dietetics & Biology



Jordan Wallek
Criminal Justice



Allison Walsh
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Youth Ministry



Heidi Watson
Family & Consumer Science



Jeremy Weber
Nursing



Rachel Weber
Elementary Education



Adam Weeks
Actuarial Science



Daniel Wells
Business



Seth Wenzelman
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Taylor Westrate
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Megan Wiley
Elementary Education



Rebecca Wilkinson
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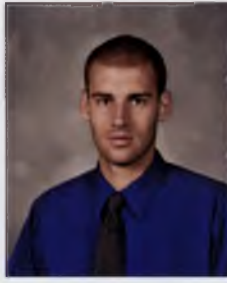
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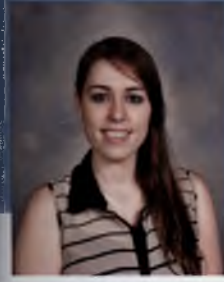
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Ewelina Zajkowski
Criminal Justice



Olivia Zimmer
English Education



Meribeth Zweizig
Nursing

//Act Three

- Miles Kolby Meador

"No one really calls me Miles," he admits. He isn't the fourth generation male in his family to go by Archie Lyle, and he doesn't go by his first name; most people know Miles Kolby Meador by his middle name. After getting to know him, it is clear that Kolby could also go by Stage Success, Amish Beard, People Person, Social Planner, and Lincoln Lover.

Kolby is one of the most well-rounded individuals you might ever come across; he ran track in high school as well as during his freshman year at ONU, but he says that baseball is his best sport. He also played the saxophone in the band when he first came to Olivet. Most important in his life, however, is the theater.

"Everyone in my family is a performer," says Kolby, the youngest of them all. He began acting around the age of nine, and he dreams of being in a film someday. Seeing a show come and go is hard, but he is used to the bittersweet feeling by now. "It's like chapters in life...You create something together and then you hear the applause and it's over."

By Katharyn Schrader

"A girl will get brownie points if she likes the beard."



Kolby acted alongside Jordan Hirl in the fall play.



When he's not acting, Kolby finds time to work as a referee for intramural games.



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To Beard or Not to Beard

Kolby is also known for having a double identity: sometimes he has a remarkably successful beard which people occasionally say makes him look Amish, and sometimes he doesn't. "Most guys love it," he says of the times when his face is comfortably carpeted, "but 90% of girls don't. I feel more confident when I'm clean-shaven, but a girl will get brownie points if she likes the beard."

Kolby is inspired by Abraham Lincoln, Professor Jerry Cohagen, and his parents. He values President Lincoln's vulnerability and integrity, and he owes his continued enrollment at Olivet following freshman year to Professor Cohagen, who convinced him not to transfer. His appreciation for his parents increases as he gets older. "I can better recognize their sacrifice now," he says.

Kolby is certainly a junior to know. He wears blue to make his eyes stand out, he loves people, and he is not shy. "I just try to take life step by step," he says. "I don't know exactly where I'm going, but I just want to bring glory to Christ." (On-stage or off, clean-shaven or other.)



// Juniors



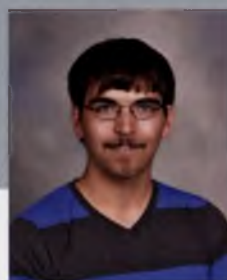
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Colleen Barry
Mary Bass
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Joseph Bauer
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Sarah Aeschliman
Attalyssa Berg
Brittany Bernholdt
Grant Berquist
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Tyler Binnendyk



Desmond Albert
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Keegan Block
Kristin Bloyd
Katelyn Boicken
Amy Bolton
Michael Bork



Danielle Branham
Amy Brenner
Cameron Brewer
Kristin Britt
Drew Brodien



"Faith is a huge part of my life."

Favorite spot on campus: Centennial Chapel
Major: Intercultural and Religious Studies
Favorite class: Introduction to Philosophy with Dr. Mark Quanstrom. "Dr. Quanstrom makes you think about things in a different way," Stu said.
Both of his parents and his sister, Cassie, are Olivet alumni. He loves watching and critiquing film, especially action-suspense thrillers. His favorite movie of 2013 was World War Z.

Major: Social Work

She picked her major because she has a heart to help people. "I know through social work I can accomplish what God has called me to do," she said. One day, she would love to use it open a camp. "I don't know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future!" If she could be any animal, she would be a hippo, "Because I could eat as much as I want and still look cute!"

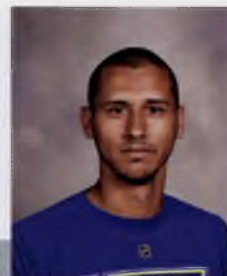
"I would be a hippo because I could eat and still look cute."



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Isabella Colangelo
Taylor Cole



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Sam Cooper
Kevin Covarrubias
Ryan Covarrubias



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Rebecca Crane
Loren Crawford
Samuel Cullado
Taylor Dace





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Megan Butler
Austin Davis
Emily Davisson
Kenneth DeCook
Mary DeMent
Amber DeYoung



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Kate Dekoning
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Kaci Dunnun



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Nicholas Eckart
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Taihla Eddins
Samantha Ellett



Gretchen Elliott
Jonathan Elliott
Jessica Ellison
Valerie Erickson
Mayra Escoto Rodas

Major: Accounting and Spanish
 Her favorite class is Spanish Culture and Civilization.
 "I lived in Quito, Ecuador this summer for two months and I hope to travel to South and Central America in the future," Jackie said, "I hope to be fluent in all Romance languages by the time I am 30." Besides studying abroad she also likes to write letters to pen pals and has been on the track team for the past three years.

"Cracking noises
 make me
 extremely
 uncomfortable."



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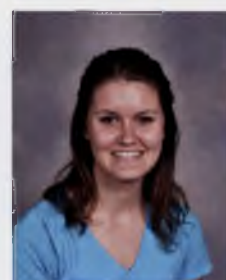
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Sydney Hunt
Tori Hunt
Chaz Hutchison
Hayley Ivanic



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Joy Jenen
Emily Johnson
Seth Johnson
Megan Lingle
Kylie Lippencott



Elizabeth Jolly
Brenda Jones
Elise Jordan
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Teresa Kamper
Alyse Long
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Taylor Kelsey
Heather Kennedy
Austin Kennell
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Elizabeth Kimball
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Elizabeth Koch
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Ji Lee



Victoria Lee
Grace Leighton
Kaia Lenzi
Kelly Lickteig
Andrew Lindell



Major: Social Science Education

Joy is in her second year as an RA in Williams Hall. "I love being a mom to them," Joy said. Her favorite professor is Dr. Loewe with her favorite class being American Civilization. In January 2013 she went to Washington, D.C. with Dr. Loewe. Besides being an RA and studying history, Joy also loves spending time with her cat Carmel and camping during the summer.



"I'm just a weird person."



Joel Lynn
Tiffany Madura
Kristin Marshall
Cameron Mason
Abigail Maurer



Kendra Maxon
Ethan McCallister
Skylar McCance
Melissa McDannell
Douglas McLaughlin



Charles McNulty
Miles Meador
Hayley Meadows
William Meitzler
Adam Metzler



"I should
have had a
crossbow!"

Major: Accounting and Marketing

"I really like salesmanship," Sam said. When asked what people might not know about him, he responded, "I know the Russian word for cookie. It's 'pechen'ya.'" Sam continued, "I'm also willing to meet everyone. Be who you are. I'm not going to judge anyone." Sam's spirit animal is a giraffe, for obvious reasons. Some of his favorite activities include: wakeboarding, baseball, beach volleyball, and soccer.





Seth Moore
Shelby Moreland
Jessica Morey
Susan Morrill
Lindsay Morris



Elizabeth Moulding
Kayla Moutvic
Ethan Mowry
Shae Mowry
Madison Moyer



Hannah Moyers
Truitt Murrow
Justine Myers
Daisy Nava
Sierra Navarro



Christine Michaels
Lindsay Miller
Rachel Nichol
Casey Nugent
Amanda Oden
Gabriel Ojeda
Katina Oksnevad



Sarah Miller
Stephanie Miller
Katelyn Oprondek
Alexandra Ortiz
Cody Overocker
James Palmer
Sean Parpart



Destiny Mitchell
David Modica
Lillian Patton
Allyssa Paulsen
Tai Peachey
Ashley Peet
Julia Pennings

Paige Penrod
 Christopher Peterson
 Rachel Peterson
 Cassandra Petrie
 Alexander Phillips
 Emily Rosenboom
 Julia Ross



Brian Pickering
 Daniel Pickering
 Kaitlyn Pierce
 Michael Poff
 Krista Postell
 Kimberly Rothacker
 Olivia Ruby



Annalisa Pouliot
 David Powers
 Brittany Pruitt
 Breanne Putney
 Zachary Rasmuson
 Annie Salsgiver
 Ashley Sarver



Josilee Ray
 Emily Reader
 Sarah Ready
 Wesley Reece
 Sabra Reichow



Kyle Reopelle
 Kristen Richey
 Kayla Ridgway
 Shana Riedlinger
 Allison Ritzert



Lisa Rizzo
 Kaitlyn Roberts
 Rachel Rodeheaver
 Logan Roix
 Catherine Rose



Major: Athletic Training/Exercise Science

Josh is from Anchorage, Alaska and is the tallest person in his family, even at 5' 8." He worked as a commercial fisherman catching red salmon over one summer. "I'm a cat person," Josh admits. Josh is the outside linebacker on Olivet's football team. "I'm color blind. I almost failed kindergarten because I didn't fill in my coloring pages correctly.



"I can say my ABCs pretty fast backwards."



Stefan Sauder
Heidi Schoenbein
Tia Schrader
Derek Schwartz
Lindsay Seiberlich



Loren Shattuck
Emily Shelden
Charles Sheldon
Victoria Sheldon
Brooke Shepherd



Lindsey Shoemaker
Lamica Simmons
Elizabeth Siron
Kallie Siscoe
Lisa Skraba

Major: Elementary Education

Amber plays ultimate frisbee with the Lady Penguins. Her favorite professor is Dr. Oswalt, while her favorite class this year was Studies in Literature with Dr. Belcher-Rankin. "I've been addicted to pool this year," Amber said. "My favorite place on campus is the tree house because of the pool table." Amber also enjoys working at the Provena nursing home.

"I really love hospital socks."



Alexander Southe
Victoria Sparks
Kalene Spence
Wesley Sproul
Samuel Steiber



Erin Stephens
Kylee Stevens
Anna Stiker
Lindsay Stotler
Daniel Strasser



Kathryn Strom
Ryne Szurgot
Erika Tatum
Jacob Taylor
Lamika Terrell





Nadia Skrzecz
Neil Smith
Shelby Thein
Morgan Thomas
Zachary Thurston
Rachel Timmer
Bradley Ton



Ryan Smith
Abigail Snow
Laura Trosien
Jordyn Truelock
Abigail Turner
Tyler Tuttle
Morgan Van Peurse



Christopher Sonnenberg
Lucas Sorensen
Kelsey Vihnanek
Samuel Vroman
Angela Vyncke
Kristin Weaver
Brittney Weiske



Whitney Welch
Nathan Weseloh
Hannah Whittington
Jennifer Wieland
Kendra Wikoff



Angela Wilcox
Sahara Wilcoxon
Nicole Wilder
Briana Wilkey
Roy Wilseck



Eva Winters
Ashley Wolfe
Emma Wright
Megan Yoder
Kyle Zeman

//Figuring It Out

— Pam Loitz

“We have a matching piercing!” Pam Loitz said to a new friend out of nowhere. Her conversations dip and dive into hollows that no one thought viable before meeting her. She’s full of a fantastic kind of energy which makes her personality magnetic. “Before I came to Olivet I didn’t grow up in a Christian home,” she says, slowed suddenly by contemplation. She was looking at colleges in Colorado before her father recommended Olivet because of its proximity to her home. “What I heard about Olivet was that it was weird . . . and I fell in love with it the first day.” She became a Christian on September 19, 2012, shortly after becoming a member of the Olivet family.

The following summer she was honored with the opportunity to work at Camp Sonshine, a Christian camp in Nebraska. She was initially intimidated by the feeling of inadequacy when comparing herself to the other counselors, whom she says she considered “more advanced Christians.” Despite her initial hesitation, she soon turned her lack of knowledge into a benefit, learning along with her campers. If a camper asked her a question she didn’t know the answer to, her response was always, “Let’s figure it out.”

By David Modica





Pam is an ethnic conundrum: born in Bulgaria to parents who were Italian, she learned Russian from birth and was adopted by a German-speaking family. She only wishes that she had a South African accent.

Quite the Conundrum



Do it for the Kids

AWANA, an acronym for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed, is an evangelical organization dedicated to educating young children about the Bible and providing a loving community. Christ Community Church sponsors a group at Peotone Elementary school on Wednesdays, where Pam helps to lead a group of twenty-five kids. "We literally just play with kids and teach them about God . . . it's the best combination ever." (S)

// Sophomores



Cortney Allenbaugh
Joshua Altmann
Jessica Anderson
Ryan Anderson
Joel Andrade
Nathan Arel



Jay Armstrong
Alexander Atkisson
Angelique Azouri
Alexis Badiac
Melissa Bartholomew
Kymberli Beausoleil



Amy Beckberger
Sara Becker
Melissa Beer
Anthony Benda
Daniel Berkiel
Matthew Bieber
Jacqueline Clark
Ryan Clark
Brenna Close



Holly Billiter
Ryan Blauw
Madeline Bloom
Austin Blyly
Tyler Bontrager
Ashley Borop
Matthew Cockcroft
Joanne Coffey
Breanna Coffman





Lainee Abbott
Benjamin Agan
Katie Bosket
Ashton Boyer
Carlea Bretland
Amy Brown
Collin Brown
Emmaline Brown



Kristen Alaniz
Emily Albertson
Abigail Allen
Zachary Brown
Haley Bryant
Barbara Budach
Brandon Burchfield
Jazmine Buster
Elisa Caballero



Madison Caise
Kellie Campbell
Annette Carr
Hardy Carroll
Megan Casali
Joseph Case



Da'Naye Cavette
Tamara Chalikian
Paul Chatfield
Scott Cheek
Jaimie Chen
Hannah Cheney



#sophomores



Luke Steelman @TheMeanEugene

I guess it really is just me, myself, and all my millions.



Lucas Fritch @Fritcherator

I love thinking about good deodorant names. What do y'all think of these: deliverance, freedom, escape, cream soda, and tameless dragon #yes



Emily Sauer @ SweetNSauer

Some days this whole getting out of bed thing just doesn't settle well with me. And by some days, I mean everyday.



Alex Ewers @Alex_Ewers

My couch and my fridge fight for my attention...They don't know that I love them equally. #MyLoveLife

Rebekah Colbert
 Brandon Conrad
 Caleb Cornell
 Daniel Couchenour
 Jonathan Couchenour
 Cody Curtis



Jennifer D'Onofrio
 Brittany Daugherty
 Kirsten Davenport
 Alyssa Davis
 Garrett Davis
 Hannah Davis



Noah Davis
 Zane DeBeck
 Matthew DeBoer
 Rebecca DeRuiter
 Kathryn Dean
 Shelby Delaney



Jessica Dirkse
 Michelle Ditchfield
 Brandon Divan
 Matthew Dixon
 Liza Dollenbacher
 Mary Douglas



Eric Douglass
 Daniel Eccles
 Cana Elmhurst
 Renee Enz
 Alexander Ewers
 Taylor Ewing



Megan Eylander
 Reid Farchmin
 Alyssa Faulks
 Shelley Fellows
 Matthew Ferris
 Scott Fischer





Jada Fisher
Kelsey Fisk
Mark Fleschner
Morgan Fly
Tyler Ford
Laura Fosnaugh



Madison Foster
Megan French
Lucas Fritch
Keila Galloway
Elizabeth Gantzarto
Jillian Gardner



Tate Garner
Charlton Garr
Daisy Garrison
Christina Garza
Andrew Gaskill
Aimee Gauss



Jessica Gerig
Richard Givens
Kalla Gold
Ana Gomez
Maria Gomez Limon
Alicia Gonzalez



Myranda Gors
Jacob Gouge
Derek Grainger
Sarah Graveline
Laura Graven
Sara Gray



Breanna Greer
Jasper Griffith
Erin Gromala
Curtis Groover
Lydia Grosse
Jared Guerrero



Jonathan Hand
Neely Harris
Shelbi Harris
Sydney Harris
Alexandria Hatfield
Lindsay Hathaway



Jordan Hayes
Alea Heck
Cole Heinz
Mary Heinz
Kaylin Heitmeyer
Karalyn Hewett



Luke Hiatt
Jacob Hileman
Phillip Hill
Travis Hill
Levi Himes
Nicholas Hinrichs



Jordan Hirl
Kurtis Hoekstra
Heather Hoffman
Alina Holliday
Nichole Hollis
Austin Hoppe





Caleb Gulledge
Margaret Gutwein
Elizabeth Hackney
Carolyn Horne
Molly Hotle
Ryan Hull
Megan Huschen
Jonathan Hutchison
Isabelle Huyck



Amanda Haffer
Andrew Hagberg
Melissa Hale
Kayla Hyde
Sydney Hyde
Kati Jackson
Rachel Jensen
Caila Johnson
Caitlin Johnson



Joshua Johnson
Kyle Johnston
Christian Kalfas
Emily Kammin
Emily Kane
Lauren Kasler



Melinda Kearney
Jonathan Kee
Angela Kellar
Elaine Kepp
Jaclyn Kiers
Brittany Killion



Kristy Kjell
Andrew Klauba
Kellie Klumb
Aaron Knette
Sylvester Knight
Whitney Knox



Courtney Kodat
Skyler Koehn
Jace Kost
Michael Krebill
Natalie Kreun
Brianna Kulhan

Samuel Kwak
Jaqueline LaPash
Rebekah LaPlante
Aaron Larson
Matthew Larson
Stephanie Larson



Madalyn Lathrop
David Latko
Wesley Lau
David Leman
Kayla Lewis
Jordan Lingle



Stephanie Linquist
Taryn Lofton
Taylor Logan
Pamela Loitz
Tiara Long
Ashley Longnecker



Ian Lopshire
Melissa Luby
Janelle Lucas
Hannah Luginbill
Ryan Lutz
Andrea MacDonough



Alexandra Mahaffey
Kasey Main
Cody Manning
Joelle Mannion
Brandon Maranion
Hayley Marcordes



Andrew Marcotte
Michaela Maris
Brittany Markland
Keren Marsh
Hannah Martin
Kimberly Maue





Morgan McCormick
Christina McCoy
Paige McCrie
Holly McDonald
Kaitlin McHenry
Megan McKinley



Katie Megyesi
Katelynn Meli
Jacob Mellinger
Ronald Milbocker
Claira Miles
Logan Miller



Taylor Miller
Tessa Miller
Danielle Milner
Daniel Mitchell
Vittoria Miulli
Rebecca Mooi



Jessica Moore
Lindsay Morr
Garrett Muhlstadt
Mitchel Musselman
Ryan Muzljakovich
Sadie Navas



Elizabeth Nellis
Jamie Neven
Johanna Oksnevad
Chad Olds
Heather Orseno
Nicole Panka



Richard Paret
Rebekah Parker
Sergio Parks
Gwendolyn Payne
Genesis Perez
Savannah Peters

Haley Peterson
Julie Pilaczynski
Bethany Pilat
Saige Pilgrim
Gregory Planck
Micah Plank
Arika Schmitt
Ashley Schmitt
Nicholas Schoon



Sam Porgman
Matthew Posladek
Calvin Price
Sarah Putman
Jessica Putnam
Sarah Quealy
Collin Schoonover
Taylor Schott
Christian Schrader



Francisco Ramirez
Jessica Raquet
Catherine Reed
Meredith Renewanz
Asha Reynolds
Kacey Richman
Katelynn Schurman
Alyssa Secor
Cristen Seiders



Chelsea Risinger
Nicholas Rivera
Rebekah Rivers
Zachary Rivett
Brett Robertson
Joshua Robinson
Victoria Sellers
David Shaffer
Nicholas Shaffer



Megan Rogahn
Nathan Romanowski
Alexandra Rosa
Leah Roth
Clara Ruegsegger
Walker Runyan



Zane Rupe
Emily Rush
Emily Sauer
Amber Scheidt
Zachary Schinzing
Annika Schmit





Brian Shaw
Marie Sheets
Preston Shelton
Ryan Shelton
Dominique Shepherd
Edward Shilka

Katarena Shiner
Lindsey Shirk
Charity Shonamon
Julie Shreves
Amanda Siciak
Bethanie Sills



//Great Gift

The sophomore class gifted Dr. Bowling with a beautiful piece of art for Christmas. Creator Francisco

Ramirez explained the process: "I decided to make a leaf inspired wood-burning piece, because during the fall the leaves fall down and leave a beautiful impression in the ground. Dr. Bowling is well known for leaving a great and beautiful impression on people."

I made the wood burning by using a 4x4 piece of wood and a wood burning tool and a ton of imagination. I was extremely nervous when he was opening it. I was scared that he wasn't going to like. In the end it was nothing but praises, and he told me he loved it and I had done a great job. This made me feel proud of myself. I just hope that I can top it off for next year's gift!"

Michael Skinner
William Slager
Kyle Sleik
Audrey Smith
Bethany Smith
Caleb Smith



Jeffrey Smith
McKenzie Smith
Abigail Songer
Jonathan Songer
Raquel Sotomayor
Benjamin Speakman



Kassandra Spinnie
Morgan St Aubin
Monica Stamper
Joseph Stella
Maria Stevens
Rebecca Stolberg



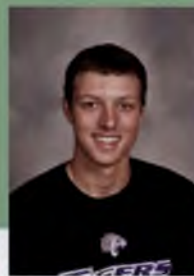
Luke Strasser
Kathryn Strom
Jayne Stuart
Oliver Stuckey
Ashlee Sullivan
Kariana Sunnarborg



Kirsten Sutton
Etienne Swanepoel
Rachel Swanson
Emily Swartzwelder



Chelsea Thacker
Alexander Thorson
Chandler Tuckerman
Briana Turner





Christopher Umphries
Evelyn Unti
Emily Vallender
Justine Von Arb
Robert Wagner
Elisabeth Wahl



Krista Walker
Rebekah Walton
Natalie Wangler
Seth Ward
Joshua Ware
Troy Watson



Alissa Weatherford
Kelsey Weener
Shelby Wegforth
Holly Weitzel
Ethan Weniger
Taylor Wetherell



Brendan Wheeler
Leslie White
Nicole Whiting
Alyscia Whitley
Laprinicia Wiggins
Taylor Williams



Bailey Wilmot
Paige Winters
Paul Wissmiller
Kristin Wodka
Austin Wolf
Bridget Wolff



Joel Yates
Morgan Youman
Jillian Youngquist
Caleb Yourdon
Mateusz Zajchowski
Sarah Zylstra

//Pop the Bubble

Daniel Meza —————

"Sometimes we're in our own little bubble," he says about the American church, sinking into a chair that looks less comfortable than it really is. He's wearing a button down under a sweater.

Daniel Meza is a freshman with a major in communications and a minor in multimedia with a focus in film studies. Despite his prospective graduation date, Daniel is actually twenty years old. His parents are both missionaries. When asked about his future in ministry all he can say is, "I don't feel like I was called to be a missionary." It's as simple as that. God's instruction dictates the direction of his life.

By David Modica

Daniel worked at EnCLave Producciones in Quito, Ecuador filming a women's TV show called "Mujer Valiosa," which means Valuable Woman. He did everything from video production to photography and animation. (1). (S) Daniel took a break to play pool between classes (2). (R.H.)





Daniel and his brother traveled to the city of Medellín, Colombia (3). (S) Daniel worked with Caleb Williams to begin producing episodes for the show. (4). (S)

Film Studies

“I was born in Costa Rica,” Daniel Meza says, though he now lives in Colombia. He took a year off of school in order to work in film ministry. He spent six months traveling around to various cities with his dad to film different congregations to raise awareness for their ministries. The second half was spent in Ecuador working for a film company that’s “part of the Nazarene Mission.” It was while working there that he met a student mission group from Olivet and instantly felt connected.

“Going to Olivet was an option but it wasn’t a concrete decision,” he says. He had two other options: continue to work in Colombia or go to school at Mount Vernon. After interacting with the students of Olivet, his decision was solidified. “It’s a very diverse college,” he says proudly.

// Freshmen



Melanie Adams
Kaitlyn Adkins
Tyler Alcazar
Christine Aldeir
Megan Aldridge
Mattie Alexander



Allison Alexy
Nathan Allen
Spencer Allen
Sarah Allison
A'tajene Anderson
Riley Anderson



Tamareia Anderson-Wilson
Alyssa Applegate
Liliana Arroyo
Jenna Ayers
Brooke Bachtold
Madison Badiac



Brandon Baker
Luke Baker
Tyrel Baldrige
Abigail Balducci
Ashley Baldyga
Brooke Ballard





Nicole Abraham
Carrie Barker
Madylin Barker
Amanda Barnes
Benjamin Barnes
Miranda Basile
Jackson Batts



Aaron Abrassart
Keenan Acken
Hannah Beals
Kristin Beatty
Alyssa Bell
Connor Berg
Sandra Berrum
Brady Bettis



Shaun Beutlich
Diana Bilea
Codey Bishop
Matthew Blackwell
Rachel Blunier
Brandon Boer



Nathan Bolander
Brennen Bollinger
Kylie Bradley
Derek Bradshaw
Jordan Bragg
Mercy Bray



Fleur Breuker
Ashley Brieschke
Micaela Bright
Marisa Brooks
Sophie Brooks
Jared Broom



Emily Brown
Karley Brown
Kaylee Brown
Leah Brown
Mitchell Brummel
Morgan Bundenthal

Wanzie Burden
Haley Burge
Anna Burkey
Madeline Buseth
Cara Butler
Cody Cadle



Tung Anh Cao
Victoria Carbonell
Spencer Carpenter
Jocelyn Carrillo
Katelyn Carroll
Holly Carter



Drew Cary
Benjamin Cataldo
David Cericola
Nelisa Chamorro
Elizabeth Chapman
Aaron Chatfield



//Aaron Leavitt

Aaron is new here at ONU, but his family isn't. Six of his relatives are Olivet graduates, and his grandparents, Roland and Freda Wolfe, are well known within the Olivet community. As the newest member of an Olivet family legacy, Aaron says he is very happy with his decision to come here. He explained, "My experience at Olivet has been great. The professors are indeed some amazing people. My favorite thing about ONU would have to be the love and happiness that seems to be emitted by pretty much everyone you come in contact with." Aaron is majoring in athletic training, and his favorite things include Scripture, coffee, and being awesome.





Tyler Crater
Ashley Crawford
Hannah Crothers
Abigale Crowder
Maggie Cusey
Laura D'Angelo



Riley Dale
Christian Daniels
Paul Dasilva
Peter Davies
Madison Davis
Michael Davoust



Lynnae De Jong
Kara DeLong
Autumn Deacon
David Decker
David Decker
Cody Deffendall



Louisa Clarke
Ryan Clendening
Peyton Close
Marissa Degroot
Jacqueline Deslauriers
Spencer Dexter
Stacie Dexter
Melissa Diaz
Nathan Dicamillo



Craig Cook
Logan Cooper
Kirsten Cornella-Carlson
Andrea Dillman
Brenna Dohm
Davis Domagalski
Christine Dorband
Molly Dragoo
Caleb Drake



Kristen Coser
Hannah Covert
April Crangle
Jennifer Druse
Morgan Duke
Jonathan Dulinsky
Alexandra Duncan
Robert Dykhous
Kaitlyn El-Talabani

Rachel Elder
Alaina Elliot
Tyler Ellis
Megan Elmer
Rachel Elson
Shavon Emerson



Allison Englebrecht
Michelle Erickson
Alberto Escobar Ruiz
Evelyn Espinoza
McKenzie Evans
Cole Evenson



Sarah Faivre
Nikos Fajdich
Jamison Ferguson
Michael Fiene
Chase Fierro
Jacob Finn



Joseph Finn
Luke Fischer
Dexter Fish
Tiffani Fisher
Bryan Fladseth
Travis Fleetwood



Aaron Flemming
Jacob Ford
Matthew Fowler
Brooke Fraley
Alynn Franklin
Marta Franseen



Ashley Freeman
Tierney Frey
Laura Frump
Shealeigh Funni
Levi Gambill
Genesis Garcia





David Gardner
Mariah Garratt
Lyandon Gaspar
Hannah Gee



Kelsea Gerler
Jeffrey Gerstenberger
Andrea Gibson
Denise Gibson



Alex Gill
Garrett Goff
Caio Goncalves-Barros
Tatiana Gonzalez



Rachael Gordon
Hannah Gorecki
Alexandria Grady
Miya Graham



Shannon Grant
Shanon Gray
Nicole Green
Katelyn Gregory



Mikayla Griwac
Andrew Grosch
Erika Grossi
Elizabeth Grove

// Esther Paek



Esther Paek is a biblical studies major from North Chesterfield, Virginia, but you may know her better as the freshman class chaplain. Esther was attracted to Olivet by the small size, sense of community, and Christian focus, but her decision to attend came when she read Acts 1:12 and saw the word "Olivet" in the Bible for the first time. She took it as a sign from God that ONU would be the right place for her, and so far, it has exceeded her expectations. The classes here have expanded her perspective on the possibilities and strategies of ministry. When asked about what she is looking forward to in her next three years at Olivet, Esther said, "I'm looking forward to really deepening my relationship with God and enriching my life with good friends... And, possibly finding a husband," she added with a laugh.

Matheus Guimaraes
Seung Chul Ha
Elaine Hackney



Matthew Haerr
Kristi Hamachek
Brandon Hamilton



Abigail Hancock
Allyson Hanrahan
Holly Harlow
Jonathan Harman
Lisa Hartman
Danielle Harvick



Andrea Hay
John Hayes
Brooke Heaton
Elizabeth Hein
Jessa Hendricker
Megan Hendrickson



Cassandra Hendrix
Hannah Henry
Rachel Hensley
Lyndsey Herndon
Emily Hess
Joshua Hess



Victoria Hess
Shannon Hicks
Ethan Hiles
Kollin Hiles
Morgan Hill
Helena Hill-Schaeffer





Sydney Hilst
Lara Hoaglan
Jacqueline Hobbs
Elisabeth Hobson
Anneka Hoekstra
Grace Hohn



Dava Hollis
Austin Holton
Alexander Hottle
Codey Houts
Sydney Houzenga
Taylor Howard



Allison Howell
Taylor Hudelson
Sean Hudgens
Sarah Hudi
Christina Huebner
Hannah Humphrey



Nicholas Hundley
Kristen Hung
Alexander Hunt
Sean Hurley
Charlene Hutchcraft
Jayna Hyde



Brandon Jackson
Jacari Jackson
Elizabeth Jenkins
Johnson Jevaghn
Rachel Jirik
Alexander Johnson



Amanda Johnson
Elizabeth Johnson
Heather Johnson
Jessica Johnson
Jordan Johnson
Jessica Johnston

Kathryn Jones
Rachel Jones
Dalton Jordan
Rhani Jordan
Lisa Kampenga
Kayla Karrick



Madison Karrick
Joy Katenkamp
Sarah Kearney
Richard Keeley
Mallory Keenan
Emily Kelley



Kaitlyn Kelsey
Ryan Kennell
Cody Keppner
Colin Keppner
Kate Kettelkamp
Grace King



Wanjiru Kinuthia
Addison Kirchner
Madison Kirk
Samuel Kleindienst
Dasan Klingenberg
Daniel Koehn



Justin Kollar
Kayla Krassman
Ashley Krug
Joseph Kuschman
Karlin Labenske
Karah Lain



Luke Lambert
Caleb Lankford
Justin Lautermilch
Carrie Leato
Jennifer Lee
Yongbin Lee





Kaitlynn Legg
Rebecca Lemke
Rebekah Leonard
Tyson Lersch
Marissa Lester
Ashley Lindman



Tyler Lingle
Shawn Link
Emily Lohr
Steven Loll
Jordan Loudermilk
Joshua Love



Kyle Love
Julia Luecke
Brandon Maatman
Seth MacPherson
Gunther Maddock
Dominic Mancini



Ryan Marcotte
Kristen Markech
Brianna Marshall
Kathleen Marston
Brenna Martin
Hayley Martin



Joshua Martin
Alyssa Martinez
Erica Matheis
Sarah Matyskela
Brandon May
Auriana Mayer



Hanna McBroom
Amelia McCann
Joshua McCarty
Ian McGuire
Samantha McLain
Spencer Meador



Matt Reed, Maddie Buseth, and Rachel Blunier pause for a picture while playing Apples to Apples.



Autumnal food and new friends abound at the freshman party in the Warming House.



Brandon Hamilton and Jacob Ford focus in on a board game.



Esther Paek playfully balances a pumpkin on Gunther Maddock's head.

Angela Meier
Vaughan Meiss
Faith Meitzler
Joseph Melsha



Jacob Mettill
Brianna Meyers
Natily Meyers
Jacob Miller



Olivia Miller
Abigail Mills
Emily Mills
William Mims



Cheyenne Miotti
Julianne Mitchell
Trevor Moberly
Brent Mollema



Matthew Montgomery
Charity Moody
Mitchell Moon
Sarah Moon



Samantha Morey
Lacey Morgan
Ashley Mose
Drew Mosson





Sarah Mouaraki
Alef Jose Moura Guimaraes
Lisbeth Munoz
Macy Murray
Hannah Musselman
Chloe Myers



Jacob Neal
Shaianna Neufeld
Joslyn Nicholson
Korbin Nickoson
Ashley Nogoda
Christina Norwood



Lauren Nygaard
Eric O'Brien
Alec Ondrajka
Ashley Oosterhouse
Alexander Osborne
Elizabeth Ostrowski



Luke Otto
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Katelyn Papineau
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Jaron Parke

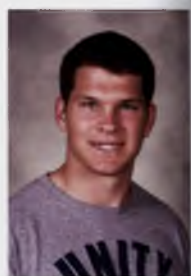


Joshua Parker
Rachel Pasch
Arizbeth Pastenes
Olivia Perea
Damaris Perez
Manuel Perez



Haley Peterson
Steven Peterson
Christopher Pettis
Aaron Phillips
Lauren Phillips
Paige Phillips

Drew Philson
Ashley Piekarczyk
Jessica Pierotti
Danielle Pinder
Joshua Pityer
Palmer Ponstein



Amilee Potts
Caleb Powell
Ayla Price
Carson Price
Benjamin Prince
DeShawna Psalms



Gianna Puccinelli
Juleah Puccinelli
Daneli Rabanalez Hernandez
Alexandra Radulovic
Megan Ralston
Samantha Rasmussen



Cassidy Ratcliff
Juliana Ray
Sarah Ray
Tiffany Ray
Molly Reamon
Katelyn Reed



Matthew Reed
Angela Reinbacher
Daniel Reinke
Marjorie Remy
Matthew Restad
Jason Reynolds



Jacquelynn Rhea
Olivia Rhoades
Stephen Richardson
Macie Riegel
Alan Riley
Maggie Risher





Holly Risinger
 Nicholas Rivera
 Reilly Roberts
 Justin Robertson
 Jonathen Robey
 Kanisha Rodriguez



Brittin Rollette
 Hayley Ronci
 Myles Roosevelt
 Thalia Rosas
 Madison Rose
 Ryan Rose



Megan Ruffolo
 Lyndsey Rupp
 Thomas Russell
 Luke Salomone
 Jack Salsgiver
 Thomas Salsgiver



//Pushing Through

Cancer Survivors on Campus//



Lindsay Miller, a junior, sat in a computer lab on the fourth floor of Burke (her home as an English major) smiling beneath her Blackhawks hat, excited to talk the ear off of anyone about the nation's greatest team and the world's best sport.

Leaning against the chair, she fired off her favorite players. Savard is first, playing in the eighties, before she was born. "I had the opportunity to meet him once," she said, eyes wide with the memory. "I have an autographed puck from him and it's my prized possession." Also on the list is Seabrook, who she quickly mentioned is the youngest player on the team. "My mom jokes I'm going to marry him, and I hope it's not a joke," she said. She has multiple jerseys, a shocking number of T-shirts—15—along with a plethora of other apparel and accessories, including a collection of hats.

Despite all the evidence to the contrary, Lindsay is in remission, with three treatments left to combat a stage three case of Hodgkin's lymphoma. "We found the tumor on April Fool's day," she said, her smile evanescent. Treatment began as soon as she went home for summer break. She finished this year by traveling home every other

Friday.

"It was honestly such a blessing that the Hawks lasted so long in the playoffs," she said, "It was encouraging seeing them fight their battles while I was fighting mine." Unfortunately, one of the side effects of the chemotherapy was

"It was encouraging to see the Blackhawks fighting their battles while I was fighting mine."

deterioration in vision, which led to some difficulty watching lengthy amounts of television. "I would purposefully nap for hours leading up to the game," she said.

Her celebration of their recent victory wasn't affected in the least by the sickness. "I literally collapsed to the floor and cried. Then my friend and I went out to McDonalds," she said. Despite being unable to go to the parade due to her weakened immune system, she got her chance to touch the Stanley Cup on its way to a rally, after weaving through a crowd and past a security guard. She found out she was cancer-free just two weeks later, prompting her family to jest that "Jesus and Lord Stanley" had cured her. By David Modica

Number One Fan



Brent Seabrook scored in overtime during game four of the 2013 Stanley Cup Finals against the Boston Bruins to help the Blackhawks win the cup.

Count Your Blessings, Not Your Burdens

"I want to go up to people who have cancer and say, 'Hey—you're bald. I was too!'" Hannah Reister does not shy away from telling people that she had cancer.

When she came to Olivet, most people just thought she just had a cute, short haircut. Now, a year later, perfect ringlets fall nearly to her shoulder. If you stay and ask, you will learn about the day that Hannah cut off a foot of her long blonde hair to donate it, and about the mornings she woke up with fallen hair blanketing her pillow due to chemo rounds during her senior year of high school. One day, she couldn't take it anymore. "We're shaving it off now," she decided.

As a volleyball player, Hannah had to work back up to reach the skill level she knew she was capable of after losing 30 pounds of muscle. While retraining her body, her heart was trained through the challenges too.

Like the title of the book the volleyball team studied this season, Hannah experienced a "soul shift." Her transformation



Johnson Oatman Jr. wrote "Count Your Blessings" in 1897.

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was tested this year when she tore her ACL on the third day of preseason. Still smiling, she relates that the injury would have caused her world to cave in if she hadn't already experienced—and beat—something bigger. "I have realized that the stresses of my life are so much smaller," she said. Hannah knows how blessed she is, often remembering the words of the hymn "Count Your Blessings" which her head oncologist sang to her on the day she found out she had cancer.

She knows that her challenging bout with cancer changed her life for the better. "I am genuinely excited to see God's plan in all of this," she says.

By Katharyn Schrader



Hannah has found comfort in the words of the hymn "Count Your Blessings." The lyrics explain, "When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed/When you are discouraged/Thinking all is lost/Count your blessings/Name them one by one/And it will surprise you what the Lord has done." (RH)

A Blessing in Disguise

"The doctors said I had a guardian angel over me," Brittany Luchene said, expression shifting from melancholy to celebrative. "This kind of thing doesn't normally happen to a fifteen year old, and it wasn't normal to not need chemo." All in all, she ascertains that she was lucky.

Brittany is in her junior year, working toward a double major in Business and Sports Management. She manages the ONU football team. She can't decide who she likes more: the Bears or the Blackhawks. When pressed she'll choose ice cream as the food to eat exclusively for the rest of her life (nutrition notwithstanding). She's also a cancer survivor, over four years cancer-free.

On January 5, in the middle of her sophomore year of high school, admitted to the hospital after experiencing severe stomach pain for three days. The doctors discovered her ruptured appendix had rushed her into surgery. "The doctor told me if I had come an hour later I would have died," she said reflectively.

The blessing didn't end with timing; the doctors discovered a tumor beneath her appendix that might have otherwise been overlooked. The mass was cancerous. The cells had spread to two-thirds of her colon, a portion of her large intestine, and a number of lymph nodes. The treatment would span from January to March, consisting of several surgeries to remove the affected tissue.

"At the time I was very distant," she said. "I struggled a lot with my faith." The largest obstacle was overcoming the question of why bad things happen to good people. She never gave up despite adversity, insisting that the experience helped her to reassess her values. "Looking back I grew a lot," she said with a smile.

After several weeks of checkups following her discharge, she was pronounced cancer free. Now, she's bucking under the weight of schoolwork like a typical upperclassman, participating in extra curricular activities when she can. "I got to see what was important and what wasn't," she said. She uses her story to emphasize the difference between the worldly and the eternal. Though the future is uncertain, she hopes it involves ice cream and athletics.



New Beginnings



Logan Roix, the oldest of nine children, is featured on the cover of a nonfiction memoir titled "What's Next, Papa?" written by his father about the loss of his wife to cancer four years ago. "I was having a rough day," he said reflectively. "It was right after

my mom died, and I just didn't want to get out of bed. We finally just went to one of the state parks, and we were hiking and I had a backpack on and I was just standing there looking the river and he took a picture."

His father later surprised him with the finished book cover featuring a photo of that moment.

Roughly four years later Logan was diagnosed with cancer after "noticing some changes." The doctors wasted no time, giving him an ultrasound that night. Two days later he met with a urologist. The day after that he had his first surgery. He received a call from his doctor on his way home from his family's house in Wisconsin telling him that the blood levels that they had been monitoring had gone up. He would need chemotherapy, a method of treatment

they were hoping to bypass. "When I first found out I had it I was kind of okay, not really freaking out," he said. "While we were driving home and he told me I would be starting chemo, that's when it hit me for the first time."

The treatment involved three rounds of chemotherapy. "The first week would be Monday through Friday for six to eight hours and then for two weeks after that I would just go on Tuesday, and it would be short and easy," he said. Afterwards there would be another full week of treatment. "I have never felt that tired before," he said. "It drains everything from you."

His mother's death left him with a lot of unanswered questions he'd been working through ever since. His own struggle with cancer left him humbled and taught him of God's grace through His provision over numerous medical bills that he could not have paid for on his own. "Why was I angry before?" he said. "He really is a great God." He chose joy rather than bitterness.

"I wouldn't say it was a good experience, but it hasn't been all bad," he concluded.

"Four years ago my mom passed away from cancer," he said pensively. "That was in April, and then the following August I met Taylor, who is now my fiancée. So we've been kind of going through this together. She was there with me every single treatment. I couldn't have done it otherwise."

He finished up his last treatment the Tuesday before coming to Olivet. For now, he's trying to stay on top of schoolwork and planning to marry Taylor a year from March, ready to put it all behind him and move on, applying the lessons he's learned in the process.

By David Modica

People // 91



"To say that fear, fatigue, stress, and medical bills didn't overwhelm me on a daily basis would be a lie," Taylor Cavanaugh said. "But with God's teachings of trust and love and Logan's smile and strength I was able to push through what has been the scariest six months of my life."

Dylan Saltzgiver
Emily Sanders
Shanny Santos
Joel Sauder
Grace Sauers
Julie Schaver



Brittany Scheidt
James Schenck
Hannah Schmerschneider
Andrew Schneider
Katie Schultz
Susan Schulz



Sydney Schweighart
Amanda Scurlock
Hunter Selby
Megan Semro
Frances Senecal
Grace Sennese



Cherise Seymour
Kristina Shahan
Brendan Shea
Colin Sheehan
Ashley Shepherd
Brittany Sherwood
Curlyn Stuart
Ashley Sullivan



Tyler Sherwood
Diana Silva
Kyndall Singletary
Thomas Siscoe
Kaitlyn Sladek
Brooke Smith
Matthew Sullivan
Jonathan Suominen



Katelyn Smith
Nathanael Smith
Patience Smith
Sonia Smith
Erich Sneideraitis
Lauren Snow
Troy Swindle
Matthew Taber





Hannah Sohl
Jenna Souhrada
Jordan Spay
Carlee Sprecher
Jessica Springer
Courtney Spurgeon



Emily Spychalla
Anthony St. Yves
Riley St. Clair
Aubrey Stafford
Allison Staggs
Shannon Steffen



Caitlyn Stevenson
Rachel Stidham
Michaela Stone
Adam Stoneking
Caleb Strand
David Strnad



//Twin Sisters

Gina Bianchi and Kati Jackson dressed up for the WRL Sister-to-Sister Christmas/Pajama Party. The women are participants in the Women's Residential Life Sister-to-Sister program. The program matches an upperclassman with a freshman; two women are matched based on interests and areas of study. There are usually two organized Sister-To-Sister meet-ups a semester, although freshmen are encouraged to reach out to their big sisters if they need guidance, advice, or just someone to hang out with. According to Gina and Kati, the program works very well.



// Juliana Ray

If you've stopped by Jazzman's recently, you may recognize Juliana Ray. This friendly freshman from Burke, Virginia is one of Sodexo's newest baristas. To keep things at the coffee shop interesting, Juliana tries to switch up her hairstyle every time she works. She's an elementary education major with a Spanish minor. If you haven't met her yet, stop by Jazzman's for a sweet treat and warm smile.



Grace Tervin
Adam Timmer
Andrew Tipton
Ambria Tisdell
Alexandria Tofari
Alexis Torres



Caitlin Trom
India Tuff
Breanna Turner
Sydney Tyler
Hayley Uhlman
Bryan Ulmen



Nicolette Vaccaro
Kiara Valenzuela
Marissa Vander Ploeg
Mitchell Vieth
Luke Vihnanek
Aiyana Villanueva





Katie Tabisz
Kelly Tabisz
Sarah Vrosh
Jacob Wagner
Jordan Wallem
Sarah Walmsley
Jamie Walsh
Deborah Walton



Frank Tapia
Jennifer Taylor
Jordan Wanner
Lacey Ward
William Ward
Jacob Warfle
Matthew Warren
Tyler Watson



Shelby Taylor
Jordan Terbush
Samantha Weigt
Ronald Welles
Keefer Whaley
Matthew Wheeler
Whitney Whitehead
Noah Wildeman



Laura Willging
Diamond Williams
Mylana Williams
Emily Willis
Jacob Wilson
Kayla Winter



Christian Wizieck
Andrea Wojciechowski
Anna Wolford
Caleb Woods
Megan Woods
Jeff Woodward



Nicholas Woodward
Catherine Wright
Samantha Wright
Tyler Yager
Megan York
Hannah Zobrist



//Student Life

There's a buzz on campus, traveling through gender-defined dorms, slowly making its way across the traffic jam on the way to Olde Oak. A nameless event is given breath and life on the lips and tongues of students. Events advertised in collages lining stairways create a yearlong excitement among the students of Olivet. Adults are reduced to childlike wonder with glorified games of steal the bacon and movies projected on an inflatable screen on the intramural fields. Finger painting takes on a whole new meaning in the annual Paint Wars. Spirits rise as kind strangers ardently approach each other with kind words and friendly affection. The heart of Olivet rests in its students.



//Running for Water

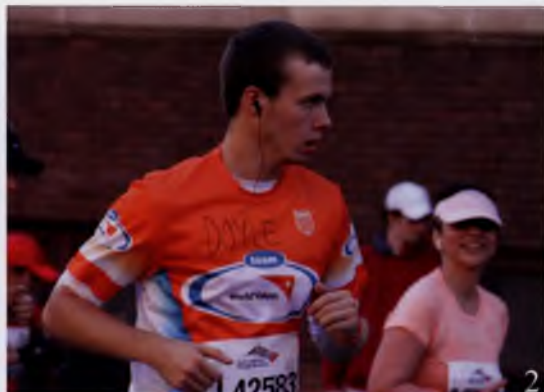
In the red line station, volunteers grin in genuine excitement, directing the foot traffic towards the Chicago Marathon taking place just a few blocks away.

A short walk later and we're pressed against a line of people standing haphazardly on the edge of a curb, waving signs in the air and shaking a contraption that appears to be a combination of a hand bell and a cow bell, in the worst way. They bang thundersticks together above their heads. They check their phones constantly for updates on their friends or family members in the race. They scream encouragement at strangers running by with their names written in sharpie on their shirt.

A stream of runners thickens and thins at irregular intervals, feet pound pavement like a drum line, and orange shirts proclaim individuals as part of the collective conscience of Team World Vision. Friendly faces are bountiful, with 131 runners from Olivet. Genesis Perez said proudly, "Running the marathon makes me feel as if I am taking a journey to find water for my family." He's wasn't alone. All in all, Team Olivet was able to raise \$75,000 for clean water.

Heidi Watson agreed, "I learned how much farther one can go when it's for someone else rather than ourselves. When you give to others, you truly do reap a huge reward in return."

By David Modica

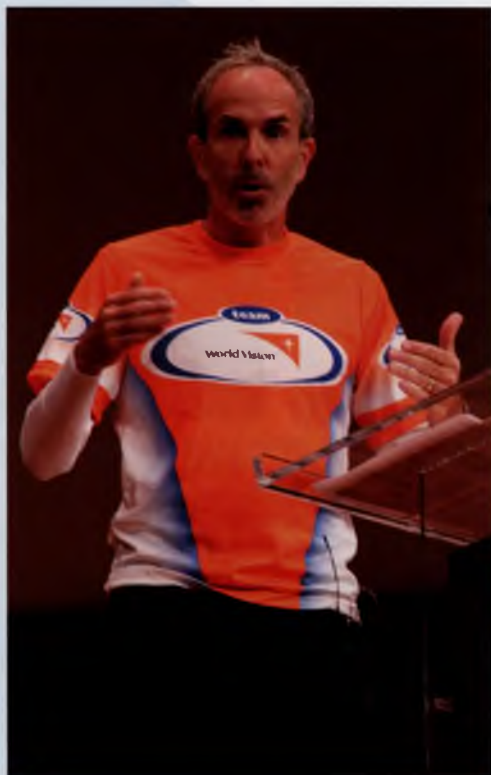


Jessica Morey ran the Chicago Marathon for Team World Vision alongside runners from all over the world, in the name of providing clean water to Africa (1). Brandon Doyle kept his pace with his headphones (2). Preston Shelton flashed a smile despite the grueling run (3). (rh)





Ultramarathon Man



Steve Spear ran down the center aisle of Centennial Chapel on his way to the podium. The audience expected him to be somewhat out of breath given the length of the aisle, until they realized that this man who is their father's age is an ultramarathon runner.

"I hate to run," he said. Despite the proclaimed aversion, he has established a goal to raise 1.5 million dollars for Team World Vision by running 120 marathons across the country.

He opened the address with awe-inspiring facts about his run from California to New York. "I consumed on average 5,000 calories per day," he said. Most of the fuel for his runs consisted of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches eaten midstride. In addition, he also consumed two blizzards from Dairy Queen after each run, substituting a McFlurry only when necessary.

At the end of his speech he invited the marathon runners up to the altar, calling on the congregation to lift their hands as a sign of support as he prayed to encourage the runners for the marathon, which took place Sunday, October 13, 2013.

By David Modica

//BLOCK PARTY

Students were relaxing by the petting zoo after a stressful start to the semester and professors were enjoying fresh cotton candy with their families.

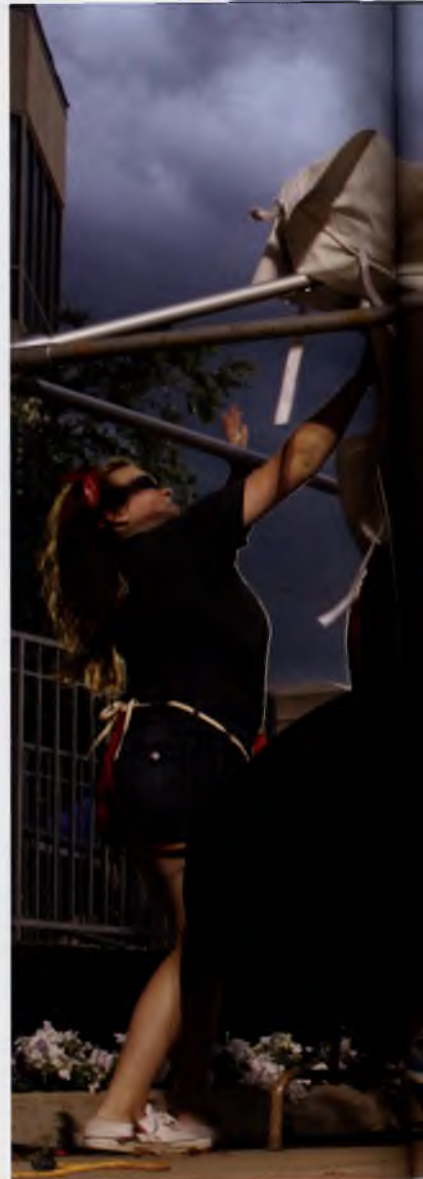
Suddenly, the heat of the day diminished, the wind picked up, and clouds rolled in. "60 mile-per-hour winds and quarter-sized hail are heading our way," Matt Smith announced over the loudspeaker. Although he was being sarcastic, soon he wasn't kidding and he demanded everyone go inside.

At first, students laughed off the weather. "Bungee jumping in the wind was crazy fun because it was making me jump so much higher," said Kristen Alaniz. "At the same time it was scary because I couldn't control myself at all."

As a massive thunderstorm encased campus, students began rushing for shelter. "Save yourselves!" yelled Smith. As the wind picked up, tents and carnival games began collapsing. The wind knocked one heavy 10-foot-high metal shelf forward, missing Loren Crawford by inches. "I'm just glad I was standing closer to the table," she said. "The shelf fell right next to me and almost hit me!"

As the wind threatened to blow everything away, students and faculty scrambled to tear down tents and anchor the bounce house. As thunder cracked, the petting zoo staff hurried their animals to shelter. Associated student council representatives braved the elements to cart carnival supplies into the basement of Chalfant and supply trucks. Soon, only empty vintage soda bottles and plastic carnival hats on the lawn evidenced the 2013 Block Party.

By Cassandra Spinnie



Junior class chaplain Eddie Williams and President Dani Martin sports a vintage carnival "themed outfit while preparing food for hungry block party patrons (1).

Kristen Alaniz defies gravity using a harness and resistance bands (2). A hired entertainer gathers a crowd juggling while on stilts (3). (JR)



Bear Hunting

Much work goes on behind the scenes to prepare for the Block Party. Vice President of Social Life, Brandon Klemm, compares planning the Block Party to killing a bear because the event is so monstrous. He said, "The event is huge; over two thousand people attend each year, and it's hairy working with all of the different vendors, but man does it feel good when you kill it!"

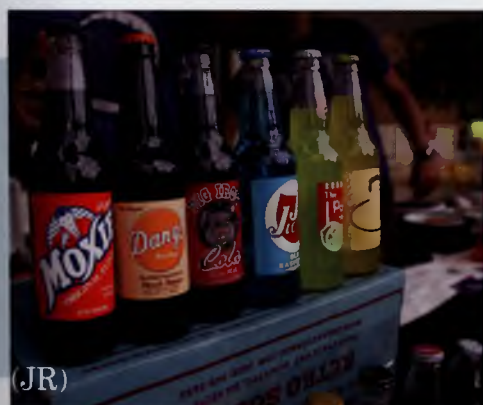




(LF)

— Vintage Carnival

The theme of the Block Party was “vintage carnival.” Bacon-wrapped corn, cheese-filled pretzels, and vintage soda filled the Weber lawn in the hands of students, staff, and children. The unique food as well as carnival games and ASC workers wearing suspenders provided a fun festival atmosphere.



Bounce houses, obstacle courses, and carnival games allowed students to fellowship with each other without the interference of homework. After finishing the obstacle course, sophomore Bethany Munroe said, “I love it when college lets me act like a little kid again!”

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-Bethany Munroe



Dominique "Shep" Shepherd is the face of the blue team, the proud sophomore class who emerged with a second-place win. (kw)

Ollies Follies Sports

Final Point Scores

- 1st: Seniors - 4,500
- 2nd: Sophomores- 3,500
- 3rd: Juniors - 2,750
- 4th: Freshmen - 1,750



Junior Dustin Dehart makes a great catch during a frisbee game. (kw)

The junior ASC representatives flex their muscles for the camera. (kw)



Katie Reed and the sophomores dance to the Cha-Cha Slide before the games begin. (kw)



Seniors rush the field to celebrate their first victory in four years. (kw)



//Inner Tube Tussle

As students gathered in the field next to the Warming House there was one question on everyone's minds: who would win the Wacky Games this year? Brandon Klemm, Vice President of Social Life, did not hesitate. "The seniors, of course!"

This year's Wacky Games included the classic competitions present each autumn, but two events drew special attention. Students crowding the bleachers vocalized their horror and amusement when Matt Smith announced that this year competitors would have to drink tea, root beer, lemonade, and syrup combined in a large Tupperware container for the popular chugging game. Klemm laughed off the mixed responses, saying, "Some students said it tasted awful, but others thought it tasted like candy."

The buckets were drained and teams patted the backs of the brave souls who risked their taste buds and dinner for the cause, but the final competition quickly grabbed full attention: a game of 'steal the bacon' with large, soapy inner tubes.


A few male participants let their competitive nature get the better of them on the muddy ground, resulting in one of the senior boys being yanked off his opponents by Smitty for getting too rough. The intense moment ended up in the loss of points for seniors. When asked about the quarrel, Klemm said that a minor fight was bound to happen: "It's kind of hard to be nice when you're ripping a tube away from someone else."


Klemm's intuition was right, and the seniors emerged from the games victorious, causing a sea of orange to flood the middle of the field. The tubing incident was forgotten and the nausea from chugging down beverages that should never be mixed vanished as orange noodles waved high in the September night air.

By Doni York

#wackygames

 **Jeff Gerstenberger** @Jeff_Gerst
freshmen class: 700+
ounces of baby powder: 285
baby powder bottles: 15
wacky games: 5
participating in Ollie's Follies @ONU: PRICELESS

 **Alyssa Davis** @uhh_lyssa94
Head's killer, stomach hurts, throat's burning, and I'm exhausted. Definitely regret drinking after everyone at wacky games. #sickkkkk

 **Mark Holcomb** @mholcomb28
Cha cha. Wacky games warm up. #lifeatolivet





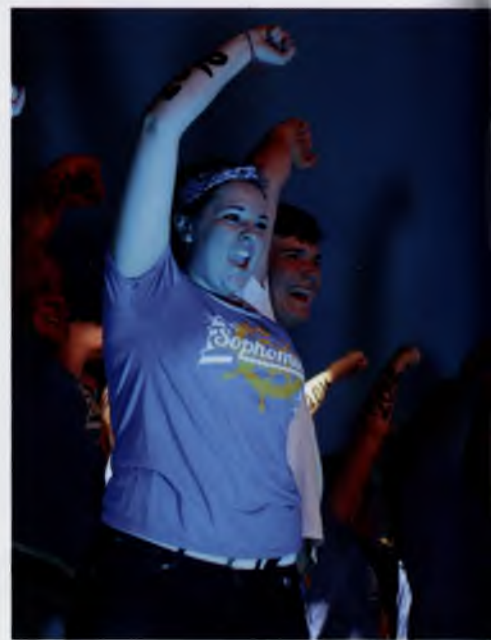
Annette Carr and Chelsea Risinger performed as characters from the musical *Wicked*.

The Buzz on Campus

Cast and crew ran up and down the aisles during Ollies Follies rehearsals even just hours before the big event. Shouts rose up for misplaced props. Dancers spun the wrong way and ran into their neighbors. Leaders were encircled by classmates with questions and problems. Technical staff pulled together lighting and video transitions in just a few days.

"The streaming system was buzzing, so there was one guy who was running back and forth throughout the entire day trying to figure out what it was," explained media service worker Truitt Murrow.

In the midst of the chaos, however, the shows were solidified. "It was a little chaotic but we got it together eventually," said freshman Riley Anderson.



The sophomores created an unforgettable moment with their rocking dance finale. (AH)

//Life in Technicolor



Tyler Sowards hit the floor to help the seniors win (1). The freshmen kicked off with a western themed dance routine (2). Matt Jones and David Timm traveled across stage in a cardboard car (3). (AH)

Students flooded Chalfant Hall to the sound of shouting, cheering, and laughing, ready for the road trip to begin.

The freshmen began a with dance to a Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus montage. Things got strange when “Miley” actually showed up on stage. The wayward pop country singer was portrayed by freshman Justin Kollar, whose blonde wig fell off halfway through the performance. “All I could think was, ‘What would Miley do? The answer was twerk,” Kollar said.

The sophomores followed their east coast route from the sea to the city, including Broadway musicals like “The Lion King” and “Wicked” into their performance. The juniors used “#PureMidwest” to encourage viewers to follow them on their road trip across the midwest. Boys in shorts made the audience laugh with their dance to “*She Thinks My Tractor’s Sexy*.”

The seniors video followed David Timm, Lillian Guenseth and Matt Jones on a roadtrip to Olivet, guest-starring Dr. Bowling and Public Safety along the way. Their dance routines included a number of different props like umbrellas, coffee cups, and flashlights. Orange flooded the stage as the seniors were announced the Ollies Follies winners.

By Katelyn Oprondek

#lifeatolivet



Ryan Guertin @tweetguertin

Had a fantastic time meeting new friends at the show tonight and at the rehearsals before it. #puremidwest #lifeatolivet



Kara Hewett @karahewett

Every day of the year should be Ollies Follies. Enough of this school nonsense, let’s just variety show until graduation. #lifeatolivet



Zach Thurston @zachthurston

Nights like tonight make me so glad I am where I am. I love ONU. #olliesfollies2013 #lifeatolivet



// Behind the Scenes

Purple and Gold Days is an event for high school seniors and their parents, meant to give prospective students a taste of the Olivet college experience. This experience is highlighted by tours of the campus and presentations meant to prepare high school students and their parents for their college careers. Though the activities are meant to be a fun and exhilarating peek into the future, they also have the potential to catapult a student into a nostalgic reverie of early high school lunch days and the anxious attempt at finding friends.



Shayla Hancock and Jessica Ellison help answer questions at the Admissions building. (RW)



Lillian Guenseth gives a tour of the Perry Center to prospective students and parents. (RW)



Tanner Garner speaks to visiting high-school students about the philosophy of education with a Christian purpose. (RW)

Life-Long Friends

Overladen with the inevitable life transition of choosing a college, Lisa Boaz and Rebecca Busler attended Purple and Gold days with different mindsets and similar circumstances. Neither girl knew anyone. While Rebecca had already made her decision to attend Olivet, Lisa was not yet sure of her path. "I wasn't focused on people, but more on the school," she said.

Both girls were intimidated by the prospect of Purple and Gold Days. They met after both asking admissions counselors about lifeguarding opportunities in the community. Later, on the bus trip to Chicago, Lisa randomly decided to turn around and talk to the girl behind her on the bus, remembering her as the one who asked about lifeguarding. They immediately clicked and talked about everything from prospective majors to boys to the amusing fact that Rebecca had never been introduced to the famous Chicago Bean.

Meeting someone so early helped both Lisa and Rebecca. Purple and Gold Days was the final factor in Lisa's decision to attend Olivet. Taking advantage of the situation, they quickly decided to be roommates, and remained so all four years. They claim to have skipped the usual awkward roommate phase. They were able to communicate early on about preparing their room, and always had a friend for meals and events.

When reflecting back on their ideal experience with Purple and Gold Days, they say the best parts were the memories that were made, having fun and engaging leaders, and meeting new people they still talk to today. Both advise nervous prospective students that the weekend is well worthwhile, and that it's important to be willing to meet others and to step out of your comfort zone. "We wouldn't have met if we hadn't turned around randomly and talk to each other," Busler said.

By Drew Leavitt



Cassidy Glandon, Alli Hill, Rebecca Busler, and Lisa Boaz have been roommates for the last three years. They have a unique reason for standing in this order: their initials spell out CARL, which is what they call their apartment. (S)



Brandon Maranion discusses some of the experiences he has had hosting prospective students. (RH)

Housing Students

Brandon Maranion understands the anxiety inherent in transitioning from high school monotony to the overwhelming, battering college decisions. There is a sudden inevitable requirement at this point in every prospective student's life to sample adult responsibilities and make decisions that no high school student could be accustomed to.

Brandon is more than willing to host prospective students when they visit for Purple and Gold Days because he remembers the older students who encouraged him when he stayed with them at his own Purple and Gold Days. More than willing to have the same effect on prospective students, Brandon says, "I always hope that as students come for Purple and Gold Days, I can play a little part in this important time of their lives."

Narmaly Jean-Baptiste and Kerrielle Davis recite spoken word poetry. (jr)

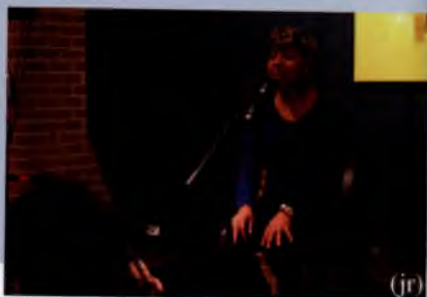


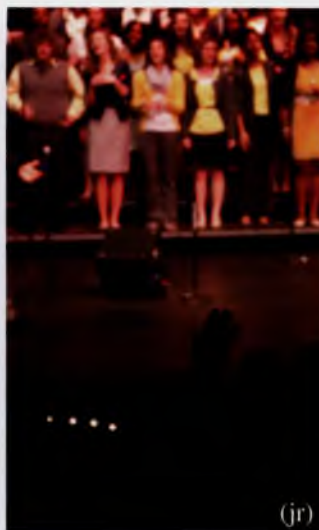
Ariel Turner, Mike Gonzalez, and Laura Fosnaugh sang during the Unity Week Tuesday worship night at Kelley Prayer Chapel. (sf)

Profiles of Olivetians

Unity Week's "Profiles of Olivetians" featured multicultural stories. The first student was Noadia Jean-Baptiste, a graduate student studying Christian ministry. Noadia described her upbringing in a Haitian household and expressed how hard it was trying to be both American and Haitian. "It was confusing," Noadia said, "like a tug-of-war." Reetu Height, married to Jeremy Height also spoke about the difficulty of straddling two cultures. Her family moved to the United States from the Punjab region of India when she was in the first grade. "I wanted to be American," Reetu said. "It was like I was living a double life."

By Garrett Corpier





Gospel Choir Uncut

Unity Week was about coming together as one to embrace cultural differences and celebrate the commonalities that bind us together as God's people. It was full of music, food, and prayer. Participants left with a broadened cultural perspective. The week concluded on Saturday, Nov. 23 with a concert by gospel choir, which included rapping, poetry, worship songs that involved the audience, and a step dance. The color guard also performed an impressive and energetic flag routine.

By Alex VanDehey

// Ride on, King Jesus



One of the highlights of Unity Week was the chapel service in Kelley Prayer Chapel. Dr. Thalyta Swanepoel gave a moving speech about her life in South Africa. Dr. Cynthia Taylor, the leader of Unity Week, also spoke, and the service ended with everyone singing together.

Worshipping in Unity

//Perky Personalities

Candy Coma

Chalfant Hall was filled with laughter and the smell of caramel corn as students wandered through Candy Costume Fest, seeing everything from Rapunzel to the grand prize winning costume of a homeschool boy with “all of his friends.” (During the small group competition, Kyle Johnston ran onstage alone yelling, “Come on, guys!”)

Both costumes and food were in abundance. “Halloween is the only time you can stuff your face with as much candy as you want and not feel guilty about it,” said Jean Mosey. After over 4,000 pieces of candy that filled 12 buckets, 15 buckets of popcorn, 6,000 donut holes, and \$520, Olivet completed another successful Candy Costume Fest. “You know what the problem is with donut holes? Nothing. Holy cow I ate 25!” said Smitty. By Kassandra Spinnie



Batman's alter ego was sophomore Nathan Arel instead of Bruce Wayne. (AH)



It is not the materials of a costume alone that makes it great, but also the personalities underneath and their performances. Jason Walker, dressed as Indiana Jones, and Tyler Watson, dressed as Fred Flintstone, brought their characters to life as they walked across the stage to compete. When Indy offered a hand of greeting to Fred, Fred look at the hand with a confused expression and proceeded to put Indy's hand in his mouth.

Jones Meets Fred



The resident assistants of the Grand apartments dressed up as Barbies that never made it on the shelf, with titles like “Plumber Barbie” and “Sodexo Barbie.” (AH)



Garrett Muhlstadt and Abbie Allen played characters from the short film Paperman. (AH)



(1) Madison Davis, Ayla Price, Rachel Blunier, and Cara Butler personified several social media sites. (AH)

(2) Spencer Allen hopped across stage as the Pixar lamp, one member of a large group entry portraying various Pixar characters. (AH)

(3) Tutus, tights, and tiaras made Disney princesses out of Kacey Richman, Laine Abbott, Melinda Kearney Sayer Smith, Caleb Cornell, and Jacob Gouge. (AH)



Matt Smith declared his personal favorite to be The Abominable Snowman "The Bumble" (Jon Lehman) and Yukon Cornelius (Rachel Keck) from Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Their creativity won them the title of best pair. (AH)

College Kid Costume

How do college students make creative yet cheap Halloween costumes? Freshman Jacob Neal would be at the top of the class if cheap Halloween costumes were a major. Using a donated washing machine box from Lowes, duct tape and spray paint, Jacob created a magnificent WALL-E costume. He is lucky that Chalfant has double doors because otherwise he wouldn't have been able to fit through the door.

//SHOW BUSINESS

Behind the Curtain

Audience members silently waiting in anticipation between each number at Broadway Revue would be surprised at the commotion taking place backstage. Cast member Melody Long said, "It's pretty chaotic! In between songs everyone is trying to change costumes for the next couple numbers, so there is a lot of running into each other. But there's also a lot of goofing off, singing, and fun too." The chemistry between the singers on stage makes the show more entertaining to watch. Melody said, "We became like a family so fast—even if I hadn't formally introduced myself to some of the cast, we still laughed and talked together as if we'd always known each other." As the cast rushed on stage for one final number, the crowd went wild as they sang the lyrics from *Grease*: "We'll always be together!"

By Erin Taylor





Green Room: Theatre Club

Q: What did Olivet see this year?

Hannah Williams: Olivet produced both *The Music Man* and *Middletown*. Students were invited to see the performances from 24-Hour Theatre and Open Mic Night as well. Many people who are not even in Green Room but are musically inclined participated in Open Mic Night, so it is a campus-wide event.

Q: What does the Green Room mean to you?

A: I got involved with Green Room my freshman year after I was cast in the fall play. I served as club treasurer for two years, and I am so honored to serve as president this year; I am following in the footsteps of some incredible leaders. I also feel blessed to have such a great vice president in Ron Gamache... I couldn't do so much of what we do as a club without him. Green Room means the world to me. The members are some of my best friends and biggest supporters. I have found a great family and community to identify myself with.

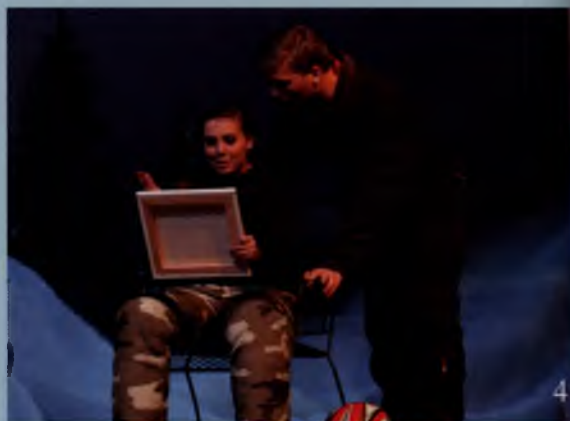
//The Maine Attraction

Nine stories, 19 characters, and one location in the middle of nowhere on a cold, wintry night in a place known as Almost, Maine, set the stage for this year's fall play. Two by two, characters gave their hearts to each other in exaggerated ways. Falling in love meant falling on the floor incapable to stand up, and love turned out to be the only thing that is worth getting hurt over in scenes like "They Fell" and "This Hurts." The message sent by the play was that love comes naturally; it is not forced or complex. It may have awkward tendencies, but when love is meant to be, it will find a way.

By Erin Taylor



Taking a knee, Kolby Meador pondered the news that Jordan Hirl's broken heart was in the paper bag (1). Ashley Sarver's character contemplated her decision to chose a career over a relationship with Alex Osbourne's character (2). (hm)



Hannah Williams and Nick Allen warmed the hearts of the audience. (3) Jennifer Taylor and Cody Kepner studied a picture together. (4) Ron Gamache and Michaela Maris portrayed the dynamics of human relationships. (5) Colin Kepner, Emmaline Brown, and Lindsey Shoemaker acted out a restaurant scene. (6) (hm)



Justin Kollar reflected upon his troubled relationship with Tatiana Diaz, who portrayed his wife, as they observed the stars.

//Sweater Season

Laughter filled Ludwig as students gathered to celebrate at the all-school Christmas party. Sodexo staff spent nearly three hours preparing the food and drinks. ASC members meticulously hung sparkly snowflakes and garlands.

The hard work paid off as students came pouring in to find a winter wonderland full of food, friends, and fellowship, but one favorite was the chocolate fondue. “I mean seriously, I’ve got a glass of it,” Andy Thompson said as he dipped pretzels into a plastic cup full of chocolate. Similarly impressed, Megan Huschen said, “I especially love the cookies and the frosting was so good. I think I ate four of them!”

Some students decorated gingerbread houses and competed in the ugly sweater contest, while others sat and enjoyed conversations with friends.

“I love being able to come together as a community and spend time with friends before the end of the semester,” Melanie Breunig said. In previous years, the party occupied only the main cafeteria portion of Ludwig. This year the entire building was utilized to accommodate the growing student body. “It’s a lot more fun and lively now that the whole building is being used,” said Amanda Hogan, a Resident Director in McClain Hall. By Kassie Spinnie



Roommates Katarena Shiner and Rebekah Rivers laughed over the collapsed remains of their gingerbread house. “It was a great night in general,” Rivers said.

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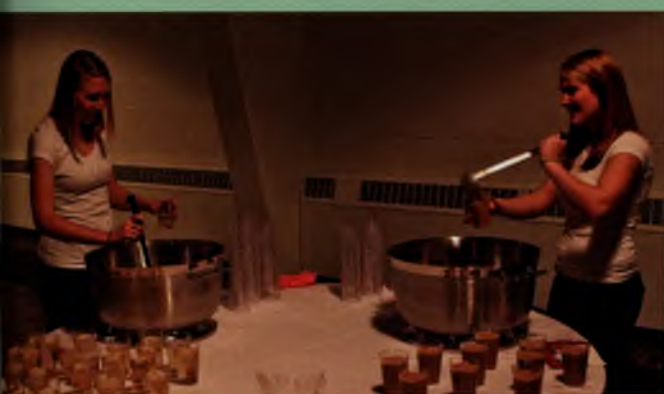
-Dr. Bowling



Luke Steelman, Josh Altmann, Tyler Crater, Hunter Jacobs, Alex Thorson, Matt Restad, Abe Barwegan, Austin Davis and Zach Wagner—mostly members of the men's basketball team—sang an impromptu version of the “The 12 Days of Christmas” in Ludwig.



Freshmen enjoyed their first Christmas at Olivet (1). Materials to make gingerbread houses ended up in a myriad of forms (2). Walker Runyan and Robin Gerboth frosted cookies (3).



Family Aspect

Dating back at least 50 years, the Christmas party hosted by Dr. Bowling and his wife is a cherished tradition for faculty and staff. Students usually assist Sodexo as servers. Dr. Bowling explained, “The Christmas gathering allows folks who work together to get acquainted with each other’s spouses and families. The event reinforces the community and family aspect of Olivet and is a visible reminder that Olivet is people—not buildings or programs.” Biology professor Dr. Daniel Sharda related that the party “is a good time to have fellowship about non-school related topics.” Dr. Bowling gives employees a gift every year. In years past, this gift was a large frozen turkey, but they now receive cash and gift cards to Cracker Barrel.

//Ring by Spring

The numbers are in, and it turns out you don't need to be engaged by graduation — go figure. Facebook recently released a study concluding that only 28 percent of married couples with profiles on the social networking site went to the same college, and 15 percent of spouses attended the same high school.

According to the data, Olivet is one of the top 25 schools in America where men find their spouses. However, Olivet didn't make the list of top schools where women find their spouses.

So it seems the evidence is mixed. Is ring by spring is nothing more than a clever farce? Perhaps ambiguity is to blame for the overwhelming power that the mindset has on campus. The belief that every other person has found love and that you are alone in feeling lonely can be overwhelming when you're sitting by yourself with Ramen and Netflix on a Friday night.

But you're not the only one feeling that way. So whether you're single, engaged or married, remember: campus culture is created by you.



Date night in February celebrated marriage with guest speakers and resources for couples.



Couples Q and A

Couple: Tyler Abraham and Angela Ames

Wedding date: June 6, 2015

Why do you think now is the time for you to get married?

We began dating at the beginning of our junior year in high school and we have always believed that the point of dating is to find a spouse. We both agreed that we wanted to be engaged for at least a year so that we could do pre-marital counseling and take some financial classes so that we are better prepared for our lives together. Plus after a little over four years of dating, everyone was kind of wondering when we were going to get around to it!



Photo by Amanda Smith

65 percent of Olivet students agreed with the marriage equality act passed in November that legalized gay marriage in Illinois, according to a poll by the Glimmer-Glass.



Photo by Wes Taylor

Singles Q and A

Blane Mowry

"Do not marry off before May 2nd, 2015"

Do you think it is a bigger deal to remain single at graduation than to be married? Why?

For me, I think relationship status at graduation is irrelevant. God has plans for my life, and those are independent of the date of May 2, 2015. However, I think if polled most of Olivet's student body would say it's a bigger deal to be married at graduation than single. Honestly, I think most people wait until after graduation to get married. That said, I think there is a notable pressure for many to be in some form of a relationship, or to have something locked down by graduation before starting out in the "real world."



Singles Q and A

Aaron Hemgesburg

"Paul clearly advocates singleness"

Do you think the Bible promotes being married or being single? Why?

"I think there are points where it does advocate marriage and points where it doesn't. Paul clearly advocates singleness for the purpose of better ministry. But marriage has always been a design of God's. I would say be single if you can be, but there is just so much beauty in a godly marriage."





The first game played during paint wars was Capture the Flag. Students were armed with knee-high tube socks, which were dipped in paint before being used as paint soaked weapons to defend their flag. (JR)

Watered Down Chaos



Kendra Maxon was irritated by the event staff's decision to water down the paint. She said, "I saw all the cool shirts from last year . . . this year all the paint came off. What's the point?" (S).



Loren Crawford wasn't safe from being covered in paint, not even her teeth. (JR)

On September 14th, 750 students gathered at the Fortin Villa for the largest Paint Wars in Olivet's history. Competitors were armed with a paint-soaked sock and a pair of safety goggles. An intense game of capture-the-flag occurred and students fought courageously against their enemies to retrieve the winning flag as paint threatened to overtake them. Oceans of red, green, orange and blue flooded the field and rained endlessly from the sky, leaving no participant unscathed. As the event ended, students faced each other in one final battle. Trusting no one, contenders overturned buckets of paint and engulfed the field in a flash flood of paint.

By Kassandra Spinnie



Paint wars participants stared down their enemies, ready to attack. Dodge balls dripping with paint made for a messy rendition of the game. There was no escaping the torrential downpour as dodge balls flew through the air and released their wrath. (JR)



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 **Laura Dangelo** @dangelolaura6

Paint Wars fun! With the roomie Kara Delong.

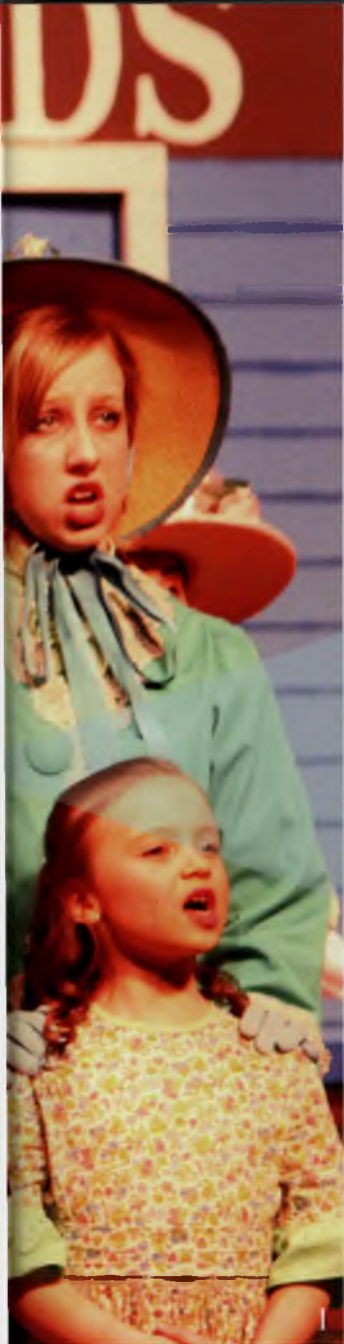


Those not participating in the tube game provided a cheering section for their team (1). The crisp white shirts that students received before the event were quickly transformed as the games began (2). Students twirled paint-covered tube socks at their opponents in an attempt to protect their flags (3). As soon as Matt Smith called out, "2, 5, 7, 9... GO!" the students corresponding to those numbers raced to fight over to the paint covered inner tubes and pool noodles (4). (JR)





Ashley Sarver and Matt Jones paraded around campus in full costume to promote the show before opening night. (1) Christine Caven played librarian Marian Paroo. (2) Ben Geeding wowed the crowd in a plaid suit. (3) (ah)



//Bringing A Classic to Life

“The set was beautiful, the acting was great, and it really felt like an old-timey town. There was a definite sense of energy and movement throughout the play that kept things fun. It was great to see so much talent on one stage,” said Logan Long, a senior. Full of fun, catchy songs performed by a lively, talented cast, Olivet’s spring musical *The Music Man* was a huge success. Ben Geeding commanded the stage as Harold Hill, a conman transformed by the honest folks of Iowa. Marian Paroo, the beautiful librarian who falls for Harold and helps him turn around, was played by Ben’s fellow music ministry major, senior Christine Caven from Boise, Idaho. Their chemistry on the Kresge Auditorium stage combined with the fantastic talent of the supporting cast brought this Broadway classic to life. The play, which premiered the first weekend in March, was attended by a large, eager audience at each performance. As Long jokingly (yet accurately) commented before going to see the play for a second time, “Ten out of ten would watch it again!” By Alexandra VanDehey

//Spiritual|Life

Hands raise and eyes close. Others fall to their knees before the padded alter. The chapel is large and ornate, with high ceilings containing structural features learned and forgotten in Intro to Fine Arts. Voices reverberate off of the organ and reflect back lightened to the congregational student body. Chaplain or University President approach a pulpit of what one assumes to be bullet proof glass.

The walls define only a portion of the spiritual life at Olivet Nazarene. Small groups are led in dilapidated Grand apartment buildings or ten foot by ten foot dorm rooms (if you're lucky). Hands are regularly passed in prayer from friend to friend in the quad as Katie the hot dog vendor yells about ambiguous meat that's bigger than the bun. Conversations travel inevitably to current spiritual conundrums like water to a gutter. Life is lived together in the Olivet community, unrestrained by physical boundaries, projecting the kingdom of God ever upwards.





Over 200 volunteers from Olivet donated their time to host a family carnival for employees of CLS Behring, raising over \$5,000 to build a library in one of the poorest areas of the country, Pembroke, IL. (RH)



//Compassion and Faith



“What If?” These large, multicolored letters formed the backdrop of each chapel message during the fall semester. In response to the challenge, sophomore Katie Reed posted a Facebook status asking, “Olivet, WHAT IF we were good stewards of chapel? WHAT IF we loved with our actions? WHAT IF we had a tangible love for our neighbors in Pembroke?” Pembroke Township, about 20 miles southeast of ONU, is one of the poorest areas in the Midwest. Compassionate Ministries has “adopted” the community as a service and ministry project.

On September 13 and 14, two hundred volunteers stepped up just to see what would happen if they sacrificed time to serve. They caravanned just blocks away, to CSL Behring’s 60th anniversary celebration, where they became a sea of green-shirted volunteers to staff the festival-themed event under the direction of Incredible Events, an event planning organization based out of Roxana, IL. IE donated over \$5,000 in return for the labor. “We are going to use the money to help complete the building of a library in Pembroke,” said senior Becca Reed, co-leader of Compassionate Ministries with her younger sister, Katie.

Recruiting volunteers to work on Saturday afternoon was particularly challenging due to the scheduling of Paint Wars at the same time. Some students did not follow through after they had signed up to volunteer and, desperate to meet the quota of workers, Katie Reed and volunteer Simon Pheasant returned to campus for help. Katie stood at the main desk in Ludwig pleading with passersby to step up. “Anyone and everyone! I know you don’t have the time for this and I don’t have time to explain, but please come with us right now!” What happened was shocking: students started taking off their Paint Wars shirts! Freshman Esther Paek was one of them. “I may have had lots of fun playing Paint Wars,” she said, “but there was a need and I was thankful for the opportunity to serve and love on other people.” The chance to help those in Pembroke was not thwarted.

Alex Kaiser of Incredible Events said that the ONU students who worked for him were the best volunteers he has come across in his 5 years of being with IE. “By this time in the day, I’m usually ready to get rid of the volunteers,” he said during tear-down after the event, “but you guys have been spectacular.” He thanked the Olivet students for making an impression on the guests with their positive attitudes; in addition, CSL Behring employees thanked the green shirts before they left the celebration.

The leaders of Compassionate Ministries know that their peers didn’t give up their weekend to receive a pat on the back. “Working this event wasn’t just something that people did to feel good...they did it because they could tell that this was going to make a big impact,” Becca said. “It was amazing to see Yahweh’s faithfulness in providing people to work, and it was an incredible opportunity to serve,” said senior Emily Arnold.

By Katharyn Schrader



What If?

The fall chapel services hinged on the question of “What if?” examining multiplicities of what could happen if Jesus took control of our lives. The second semester asked the question, “What is Kingdom living?”

//Uniting Our Faith



Snow Couldn't Stop Revival

Despite the freezing temperatures in Bourbonnais, Tenure Evangelist Norman Moore is not anxious to head back to southern California, the region of the United States he has called home since 1966, until he is “finished here.”

“I came here for a purpose,” Moore said Tuesday afternoon, clad in a long pea coat and scarf, as he prepared to venture back out into the Midwest’s arctic weather.

As the evangelist speaker at College Church’s winter revival, Moore believes his purpose in speaking this week is not to present sermons, but to share testimonies.

“The core concept I’d like everyone to take away is the idea that we all should realize our maximum potential through the living of a surrendered, spirit-filled life,” Moore said as he smiled and adjusted his glasses. “We just really have to discover and accomplish God’s will for our lives. There should never be any alternative goal.”

Moore is no stranger to Olivet as this is his fourth time returning to campus since 1993.

“The buildings have changed a lot over the years,” Moore noted as he discussed his appreciation for Olivet and called it “an honor” to be invited back so frequently.

Moore elaborated on his love for Olivet calling the student body, faculty, and staff courteous, receptive, and polite.

“We had a capacity attendance both nights of revival so far. It really indicates there’s an appetite for spiritual growth,” he said as he bundled up preparing for the chill of the outdoors.

By Nicole LaFond

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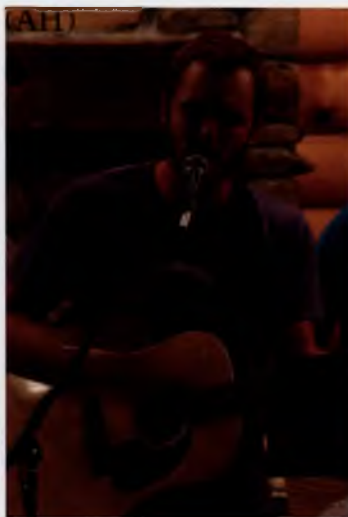
Michael Poff, vice president for spiritual life, takes break from leading the campus ministries to relax with the spiritual life council. (AH)

// Spirit Filled Life

Once a week, Spiritual Life Council gathers to discuss how God is working through Olivet's student led ministries. The Spiritual Life Council strives to reach out to as many students, faculty, and surrounding citizens as possible. Sophomore Alea Hatfield said that it is about "...touching people's lives in different ways that can't be planned. It's about letting God take control." However, their meetings are not completely filled with discussion. They also have council bonding activities such as launching pumpkins and apples.

By Kassandra Spinnie





Timeout

In the Philippines, sophomore Michael Skinner was born to a missionary family. He grew up in Ukraine, where he was led into music ministry. As a sixth grader, Michael joined a worship team as a piano player, and found his calling to ministry. Today, he is a music ministry major co-leading Party with Jesus. The only thing Michael would choose to change about his position is the name of his ministry. Naming the Monday night service "Party with Jesus" does not give the ministry justice, he says. If it were up to him, it would be called "Timeout" because it is a chance for people to take a timeout from the stressful college life and focus on God. Other than sacrificing his weekly show *The Voice*, Michael is glad to be a leader for such an incredible ministry.

Break Down The Walls

At the end of last year, sophomore Jordan Lingle applied for an R.A position because he felt that was where he was being called. When didn't make the cut, Jordan didn't know where God was leading him or where he was supposed to go next, but he decided to apply for participation in Party with Jesus. A few weeks later, Jordan was told that he was given the role of co-leader. He said, "I'm in the place I'm in because of God's grace, and his plan." As Jordan speaks to his peers he is often seen without shoes, an attempt to destroy the barrier between him and his peers. Shoes are formal, but Party with Jesus is an event meant to bring peace and comfort.



I Will Not Try Them, Sam I Am

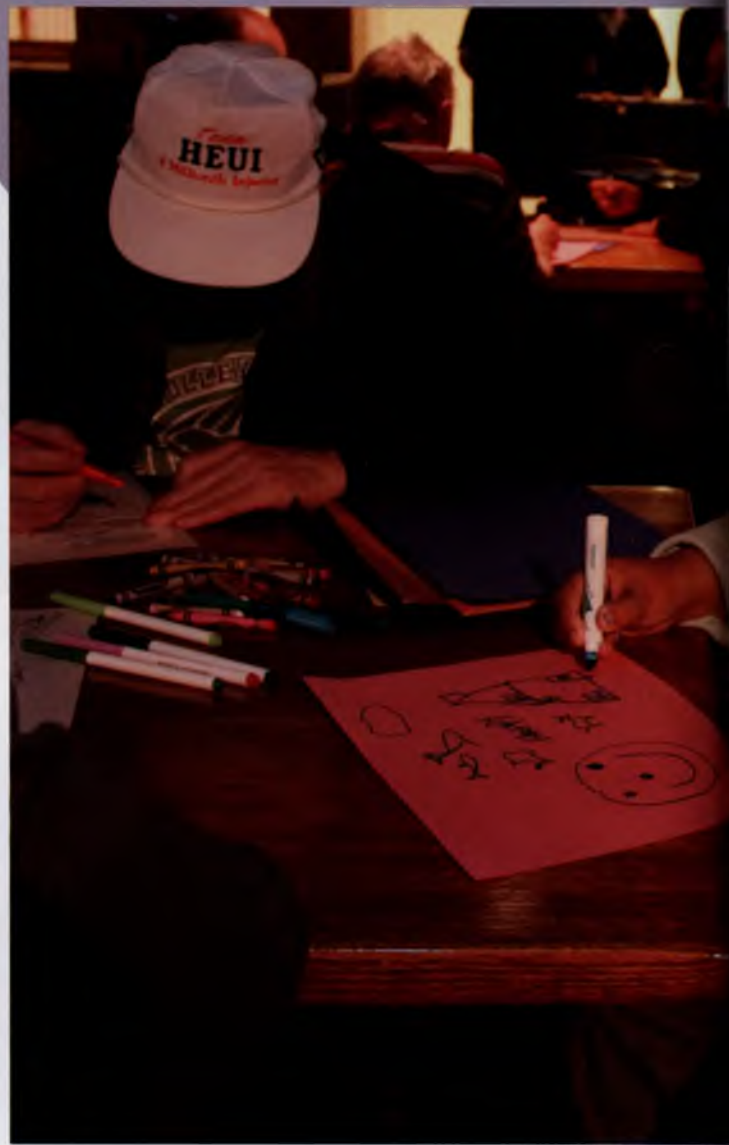
I do not like them here or there, I do not like them anywhere. The word "new" is not always appealing. In fact, "new" is often frightening and unpredictable. Taking a step away from typical services, the Wednesday night Parlor team decided to expand their horizons and make some changes. Parlor began to blaze a fresh path with senior Alli Hill as the new worship leader and the College Church sanctuary as the new location for the service. Although the changes in Parlor open doors for an uncertain future, it also offers a chance for students to find renewal amidst their stressful weeks.



Alina Ellis and members of HeArt ministries helped buddies make Christmas cards for soldiers (1). (rh)



While visiting Olivet, the buddies hung out with students in Red Room (2).(rh)



Many of the buddies enjoy making arts and crafts with students (3). (rh)

A foosball competition broke out during the Best Buddies Christmas event (4). (rh)

Holiday Fun

The Best Buddies Christmas party of 2013 was a first for the organization. Usually the group hosts a Christmas Ball in the Warming House, but this year they attended the all-school Christmas party to mingle and communicate with a larger group of college students.





(R.H.)

“We see them as people who need friendship.”



Best Buddies is an organization that matches college students with adults who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. The organization exists in a variety of chapters in many high schools and universities all over the world. Olivia Zimmer (right), a student organizer of Best Buddies, highlights the student/buddy relationship by saying that the purpose of the organization is to “create strong and meaningful friendships between the two.” The buddies need relationships and want to be friends with willing college students. This relationship is beneficial to both sides and has the potential to teach lifelong lessons to those open to learn. Students will find that the organization teaches patience and respect, which are essential to the college experience as a whole. Although the organization is focused on the happiness of the buddies, students will walk away with lasting relationships and a better understanding of themselves.

By Drew Leavitt

// Lasting Relationships

// Reaching the Lost

Voice to the Voiceless

Mission Possible is an outreach ministry that serves in Jerome Combs Detention Center, the Kankakee County jail. Five times a week different groups visit the jail and have fellowship with the inmates there.

"When Mission Possible members head into jail, they bring light into an extremely dark community. Ministry members share the gospel with inmates who have never before heard it and guide back individuals to Christ who have gone astray," said Lindsey Tobias, one of the leaders of Mission Possible. "Society often forgets that criminals are real people; they have families they love, they have desires and goals, and they have everyday needs. I got involved in Mission Possible to bring a voice back to the voiceless."

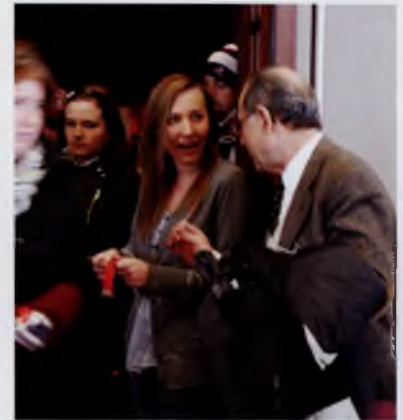
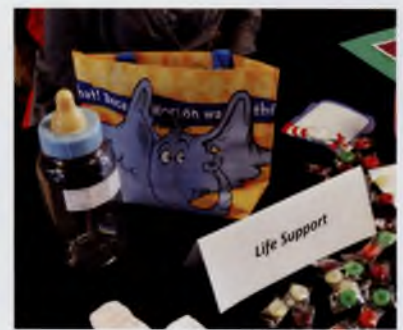
Just like the inmates, the ones who minister also receive a piece of insight. "I've watched ministry members' faith grow exponentially as they have trusted in God and as God has challenged them in amazing ways," said Lindsey.

These life-changing moments have caused word to spread and allowed the ministry to continue growing, with 100 new members signing up in the fall semester. "We have a great leadership team and a great group of members who are passionate about Mission Possible and its growth and continuation," Tobias said.

By Doni York



Chrissy Michaels recruits interested students to visit the local jail with Mission Possible. (rw)



Sophomore Arika Schmitt, a member of Life Support, hands out red wristbands to people leaving chapel during the Sanctity of Human Life Week to show support for those who don't have a voice. (rw)

Standing Up for Those Who Can't

Liza Dollenbacher, a sophomore, is one of the co-leaders of Life Support which raises money for a local pregnancy center. Liza talks about the center's mission and the events that the group puts on.

Q: What does Life Support do?

A: We help out at the Living Alternatives Pregnancy Center in Kankakee because where it's not government funded, they rely heavily on donations and volunteers. Right now they only have two nurses working there, which can be hectic.

Q: Do you have events to get the word out?

A: We mostly do fundraising where all the proceeds go toward the center. In fall we have an event called "Rock for Life" where people will be in rocking chairs asking for donations for however many hours they're rocking — that's to remember all of the babies who were never rocked. In April we have "Walk for Life" where we do the same thing: ask for donations, and we walk for three miles around Perry Farm. Other than that we have Sanctity of Life week where we sell t-shirts and put ribbons around the trees to remember those who were aborted. We'll also sell wrist ribbons so when people look down at their hands they remember to pray for the center. This year we ended up raising \$600 and all of it goes straight to the center. We show movies too. This year we showed "Blood Money," and about 30 people came to that.

Q: What does the center do?

A: They help girls who are pregnant or think they might be pregnant. They can go in and test for pregnancy and get check-ups. People can also donate clothes and diapers so new mothers can buy a shirt for their child for only 25 cents. They also have post-abortive counseling. They're really just there to help. It's important for the students here to be aware of that and make them aware of pregnancy options if someone falls into that situation because local residents can also adopt from there.

// Elderly and Youth Unite

"Today, Tomorrow, Together" marked this year's theme of the annual event when walkers and motorized vehicles line the walls of Chalfant: Primetime Day. Senior Megan Schneider walked with her grandparents as they discussed the unity that Olivet provides each year to build a deeper level of community within families and students on campus. "Being able to spend time with my granddaughter and grandson is something that I hold dear to my heart. It was nice to be a part of their college experience," said Megan and Andrew's grandma. The experiences that Olivet offers in establishing the feel of togetherness and allowing families to partake in special moments in their grandchildren's lives makes Megan's grandma proud. "I am thankful that they have been given the chance to go to a place like Olivet," she said.

By Erin Taylor



Tomorrow, Together



Orpheus sang life into the alumni, donors, and grandparents at the start of Prime Time. (HM)

A break in schedule replenished Olivet's guests before returning to their itinerary. (HM)



// Never Too Old to Make a Difference

Tears roll down Miss Polly's face as she sings songs to the Lord. She tells the members of Evangels the secret of life: Jesus. At 111 years old, she shares her devotions and life story with the students. She is a living miracle that demonstrates the plans that God has in store for each individual on this planet. Miss Polly enjoys various activities such as watching reality TV and consuming chips and Pepsi.

Francis is the face of selflessness. Balls of yarn can be seen on the floor of her room as she spends countless hours crocheting blankets for children who have cancer. Her delicate fingers grip the crochet needles as she explains her dedication to helping those in need to anyone who asks. Photo albums fill an entire drawer of all of the different designs and blankets that she has made since she had taken a place of residence at the nursing home.

The ministry of Evangels is much more than just bridging the gap between the youth and the elderly, it is about the relationships and memories that are made in every visit to the nursing home. Members leave the nursing home after each visit feeling renewed. The residents are more than just elderly people who live in a nursing home; they are the friends and substitute grandparents for the members of Evangels.



Thomas Sanders, Rachel Peterson, Johanna Oksnevad, Rebecca Walker, and Lexie Maffaffrey gathered to make their way to the nursing home. (HM)

//Spiritual Training

Christian Athletes



FCA provides a platform for Christians to connect through a common interest in athletics. The organization holds a special place within Kenneth DeCook's heart (pictured left with Alex Atkisson). "It is a great platform to share the love of Christ with people," he said. "I was saved at an FCA summer camp seven years ago, so I may be somewhat biased. Still, it's one of the best ministries on campus!"

The scent of coffee wafts through Benner first floor while Simon Pheasant sits comfortably in front of Jazzman's and smiles as he thinks about his time being a part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He first became a member of the group during the spring 2013 semester and has become one of the few who organize and set up meetings for the fellowship.

"My best memory would definitely be the Fields of Faith," Simon said. "It was a really good chance to connect with the community."

Fields of Faith took place earlier in the fall semester, pulling a massive group of students from the various school districts and churches around the Chicagoland area. The outside students attending ended up ranging from 5th to 12th grade – giving the event a unique bonding experience.

"There was this 12-year-old girl—she sang like an angel—who led some of the worship. We all gathered on Ward Field and created a massive prayer circle, then split into smaller circles. It was a wonderful experience," he said.

By Doni York

Fields of Faith





The Village of Hope is a ministry designed to reach out to communities and people in need. Through much volunteer work and support, they provide clean water, build homes, and raise awareness to HIV and disease in underprivileged communities. Their mission is to aid people and provide hope for a better tomorrow.



Guatemala Football Trip

In the summer of 2013, seven football players and four coaches took a mission trip to Guatemala through the Village of Hope, a foundation that helps spread HIV awareness and builds homes.

"The best part was seeing the little kids so happy. You realize that true happiness can't be bought," said senior Ken Moore. "It was a true opportunity to help someone."

While there, the team helped build houses for the orphans and bond with the small community. "We got to play tag and soccer with the kids which was a lot of fun. They just played with no care in the world."

For Ken, this was his first mission trip and something that he never saw himself doing, but he's thankful for the time he was able to spend in Guatemala. He said that given the chance, he would like to return someday. "You get a better understanding of what it means to help someone. This experience made me want to give back to my own community."

By Doni York

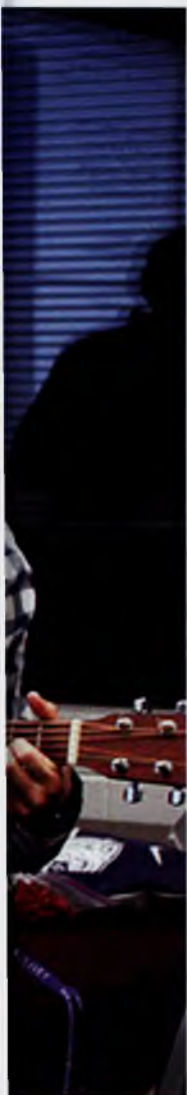




//Lifesong

Inspiring congregations and Olivet's own campus, Lifesong uses music to spread the good news about Christ. Three different bands respond to calls from pastors and church coordinators when they are seeking new ways to motivate their congregations. Each band becomes a close knit family as they learn about each other as they move from church to church. The spirit of worship is a powerful tool in the kingdom of God and should never be underestimated.





Popular Songs

Till I See You
Not for A Moment (After All)
Are you Washed in the Blood?

One on One with Tate Garner

Q: What is the most exciting moment for you when you are on stage?

A: The most exciting moment for me when I'm on stage is when you can feel the congregation (or even just one person) praise God. The room feels warmer. You can see them communicating with God in their own way, and in that moment you are rejoicing with them. You're in pain with them wherever they are with God, and at that moment you are walking with them. You may not know what's going on in their life but you know that God is using you in the intimate relationship between that person and God. There's nothing like it; it is truly a beautiful experience.

Q: What is it like to work with your band and the other members of Life Song?

A: Lifesong is so chill, I love it. The people that I was in a band with last year, as well as the people this year, are my family. The band I was in last year still gets together and has a band hot tub time. This year our band has a different dynamic. We haven't been together as long, so we don't have our niches yet, but we still are a family. Lifesong pretty much got me through last year. It has been and is still so amazing to be in contact with such amazing, godly influences.



//Love Without Borders



A Lifestyle of Missions

"It's a lifestyle," said Maria Isabelli, "when it is something that you are so passionate about, it is always with you. It's never left at the office; it's in your heart." After two years of paperwork and applications, Olivet has finally been accredited into the Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Mission. "The SOE has told us that we went above and beyond expectations" Maria said. "Olivet can be used as a model for all other universities in missions." Maria glowed with excitement as she talked about Olivet's love for students and mission trips. This year, 14 trips were planned, including trips to countries that Olivet has never gone to before in order to create all new experiences for the students. "It has been a crazy and busy year," Maria said, "but we are ready."

By Erin Taylor



Close Thais

As Paige Maldonado stepped onto the plane as it was boarding to Thailand, she was uncertain of what to expect upon arrival. Young women walking the streets and standing on corners is an everyday occurrence in Bangkok, Thailand. They need the money and will do just about anything to get it. Parents sell their children for money, without hesitation, as a way to survive in today's world. Helping with two ministries, Paige worked with women who were enslaved to prostitution through an organization called Night Light, as well as Remember Num which was centered on working with children of low income families. "It opened my eyes," said Paige. "You always hear things about trips and the experiences that come with it but you don't realize or take it to heart until you are there helping those people." As the children ran to Paige and her team, the radiating love for the people that carried the word of God was evident in their faces. "They have beautiful attitudes for the situations that they are in," Paige said, beaming, "it was something that I hadn't expected."



Playing a hand clapping game, Andrea Richardson connects with a little girl from Swaziland. (S)



Mu Kappa

Many chances at understanding foreign cultures come in the form of students from different cultures who attend Olivet.

The goal of Mu Kappa is to give these international students a society where they can form relationships without any amount of cultural anxiety. Mu Kappa is organized into a council and a larger group composed of all of the members. The goal is to plan an event at least once a month so that international students can meet others who share cultural similarities and learn from their differences.

Among events aimed at socialization, Mu Kappa also strives to create a community of socially conscious students. In partnering with Exodus World Service, Mu Kappa plans to prepare what they call a “Welcome to America Pack” to help a refugee family get on their feet in America. This project not only includes the gift, but also involves meeting the family and helping them move into their apartment. Meeting a refugee family and providing assistance and fellowship for them is one step towards the culturally conscious community that Mu Kappa hopes to inspire.

By Drew Leavitt





Stefanie Strothmann took the opportunity to chat with Mark Mountain over dinner (1).

Amelia Claus enjoyed the buffet (2).

Mu Kappa president Hannah Miller picked a Narnia theme for the annual formal (3). (sb)

// International Perspective

Heart for Missions

Shadows danced across dimly lit faces in the basement of Chalfant. Students gathered at 11 p.m. for a secret church service called *The Underground*, to experience what it's like to live in a country where worshipping God is forbidden or discouraged.

The event was organized by the group's fall leaders, Garren Moore and Rachel Devine. In the spring, Ashley Schmitt and Ryan Lutz took over.

"The best thing about Heart for Missions is that it is filled with people who want the world to know Jesus," Schmitt said. "We encourage our brothers and sisters who are already serving on the mission field to remind them that people care and support them. The group's passion is world missions and our vision is to start preparing now to be missionaries and servants for the Lord."

#onuchapel

Kyle Ireland @KyleIrelandONU

It always amazes me how many students take their spring break and give it to God. Missions at ONU! #onuchapel

Logan Long @llfcpsterchild

#chapelSummary: kingdom living has open conversations and asks cultural questions #onuchapel

Rivka Atadja @ratadja

What we need to realize is that it's not whites heaven black heaven Asian heaven, it's heaven and we are all seeking it #onuchapel



//Spiritual Battlefield

24 Hour Prayer is hosted by Prayer Warriors, one of the prayer clubs on campus. From seven in the morning until seven the next morning students come to Kelly Prayer Chapel and spend quiet time of reflection. Jeremiah 29:12-13 was the theme verse for this fall event: "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

A self-serve form of Communion was also available for attendees located at the front of the chapel. In between the bread and wine (or probably grape juice in this case) a sign read 1 Corinthians 10:23-26: "'I have the right to do anything,' you say—but not everything is beneficial. 'I have the right to do anything'—but not everything is constructive. No one should seek their own good, but the good of others. Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, for, 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.'" The verse reminded students that the event—and prayer in general—is for the betterment of the community.



Danyne Harris, like many students, seized the opportunity during revival to reconnect with God (1). (AH) Students in prayer warriors connected intimately in prayer for campus and the world (2). (RH)



(RH)



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Members joined in a circle at the altar in Kelly Prayer Chapel to petition God and pray for a variety of requests (3). (RH) Students gathered at the altar in chapel to pray (4). (AH)



Olivet Nazarene @OlivetnazareneU
24-Hour Prayer, 7am this Fri 11/1 - 7am Sat 11/2.
Please join us in prayer at Kelley Prayer Chapel or
from where you are. #lifeatolivet



Emily Swartzwelder @hurrianeemilee
"Frolicking with Jesus. You know, tralala."
#onuchapel



Aaron Hemgesberg @Humanberg
"Take me deeper than my feet could ever
wander..." Big prayer. #onuchapel

#onuchapel



Soldier

Christina Di Monte, the leader of Prayer Warriors, was described by Michael Poff, the vice president of spiritual life, as "really kind. She has a sweet spirit." Christina created a new event, 15 hour prayer. As Poff explained, "They opened it in the morning and left the door open in Kelly Prayer Cha-

pel because it was a sunny day. It was more inviting because the doors were open." This new event, a somewhat smaller version of 24 hour prayer, offered students a chance to join the prayer warriors in fighting the spiritual battles that are affecting students on campus.





// Playground Pals

Urban Children's Ministry met in the Warming House on Wednesday nights. (L-R) Breanna Turner, Kim Rothacker, Stacy Knoderer, Monika Alfke, Brooke Sheperd, Carly Brown, Julia Gregory, Kim Maue, Jessica Putnam, and Kyle Sleik.

Q and A with Stacy Knoderer

1. What was new about the Urban Children's Ministry this year?

This year has been full of blessings! We gained five new kids who now come regularly to the ministry. Also, Monika Alfke stepped up at the beginning of the fall semester to co-lead. This year we created applications to apply to the ministry, because we have had so many people interested and not enough kids. While it has been hard to turn people away, it has been so great to see the college students buddy up with the children on a deeper level.

2. How have you been seeing God move within the ministry?

God has been moving in so many aspects of this ministry. He has provided us with more children, as well as blessed us with wonderful volunteers who are willing to share the gospel with their buddies. Some of the children have never before heard the gospel; it has been amazing to see their growth and transformation as they are learning more about it.

Disciplers

God answered prayers for the Disciplers Ministry. Volunteers from the Ed 150 class flooded into the ministry and devoted their time to helping kids. "Most of this is not my ministry or anyone else's but God's, and if He wants it to keep going and have good attendance, it will," said co-leader Zach Rasmuson. They were blessed by the number of volunteers and kids involved this year. But the excitement for Disciplers did not just end there. According to Zach, the best thing about the ministry is the kids and the funny things that they say. "They have helped me be 100 percent sure that my future will have a lot of working with kids in it," Rasmuson said. "I have been inspired to be a light in dark places."

By Erin Taylor

On Halloween 28 volunteers from Compassionate Ministries participated in "Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat," collecting canned and boxed goods instead of candy to donate. (S)



Abi Hancock and S.O.S. members enjoy a meal with a new friend in Kankakee. (SF)



Save Our Streets

"The kids are great, what they do is great... they're just really, really great." Pastor Ed of the Gift of God Street Church in Kankakee struggled to find words worthy to describe what the S.O.S. ministry does for his organization, but his warm smile adequately expressed his gratitude. S.O.S., or Save Our Streets, is a volunteer organization that serves the homeless; their mission statement is "To be the hands and feet of Christ to the community." One of the ways in which they fulfill this mission is by going to the Gift of God Street Church on Thursday nights to serve dinner and talk to the men who stay there. Levi Himes, co-leader of S.O.S., explained what he thinks is the best thing about working with the men: "We feed them and give them a place to stay, but the best part about this place is that it's ministry above all else. It's really focused on bringing them to Christ, and the guys are thankful."



S.O.S members serve food at Gift of God Street Church. (SF)

//A Helping Hand



(SF)



During Homeless Week, S.O.S. members lived like those they serve. They stayed outside all week to better understand the lives of the homeless and to raise money to buy food for the shelter. Each night they also held devotions around a campfire, coming together to reflect on the experience and express their faith.(SF)



Compassionate Ministries

Compassionate Ministries was formed to help students and the community come together to love Jesus. Believing that it was important to foster a sense of community on campus first, Compassionate Ministries started a Bible study group two years ago. They meet every Wednesday night to discuss issues of faith, share their requests and praises,

and pray for and with each other. Off campus, Compassionate Ministries volunteers work on service projects to truly live out their mission of loving like Jesus. From hands-on projects like splitting wood and cleaning houses to food drives and fundraising for community organizations, Compassionate Ministries works to bring about tangible, lasting change. Co-leader Katie Reed explains that the group's emphasis is on "sustainable development," or projects that will be able to continue growing and benefiting the communities.

By Alex VanDehey



//Clubs and Academics

On an obscure floor of a building you didn't know existed they're meeting, leveling political propaganda and philosophical quandaries, playing board games and eating junk food. Clubs and organizations provide a subculture to the rigorous academic setting Olivet offers through highly specialized courses taught by professors who excel in their field. The apparent secrecy surrounding extracurricular activities sets a number of students' teeth on edge, but with grad school and cutthroat careers bombarding the horizon, many find solace in the collective conscious formed when like-minded students debate rather than argue, discuss rather than inform, and learn from one another in existential interlocation. Specialized programs form the roots of life at Olivet, anchoring a well-rounded education in a living, breathing academic community.

A photograph of a street scene, likely in an urban area. In the foreground, a white sign with a black border and a black circle with a diagonal line over a walking figure symbol is visible. The sign reads "Danger - Keep Off Tracks" and "High Voltage". The background shows a street with several cars parked along the side and a building with a sign that says "E". The overall image has a blue tint.

Danger - Keep Off Tracks
High Voltage

//Home Away From Home

The main level of Benner Library is the social floor where students find friends, Lee, and the dragon vessel. The second floor is Ann Hugo's domain where the volume is slightly decreased in comparison to the level below. The third floor is the epitome of silence, but the basement is a worthy competitor, exuding hush and a wealth of information in periodicals.

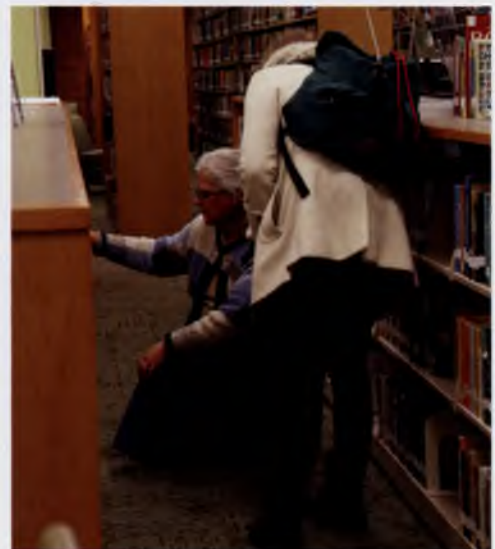


Coke and Christmas Trees

Freshman David Gardner has a familiar face to anyone who frequents the first floor of the library. He has been completing puzzles for his whole life, and the puzzle table on the main level of Benner has become a place for him to relax and take his mind off of work. He said that he thinks working on puzzles is a good way to build community. He has met many interesting people around the thousands of pieces which make larger images of Coca Cola scenes, Christmas trees, and the names of all 50 states made out of familiar brand letters. David takes great pride in completing the puzzles in Benner which he thinks the library makes appear "out of thin air." When finished, he always takes a picture of his masterpiece and posts it on Instagram.

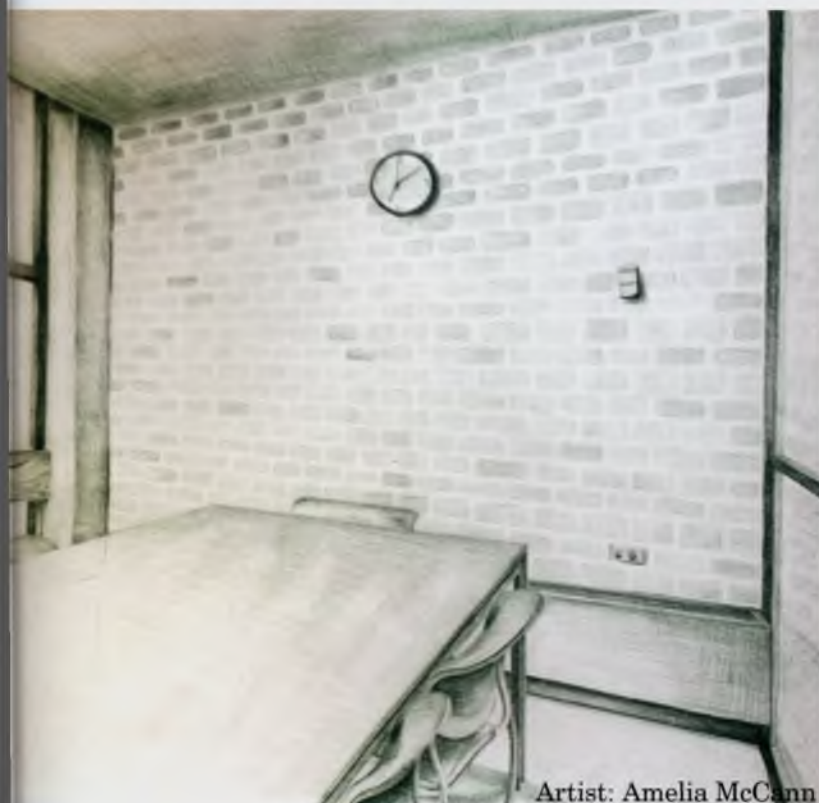


Benner Library contains more than countless pages of stories and information; it is one of the favorite places on campus for studying and making memories.





Artist: Dustin Vail



Artist: Amelia McCann

Third Floor Curse

Now that she lives in Olde Oak, senior Amber Andersen doesn't spend as much time on campus. When she is on campus, though, the "*ULTRA QUIET AREA!*" is her go-to spot for homework. "I come here because it's quiet. Although, it's fun to sit at the group tables in the stacks because you can get away with whispering. I usually end up laughing with this girl," she whispers, pointing to her friend Morgan Nusbaumer. "It makes us laugh harder because we are supposed to be quiet... it's like a curse."

Q & A with Nicole LaFond

Q: What sparked your interest in journalism? How did you come to be executive editor of the GlimmerGlass?

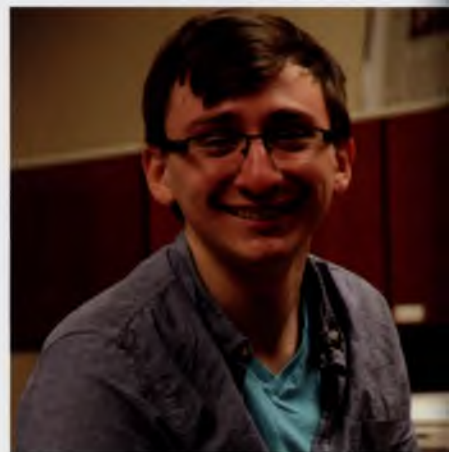
A: I always enjoyed writing growing up. I used to think I wanted to be a fantasy novel author during my years of "Lord of the Rings" obsession.

However, I got into journalism in high school working for my high school newspaper and became the editor my junior and senior year. After that, journalism just made sense. The style of writing came naturally to me, and I liked the idea of telling real people's stories better than the idea of writing about made up worlds.

When I got to Olivet I started off as a journalism major and have never had second thoughts. I started writing for the GlimmerGlass my freshman year, became an assistant editor my sophomore year, news editor my junior year, and senior year, it just made sense to run for executive editor.

Q: In your experience, what is the best and/or the worst thing about a career in journalism?

A: I think the best and worst part about a journalism career is how passionate journalists are. There's this crazy ambitious attitude that anyone aspiring to be a journalist automatically possesses. It's a hard and aggressive field, and journalists often put their story above everything else in life. The passion can drive you and kill you at the same time.



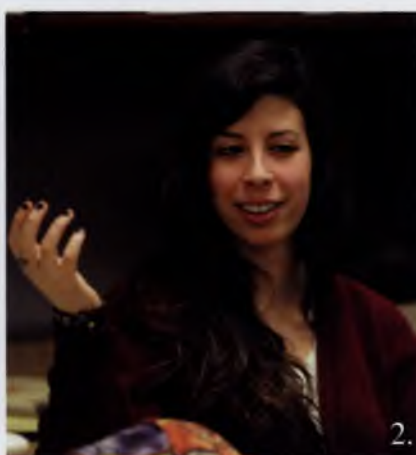
//Passionate Reporters



News editor Justine Espersen, assistant life editor Alex Ewers, executive editor Nicole Lafond, online editor Jake Neuman, opinion editor Grace King, and campus life editor Ashley Sarver attended the Illinois College Press Association, where the newspaper won three awards competing in a more competitive category than years past.



1.



2.

Freshman Grace King accepted the challenge of becoming the paper's opinion editor this year (1). (sb)

Taylor Provost pitched a story idea in a planning meeting. "The hardest part of journalism for me is trying to deal with people who don't want to deal with you," she said. "Some people that would have great information just don't want to deal with reporters, and when that happens, you have to think on your feet about what to do next." (2) (sb)

The GlimmerGlass increased its online presence this year. When asked about this shift, executive editor Nicole Lafond explained, "I want the GlimmerGlass to be relevant in the journalism world. That's why we've been working so hard to build our online presence and expand our page count this year." The change didn't come at the expense of print though, as the staff put together several 20 page editions, the largest in the paper's history.

Print & Online News

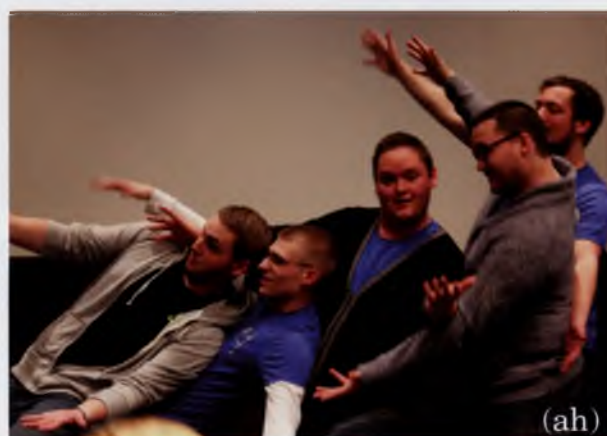
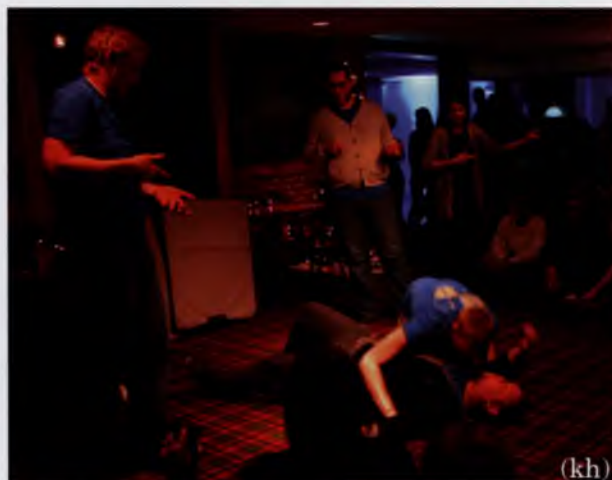




Santa's Summer Job

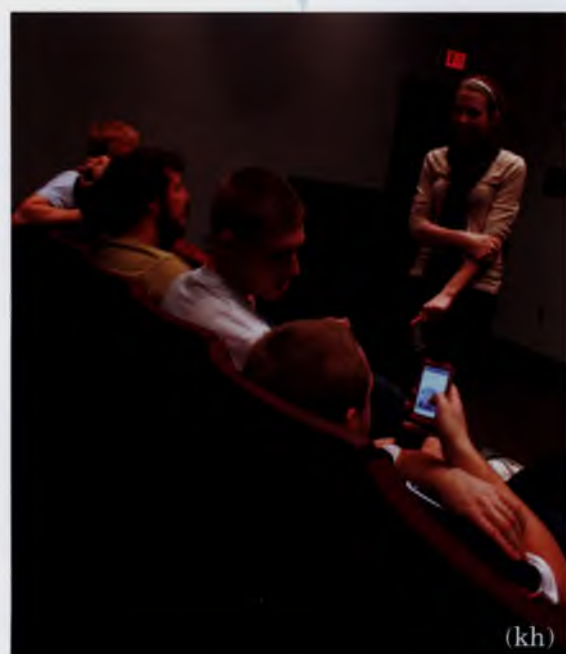
For their Christmas show hosted in the basement of Ludwig where fire-codes are just nice suggestions, Spoons 4 Forks performed to a packed audience. Santa's summer job—he also a taxi driver in case you didn't know—became a competition to drive cotton-balls and Christmas bears around town in the fastest time. There was a dating game with a cousin-in-law named Barbara—yes, cousin-in-laws are real and frequently named Barbara, sometimes even Barbara Bush—and a nauseous snail fighting for the love of one frank Texan.





//Practice Makes Perfect

How do they do it? Well, after sitting in on a practice the answer becomes even more confusing. There are inside jokes, lots of tangents, and even a yo-yo master present. It's a chaotic affair that involves flailing, office chairs becoming wheelchairs, and other grandmas not previously mentioned obsessively licking their lips.



//Make 'Em Laugh

Spoons 4 Forks is the comedy improv group on campus. They specialize in not knowing what is going on in a hilarious manner. But, remember, this stuff is serious. The group has games that they perform and it seems that the crux of the comedy comes from confusion. The audience is in on the secret, but some of the improvisers don't know, and that's where the hilarity comes in.

By Garrett Corpier

// Interdependency

Q: What is your best memory of being in the Multi-Ethnic Relations Club?

Aaron Eubanks: Working with the Center of Hope. We were just rearranging cans in the Kankakee area, but I was able to see that there are people in need who are close to home. It brings me out of my element, but that's a good thing. You learn to help others.

Ariel Turner: Our kick off party was definitely a great memory for me! The MERC kick-off party is a chance for students to come out and learn about MERC's mission and how they can be a part of it. There is something exciting about seeing new faces and meeting new students who also have a love of diversity. Our party was themed for Hispanic Heritage Month, so we served authentic Mexican food. In addition to this, we played a few games. Towards end the night, we had salsa lessons from one of our own students here on campus who danced in a professional group.

Q: Why do you think a group like MERC is important?

Aaron Eubanks: You don't think or talk about diversity much anywhere, but this group does. And it's helpful to transfer students and freshmen because it brings them into something where they can meet people and help out. We mostly do service events to help out the campus and community.

Ariel Turner: We are responsible for spreading a message of diversity and unity on ONU's campus. We recognize that we are all one in Christ, but that God has given us all different backgrounds, talents, gifts and abilities which will benefit the kingdom. MERC is a place to cultivate those gifts while learning more about one another.



Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast



This event invited local community leaders to remember Martin Luther King and his legacy and life, and all that he did for people all over the world. "We all came together to pray for our world, our society, and our future," Aaron Eubanks explained.



Christmas Expressions

Christmas Expressions was all about celebrating diversity during the holiday season. Students performed songs from different cultures and read stories about Christmas traditions from all over the globe. "Seeing Olivet students from different cultures, traditions and backgrounds come together as one to perform their talents was very exciting," member Trinity Evans said.

Jeff Gerstenberger, a freshman, was the Gentleman of Cleanliness to represent the spiffy and well-groomed men in Gentleman's Quarterly, or GQ, magazine.

Q: What is your smoothie flavor?

A: It's called "So Fresh, So Clean." It's actually a hip hop song that my RA showed me. It's really cheesy, so it was perfect.

Q: What talent are you going to perform?

A: I'm actually going to rap. Not a lot of people will expect that from me so it'll be interesting. I'm going to have one of my friends come on stage with me who writes Christian rap songs. He wrote the one we'll be doing.

Q: What's the best part of being part of Mr. ONU?

A: Making the video and putting it into high definition was a lot of fun. I also got to put my friends and the other competitors in it.

Q: Are you nervous about the performance? Have you performed in front of an audience before?

A: No, so this is my first time. I'm a little nervous about it, but I'm also excited. It'll be good.



Kyle Johnston, a sophomore, was the Gentleman of Home-school and featured "Mama's Special" for his smoothie entry.

Q: How did you feel when you first heard you were nominated for Mr. ONU?

A: I was really excited; this was my chance to go all out and have a lot of fun with it.

Q: How do you come up with material for the show?

A: I ask my friends and we kind of bounce ideas off each other. I always want opinions because I want to be funny without being obvious that I'm trying to be funny.

Q: What's the best part of being part of Mr. ONU?

A: Getting to know the other guys and getting close with them. They're all really cool, and I've had a lot of fun getting to know them.

Q: What do you hope to take away from the event?

A: I just want to make people laugh, and I hope everyone has a good time.



"The event was spectacular! Everyone in the crowd sounded like they were having the time of their lives; I totally had a blast and it is such a memorable night. All in all, congratulations to Kyle Johnston for winning Mr. ONU. He definitely deserves it! He has character and heart." - Genesis Perez, junior



Levi Himes, a sophomore, was the Gentleman of Survival; a very outdoorsy title that Levi feels represents him.

Q: How'd you feel when you found out you'd be in Mr. ONU?

A: I was really excited; I was freaking out. I showed the email to my RD and all the guys on the floor.

Q: What's your smoothie name?

A: It's called the Berry Tundra and it was just supposed to be berries and mango and everyone loved it. It was selling really well, but they switched the ingredients somehow so it was raspberry and mango instead. It was still good though, people liked it.

Q: Are you nervous about performing? Have you performed before?

A: I've done a lot of videos with friends on campus, and I did the variety show for Ollies Follies, so I'm not too nervous about performing. I'm pretty content about it.

Q: Is there anyone you want to win?

A: I mean, I'd kind of like to win, but I don't really care who it is. I think we're all in it to have fun; none of us are competitive about it.

// Highlights of WRL



Jessica Palm is the Vice President of Women's Residential Life at Olivet. She talks about her time being part of WRL and the events the group puts on.

Q: What are all the events WRL puts on?

A: We do the Homecoming Coronation, Sister to Sister, Appreciation Days, and Ladies' Night In.

Q: What's the biggest event you put on?

A: The Homecoming Coronation. There's a lot that goes into it with the setting up and organizing. Mr. ONU is our most popular event on campus though among the students.

Q: What's your favorite thing about being a part of WRL?

A: I love watching the lasting relationships that form from Sister to Sister. Sometimes the matches don't work, but the ones that do last for a long time where they make memories and encourage each other. I also love seeing the girls on stage during the Homecoming Coronation who have done so much for the campus, hearing all the good things their parents say, and getting to know them.

//Honey, I'm Home

“The club is a reflection of what God has ultimately placed on our hearts in regards to what we want to do in the future. We each have a passion to help the poor, the oppressed, the needy, the lost; it’s what God has called us all to do with our lives.”

– Ashley Dettore



Social Justice Club

Complacency tempts in an academic environment, where theories and statistics and world problems are discussed pragmatically around classroom tables, supported with citations from history and current events as one would discuss a work of fiction.

The objective of the Social Justice Club is to put faces to statistics and theory and to raise awareness of worldwide social injustice, including child soldiers, human trafficking, poverty, and environmental crises. They are a team of action, working together with organizations such as the End It Movement, International Justice Mission, TOMS, and Invisible Children. The club is led by Ashley Dettore (president), Kelsey Fisk (treasurer), and Clara Ruegsegger (vice president) who meet weekly to discuss current and future projects.

SJC is not only a way to raise awareness and theorize about why social injustice exists, but a place where students can unite as the body of Christ to take initiative and do something about social injustice as a whole. They translate ideas into action.

“The club is a reflection of what God has ultimately placed on our hearts in regards to what we want to do in the future,” Dettore said. “We each have a passion to help the poor, the oppressed, the needy, the lost; it’s what God has called us all to do with our lives.”

By Drew Leavitt



Habitat for Humanity

Students looking for a practical method of reaching out locally found a home in Habitat for Humanity. The club works under the larger organization of the same name who specializes in building houses for those who have nowhere to live. This organization acts upon what many Americans take for granted. One of the leaders of Olivet's chapter described serving the needy in the Kankakee community as being the hands and feet of Jesus: an appropriate metaphor, as they specialize in manual labor. Habitat for Humanity does not require any prior experience, but works with many contractors, engaging in the physical labor of construction to create a warm environment and shelter for those lacking it. Most of the work that Habitat for Humanity does relates to the construction and maintenance of local houses in Kankakee, but they also assist the community in other ways, including tornado relief and assistance in health clinics. By Drew Leavitt



Students aren't the only ones who helped out Habitat for Humanity this year. In March, Sodexo donated one dollar to Habitat for Humanity for each dining survey students filled out.

J.T. Cummings

Junior

Wesley Institute, Sydney, Australia

Q: Where did you go and why did you choose that location?

A: It had always been a dream of mine to go to Australia, so when the opportunity arose I took it. I was in Sydney Australia! The beach was literally a 30 minute train ride away.

Q: What was your favorite part about studying abroad?

A: My favorite part of living in another country was learning about a different culture firsthand. It is amazing how another culture can be so similar, yet so vastly different at the same time.

Q: Would you recommend studying abroad to other Olivet students?

A: Studying abroad changed my life. What I learned cannot be found in books, or taught by any college professor. If you have the chance, go.

//Culture Shock





Heather Terpenning

Senior

Taylor University, Greystones, Ireland

Q: Where did you go and why did you choose that location?

A: I have always wanted to go to Ireland.

Q: What was your favorite part about studying abroad?

A: My favorite part of living in a different country was experiencing a different culture, a different way of life, and a totally different pace of life.

Q: What did you miss most while studying abroad?

A: I really missed all my friends at Olivet.

Bethany Isley

Junior

NILI program, Quito, Ecuador

Q: Where did you go and why did you choose that location?

I chose Ecuador because I had the ability to travel to the jungle and meet a native tribe.

Q: What was your favorite part about studying abroad?

My favorite part of living in a different culture was that I made new friends immediately. My roommate and I became close really fast and we still keep in touch and plan to remain friends.

Q: What did you miss the most while studying abroad?

I really missed food. The cuisine is so different there that I had a hard time adjusting.

Q: Would you recommend studying abroad to other Olivet students?

Going to another country is challenging, but it was the best experience I have ever had.





“/i’kwestreen/ adjective: of or relating to horse riding.” Club members share an admiration for horses and riding them. Whether they own their own horses or the extent of their experience is from reading books and watching movies, a mutual affection is all that is required to enjoy each others’ company and spend time with their favorite animal. (RH)



Q and A What is the difference between English and Western style riding?

“The saddles are different; English stlye is for jumping. We compete in (and prefer) English style,” said Christina and Danielle. Western is more commonly used for trail rides.



//The Ride

His name is Barron, and he is spoiled. This 11-year old thoroughbred is owned and adored by Danielle Hays, president of the Equestrian Club. He lives at Sunrise Farms outside of Aroma Park, IL, where some club members like to ride English-style and practice jumping instead of sticking with the tamer trail rides.

The Equestrian Club is not only for experienced riders like Danielle, who has ridden horses for five years. Treasurer Christina Di Monte admits, "Most of the people who sign up don't know anything about horses. They just think they're pretty." Members are encouraged to get involved by taking lessons and learning more about horses, but the highlights of the Equestrian Club which bring everyone together are the trail rides held each semester at the Kankakee State Park.

In the fall, seven horse lovers made their way on a crisp evening to the state park for a trail ride. They rode on horses with names like Luis and Cherokee, and they were given the basic instructions of how to handle a horse, just in case they didn't already know: "Pull back with a 'whoa' to stop, heels in the side and clicks to move forward." Their trail leader assured them that the horses knew how to do their job, and trees changing colors set the backdrop for a laidback adventure. In light of such ride, club member Jacquelyn Rhea appropriately gave an open invitation for anyone to come to her room for movies. "I have almost every horse movie ever created," she said with a laugh.

By Katharyn Schrader



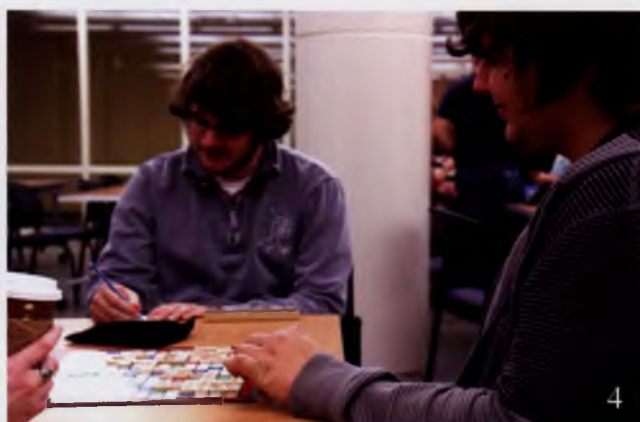
Ride Together, Stay Together



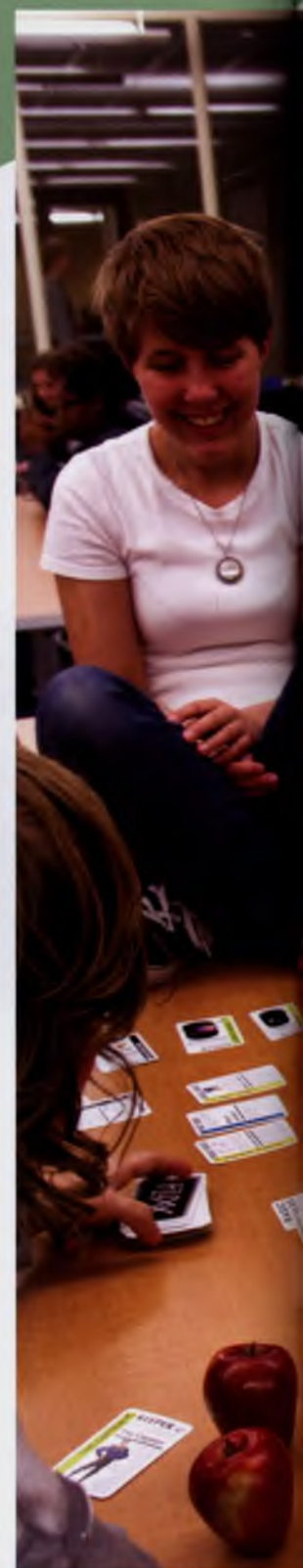
Co-leaders of the Equestrian Club, Danielle and Christina, have been best friends for years ever since they learned of the other's love for horses. "We were in the barn when we realized we sat two seats away from each other in Christian Formation," Danielle said, laughing.

They now ride together, show together, and lead the club dedicated to one of their greatest passions together.

Mike Szostek, Joe Bauer, Kelsey Vihnanek and friends are fixed on strategy (1). Brandon song moves through the game of Life (2). (JR)



Chaz Hutchinson debates over the most creative submission in Apples to Apples (3). Chaz Hutchinson and Alex Tharp show off their vocabulary in a game of Scrabble (4). (JR)



Q and A

1. What is the best part of Tabletop Games Club?

"The energy. Board games usually bore the heck out of me, but here, the energy is great. It gets crazy."

—Brenda Jones, member

2. Why do you think this club has grown so quickly?

"It's an easy community. Everyone can just come, play, relax... There's no pomp and circumstance."

—Nathan Roberts, treasurer

//Game On



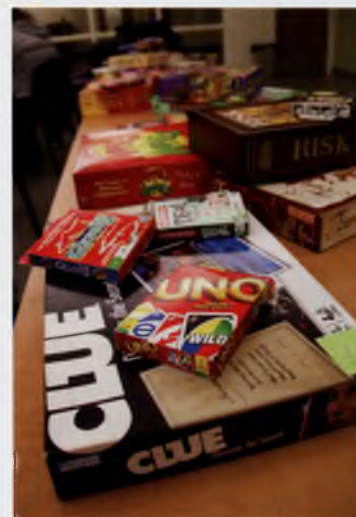
Rachel Timmer watched as Zach Brown, about to win the game *Fluxx*, was foiled by a card played which made it impossible for him to win. Despite the loss, he said that “the club is nice relaxation that I can count on at the end of each week.”

Glen “Merlin” Hinkley, president of the Tabletop Games club, apologized for the yelling and boisterous laughter. “That’s just the atmosphere here,” he explained, offering a warm handshake. Walking around the large SLRC room where the Tabletop Games club is usually held, it’s easy to see what he means. All of the members seem relaxed and happy, lounging on tables and roaming from group to group. People sit in rough circles, laughing, chatting, shouting, and, of course, playing all sorts of games. The Tabletop Games selection includes classics like *Life*, *Clue*, *Risk*, and *Settlers of Catan*, along with some more obscure titles, like *Fluxx*. *Magic the Gathering* is a popular choice, as are *Apples to Apples* and *Ticket to Ride*. There’s a great variety, and the selection changes every week. Board games, card games, and even a few interactive computer games are all shared and enjoyed by the members. The club was founded last year, and it has since doubled in size. There are about 150 members, and about 40-60 people show up to play every Friday night from 7 p.m. to midnight. Nathan Roberts, treasurer, attributes the club’s popularity to the laid-back atmosphere. Anyone with a love of games is warmly welcomed.

By Alex VanDehey



Glen “Merlin” Hinkley is the cape-wearing, staff-wielding president of the Tabletop Games Club. He founded the club in 2012 to provide students with a place to hang out and share their love of games.



The games are provided by the SLRC, and the selection changes every week to give variety to the members.



//Associated Student Council

Dr. Jay began a spring Associated Student Council meeting with a devotion on confronting those in leadership, giving tips on confrontation and correction when both giving and receiving it. He then led with a word of prayer.

At meetings, ASC covers everything from business to student life. This particular meeting discussed the Finkbeiner Fast, globalization, and fund petitioning. But the biggest conversation centered around that weekend's big event: Avalanche. It is no secret that the Olivet student body benefits from ASC's hosting of campus-wide events, which seem to get better every year. Avalanche was a success, offering the games and free food that students have come to love.

Meetings often end with students expressing concerns. This time, they discussed food portions in Nesbitt, lack of hot water in dorms and apartments, rumors of Dr. Bowling retiring, parking, and an excavation near Oak Run that either has to do with pipes or dinosaur fossils.

By Garret Corpier



VP for Finance Treavor Dodsworth and Student Body President Bre Bambrick discussed petitions for funds at an ASC meeting. (sg)

// Instigators



VP for Women's Residential Life and Men's Residential Life Jessica Palm and Lucas Fritch helped out at the Block Party (1) (lf). Francisco Ramirez and Michaela Maris helped plan the sophomore class events (2) (sg).

#lifeatolivet

 **Dani Martin** @ddladybug

An Olivet Christmas party!! — with Shelby Thein, Jon Hernon, Eddie Williams, Grace Amponsah, Emily Blake Downing and Daniel B. Going.





// One of the Guys

It's no secret that females outnumber males on campus by almost three to one. However, through the creative and passionate mind of Lucas Fritch, VP for Men's Residential Life, events like "Bro's Night" offer ONU men a safe haven for manliness. As one of many Manvember events, guys played dodgeball, appropriately dubbed "wacky ball," and partook in an epic nerf battle with PVC pipe blowguns for extra shooting power. A massive turnout of more than 300 guys showed up, partly due to Lucas's dedication. He made sure every man on campus received notice of the event by emailing them and even going door-to-door in each of the dorms to spread the word. The passion that Lucas has for his job is evident in his excitement about future possibilities for MRL. He firmly believes that part of his role is to "push the envelope."

By Drew Leavitt



Testosterone abounded during games of dodgeball, spike ball and tug of war. (rh)

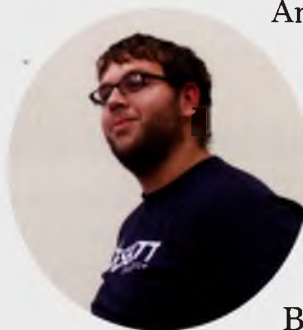


While nerf wars are traditionally fought with toy guns, PVC pipe blowguns took the Manvember nerf war to the next level. (1) (rh) The traditional test of manliness, tug-of-war, tested Robert Gaines on his strength. (2) (rh) Spike Ball was a new addition to the Manvember line-up this year. (3) (rh)



“Without the supportive community Olivet has, college life wouldn’t even be happening for me right now.”

MANVEMBER CHAMPION



Among the other “Bro’s Night” festivities, the winner of the much anticipated “Manvember” was crowned in the form of freshman Luke Baker. The trials that earned Luke the title included growing an epic beard, surviving a mock zombie apocalypse, and eating an obscene number of pancakes in Ludwig.

Brought to Olivet by a random internet search for colleges, Luke has realized through MRL and events like “Bro’s Night” that “without the supportive community Olivet has, college life wouldn’t even be happening for me right now.”

//Engineering Forward

Legacy of a Missioneer

significantly more than a tragedy behind him when he left this world in November. He left behind motivated students who are excited about their degrees as well as challenged to uphold the kind of character he exuded. He left behind a department about to enter the realm of cutting-edge technology and engineering opportunities that have never before been possible at Olivet. Most importantly, he left behind hearts full of hope merely because they had the opportunity to have known him.

"He infected everyone around him by being very energetic... Whenever we were around him, we believed we could accomplish anything because he believed in all of us so much." Jessie Eckerley, junior, Mechanical Engineering

"He repeatedly reminded us that when we all graduated and were out working in the industry, our ethics and love for Christ would be the most vital part of our careers." Cory Engel, senior, Electrical Engineering

"He had the uncanny ability to see a good thing and make it great. He passionately sought to guide us towards the possibilities of merging Christ with our professions." Loren Crawford, junior, Mechanical Engineering

"He took the time (even when he did not have it!) to make sure we always got the help we needed." Zane DeBeck, sophomore, Electrical/Mechanical Engineering

That it is tragic is undeniable, but Dr. Ken Johnson left

"If I become half the man he was I will consider my life well lived." Ben Prude, senior, Electrical Engineering

"He let God direct his adventures, and as a result God was able to use him and his abilities to change countless lives. It is my dream to be just like him...to be selfless and willing to serve, to be loving and wise and passionate, and to be every bit as fun and as radiant of Christ as he was." Montana Caise, sophomore, Mechanical Engineering



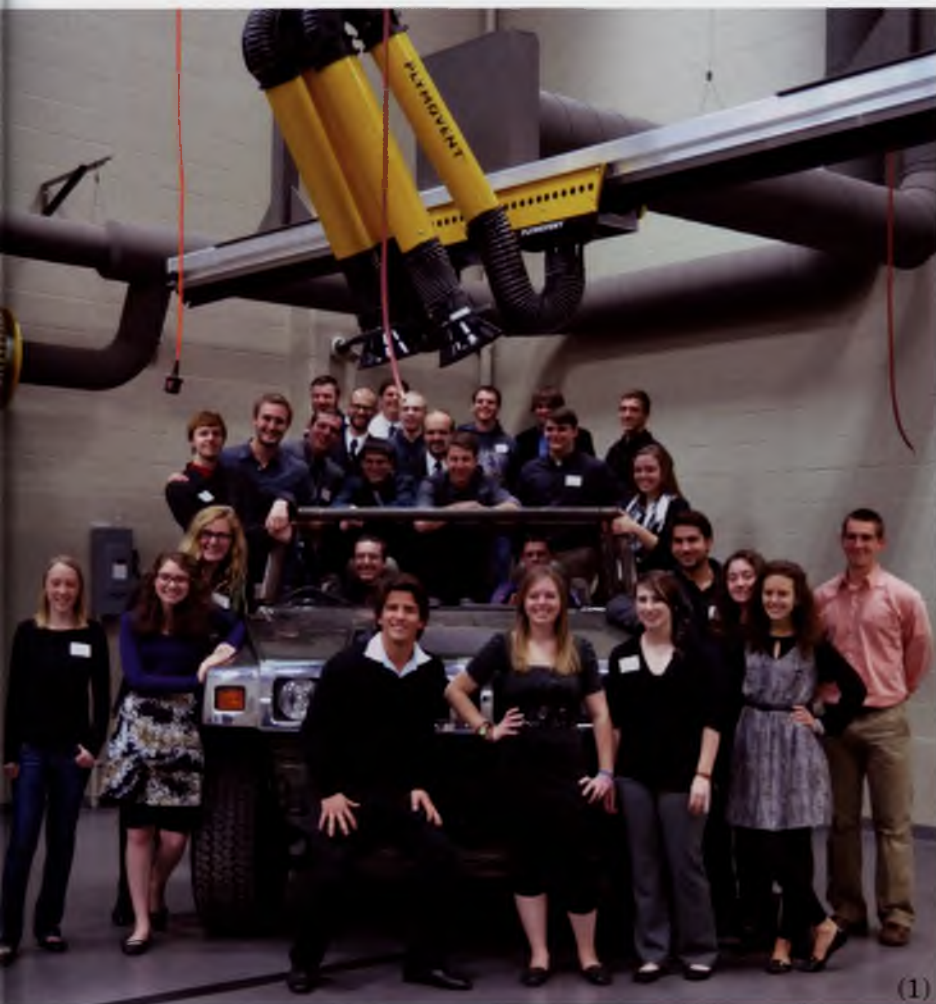
"His song was one of joy, one of hope, and one of belief; and no person could enter his life without truly realizing the full melody of his heart. Dr. Johnson redefined the impact that I thought any one person could have on the world. He inspired me to believe that there is always reason to hope, to care, and to strive." Michelle Spencer, senior, Electrical Engineering

Dr. Johnson's students unanimously spoke about his childlike enthusiasm, his constant availability, his humility, his willingness to get to know his students personally, and his inspirational coining of the term "Missioners" as a description for Christian engineers. Michelle Spencer, who knew Dr. Johnson personally, concludes his impact best:

"The ultimate mark that Dr. Johnson was and will always be unforgettable is by the amount he is missed. His passing is still a shock, and he has left so many with a gaping hole that can only be filled by his incredible legacy. He left this world without desperation, but with his song echoing in the hearts of the hundreds that he changed; he passed so that he may live on in us. And my life is forever changed by his melody."

Stepping Up

One undergraduate's year drastically changed in November. When Dr. Johnson passed away, Camilo Grisales (right), who had been serving as his T.A., was asked to teach the class for the rest of the semester. "Please give me one day to think about it," was his shocked but honest response. After he accepted, Camilo loved the experience. "One year ago, I was planning on being an industry man," he said. But when reflecting on his new experience with teaching, Camilo smiled and said, "I really, really like it." Camilo did such a good job that he became an adjunct professor for the spring semester.



Engineering students gathered after Dr. Johnson's funeral for the opening of the new Engineering Technology Center. (1) (sb). Students hung Christmas lights at the Johnson's house in December (2).

Female Engineers



Kendra Maxon, a junior mechanical engineering major, was way under-dressed when she attended her first Society of Women Engineers conference as a freshman in college. However, since this first encounter, she has been to two national conferences, two regional conferences, and even visited the home of Stacey DeNecchio, the president of SWE. Her dream is to have an official section of SWE at Olivet by the start of the 2014-2015 school year. Of the roughly 150 ONU engineering majors, there are fewer than 20 women. "It's all about getting exposure to see what we can do as female engineers," she said. "At a conference with thousands of woman engineers, you realize that if they can make it, I can make it too."

// Learning From the Past

Making Their Own History

"I've greatly enjoyed my time in Phi Alpha Theta," said Paul Wright, president of Phi Alpha Theta. "The ability to discuss any aspect of history and receive feedback and criticism for our theories is encouraging." Phi Alpha Theta is the national honor society for history majors, dedicated to the study of history and the exchange of ideas among historians. They currently have approximately fifteen members in the Olivet chapter, Nu Zeta. Founded in 1967, Nu Zeta is Olivet's oldest honor society. To be inducted, history majors must have over twelve hours of history credit and a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Paul explained the purpose of the club, saying, "We seek to bring students and teachers together for intellectual and social exchanges, which promote and assist historical research and publication by our members." Phi Alpha Theta also hosts a guest speaker every semester for a campus-wide lecture; this year, they welcomed Paige Cunningham, who spoke on the topic of bioethics. By Alex VanDehey



Consequences

Everyone knows the old saying: "If we don't learn from the past, we'll repeat it." Certain people dedicate their lives to the pursuit of learning about and interpreting the events that have brought humanity to where it is today. Here at ONU, we call them history majors. Olivet's department of history and political science focuses on preparing young people to take on the future with an educated understanding of the past and the consequences of human choices, as well their effects on our current culture. The department's highly qualified professors ensure that scholarship and faith are integrated into the curriculum as students form their Christian worldviews, so that whether they go on to teach, research, lead, or do something else, students of Olivet's history department are able to take their critical thinking into the world to make sure that humanity heads in the right direction.

Passionate about teaching students to learn from studying the past, history professors such as William Dean teach classes like World Civilization, American Civilization, Developing World China, and Blood at Little Big Horn (1). (ah)

Members of Phi Alpha Theta from left: Alex Pollock, Colton Parker, Paul Wright, Troy Schultz, Zachary Dunbar, Ashley Dinneweth (2). (sb)



// Pursuing Politics

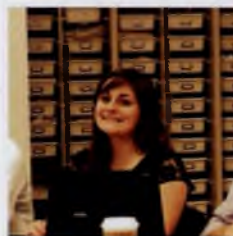
Law and Politics Society

For a university that does not officially have a school of law, there are many Olivetians who are interested in pursuing law, creating their own pre-law pathways to prepare them for whatever law school interests them. The self-proclaimed goal of the Law and Politics Society is to fully equip these students to pursue further schooling and an eventual career in law, hoping to serve as a preparation for the troubles of law school to dull the horror stories of grueling tests and thousands of pages of reading. Addison Newall the president of the group is a Junior who dreams of going Ivy League himself. He committed himself to preparing other students to address the details of the LSAT test as he prepared this year to take it himself. In Addison's eyes, the best thing about LPS is "The fact that we get legal minded individuals amped up to focus on where Christ is in the world of law and how they can change a corrupted profession that can do so much good for the kingdom of God."

#debating

 **Alex Pollock**@alexpollock27

My debate team for American Public Policy. We did work.



"If you have a desire for the world of law, then there is much to be excited for looking to LPS. Although we cannot get you into the law school of your dreams or get you a 180 on the LSAT, we can support you with a foundation that will start you a step above the rest of your competition."

—Addison Newall



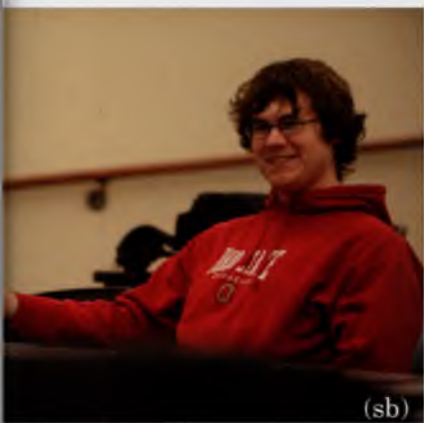
Dr. David Claborn lectured on religion and politics.



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Capitol Hill Gang

Politics is a topic of conversation that most tend to shy away from, since it ignites passionate ideals and thus controversy. Among the larger political battles of the nation and the world, it is important to have a place in which subjective political beliefs can be expressed without judgment. Attempting to step away from a nation divided politically, the Capitol Hill Gang seeks to provide a place to develop politically through discussion and debate. The club, led by Brandon Allison, is the only official place on campus that students can get together and talk about important political issues. CHG not only offers a refuge for politically minded students, but also opens itself to the campus of ONU and any student remotely interested in current political issues by hosting campus events like debates. These debates can range topically from recent governmental decisions to the legalization of marijuana and often include the assistance or participation of both students and faculty. By offering a fellowship for the politically minded students of ONU and even pointing them toward opportunities to get involved in local politics, Capitol Hill Gang provides a significant place for students to discuss and to learn from one another.



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6:53

Three to four times a semester, the computer science club meets at exactly 6:53 p.m. to hold what they call a LAN party. The club begins the evening by going to Royal Buffet Chinese Food and then playing computer games until two or three in the morning. Then, they make a late night visit to Steak 'n Shake for burgers and shakes, only to be found back in the lab playing more computer games until well after sunrise.

//Computer Science Turns 25



2013 marked the 25th anniversary of the computer science department.



Alex Reiter accepted first prize for best in show at the annual Computer Science Open House in December for his work on a Windows tablet GPS tracking app for his employer, RacoWireless. The award celebrated the department's 25th anniversary. (L-R) Larry Vail, Alex

Late Nights and Lost Weekends

Computer science is a tough program of intricate codes, complicated math, and seemingly impossible labs. Nonetheless, it is an incredibly rewarding major full of opportunities. "Computer science means staying in the lab all night to finish code. It means giving up weekend plans to finish a lab you thought would take a quarter of the time. Computer science is the dopamine kick that goes through your brain when you finally finish a lab or eliminate a bug," senior Alex Reiter (left) said.

"What makes this program and this department stand out and different from other programs at Olivet would be the fact that we are the innovators of the world. We are programming the future right here at Olivet and will continue to strive for greatness in the future of technology and programming innovation."

– Caleb Brewer



Competing Programmers

While many students spend their evenings and weekends enjoying what Olivet has to offer, the computer science department spends them working hard. Some even put their skills to the test in programming competitions, spending hours cracking codes and solving every problem thrown at them. "Programming competitions stretch your understanding, but much more importantly they stretch your ability to work in collaboration," Hannah Miller said. "Hour of Code (left) was a national event to promote computer science awareness and, particularly, advocate for better education standards in K-12. Ours was a one-hour event sponsored by the computer science club for students from all over campus to come experience very simple programming for the first time. We had over 100 people trying it in three different Weber classrooms, assisted by

volunteer students from the CS department. The web apps we offered were provided by Hour of Code and were very similar to those used in our first-time programming class."

//Love of Literature



Members of the Spanish honor society Sigma Delta Pi Chi Omega: Cristina Gomez, Allyse Groover, Hannah Miller, Emily Arnold, and Dr. Wilfredo Canales.

Q: What is your favorite thing Sigma Delta Pi Chi Omega has done this year?

A: The induction ceremony is always an exciting time where all the current members come together with the incoming members and conduct a private ceremony. We pass out the society's elements and share peaceful moments with a language we all love.

Q: What do you appreciate about the honor society?

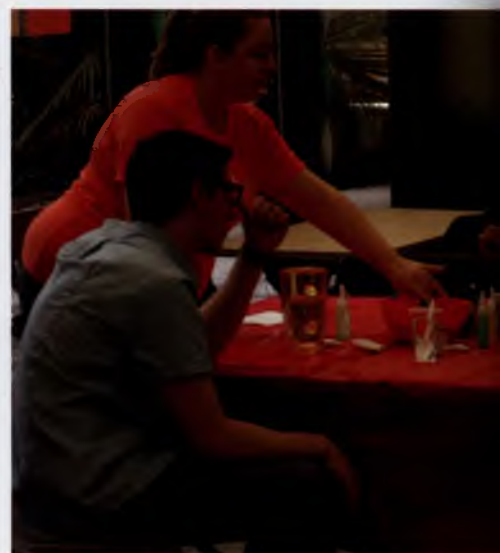
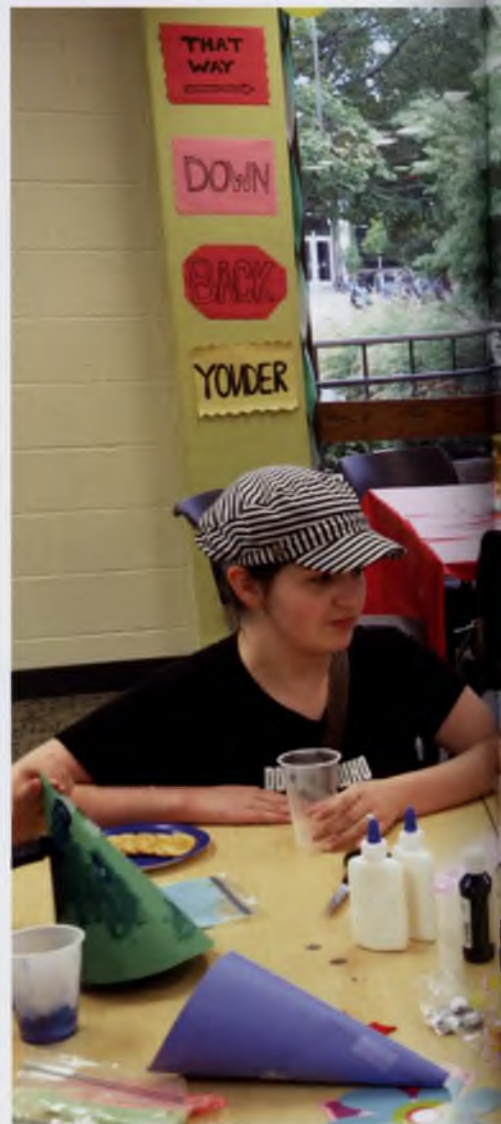
A: It provides excellent opportunities for all the members, including a chance to interact with other Spanish majors and also scholarships and grants for those who want to continue their education in Spanish.

Q: How has the society benefited you this year?

A: Being president has been rewarding, but it was also a lot of work. This responsibility helped me create a balanced schedule of classes, drumline, and Sigma Delta Pi. I was privileged to work with Professor Canales, our awesome sponsor.

“The professors want
to help us succeed in
our study of language
and in life too.”

-Erin Stephens





Down The Rabbit Hole

Students walk in bewildered at the frosting scented, brightly decorated room that is normally the plain Fishbowl in the library. One guy walks in from the stairwell, glances around at the decked out room and then slowly shuts the door, returning to the dim stairwell. A few other students coyly walk by, some with absolute confusion while others can't help but grin at the small party. All admire the Alice in Wonderland drawings on the windows and stare hungrily at the junk food spread out on a table. A few more students come in and stand right at the threshold as if there's an invisible barrier that won't let them join the party with all the kid-orientated crafts from a favorite fairy tale.

Two brave souls make their way into the room with large grins. They immediately grab some birthday cake, cookies and punch while looking around at the decor. "This is awesome!" the tall guy says with a mid-fist bump to the air to show his enthusiasm. After those two broke the barrier more students began to flood into the room and try out the different Alice in Wonderland themed crafts like making un-birthday hats, coloring pictures of their favorite characters, and getting their photos taken as the Cheshire Cat smiled from behind.

"Some of my best memories are from setting up the Dr. Seuss and Alice in Wonderland parties during banned book week," said Katelyn Oprondek, a junior and member of Sigma Tau Delta. "It was really fun to come together and create something everyone could enjoy."

By Doni York



//Roaring Tiger Battalion

Prepare to Serve

Set a ways from the street and surrounded by an open field stands the towering, aged red brick of Fortin Villa. Shouts and stomping are often heard here, and forced early risers pull on camouflage fatigues and boots to march and work out at a time when most students are soundly asleep in their dorm rooms and apartments, or debating sleep amongst stacks of homework and discarded, empty coffee cups. Students gasp in horror at the time that cadets work out, but many of them do not understand the work that goes into being a part of Olivet's Army Reserve Officers Training Corps. Physical training is three times a week around 5:30 am which entails the usual running, arm workouts, and abdominal workouts reminiscent of the tests in pushups, sit ups, and running that all cadets must pass to stay in the program. Besides routine PT, cadets will often engage in labs and exercises, turning Fortin Villa into an enemy headquarters and going through the motions of a building raid while an umpire dictates reality and calls someone out if they are dead.

Contrary to popular belief, Olivet ROTC is not all about working out. The classes are structured like a minor and are mostly located within Fortin Villa, ranging from Basic Soldier Skills to Military History. ROTC cadets have a class every semester and look toward the character building determination necessary of an American soldier. At the end of their junior year, cadets are required to take a Leadership Development Assessment Course, an assessment of everything they have learned in the program. After the program, cadets go on to basic officer training, where they are trained for the jobs they will have as officers and sent to their respective posts, whether active duty or not.

The reasons for joining the ROTC vary from a love of the training or the atmosphere to a true feeling of being called to serve. Most cadets, whatever their reasoning, will walk away with a more structured outlook on life and a willingness and ability to be in leadership positions. The doors of Fortin Villa house not just hardened future soldiers, but a community of dedicated workers and leaders preparing themselves to serve their country.

New Leadership



Major Karen Crocker is not what many would expect when envisioning a Director of Military Science. Her devotion to those brought into her life through a decision to serve distinguishes her as a leader well aware of her capabilities and the impact that she has on others. Her smile and willingness to be involved in the lives of her cadets is evidence that she is a dedicated and dynamic addition to Olivet's Department of Military Sciences. Her job has taken her all over the country since her enlisting in



the Army in 1992, and she has also served in Germany, Korea, and Egypt. Having never worked in an academic environment before, she has been presented with new challenges, but is more than willing to rise to the occasion. She says of her new placement at Olivet, "It's fun and takes a lot of energy. The fast pace is a challenge, but it's fun because the cadets have energy and imagination. I learn from them, too." Her willingness to learn is what makes Major Crocker fit into the academic environment, and her appetite for leadership makes for a fitting role model for any young soldier.



The Veteran's day ceremony brought much deserved praise to the cadets from their superiors (1.) (RW)
Soldiers salute the American flag in a chilly close to the Veteran's day ceremony (2.) (RW)

"The cadets have energy and imagination. I learn from them, too."

Helping Hands

Every August, ROTC members assist freshmen as they move in to campus. (RW)



//Teaching Teachers



Haley Carroll attended the SEA teacher panel event. “We asked questions of how they had to adapt their classroom lesson plans to the common core standards, what is the most difficult part of teaching, and much more. It was really great to hear teachers talk about their classroom to help encourage us in our studies,” she said.



Q and A with Thomas Sanders



1. Since you will be graduating, how well do you think the Education department has prepared you for your future?

I would say that the Education department prepares its students well for student teaching. The highly qualified professors and high expectations make sure that we learn information that will be useful when we go out into the field. When it comes time to student teach, there are lessons that a college course cannot provide, and that’s where much of our growth as professionals really begins.

2. What have you enjoyed the most while student teaching?

Student teaching has been a wonderful experience so far. It has been wonderfully helpful in showing me exactly what it will be like for me as a teacher in the fall. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes that simply cannot be talked about in our college classes, yet is incredibly important in the day-to-day workings of the educational system. Of course, the dynamics with the students are different, as a college student turns into a student teacher. There’s quite simply a feeling that we are, as the tagline of the department goes, “professionals influencing lives.”



Jessica Dieken took notes during lecture. “My favorite part of the education department is how obviously the professors care about not only the students in their class, but also the students that we will someday teach,” she said (1).

Students participated in discussion, shared their ideas, and learned from others (2).

SEA held a question and answer session where teachers in the area came to discuss their experiences and students asked questions concerning their future careers (3). (jr)



Kappa Delta Pi

Serving local schools in need is Kappa Delta Pi’s specialty. The education honor society provided opportunities to learn co-teaching strategies and hosted a service project to promote literacy in local schools this year. “Ultimately, Kappa Delta Pi helps give future teachers practical and meaningful experiences and resources,” member Jessica Manning said.

By Erin Taylor

//Manifest

Chad stands out from the rest of the crowd. He wasn't born with a disability, but after the accident he was different than he used to be. Slower in speech, but a jokester nonetheless, Chad entertains the people at River Valley Church with his jokes and quick-witted comments.

Chad attends Manifest, an alternate church service for adults with physical and mental disabilities like Chad. "We take things for granted," said volunteer Hannah Moyer. "It is humbling to spend time with them. They get so happy about just the little things." Young and old adults come to Manifest each week to learn about the Lord.

Hannah says the ministry was developed around John 9:1-3: "And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made MANIFEST in him."

By Erin Taylor



River Valley Church provides a structure where students can serve through programs like Manifest. (HM)



Jessica Moulding, Michael Bishop and Elizabeth Moulding volunteer at the River Valley Halloween Party. (HM)

LEARNING *In Christ*



// Hand-in-Hand

"May I pray with you?" Dr. Ron Dalton smiles as he begins a Christian Scriptures 2 class. An engaging and welcoming aura fills the air as Dalton steps into the classroom, encouraging students to utilize his office hours in order to grow together as the body of Christ. The mentoring friendships that occur in the theology department are known throughout the student body. Senior Erin Evans has one of these mentoring friendships with another professor, Dr. Leon Blanchette. Their relationship grew out of a mission trip taken in 2012. Since then, they have continued to pour into their friendship.

Meeting twice a week, they chat about various topics, and he will even bring her coffee to class when she is having a rough day. "He is like a campus father in a way," said Erin, smiling as she remembered the times that they have spent together. The foundation of the theology department is firmly built on the relationships that are made between the professors and the students. Professors take the time out of their week to devote their attention to the students with whatever they may need.

"We all want to learn as much as we can, and the professors want to teach us the best they can, so that we can be better vessels for the Lord to use in ministry."

-Bethany Chatman



// Women in Ministry

Many years ago, a local church helped a Kankakee family of three that had no means of support. The only child, nine years old, whose life was considered a miracle, was called into ministry. Raised by two teenagers, she grew into a strong, well-educated and driven woman. This woman is Olivet's very own Teresa Garner, youth ministry professor. After 21 years of ministry, she has made her way into the hearts of the students and staff in her first year at Olivet. Professor Garner is the only female professor in the department, but she is not intimidated by the men that surround her. During her first interview, she thought to herself

"How am I going to do this?" Then she remembered that she was being interviewed because of who she is and what she'd done. "You are who you are because God has gifted you," Garner said. "Everyone is wired differently, and that is a powerful thing." One message that she gives to all women who are called into ministry is to not give up and to not apologize, because God is the one who has brought each person to the right place.

// Education Sensations

A Melting Pot of Personalities

The Student Education Association is a melting pot of personalities. Sarah Ready said, "When we look for new members, we don't like to have people with the same personalities. We like a mixture of students so that all ideas can be brought to the table." Their group consists of class clowns, jocks, introverts, and extroverts. In one interview, a girl was asked why she wanted to join SEA and Sarah said that she responded with "I don't." Once the council discovered that the girl thought it was a requirement to be a part of the organization, they all had a good laugh. The varying opinions and situations has created a council that has helped lead the association to one of their newest programs this year called Upward Ministries.

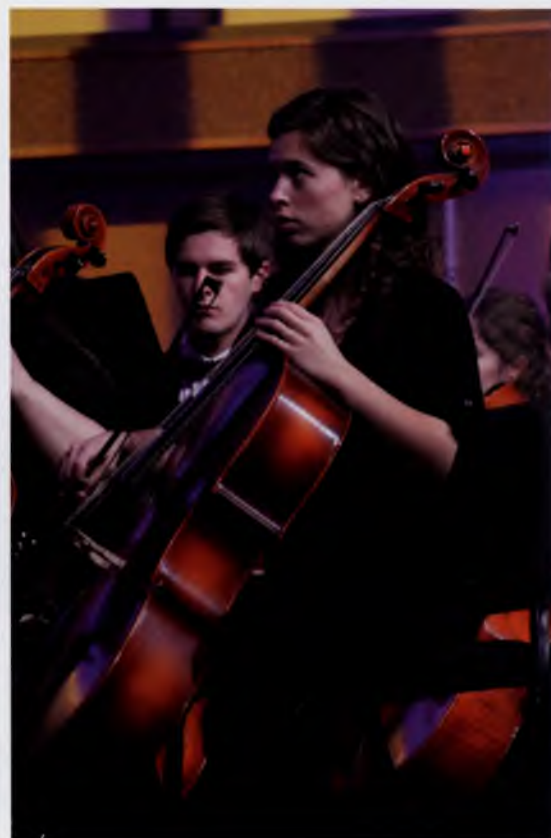
By Erin Taylor



From Science to Salsa

The Illinois Science Educator Conference in Tinley Park was an amazing experience for all of the members of the National Science Teacher Association. Dr. Aggie Veld not only provided the students with opportunities to learn but she also provided dance lessons. Morgan Nusbaumer learned how to swing dance one night. "Dr. Veld was our mother duck during the whole trip," Nusbaumer said as she beamed with excitement about the science lessons and tips for swing dance. However, that was not the only time dance was incorporated at this event. Morgan helped teach the president of ISEC how to salsa dance and in turn was given the opportunity to seek him for future advice and guidance in her profession. "The connections made there were priceless," said Emilie Janes, president of NSTA.

By Erin Taylor



Andrew Moore led a meeting of music educators. (kh) Music education major Elisabeth Holaway participated in "The Messiah." (hm)

Music Educators Speak

Q: As a future educator, how has the National Association for Music Educators helped prepare you for your future?

Lynnae De Jong: NAFME prepares me for my future as a music educator by connecting me with professionals who can share their knowledge and experiences and by giving me opportunities to serve music programs in the local area.

Q: What type of opportunities does the National Association of Music Educators offer you?

Selina Gaines: Being involved in NAFME allows us to have community with other future music educators and attend IMEA, which is an event that gives students and teachers the opportunity to attend lectures, workshops, and learn more about specific topics and exciting new things happening in the world of music education.

Q: What can you say about the growth of NAFME this year?

Andrew Moore: This year NAFME is trying to increase its involvement in off-campus activities, especially those related to education. We hope not only to gain experience for ourselves but make an impact in the educational community around Olivet.

Jessica Brown: I would say that NAFME has definitely grown this year. Since participation in this club is determined by being a music education major, we do not really recruit members. It is exciting though that there are more music education majors in the music department this year and I hope it continues!

//Let's Get Down to Business

Allison Walsh is a senior business major at Olivet and one of the co-presidents of Enactus.

Q: What are some of the events that Enactus puts on?

A: We have the Suit Up event where we help people prepare for jobs by doing workshops throughout the semester. We also do mock interviews where we bring in professional businessmen and have them interview students.

Q: Why is Enactus important for Olivet's campus?

A: It's full of great opportunities and helps with making connections in the work world. You learn valuable skills in leadership and teamwork that are skills that will remain relevant long after you graduate college. It also looks great on a resume; I got to write up a marketing plan for a company in Thailand and that's something I would have never gotten the chance to do without being a part of this.

Q: Why is Enactus important to you?

A: I love getting leadership experience **and** being part of a team. Business is something I **have** a passion for and being able to use that passion **and** work with Enactus has been a wonderful experience. It's really what you make it and all the risks of **putting** yourself out there are so worth it.



Student Philanthropy Council



According to Kelsey Steines, the Student Philanthropy Council "helps engage the campus and promote the welfare of others. We also fund projects and have events throughout the year. We do Free Tuition day in April which is when the 80% of our tuition is all paid off and the rest of the 20% comes from generous donors in the community. We put on an event to celebrate all the people who are giving to the campus."

By Doni York

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Zolar Entertainment

Zolar Entertainment might best be known for the handful of dances it has hosted for Olivet students, but founder and sophomore Sam Kwak says Olivet is only a small amount of the events in which Zolar Entertainment participates. In fact, Zolar Entertainment's services have been used for weddings, birthdays, bar mitzvahs, and Quinceañeras.

According to Zolar Entertainment's website, their mission is to "deliver a flawless, unique and creative event to customers worldwide."

Kwak first started DJing his freshman year of high school for a secular company. Zolar Entertainment came out of his desire to have safe events free from the dangers of alcohol and other substances.

"We want people to have a safe alternative," Kwak said of his events.

Under Kwak's leadership, Zolar Entertainment has gone from hosting local events to flying out to the University of Virginia and California to put on events. Kwak's vision is to have an international business in the next two or three years.

Kwak has hosted events for Olivet such as Classy Friday, a charity event to assist with Missions in Action trips. He's also lent his talents to class and all-school events as an active member of the Associated Student Council.

By Christopher Peterson

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//Number Crunchers

A Slice of Pi

One might wonder what the Math Club at Olivet does, but according to its members the club is a lot more than just running numbers. “We do several events every year such as Pi Day and math murder mystery, and then other smaller meetings where we do fun games and things related to math,” said Molly Peterson, a senior. “My best memory is from this last Pi Day when we ate pie and decorated pi-shaped cookies and had a cookie-decorating competition!”

As for the most anticipated event, most of the members are looking forward to the “Math Murder Mystery,” where students earn clues and try to solve a murder in the department. “It’s always creative and a lot of fun! We’re always doing something different,” Peterson said.

Kim Rothacker and Ashley Coon played with pennies, trying to figure out if the game was fair (1).

Molly Peterson and Lorisha Riley shared a laugh as a coin fell off the table (2).

Professors like Dan Green often participated in math club events. (3). (sb)

“The best thing about the math department is that we are a family. The professors really take the time to get to know us.”

-Gloria Jentz





During a Math Club meeting, students and faculty worked side by side flipping coins to learn about probability. (sb)





//Crafters and Creators

Taken for Granted

The Family and Consumer Science Department includes majors that range from dietetics to interior design. "All of these majors are very different from each other, yet they all work together in order to serve others," Kira Litras said. Family and Consumer Science is an integral part of society that requires a vast amount of hard work and dedication. Stephanie Jansma said, "FACS is unique because it focuses on many things we take for granted: clothes, home, family, and food."

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"Dia-what-ics?"

"Dietetics is the study of all that is evil but tasty."
-Cristina Gomez

"Dietetics is the study of foods that I should eat but probably won't." -Brianna Turner

"Is that a real word?"-Elizabeth Hackney

"It's not quite anything really."-Natalie McManus

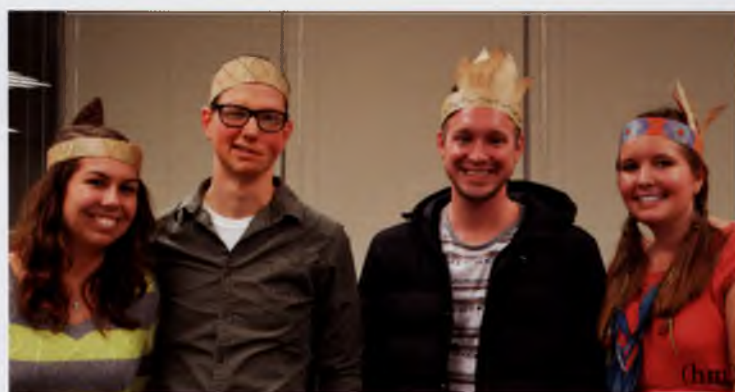
"Dietetics is the art form and science of forcing people to eat right." -Josh Johnson

"Dietetics is people who are on a diet?"- Luke Vihnaneek



They Have That Here?

Fashion merchandise is a small and underappreciated major in the FACS department. Incorporating art, design, fashion, and merchandising, it becomes much more complicated than simply buying and selling clothing. "The faculty want you to become professionals in the fashion world," Rebekah La Plante said. "I can identify any textile of clothing just by touching it."



Thanksgiving Celebration

Familiar smells of turkey and potatoes comfort the Dietetics department. Member Kira Litras, who has been involved in SDA's Thanksgiving celebrations since she was a freshman, is overjoyed to see the club has grown so much this past year. Students in Indian and pilgrim attire filled the room as they sat down to have a meal of fellowship and gave thanks for the things that God has brought them this semester.
- By Erin Taylor

// People Watchers



Psi Chi

Psi Chi is the national honor society dedicated to promoting academic excellence in the field of psychology. Those in Olivet's chapter organize projects and activities for psychology majors and minors.

"Some of my favorite moments have been socializing around a bonfire out at University Place, as well as our Christmas party in the alumni house," Brianne Gallivan said.

Psi Chi also sponsored game nights and advising sessions for freshman psychology students. Psi Chi had 24 members and was led by Stephanie Miller as chapter president, Nathan Roberts as treasurer, Chantel Ulatowski as representative, and Brianne Gallivan as representative. By Alex VanDehey





Students enjoyed snacks, games like Apples to Apples, and the fellowship of their peers and professors at a game night in February.

Psychology and sociology students and faculty said a fond farewell to Dr.

Ray Bower, who retired at the end of the year. He served as chair of the behavioral sciences department.



Fond Farewell

Goodbye Olivet Community,

As my retirement is fast approaching, I must admit that I am experiencing mixed emotions. On the one hand, I am filled with anticipation and excitement when I think about the home to which I am retiring in the rural hills of southern Indiana. I will be able to experience many of the wonders of God's creation in my own backyard. On the other hand, there is a measure of sadness I am experiencing as well. For the past 27 years the Olivet community has been a huge part of my life. It has been a great privilege and honor for me to serve God in my capacity as a professor of psychology in the Department of Behavioral Sciences. And, without question, Olivet is a wonderful place to be for students, faculty, and staff. This place called Olivet really is holy ground. So, as I prepare to leave at the end of this academic year, I want to say a heart-felt goodbye to the entire Olivet community. To all of my students, past and present, and to my colleagues on the faculty and staff, thanks for the memories we have made together over the years. You have greatly impacted and enriched my life, and I will always deeply cherish the memories of our time together.

God Bless,
Ray Bower

Biology Department

Reed Hall of Science, known to most students as the location of general science classes and labs, is the home of those who are pursuing a major in Biology. These students, spending countless hours in this building, learn in a very hands-on environment. The labs, filled with microscopes, tarantulas, specimens and petri dishes help students prepare for a future of researching the natural world.



Biophilic

Dr. Gregory Long (left) sponsors Biophilic, the club for biology majors. In the past they have volunteered at a food pantries, visited nursing homes, cleaned the Kankakee River, and sponsored a donor registry through "Be the Match."

Their mission statement is "To promote community and service within the biology department, the campus of Olivet, and surrounding areas as well as understanding of biology and the environment."



//The Science of Having Fun



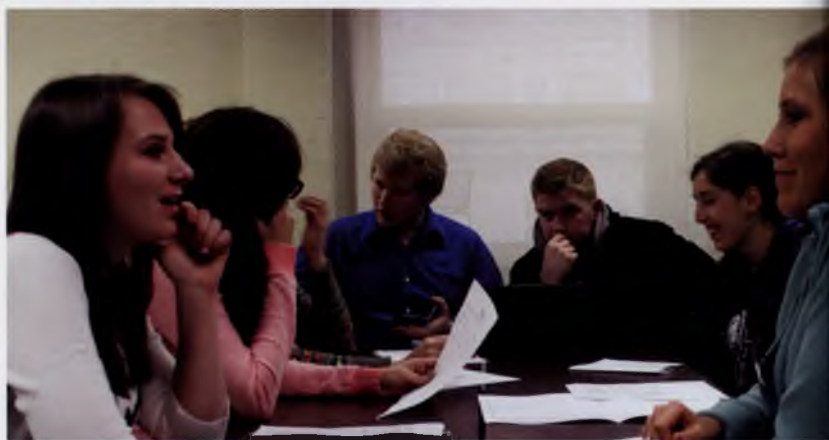


Testing Ground

Blake Spencer (3) became the first person to graduate with an interdisciplinary minor in leadership studies this year. "I've learned that one of the most important aspects of leadership is being able to look and plan for the future," he said. "If a leader only focuses on the present they will not be able to make strides and will become stagnant. The key to strong leadership is balancing working in the present and looking to the future."

The minor has come to life due to the efforts of Dr. Jay Martinson, communication department chair. "Olivet has been producing leaders for years, but vicariously, through sports or Associated Student Council. We wanted to develop coursework and a program to allow students to intentionally develop their leadership skills."

According to Spencer the program is worth the time he's invested. "The curriculum has helped me form my personal position of leadership," he said.



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//An Art and a Science

New on Campus

Dr. Heather Attig was a new addition to the communication department, starting during the spring semester. After completing her Ph.D. at the University of Kansas she moved to Bourbonnais to “encourage exploration” in Olivet’s classrooms.

While she was at the University of Kansas, and before at MidAmerica Nazarene University, she was heavily involved in production: making documentary webisodes, shooting video for weddings, and other freelance opportunities. “I still want to do production during the summer,” she says, “But I’ve always wanted to be a professor.”

As a professor, she likes to work mainly with hands on teaching of multimedia production. Attig says, “You have to the professional experience before you can teach it, and there are good resources here to do that.” She promotes the hands on approach along with the maxim “The real world is relevant.” Perhaps it is the combination of this “real world” know-how and her passions for education that makes Dr. Attig one of the most promising new additions to Olivet’s faculty.

By Garrett Corpier



Lambda Pi Eta members (L-R) Amy Bolton, Jessica Ellison, Hannah Williams, Ron Gamache, Mike Williams, Brittany Booth and Alana Krzyzak planned Comm Week in April (1). (sg)

Communication students pick from concentrations like film studies and theatre, with a common core of theory classes. Ron Gamache (left), president of Lambda Pi Eta, the communication honor society, participated in the fall play with a cast full of other communication majors (2). (hm)

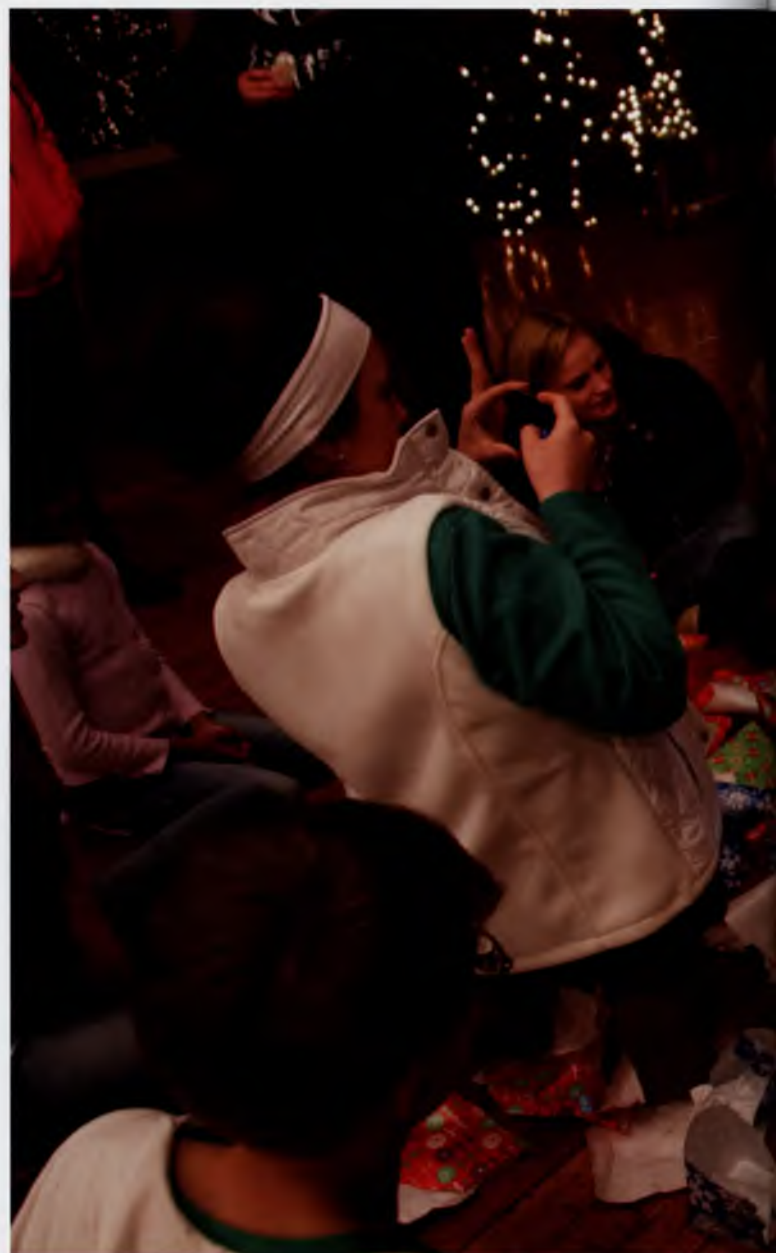
1. What do you like about the nursing department?

The nursing department is full of superb advisors that I can just sit down and talk with, and not just talk about my schedule but about my life and family. Talking to people with more experience than I have really opens my mind to a whole other view that I wouldn't have seen on my own.

2. Why are nurses important?

Nurses are the link between the patient and doctor. I like to think they make the life of a doctor less hectic. Nurses are very important because of the job they've been called to do. A world without nurses would definitely be very bleak. It is a serious job in the sense that nurses are responsible for human lives; people trust nurses to take care of them when they are sick or injured. Not just anyone can be a nurse.

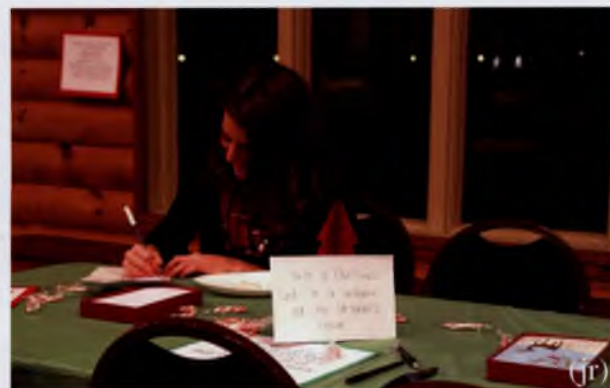
Q and A with Ernestina "Grace"
Amponsah-Ayewa



//Christmas in November

"Serving as a team to help our nursing community grow closer is my favorite part of the Nursing Student Association," Emily Picklesimer, the president of the NSA, explained. In an effort to get students closer, the Nursing Student Association throws two parties each semester. These events are meant to get all of the nursing majors together and foster friendships within the community. At the NSA Christmas party, nursing students enjoyed an Elf-themed celebration complete with seasonal snacks and games. Game prizes included nursing-themed items. At this party, NSA's goal of bringing students together was a success.

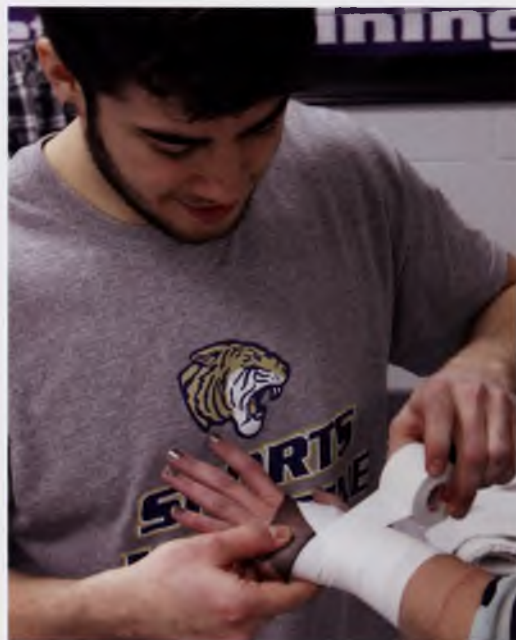
By Alex VanDehey



Core 13

While the Nursing Student Association is selective, consisting of only thirteen members, those who are voted into NSA work hard to serve and connect nursing majors across all levels of the program. The NSA holds biweekly meetings, organizes biannual fundraisers, and orchestrates the ONU blood drive each semester.

//Stretch Those Muscles//



Stress Less

Most students are used to worrying about what the future holds, and members of the Exercise Science club are no exception. The club's purpose is to ease the stress for students who are studying to become physician's assistants, athletic trainers, or physical or occupational therapists as they explore their post-graduation options. Members support and educate each other throughout the process of either applying for grad schools or searching for jobs. Meetings often include speakers in a field related to exercise science, and the club also has occasional social gatherings, like their Christmas party.

by Alex VanDehey



Mitchell Dale, President of the Exercise Science Club (AH).

Brandon Barnard does some last-minute studying for an exercise science class (AH).





Patrick Kirk teaches classes in digital media and worked as a textbook editor before coming to Olivet. He is the only professor in the department with an office in the communications building and has gained the love of his students through his dry wit.

Captain Kirk

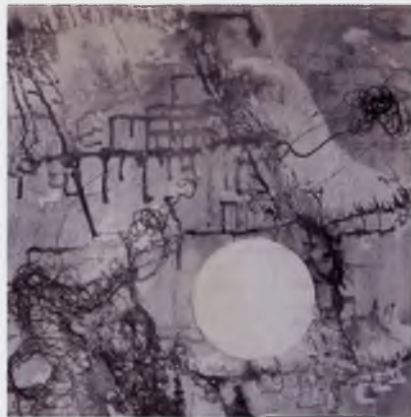


An Artist and a Professor

Sherri Denault presented her graduate thesis at Governor's State University titled *Chaos Intercepted*. The mixed media pieces features India ink soaked canvases and another element. "It's thread," Denault said. The pieces focus heavily on the formal element of painting, but Denault started with concept of chaos. The business of life prompted Denault to create these pieces: "It's process art, and the white spaces are visual resting places." The process comes with Denault's own search for peace and rest through art.



Effluence Mixed Media
on Wood Panel 48 x 48



From a Breath Series Mixed
Media on Wood Panel 20 x 20





HeArt partnered with the Evangels to travel to Our Lady of Victory Nursing Home in Bourbonnais to spend time with residents. The inclusion of HeArt meant that the students went to the nursing home prepared with watercolor paints and art supplies. Although the residents were happy to have visitors to interact with, the idea of painting was daunting to some. One woman said, "I used to draw when I was young, but I don't know if I've still got it." Others, however, picked up their brushes and were reluctant to put them down. The art created an atmosphere where college students could connect with an older generation.

HeArt



//Art in Life

Students in Basic Oil Painting were assigned to take an artist and mimic his or her style. Bethany Meyers chose Edward Hopper. "I like the empty feeling in his work," she said. "They're all very realistic." Meyer's interest came from the disconnection the people in Hopper's paintings have. "This was before cell phones or the internet," Meyers said. "I wanted to show how disconnected we still are, especially with technology." Jordyn Nettleton was working on a painting inspired by Wassily Kandinsky. "I had never liked abstraction before, but I liked this," Nettleton said. Another student Natasha Hojnicky was mimicking a piece by Virgil Stephens. "He's a cowboy artist," Hojnicky said, "He has an unfinished style, but you can tell that there's more to the story."

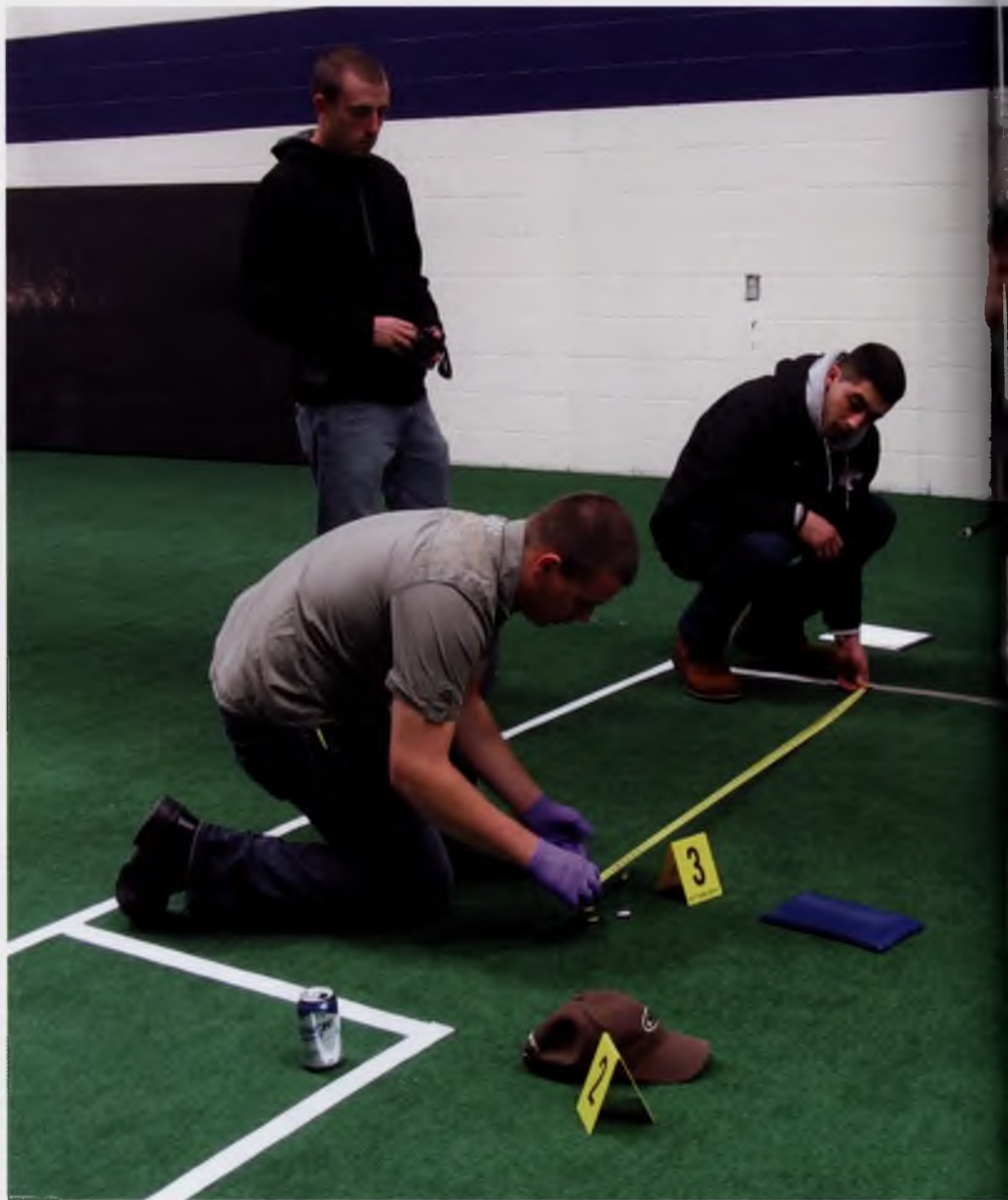
By Garrett Corpier



Behind The Mask

Criminal justice students have the opportunity to learn in multiple ways, from field trips and mock trials to live classroom demonstrations. These opportunities tend to be unforgettable. Senior Ashley Glover explained, "Professor Stroud was discussing eye witness accounts and how sometimes false information is accidentally given, but that it is not purposeful and it's not really a fault of the witness. In the midst of that explanation, someone in a mask slammed the classroom door open, limped in, handed Professor Stroud a piece of paper and then just walked out." The students soon realized the encounter was a demonstration on how eye witness accounts can be inaccurate.

Sometimes the department's planned events don't go as intended. Junior Lucas Limberg shared, "The first time we went to the jail for a field trip everyone found it pretty entertaining when the inmates who saw us on the other side of the glass were trying to show off and get the girls' attention."



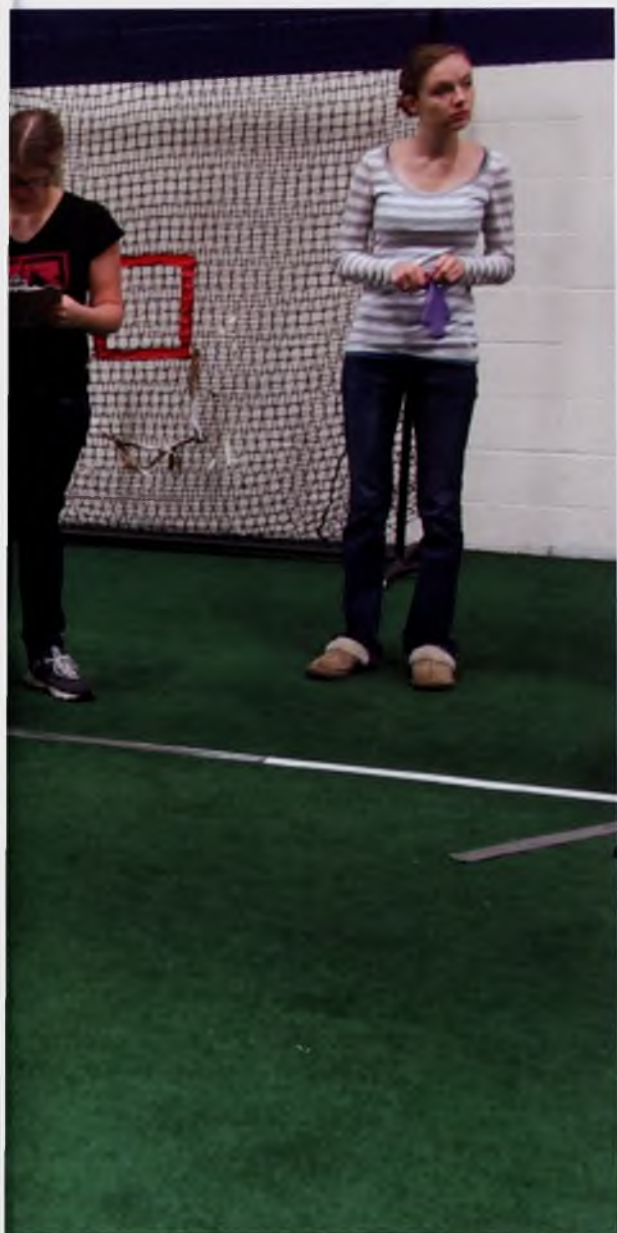
Popping The Bubble

While preparing students to deal with people completely different from the Olivet community, the criminal justice department strives to equip them to do their best when given the worst.

Senior Faith Cavender shared, "We are preparing to go out into a field that is the polar opposite of the Olivet bubble. We are being prepared to live in the world while still standing firm in our faith in Christ." Junior Ashley Dettore agreed, "The most unique part is that everything I'm learning is teaching me how to be a light in a very non-Christian environment."



// Justice Is Served



Above & Beyond

Many majors teach the fundamental skills needed to be a successful adult in the work field, but social work teaches and challenges students to be more than just successful. "Social work teaches you how to do life, how to love, and how to make a difference in the lives of individuals and society," Katie Reed said. The students strive to better their own lives and the lives of everyone else. "Social work is a broad major that encompasses many different careers, but most importantly it is relationship-driven and people-oriented," Shelby Moreland said.



No Ordinary Professors

The social work professors bend over backwards for their students every day. While dealing with a schedule problem, Senior Taryn Dahlquist said, "When I walked into my professor's office, fairly distraught about my scheduling crisis, he had hot chocolate ready and graciously helped me figure out the best solution. The professors in our program are no ordinary professors." Sophomore Katie Reed said, "The social work professors are quite possibly the most incredible people on the face of this earth. Every single conversation I have with any of them betters me."



//Forming Bonds

Head and Heart

As head of the geology department, Dr. Max Reams pours his heart into his students, both inside and outside the classroom. "Each year we have a cookie bake at Dr. Reams's house where we make cut-out cookies, drink delicious cider, and play geology-related games," senior Julia Gregory said. Both in and out of the classroom Dr. Reams makes sure his students are prepared for life outside of Olivet. Sophomore Ben Agan said, "Dr. Reams relationship discussions are one of the best things that happen in his class!"



Not Just Rocks

Geology is typically thought of as the study of rocks, but the geology students are adamant that it is much more than that. "We learn all about the earth in our major. It's not just rocks, though there are a lot of those. It's hydrogeology, natural hazards, chemistry, and physics," junior Julia Ross said. Ben Agan agreed, "Geology is a major that deals with the wonderful planet we live on. It gives us a window into the past. We are involved with many different aspects of daily life that most people may never even realize."



How to Hide a Dead Body

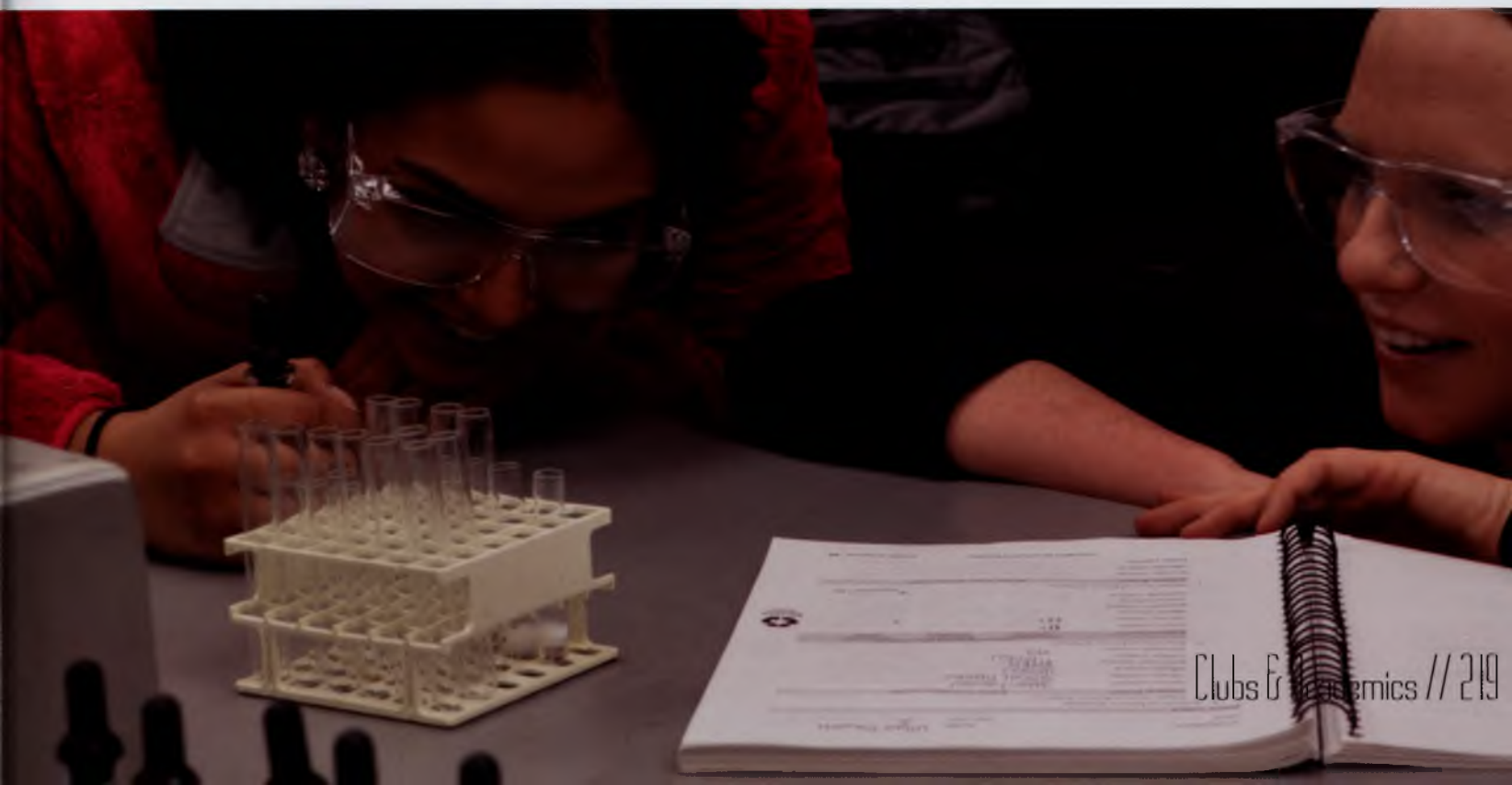
Chemistry professors and students find very unique ways to interact and bond. Edward Saliba shared,

“Once I was making a chemical called trans-dichlorobis(ethylenediamine)cobalt(iii) chloride. I had what I had made in a beaker. While I was facing away from my product, Dr. Larry Ferren switched my product for charcoal. I was very confused as to why my product had suddenly turned from a chunky green solid to a fine black powder.” While the professors are playing pranks, the students are actively planning their revenge. Junior Sarah Beecher says, “We often go from debating how to hide a dead body in detail to accusing Dr. Ferren (jokingly) for putting water as our unknown.” By Kassie Spinnie



Laughter In The Lab

The chemistry students spend most of their waking hours slaving over test tubes in the lab. Senior Lauren James said, “We spend a lot of time in Reed Hall of Science, and we joke that we can just drag mattresses into the classrooms and sleep there because it is like a second dorm.” Though labs are a fundamental aspect of chemistry, the students know how to turn routine experiments into a mad science party. “This semester in Instrumental Methods of Analysis we have spent entire lab periods debating who is the best Disney villain or who has the highest score on Flappy Bird,” junior Emily Sheldon said.





A black and white photograph of a brick building with a water tower in the background. The building is on the left, and the water tower is on the right. The sky is dark. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

//Athletics

It's more than a love of sports; it's a passion for competition, the pursuit of greatness. The students of Olivet do not know how to be lukewarm. From the swell of the crowd to the ding of the weight room compressed in the stale, recycled air, it adheres to the flesh of the students. In each exposition of physicality there are fragmented clips of greatness that the students carry with them for days after witnessing. There is pride in the uniform, fighting under the title of Tigers. There is fulfillment in the power of expressing oneself through the gifts we have been granted. The structure is mobile.

//After Hours Athletes

Talent Farm

Intramurals found a new home this year in The Perry Center.

“Intramurals is a great way to come together as a school community and engage in the sports we love. It gives us some time away from our studies and allows us to have fun with our friends and classmates,” John Nardoizzi said.

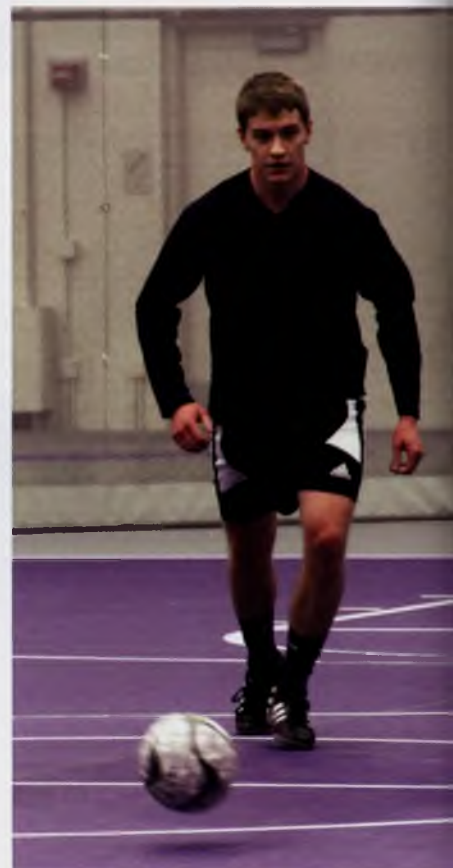
Intramurals help students bond through similar interests and activities. When looking back to why she joined her intramural indoor soccer team, Alex Radulovic said, “I enjoyed playing intramurals because I wanted to make new friends, stay active, and enjoy what time I had here at Olivet.” As each new year brings in a fresh crop of perspective Lionel Messis, intramurals gives these would-be prodigies a place to show off their talent among their peers.

By Chris Bottari



Ollies Follies Sports competitions pit members of each class against each other for intense intramural competitions. (kw)

Indoor soccer is one of the most popular intramural sports during the winter. A new addition to the sports line-up this year was singles and doubles badminton. (rh)





Ball So Hard Friday

It doesn't have a leader, but it has a steady following. It's unofficial, but people know about it. It's not institutionalized, but its participants are consistent. The competition found at Ball So Hard Friday can contend with that of intramurals, and it has never once been advertised.

Sophomore Jordan Lingle and senior Josh Parker stepped off the court to clean up their bloody noses one Friday while senior Jordan Britt explained the gist of BSHF. "You just come with friends and try to stick with them on the court," he said, his eyes locked on the scrimmage taking place.

Senior Marshall Harris (right) says he and his friends used to attend open gyms on Friday afternoons in Birchard. "It started growing from ten people, to 15 people, to 20 people, and so on until the Perry Center opened and allowed us to get three full courts going, and others waiting in line to jump in ... that's about fifty-something people. It's going global."

"Ball So Hard Friday is actually competitive," Michael Garza said. "The guys who come aren't messing around." The amount of blood covered gauze from the First Aid kit showed it clearly: the boys have a blast at BSHF.

"If I didn't play ball during the week I'd go crazy," said Garza, who played in high school and also used to be on Olivet's men's basketball team. "It's my sanity." By Katharyn Schrader



//Mind Over Matter



Creating Family

Track and field athletes create a unique bond as they push each other past their physical limitations and fight for victory. Elisha DeRamus said, "The main reason I love track is because of the family atmosphere. Everybody works hard together, everybody pushes each other to do their best, and nothing is more important than the relationships that it provides." Together, they struggle through the pain of every practice and emerge with life-long friendships.



Driven to Greatness

Track and field requires a great deal of strength. Athletes must find their strength in willpower when their bodies no longer have the ability to carry on. Sarah Ganster said, "I like the saying 'mind over matter.' I feel that if you stay strong mentally you can do anything." Teammates are driven to greatness through determination, always making their best better than before. "We can always become better and should work to become better," Alissa Weatherford said.

By Kassie Spinnie



Mind, Body, and Spirit

Amidst the frustration of defeat and the glory in victory, God is at the center of the track and field team. They use their talents to praise God through the good days and through the stormy days. Jumper Jacqueline Fayne said, "Before every jump, I pray to God that He would be with me every step of the way." Not only do teammates pray with each other before their races, they also fellowship through team Bible studies and have witnessed to the homeless in Chicago together.

"If I didn't run, I would..."

"First off, I'd be a lot less sore all the time, but I would also lose my mind. The track team is like a second family to me, and if I didn't run, I would lose more than half of my friends here at ONU."

– David Powers



"I would walk. But seriously, if I didn't run, I don't know what I would do with all my free time in the afternoon. What do people do from 3-5:30 p.m. every weekday anyway?"

– Nic Mizeur

//Running Wild

History Makers

The wind pushes against their bodies as they begin their race. The gun echoes in the air as the men take off into their five mile course of endurance and strength. Adrenaline pumps into their veins, muscles contract, and a decision has to be made. Do they focus on the race or zone out to ignore the pain they voluntarily put themselves through? Each stride is different from the last as the men's cross country team makes their way towards the finish line. The race commences; sweat drips from their bodies as the announcer proclaims that Olivet has finished strong. But this was just the start to their amazing year. The men finished 6th at the NAIA Championships this year, which is the best that the men's cross country team has done in Olivet's running history. By Erin Taylor

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**ONU XC/Track & Field
@ONUrunning**

We finished sixth as a team.
Great year guys. #onuxc

It's official - Men's teams
upsets the #1 team in the
nation by a score of 42-43!
Great job men! Conference
Champs!! #onupride #onuxc



James Fisher and Dylan Creger finished strong at a meet (1). Senior Brian Willoughby and teammates spent time in prayer before a race (2). (s)



Scoreboard

Date	Opponent	Result
9/6/13	Midwest Classic	1st of 12
9/13/13	Illinois Intercollegiate	1st of 18
9/27/13	at Brissman-Lundeen Invitational	10th of 35
9/28/13	at Roy Griak Invitational	14th of 44
10/12/13	at Fighting Bee Invite	1st of 12
10/26/13	at NAIA Great Lakes Invite	2nd of 37
11/9/13	at CCAC Championships	1st of 11
11/23/13	at NAIA National Championships	6th of 32



The men's cross country team has a bond that rivals all others on campus; they room together, work out together, live next to each other, study the Bible together, and, most importantly, they run together. Their sixth place finish at the NAIA Championships may not have been the end they were hoping for, but their achievements throughout the season are a testament to their determination to push each other past the finish line.

Daniel Wells, Caleb Bernhardt, and Nicholas Woodward recentered before a long run (1). Marshall Hawn, Daniel Wells, and Nic Mizeur drew encouragement from running together (2). Ethan Gallagher led the pack at a fall meet (3).

//Long Distance Divas



One on One with Christy Trank

Q: What are some unforgettable memories from cross country this year?

Winning conference on both the guy's and girl's sides was definitely a great moment, and being able to share the accomplishment on both sides made it that much more exciting. We also had a group of more than 20 team members go into Chicago to minister to the homeless and pass out sandwiches, socks, and toiletries in late fall. This really brought the team together by allowing us to be the hands and feet of Christ outside of competition. Another moment was when we surprised coach at his house in our PJs and made him watch *27 Dresses* with us! Another one is the campfire at camp; we begin our season with a week in Michigan and at night we always have a campfire where we sing worship songs and have a short devotional. The moments spent at campfire are what I am going to miss most.

Q: As a senior, what is the best thing about being on a team with the same girls every year?

I have done cross country all four years. Honestly, each year has been great and I can't say one year has been better than the others. I have grown extremely close with the girls that came in with me as a freshman and who are older than me that have already graduated, but each year it has truly been a blessing to get to know, train with, and learn from the new freshmen that come into the program. The constant encouragement we receive on our team from our fellow teammates makes 6 a.m. practices and mile repeats a little better. Being able to celebrate accomplishments with the girls as they achieve their goals throughout the season, year, or years is a rewarding experience as well.

Scoreboard

Date	Opponent	Result
9/6/13	Midwest Classic	1st of 10
9/13/13	Illinois Intercollegiate Invite	3rd of 15
9/27/13	Brissman Lundeen Invitational	JV Only
9/28/13	Roy Griak Invitational	8th of 34
10/12/13	Fighting Bee Invite	1st of 9
10/26/13	NAIA Great Lakes Invitational	2nd of 33
11/9/13	CCAC Conference Meet	1st of 11
11/23/13	NAIA National Championship	5th of 32



My favorite memory from this cross country season was driving down to Nationals with a bunch of my teammates to support both our women's and men's teams as they competed. It was also great to see several of my teammates reach their goal of being All-American.

-Annie Brandes



All American



Sarah Ray and Leah Livingston qualified for All-American at the NAIA National Championship November 23 at Rim Rock Farm. The top 30 runners who finish the race are considered All-American. Sarah finished in 15th place and Leah finished in 23rd place. Out of the 319 runners, these two Olivet runners went the distance.



//Football Life

The sound of drumming rumbles through Ward Field like a stampede of a thousand horses; the voice over the megaphone echoes throughout Olivet's campus. The crowd hollers and fist pumps the chilly autumn air as the players make their grand entrance. The crowd's voices fade out for a mere second as the players stare the other team down. Tension is high in that one silent moment and then the game begins with a wave of new howls.

"It's an intense atmosphere," Tyler Swindle said. "It feels good though, we always have a good home crowd."

Tyler is a senior so he's used to the pressure and excitement of the Homecoming weekend game. "I don't get nervous anymore, but I still feel anxious right when a game starts. We were kind of struggling this year so it feels good to win this one."



The team may have fallen back in the first half, but by the second half they were on their toes and pushing forward to their goal. The school's fight song rang through the massive crowd as the team cheered along with their fans, peers, and family members.

"I'm really going to take these relationships and friendships I've built up with the team to heart after I leave Olivet," he said. Andrew Muzljakovic agreed, "The best part of playing football at Olivet has to be the memories and friends that I have made throughout the years."

By Doni York



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//Scoreboard

DATE	OPPONENT	OUTCOME	SCORE
9/7	St. Francis	Loss	43-26
9/14	Robert Morris	Loss	24-7
9/21	Concordia	Win	24-7
9/28	Siena Heights	Loss	14-0
10/5	Trinity International	Loss	20-17
10/12	Grand View	Loss	48-17
10/19	St. Ambrose	Loss	38-13
10/26	Lindenwood-Belleville	Win	20-13
11/2	William Penn	Loss	17-13
11/9	Waldorf College	Win	34-19
11/16	St. Xavier University	Loss	34-7



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Brian Fish returned to his alma mater as the new head coach in 2012. Fish has already revamped and pointed the program in a winning direction. (Above) Kicker Andrew Muzljakovich was invited to play in the national bowl game. "Getting to spend some quality time with NFL veterans, coaches, and scouts was an unforgettable experience," he said. (Left)

//Winning Streak

Cheers and clapping echoed in the gym while the crowd cheered on their peers in another volleyball match. Shoes squeaked against the gym floor as players quickly moved back and forth, keeping their eye on the prize.

Olivet's volleyball team began the season with a shaky start, but those losses didn't discourage them. The players were able to dust themselves off and make a hit in the middle of their season. They created a winning streak that lasted nine matches; one of the longest strings of victories in several seasons.

Near the end of the season the team faced a few more losses. Despite the roller coaster of victories and defeats, the team remained strong and hardworking.

By Doni York

Team members prepared to toss mini volleyballs into the crowd before the game. (Below) "This is part of our pre-game tradition," Renee Enz explained. "In the locker room we would each decorate our own mini volleyballs with our names, team verse, etc. then when our name is called in the line up we each toss our ball into the crowd to a fan before the game starts."

"The thing I love most about being part of the team is going to sound extremely corny, but we are a family. I would not make it through 6 A.M. practices, tough losses, or life without them. We fight with and for each other, get excited for each other's accomplishments, and defend one another on and off the court. I live with three of them and we are like sisters, and they are my favorite people on campus. Other teams may say they are like a family, but we really are one family. I wouldn't trade that for the world." - Melissa Bartholomew





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One on One with Renee Enz

Q: How do you feel about the overall season?

A: We learned and grew so much as a team. While our record doesn't show a fantastic season; it also doesn't show the spiritual growth and amazing team chemistry that evolved throughout the season.

Q: What do you love most about being part of the team?

A: Most of my best friends are on the team. No matter what I can always talk to any teammates, and I always end up laughing.

Q: Thoughts on Dig Pink?

A: The Dig Pink fundraiser was a huge success! We all worked together to bake goods for the bake sale and sell t-shirts. Our parents, coaches, and the JV team did a great job helping as well. We raised about \$4,000 from this event!

Scoreboard

DATE	OPPONENT	OUTCOME	SCORE
8/23	Cornerstone University	Loss	3-1
8/23	Westminster College	Loss	0-3
8/24	Dixie State University	Loss	0-3
8/24	Hope International University	Win	3-1
8/30	Marian University	Loss	2-3
8/30	Taylor University	Loss	0-3
8/31	Indiana Institute of Technology	Win	3-1
8/31	Texas Wesleyan University	Loss	2-3
9/6	Clarke University	Loss	0-3
9/6	Dakota Wesleyan University	Win	3-0
9/7	Hannibal LaGrange University	Win	3-2
9/7	Viterbo University	Loss	0-3
9/12	Trinity Christian College	Loss	0-3
9/17	Purdue North Central	Win	3-2
9/20	Davenport University	Loss	0-3
9/20	Indiana Institute of Technology	Win	3-0
9/21	Georgetown College	Loss	1-3
9/21	Indiana University - East	Win	3-2
9/26	Purdue Calumet	Win	3-1
9/27	University of St. Francis	Win	3-2
10/1	Indiana University - South Bend	Win	3-0
10/4	Trinity International University	Win	3-0
10/4	St. Xavier University	Win	3-0
10/5	Roosevelt University	Win	3-2
10/5	Robert Morris University	Win	3-0
10/8	Calumet College of St. Joe	Win	3-0
10/15	Trinity Christian College	Loss	0-3
10/18	Viterbo University	Loss	2-3
10/18	Grand View University	Loss	2-3
10/19	Ashford University	Loss	1-3
10/19	University of Jamestown	Loss	0-3
10/22	Purdue - North Central	Win	3-0
10/25	Cardinal Stritch University	Loss	2-3
10/25	Illinois Institute of Tech.	Win	3-0
10/26	Judson University	Win	3-1
10/29	University of St. Francis	Loss	0-3
10/31	Purdue - Calumet	Win	3-1
11/5	Indiana University - South Bend	Loss	1-3
11/7	Calumet College of St. Joe	Win	3-1
11/12	Indiana University - South Bend	Win	3-2
11/14	Trinity Christian College	Loss	0-3
11/22	Bethel College	Loss	0-3

// Experience of a Lifetime



One on One with Michael Da Silva

Michael Da Silva (above) is a Canadian senior who has been a part of the men's soccer team for four years.

Q: How did you hear about Olivet's soccer team while living in Canada?

A: My coach back home had connections with the coach here and invited him to come out. He watched me play and then recruited me.

Q: What has your experience with the team been like?

A: It's been good. We're really like a family. It's not always easy, but this season has been amazing and we were able to make it to the championships for the past two years.

Q: How do you feel when you're on the field?

A: I always get butterflies right before a game. I'm always anxious and excited, but I love it.

Q: How does it feel knowing this is your last year with the team?

A: It's sad. It's emotional because after this year I'll be going back home to Canada, and I won't be able to play with these guys like this again, but it's been a good experience and I'm thankful for it.

Q: What would you say to any incoming freshmen wanting to be a part of the team?

A: It's an experience of a lifetime. We have a good group of guys and a good coach. They'd enjoy their time here.



Scoreboard

DATE	OPPONENT	OUTCOME	SCORE
8/31	St. Ambrose	Win	4-1
9/2	Northwestern Ohio	Tie	1-1
9/6	Indiana Tech	Loss	2-1
9/11	Ashford University	Loss	1-3
9/14	Michigan-Dearborn	Win	1-0
9/21	Grand View University	Win	3-2
9/24	Holy Cross College	Loss	1-2
9/28	Judson University	Win	2-0
10/2	Purdue-Calumet	Win	2-1
10/5	Trinity International	Win	2-0
10/8	Trinity Christian	Win	3-0
10/12	St. Xavier University	Win	1-0
10/16	Cardinal Stritch	Loss	0-1
10/19	Calumet St. Joseph	Win	3-1
10/26	Illinois Tech	Win	3-0
10/30	Roosevelt University	Win	4-1
11/2	Robert Morris University	Loss	1-2
11/5	St. Francis	Win	6-0
11/9	Calumet St. Joseph	Win	2-1
11/13	St. Xavier University	Win	5-1
11/16	Holy Cross College	Win	2-1
11/23	Benedictine College	Tie	0-0

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Open Arms

Yinka Ifaturoti is a senior at Olivet and has been playing soccer since he first came to the school four years ago. He hadn't even considered becoming a part of Olivet until his youth pastor in Michigan brought up the school and mentioned the soccer program.

"I came here and played with some guys who were much better than me; they were 25, 26, much older and much more skilled, but it went well and I got invited to play. Since then those guys have become role models for me and have encouraged me to do my best." Ifaturoti said, "I felt like I belonged right away. The team welcomed me with open arms. They appreciated the way I played and I appreciated the way they played."

Family First

Unlike many of the teams they play, this year's team thinks about each other long before they think about themselves. Senior Jessica Bachelor said, "We're a true family. We're there for each other no matter what." Before every game, when most teams are strategizing, they are praying for their opponents and singing praises to the Lord. Head coach Bill Bahr said, "The girls have really committed the season to the Lord, and to more than just the game." To the team, it wasn't just a season of games, but a season of friendships, memories, and family.

By Cassandra Spinnie



Scoreboard

DATE	OPPONENT	OUTCOME	SCORE
8/30	Mount Vernon Nazarene University	Win	2-0
8/31	Grace College	Win	2-0
9/6	Graceland University	Win	1-0
9/7	Hastings College	Loss	0-1
9/13	Spring Arbor University	Loss	0-1
9/14	Cincinnati Christian University	Win	8-0
9/25	Holy Cross College	Win	6-0
9/28	Judson University	Loss	0-3
10/1	Purdue University - Calumet	Win	7-1
10/4	Trinity International University	Win	3-2
10/9	Trinity Christian College	Tie	0-0
10/12	Saint Xavier University	Win	4-1
10/15	Cardinal Stritch University	Win	4-0
10/19	Calumet College of St. Joe	Win	11-0
10/26	Illinois Institute of Technology	Win	1-0
10/29	Roosevelt University	Win	2-0
11/2	Robert Morris University	Win	2-0
11/6	University of Saint Francis	Win	5-0
11/9	University of Saint Francis	Win	3-1
11/12	Cardinal Stritch University	Win	1-0
11/16	Trinity International University	Tie	0-0
11/23	Graceland University	Win	2-1
12/2	Lindsey Wilson University	Loss	1-5

Donning shirts with "Fight Like A Girl" across the front, the team released yellow balloons in honor of Zayla Mitsdarffer (1). Katie Smith demonstrated her defensive skills (2). Emily Rosenboom dribbled the soccer ball down the field (3). Liz Wahl and Betsy Hetrick embraced after a goal (4).

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//Fight Like a Girl



Pray for Zay

The women's soccer team diligently supported 12-year-old Kankakee resident Zayla Mitsdarffer in her third bout of cancer. The team sold bracelets, hosted a bake sale, sold plank puzzle pieces that eventually came together to form a giant get well card, and even sold t-shirts that were designed by Zayla herself to raise funds to help the Mitsdarffer family pay for medical expenses.

A benefit game was held on Oct. 1 for Zayla where the team members met and prayed with her for the first time. "The best moment for me was when I got to give her a hug and just wrap my arms around the little girl," said team member Jessica Bachelor. "Hopefully from that she can know that Jesus loves her and that we'll help her in any way we can."

Emily Rosenboom is a friend of the Mitsdarffer family and has known Zayla since she was three years old, around the same age she received her first cancer diagnosis.

When Rosenboom discovered Zayla had developed cancer for the third time, she took action by pitching her "Pray for Zay" idea to the coaches and the team.

Though the women's soccer team is naturally very close, the "Pray for Zay" movement has improved their experience as teammates. Rosenboom added, "I think we are getting closer and closer as a team, which is really awesome in itself because that's not what our intention was but it's an added perk." By Destiny Mitchell

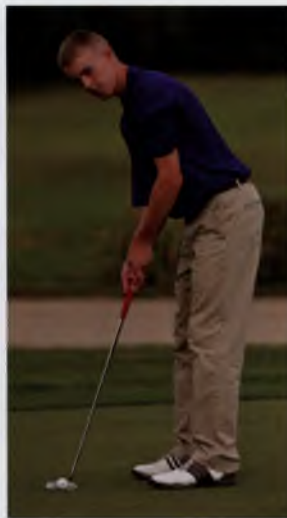
//Athletes with Integrity



Seeing is Succeeding

Men's golf is both a physical and mental sport because the golfers often visualize their swing before they even step up to the tee. The mental aspect of the game is just as important as the physical aspect, so players execute multiple flawless swings in their minds before each turn. It is not until they are faultless in their minds that they are ready to compete. Junior Michael Bork shares, "It's important to visualize the exact shot you plan to hit before stepping up to hit. Visualizing your success is a very powerful thing."

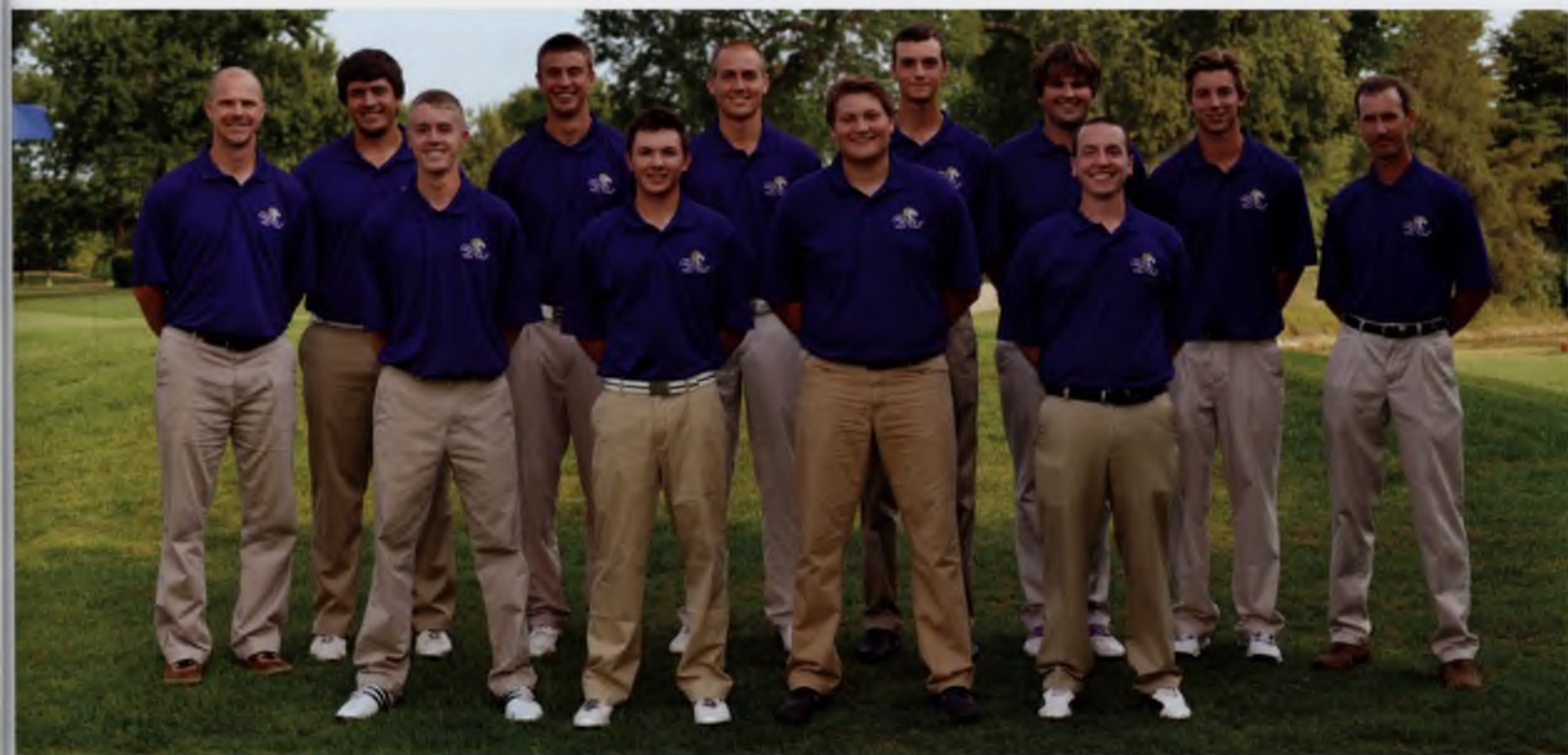




Similar to many sports, competitive golfers tend to begin their careers as a leisure sport. Then, once they find their love for the sport, they begin to compete and their hobby transforms into a lifestyle. Freshman Luke Lambert said, "I enjoy golfing in so many ways. It started out as something I just did to hang with my dad and brother and now it's something I do to compete."

A Game Of Mistakes

Golf is a game of mistakes, which puts players in a difficult situation. Every swing is a chance to change the outcome of the tournament either positively or negatively. Golfers find that they have to leave all of their past swings exactly where they belong: in the past. Otherwise, the temptation would be great to dwell on past mistakes instead of embracing the next opportunity. Senior Tyler Karkaker says, "Before I take a shot, I try to put myself into a calm, clear state. Golf is a very frustrating sport, and you can't let a previous shot affect your next one."



// Intellectual Sport



Embracing The Challenge

Golf is an incredibly difficult sport because the athletes must be strong mentally, fit physically, and flexible because the weather is never predictable. "I personally enjoy (and despise) golfing because it is such a mental and intellectual sport," Lydia Bilyeu said. "Golf is extremely challenging in that it requires a high degree of imagination, focus, serenity, and, most definitely, integrity." In the midst of their challenges, the team never forgets who they are truly playing for because they wear Colossians 3:23 stitched onto their sleeve.



We're Not Friends



Teammates on the women's golf team do not describe each other as just friends who golf together. "We are more than a team but a family. This connection helps us support each other, encourage each other, and better each other in this crazy game we play," Kelsey Fisk said. They push each other to the limits and beyond every day with positive attitudes and loving personalities. Freshman Sydney Tyler said, "Our team is the perfect mix of a variety of personalities. We all balance each other out and are always available to talk about anything we need. I feel very blessed to be among such a great group of Christ-centered women." Sophomore Maria Stevens agreed, "Our team this year is full of energy and potential. We are a pretty close knit group of people and it's a lot of fun." By Kassie Spinnie



Thanks, Dad

Most athletes play for a specific purpose or person, and golfers are no exception. Players will often find their inspiration and drive from a close friend, relative, or mentor. Sophomore Bridget Wolff explained her motivation: "I believe that I golf for my dad. When I was little I hated golfing; I was terrible at it and I am one of those people who has to be good on the second try. However, my dad would not let me quit, and because of his determination and influence on me, I kept going."

//Slapstick

Tennis is not considered by most people to be a team sport, but at Olivet, it's a different story. Through the challenges of training and conditioning all year to the chemistry it takes to perform in doubles matches, both the men's and women's tennis teams have realized how much of a team sport tennis can be.

"Even though it may not be considered a team sport, I firmly believe that it is," Clara Ruegsegger said. The team count on and encourage each other. "It is vital that our team encourages each other during matches because it helps give players energy, keeps them motivated, and can give them momentum," Landon Williams said. This team chemistry is not only seen in the players of the respective men's and women's teams, but in the relationship between the two as well.

Peter Jensen explained he was attracted to Olivet's tennis program because "the teams had great chemistry, and I wasn't seeing that with the other schools I was checking out."

The encouraging team atmosphere seems to be paying off both on and off the court. Both the men's and women's teams have been named NAIA Scholar-Athlete Teams for their work in the classroom, and both have advanced to the NAIA National Championships for five years straight.

The tennis teams set prime examples of the ideal ONU athlete, balancing academia and athleticism with the poise and determination that their sport demands.

By Drew Leavitt



"My greatest moment as an Olivet tennis player was last year when we beat our rival team and won Regionals in order to go NAIA nationals. The men's team ended up doing the same, and we got to go to Nationals together."

-Clara Ruegsegger



//Uncharted Waters

Though the swimming program is only in its second year, the members of the swim team are not new to competition. The swimmers, led by former NCAA Division I coach Scott Teeters, have already been very successful. In their inaugural season, the Tigers placed fourth in the women's NAIA National Championship and third in men's.

Winning continued this year. In January, sophomore Jacob Anderson was named the NAIA National Men's Swimmer & Diver of the Month. The men's team placed twice in the NAIA Endless Pools Top 25 rankings, and the women's team placed once. The future is promising for the young team. The Tigers have proven themselves to be formidable competitors in the pool, and as they continue to train and compete, great things are expected.

By Garrett Corpier





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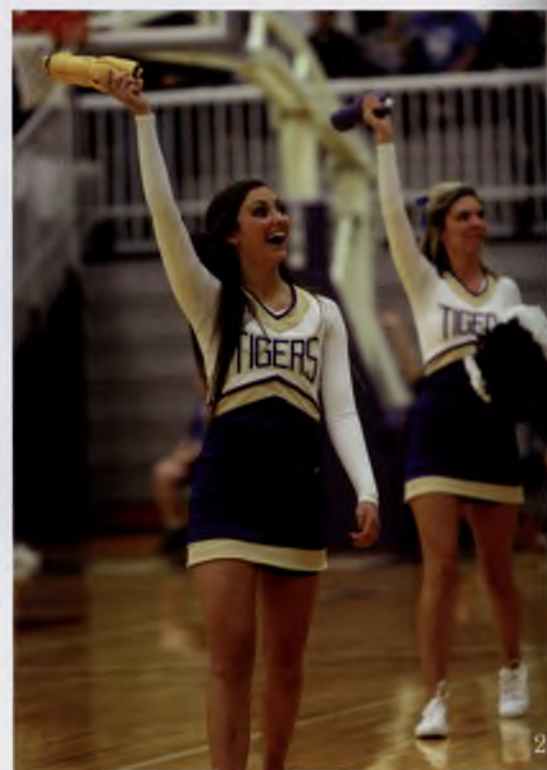
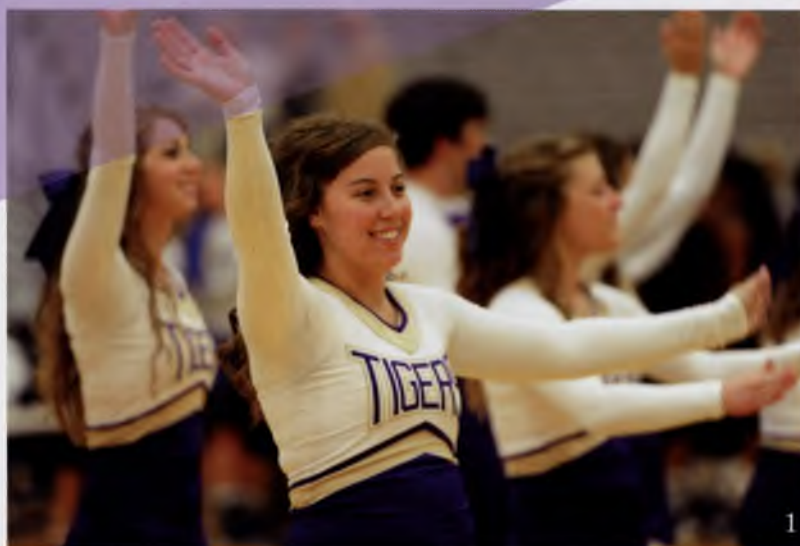
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First swim meet of the year! Let's go gold squad!! COLE!! #lifeatolivet



In their 2013-2014 season, the Olivet swim team collected numerous titles and awards. Right after Christmas break, they won second place at the University of Chicago Winter Invite after already earning titles at the Woehner Invite and the Carthage Winter Invite, among others. In a snowy and exciting meet at home on Jan. 31, a total of thirteen Olivet swimmers won first-place finishes as they easily beat Wheaton College.



"The most difficult thing about cheerleading is working on more advanced stunts," Kristen Bloyd explained. "There are more difficult stunts and pyramids, and it can be a challenge sometimes working with new material." (1) (kw)
 Rachel Jones and Jaimie Teske pumped up the crowd with t-shirts. (2). (rw)

//Enthusiastic Leaders



Megan Eylander showed the trust and balance involved in cheerleading (1). (kw)

Allyssa Paulsen demonstrated the strength and skill cheerleading requires (2). (s)

An Unforgettable Experience

After a long day at cheer camp this summer, eight members of Olivet's cheerleading team entered the hotel's elevator to retire to their rooms. Laughter quickly filled the air as they talked about the day's events. Suddenly, the men in the group decided to try to stop the elevator by jumping. Just as they approached the cheerleaders' floor they succeeded. They could hear their fellow team members through the door, which was unable to open. "I thought we were going to run out of air," Allyssa Paulsen said. Yelling and trying to escape, they remained trapped for 15 minutes before they were rescued by the maintenance man, but for the rest of cheer camp the elevator remained out-of-order.

By Erin Taylor

// Shooting Hoops



Q & A with Matt Ryan

Q: How long have you played with Olivet?

A: It's my third year playing with Olivet.

Q: What does basketball mean to you?

A: Basketball has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember, and the best part is having fun with my teammates and winning.

Q: What is your favorite moment with the basketball team?

A: The funniest memory of the team this year was the New Year's Party — hitting Abe with a spoon and playing Catch Phrase with everyone.



Scoreboard

DATE	OPPONENT	OUTCOME	SCORE
11/8	Cincinnati Christian University	Win	80-73
11/11	Lewis University	Loss	64-79
11/13	Eastern Illinois University	Loss	60-67
11/15	Georgetown College	Loss	89-93
11/16	Life University	Loss	83-95
11/20	Concordia University - Irvine	Loss	69-85
11/21	California State University San Marcos	Loss	79-94
11/23	Point Loma Nazarene University	Loss	86-94
11/26	University of St. Francis	Win	78-70
12/3	Purdue University - Calumet	Loss	60-65
12/7	Holy Cross College	Loss	53-58
12/14	Calumet College of St. Joseph	Win	79-62
12/17	Purdue University - North Central	Win	84-63
1/4	Silver Lake College	Win	101-76
1/8	Indiana University - South Bend	Win	88-74
1/11	Judson University	Win	81-53
1/15	Robert Morris University	Loss	69-75
1/18	St. Xavier University	Loss	67-68
1/22	Trinity International University	Win	80-71
1/25	Roosevelt University	Win	91-64
1/30	Trinity Christian College	Win	85-78
2/1	Purdue University - Calumet	Win	92-82
2/6	University of St. Francis	Win	71-48
2/8	Holy Cross College	Win	59-42
2/12	Calumet College of St. Joseph	Win	89-55
2/15	Purdue University - North Central	Win	102-77
2/19	Cardinal Stritch University	Loss	77-83
2/22	Indiana University - South Bend	Win	91-56
2/26	Roosevelt University	Loss	84-88





Coming Out Strong

Boomboom clap, boomboom clap echoed through the gym, accompanied by the smell of popcorn and cheesy nachos as the crowd packed the stands for the women's homecoming basketball game. Cheerleaders flew through the air and the band played song after song while the crowd clapped along. Ladies and gentlemen from former years sat and reminisced as well as commented on the changes of the gym as the game began. Olivet's fans were whooping and hollering various feedback for our team. Three-pointer after three-pointer swooshed through the net as the Lady Tigers hustled back and forth across the court. It was a tough game against the St. Francis Cougars but a crowd member could be heard saying, "It's only the start of the season and they have a lot to live up to, but they will do great."

By Erin Taylor



Senior Miranda Geever scored her 1000th point in November (1). Taylor Haymes was a leader on the court, as one of four seniors on the team (2). (kw)

//Winning Women



Caring Coaches

The women's basketball coaches have an impressive reputation with their players going above and beyond to build a cohesive team. "Our coaches always go out of their way to show us they care and to help build us up individually and as a team," senior Senior Taylor Haymes said. "Whether through surprise notes in our lockers, new basketball gear, praying for us, or thinking up fun team bonding challenges, we know our coaches love us!" The coaches' caring approach shows when players pour their hearts into every game. With players and coaches committed to each other, it made for an outstanding season.



The System

The women's basketball team is incredibly team oriented, working through challenges, losses, and victories as one. They work together forming a system in which each player is an instrumental link to the entire structure. "It is a system, and when one part of the system breaks down then it affects the team. We strive to work well doing our individual task on the court to better our team, which in turn molds us into a bonded team," sophomore Cortney Allenbaugh said.

Scoreboard

DATE	OPPONENT	OUTCOME	SCORE
11/1	Briar Cliff University	Loss	107-121
11/2	Morningside College	Loss	88-131
11/5	Lindenwood University	Win	138-118
11/8	University of St. Francis (IN)	Loss	82-105
11/13	Clarke University	Win	109-96
11/20	Purdue University - Calumet	Loss	105-114
11/22	Mid-Continent University	Win	133-92
11/23	Huntington University	Loss	101-121
11/26	University of St. Francis (IL)	Win	97-89
12/3	Calumet College of St. Joe	Win	118-107
12/7	Holy Cross College	Win	88-81
12/11	Illinois Institute of Technology	Win	119-40
12/19	Concordia University	Win	102-90
12/20	Madonna University	Win	148-102
12/30	St. Thomas University	Loss	108-116
12/31	RV Northwood University	Win	124-116
1/8	Indiana University - South Bend	Win	115-86
1/11	Judson University	Win	117-59
1/15	Robert Morris University	Win	134-111
1/18	St. Xavier University	Loss	80-117
1/22	Trinity International University	Win	116-69
1/25	Roosevelt University	Win	112-99
1/30	Trinity Christian College	Win	105-77
2/1	Purdue University - Calumet	Loss	101-114
2/6	University of St. Francis	Win	106-90
2/8	Holy Cross College	Win	125-92
2/12	Calumet College of St. Joe	Win	121-75
2/19	Cardinal Stritch University	Loss	92-106
2/22	Indiana University - South Bend	Win	90-80



Reinvention

After losing 10 graduating seniors last year, upperclassmen on the baseball team became leaders and young players gained experience.

“Whether a clutch hit or a great defensive play is needed, we’ve had guys able to step into that role,” Steven Beckham (right) explained. “While we haven’t had tremendous success in regards to wins and losses early in the season, I know we’re going to be able compete against anybody in the country.”

The transition wasn’t without challenges, though. An incoming wave of strong freshmen echoed the exiting wave of seniors, forcing the players caught in the middle to redefine their roles on the team.

Despite a frustrating start to the season, losing several one-run games, the players persevered, knowing their attitude would affect the quality of their season. “Baseball runs on an imaginary steamroller,” Ryan Archer said. “A string of games builds up good or bad momentum.” Choosing to be optimistic about the rest of the season helped the team meld together.

“Baseball is just as much a mental game as it is physical,” Beckham said. “I love that it’s a team sport. It’s not about me, or any individual. You can be the best player in the world, but without a team to pick up the slack, you’ll still lose.”

By Staci Bradbury





// Home Run Nation

The softball team found themselves in the opposite position of the baseball team this year, with 13 returning players.

"Many of us have had several years of experience playing together, which helps the comradery of the team," Cheryl Sendzik said. "We all know what to expect out of each other, which makes us stronger."

The team dynamics are something each player will attest to. Justine Phillips is just one witness to the camaraderie of Olivet athletics. "You definitely get a sense of community with all of the teams here. They are all very supportive of each other no matter what the sport," she said.

The cohesiveness of the team has helped the women contend for a national title each season. Led by head coach Ritchie Richardson, who celebrated his 700th victory at ONU in 2012, the softball team spirit thrived.

"All the struggles and stresses I may be dealing with outside of softball can be forgotten for those few hours of being on the ball field," Sendzik said. "It's my escape, my passion, and love." By Drew Leavitt



From Stitches to Diamonds

Senior Cheryl Sendzik took a groundball to the face in the first game this season. "A 'funny' hop on the ball field left me with a broken tooth and stitches," she said. "While I suffered enormous pain and frustration throughout that day, my mood drastically swung in the other direction by the end of that night. My boyfriend, now fiancé, surprised me down in Arizona and proposed. So life is full of surprises. It may hit you in the mouth sometimes, but you gotta push through because there is always light at the end of the tunnel!"



//music

If you're in Larsen, there will be song. It leaps off the tongues of the clique behind the information desk. It travels through the treated walls of the practice rooms, spilling over the railing of the balcony to pour on the heavy flow of traffic through the lobby. When you love something, you cannot hold it in. Passions must be pursued without mind of appearance. Music drifts through campus like a figurant, clinging to the periphery of the students, the constant hum of praise echoing through dorms and academic buildings, piercing the most somber moods. The structure sways to the beat of the drums, acting as a metronome to life at Olivet.



Independent Rhythm



DANIEL KWAK:

HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Genre: Pop punk/ Indie

Members: Daniel, Dominic Cuzzo, James Palmero, Ben Averman

Aspirations: "Going as far as we can go."

Inspirations: Frank Sinatra, John Legend, John Mayer, Michael Jackson



KINGS OF THE WEST

Genre: Acoustic pop

Band Members: Evan Lowen and Tommy Curulewski

Aspirations: "We want to take real issues and write songs about them so that people can relate to their music."

Inspirations: Phillip Phillips and old John Mayer



The Shag Carpet of 415

On the fourth floor of Hills Hall lies a secret on the cold, hard ground of room 415: a lush shag carpet which, in addition to lamps in every corner, creates the "perfect atmosphere" for Enos Hershberger to write, produce and practice music. His style is not predictable; while wearing flannel, he was quick to say that he is open to every kind of music except for country. "I love metal, indie and alternative, and hip hop," he said, also mentioning that his favorite band is probably Coheed and Cambria. Enos has been playing the guitar for nine years and his ultimate dream is to write original worship music.

A song he recorded and produced in a Larsen practice room peaked on the music sharing site Noisetrade.com at No. 15 in November. "Cold Skin" featured sophomore Michael Andrew Spaulding on lead vocals. "I wept," Spaulding recalled his reaction to the first mix of the song. "I had no idea it was going to turn into that...like, it's insane."

His music endeavors, however, are not just added stresses to his busy schedule. Instead, music is his rest. "I consider myself an introvert," he said, smiling. "I recharge by being by myself with my music."

By Kathryn Scrader & Destiny Mitchell

// I Was in a Band Once

Sold Out at Schubert's

The whole time his mom forced him to practice piano during his childhood, Derek Schwartz planned on eventually playing the guitar. At the age of 13, he finally made the switch. Since being at Olivet, he has used his musicianship by serving on the ministry team All Things New, and he is currently performing independently by playing in a rising band called Tall Walker. Tall Walker is led by another ONU alum, Nick Bays, and Derek says that the name of the band refers to a man who stands tall and takes pride in his work. Derek, a junior at Olivet, is indeed proud to be a part of a band that is becoming so successful. During the fall of 2013, Tall Walker performed at Schubert's and Lincoln Hall, two prestigious live music venues in Chicago. Derek is majoring in music. "I want to do it for a living," he said without hesitation. "My long term plan would be to play music for a long time. I wouldn't care if I was in a polka band, just as long as I was playing music," he said with a smile.

By Katharyn Schrader

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Enos Hershberger performs with The Narrow, a traveling music ministry team who often lead in chapel.



The Olivetians

The Olivetians are in their tenth year of ministry. They travel to various churches and gatherings in the Olivet educational region, sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through singing. Christine Caven, Amber Leffel, Sarah High, Wesley Taylor, Emily Fernette, Lauren Leidahl, Michael-Andrew Spalding, Benjamin Geeding, Ashley Sarver, David Rice, and Seth Lowery are all current members.

//Reaching Wide





All Things New

All Things New calls themselves a “public relations ministry team.” They travel to youth camps, churches, and retreats around the Midwest. With a wide range of vocal talents and live instruments, they’ve got a little something for everyone. Their current members are Jamison Burchfield, Joel Deckard, Kara Anne Evans, Kyle Miller, Chad Olds, Derek Delgado, Rachel Rodeheaver, and Chris Umphryes.

The Narrow

The Narrow takes their name from Matthew 7:13-14: “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.” They travel around the Midwest bringing this and other Biblical messages to their audiences through music. Joe Mantarian, Brad Palmer, Ben Cherney, Sarah Fox, Enos Hersherberger, Wesley Reece, Shelley Fellows, and Adam Deckard are all members.



Olivet’s music ministry groups offer an eclectic mix of music to suit all tastes. From the classic voices of the Olivetians to the rocking music of City on a Hill, all of these groups have one thing in common: they strive to praise the Lord and share the gospel with every performance.

City On A Hill

// Joy on Stage



Cassandra Petrie is a junior at Olivet and has been part of Orpheus since she arrived on campus three years ago.

Q: What's your favorite part about Orpheus?

A: Doing the tours. I feel so much joy singing on stage with friends and sharing a message with our music. I wouldn't change a thing about it.

Q: What advice would you give to someone thinking about joining?

A: Audition for it! Do it, it's a great experience. I know people who thought about transferring out of Olivet, but they ended up staying because they loved Orpheus so much and are glad they did. It's an enjoyable experience, and I can't wait to do it all over again next year.





Stretching for Potential

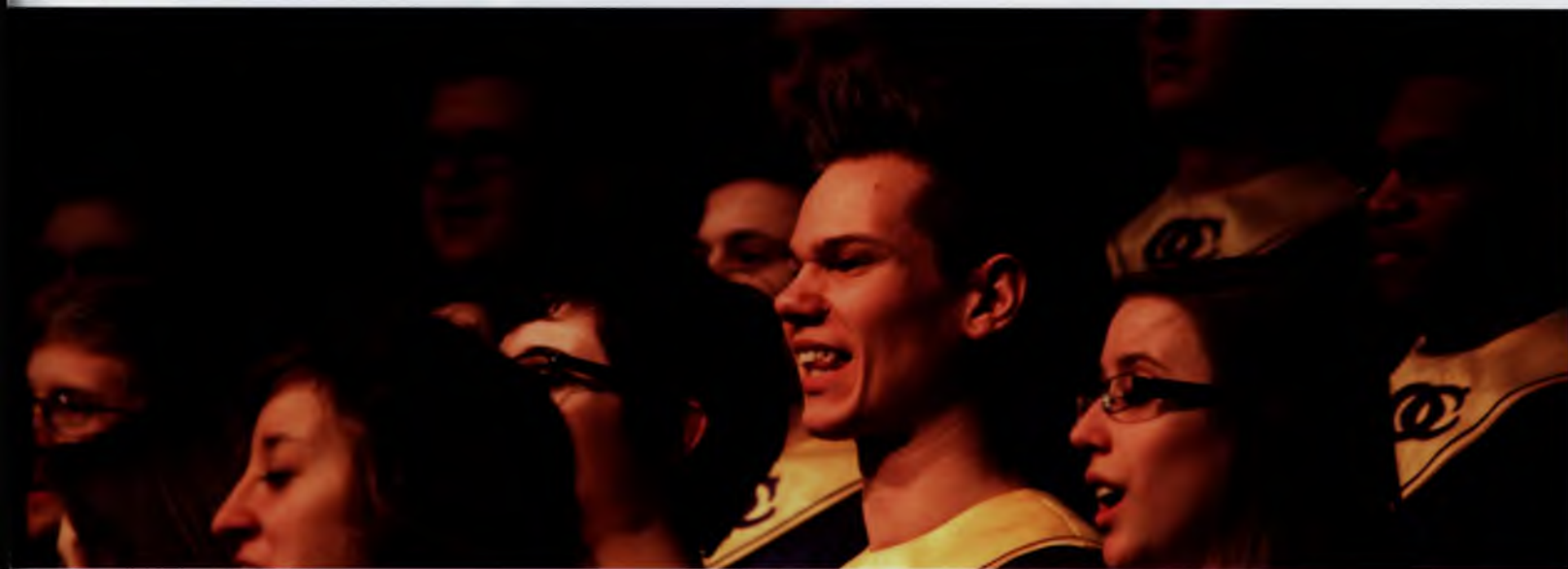
Orpheus choir mixes the talented voices of men and women on campus and normally performs three tours a year, in fall, winter, and spring when the group visits churches in Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. "The winter tour is my favorite. It's really busy, but it's a good time to bond with everyone. We can all talk to each other like a family," said JD Dulinsky (below), a freshman.

The choir also sings in chapel at least two or three times a year. Orpheus is a great time commitment, but the

members will tell you that the eventful life is not something to miss out on.

"Orpheus is awesome. It's even better than I thought it would be," said JD. "You need to be willing to be stretched, but it's worth it. It's about finding your potential and trying to be the best you can be."

By Doni York



// Joyful Noise

Sound Foundation

During the week leading up to the spring musical, Olivet's show choir was not the first priority. As many members of the choir had roles in *The Music Man*, the rest of the team was at their mercy and experienced long nights waiting for their team to be together, hoping to still fit in practice when they could.

But they waited. And their determination was unmistakable.

Sitting around tables in Chalfant, Sound Foundation filled the large room with laughter. iPads and smartphones were pulled out and team bonding commenced off-stage, waiting for practice to begin.

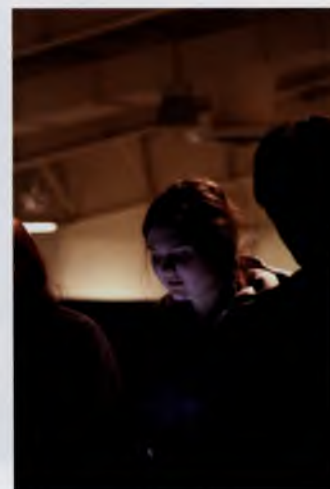
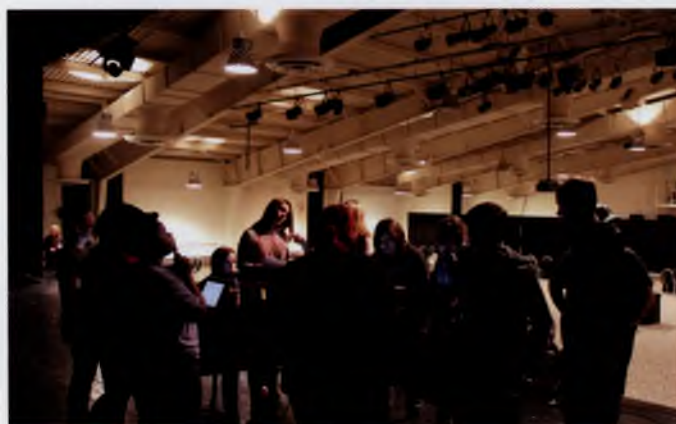
Finally, tired of waiting, the group climbed onto the echoic stage, gathered around the piano, and began singing. Their smiles were aglow by the light of their iPads and everyone helped each other out, offering suggestions and delegating when to sing despite the absence of a director.

"I'm doing show choir for a couple reasons: primarily, I enjoy music a lot, and it has been too long since I've been involved with a group," explains senior Nate Spinnie. "But really, let's be honest, who doesn't want to get up and dance to Bon Jovi? I really enjoy the set list and the people, and appreciate the much-needed break from my studies a few times a week to just get some energy out."

This was the first official year of Olivet's show choir, members explain. In previous years, there was a group of friends who practiced singing and dancing together, but now they have succeeded in making it a real choir.

When Sound Foundation was asked if they had previous show choir experience, most answered in the negative. For an inexperienced group and one largely consisting of freshmen, however, the sound they make is remarkable.

By Katharyn Schrader



Handbell Choir

In between verses of “The Revelation Song” during a spring semester practice, Olivet’s handbell choir discussed the best pizza in town. “We have a rule that if you clank the bells together, you **have** to put a quarter into the jar which will pay **for** a pizza party later,” laughed Professor Katherine Nielsen, who directs the group. Member **Glenn** Hinkley admitted that he has contributed **at** least five dollars to the fund.

On a **particular** night when The Olivet Bronze Handbell **Choir** was forced to move their equipment to practice in a different room than normal, they weaved in and out of each other’s determined paths almost as smoothly as the sounds which flow from their matching instruments of varied sizes. “We have to move our things around a lot, so we’re pretty proficient by now,” said Nielsen.

Around the table of twelve students, the gold-colored bells cherished by gloved hands range in placement **from** smallest to largest.

For **the** first time in a while, the Olivet Bronze has enough people **to** complete a three-octave choir. “We sometimes have **really** small groups,” said Professor Nielsen, explaining that **most** people don’t realize the fact that anyone can be in **bell** choir, not just music majors.

The Olivet Bronze Handbell Choir **performs** at all of the Chamber Ensemble concerts, and they **go** on tour each semester with the Chrysalis Women’s Choir.

By Katharyn Schrader





//Sea of Seraphim

Music on the Olivet campus is no joke. There are a number of band and orchestra related groups, enough choirs to resemble a sea of seraphim, and a multitude of worship bands dedicated to providing a platform for worship with a moment's notice and a guitar or two. Concert Singers is a vocal ensemble composed of the most talented singers on Olivet's campus dedicated to — for lack of a better term — bringing it, time and time again, without fail.

Though majoring in music is not exactly a requirement, it might come in handy when one observes the audition process and realizes that a shower is not a substitute for classical training. Picture a graduating class of Harvard, and then replace them with Luciano Pavarotti cloned into a group of twenty, and you come something close to understanding the talent composing the cast of Concert Singers.

Passion is central to the music department at Olivet. Students are talented and capable, but also head over heels in love with music and the work required to perfect their grasp of it.

Student Wesley Taylor said, "The great thing about CS is that we perform a variety of different music. It's not uncommon for us to learn complex pieces in other languages and jazz pieces in the same year. It really pushes us to become better and more well-rounded musicians when we are not just singing the same type of music all the time." The result is perfection every time.

By David Modica



//The Beat of a Different Drum



iPad Invasion

The music department adopted new technologies this year. By teaming up with Apple, Olivet has taken a big step toward technological advancement in academics. The marching band has utilized this technology as much as possible. Professor Ryan Schultz, the marching band director, said that he was “skeptical at first, regarding the weather, but so far it’s worked out really well.” He admits that adjusting to the new technology has been a learning process. He said that it has been a challenge particularly for the faculty, while students involved in music are generally more familiar with Apple products and don’t have to work as hard to learn how to use the iPads. He also notes that “it’s been good to go a little more green in the department.” Printing drill charts and making copies of music took a toll on the music department’s paper budget last year, but having the new technology is helping the department save both money and trees.

Students have had positive and negative reactions. Krista Postell, a third-year band member, sums up some of the pros and cons: “We all have our music. There are no missing pages...as long as your battery doesn’t die.” While technology can be fickle, the convenience and usefulness of the iPads have helped the marching band reduce paper waste and become more organized, while allowing for real-time critique.

By Katelyn Oprondek



Instrument Injuries

This year there were a few instrument “injuries” during a Tigers’ home football game. The band’s bleachers are located directly behind one of the goalposts, and while the football boys practiced their kicks just after **halftime**, a ball flew through the posts and landed in the flute section. The outcome: two flutes were seriously damaged. Both of the instruments were bent and broken—completely unusable. Elise Rose, one flutist with a broken instrument, said, “This is the first time that I know of where a football hit an instrument.” While waiting for her flute to come back fully repaired, Kelsey Vihnanek commented, “This year with the iPads it’s really expensive stuff that a football is getting kicked into.” (HC)



New Members of the Family

A little over half of the students in color guard are new members. It was hard work to get color guard up to speed, especially with all of the new members, some of whom had never participated in any color guard before. Co-captain Kristen Miner said, “We have so much to do...we’ve gotta fit in basics and routine and drill.” Even with so much to accomplish, the group is very close-knit. Lauren James, the other captain, said, “I love meeting all these types of girls that I wouldn’t normally talk to. They’re like my children!” Returning member Sarah Beecher remarked, “We’re really trying to make them into a family here.” (HC)

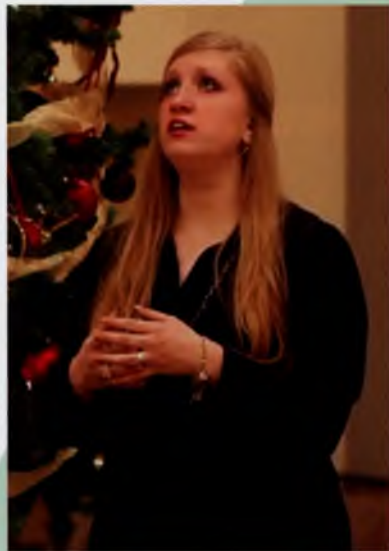




//The Christmas Covers

Twenty-five covers of Christmas songs, each for one day — that's what happened with this musical collaboration project known as The Weekend Covers. According to their YouTube channel, The Weekend Covers was started on December 2013 by videographer Joe Mantarian and musician Joey Ramirez. Noticing the lack of local music venues, they ventured off to create a venue for the local community. Both Joes wanted all of their friends to invite them into what they love to do. So Joe and Joey provided the place, the camera, and the lights: all the friends had to do was provide the cover. These Christmas covers ranged in style from the traditional "In the Bleak Midwinter" to the peppy "Last Christmas."

By Garrett Corpier



// Let God Arise, Giants Die

Proclamation Gospel Choir, headed by Jasper Taylor, is a three-part, mixed voice ensemble that has been featured at Disney World in Orlando, Florida, the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, and, of course, Olivet Chapel.

Sitting in on a practice is like immersing the mind into the instinctual side of music. There was no warm-up; the choir just hummed with rounds of “Take my life and let it be” and “Glory to God forever.” Thinking of choirs might inspire images of singers with straight backs, held hands, and tight diaphragms, this practice was nothing of the sort. People wandered in and out getting up or quietly sneaking in, but the music still kept going. That is, until Taylor abruptly stops everyone to work with the sopranos or to go over a specific passage.

The beginning of the practice almost seems more similar to a group talk—some singing, prayer, and a discussion about revival. Then, it’s back to the music. Taylor moves his hands like a type of unknown sign-language that the singers must interpret. Hands moving up and down with the runs, demanding the note be held, or sharply cutting it off — these are the kind of movements that rely on Taylor’s direction.

When working on the song “Giants” by Donald Lawrence Taylor, the tenors start on the intricate runs. Then the altos, who had been singing a simple third-up melody get a slight switch to build a chord, the sopranos in another tight harmony. All of this works culminates in the phrase, “Let God arise; giants, die.”

By Garret Corpier





Flashlight Chapel

Janice Burneson performed the solo of “Carry your Candle” during “Give your Life Away Week” in chapel. Flashlights were used to drive home the point and create ambience for the Gospel Choir’s performance. Burneson knew the song and wanted to focus more on expressing the lyrics. “It was so meaningful because I’ve gone on those mission trips,” Burneson said. “I didn’t know about the flashlights until the day of — it was a surreal experience.”



Students dedicate time each week to practice (1). (ss) Jasper Taylor, the fearless leader, calls Gospel Choir “a ministry first, and a choir second.” (2) (jr)



//Tents and Tours

Chrysalis

Q: What are the events that Chrysalis puts on?

Hayley Meadows: We go on three tours each year, have a Spring Concert with Testament Men's choir, an end of the year banquet, and an annual Krispy Kreme doughnut sale and eating contest.

Q: Was there anything new this year with the choir?

A: This year's choir has a lot more freshmen than years past. But one thing we have started doing is having craft nights to get together and socialize. We also gave each of the new members a rose at the beginning of the year to welcome them to choir.

Q: Did you go on the retreat and if so, how was it and what did you do?

A: Yes! We go on a retreat at the beginning of the year, and it is tons of fun. Our theme was Superhero Academy so we split into various teams of superheroes. I was on team Avenger, and our bonding craft was making Superhero masks. After rehearsal and craft time we load onto busses, head out to the Kankakee Camp grounds, have dinner, and set up our tents. Then we have devotionals, worship time, and play some get to know you games. We also go through Superhero training so that we can "graduate" from Superhero Academy and get our diplomas.

Q: Best memory from the retreat?

A: The games are always tons of fun. It is always really fun to watch some of the girls faces when they find out we have to stay in a tent for a night as well.





Testament

Q: What made you decide to join Testament?

Genesis Perez: I wanted to experience being in one of ONU's choir ensembles. When I heard about Men's Testament, it's as if God answered my prayer.

Q: What events/tours does the choir normally do?

A: We usually go to different churches to perform and express our praises to God. Men's Testament usually sings with Chrysalis during any tour.

Q: Best memory or favorite part about the choir?

A: I love the fellowship and the unity in each other. I love getting together to have fun and do guy things.

// Instrumental Students

Olivet Nazarene University's Orchestra led by Dr. Neil Woodruff plays a myriad of functions in the Olivet community, but are mainly seen around the holiday season playing concerts such as Sounds of the Season and, of course, Handel's Messiah. However, they also serve as the pit for Olivet's musical theatre production and have concert tours throughout the area. By Garrett Corpier

“Everyone’s
happier that
they’re in
orchestra.”



The orchestra contains string, brass, woodwind and percussion instruments. Olivet often hosts concerts of the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra.



Q and A with Paul Matthews

1. What is your involvement with orchestra?

I've been in orchestra for three years, and I play tuba.

2. What is your favorite selection?

Overture from *La Forza del Destino* by Giuseppe Verdi.

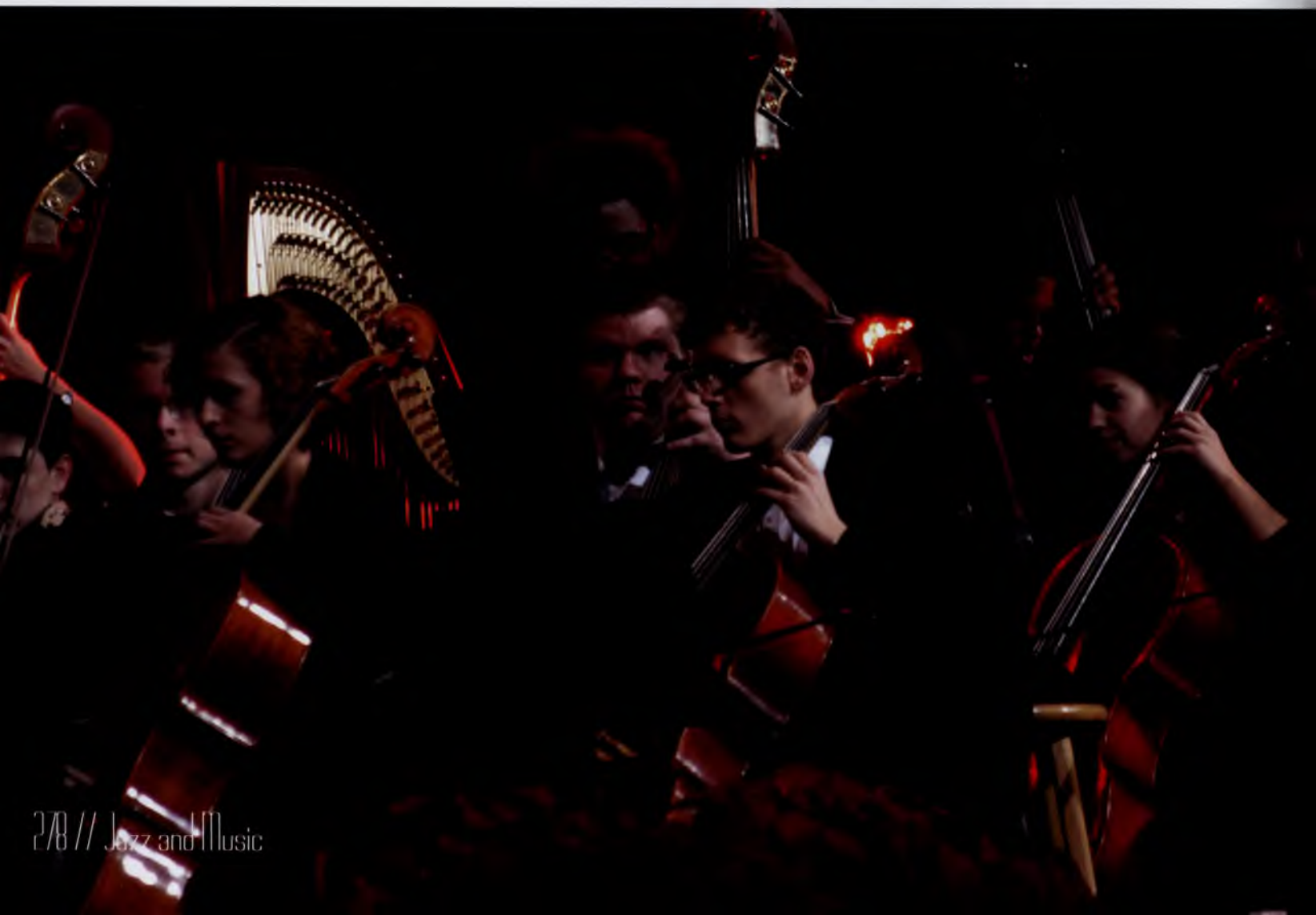
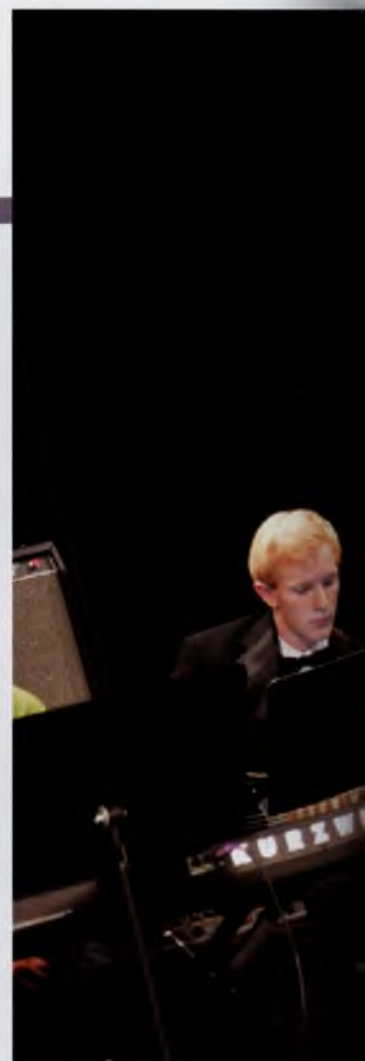
3. What is it like to be in orchestra?

The rehearsal time for orchestra is subject to changeability. You tour more than smaller ensembles, but it's not as big of a commitment as larger music ensembles like Orpheus. Everyone's happier that they're in orchestra. The time commitment is worth it.

//The Food of Love

Band Winter Showcase (BWS) is the marching band's annual indoor marching show. Although the outcome is rewarding, it is one of the biggest time commitments for the band because the entire show is put together in just three weeks. From 8 a.m. rehearsals on Saturdays to 11 p.m. rehearsals on Sundays, students work around the clock to create a spectacular show. "I believe that musicians should love what they do, because it isn't always fun. It's a lot of hard work," said junior Josh Kurchinski, the lead in this year's show. Nonetheless, players put in the tough hours, and find the end product incredibly rewarding. Sophomore Justine Von Arb said, "There are so many students who work together to make BWS a success, and that dedication and cooperation speaks to our shared passion for music. When we get to share our gift with others, the time and effort that we have invested in BWS – and in music in general – is well worth it."

By Cassandra Spinnie





Swing Style

Jazz band is unique compared to the other bands at Olivet. The ensemble is much smaller, and many players are proficient on multiple instruments rather than specializing on just one. "I stopped counting how many instruments I play, but I find something different to enjoy about each one of them," Paige Penrod said. The ensemble plays a variety of music, but not without adding a personal touch of jazz.



Artful Skills

Stringed instruments are a beautiful, important, and irreplaceable aspect of the Olivet music experience. Nonetheless, those involved put an unfathomable amount of work and dedication into their instruments. "It all requires a lot of time and practice, but I enjoy it. I love being able to make music with those who are equally as enthusiastic about what we do," sophomore Joellen Wainwright said. Stringed instruments require perfect technique that matches the rest of the ensemble. The musicians at Olivet have mastered the art of multitasking, playing multiple moods and notes in a single bowing. Wainwright said, "You can change the tone of a song simply by changing bow pressure, shifting to another position, using different accents on notes, or even by how many notes you choose to play on a single bowing."

A Fine Farewell

At the start of the spring semester, Professor Ryan Schultz announced to his students that he would be leaving Olivet to attend graduate school. Although the students were shocked, they enjoyed reminiscing over their experiences with Schultz. "Professor Schultz has been a crucial element to the band program the past several years. He left with much respect, gratitude, and admiration from many students and fellow members of the faculty," student Josh Kurchinski said.





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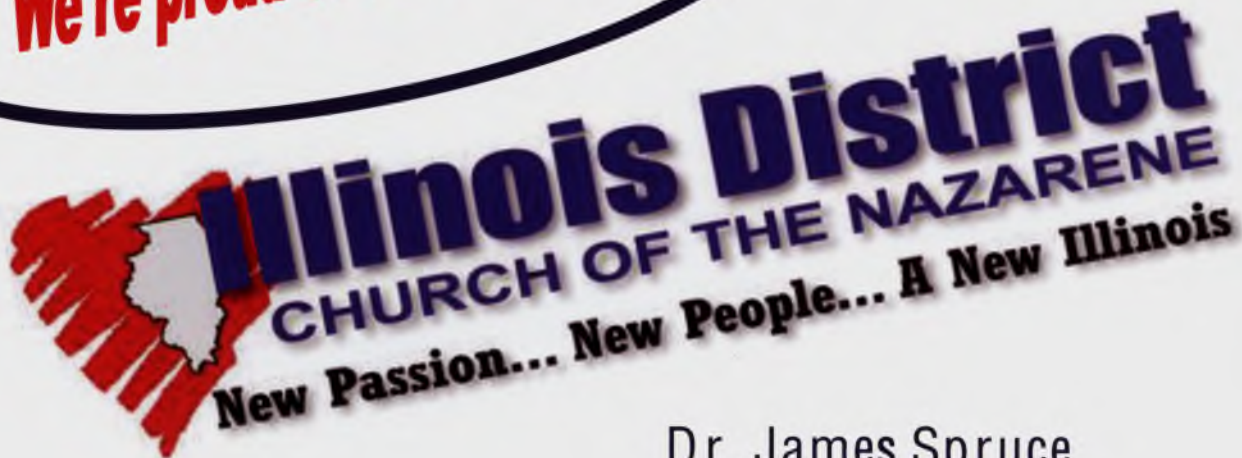
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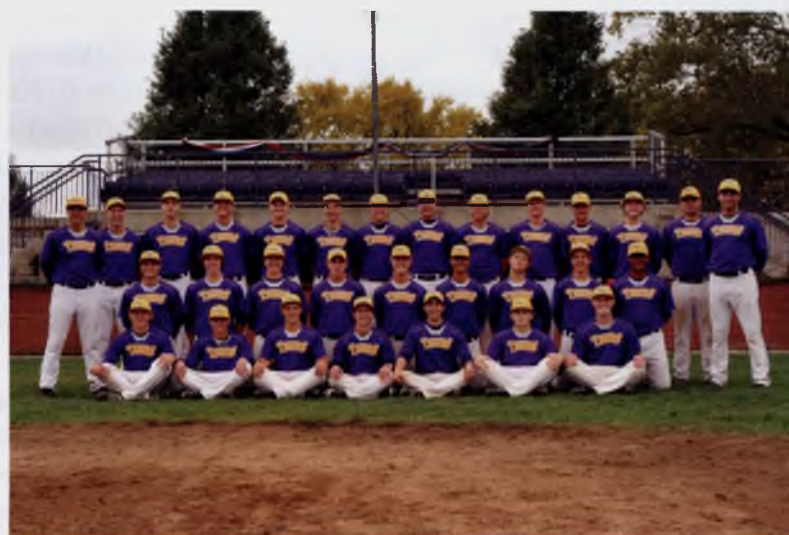
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Executive Editor

Staci Bradbury

The room was filled with yearbooks — the teal and hot pink cover of '88, the tattered black binding and yellowed pages of '44. The book creators wandered in between tables, using their own handiwork to recall long ago college years.

Among the editors gathered at the Aurora homecoming reunion in October 2013 was a woman named Esther Jetter, editor in chief of the 1940 yearbook, 94 years old. We discovered we had much in common: a love of writing, a passion for living deeply, the unique shared experience of late nights in the office.

Though the tools have changed from scissors and glue to InDesign and DSLRs, creating a yearbook is still the same process. We've worked hard this year to collect and package memories, so you'll be able to remember all the best details from this year.

In the process, there have been the inevitable all-nighters alone in Ludwig, the excessive amounts of earl grey tea and burned coffee, the cold-water splash to the face to stay awake. But there's also been joy.

The walls of my office have become plastered with pages and poems and photo strips and cards and art show invitations. People who I didn't know existed last April have become my closest friends. We've gone on trips to Chicago to take pictures and slept in stranger's apartments. We've had pillow fights and weekly meetings. Somewhere in the process of making a yearbook, we went from strangers to family.

As I looked out over the sea of editors at homecoming, I didn't see strangers. I saw a legacy. I know them through the pages of the books they created — seeing young, laughing faces in ONU sweatshirts hiding behind the wrinkled faces and grey hair and support shoes.

That's the magic of a yearbook. What now seems fresh will become history, and the yearbook will become a time machine, for us to hold in our hands and show our grandkids, page by page, who we were and therefore who we are.

We Said What?

"The pizza sauce is like napalm."

-Chris Bottari

"Dr. Bowling's patronus would be

Dr. Bowling." - Jordan Horn

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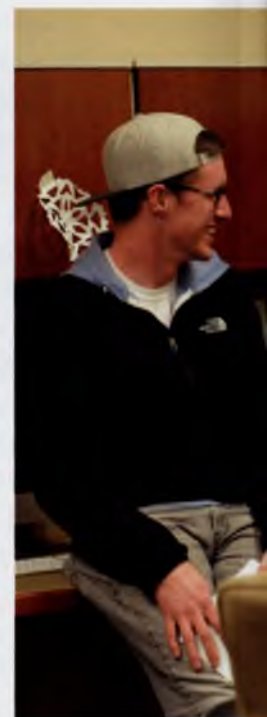
-David Modica



Staci Bradbury and Esther Jetter enjoyed dinner at the Aurora homecoming reunion. (1) David

Modica was the Executive Writer, supervising the writing team and writing divider page

copy and feature stories. (2) Rebekah Hernandez took pictures on the shore of Lake Michigan during a trip to Chicago to take pictures of the marathon. (3)





Legacy Creators

"It can't be that much work; it's a picture book."

After cycling through staff like a deck of cards and consuming more coffee in a single night than most Guatemalans grow in a year I have learned to eat my words. I have edited novel-length submissions into single-sentence captions, learned that there is more to photography than selecting a shutter speed, and in the process became distinctly aware that operating Microsoft Word does not make me computer savvy. The hurricane has come and gone, and it was awesome.

From the staff of the Aurora to the reader,
Thank you for the opportunity to make memories that last.

By David Modica

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Photographer Aaron Hemgesburg, designer Missy Schaver and writer Alex VanDehey made up one of several mini-teams that created each page.





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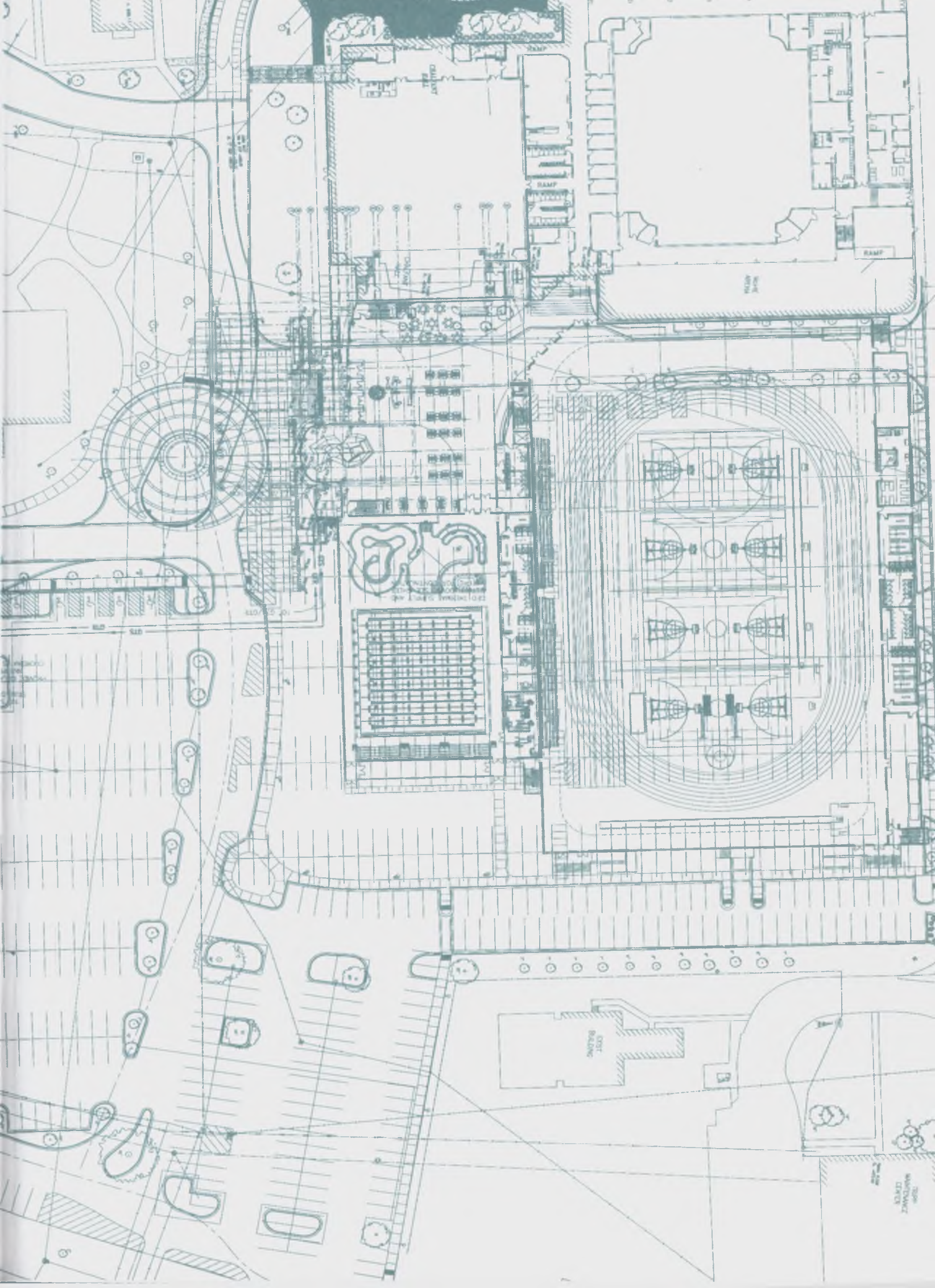
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