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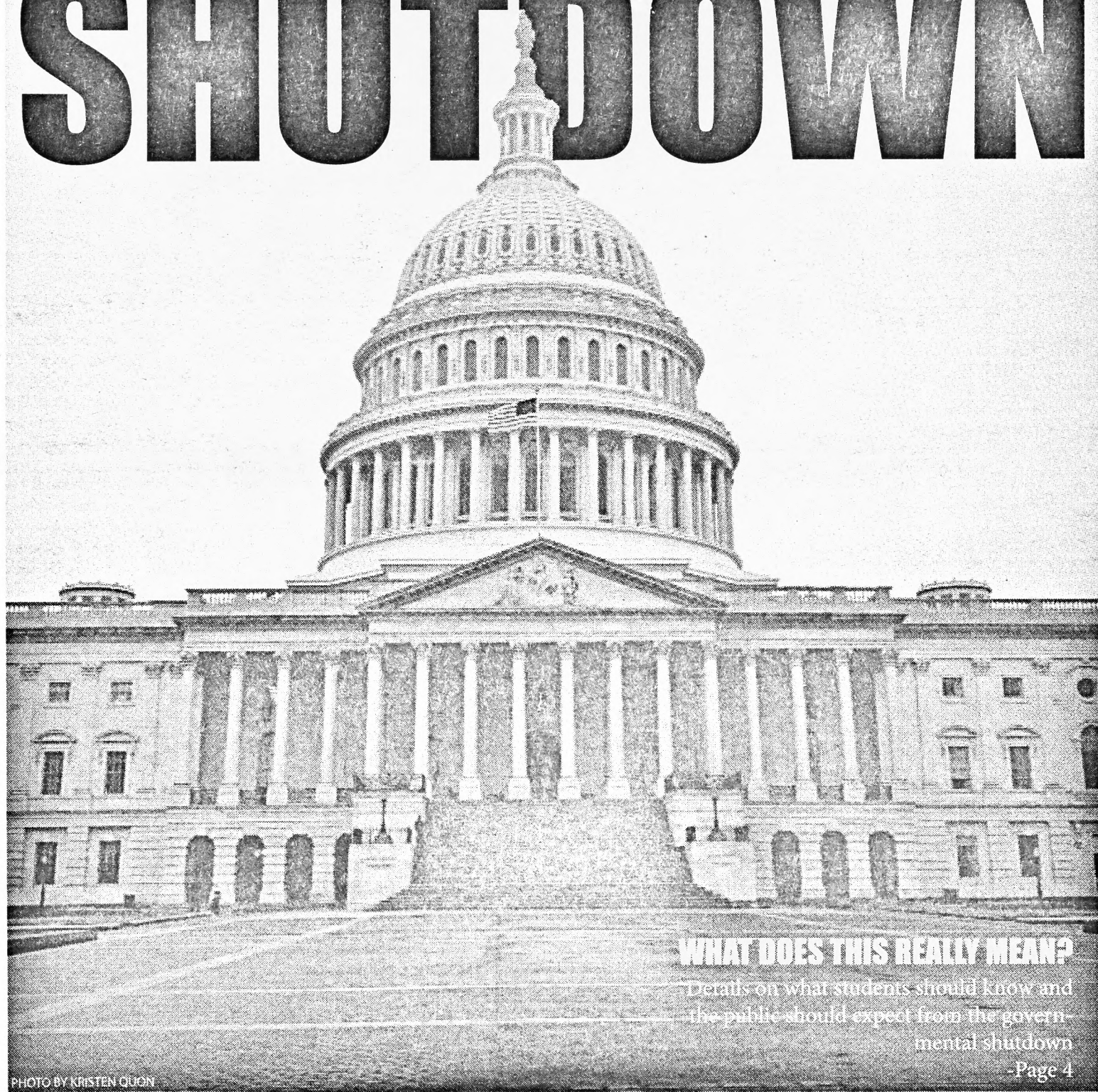


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Until 1941, the university newspaper was known simply as *Olivet News*. Former adviser Bertha Supplee proposed the name *GlimmerGlass* after visiting upstate New York, where she discovered a lake with the same name. The lake was as clear as glass and "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.

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## Olivet enters smartphone era

By Nicole Lafond  
Executive Editor

Further bridging the gap between the Olivet community and its smartphone savvy students, Life at Olivet released its new smartphone app today, Oct. 3.

A commercial for the Life at Olivet app played during chapel Wednesday morning marking the official release of the application for student usage. Posters were hung throughout campus on Oct. 3, advertising the release of the app as well.

The app is available for download through iTunes and the Google Play store under the name "Life at Olivet."

Although officially released on Wednesday, the app actually went live -- meaning it was available for download through Apple's iTunes store -- last week on Sept. 23.

The app went live without the knowledge of the Life at Olivet app coordinators and all publicity for the app was held off until the official release on Wednesday, per request by Life at Olivet. Life at Olivet is the marketing department for Olivet's Associated Student Council (ASC).

The idea for the app has been in the works for almost three years, according to Brent Brooks, the director of student marketing. The official decision to create the app was made in March of 2013 and development began that May.

The decision to create the Life at Olivet app was made when the marketing department felt their brand as a department was strong enough, Brooks said.

"The idea behind our app is to be a tool for students. We want to help students make the most of their life at Olivet," he said.

Life at Olivet hired a third party to develop the app called GoCollegeApps LLC. The company specializes in creating college recreation center applications. The Life at Olivet app was the first student life app the company has created.

GoCollegeApps "provides an engaging direct communication channel that connects students while encouraging them to take advantage of all the benefits [college] department[s] offer," according to the organization's website.

When beginning the initial development process, Brooks and his Life at Olivet staff looked for a company that had "an eye for design."

"We looked at a lot of different college apps, and they were all designed in very cookie-cutter ways ... We wanted a company that would do what we wanted. GoCollegeApps essentially created our app from scratch," Brooks said.

GoCollegeApps created the initial mock-up of the app, and Life at Olivet staffers filled in the content. The developers then submitted the app to Apple and the Google Play Store for approval. The app was initially denied by Apple, Brooks said.

The Google Play Store typically approves apps right away, but Apple's approval process takes two weeks, he said.

The app features campus news feed, a weekly calendar of events, a Life at Olivet tab that includes descriptions of student events, ministries, clubs, honor societies and a settings adjustment menu. It also includes a Rec Center tab with information about fitness classes, intramurals, the climbing wall, pick-up games and the pool, and a map of all of the buildings on campus.

ASC members hope the app will be useful to students.

"I believe the Life at Olivet app will be a very important resource for the student body," Bre Bambrick, the student body president, said. "For the first time, students will be able to look up information instantly such as building hours, club and ministry lists and contact information, [and] upcoming events. I hope the student body utilizes this opportunity to become more connected to our campus community."

The app was designed to fill the gap that social media does not cover, according to Brooks.

"The goal is to give every student no excuses to not do something. They don't have to have a smartphone, it can be downloaded on tablets and iPods as well," he said.

Any students without smartphones or tablet devices are encouraged to connect via Life at Olivet's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts, according to Brooks.

Questions concerning the app can be sent to Bambrick, she said.

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## New ROTC chair implements interactivity

By Sarah Matyskela  
Staff Writer

With 21 years of military experience, Major Karen Crocker is the new department chair of ROTC and Military Science at Olivet as of the 2013-2014 school year.

She hopes to build a strong sense of leadership, teaching the recruits practical skills they can take with them throughout their military careers.

"[She] brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our program and she has already shared some of them with us," Senior Kossi Komlassan said. "I am expecting her to advise us on ways to be a successful officer in the Army. Everyone in the battalion loves that she is here with us, especially the seniors, and we hope she stays with our program for

a while."

Crocker is hoping to create more interactive direction by having students teach and lead other students. She advises all new and returning ROTC students to persevere despite the entirely new experience, which does get easier over time, she said.

Throughout her years of service, Crocker noted that the Army's values helped her grow as a person. These values include loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage.

"The army values are something that have stuck with me throughout all of my experiences. The one that

means the most to me is courage," Crocker said. "I believe serving in the military has allowed me to step out of all of my comfort zones and has allowed me to be comfortable in my own skin."

Crocker will oversee all the management in the ROTC program. She will seek to recruit members who are serious about the program and are dedicated to its commitments. She also teaches the Military Science class for seniors.

She describes her students as "mature, responsible, and cordial."

She also enjoys campus life and talking with other faculty members. She plans on staying at Olivet for three to four years, which is longer than her normal two year assignment. The chair before her, Major Roman Ortega, left just after a year to work at

Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill. dealing with Veteran Affairs.

"You never know how long you will partake in a certain position, things are constantly changing," Crocker said.

Crocker enlisted in the army in 1992 as a Preventive Medicine Specialist. She is a graduate of the Warrior Leaders Course, Adjutant General Basic Course, and the Adjutant General Captains Career Course. She has received many awards during her career. Her positions have included Executive Officer, Assistant Battalion S3, and Echo Company Commander. Most recently, she served as a Senior Human Resources officer for The Theater Engineer Command in Vicksburg, Miss.

Out of her many positions she says the one that most impacted her was serving as a Company Commander.



Maj. Crocker

PHOTO FROM MAJ. KAREN CROCKER



# Gamer makes hobby a career

## Correction:

By Justine Espersen  
News Editor

Husband of Olivet librarian, Jasmine, Randy Cieszynski is a gaming connoisseur whose obsession has become his career through both a medieval knight education program and a leatherwork business.

To Cieszynski "gaming" means computer and board games and role-playing games such as Dungeons and Dragons.

He's been a big a fantasy fan since he was a teenager, gaining inspiration from movies such as Lord of the Rings and Labyrinth, he said.

His gaming career began with the program "Sir Randall," which started more than 20 years ago. This is both an adult and children's educational reenactment program about the knights of the medieval times.

His commitment to the program began as a "fluke" as Cieszynski only started reenacting as a favor for his friend's daughter and it progressed from there.

Now as a job, Cieszynski reenacts a new world for the kids. He builds armor and weapons for the children in the program to try on. Without



PHOTOS BY JUSTINE ESPERSEN



Leathermaker and medieval fanatic, Randy Cieszynski works in his home office creating fantasy-inspired pieces.

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the weapons, the armor weighs 72 pounds.

"That's why I bring stuff for the kids to try on, they feel the weight, put on a pair of gauntlets, put their helmets on and see really what history was like," he said. "You see movies, go to museums, but there you cannot touch them. Hands-on is a definite part of the Sir Randall Program."

In the summer of 2011, Cieszynski performed the Sir Randall Program

during the grand finale unit about medieval history at the Illinois Library Association's Summer Reading. The theme was "A Midsummer Knight's Read."

Cieszynski's making of the armor involved some leatherwork, which led to his recent most recent career path; the creation of Abbots Hollow Studios, a leatherwork business. His creations include leather bound journals, purses, dragon-eyed crowns,

pendants, phone and tablet cases, etc.

The leather, either deer or lambskin, comes primarily from a California wholesale supply house. The dragon eyepieces he uses in his creations are either from a taxidermist or a graphic designer that creates cabochon eyes.

The leatherworks maker promises his pieces have a lifetime guarantee.

"Through the end of the world, there's still going to be an Abbots Hollow bag," he said.

Cieszynski wanted to create his "own little world," which he hopes the name of his company implies. Abbot is the name of a monastery and hollow is a hidden valley so, in turn, it's the abbot's hidden valley.

His pieces have been featured at Gen Con the past couple of years, which is the gamer's version of Comic-Con. He is already set to attend next year's Gen Con in Indianapolis.

Through his lifetime of gaming, Cieszynski realized he always needed to be creating something.

"Once you figure out your passion, don't fight it. I figured I have the soul of an artist," he said. "It's been a crazy road, which I feel God has taken me on. My life has been anything but ordinary...just look around the living room."

## Reams writes guide book

By Destiny Mitchell  
Staff Writer

Motivated by the negative attitudes of many Illinois residents about their state, Olivet's department chair of Chemistry and Geo-sciences, Dr. Max Reams, published his first book on Aug. 8 titled "Geology of Illinois State Parks: A Guide to the Physical side of 28 Must-see Wonders of Illinois."

"I wanted to help the people of Illinois understand that they really do have a beautiful state," Reams said. "I've thought for a long time that people have a very bad impression [of Illinois], and people outside of [the state] have a bad impression of Illinois being a flat, boring location."

"Geology of Illinois State Parks" is a guidebook that explores frequently overlooked state parks and other natural sites. It introduces these natural beauties while also applying a geological perspective on its features beyond driving on the state's highways.

"The interstate highways are designed to go from point A to point B," he said. "The interstate highways are not designed to show off

the beauty of anything.— To see the really good stuff, you have to get off the interstates."

Although the idea first came to Reams six years ago, the last three years were the most productive in the making of the book. Reams described the writing process as tedious, asserting the most enjoyable part of the experience was getting the book done.

The geology enthusiast noted his goal was to allow Illinois drivers to keep this book in their car and utilize at any point on their excursions throughout the state.

"The whole point of this is that a person can take this book, stick it in the glove compartment of their car, and as they travel around they can pull it out," Reams said. "They can read about an interstate highway or they can read about a state park they want to visit and get a bit of a background to what its like -- so they appreciate it."

Reams experienced all the natural sites in his book first hand, but he didn't explore them alone.

"Students always love field trips to learn geology," Reams said. "[The students and I] have been all over the place, various places, and we've gone to many parks as well so they've been involved in that respect."

Abby Boardman, a 2012 graduate, mentioned her excitement to read Reams' book and use it as a reference.

She described her experiences visiting various state parks throughout Illinois as a tool to helping her understand geology.

"I can't look at rocks the same now -- its great," Boardman said. "[Dr. Reams] would take us around to the different state parks all over Illinois; It was great to see the connections from class applied to natural world."

Reams' wife, whom he esteems as a field assistant, was often a companion in his excursions when students didn't accompany him.

"Geology of Illinois State Parks" is currently available on Amazon. Reams said he made it affordable so no one could use the excuse that it wasn't attainable.

The overall impression of the university-wide accreditation story, published in The GlimmerGlass on Sept. 19, inaccurately conveyed the idea that Olivet is working towards university-wide accreditation with the North Central Association for the first time.

Olivet has been an accredited university since 1956, according to Dr. Sue Rattin, the director of assessment and learning support services.

"If we do not maintain North Central Association (NCA) accreditation, students will not receive financial aid," Rattin said.

The difference for this re-accreditation cycle, taking full effect in 2015, lies in the process the university has to go through. Olivet will be among the first group of universities that will be responding to a new authorization accreditation process. The process consists of five steps, which were previously mentioned in the Sept. 19 article.

"Criteria for the education accreditation process involves five scopes: assurance of academic quality, documentation of accountability, planning and revisions, integrity and responsible conduct and teaching and learning improvement," reported The GlimmerGlass on Sept. 19.

The self-study aspect of preparation for re-accreditation is half complete at this point. All evidence of the self-study will be submitted to the chair of the committee by Jan. 15 2014.

One aspect of the self-study process will take place today, Oct. 3. Olivet will host a community leadership luncheon with various leaders and business owners in the local community.

Attendees will be asked to respond to a questionnaire about how well Olivet fulfills their responsibilities and what areas of Olivet's rapport with the community need to be improved. The information collected today will be submitted along with all other self-study evidence in January 2014.

After submission, "the peer review process follows, then a site visit in October 2014 and an appointment of accreditation in spring 2015 that will last 10 more years," The GlimmerGlass reported.

Olivet's accreditation with the NCA is what keeps the university in business, Rattin said.



## NEWS

## Freshmen elected

By Emily Lohr  
Staff Writer

After the second round of voting, the results of the freshman class council have been announced. Serving as freshman class president is Danny Redden. Also serving the freshman class is Class Chaplin Esther Paek and the five freshman representatives: Kayla Winter, Spencer Allen, Ashley Lindman, Cody Deffendall, and Jeff Gerstenberger.

These seven freshmen are slated to spend a lot of time together in the upcoming months. Their responsibilities as members of the council include attending bi-weekly meetings, putting in a set number of hours with the Associated Student Council (ASC), voting with the rest of ASC on school wide issues, and planning class events.

There is a lot of enthusiasm in this year's freshman class, according to Student Body President Bre Bambrick.

"You can tell even from Jump-Start this year that this freshman class has a really positive and engaged vibe on campus," Bambrick said. "I would say the freshman council strongly reflects that; they're very engaged and willing to just be present."

The council has already begun the process of planning the freshman class event even though it is scheduled for November.

So far, no specific details concerning the activities were released, but Redden expects an "awesome" event. Winter in particular is hoping to make their class' first event memorable.

"I like to be creative in coming up with new things that maybe wouldn't have been thought of or even possibly able to be carried out before," she said.

Planning fun activities is just part of the council's job. They also have many responsibilities. Paek, in particular, has her work cut out for her.

Serving as a bridge between ASC and Spiritual Life, Paek will be attending both meetings weekly as well as mentoring and praying for Student Life leaders and leading class chapels.

## Pope addresses hard issues

By Alex Ewers  
Staff Writer

Pope Francis recently discussed several issues most of the Christian world has found difficult to even mention in typical conversation in the past, a first for a Roman Catholic pope.

Considered the longest interview with any Roman bishop, Antonio Spadaro of the Roman magazine, *La Civiltà Cattolica*, conducted the 12,000-word interview over the span of three days. During the interview, Francis spoke on issues such as gay marriage, abortion, and women in the church. The story was published on Sept. 19.

Francis offered some views that many may not be ready to accept in regards to gay attendees in the church. In his interview on the return flight from Rio de Janeiro earlier this year, Francis commented that he is not in a position to judge if a gay man is of good will and is in search of God. Francis reaffirmed his previous state-

ment in the interview with Spadaro.

"In life, God accompanies person, and we must accompany them, starting from their situation. It is necessary to accompany them with mercy," Francis said. "When that happens, the Holy Spirit inspires the [person] to say the right thing."

Rather than speaking on abortion itself, Francis commented on his be-

*"Religion has the right to express its opinion in the service of the people, but God in creation has set us free."*

lief that there is always forgiveness for a woman who chooses to have an abortion. Francis also stated that these issues cannot define the Christian stance in the world.

"We cannot insist only on issues related to abortion [and] gay marriage. This is not possible," he said. "When we speak about these issues, we have to talk about them in context. It is not necessary to talk about these issues all of the time."

Olivet's Chaplain Mark Holcomb agreed with Francis on these issues stating that we must learn to talk mercifully with one another about them. Some students agree with Francis and Holcomb.

"My mom always told me love the sinner not the sin, hate the sin not the sinner. No sin is greater than another," junior Zach Rasp said about the issues

considering a woman's role and her place of authority.

"The Church cannot be herself without the woman and her role. The woman is essential for the Church," Francis said. "We have to work harder to develop a profound theology of the woman. The feminine genius is needed wherever we make important decisions."

Many popular media outlets chose to take the pope's comments as a sign that Catholic doctrine will be changing while many conservative Catholic Christians decry Francis for his liberalism.

Though the moral doctrine of the church is not going to change anytime soon, Francis said the way the church interprets doctrine and the role it plays in its interaction with the secular world must change.

"Religion has the right to express its opinion in the service of the people, but God in creation has set us free: it is not possible to interfere spiritually in the life of a person," he said.

## Government shutdown update

By Nicole Lafond  
Executive Editor  
Jake Neuman  
Online Editor

The government of the United States of America has been shut down.

But what does this really mean for Olivet students and the general public?

Put simply, Congress has to pass bills that will fund the U.S. government. Because The House of Representatives and the Senate were unable to come to an agreement on the annual budget, the government has been shutdown until they do. It officially shut down at 12:00 a.m. ET on Oct. 1.

The shutdown has left 800,000 federal employees unpaid, which could last up to two weeks. Government-run programs and organizations, such as national parks and the Statue of Liberty have been closed. According to USA Today, there will be no money to pay the administrative costs for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. New gun permits will also not

be issued.

In Washington, federal workers have been separated into "essentials" and "non-essentials." The essentials will work albeit without pay and the non-essentials have been sent home, The Washington Post reported.

Both the House and the Senate will continue to be paid during the shutdown. President Barack Obama also signed a bill that will allow the government to continue to pay members of the U.S. Armed Forces if they are on active duty.

The main issue of debate that led to the shutdown was the funding of the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. The law was passed through the House, the Senate, signed into law by Obama and deemed constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court. However, the Senate and the House are at odds about the bill as the Senate is majority Democrats and the House is majority Republicans. A compromise on how to fund the bill could not be reached before the shutdown deadline.

Money has already been committed to implement the debut of The Af-

fordable Care Act on Oct. 1, but the extended funding of it is what caused the increased debate in the House. On Sept. 20 the House passed a short-term spending plan that would cease all funds going to Obamacare.

Obama talked to Congress and said specifically that he "will not offer concessions to Republicans in exchange for not tanking the economy."

"Am I exasperated?," Obama said when asked about House Speaker John Boehner. "I am absolutely exasperated because this is entirely unnecessary."

Although Congress may hold a low approval rate with each other, Capitol Hill Gang (CHG) member, Nicholas Eckart, thinks the real blame should fall on the people.

Tea Party conservatives in Congress were elected mainly to stop Obamacare. Likewise, Senate Democrats will not compromise on Obamacare because they were elected to uphold it, according to Eckart.

"A lot of the blame for this really comes back to the people ... Before we start talking about how awful our representatives and the government

are, we should take a long hard look at 'We the People' and our unwillingness to compromise with each other," Eckart said.

If a "clean" continuing resolution is passed in the House and the Senate, one that would not defund Obamacare and continue the funding of the government, then the government can reopen.

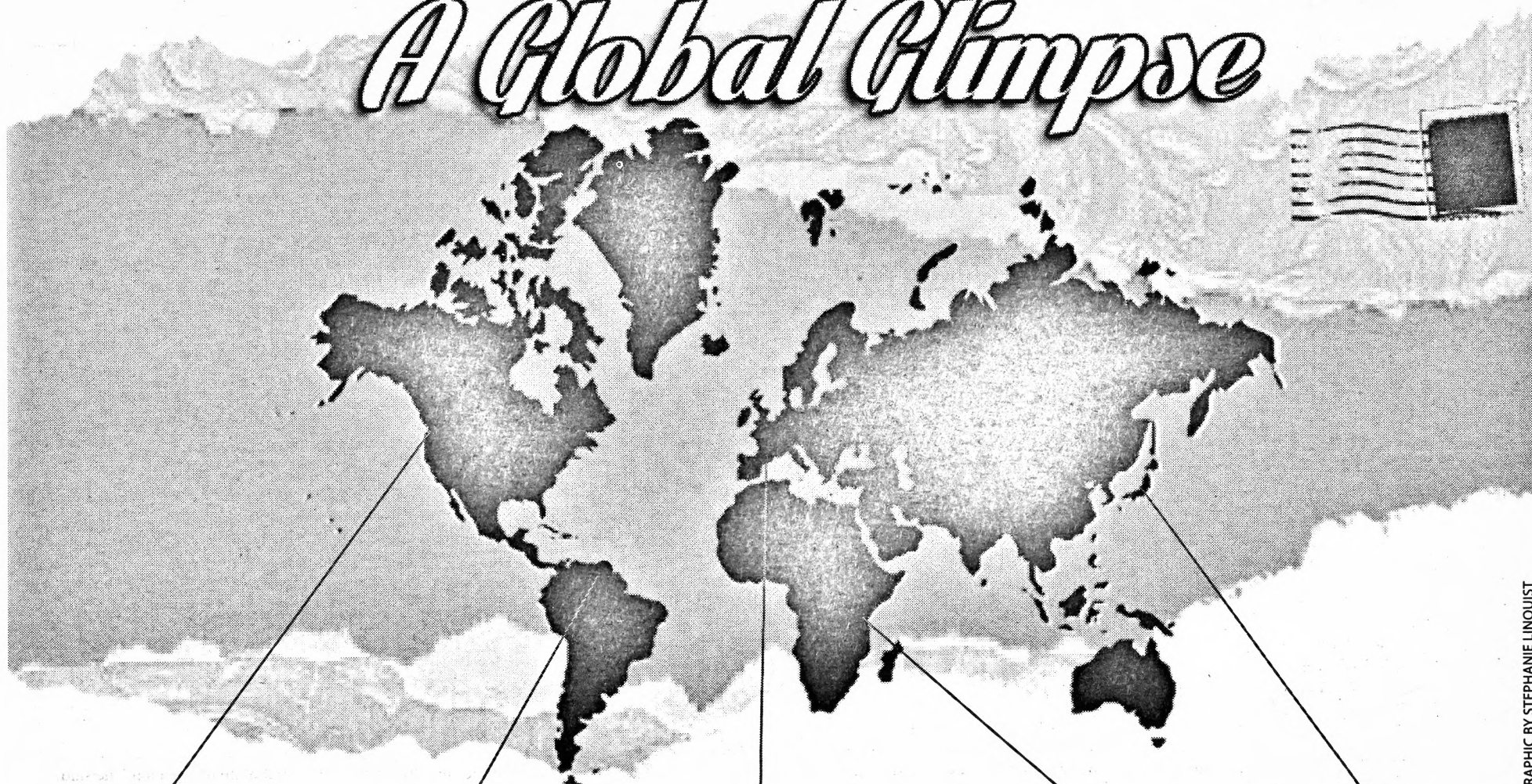
"The short-term effects of the shutdown should be minimal in my mind as we should see a continuing resolution funding the government pretty soon," CHG president, Brandon Allison said. "The debate surrounding the Affordable Care Act however has direct effects on the typical undergraduate at Olivet. If Republicans are successful in repealing it either partially or completely we could see changes."

College students would no longer be allowed to be covered under their parents' insurance up to age 26, Allison said.

"A governmental shutdown mostly affects public sector workers in the short term but highlights bigger issues that affect a broader scope of people in the long term," he said.



# A Global Glimpse



GRAPHIC BY STEPHANIE LINQUIST

## Seattle, WASHINGTON

Three of the top 20 investors in Microsoft Corp are in talks with the board to ask chairman Bill Gates to step down. This is the first time that major shareholders are focusing on Gates, who co-founded the company 38 years ago.

Microsoft's board has not made any indications of supporting the three investors request, who hold more than five percent of the company's stock.

Gates owns roughly 4.5 percent of the \$277 billion company and is their largest shareholder.

The three investors are concerned that Gates' role blocks the acceptance of new strategies and limits the power of a new chief executive.

They are also nervous that Gates utilizes his power out of proportion to a declining shareholding. He spends most of his time with his philanthropic foundation.

Most have worried about Microsoft Chief Executive Steve Ballmer who has recently been pressured to improve the company's performance and share price.

In August, Ballmer said he will retire in 12 months. Microsoft is now looking for a new CEO.

-Reuters

## Caracas, VENEZUELA

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro accused U.S. diplomats of "acts of sabotage" and demanded them to leave the country, he said in a fiery television speech broadcast Monday, Sept. 30.

He said government officials tailed three U.S. diplomats for months, and authorities witnessed them tampering with the country's electric system, according to the socialist leader.

They now have 48 hours to leave Venezuela, he said.

"We detected a group of U.S. Embassy officials dedicated to meeting the far-right and to financing and encouraging acts of sabotage against the electrical system and Venezuela's economy," Maduro said. "I have the proof here in my hands ... Yankees go home. Get out of Venezuela. Get out of here. I don't care what actions the government of Barack Obama takes."

The expelled include Kelly Keiderling, the senior American diplomat in the nation, Elizabeth Hunderland and David Mutt.

"It's just smoke to cover up that they can't manage the country," opposition leader Henrique Capriles said in a Twitter posting.

-The Washington Times

## Paris, FRANCE

With the current U.S. government shutdown, top European officials are closely following the current status, saying it could present a risk for the country's recovery.

The U.S. holds the world's largest economy and has close ties with Europe. The shutdown has the potential to hurt growth in the region if Congress does not agree on a new budget deal soon. Some 800,000 federal employees have been put on furlough so far.

The president of the European Central Bank, Mario Draghi, said Wednesday, Oct. 2, that the shutdown "is a risk if protracted," but he added that "the impression is that it won't be."

France officials express similar concerns as they are just emerging from a double-dip recession.

France's economy is fragile and companies are still wary of investing and hiring. This fear could increase if U.S. is affected by the shutdown.

"If this situation lasts, it could slow down the ongoing economic recovery," Pierre, Moscovice, the finance minister, said at the government's weekly Cabinet meeting.

-Associated Press

## Nairobi, KENYA

The Sept. 21 terrorist attack on Nairobi's Westgate Mall left a plethora of unanswered questions.

Initially, 10 to 15 attackers were involved in the Westgate attack, according to Interior Minister Joseph Ole Lenku.

However, closed circuit television footage shows four men carrying automatic weapons, which indicates not as many attackers were actually involved.

Dozens of youths have been detained in the Majengo slum area of Nairobi these past few days as police attempt to track down the mall attackers.

Five attackers have been killed and the remaining suspects were arrested, including one who died in custody.

Compared to initial assumption, the attackers did not hold a lot of hostages. At first, former Kenyan Prime Minister Raila Odinga said "quite a number" of people were being held hostage the day after the attack.

It is still unknown how many people were hostages. There is a possibility some hostages were killed in the fire and collapse. Government officials don't expect a large amount, though.

-Associated Press

## Nagoya, JAPAN

One of Japan's most popular figures, former Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, made a surprising public embrace for Japan's antinuclear movement, after earlier supporting atomic power.

In a speech to business executives in Nagoya on Tuesday Oct. 1, Koizumi told the pro-nuclear audience that Japan should rid itself of its atomic plants and switch to renewable energy sources such as solar power.

As prime minister from 2001-2006, Koizumi had supported the business lobby by calling for Japan to become "a nation built on nuclear power," considering it cheap and clean. He sided with the Tokya Electric Power Company to end tax-supported subsidies for solar panels.

In Tuesday's speech, he reversed his stance after the nuclear accident at Tepco's Fukushima complex two and a half years ago, leaving at least 83,000 people homeless and forced a multi-billion dollar cleanup.

"There is nothing more costly than nuclear power," Koizumi said. "Japan should achieve zero nuclear plants and aim for a more sustainable society."

-The New York Times



# CAMPUS LIFE

## Drum Beats:

*Seth K. Lowery has been singing all his life and all around campus, but his voice is just one aspect of him.*



❖ **Why do you prefer being called Seth K. Lowery?**

Besides the fact that I think it has a nice ring, my dad's professional name is Kevin T. Lowery because his middle name is the first name of his dad and my middle name is my dad's name, so I'm doing the same and making Seth K. Lowery my professional name.

❖ **How do you like your eggs cooked?**

If I'm making them myself, scrambled. If someone else is making them, over-medium.

❖ **What is your favorite game to play?**

Monopoly. Cause I like taking people's money and making them think they're getting a good deal.

❖ **What's your favorite TV show?**

All the TV shows I like are taken off the air. Except Bates Motel.

❖ **How tall are you?**

That's a personal question.

❖ **What are a few nicknames you have had?**

There's not really any way you can shorten Seth, so I have had a lot of people add on: Sethery, Sethles, Setherando, Sethacres, Sethaniel, Sethuel, Sethany, Sethy, Sethers, Souch and Frodo Bagins.

❖ **What has been your favorite musical performance?**

They're all pretty fun. Probably my junior recital, because my name was on the front page of the program and I got to wear purple.

❖ **Do you prefer bow-ties or neckties and why?**

It depends on the color of the shirt because if the shirt color looks awkward with the button color, I want to cover up the buttons. But in a button appropriate shirt, I will wear a bow-tie.

❖ **You are eating dinner with three U.S. presidents. Which ones would you choose?**

I would pick, Calvin Coolidge because he never spoke, Kennedy, because he never stopped talking. And Barack Obama because he's from Chicago and he's the current guy.

❖ **Which of your senses are you most fearful of losing?**

Hearing. I'm a musician. Or I could say my sense of smell because my mom lost her sense of smell but I'm not attached to smell, so there are things I would rather not smell.

❖ **What would you like your eulogy to say?**

I'd like it to say the typical stuff like "He's a nice guy" and list the reasons. But I really want them to be amused at my funeral so hopefully I die in an ironic way, like getting ran over by an ambulance.

❖ **What would your last meal be?**

Probably crappy hospital food, but if I could pick, it would be spaghetti because I like spaghetti. Except that would be a pain to eat with no teeth. By no teeth I mean dentures.

❖ **What is a song that would fit your personality?**

Firework by Katy Perry, because sometimes I really do feel like a plastic bag. And I'm loud and explosive and I'd like to think I'm bright.

❖ **What do you put on your hamburger?**

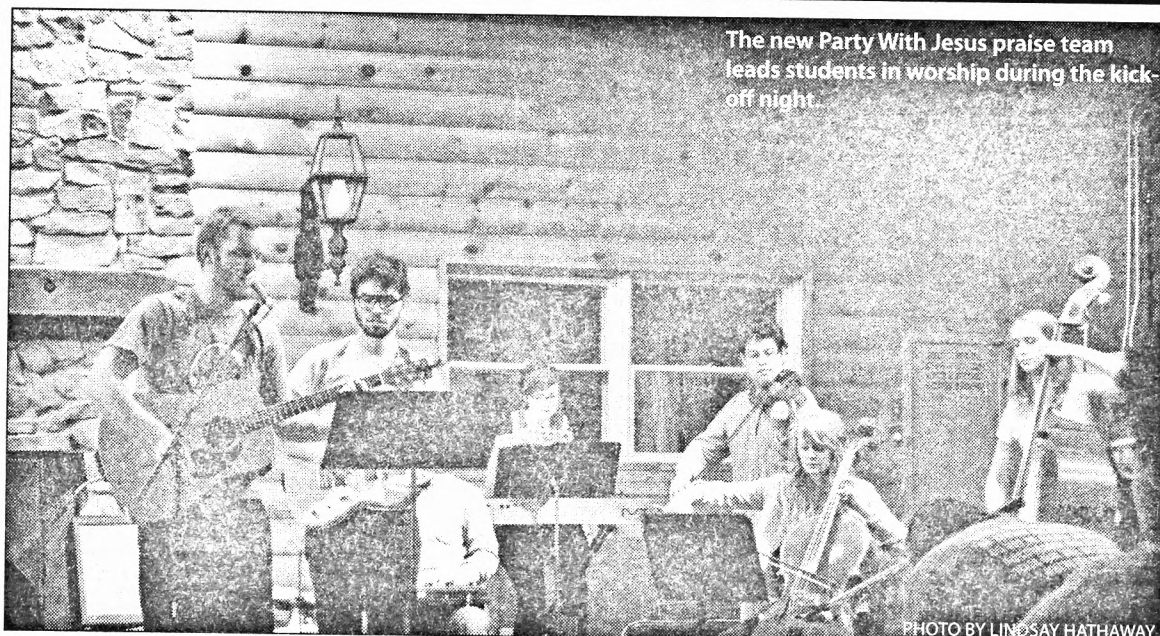
It depends on my mood like most things. But I'd either put just mustard or a slice of tomato or steak sauce.

❖ **If you were given a million dollars, what would you buy first?**

Well I'm out of beefaroni in my apartment. Maybe that and I would hire someone to clean out my car for me because it is literally filled with crap. It is limiting my life and my ability to function. Keep in mind this is all because we aren't allowed to have puppies at Olivet. A puppy would be my first choice.

**Do you know an interesting person who marches to their own beat? Submit their name to the GlimmerGlass for our Next Drum Beats profile.**

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The new Party With Jesus praise team leads students in worship during the kickoff night.

PHOTO BY LINDSAY HATHAWAY

## New leadership invites change

By Lindsay Hathaway  
Staff Writer

The new ministry leaders of Party with Jesus plan to start out each week's session with an invitation sent directly to Christ.

"If Jesus doesn't show up every week, the ministry is pointless," sophomore co-leader Jordan Lingle said.

With a transition in leadership this year, the ministry event may look a little different. The new leaders, sophomores Jordan Lingle and Michael Skinner have spent time building on the foundations set by former leaders Cal Samuelson and Kate Wilson, as well as expanding the ministry with new opportunities, they said.

Lingle and Skinner are very open to new ideas for the ministry and have

already enlisted some extra student help. Three students were chosen to lead one of the different praise bands and will help keep the music fresh and new by bringing in their own personal styles and sounds to the tunes, Skinner said. The bandleaders are Wes Reese, Ian Morely and Emily Swartzwelder.

Skinner hopes the implementation of student worship bandleaders will expand the sounds and tones of the music played on Monday nights by utilizing a wider variety of instruments. A string section was added to the worship band that played at the Party with Jesus kickoff on Sept. 23.

Additionally, music is no longer the only way students can get involved. Community is vital to the ministry, according to Lingle and Skinner. The pair plans to further emphasize this

idea by adding more prayer and testimony times to services.

"The testimony time implemented last year was well received, and now it will be taken to the next level," Lingle said, "This will allow attendees, old and new, to feel like their presence matters, because it does. No longer will students just go to experience a student-led service, but they can be more active participants if they so choose."

The pair hopes these changes will create a humble, inviting atmosphere for the ministry.

"We want people to come in and feel welcome, and realize that they don't have to have it all together," Lingle said.

Party with Jesus takes place every Monday evening at 9:00 p.m.

## Nazarenes aid Syrian children

By A.E. Sarver  
Campus Life Editor

Of the two million residents who have fled Syria in the past two years due to the country's civil war, nearly half of them are children under the age of 11. This is "truly a children's crisis," according to an United Nations Representative. Because of the Syrian crisis, the Nazarene church is looking for ways to aid families in need in Eastern countries.

"Families trapped inside Syria are today witnessing some of the worst violence yet seen in the two and a half year conflict," The Sydney Morning

Herald reported. "Whole families cannot get access to the aid they desperately need and when their voices are heard, they tell of a desperate struggle to survive, living under bombardment, the threat of violence and dwindling supplies as the war chokes Syrian cities."

According to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, nine Nazarene churches currently minister to nearly 3,000 families in the Eastern Mediterranean Field.

"Education is the number one concern we are hearing about from Syrian parents," said Lindell Browning, Eastern Mediterranean Field Strategy

Coordinator. "There is a real fear that their children will go years without going to school."

With an increasingly devastating education crises in Syria, Nazarene schools enrolled Syrian students who could not afford school fees last year. Through NCM, people can donate \$400 and that will enroll a Syrian child in a Nazarene school for an entire year.

"Most of the children who are coming to us are also behind in their development," said Marlene Mshantaf, Principal of the Nazarene school in Beirut. "Without school, their future is at great risk. This is not their fault."



## CAMPUS LIFE

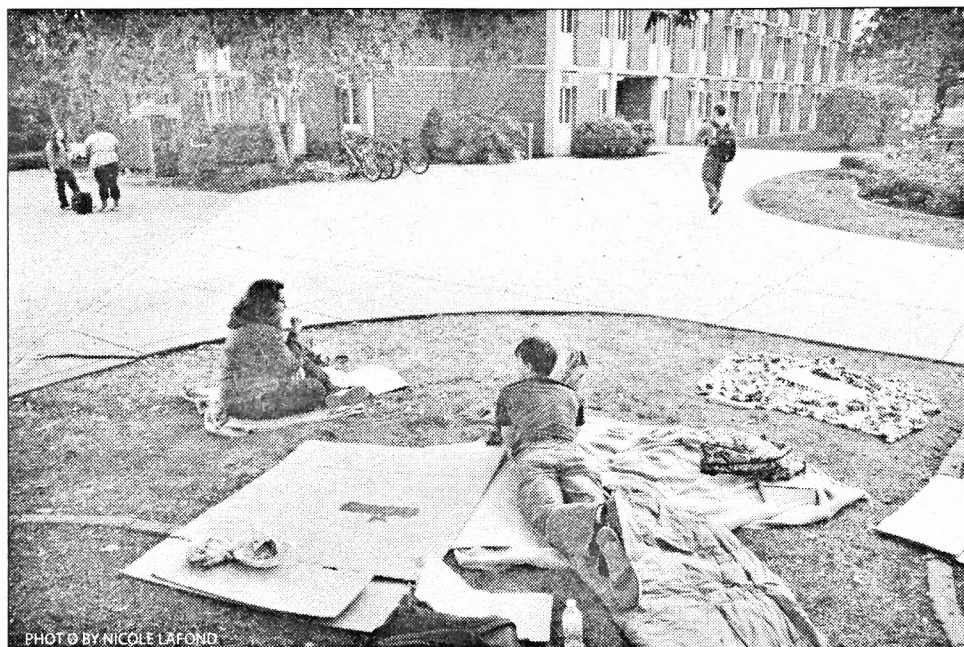


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Save Our Streets is raising awareness with the hope of collecting money for a local shelter (Left). They make signs that say "Raising \$ for Gift of God. Donate if you can. Thank you" (Below) and use cardboard boxes as shelter (Right).



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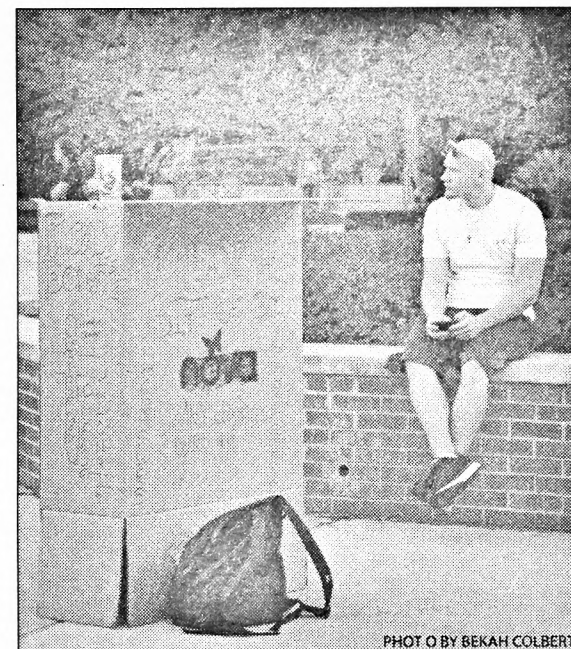


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# S.O.S. revamps homeless week

By Matthew Taber  
Staff Writer

Helping the homeless, feeding the hungry, building relationships with those in need. These are the goals of the campus ministry, Save Our Streets (S.O.S.), a group that helps the homeless.

Junior Hannah Cheney and sophomore Levi Himes lead the ministry in activities that raise money and awareness for the Gift of God shelter in Kankakee, Ill. Cooking meals, feeding them and getting to know the homeless contribute to their goals.

This year, the leaders are trans-

forming the annual Homeless Week event. From Monday, Sept. 30 until Thursday, Oct. 3, all those who signed up will live homeless.

"Homeless Week in the past has been about experiences with people on campus. There hasn't really been a focus," Cheney said. "It was just to raise awareness. This year it's going to be a little different. We are going to be fundraising for the Gift of God shelter."

On Monday morning students will gather only what they can carry in a backpack and live outside until Thursday. During this time they will sleep by the Warming House with

nothing but their blankets. Those wishing for a bit of luxury may even have a thin cardboard bed. There will also be a bonfire each night.

"It's a really good time of reflection. Being outside all day is really a challenge. Especially when it just gets colder," Cheney said.

Although this event is self-regulated, the participants are strongly encouraged to leave electronics behind, other than to check email or do homework assignments. There will be no showers, but the bathroom in the Warming House is available. They are asked not to eat at Ludwig while Tiger Den, Red Room and

other restaurants are discouraged as well.

"Students can go to the conveyer belt though and get stuff that is on the trays," Cheney said.

The difference this year comes through signs participants will hold when they aren't in classes. Each sign will ask for donations for the Gift of God ministry. This money will help fund the shelter's store. So far the store is open day-to-day.

On Thursday night the event will end with the group preparing and serving a meal for Gift of God.

"It's a good time to reflect what it might be [like] to be homeless. You

can't really get the full idea, but it's just a good way to see, especially with sleeping outside. It's really eye-opening," Cheney said. "It also [develops] relationships because people don't know each other. This is something that brings people together. They share something in common that they've experienced for three days."

On the days S.O.S. isn't helping Gift of God, they spend time with Emmaus Ministries in Boystown in Chicago. They talk to the homeless and take them out for a meal. The goal is to help and try to create relationships with the homeless.

## You don't have to go home. But you can't stay here.

Taylor Provost  
Staff Writer

In recent weeks, several night owls seeking caffeine or a place to study past 10 p.m. in Ludwig have found themselves out of luck. Closing time for Common Grounds, Red Room and Ludwig Center has changed this year, and students have taken notice.

The Red Room food service does not serve food at all on weekends, and closes at 8 p.m. on weekdays. The rest of the Red Room area closes at 10 p.m., according to junior Ellie Jolly, a Ludwig Center employee. This is when she turns off all the lights, ends her shift, and leaves; remaining students in the Red Room are supposed to leave at this time as well.

However, this is not a rule specific to the Red Room. A Sodexo worker at Common Grounds, said the new closing time for cof-

fee shop is 10 p.m. during the week and 11 p.m. on Fridays.

"If they wanted to stay open later I'd love to work here later," she said. But it seems this worker is in the minority with this view, as there wasn't enough demand to keep the coffee shop open later.

The little demand for late hours was the catalyst of this recent change, according to a Ludwig front desk worker, who said there was "just no point" in Ludwig being open after 10 p.m. No calls are received after 10, and few students went to Ludwig after this hour. This created little to no need for workers after this time.

Student workers in Ludwig as well as Student Development realized this fact last year. Therefore, the closing time was

adjusted accordingly this year, making the new closing hours: 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Many factors went into the decision to change the hours, according to vice president for Student Development, Woody Webb.

"When we opened the Student Life and Recreation Center last winter, we knew it would have an impact on the amount of evening student traffic in Ludwig Center. We considered adjusting the hours then we waited to gauge the impact," Webb said.

After reviewing the customer counts at Common Grounds and the Red Room and talking with the student staff, it was decided to adjust the evening hours to reflect usage.

"It's really a matter of stewardship. It

just did not make sense to staff Ludwig Center later when so few students used the facilities during the last hour of operation."

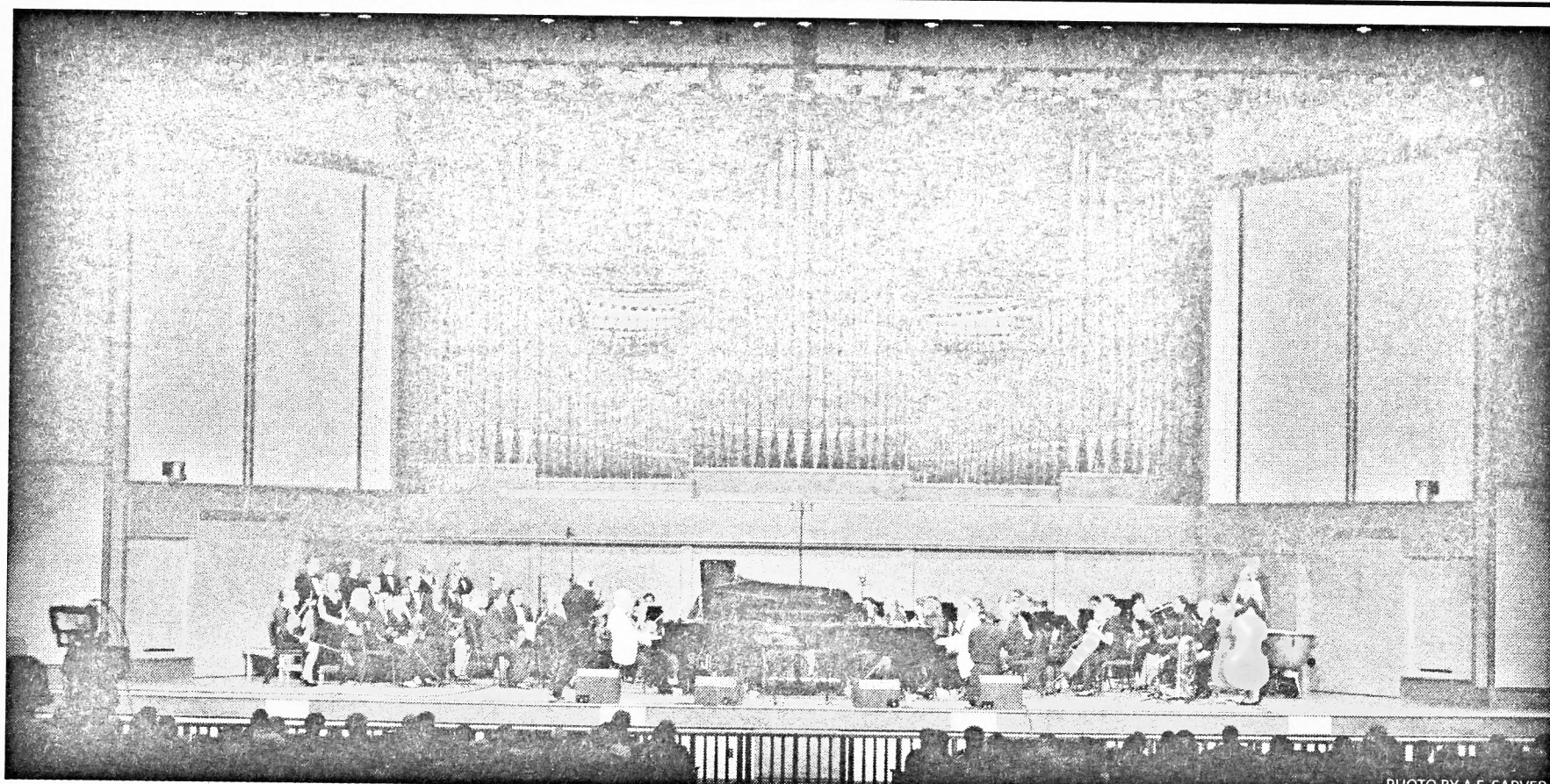
Students have adjusted as well, and have been cooperative with the workers enforcing the new closing time thus far. Not many students remained in Ludwig until close last year, and few complaints have been heard this year.

"I understand they cut their hours," sophomore Matt Posladek said. "Usually people just like to chill out in there; it's not a big deal."

In regard to Common Grounds, he also pointed out "other coffee shops normally close at 10 p.m., so once again it's understandable. It's not a huge inconvenience to me."



# CAMPUS LIFE



The Nielson and Young concert on Sept. 20 featured songs from Broadway musicals and movie soundtracks such as a My Fair Lady medley, White Christmas and New York, New York.

PHOTO BY A.E. SARVER

## Local legends bring Broadway to Olivet

By Melissa Luby  
Staff Writer

World-renowned piano duo Stephen Nielson and Ovid Young performed at Olivet on Sept. 20 in a concert featuring songs from the stage and screen. They were accompanied ONU's University Orchestra and Concert Singers, as well as soloist George Wolff.

Dr. Young is currently the artist-in-residence at ONU, a position he has held since 2007. He composes and arranges music for ONU's choral ensembles and orchestra; he is responsible for arranging the bac-

calaureate hymn, which Dr. Bowling selects each year for performance in the baccalaureate services. Dr. Young also regularly plays the organ before chapel services and serves as an ambassador for ONU's music department.

"Having lived and worked in Chicago and Bourbonnais for a significant period of time early in my career, the prospect now of coming home to live and teach and make music in the ONU community is one which fills me with eager anticipation," Young said in the spring 2007 issue of The Olivetian.

Young's involvement with the music department began in the late

1950s, when he was enrolled as a student.

"Dr. Young was in Orpheus choir during his years as a student," said music professor and current Orpheus Choir conductor Jeff Bell. "He was the accompanist for several years and also the president."

Bell also added that Young's involvement on campus was not limited to music alone. "He was also the editor of the Aurora his junior year," Bell said.

Young graduated from ONU in 1962 and was hired as a professor shortly thereafter. During his time as a professor, Young met Stephen Nielson, who was also a professor of

piano at the time. Nielson and Young began performing as a duo in 1971. Their 40-year career has yielded over 4,000 performances worldwide.

According to their website, both Young and Nielson are composers and Steinway artists. They are best known for their hymn settings for piano duo, many of which they composed together. Additionally, both men are members of the artistic staff of the International Church Music Festival.

Nielson, although not an ONU graduate himself, maintains connections to the school. According to Holiness Today, Nielson was awarded the status of an honorary Olivet

alumnus during the 2012 Nielson and Young concert.

Young has appeared in nearly 7,000 concert performances as a piano and organ soloist and in collaboration with Nielson. Young also directed the Kankakee Valley Symphony orchestra from 1974-1984. A talented organist, Young has played some of the most famous organs in America and also has the distinction of being the first member of the music faculty to play the organ in Centennial Chapel. Young's many compositions include film scores and opera compositions performed by famed opera duo Robert Hale and Dean Wilder.

## Glimmer Glances

### Creative Arts

10/8-Jazz Band/Jazz Combo Concert 7 p.m. - Kresge  
10/10-Chamber Concert 7 p.m. - Kresge

### Well Being

10/9-First Mentor-a-Couple Session  
10/10-National Depression Screening Day

### Residential Life

10/14-Registration for Intramural Season 2

### Academics

10/11 - Fall Break; Classes Resume-10/16

### Campus Events

10/4-Broadway Revue

### Athletics

10/4-CCAC Volleyball Tournament McHie (time TBA)  
10/8-Men's Soccer vs. Trinity Christian College 5 p.m. - Snowbarger  
-Volleyball vs. Calumet St. Joe 7 p.m.  
10/9-Women's Soccer vs. Trinity Christian 5 p.m. - Snowbarger

### Athletics

10/12-Football Game vs. Grand View 1:30 p.m. - Ward Field  
10/15-Volleyball vs. Trinity Christian 7 p.m. - McHie, Women's Soccer vs. Cardinal Stritch 7 p.m. - Snowbarger  
10/16-Men's Soccer vs. Cardinal Stritch 6 p.m.

### Spiritual Development

10/7-Party with Jesus Warming House  
10/9-Parlor 7 p.m. College Church

### Chapel

10/9-Speaker Mrs. Lynne Hybels  
10/10-Speaker Rev. Steve Spear  
10/16-Speaker Rev. Rolf Kleinfeld



## CAMPUS LIFE

Designed to "go where Olivet can't go," the recently established bluegrass band, The Kindred Sisters has grown in popularity over the past several months and led worship in chapel on Oct. 2.

The group plays two different levels of bluegrass- traditional tunes inspired by artists such as Bill Monroe and "newgrass" inspired by artists like Crooked Still, according to band member and mandolin player Ashley Sarver. The band consists of Sarver, a junior, and seniors Christine Caven and Lauren Leidahl. Caven plays fiddle and Leidahl plays guitar.

The group formed this summer and has played eight gigs since their formation. Leading worship in chapel on Wednesday was the ninth time they performed for an audience.

While the idea for the band was developed only this summer, the trio has been performing music together for several years, as they are all members of Olivet's traveling singing group, The Olivetians. The Kindred Sisters initially formed because of the group's connection with The Olivetians.

The camp director at Water's Edge Campground in Howel, Mich. was searching for a bluegrass group to perform at the campground's July 4 event.

"A couple months later I found out what he had asked and recruited Lauren and Christine to form a band," Sarver said. "We put together music and played a preview concert in the Oaks this summer before the July 4 event."

Students and a few faculty members came to watch the preview performance. Jonathan Burkey, the pastor to university students at College Church University Campus, took a particular interest in the Sister's

Bluegrass **BABES**

PHOTO BY BEKAH COLBERT

performance.

The group played for Burkey before their July 4 concert. He was over the moon about their potential as an unofficial outreach ministry for Olivet.

"I really love to see students be innovative with music, and The Kindred Sisters are just that," he said. "They're smokin' though, they really are."

Burkey's continued role with the group is "minimal" and is mostly a role of encouragement, he said.

Although Burkey's role is minimal, the group's affiliation with

Olivet and The Olivetians may be what has sparked their popularity.

"We wouldn't have as much support if we weren't already in Olivetians because we are already traveling for the school. The Olivetians are well-known in the Midwest and that helps with booking," Sarver said.

The associate director of admissions for church relations, Craig Manes, has helped book different events for the group.

"The Olivetians platform opens doors for them to play bluegrass as The Kindred Sisters," Manes said.

"They are not an official Olivet min-

istry, but we think highly of them and recommend them. They are a good representation for Olivet, even if they are not necessarily sponsored."

However Sarver sees her role with the Sisters reaching beyond that of a "good representation" for the university.

"An Olivet sponsored group can't go to pubs," Sarver said. "The uniqueness of our genre is that it allows us to go places Olivet normally wouldn't go. We can play spiritual songs and impact an audience we normally wouldn't."

Although the group is thankful

for the support their affiliation with The Olivetians provides them, challenges arise as well with this unique relationship.

"Our relationship with The Olivetians is good because they support us and help get us out there and Burkey's musical knowledge is helpful for our musical development," Sarver said. "However it is hard to know where our freedoms as an independent band lie because we are so closely affiliated. But, without their support and enthusiasm, we would be nothing," she said.

Although the group has received nothing but approval from many members of the Olivet community, they are still working to expand themselves beyond Olivet. During their performance at Manteno's Oktoberfest on Sept. 27, the group engaged a crowd of about thirty people, many of whom seemed to enjoy the performance. Audience members were clapping and dancing while some listened quietly. But breaking out of the bubble can sometimes bring a different brand of scrutiny.

"I really love bluegrass. I think they are definitely brave because this is something that is new to the area," audience member and Bourbonnais resident, Andrea Jackson said. "They need to be more confident, though. If they tweaked a couple things they could be very surprising to a lot of people. They're really skilled ladies," she said.

Since the practice performance and the July 4 show the group has played four other gigs; the opening of Memorial Park in Manteno on Aug. 29, a church picnic at Flint Central Church of the Nazarene in Flint, Mich. on Sept. 1, Manteno's Oktoberfest on Sept. 27 and leading worship in chapel on Oct. 2.

By Nicole Lafond  
Executive Editor

On October 2, The Kindred Sisters led the student body in worship. They began the chapel service with "Wading Deep Waters" by Crooked Still and they sang hymns for their worship set.

## Music Department to perform opera

By Rachel Peterson

Staff Writer

A violent drunk, a mute and a love that will never come true- Gian-Carlo Menotti's opera, includes these characters. Olivet's music department chose this opera as well as scenes from other operas to perform on Oct. 18 and 19.

The opera has six parts and lasts about one hour with all four of the voice professors involved in the directing. Dr. Jeff Bell is directing two of the scenes and is assisting Dr. Neal Woodruff with the full program. Opera is like any music theater: it tells a story through singing, according to Bell.

"The music helps to intensify the dramatic aspects, whether comic or serious," Bell said.

"[The Medium] is a gripping story, kind of a psychological thriller in two short acts and in English."

The Medium made its debut in 1946 and has been performed all over the world. According to Bell, Olivet decided to do this opera because it opens up opportunities for our student singers to perform in a combination of singing and acting, in addition to the Spring Musical.

"Practices are hectic, as we are all busy and this is an extracurricular. But students are working hard and we're having fun," Bell said.

Senior Christine Caven plays the part of Monica in The Medium. She decided to do this opera because she sees it is a really important part of learning how to sing in different styles of music.

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# OPINION

*Dear In the Headlights,*

By Jimmy Phillips



People often ask me why I don't date. The answer is pretty simple: I have yet to find a girl I want to be with more than anything.

I am busy. This semester I am student teaching. I write and edit for this paper. I try to continue investing in the friendships I already have. If a girl were to enter the picture, it would mean giving up a lot.

Let's say there is a girl, hypothetically. I'm the kind of person who would move mountains, literally grab a shovel and start transporting earth, to make time for her. I would sacrifice everything I had because she would mean that much to me.

I would need the time to properly pursue her. Coming from the old fashioned school that believes a heart is a treasured possession, I would need a way to win her over. If I were to find the time to do that, I'd have to be pretty serious.

I would need to make lists, fill a box with chocolate and flowers, make sure to assuage her doubts, and affirm her as a woman worthy of such ardent efforts. I would go so far as to ask some very important people for letters of recommendation. I would pull out all the stops. Every last one.

That is what the girl deserves. She doesn't need a boy who asks her on a whim, who is unsure of what he wants, who hasn't thought it through and who will likely break her heart. She needs a man who fights for her, protects her, cares for her and puts every part of her existence above his own.

Believe me, when I find that girl, I will do everything in my power to prove myself to her, win her affection and to serve her the best I can. When I find that girl, I will drop all things like they are hot and give chase. Until that happens, I am content with where I am.

Please, be serious.

*From Russia With Love,  
Jimmy*

## This space reserved for news, not PR

By Jake Neuman

Online Editor

Recently I learned that the Life At Olivet application was available for download. Being the Online Editor for this newspaper, I thought this might be news worth reporting.

No sooner had I published it then did the cease and desist arise. Life At Olivet requested, more demanded, that I take down the information "until further notice." Because the GlimmerGlass is trying to improve its online presence I obliged, but it does not mean I was happy with it.

Although frustrated, this was not an isolated incident. Situations like this arise often when it comes to reporting the news at a small private school. Stories are often stomped out in similar ways.

The newspaper is a place for news. I want to report on stories good or bad, happy or sad, good publicity or bad publicity. A student newspaper should be a public forum, for open, honest communication and a presentation of information on the happenings of the community it serves.

Of course publicity stunts in newspapers are

not just a problem here at The GlimmerGlass. It is one that both nationally and globally affects news reporters. Journalists constantly receive press releases from companies, organizations and even government officials.

Press releases are a huge medium for public relations and they often depict nothing but the good. Press releases can and should be used as a starting point for reporters – a basis of information. But far too often, reporters have to sift through the public relations nonsense to get to the bottom of any real story.

With the advent of online journalism and the 24-hour deadline, this has become even more of a problem. If something happens I can tweet it instantly, i.e. the Life At Olivet app, but this is also a cause for concern with the flow of press releases increasing because websites are looking to constantly post and keep their name on your Twitter feeds.

If they can easily copy and paste a press release and have it be another post for their news outlet, then so be it; it keeps the name up there. But that is not what the news is for.

I do not think the paper is a place for publicity. I don't think the website, Twitter, or Facebook page for the paper is a place for publicity. I only want to report on and post stories about what happens here. The behind the scenes occurring that no one gets to hear about, the fact that an application leaked four days early even though the Associated Student Council's marketing department didn't want it to, the honest reactions from students to revival messages, good and bad. These things are news and it is my job as an editor and journalist to report the news.

Students here deserve to know what is going on around campus. Great events and inspiring stories happen on this campus. That does not mean that negative things do not also transpire.

There are excellent marketing departments on this campus that do a wonderful job being a source of publicity for this university. The newspaper exists to report university happenings in a fair, balanced, and objective way. So I request, please give us room to do that without the unnecessary weight of public relationship expectations from nearly all departments on campus.

## Music enables dangerous driving

### Study concludes different songs can increase unawareness when on the road

By Grace King

Opinion Editor

The day I got my license, I grabbed the keys to take the car for a spin, turned up the music, and watched my mother frantically run from the house, arms raised in an attempt to stop me from driving into my most certain death.

We all know texting while driving is a big no-no, but many ignore that rule and text anyway. We all know talking on our cell phones can distract us while we're behind the wheel, but let's be honest, we usually don't refrain from picking up a call.

I also suspect we have all had our suspicions that messing with the controls on the dash could also be fatal, but when a long, tedious commercial comes on the air, we take the time to scan channels for a new station.

There is a strong correlation between the type of music being listened to in a vehicle and the amount of carelessness of a driver, according to a recently published study "Background music as a risk factor for distraction among young-novice drivers" by *Accident Analysis and Prevention*.

Any competing activity that inter-

feres with the awareness of a driver could have a detrimental effect on road position, speed maintenance, control, reaction times, or negotiation of gaps in traffic, Warren Brodsky and Zach Slor, music science researchers, said in this study.

Listening to music while driving also can overpower ambulance sirens, warnings from other vehicles, or other warnings your car could make. We all know music often has an overwhelming effect on us. Drivers can often get so caught up in a song that they "move from an extra-personal space involving driving tasks, to a more personal space of active music listening," Brodsky and Slor said.

When music suddenly increases in volume it can disrupt your response time to things such as break lights, stoplights, and pedestrians. At the same time, as the beat of a song increases, you are also prone to accelerate or violate traffic laws.

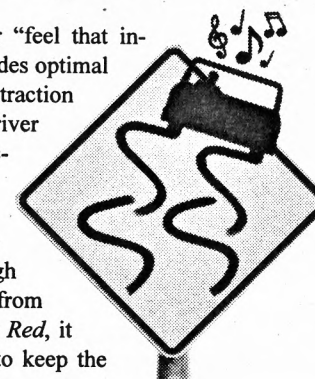
Younger drivers are more likely to get into a car accident, especially when vehicles become a place for social gatherings. With the distraction

of friends and music alike, your Ford could become a death trap.

While on the long drive to Olivet, I distracted myself with music, switching CDs every half hour, blaring my favorite songs, and singing at the top of my lungs when I thought no one was watching. I also vividly remember swerving and honking like a madwoman to stop someone who was drifting in my lane, and then an hour later being on the receiving end of the middle finger.

Brodsky and Slor "feel that in-cabin listening provides optimal conditions for distraction that can result in driver miscalculation, inaccuracy, driver error, traffic violations, and driver aggressiveness." Although this won't stop me from popping in T-Swift's *Red*, it may encourage me to keep the volume at a minimum.

We are a distracted generation, but let's try to take safe driving a little more seriously.



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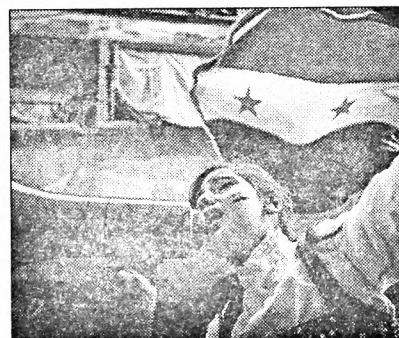


## OPINION



Right: Recovering 12-year-old Hana gives a "V" for victory as she lays next to her 13-year-old sister Eva.

Top left: Two dead bodies were picked up when found in the rubble. Bottom left: A Syrian child protests against the violence in her country.



PHOTOS FROM AP

## Looking for a solution in Syria

By Cody Stuart  
Contributing Writer

The time to act is now.

Sarin nerve gas was indeed used on civilians in Syria, the United Nations secretary, General Ban Ki-Moon, reported in a press conference on Sept. 16.

While the perpetrator of the attacks is yet unknown, it seems likely that the Assad regime, Syria's current government, is responsible. According to CNN, a vicious debate has been raging, both within the U.S. and abroad, about what the proper response should be.

While the Syrian government has agreed to turn its chemical weapons supply over to the U.N., *USA Today* reports that President Obama, along with Francois Hollande, the current president of France, both believe that an option of force should be kept on the table to ensure the Assad regime complies.

However, President Vladimir Putin of Russia, whose intervention convinced Syria to hand over the weapons without a struggle, wishes to take force out of the question and focus on a purely diplomatic solution. Putin even directly addressed the American public in the New York Times in which he chastised the U.S. for their discussion of military action without the UN Security Council's approval.

"Law and order in today's complex and turbulent world is one of the few

*"The pen is mightier than the sword, after all, and a diplomatic solution could end this crisis with little to no bloodshed."*

ways to keep international relations from sliding into chaos," Putin told *The New York Times*. However, a closer look into his own background shows that he does not respect the law he claims to be upholding.

Five years ago the small nation of Georgia declared war against its neighbor South Ossetia. Both of these nations were directly south of Russia and had small peacekeeping forces of Russian troops within them. Putin took it upon himself to intervene, without bringing the conflict before the U.N., and instantly hurled the full military might of the Russian bear upon Georgia.

The war between these three parties lasted only from August 7 until August 16, as an overwhelming force from the Russian military quickly subdued the Georgians. The international community, while not sympathetic towards the Georgians, was definitely unsupportive of the Russian response, with the European Union citing their use of overwhelming tactics to handle a relatively small conflict.

"Bullying and intimidation are not acceptable ways to conduct foreign

policy in the 21st century," former President George W. Bush said in his official statement on the matter.

He referred to the incident as an "incursion by one of the world's strongest powers to destroy the democratically elected government of a smaller neighbor."

There is also the question of Russia's true intentions in the Syrian conflict. It is a well-known fact that Russia happens to be Syria's top supplier when it comes to arms and weapons.

The Russian Syrian arms trade rakes in an estimated \$162 million per year, according to a report published by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. That's \$162 million Putin would lose if the Syrian government was overthrown by the American backed Free Syrian Army, and thus did not require his weapons or funding.

We must be quick not to rule out diplomacy as an option. The pen is mightier than the sword, after all, and a diplomatic solution could end this crisis with little to no bloodshed.

While not wholly backing the idea of a strike on Syria, I feel that removing such a thing is foolish.

The world has sat idly by for two years now, and has seen over 100,000 Syrians, both military and civilian, mercilessly slaughtered. We can no longer afford to sit back and watch. The time to take an active stance in ending this conflict, whether it be by pen or by the sword, is now.

### Is the death penalty God sanctioned?

As I went down to the Hills lobby to heat up leftover desert from Ludwig, I happened to see your article on the death penalty. Being a fervent believer in the practice, my intrigue was aroused. After reading it, I could not help but write a response to support the opposing opinion.

This article will consist of four points. The first three will be in response to the author's arguments, and the last will be a reason to keep the death penalty. Bear in mind this is an abridged "list."

The first reason you gave for your position was that humans make mistakes as part of our human nature. I agree with this wholeheartedly. What I don't agree with is that we should use that as an excuse for escaping the consequences of our actions.

It all comes down to justice and what is deserved. According to God's holy law, every living person deserves death and Hell, but even based on our own limited, flawed perceptions, we have understood that some actions deserve extreme punishment on earth as well as in eternity.

Your second argument was that Jesus did not deserve crucifixion and was a "victim of the system." First, Jesus was not a victim of anything; his death was decreed since before time began. It was not an accident that he died nor was it because of a "flaw" in the system. He died willingly; it was a choice.

Third, our system, certainly, as you pointed out, has flaws. Because imperfect humans enforce it, the system itself will be flawed. But that is no reason to do away with it. There are flaws in every aspect of our judicial system. Should we legalize all crime by abolishing law enforcement altogether? Politics are flawed. Should

we become an anarchic society by ridding ourselves of government?

The example you gave was that of the Fort Hood shooting. Even though there was no question of his guilt, you seemed appalled that it took less than two hours to declare the verdict. Honestly, if it was so clear that he was responsible, I am surprised it took them that long.

If (to use an exaggerated illustration) Osama Bin Laden were, heaven forbid, put on trial in the United States as a citizen, having committed the same atrocities, would you have been equally appalled by the time it would have taken the jury to pronounce the guilty verdict? If someone is without a doubt guilty or innocent, why should it take a long time? What is the use of spending an entire day coming to the obvious answer?

My final point is in the form of a question. If the death penalty is so abhorrent and morally objectionable, why did God, Himself, institute and sanction the practice?

Genesis 9:6 (ESV) "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image."

Exodus 21:12 (ESV) "Whoever strikes a man so that he dies shall be put to death."

Exodus 21:23-25 (ESV) But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe."

To bring everything together succinctly, my two reasons for supporting the death penalty are that it is, in some cases, deserved and that it was given to the State by God to use and enforce.

Sophomore Edward Shilka  
Hills Hall



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# OPINION

## IRS recognizes gay marriage

By Nicole Lafond  
Executive Editor

On Aug. 29 the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued "Ruling 2013-17," a declaration of its federal recognition of marriage. All legally married couples, either same-sex or traditional, will now be treated as married for federal tax purposes.

The ruling applies regardless of whether the state of residence recognizes same-sex marriage or not.

At the end of the 2013 tax year, all married couples will be allowed to decide whether or not they would like to file their taxes as "married filing separately" or "married filing jointly." Same-sex couples will no longer have

to file taxes as single individuals, The Washington Post reported Sept. 3.

The federal government has made the right decision. They have quickly aligned themselves with the Supreme Court's ruling on the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). DOMA defined marriage as being between a man and a woman for federal tax purposes. The act was ruled unconstitutional in June because it violated the Fifth Amendment.

The federal government's decision to disregard state laws when it comes to federal taxes, poses a question worth considering: Why is same-sex marriage still an issue for Christians? Regardless of moral opinions on the topic, same-sex marriage has been of-

ficially recognized at the federal level and there's no turning back. State and federal laws will continue to be modified in support of marriage equality.

It's time for Christians to take a step back and consider their opposition to the cause. The decision to be a Christian is a personal one, therefore a Christian's response to his or her moral opposition to gay marriage should be dealt with at a personal level. Forcing a Christian opinion down the throats of the masses that generally do not care to hear it will only continue to give Christians an unloving and unacceptable name.

For the sake of our reputation as Christians, let's take a step back and redesign our approach to the issue.

### STATE TAXES

### FEDERAL TAXES



## GiGi's Corner: To transfer or not to transfer

Dear Gigi, I'm considering transferring to the University of Illinois to hang out with my best friend. Do you think that's a good idea? U of I is a great school as well! Sincerely, Change of pace

Dear Change, I'm not so sure the point of college is to "hang out." I mean, maybe it is for you, and if that's the case, by all means pack your bags. Other than your friend who sounds like a total catch, the University of Illinois has a lot to offer. As a heathen school, it has no restrictions against dancing, of-age drinking, piercings, voting Democrat, yoga pants, playing Dungeons and Dragons or anything

else that would permanently hitch your wagon to the sin train. When Jesus wanted to be tempted, he went into the desert. When you want to be tempted, transfer to a state school, and the loving arms of your friend.

Dear Gigi, It's ok to not be ready for marriage, right? Sincerely, Not Ready

Dear Not Ready, If you're twelve, sure. But even twelve year olds in some countries are starting to sow seeds. According to some sources, Mary was 14 at the time of the Immaculate Conception. Look, the whole point of college is to find somebody to love. The sign in front of Ludwig says

it all. Now is the time to be the poster children of engaged contentment. If you aren't ready to get married, I suggest you stick your feet in front of a heat source, cram four years of growing up into five minutes and get yourself a Christian Mingle. Meeting virtual people is not nearly as scary as meeting real people. Baby steps.

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## Editorial



Hopefully students kept the allowance their mom paid them growing up to award them for making their beds everyday. They will need it now to pay the fine they may receive for not making it.

Recently, a group of girls living in the Grand apartments received a "warning," with the promise of a \$25 fine in the future, for not making their beds in time for clean room checks. Depending on a student's place of residence, clean room checks occur on a set day once a week, according to several residential directors.

So far, the roommates have received two warnings for not making their beds. They made their beds for the last clean room check in order to avoid a fine.

Although the girls were warned about the bed-making necessity in an email from their RA at the beginning of the year, they find the policy to be a little "overboard."

"We understand the idea of clean room checks, and we know it is important to keep our living area clean, we just do not understand why beds need to be made," one of the roommates, who wishes to remain anonymous, said. "Especially when no one goes into our sleeping bedroom throughout the day. It is also a huge inconvenience to make our beds."

All the girls sleep in close quarters and it is difficult for them to not wake one another when getting ready in the morning, "especially if you have to make your bed," one of the roommates said.

Although the girls respect their RA, they think the policy is unnecessary, she said.

This paper agrees on the invalidity of such a policy, however, as a collective student body we have signed away the ability to protest what is happening:

"The University reserves the right to conduct searches and inspections of persons, vehicles, computers, desks, clothing, purses, book bags and lockers while on University property (including parking lots) or during University-sponsored functions. Upon reasonable cause, these searches and inspections shall, from time

to time and without warning, be authorized by a University representative," Olivet's Student Handbook reads.

We know we signed a covenant. We know we forfeited our rights as freshmen. But a real issue exists here. It may seem nit-picky to defend a group of girls who were warned about not making their beds, however, we believe the RAs and RDs need to be reminded about the communal consequences of their actions. Their authority should be applied with sober judgement; are all rules worth their weight in carbon paper?

Clean room checks are a standard aspect of community living and are designed to be "largely preventative," according to David Morris, residential director of Chapman Hall.

"Our goal is two fold ... completing a clean room check helps from a maintenance standpoint," Morris said. "Secondly, it affords the RAs another opportunity to connect with their residents face to face, granted they are in their room."

We understand and appreciate the necessity of clean room checks, however, what impact does an unmade bed have on the overall standard of living in an apartment or dorm? Having the focus of an RA's job on fining residents for unmade beds makes them no better than glorified rent-a-cops.

If an RA's goal is to develop and maintain healthy relationships and a strong community, is it truly a prudent application of their authority to get bent out of shape over an unmade bed?

Please, RAs and RDs, keep this in mind next time you feel compelled to enforce a rule that most of us stopped following when we were nine years old.

### What's an editorial?

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## SPORTS

## Grade 'A' athletes

David Timm  
Sports Editor

Last year Olivet's athletic programs led all NAIA schools with 19 teams out of 20 earning the Scholar Athlete Team award.

For the 2013-2014 academic year the athletic department expects "more as far as character attitude and those types of things...we want them to be examples on the field," Nick Birkey, men's sports Information Director at Olivet said.

College athletes have to deal with the pressure of class work, being forced to miss lectures or tests due to games or tournaments, and still have to make those things up afterwards despite having educational leniency. However, at Olivet, academics are deemed a priority and become the primary focus for the majority of students.

"We're not trying to just get players on the field...we want them to better themselves beyond just being the best athlete," Birkey said.

If Athletic Director Gary Newsome's goals are any indication, Olivet is on the right track with its athletes.

"Our overall goal would be to have every team be a scholar athlete team in the NAIA, which is having a 3.0 GPA or better...If we meet that national standard, then we're going to do well."

Olivet student athletes are scholars first and competitors second. To become an Olivet athlete in the NAIA as an incoming freshman, athletes have to hold a score of 18 on his or her ACT, have a 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA), or be among the top 50% of his or her graduating class.

As a result, Olivet looks for outstanding student athletes, not just for competitors. That entails not just a quality competitor, but also a diligent scholar.

"At Olivet our recruiting has to be based on looking for the outstanding student," Newsome said.

The athletic department places emphasis on academics in their recruitment process because they want outstanding individuals involved in their program, but also for financial reasons. Because the athletic program is not a big money maker for the university, Olivet can't afford to offer huge athletic scholarships to every

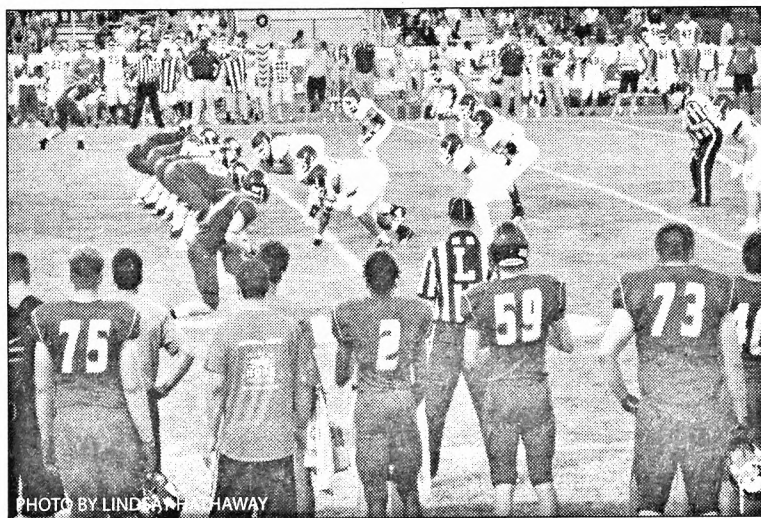


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Out of all of Olivet's collegiate sports, the football is the only one who's GPA is below a 3.0 average.

athlete.

"We have to depend on that good academic student," Newsome said.

Because over one-quarter of Olivet's student body is made up of athletes, this strategy bodes well for the University in general. For Newsome the athletic departments choices are intentional and ingrained into Olivet's DNA. "It's not just a mission statement thing, but it's a culture thing ... It's become who we are ... and it's who we want to be."

Because the department recruits based on academics, their athletes are often successful in the classroom both because of their initial abilities, but also because their coaches give them the room to be successful.

"I think we have a great group of coaches [they] get that students have a life outside of their sport," Wendy Reid, women's sports Information Director said. And, according to Newsome, it is important for athletic directors to see the achievements of his or her student athletes.

"It's a pleasure for me to be in this position knowing that our students are going to be eligible every week, every semester. We don't have to worry about ineligible kids."

Because it is not the main goal of the athletic department at Olivet to pump out professional athletes, academics play a vital role in the student athlete experience, according to Birkey.

"Olivet is not a major league baseball factory," Newsome said. Instead the overall goal for athletics is for students to be Christ on the field.

"To provide an opportunity for our athletes to minister through athletics... That's our mission... to give these athletes a chance to be Christ on the field," Newsome said.

The emphasis on academics is prevalent across every sport at Olivet. Last year, the average GPA for student athletes was 3.2. Women's Cross Country, Women's Golf, Men's Golf, and Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field all averaged above 3.4. Significant portions of each sport have NAIA All-Academic players that average above 3.5 cumulative GPA. Out of all of Olivet's 20 collegiate sports, only the Football program averages below 3.0.

The successful correlation between academics and athletics can be accredited to the director, according to Reid. Newsome is satisfied with his athletes' performances. "I think it shows on the field, off the field, and in the classroom," Newsome said.

Birkey thinks that Olivet's culture of academia within athletics doesn't just find its source in the leadership and coaches, however. "It's up to the student athlete to tap into those [resources]." The students ultimately choose whether or not they want to be successful in the classroom. They will excel if they want to excel, Birkey said.

When asked whether or not the emphasis on academics might interfere with athletes' success on the field Newsome said, "The academic, educational process has to be primary, but thank goodness it can all work together."

## Upcoming Tiger games

Oct. 4:

Women's Volleyball, Home Tournament 7 p.m.

Women's Tennis, at Western

Illinois University Invitational  
Women's Soccer, at Trinity Int.  
University 4 p.m.

Women's Golf, University of St.  
Francis Fall invitational

Oct. 5:

Men's Football, at RV Trinity  
Int. University 12 p.m.

Men's Soccer, at Trinity Int.  
University 4 p.m.

Women's Volleyball, at  
Roosevelt University 12 p.m.

Women's Tennis, at Hinds-  
Kellogg Invitational

Women's Golf, at University of  
St. Francis Fall invite 9 a.m.

Oct. 7:

Men's Golf, at Taylor University  
Invitational

Oct. 8:

Men's Soccer, vs. Trinity  
Christian College 7 p.m.

Women's Volleyball vs.  
Calumet

College of St. Joe 7 p.m.

Oct. 9:

Women's Soccer, vs. Trinity  
Christian College 5 p.m.

Oct. 10:

Men's and Women's Tennis at  
USTA-ITA National Small  
College Championships

Oct. 12:

Men and Women Cross  
Country at Fighting Bee Invite  
11:15 a.m.

Men's Football vs. #4 Grand  
View University 1:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer at St. Xavier 2 p.m.

Oct. 14:

Men's Golf at St. Ambrose  
University NAIA Midwest Fall  
Classic

Oct. 15:

Women's Soccer vs. Cardinal  
Stitch University

Women's Volleyball vs. Trinity  
Christian College 7 p.m.

Oct. 16:

Men's Soccer vs. Cardinal Stitch  
University 6 p.m.

Oct. 18:

Women's Volleyball at Grand  
View University Invite 6 p.m.



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## SPORTS

FANTASY  
FOOTBALL  
CornerSports create  
community

Alex Cobb

Contributing Writer

Fantasy football is only for sports freaks. Fantasy football is only for middle-aged men who want some "manly man" time. 'I do not have any time for fantasy football, especially in college.' 'I do not know much about football.'

These are all excuses someone might give for opting out of playing fantasy football. While most of these stereotypes are generally advertised on TV, not all of them are necessarily true.

Fantasy football can actually bring community to just about any group of guys, girls, employees or even an entire dorm. Some people say fantasy football is a waste of time, but one thing many students here at Olivet learn is that community is essential to a healthy relationship with Christ. Sure, fantasy football may not seem like a route to God, but in reality God can use a fantasy football season to bring community and relationships together.

In addition to community, fantasy football is not all that hard to participate in. All one has to do is attend a draft and pick big name players. For example, my first season I had no idea what I was doing and I only picked players I knew from the news and from my favorite teams.

Once the fantasy football team is drafted, you simply have to pay attention week-to-week, turn the games on during Sundays, and watch your team dominate.

Also, many leagues will have small get-togethers during the games and have party snacks and drinks during open dorms.

Fantasy Football can build a community of friends and allows them to share life with each other. If you are looking for a great community builder, some fun, and competition, one simple way is to join or create a fantasy football league and watch God do the work.

## Hawks in for a heck of a season

Lydia Lambert  
Staff Writer

The Chicago Blackhawks are on the cusp of a dynasty. With two Stanley Cup victories in the past four years in their repertoire and five key returners on the roster, another Cup is on the horizon.

All star player and team leader, Jonathan Toews or "Captain Serious" as James Maahs of the Bleacher Report would like to call him, is crucial to the success of the Blackhawks.

In the past four years, Toews' leadership off and on the ice has earned the Hawks four postseason appearances, one Central Division title and a Stanley Cup. In the 2012-2013 season Toews had 48 points, 25 assists and 23 goals.

Chicago's strength lies in its imposing defensemen and star forwards, and Patrick Kane is yet another threat on the ice for the Blackhawks. Kane tied for the team lead in goals, 23, and added 55 points. During the postseason, Kane contributed nine goals and ten assists, according to The Courant.

Marian Hossa and Patrick Sharp may get lost background due to the flashy play of Toews and Kane, but both are vital to the team's success.

Despite playing just 28 games, Hossa still managed 17 goals in the season. A skilled two-way player, Hossa scored 10 goals in the post-season.

Additionally, the Hawks can look forward to second-year player Brandon Saad, who wowed the fans and critics posting 10 goals and 17 assists in 46 games.

In 2012 the Chicago defense was a sight to behold. The Blackhawks top-rated defense only allowed 2.02 goals per game and to the dismay of other NHL teams, all seven of their key defensemen were re-signed for the 2013-2014 season.

Keith Duncan led the team in ice time, 24 minutes and 7 seconds and added three goals, 24 assists and 13 points.

Niklas Hjalmarsson is another unrecognized hero for the Blackhawks behind the blue line. Hjalmarsson was second only to Keith in ice time during the postseason.

Hjalmarsson's partner Johnny Oduya finished fourth on the team in time on the ice, averaging 22 minutes and 44 seconds in the postseason. He finished closely behind Keith in scoring by a defensive player with three goals and five assists.

Goaltender Corey Crawford went 16-7 last spring with 1.84 goals against average and .932 save percentage.

Crawford's best regular season to date was followed by a successful postseason. With backup Ray Emery, they formed a menacing goaltending duo. Crawford and Emery went 19-5-5 with a 1.94 goals against average over 30 games.

Emery left this summer in a free-agent deal with Philadelphia. In response, Chicago brought back veteran Nikolai Khabibulin to serve as Crawford's backup for 2013-14.

Off the ice, general manager Stan Bowman will be around for another two years after signing a contract extension through the 2017-2018 season with Chicago.

Looking forward this year, Chicago has great odds to win a consecutive Stanley Cup, but as history shows, it's a feat not many NHL teams have accomplished.

Proice Hockey, a hockey website on the history of the Stanley Cup winners, shows that in the last 15 years, no team has won the cup consecutively. This is no doubt a skilled and veteran team, but the ominous "Stanley Cup Hangover" may still linger.

## Blackhawks schedule

Oct. 1: vs. Capitals  
W, 4-6  
Oct. 5: vs. Lightning  
7:00 p.m.  
Oct. 9: at Blues  
7:00 p.m.  
Oct. 11: vs. Islanders  
7:00 p.m.  
Oct. 12: vs. Sabres  
7:00 p.m.  
Oct. 15: at Hurricanes  
6:00 p.m.  
Oct. 17: vs. Blues  
7:00 p.m.  
Oct. 19: vs. Maple Leafs  
6:00 p.m.  
Oct. 22: at Panthers  
6:30 p.m.  
Oct. 24: at Lightning  
6:30 p.m.  
Oct. 26: vs. Wild  
7:00 p.m.  
Oct. 28: at Wild  
7:00 p.m.  
Oct. 29: vs. Senators  
7:00 p.m.



## Volleyball team pumped about future

Rachel Peterson  
Staff Writer

Two years ago the volleyball team's overall record was 28-13 and three years ago it was 22-15. Last year, their record dropped to 11-28, but despite a fallen record last year, the team expects to compete for the CCAC title this year.

The volleyball team, thus far, has experienced some success on the court but, according to the assistant coach, Gary Newman, the wins have not been "as much as anyone is happy about but we know the CCAC season is starting soon and the wins will come." Newman said that, "this season is no different than any other season."

While last season might have been a disappointment, things have changed this year, according to senior

Katelyn Miller, who had a medical redshirt last season.

"This season has changed greatly from last season," Miller said. "We have captivated our passion for the game as an entire unit and our level of play has exceeded what it was in the past. We are also growing spiritually as a team in many ways which unifies us as a team even more."

Overall, many team members are enthusiastic for the fresh start.

"We have so much potential to have an awesome season. We have a ton of talent and team chemistry that I think can take us very far," junior Tiffany Maduras said.

The team's goals for this season are to win overall in their conference and play well in the NAIA National tournament, Miller said.

Outside of athleticism, the team holds a spiritual goal as well.

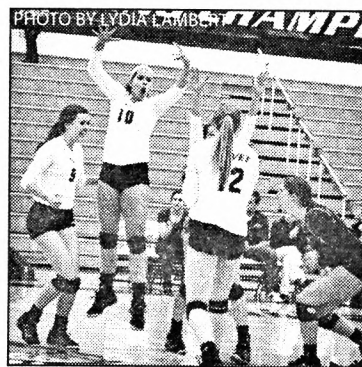
"[I want to] play each game as if it

were my last and allow God to work in me to benefit my teammates and the ONU Volleyball Program," Miller said. She also wants to leave a legacy in the hearts of the girls on her team.

The players on the volleyball team have demonstrated success both on and off the court. This past summer the team went to Martin County, Ky., to serve those less fortunate. The players also help lead Bible studies and cleaned playgrounds among other things.

The classroom is no different for the team. They continue to be one of the top ranked teams in GPA averaging, close to a 3.5. Additionally, the team was an NAIA Scholar team last year and Newman expects nothing less in 2013.

To be considered a NAIA Scholar team the overall team must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 and it includes all varsity players.



Members of women's volleyball team celebrate a victory.

"If this team and coaching staff will find a way to bond as a complete team, come together as one true family, continue their hard work preparing for every opponent, the sky is the limit, and yes, that is our expectation for this talented group of players and coaches," Newman said.



## SPORTS

## First place is just the beginning

Matthew Taber

Staff Writer

**M**en and women's Cross Country took first place out of 11 teams on Sept. 13 during the Midwest Classic at Aspen Ridge Golf Course.

"It was a great experience placing first in our first meet. Not only was it great to win, but it was awesome to win on our home course. It was cool to go out and perform so well on our first meet. It definitely helped us freshman to get all the jitters of a first college race out of the way," freshman Sarah Ray said.

At the second meet, competing in the Illinois Intercollegiate on Sept. 20, the men took first of 22 teams. The

women's team took third place.

This weekend they will compete at University of Minnesota in the Roy Griak Meet. During this meet the teams will be competing against 42 other teams. "This week will be our first big test...running the Roy Griak meet," head coach Michael McDowell.

The goals this year are set high. For the men, the goals are to be ranked top 10 in the Nationals and to beat St. Francis, the national champions of last year. Olivet will compete against St. Francis in the Aquinas meet, in Conference, and again at Nationals.

"It's a big feat to try to beat them three times," Coach McDowell said. "We have a good team and we think we can compete with them."

"[The] good thing about our team

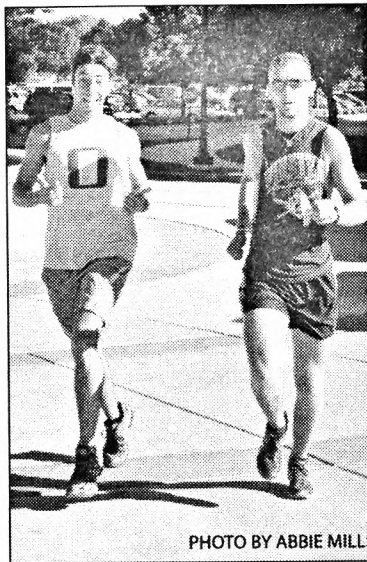


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The cross country team often runs around campus to train for meets.

is that we are looking to do something for the first time in Olivet history. We've never [gotten a trophy] at the national meet, and that's our main goal this year," said Junior Mitchell Dale. "We've been talking about this year for three years."

For the women, the goal is to win their conference, and be ranked in the top 10 at nationals as well. "As a team we definitely have our eyes on winning the national championship. We have the talent for it," Ray said.

The outlook for the season is very positive, according to McDowell. The team is constantly ranked, so they have a good success history, he said.

Senior Cristy Trank has hopes for the season as well.

"We have a really good team this year as well. We brought in some re-

ally good freshman and all the returners are performing really well. Our first two meets we had really adverse conditions," she said. "The first one was very humid and hot, and the second one was a complete temperature switch...we haven't had a meet where I think we have showed our potential yet, so I'm really excited to see in the weeks to come how we come together as a team. We can do great things."

The outlook for this year is "very positive" according to Junior Marshall Hawn. "We have a lot of potential on our team to do really well in the national scene," he said. "We still have to prove it to ourselves. We also want to be able to show up at the big meets and perform as well as we know we can...In our season, the sky is the limit."

## GUNDERSON ZEROS IN ON NATIONALS

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At every soccer game you hear his name chanted. Anyone who knows anything about the ONU soccer team has heard of him, but who really is Robby Gunderson?

Beginning at the age of four, Robby has lived and breathed soccer. His family got him involved at this early age and has been a huge support system to him ever since. Besides his parents, Robby has two sisters.

Growing up in Downers Grove, Gunderson was never far from Olivet. He began his college soccer career at Dupage prior to transferring to Olivet his junior year. Gunderson cites one of his sisters as the biggest influence on his final decision to come to Olivet. She played softball in her time at the university so he would visit her and catch a few of the soccer games while he was here. He said, "I was impressed with the [soccer] team and the school."

In his junior year of college, Gunderson quickly made a name for himself in the world of Olivet soccer. He played in all but one of the varsity games and scored the second most points on the team as well as helped with several assists. This was also the year that the soccer team made it into the NAIA National Tournament, the

furthest the team has gone in Olivet history.

Gunderson's life has not always been so easy, however. In highschool he struggled athletically due to his small height. He said he was a lot smaller than most of the guys and therefore, wasn't the fastest player. But Gunderson knew that if he tried harder in other ways, he could compensate for his speed, so Gunderson began practicing his footwork. Within a year or so he hit his growth spurt and gained speed. Now having the combination of speed and footwork,

Gunderson is a player that opposing defenses fear.

Gunderson has big plans for the future in soccer for both the team and his personal career. As a team, he hopes that ONU can return to nationals and win. He said there was really good team chemistry last year, and he thinks that will continue throughout this year.

The team is also very God-centered. "After every game the team tries to take time to pray with the opposing team," stated Gunderson. Whether the other team is Christian or not, the

team makes an effort to include God in every soccer game. They try to be lights of God by being examples on and off of the field.

Gunderson's family is also very supportive. Besides his parents showing up to every game to support the team, they also welcome the players into their home. Michael Da Silva, an international student on the soccer team, said that Gunderson's family takes him in during school breaks.

Since he is not from the country, Da Silva doesn't have a home to go back to. This is one of the ways that

he thinks the Gundersons' are Christ-like. Gunderson's parents have been positive examples in his life, and he would consider his father one of the people he looks up to the most. He said, "My dad supports me in everything I do."

Gunderson uses this guidance and support to become a leader. His teammates refer to him as a vital part of the team due to his skill and personality. He is the player who never wants to be too serious.

He tries to make sure everyone has a good time, but always gets laser focus when it comes time to play. He helps keep a light-hearted feel to an otherwise highly competitive sport.

Next year will be Gunderson's 5th year of college so he won't be able to play on the soccer team anymore, but that doesn't mean he will stop supporting them. He hopes to come on as an assistant coach or at least practice with the team whenever he can find time.

After Olivet, Gunderson hopes to become a physical education teacher and coach soccer.

He also has interest in continuing a soccer career professionally or outside of the country if he can make a team. Whether winning or losing, Gunderson's passion for soccer will never die.



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Gunderson, number 2, dribbles the ball up the field as a member of the opposing team plays defense.