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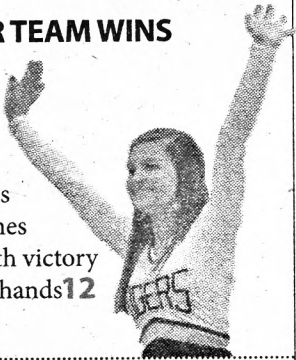
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Until 1941, the university newspaper was known simply as *Olivet News*. Former adviser Bertha Supplee proposed the name *GlimmerGlass* after visiting upstate New York, where she discovered a lake with the same name. The lake was as clear as glass and "glimmered" in the breeze. The newspaper staff adopted the name in spring of 1941, with the vision that it would symbolize the paper's mission to reflect the truth and the values of Olivet Nazarene University.

LETTER SUBMISSION

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NEWS

Black Penguins becomes official club

Rachel Kearney

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Olivet finally has an official Ultimate Frisbee club team.

The Black Penguins came into being in 2009, but were not recognized as a part of the university until two weeks ago. After meeting with administration, the team is now recognized as a club through Olivet's Recreation.

"The main reason [we wanted to become a club] was we wanted Olivet to have our back," junior Reece Storey said. "We're just thankful to get that community support."

Because the team is sponsored through Recreation, they receive no funding from the school (as opposed to being supported through ASC). Captains Storey and senior Ryan 'Hops' London explained that the administration was hesitant to fund another club sport after the club volleyball team fell through.

Players met with Matt Smith, director of campus recreation, and Woody Webb, vice president of student development last fall. Webb then contacted the team again this spring for a follow-up meeting during which he gave them the green light to become a team, just without the funding.

"I think it was because he saw we are getting a lot bigger," London said. "We have history behind our name and we are a winning organization."

In their first three years, the team has seen much success, reaching the USA Ultimate Division III national tournament. They finished 24-5 last year, and this year they are ranked No. 16 in Division III, which is the highest the team has ever been ranked.

Playing is not just a pastime for members, though. The team practices and conditions at least three times a week and pays fees. The fees include a \$50 Ultimate Player Association membership and as much as \$40 per person for every tournament, covering

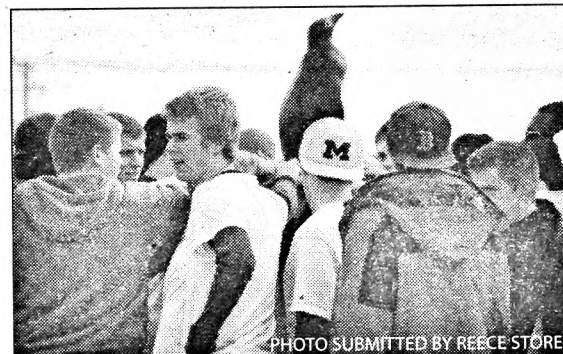


PHOTO SUBMITTED BY REECE STOREY

The Black Penguins huddle up as a team last season. The Penguins became an official Olivet club after three years of competing.

tournament fees, hotels, food and gas.

However, according to junior veteran Jake Ryan, the team fundraises to help cover those costs. One of the benefits of being a club means that they will be able to have two weeks every year to officially fundraise on campus. Ryan also noted that most Ultimate club teams do not receive money from their schools.

Probably the biggest benefit of becoming a club is the recognition they will receive from Olivet, which will

help with recruiting.

"We're not an outcast anymore," Ryan said.

The Black Penguins will host their first-ever tournament March 16-17 at Dynamo Soccer Complex in Bourbonnais, and they hope for 12 teams to participate. They will also compete in at least three more tournaments and are bidding to host the Great Lakes Conference tournament April 13-14. The winner of that tournament will go on to the national tournament.

Pingpong battle:

Lower Ludwig still attracts the diehards

A.E. Sarver

GG_Sarver

Though the Student Life and Recreation Center has monopolized a segment of campus, there are still students loyal to hanging out in Lower Ludwig.

Some students go to study or to eat in Red Room, but others go for one purpose: pingpong.

"This is the place where my aunts and uncles played pingpong," junior Matt Jones said.

"I don't think Lower Ludwig has died," junior Aaron Crane said.

Jones and Crane, who call themselves the "Pingpong Brothers," play the game nearly every day after lunch. They find Ludwig a more convenient place to hang out because it is in the center of campus. The SLRC can be too far when they only have 20 minutes to play.

They are not the only ones who feel this way. Sophomore Mike Harrington started working in Lower Ludwig last August before the SLRC opened. He sees Ludwig as a good halfway point

for those wanting to have fun between class times. Although the population of Lower Ludwig has decreased, there are still the regulars that come.

"Typically there would be people waiting to play pingpong or pool," Harrington said. "There's a big change."

The SLRC provides a lot of oppor-



PHOTO BY A.E. SARVER

Junior Matt Jones plays pingpong against fellow junior Aaron Crane.

tunities to have fun or study, but there are a lot of opportunities elsewhere.

"I think students like to have a lot of options," said Brandon Davey, resident director of Hills Hall.

MLK memorial to be built in Kankakee

Mary Hall

Staff Writer

The Kankakee Valley Park District unveiled plans last week for a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park to be built on the eastern side of Kankakee, between Maple and Merchant Street.

The area originally housed several apartment buildings that the city of Kankakee decided to demolish, according to the Daily Journal.

"It was a bad area where there was a lot of criminal activity, including drug dealing," said Roy Collins, executive director of the Kankakee Valley Park District.

In an effort to improve the neighborhood, the Park District and the City of Kankakee set aside those 3.25 acres to create an educational park.

Work will begin sometime this spring and the park is expected to open around mid-June, Collins said.

The city handled the demolition, but will split the costs of building

and landscaping with the Park District. In total, the cost of both demolition and building is estimated at \$180,000, Collins said.

The Park District and Mayor's office want the park to have a relaxing feel. The park will have a crushed limestone walking-trail and a playground for children, according to Collins, along with trees, bushes and flowers. It will also feature an outdoor amphitheater, where landscaping will create grass covered bleacher style seats.

In addition, the park will have a granite monument to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., so that "kids can go up and read the inscription of what MLK stood for," Collins said. Famous quotes by Martin Luther King, Jr. will also be laser sketched into the monument.

The Park District and Kankakee Mayor's Office hope the park will bring new life to a run-down neighborhood, Collins said. "We hope it will bring a better quality of life for the people."

MISSIONS 2013:

New journeys, new projects

Mary Hall
Staff Writer

MIA, or Missions In Action, has been at Olivet for several years. But this year, five of the fourteen missions trips taking place over spring and summer break will be ministering in ways Olivet's never done before.

SWAZILAND

This summer, Olivet engineering students will have a hands-on opportunity to install water irrigation systems in a foreign country.

The irrigation systems are significant because they not only allow residents access to clean water, but they also provide a less wasteful and more efficient way of watering plants.

These systems are human powered and use a hose to spray the water.

The team will install one irrigation system on a farm at an AIDS ministry. They will also train students studying to be pastors at South African Nazarene University in the technology so the pastors can bring the technology back to their perspective churches all over Africa.

DENVER

The Denver trip is the first ambassador team to stay in the United States.

This team is unique in that the four students, "ambassadors," this summer will sit in on the staff meetings of inner city ministries, contributing to planning sessions.

The ambassador teams consist of fewer people who go for longer periods of time; six weeks for this trip, said Jennifer McClellan, Director of Missions and Student Ministries.

"The reason we decided to do a long trip in America was to make people aware there is so much need here and to show the importance of domestic ministry," said Samantha Allen, resident director of McClain Hall and one of the trip's leaders.

CUBA

Nazarene missions teams are being allowed in Cuba for the first time in 66 years, and Olivet students are among the first to go, traveling there over spring break.

Recent changes in government policies permit teams to enter Cuba

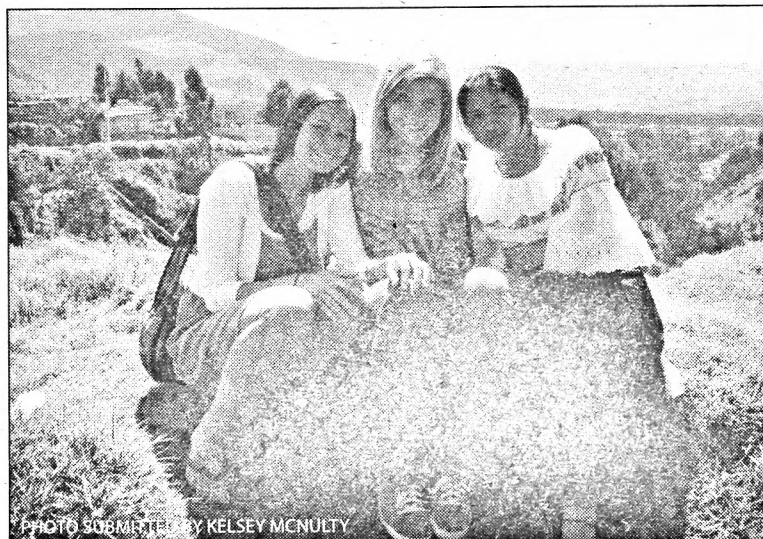


PHOTO SUBMITTED BY KELSEY MCNULTY
Olivet alum Destiny Smith and senior Kelsey McNulty are pictured with their friend Maria in Quito, Ecuador during their semester abroad. MIA students are traveling to the same location over spring break.

for religious purposes. In the past year and a half, several Nazarene missions teams have been allowed into Cuba, but this will be the first college team.

To receive their visas, the team required a written endorsement from the Church of the Nazarene headquarters, labeling the members as missionaries. The team is also required to take a Cuban charter airplane, since U.S. airlines are not allowed to fly into Cuba.

The team will have to be with Nazarene locals at all times. This has led to a team focused on relationships. "Cuban Nazarenes are longing for connections with the mother church, and we are eager to build relationships and minister with them," said Nancy Dodd, assistant to the Chaplain. "It's not going to be as much work per se as much as just being with the people."

RWANDA

On their first ever college-aged missions team, World Vision is leading Olivet students in a half-marathon run over the summer.

The students and leaders will be running 13.1 miles in Rwanda. Their goal is to get one person to sponsor a child for each mile they run. If each team member and leader from Olivet reaches their goal, it will result in 104 new child sponsorships.

The team members are encouraged to sponsor a child themselves, and they hope to visit those children while they are in Rwanda.

Lauren Stamatis, women's basketball coach and team leader, says the purpose is to also gain awareness of conditions in Rwanda to "bring back to the community."

"It's really cool to see the hearts of the students," Stamatis said. "They have the same passion but different backgrounds. Some have run, some haven't, but they are all doing it for the same purpose."

ECUADOR

A media team from Olivet will have the opportunity to get hands-on communication experience in a foreign country for the first time.

Made up of mostly communication majors, the team will be filming the entire fifth season of the Latin TV show, "Mujer Valiosa" (Valiant Woman), in the span of six days in Quito, the capital of Ecuador.

"The show is a mishmash of 'The View,' 'Oprah,' HGTV and The Food Network," said Brian Utter, station manager at Shine.fm and team leader. "It's a women's TV program from a Christian perspective."

During the trip, students will set up locations, organize props, and film. "It's a specific skill set and learning opportunity for students studying communications," Utter said. "The whole purpose is to open up communication students to ministry opportunities outside the U.S. and show them how their skills can be utilized."

Volunteers 'REACH' out to community

Taylor Provost
Staff Writer

Olivet sponsors many student groups and clubs on campus, but there are also plenty of clubs making a difference outside of the Olivet community. "Reach" is a volunteer group comprised entirely of college-age students, most of them being from Olivet.

Student leaders Jesse Erickson and Hollie Wymore explained what Reach is all about.

"We [Reach] are trying to grow the local and global community of God through service. We really want to do God's work and spread Jesus to anyone and everyone we come across," Erickson said. Wymore added, "Reach seeks to bring together all the hopes, desires, and passions to better this community, into one large community. We are intentionally striving to build up that which is broken."

Current service projects include teaming up with Gift of God Street Church and serving homeless men

monthly, collecting money and working booths for an event called Winterjam, and working Project No Fear, a benefit concert in Campaign whose cause is to help those enslaved in sex trafficking. Reach is also aiming to get involved with Harbor House, the Pregnancy Resource Center, and Nexus in the near future.

Although Reach is mainly volunteer-based, Reach also has a "small-group" atmosphere among its members. Tasha Hojnicky, Olivet freshman, explained that "Reach is all about community. In Reach itself, we are a community. If one person needs something, they know that there is someone in Reach who can and is willing to help them. We really are a team in everything that we do."

Meetings are held weekly on Wednesday nights at seven o'clock. On average, at a weekly meeting there are about twenty students, but they hope to see this number grow large enough to move to a larger meeting location.

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NEWS

NEWS IN BRIEF

National/Regional

Burger King's Twitter hacked

Burger King's Twitter account was hacked, changing the @BurgerKing feed to look like that of McDonald's. Hackers substituted the McDonald's logo in place of Burger King's, then sent several tweets posting outrageous claims about practices and employees. "We apologize to our fans and followers who have been receiving erroneous tweets about other members of our industry and additional appropriate topics," Burger King said in a statement. A spokesman said the company does not have confirmation of who was responsible.

-Chicago Tribune

Slavery officially ends in Mississippi

The 13th Amendment prompted the states to end slavery 148 years ago, but Mississippi has finally ratified the slavery ban. In 1995, their legislature finally voted to ratify the Amendment, but the paperwork that needed to be sent to the National Archives was never sent. State officials were notified and fixed it immediately. "With this action, the state of Mississippi has ratified the 13th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States," the director of the Federal Register said.

-Chicago Tribune

Woman bites boyfriend's tongue

A couple in the north suburbs of Chicago did not have a very romantic Valentine's Day. They had a quarrel that ended with the woman biting off a portion of her boyfriend's tongue. Elaine Cook was charged with aggravated domestic battery. The boyfriend put ice on his tongue, but doctors at Evanston Hospital could not reattach it because of his lack of blood supply.

-ABC 7 Chicago

Chicago road reopens

A roadway to a business development was reopened in Chicago's South Side. In 2008, the roadway deteriorated after flooding. The road was paid for with \$4.6 million in federal disaster recovery money. The area the road accesses will eventually include a Wal-Mart and other retail stores.

-Fox Chicago

A reporter's experience with speed dating

Jenny White

News Editor

The Warming House was packed with nervous energy when I walked in; a group of about 100 girls and guys sat at tables covered in red and pink tablecloths and sprinkled with candy hearts.

Some girls were wearing skirts and heels, the whole get-up; some were wearing the sweatshirt-yoga-pants-bun-headband combo. The guys looked nervous, some like they were coming for their senior photo: dress clothes from the waist up and running shoes on the bottom.

Each table, seating two girls on one side and two guys on the other, would have two minutes to chat with the potential soul mate across from them before the guys would move down to the next girl. Lists of recommended questions such as "What is

your favorite film?" or "What do you do for fun?" sat on each table, but many of the groups preferred to improvise and ask their own.

A group of boys were passing around notes on napkins that would give them a character to play at each date. Although he would not reveal what his napkin said, freshman Sayer Smith introduced himself to me as a "Twi-hard fan: Team Eddy," a statement that I hope was a joke and was part of his character. Sophomore Charles Kenneth remained silent throughout our entire date, and when I wrote him a note that said, "Are you going to find your wife here?" he wrote back "No."

Speed Dating, originally the project of last year's sophomore class, was open to everyone this year. The atmosphere in the Warming House was fairly casual. ASC served popcorn, puppy chow, and various drinks,



PHOTOS BY BEKAH COLBERT



Almost 100 students attended the speed dating event held Feb. 15. Four 'couples' were seated at each table for two minutes at a time.

and there was live music performances by Logan Miller and Lizzy Lee.

"If people end up finding the love of their life at this event, that's great. But, the goal of this event is to give

participants the chance to take a break from school work and meet new people or reconnect with those they haven't seen in a while," said Brandon Klemm, junior class president.

Meet the man behind Olivet's most famous head of hair

A.E. Sarver

@GG_Sarver

The question has been asked, "Does Dr. Bowling wear a wig?" Earl LaReau, Dr. Bowling's barber from Erik's Barber shop, knows the answer.

"It's his hair, there's no doubt about that," LaReau said.

LaReau has been cutting Dr. Bowling's hair for 17 years and has mastered making the university president look professional.

"It's because he has perfect hair," LaReau said. "His hair's so thick, it doesn't move in the wind."

LaReau cuts Dr. Bowling's hair "normal," but said he has to thin it out a lot. He doesn't give himself credit for the famous haircut. He says it is because of the natural characteristics of his hair. But with one man in the barber chair and another waiting during the interview, it is clear that LaReau is a favored barber.

"I just love cutting hair. I could quit,

but I don't. It's because of these guys in here," LaReau said. "It's amazing how much you can learn in a barber shop."

LaReau started cutting hair in 1962. He now works at Erik's Barber Shop

located on Broadway Street in Bradley. The quaint barber shop has separate rooms for each barber. In LaReau's room, the old adage "Shave and a Haircut, 2 bits" is hung on the wall.

LaReau stays true to traditional hair-

cuts. ROTC students come in because they can get their military styled cut.

"It's probably the only barber shop around here that does a shave around the ear and a lather," LaReau said.

No one has to make an appointment and the price of a haircut is \$12. Lessons learned are the same here as anywhere else.

"You don't bring up religion or politics. And maybe you think someone is wrong, but you don't argue with them," LaReau said while holding his pair of scissors.

Students of Olivet can get their hair cut here, and some already do. Junior Michael Nielsen went with fellow junior Matt Jones recently.

"It was a good haircut and a fun experience," Michael said.

LaReau respects Dr. Bowling and Olivet. But now Olivet respects Earl LaReau. He's the man who loves being a barber. He's the man who loves people and conversation. And he's the man behind the hair.



Earl LaReau cuts a client's hair at Erik's Barber Shop on Broadway Street in Bradley. LaReau cuts Dr. Bowling's hair and has been a barber since 1962.

GLIMMER GLANCES

CAMPUS EVENTS

**Women's Appreciation Week**

THROUGH FEB 22

A week dedicated to the ladies' of this campus! Don't forget to pick up your daily gift in Ludwig. Sponsored by WRL

**Ladies' Night In**

FRI, FEB 22 · 7:30PM, SLRC

Inviting all ladies to join a girls' night only event filled with fun activities and snacks. Hosted by Women's Residential Life!

**Movie Night: Skyfall**

SAT, FEB 23 · 7PM, WEBER 104

Bond's loyalty to M is tested as her past comes back to haunt her, bringing MI6 under attack.

- ♦ Wisner @ 2pm
- ♦ Chalfant @ 7pm

**Invest in Your Future**

TUE, FEB 26 · 7PM, WEBER 104

Come learn the basics of investments with Brian Robbins at this short and informative seminar! Be prepared for your future.

**Suit-Up**

WED, MAR 13 · 4PM, WEBER CENTER

Enactus is hosting an evening of mock interviews for upperclassmen to receive constructive criticism from business professionals on their interviewing presence. A hors d'oeuvres hour will follow the interview sessions for networking opportunities.

**Pre-release Movie Night**

SAT, MARCH 16 · 267PM, KRESGE

Now showing: Les Miserable. The famous novel and musical set in 19th century France hits the big screen!

**Planetarium Show**

MARCH 16 & 23 · 9PM, STRICKLER PLANETARIUM

Now Showing: Big Bird's Adventure. Reconnect with your inner child and join Big Bird and Elmo in exploring the night sky! Other show times available at 6 & 7pm for a \$3 charge.

STUDENT COUNCIL

**Sr. Class Sweet Elite**

FRI, FEB 22 · 5-7PM, KRESGE/DR. BOWLING'S HOME

Pre-purchased 2-for-1 ticket includes admission to the Spring Musical as well as admission into the dessert "after party" at the Bowling's home!

**Election for Student Body President**

FEB 27-28

Check your email after chapel on WED, FEB 27 for the electronic ballot to vote for your 2013-2014 ONU Student Body President. Voting ends at 5pm on THUR, FEB 28.

**TOMS Campaign**

MARCH 12-15 · MEAL TIMES, LUDWIG LOBBY

Purchase your pair of TOMS shoes to decorate at the Social Justice Club bazaar in April.

**ASC Class Council Info Meetings**

MAR 18 & 25 · 9PM, UPPER LUDWIG B/C

Are you interested in running for a 2013-2014 Class Council position on the Associated Student Council? Positions include Class President, Class Representatives and Class Chaplain. Attend one of these required meetings to learn more!

**Comm Week**

MAR 19 & 20 · 7PM, WISNER

A time for Comm majors to gather together to learn more about the field of communication and opportunities upon graduation.

**Party with Jesus**

MONDAYS · 9PM, WARMING HOUSE

Take a homework break for this exciting praise and worship service that takes place weekly!

ACADEMICS

**Let's Talk About Sex**

WED, FEB 27 · 5:45PM, WISNER

A seminar to further your knowledge on STDs and healthy sexual relationships presented by nursing students and a panel of experts.

**Spring Break**

MARCH 2-10

Break begins at the end of class day on FRI, MARCH 1. Classes will resume on MON, MAR 11 at 7:30AM. Residence halls and Ludwig closes at 9PM on FRI, MARCH 1 and will reopen at 3PM on SUN, MARCH 10. Have a safe spring break!

**Block IV classes begin**

MON, MARCH 11

WELL BEING

The Office of Counseling & Health services provides confidential, personalized, quality care for the physical & emotional well-being of ONU students. Request for appt. can be made on my.olivet.edu/Health

**Test Anxiety Workshop**

THUR, FEB 21 · 5PM, CSS

This workshop will focus on how to reduce test anxiety by learning how to study and prepare more effectively while also providing some strategies for reducing test anxiety the day of an exam.

**Safe Spring Break**

THUR, FEB 28 · 11:30AM, LUDWIG LOBBY

Counseling and Health Services is encouraging all students to make responsible decisions during break through the Safe Spring Break Outreach.

CHAPEL

Coming up:

- ♦ FEB 27/28: Samuel Vassel
- ♦ MAR 13/14: Ian Morgan Cron
- ♦ MAR 20: TBD
- ♦ MAR 21: Mark Holcomb

WEDNESDAY CHAPELS @ 10:00AM
THURSDAY CHAPELS @ 9:30AM

THE CREATIVE ARTS

**Spring Musical**

FEB 21-23 · 5-7PM, KRESGE AUDITORIUM

The musical, Little Shop of Horrors, will be presented by ONU students. A hapless florist raises a plant that feeds on human blood. Saturday show times include 2 & 7PM.

**String Ensemble/Chamber Concert**

TUE, FEB 26 · 7PM, KRESGE

The University String Ensemble, the University Orchestra Woodwind section and ONU concert singers will be performing.

**Band Concert**

THUR, FEB 28 · 7PM, KRESGE

ONU welcomes well-known and respected saxophone artist and master teacher Eugene Rousseau for an evening concert. Since his debut at Carnegie Hall in 1965, Rousseau has performed across North America and on 5 continents. Don't miss this special evening.

**Faculty Jazz Recital**

TUE, MAR 12 · 7PM, KRESGE

Come see and listen to some of your favorite professors perform!

**Upcoming Senior Art Shows**

THUR, MARCH 14 · 6-9PM

Rachel Maupin will be displaying work in Brandenburg Gallery, and Dianna Wood and Jesse Dillman will be displaying their works in the Strickler Planetarium Gallery between MAR 12-25. Don't miss their Senior Art Shows where they will speak about their artwork on MAR 14.

**24-Hour Theater**

SAT, MARCH 16 · 7PM, WISNER

Plays created in 1 day. Kick-off session Friday, MARCH 15 at 7pm- calling all writers, actors and directors. Email edillard@olivet.edu with any questions.

MISCELLANEOUS

**Daylight Savings Time**

SUN, MAR 10 · EVERYWHERE, 2AM

Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead. Spring forward!

**ONU Sports Show Podcast**

Andy Moore and Andy Jerrick talk ONU sports

plus college and pro with a focus on Big Ten and Chicago. Details are on fb.com/onusportsshow. Available on iTunes!

**Fishbowl Meditations**

TUESDAYS · 9:30-10:20AM, BENNER

Every Tuesday morning, the Fishbowl in the library becomes a quiet place for prayer and reflection. For more information, contact Jasmine Cieszynski at jcieszyn@olivet.edu

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Parlor**

WEDNESDAYS · 7PM, COLLEGE CHURCH CLC

Come worship and hear a great message for college students every Wednesday night at College Church in the CLC.

**The Wedding Singer**

NOW THROUGH FEB 24 · \$15 · VARIOUS TIMES, KANKAKEE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The Kankakee Valley Theatre Association (KVTA) presents the musical-Wedding Singer, based on the New Line Cinema film written by Tim Herlihy!

- ♦ FEB 23 @ 7PM
- ♦ FEB 24 @ 2PM

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- = EVENT FREE WITH STUDENT ID

NEWS

Spring Fashion



Clothing stores such as Nordstrom Rack, The Gap Outlet, Kohl's, and Maurice's provided clothing for the fashion show put on by Olivet's fashion merchandising majors called "Evolution of Fashion."

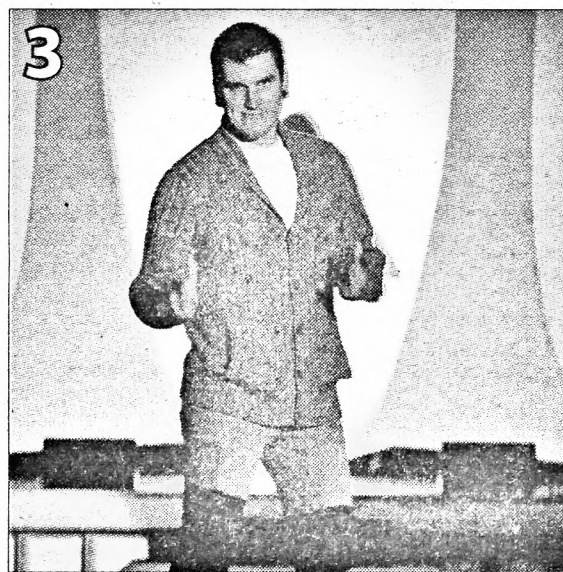
This show, held on Feb. 16 in Chalfant Hall, was not limited to students modeling clothing. The show also included funny video clips from students of how they defined "fashion," commentary from student hosts, and music to accompany the modeling.

The show was split into categories of fashion. The first category modeled was "Medieval Inspired."

"Greek Inspired," with long, flowing clothing and strapped sandals, and "Colonial Inspired," with buttoned and collared tops were modeled, as well. After these first few themes, a chronological fashion showcase of the decades from the 1920s to present-day fashion was modeled, excluding the 1930s. "Future Fashion" was predicted by students and modeled, as well. And, of course, because college students are often without lofty

funds, a "Thrift Shop" segment of the fashion show was modeled, too, showing students how they can dress fashionably while maintaining a strict budget.

Model and junior Robby Gaines said, "I had a great time [modeling] because a lot of my friends were a part of the show. We really wanted to make sure it was entertaining." Gaines continued, "There was a lot of energy and we had a lot of room [on stage] to be creative with our clothes and poses. It was a successful show."



PHOTOS BY ETHAN BARSE



1 Freshman Katie Reed

2 Junior Luke Hasselbring

3 Junior Morgan Lucas

4 Sophomore Grace Amponsah

5 Freshman Katie Reed

'Little Shop of Horrors' premieres

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A man-eating plant, crazy dentist and nerdy florist: this year's spring musical is not a typical song and dance musical. "Little Shop of Horrors" is a creepy show with extravagant characters.

"You won't want to miss it," said Alyssa Norden, who plays the role of Crystal.

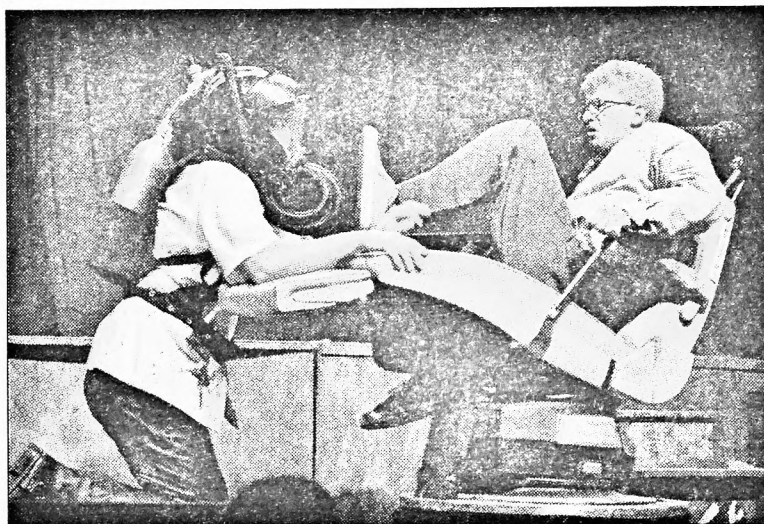
The show takes place Feb. 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium. Tiger Dollars will be accepted. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for seniors and students.

"It's so professional. When I see the show, I forget that it is a college show. I forget that I'm sitting in Kresge. That's how professional it is," Tessa Dattilo, assistant director said.

This musical has a very creepy cast. The plot takes place in a florist shop located on Skid Row. It's a story of Seymour Krelborn, played by Ben Geeding, who just wants to be accepted and loved.

"He finds love and acceptance, and finds hate and the true meaning of happiness in the form of a plant," Dattilo said.

The set and costumes were rented



from a professional theater company in Indiana, adding professionalism to Kresge Auditorium. But the set is not what makes this musical happen. There are a total of nine cast members this year and a hard-working crew. They each have the triple threat of theater: they dance, act and sing.

With such a small cast, the process of making this show come to life was quicker. The cast started rehearsals in the beginning of the semester and less than two months later, they had a completed show.

"My favorite part is that no matter

if you are in the cast or crew, everyone is giving 110 percent, which makes the show more enjoyable for everyone," said Taihla Eddins, who plays the role of Ronette.

A special addition to the cast is Olivet's own Professor Mark Bishop, who plays multiple characters including a leather-wearing dentist and a woman.

"It's so great when the show starts, but you have to stay to the end. The last 15 minutes make the show. The end will knock your socks off," Dattilo said.



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Left: Junior Ben Geeding tries to get away from Professor Mark Bishop during a dress rehearsal last week. Above: Geeding reads Bishop's paper. Right: Junior Lillian Guenseth shares a scene with Geeding.

ROTC trains for water survival

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In the early morning hours before the Student Life and Recreation Center was open to students, ROTC was hard at work experiencing combat water survival training for the first time in the SLRC.

Cadets swam in the pool with guns lifted above their heads, preparing for whatever may come in future combat. They were submerged in the water while wearing their fatigues.

"Combat water survival training is a series of events you have to pass," Cadet Autumn Albring said.

Cadets had to participate in a 10 minute swim, 5 minutes treading water, swimming with their equipment, and being pushed into the water to understand how to handle such conditions.

"They need to be able to keep



Members of ROTC celebrate after combat water training on Feb. 14.

themselves alive. That's the purpose of CWST," said Director of Military Science Major Roman Ortega.

Olivet's Roaring Tiger Battalion is in preparation. They used to train at BBCHS for combat water survival

training. Now that they have a more accessible swimming facility, ROTC can incorporate the SLRC in their training.

"The facility is generally nicer. It's bigger and newer," Major Ortega said.

What's Your story?

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OPINION

Dear In the Headlights,

By Jimmy Phillips



This past year, Point Loma Nazarene University was ranked by Newsweek magazine as the fourth most beautiful college in America based on attractiveness of students and other factors. We may not be PLNU, but Olivet has its fair share of pretty people. As a connoisseur of beauty, this makes me happy.

I am really thankful for my pretty friends. Hanging out with them adds to my street credibility, and their radiance makes me look good. Guilty by association. Plus, if I am around them long enough, maybe I'll end up on Olivet's promotional material or land a job in Admissions.

My favorite thing is when I see two beautiful people dating one another. Pretty people are bound to make pretty babies and propagate their attractive qualities through the gene pool. Typically, I judge the strength of a couple's relationship based on how cute their kids will be. And sometimes I feed their pictures into one of those online baby-generators just to be safe.

I need a pretty wife. I don't really care about the cerebral qualities or the personality traits. I have a pretty good handle on those. I just want nothing more than for my children to be cute, otherwise life will be cruel to them. And that means I have to marry significantly higher in the hierarchy of beauty than the caste into which I was mercilessly born.

Lauren Beatty, that redhead with the yellow coat, Sarah Cochran, Lauren Beatty, the girl with the really curly hair, Megan Klossing, Amy Ryan's twin, and Lauren Beatty are all excellent candidates. Too bad none of them will have me. Shucks.

Please, be deeper.

From Russia With Love,
Jimmy

Gun policy: Response Q & A

Paul Wissmiller
Staff Writer

I am qualified to give my opinion on this topic for a number of reasons: I personally own multiple firearms and have been shooting guns for over a decade. I am an avid hunter and sport shooter, and I am also a ROTC cadet and plan to serve in a combat arms branch of the military.

Do you think civilians should have access to assault weapons/military grade weapons?

First I would like to start by debunking a common myth. This question really should be phrased differently because there is no such thing as an "assault weapon." In my mind it is the human being doing the assaulting, so why are we blaming the gun? Also, "AR," a term commonly used by the media, (usually when referring to a AR15 or AK47 variant) actually stands for "Armalight," not "assault rifle." Armalight is the company who originally produced the AR15 rifle before selling the design to Colt.

Now on to the question. I believe law-abiding American citizens should be able to purchase these weapons. In

my experience, these rifles are most commonly used for sport or target shooting. Based on a justfacts.com U.S. firearm owners survey done in 2010, this is the second most popular reason for purchasing a firearm, behind self-defense, but above hunting. These "military grade" rifles are not any more dangerous than a traditional-looking firearm.

A common argument is that the semiautomatic capabilities of these

The president has said he supports a ban on military grade "assault weapons." I think banning "assault weapons" would be pointless in relation to gun crimes because they are barely used in gun-related crimes in this country. According to a California Department of Justice study done in 2009 on gun-related crimes in California, only 8 of 147 weapons used in crimes examined by police could be classified as "assault weapons."

sponsible for gun crimes?

What would be the best way to cut back on gun violence?

I think the best way to cut back on gun violence is to cut back on violence in our culture. It's easy for lazy politicians to blame guns for the inherent evil of the human race. The Bible says in Jeremiah 17:9 that, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

People will find ways to commit crimes whether they own guns or not. Guns are not the reason or cause of violence in our society.

On Dec. 15, 2012, one day after the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings, a man in Mainland China (where owning any type of firearm is illegal) attacked 26 children and an old woman with a knife at the Chen-peng Village Primary School. He stabbed the woman to death and hospitalized 22 of the children.

To cut back on gun violence would mean monitoring and anticipating the type of people who would commit these atrocities. If politicians devoted as much time and resources into these matters as they did into talking about banning guns, we might actually make some progress.

'People will find ways to commit crimes whether they own guns or not. Guns are not the reason or cause of violence in our society.'

guns make them more ideal for committing mass murders. I disagree. With some practice and a few modifications, a lever action "cowboy" rifle can be fired just as fast, if not faster than a fully automatic military grade weapon. This point was proven on the Discovery Channel TV show "American Guns" in season two when a teenage "cowboy action shooter" outshot a fully automatic Uzi submachine gun with his traditional lever action rifle.

What do you think of Obama's projected gun control policies?

In California that year, handguns were used in 81.6 percent of gun crimes. The "assault weapons" the Obama administration wants to ban were used in only two percent of felonies. The shooter at Sandy Hook Elementary School actually used a handgun, not an "assault weapon."

Why hasn't the president focused on the real issue of handguns? Did he decide to go after AR's because he believed it would be easier to convince the media and general public that the "black, scary, military guns" were re-

on our wall*

What about spring break are you looking forward to the most?



Junior James Webb says,

"I'm looking forward to spending time in Nashville, hanging out with friends, looking for apartments, and having a couple of interviews."



Junior Anna Grieder says,

"I'm super, super excited about spending the week in Florida and getting to relive my childhood for a day in Disney World!"



Senior Chelsea Hays says,

"I'm excited to see how the Lord will use my MIA team in Ecuador! He has already blessed us so much!"



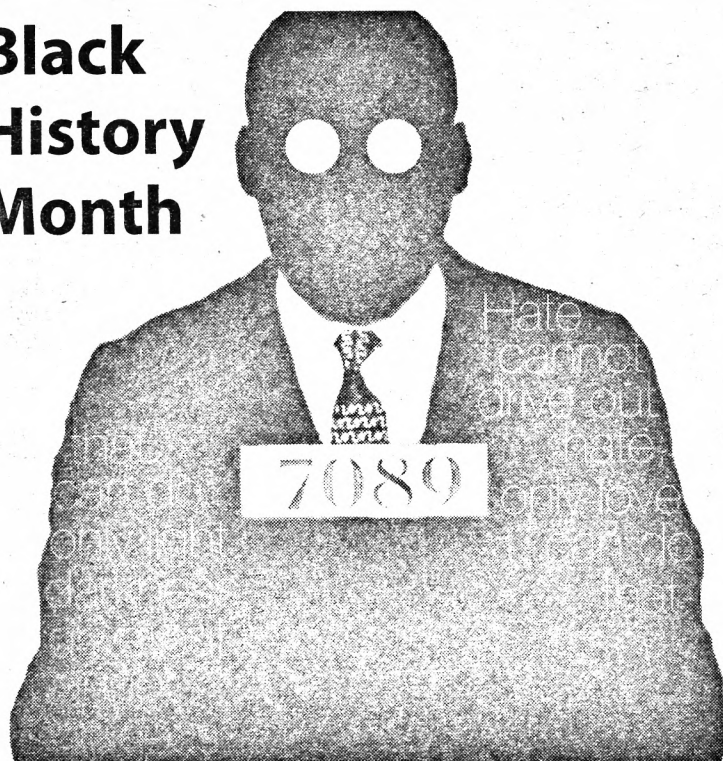
Senior Andy Moore says,

"Hopefully being at the NAIA National Tournament broadcasting the women's basketball games."

*This edition of "on our wall" contains answers received from people on campus. In the future, we'd like your input! Like "The GlimmerGlass" on Facebook and post your responses to the question on our wall. We'll choose four random responses for every issue.

OPINION

Black History Month



Michael-Andrew Spalding
Contributing Writer

We, whether we like it or not, go throughout every Black History Month with a sort of lackluster spirit. Speaking as an African-American student at Olivet, I can say first hand that while I appreciate everything that my founding fathers have done for me, I don't give them all the credit they deserve. We give people like MLK Jr. a day for his birthday

and maybe think or talk about him a couple times during this month, but if we were to really give every person that fought and died to get — not only African-Americans, but people of all races — where we are today it would take more than just a month to do.

Hopefully, we not only think on the things these people did lightly, but we take time to give them credit where credit is due.

—Graphic by Michael-Andrew Spalding

Papal resignation deserves respect

A. J. W. Ewers
Contributing Writer

When I woke up Monday morning (Feb. 11) and checked the news as I normally do, I was shocked. News of Pope Benedict XVI's upcoming resignation left me speechless, and probably left the 1.2 billion Catholics worldwide speechless as well. At first, I was mad and sad — a bad mix for 7 a.m. — and I thought to myself: "How selfish of him, this man that has promised to serve the church for the rest of his life is giving up and quitting the job?"

As more detailed reports of his pending resignation were released throughout the day and as I discussed the resignation with fellow Catholics here on campus, I gained more perspective and my views became more understanding. Today, I believe that the pope's actions are very selfless and humbling. His actions show the true character of a Christian leader; he put the mission of God through the Church before his own glorification,



PHOTO BY ROHAN CHENNAI
Pope Benedict XVI recently announced to the world his resignation.

willingly resigning the highest office in all of Christendom so that the Great Commission would continue to be effectively fulfilled. How many of us today can say that we would do that?

After a 600-year lull between resigning popes, no one can say this is a norm for the Roman Catholic Church. The sudden announcement of the Pope Benedict XVI's resignation has left many speculating as to how the Church will rebound from such a loss. Father Jason Nesbit, associate Pastor of Maternity BVM Parish, the Catholic Church located next to cam-

pus, said this about the resignation: "It is important to remember that this is not a moment of crisis in the church. Just like any other moment after a pope has died or resigned, a conclave of Cardinals will be convoked, and a new pope elected."

So what do we do next? That question is easy to answer — we pray. Regardless of whether you are Catholic, Baptist, or Nazarene — we are all Christians and when one of us struggles, we all struggle. For the Catholic Church, this is a pivotal moment because the decision of who will be the next pope can drive where the church's ministry will be going in the upcoming years. So I will be praying that the Holy Spirit will be active in the church and inspire this decision.

For those Christians belonging to other denominations, while we may not agree on everything dogmatically, we can agree that our God is alive and active. Since our God is alive and active, I urge you also to pray that he will be very active in the choices that are about to be made — because in the end, they affect us all.

Plural perspectives: A discourse on intercourse

Jimmy Phillips
Staff Writer

Last week I went speed dating. I went last year and had a good time, so I thought I'd try to recreate the experience. Just like last year, I went in character. I dressed down (sweats), used a fake name (Butch) and was incredibly rude. The good people at ASC did a lovely job of putting it on, with candles and chocolate all over the place, but some of the ladies wanted nothing to do with my humor.

The reason? They weren't looking for humor. There were a lot of freshmen, and, the women I "dated" seemed to be interested in finding actual companionship. And I was scared.

Last semester, the freshmen were

told that if they didn't find somebody at Olivet to marry, they were doomed. Talk about an out-there opinion. Yes, the world's take on dating and having sex for pleasure is wrong, extreme even. But I think what we are saying is extreme and wrong in the opposite direction.

How can I know what I want in a woman unless I get to know a lot of them? Who says I have to be in a committed relationship by the time I graduate? The average age of marriage is 28. So for all the couples here who get married at 21, there has to be an equal number getting hitched at 35 to balance it out.

I have a problem with one-sided indoctrination. We are presented with one way of doing relationships and told it's the only way. There are lots of

ways to date, even as a Christian.

Marriage is talked about as the ticket to sex. Jesus wants you to be celibate, so you have to get married to have sex. Sure. People still do it, though. Christians still do it. But that

sation about sex and relationships that offered more than one point of view. That's how we grow.

Instead of sugar coating everything with religious words and disingenuous over-spiritualization, it

'I think we are doing a disservice to this campus by only discussing the spiritual implications of sex.'

doesn't mean we should.

The way many people, boys and girls alike, were speed dating was intense, like they were starving lions seeking an antelope to sink their salivating mouths into.

I don't mean to disrespect the ladies I met. I wasn't trying to offend them even though I know I did. But I would love if we could have a conver-

would be great if the reasons we gave imploring purity and monogamy were based in practicality also.

Chapel Wednesday was great. I really appreciate Chaplain Holcomb's heart. But I think we are doing a disservice to this campus by only discussing the spiritual implications of sex. My soul is a factor in my decision to stay pure. But so are the physical

and psychological aspects. God offers redemption for our behavior. But there is no redemption that I know of for herpes.

We tell freshmen they have to date or they're toast, then we tell them not to have sex. Do you know that your brain is not developed enough to make those kinds of decisions until your late twenties? If you love somebody, the back of your brain says, "Do it," And the front half isn't grown up enough to stop you.

If you don't believe in God, I still care how you live. Your decisions affect more than just you. And if you aren't a Christian there are still loads of reasons to keep your shorts on, such as HIV, unplanned babies, and feelings of comparison. So let's talk about sex. Really.

SPORTS

SCORES & MORE

Baseball

Feb. 14 at Bethel University (Tenn.)	L, 9-19
Feb. 15 at Bethel University (Tenn.)	L, 5-9/L, 1-6
Feb. 22-23 at Mid-Continent University (Ky.)	
March 3-11 Russ-Matt Invitational (Fla.)	

Men's Basketball (18-12)

Feb. 6 at Calumet College of St. Joseph (Ind.)	W, 55-54
Feb. 9 Judson University (Ill.)	W, 88-39
Feb. 13 at Purdue University-Calumet (Ind.)	L, 66-80
Feb. 16 University of St. Francis (Ill.)	W, 72-62

Feb. 18-23 CCAC Tournament

Feb. 18 Calumet College of St. Joseph	W, 72-64
Feb. 20 at University of St. Francis	7 p.m.
Feb. 22-23 Semifinals, Finals	TBA

March 5-12 NAIA Division II National Championships, Point Lookout, Mo.

Women's Basketball (23-7)

Feb. 6 at Calumet College of St. Joseph (Ind.)	W, 109-74
Feb. 9 Judson University (Ill.)	W, 117-68
Feb. 13 at Purdue University-Calumet (Ind.)	L, 113-121
Feb. 16 University of St. Francis (Ill.)	W, 113-102

Feb. 18-23 CCAC Tournament

Feb. 18 Trinity Christian College (Ill.)	W, 112-67
Feb. 20 at Purdue University-Calumet	7 p.m.
Feb. 22-23 Semifinals, Finals	TBA

March 5-12 NAIA Division II National Championships, Sioux City, Iowa

Softball

Feb. 22 at William Woods University (Mo.)	12/2 p.m.
Feb. 23 at Central Methodist University (Mo.)	TBA
March 4-9 Tucson Invitational (Ariz.)	

Men's Swimming

Feb. 13-16 PCSD Championships (Calif.)	6th of 13
Feb. 27-March 2 NAIA National Championships, Oklahoma City, Okla.	

Women's Swimming

Feb. 13-16 PCSD Championships (Calif.)	12th of 13
Feb. 27-March 2 NAIA National Championships, Oklahoma City, Okla.	

Men's Tennis

Feb. 15 Lindenwood University-Belleville (Ill.)	W, 9-0
Feb. 18 at DePauw University (Ind.)	L, 2-7
Feb. 23 Michigan Technological University	11:30 a.m.
Feb. 27 Lake Superior State University (Mich.)	12 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Feb. 15 Lindenwood University-Belleville (Ill.)	W, 9-0
Feb. 18 at DePauw University (Ind.)	L, 1-8
Feb. 23 Michigan Technological University	11:30 a.m.
Feb. 27 Lake Superior State University (Mich.)	11:30 a.m.

Men's Track

Feb. 16 NCCAA Indoor National Championships (Ind.)	3rd of 20
Feb. 28-March 2 NAIA Indoor National Championships (Ohio)	

Women's Track

Feb. 16 NCCAA Indoor National Championships (Ind.)	4th of 22
Feb. 28-March 2 NAIA Indoor National Championships (Ohio)	

Winter seasons near end

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Olivet leads the NAIA in the Commissioner's Cup standings, according to ONU athletic director Gary Newsome. The Commissioner's Cup is awarded to the top athletic program every year in the NAIA based on points earned on team's finishes.

In the fall, Olivet earned points from women's soccer (NAIA runner up), women's cross-country (NAIA top four finish), men's soccer (NAIA quarterfinals appearance), and men's cross-country (finished 22nd at the NAIA meet). Olivet's winter sports are ready to contribute as they head into their postseasons.

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team survived the first round of the CCAC tournament and potentially could have three more games this week.

The Tigers defeated Calumet College of St. Joseph (Ind.) 72-64 at home on Monday and faced the University of St. Francis (Ill.) in the CCAC quarterfinals on Feb. 20. They will have to win the tournament to advance to the NAIA National Tournament on March 5 in Point Lookout, Mo.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team will look to win the CCAC tournament for the third time in program history this week.

Following a four-way tie for second place in the CCAC regular season, the Lady Tigers were given the fifth seed based off of tie-breakers.

They defeated Trinity Christian College (Ill.) on Monday 112-67, and faced Purdue University-Calumet on Feb. 20 in the quarterfinals.

The team will automatically qualify for the NAIA tournament on March 5 in Sioux City, Iowa with a CCAC championship, but will still have a chance to get an at-large bid based on their NAIA ranking.

Men's Swimming

The men's swim team travelled to La Mirada, Calif. for the Pacific Collegiate Swim and Dive Conference Championship on Feb. 13-16. The team finished sixth overall as they raced against teams from all over the nation from the NAIA level to the NCAA Division I level.

Junior-captain Aaron Buchanan brought in the most points for the team, placing 10th in the men's 400



Jake Boyce (30) wins the jump on Feb. 18 against St. Francis as Torey Laferney (23) and Ben Worner (25) look on. Olivet won 72-62.

individual medley and 11th in the men's 200 medley. Freshman Jacob Anderson had the highest placing of the day for the Tigers, taking ninth in the men's 200 individual medley.

The PCSD was the only conference that would take the new team, according to Sports Information Director Wendy Reid. The meet was the toughest competition for the Tigers this season.

The team will next travel to Oklahoma City for the NAIA National Championships Feb. 27-March 2 to finish out their season. The Athletic Department said that they expect the team to finish possibly in the top two based on the team's times thus far.

Women's Swimming

The women also travelled to the PCSD Championships and took 12th place. Freshmen Mary Wilson and Sydney Harris led the team, as Harris set a new school record in the women's 100 breaststroke, finishing 18th. She also finished in 22nd place in the women's 200 individual medley. Wilson placed 15th in the women's 100 backstroke.

The Lady Tigers will travel with the men's team to the NAIA Championships as well. The Athletic Department said that they also expect the women to place within the top four based on their times.

Men's Indoor Track

The men's track team took third place at the National Christian College Athletic Association National Indoor Championships at Marion, Ind. Feb. 16-17.

Eleven athletes that earned All-American status led the Tigers. Se-

nior Ty'Rel Fields and sophomore Marshall Hawn each placed second in the 400-meter and 800-meter, respectively. The 4x800 relay (junior Brian Willoughby, sophomore David Powers, freshman Isaiah Fink and senior Nic Mizeur) and the distance medley (Hawn, Willoughby, sophomore Sam Willis and junior Ethan Gallagher) each took third in their respective races. The distance medley also broke the school record for the event.

In the field events, sophomores Lucas Limberg and Brian Michell each came in second, Limberg in the high jump and Michell in the pole vault. Senior Joe Reisinger rounded out the list of All-Americans, taking third in the shot put.

The Tigers will next travel to Geneva, Ohio for the NAIA Indoor National Championships Feb. 28-March 2 in their final indoor meet of the season.

Women's Indoor Track

The women's track team finished fourth at the NCCAA meet, led by senior Kortney Ellingboe.

Ellingboe took second place in the 3000-meter, finishing .08 seconds behind Shea Spicher of Shorter University (Ga.). Four other athletes earned NCCAA All-American as well. The distance medley team (sophomores Kylie Lippencott and Natalie Puent, senior Hannah Endrizzi and junior Christy Trank) placed second. Endrizzi also took fourth in the 800-meter. Sophomore Alexandra Ortiz placed fourth in 400-meter as well.

The Lady Tigers will travel with the men's team to the NAIA Indoor Championships to finish out their indoor season.

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SPORTS

Golf teams ready to swing

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There is something students may not know about ONU athletics. Senior Aaron Miles wants to change that.

"Yes, Olivet has a golf team," Miles said.

Both the men's and women's golf programs do not receive much school-wide recognition. But according to Athletic Director Gary Newsome, the men's golf program began in 1970, and the school has been consistently fielding a program since that time.

The women's golf program began more recently, fielding its first team the fall of 2010. The team was started so that collegiate golfers who had been going to other schools would come to Olivet, Newsome said.

The most notable example of this is senior Gwen Holmes, who transferred to Olivet in order to play at a Christian university. Newsome said she would not have transferred to the school if the team did not exist.

He believes creating the team has been a great choice.

"The program probably should've

been started 30 years ago," Newsome said. "I couldn't be happier with how they're competing."

The women's team is also pleased with the developments they have made over the past few years.

"Since the beginning, we've been able to learn and grow together through our mistakes and from our first season," senior Ashley Miller said.

Part of that learning and growing has come because of the teams' coaching staffs. The head coaches of the men's and women's teams are Damon Jensen and Bill Johnson, respectively.

"[Coach Jensen] knows the game," Miles said. "He brings a lot of knowledge."

However, the team's contact with the coaching is limited because they do not work on campus.

"We can't just go see our coach on campus because he's not there," Miles said, and noted the team is only able to see him in person during practices.

Both teams have fall and spring seasons. However, the seasons for each team start at different times; for the women, the fall season began on

Aug. 31 with the spring season set to begin on March 16, while the men's start dates are Sept. 11 and March 8.

Miles said the competition for both seasons is "relatively similar," but mentioned that the spring season brings some additional tests.

"Spring's probably a little more challenging just [because of] the weather and you're coming off the winter season," Miller said. "Because of the winter season, you aren't able to practice outside."

Both teams have been practicing for the upcoming season since students returned from winter break, though the teams have separate schedules.

The women's team practices indoors at the golf dome at the Green Garden Country Club and has workouts as a team; the men's team practices in the turf room on campus and are required to do their workouts on their own. After the weather warms up in mid-March, both teams will travel to Kankakee Elks Country Club for outdoor practices.

During the fall season, the women's team won two tournaments (the CCAC Invite and the St. Francis In-

vitational), while the men's team did not win any. Their best performance was at the Olivet Nazarene University Invite, where they finished 3rd of six teams.

Neither team credits their overall performances to specific key golfers.

"All of us are key. It's just getting us all to play well at the same time," Miles said of the men's team.

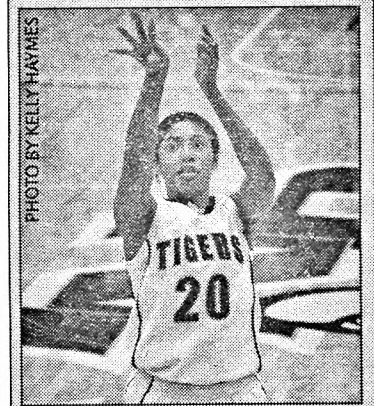
For the women, Miller said that their top performer changes week to week.

The biggest competition in the spring season for the women is the NAIA Super Regional in Granger, Indiana. According to Miller, the team will qualify for the national tournament with a top finish.

According to Miles, the best competition the men's team faces during the year is the NAIA Midwest Invitational, where the team placed 15th out of 19 teams on Oct. 15.

The men's team's spring season will begin on March 8 against Millikin University at the Red Tail Run Golf Course in Decatur, Illinois, while the women's team will start March 16 at Indiana Wesleyan Swing into Spring in Kokomo, Indiana.

IN THE FIELD, ON THE COURT Shooting it with Wilson



No. 20 Ashley Wilson
Basketball, Soph.
Portage, Mich.

Wilson leads the team with 15.6 points and 6.3 rebounds per game.

How long have you been playing basketball?

I've been playing since I was seven.

What has been your biggest accomplishment in basketball?

Getting the MVP award at the holiday tournament as a sophomore.

Favorite memory of being part of Tigerball?

Making it to nationals as a freshman. It was great having a successful season and experiencing the exciting atmosphere at nationals.

Favorite meal:

Shrimp Alfredo with breadsticks

Game superstitions/rituals/etc.:

Resting and clearing my mind while listening to music.

Favorite cartoon:

Spongebob Squarepants

If you could have any superhero power, what would it be and why?

The ability to fly because then I would be able to dunk! It would also come in handy when I get tired of walking around campus.

Favorite quote:

"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen." —Michael Jordan

Tennis teams look to continue winning ways

David Parker

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On Feb. 15, Olivet's men's and women's tennis teams kicked off their spring season at home against Lindenwood University-Belleville. In preparation for the season, the teams have been practicing both on and off campus.

On campus, the team practices in the Student Life and Recreation Center weekday mornings at 6 a.m.

The schedule was initially difficult for some of the players, though they have been able to adjust.

"The first week was tough," senior-captain Diego Gonsalvez said. "It was hard to readjust our schedule ... but now, we're used to it, so we're able to practice hard. We are very motivated and excited for the season, and that's what wakes us up in the morning."

While the facility is conveniently



Landon Williams does medicine ball throws in practice on Feb. 20.

available, the players say it does not provide the best conditions. The courts use a Mondo surface, rather than the surface used for the tennis courts. According to junior-captain Landon Williams, the ball plays faster and bounces differently.

In order to prepare for competitions, the teams travel once a week to Park Forest Racket Club to practice on actual tennis courts.

Besides the better surface, this is also the only time during the week the entire team is able to practice together. Four of the players are unavailable for the morning practices due to student teaching this semester.

Senior-captain Taylor Stephens, who is one of the student teachers, is optimistic despite the challenges.

"Right now, it's hard, because I'm there only once a week, but once we get outside everything will be easier," Stephens said.

During spring break, the teams will travel to Orlando to play against several teams. Their opponents include Embry-Riddle, whose men's and women's teams are ranked No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, in the NAIA. The team is looking forward to the opportunity to play against top teams.

"It's going to be a great learning experience for us as a team," Gonsalvez said. "Obviously everyone wants to play and beat the best."

SPORTS

Making history: First time cheer team competes, wins regional championship

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Olivet's cheer squad brought home a regional championship in their division after their first ever competition, earning an invitation to the NAIA national tournament in Daytona Beach, Fla.

"We're all really proud of the team as a whole," junior Marty Piper said. "We really came together in the end."

The team earned a bronze bid to the national tournament at regionals (hosted by Calumet-St. Joseph Ind.), which means that they would receive discount on hotels from the NAIA, according to coach Karen Eylander. Bids are giving based on points; there are also silver and gold bids. Although the team placed third overall at regionals, they will not be going nationals due to financial reasons.

"We deserve to be treated like every other team [at Olivet]," Eylander said. "This is something very new for us. We've never had to budget for this before."

She explained that other teams do fundraisers throughout the year in order to budget for additional expenses like nationals. The cheer team had planned to host a competition last fall but it fell through.

"Now that we know what to expect, next year we'll be better," Eylander said.

According to Piper, the team started preparing for regionals last December and practiced the routine individually over Christmas break. Upon returning to school in January, the team began practicing five to six days a week for up to three hours in addition to cheering at basketball games.

At regionals, the team competed as the only large co-ed, which meant they had 6 men and 14 women competing. Eylander said that she believed they could have scored more points had they competed in a lower division, but she wanted as many of their 22 members to be able to compete as possible.

While their competition season may be over, Piper said that the team is focused on more than just their



The cheer team performs stunts during the men's basketball game on Feb. 18. The team competed at their regional competition the week before.

score. The team has become "like family" due to faith dynamics and the nature of the sport.

"With cheer it's not if you miss a ball [like with other sports], it's if you miss a person," he said. "So it

involves one hundred percent trust in your teammates."

He added that the team also does prayers and devotionals together, and the men feel like "big brothers" of their female teammates.

"It doesn't matter what we score because we're not competing for a perishable crown, but an eternal one," Piper said. "[This year] we're showing that we're no longer just a sideline team."

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