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Katharyn Schrader crowned QUEEN

Senior Katharyn Schrader was crowned the 2013 Homecoming Queen during coronation on Wednesday evening. Coronation has been an Olivet tradition for over two decades.

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Yearbook launches new hashtag

Sam Steiber
Contributing Writer

In order to get more students featured and engaged in the yearbook, the Aurora recently launched its own hashtag.

The initiative encourages students to tag tweets and Instagram pictures with #onyearbook so they can be featured in the Aurora. In the past, students have voiced complaints over not being included in the yearbook; the hashtag initiative aims to fix that.

"Maybe they're not necessarily involved in a club or they forgot to get their picture taken at the beginning of the year, but this is a way that they can get themselves into the yearbook," Staci Bradbury, executive editor of the Aurora, said.

Encouraging students to use the hashtag #onyearbook with their pictures and tweets will also help show events from the students' perspectives. According to Bradbury, featuring students' tweets in the yearbook gives another side to the story, and also puts less pressure on the writers and reporters.

"We get different angles, so it's more in-depth reporting," Bradbury said.

With the steady rise of social media, getting students to participate in the hashtag initiative should be no problem. According to a recent study by The Council for Advancement and Support of Education, 82 percent of college students use Twitter and 27 percent use Instagram. Olivet is no exception as social media is popular

with many students on campus.

"Pretty much all of the students have some sort of social media, so I think it's really cool that they're incorporating that into the yearbook this year," senior Andy Breeden said.

Bradbury hopes #onyearbook can become just as familiar to students as the popular #onuchapel and #lifeatOlivet hashtags; however, it will take time to spread the word and to get students involved. In the meantime, the staff will be taking content from both hashtags.

"Brent Brooks actually suggested to me that we use the #lifeatOlivet hashtag as we're getting our #onyearbook hashtag off the ground," Bradbury said.

According to Twitter and Instagram's privacy policies, the media is

allowed to include public tweets and photos in their broadcasts. The staff will use content from students' public accounts and will not include any from accounts that are private.

This is the perfect year to start the initiative, according to Bradbury, due to the yearbook's new design. "We're doing modular coverage, so it's more like a magazine layout," Bradbury said. Modules involve smaller sections of information placed around the page, and the students' tweets and pictures will help make it more interesting and engaging.

The Aurora staff will use students' tweets and pictures throughout the yearbook and will choose the best ones that are funny, interesting, engaging or provide a good commentary from a student perspective.

ROTC Hall of Honor unveiled

Justine Espersen
News Editor

The Department of Military Science participated in their fifth-consecutive Veterans Day march ceremony and unveiled Fortin Villa's Hall of Honor this Thursday, Nov. 7.

The Hall of Honor was dedicated to Commissioned Officers who have graduated through ROTC and features framed certificates recognizing each officer which hung along the wall of the main level hallway of Fortin Villa.

"I thought it'd be really nice to put something like that in our building and add a lot of character and to include Olivet as the school that's created some of the high quality Christian officers in the army," Special Project Manager and Military Instructor Frank Hayden said.

The purpose of this wall is to have an officer come back to ROTC and still see his/her name on the wall, according to Hayden. This is part of an outreach to create more communication between the alumni, such as seasonal newsletter and updates to the ROTC website.

Currently, the certificates date back to 1999, but Hayden hopes to add to the wall of honorees with past, present and future Commissioned Officers. The search process for these officers has been a strenuous one for Hayden as he worked closely with the Registrar and ONU Archives to find past officers.

Along with the Hall of Honor,

ROTC partnered with the American Legion Post #85 of Kankakee to commemorate and celebrate Veterans Day. A Color Guard ceremony and 21-Gun Salute took place at the beginning of the ceremony, leading into a ruck march throughout campus and back around to Fortin Villa.

Former Olivet graduate and Naval officer in the Marine Corps., Lowell Malliett, spoke in lieu of the ceremony to the crowd. The Color Guard raised the flag and at the end, they folded the flag and presented it to Malliett.

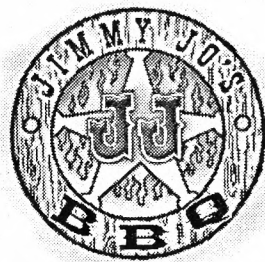
Also, Cadet and junior Alexandria Ortiz sang the national anthem after three round volleys were fired when the flag was at half-mast.

"This group of cadets is really unique - there's some really sharp kids that we have in here now and I think that's the difference between probably the last couple of years that we've really had some high quality students come in ... when you have high quality people, it always makes it better," Hayden said.



PHOTO BY BEKAH COLBERT

ROTC students prepare the American flag as part of the Department of Military Science's Veterans Day march and ceremony Thursday, Nov. 7. Fortin Villa's Hall of Honor was also revealed in support of honoring the Commissioned Officers.



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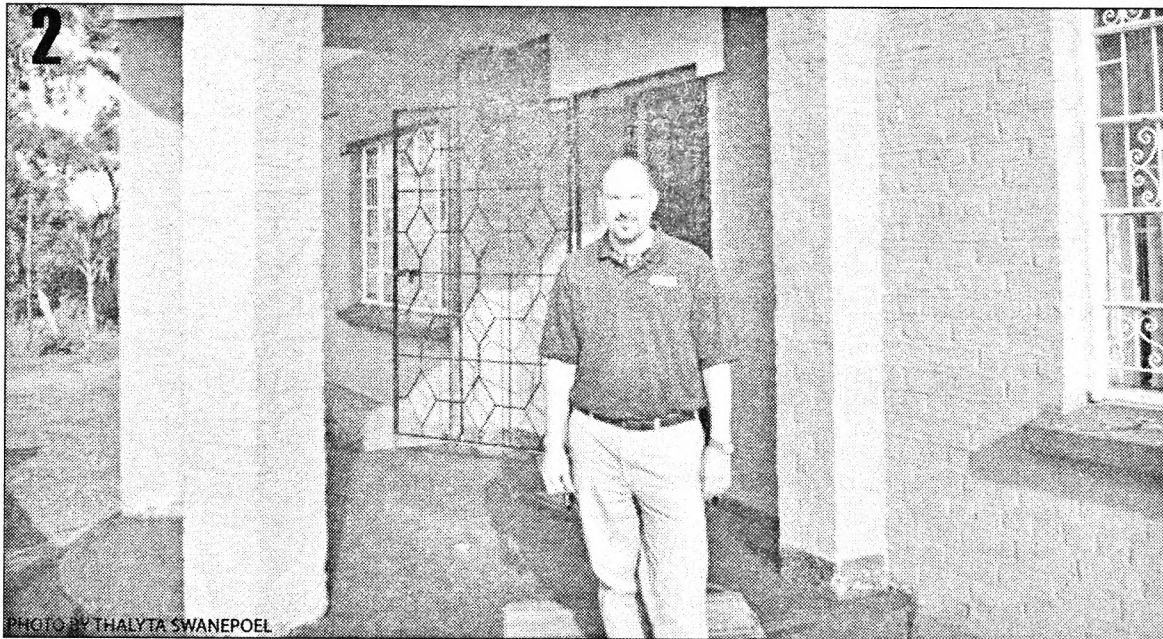
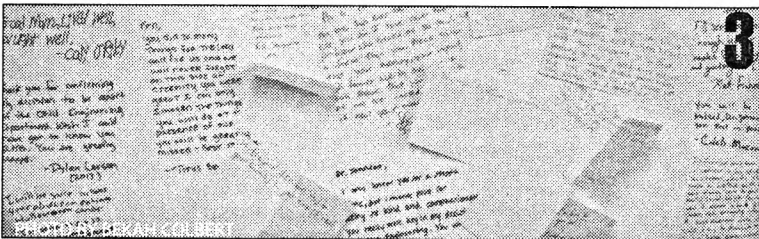
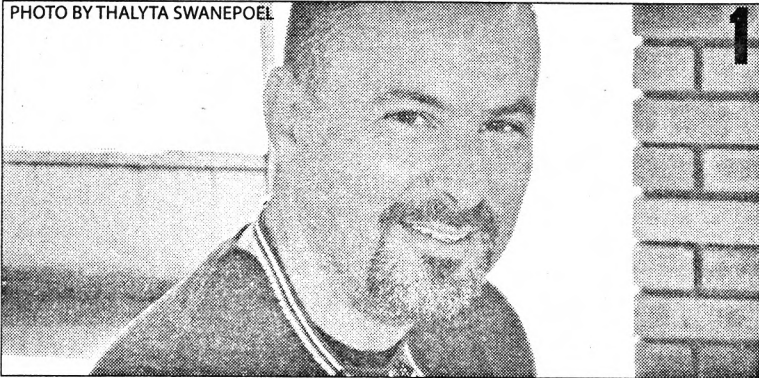


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NEWS

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1) Dr. Ken Johnson co-led a group of Olivet students doing missions work in Swaziland in May 2013. The photo was taken at Southern Africa Nazarene University in Siteki, Swaziland. 2) Johnson poses in front of his childhood home in Manzini, Swaziland. 3) Students in several science classes write notes of encouragement and sympathy to the Johnson family.

Johnson's legacy to live on

By Nicole Lafond
Executive Editor

Senior engineering student Benjamin Prude hopes his life will be an extension of Dr. Kenneth Johnson's.

"I hope we can continue to carry the torch that he brought," Prude said, reflecting on Johnson's impact on his life. "I admired his godly character, professional demeanor and the example he was of someone who used their gifts for the greater good. If I become half the man he was, I will consider my life well-lived."

And Prude is not alone.

"Many engineering students have expressed to me that they hope their lives will be an extension of his," university Chaplain Mark Holcomb said.

Like Prude, students in the engineering department are stricken by their professor's sudden passing, but the Godly life he lived has brought peace to many, according to senior Michael Durazo.

"I am so glad that I was able to meet such a great man of God. With the sadness that surrounds his passing, a peace covers me because I know that he is resting in Heaven," Durazo said. "It is this thought that is helping me through these rough times."

Johnson was the chair of Olivet's engineering department from July of

2012 until his passing on Saturday Nov. 2. He passed away following an apparent heart attack, while competing in a bicycle race in northern Mich., according to an email sent to Olivet engineering students announcing his death. He is survived by his wife Jennifer and four children: Sydney, Erick, Luke and Bethany.

A prayer service was held Sunday afternoon in Kelley Prayer Chapel for engineering students. About 100 students attended the service, according to Vice President of Student Development, Woody Webb.

The visitation was held Nov. 7 at Schreffler Life Story Funeral Homes in Kankakee, Ill. from 4:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. A second viewing was held at College Church University Campus this morning from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The funeral took place directly afterwards.

During his short time teaching on campus, less than three semesters, Johnson made an obvious impact and his death has left many mourning, according to University President Dr. John Bowling. "Dr. Johnson's life demonstrates what a difference one individual can make. He was not with us long – but his contribution to Olivet was very significant," Bowling said. "He leaves a lasting legacy. Olivet will seek to honor his memory by fully supporting the development of a premier undergraduate engineer-

ing program, which was part of Dr. Johnson's dream."

Johnson led the engineering department through its largest growth to date. In the past 25 years about 220 students have graduated with a degree in engineering from Olivet. Currently, there are 150 students in the department and 73 students enrolled in the Freshman Design course, according to the office of the registrar.

Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dennis Crocker believes Johnson accomplished more here in his short time of service than anyone he has ever known.

"I remember early conversations I had with Ken in the interview process. I came away from those conversations feeling [like] 'Wow, this guy is the real deal,'" Crocker said. "I find that I want to be like Ken in his transparent and enthusiastic commitment to God. None of us will ever be the same."

Johnson brought innovative engineering technology to the classroom. He gave his students a practical classroom experience while paving the way for advancements in the 3D-printing world. Johnson was the project manager for the engineering department's 3D-printing project with Nexus LCM, a leading developer of advanced 3D printing solutions, according to an Olivet press release

from Aug. 1.

The real world engineering experience that Johnson brought to the table was incredibly valuable to students.

"He sacrificed it all to try and rejuvenate his Alma Mater's program. He had such an impact on the physical aspects of the department, but further more, on the students themselves," senior engineering student, Taylor Westrate, said.

One of the "physical aspects" in which Johnson played a key developmental role in was opened today. Following Johnson's funeral, the engineering department's new Tech Center was opened for the first time. It will be named after Johnson, Bowling said.

"Dr. Johnson was a high impact individual who loved students, loved people, and loved his family. In his brief time at Olivet, he had already established himself as a giver," Webb said. "He cared deeply for the well being of each and every student under his instruction and understood that such an investment went far beyond the classroom."

Johnson demonstrated his "giving" spirit in the classroom and around

the world. This past spring he co-led a group of students to Swaziland, his childhood home. While there, the group installed a water irrigation system which helped improve the quality of life for a community devastated by HIV/AIDS.

"Ken was full of drive and contagious enthusiasm to creatively harness engineering to meet real world problems and better the lives of real people whom he came to consider family," Jennifer McClellan, Director of Missions and Student Ministries and one of the co-leaders of the Swaziland trip, said. "I witnessed Ken as he invested personally in his students. Our Swazi team affectionately called him Ba'-be, meaning father in Siswati."

During this time of grieving, the Olivet community must come together and give one another strength, according to Holcomb.

"Words are cheap during a time like this, we must cling to our relationships. We must share stories, laugh together, and continue to grieve," Holcomb said. "Talking about our times with Dr. Johnson helps keep his story alive."

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NEWS

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11/08 – Final Day to Drop Semester Length Classes
11/13 – Final Day to Drop Block II Classes

Campus Events

1/16 – Planetarium Show – Undiscovered Worlds
11/08 – Spoons 4 Forks – 9 pm – Wisner
11/09 – 29th Annual Wendy Parson's 5k Run – 8 am – Birchard
11/18 – Unity Week

Athletics

11/08 – Women's Basketball vs. University of Saint Francis – 5 pm – McHie
– Men's Basketball vs. Cincinnati Christian University – 7:30 pm – McHie
11/09 – Men's Football vs. Waldorf College – Noon – Ward Field
– Volleyball Alumni Game – 3 pm – McHie
11/13 – Women's Basketball vs. Clarke College – 5:30 pm – McHie
11/16 – Football Game vs. St. Xavier – 1:30 pm – Ward Field
11/18 – Men's Basketball vs. Purdue University-Calumet – 7 pm – McHie
11/20 – Women's Basketball vs. Purdue University – Calumet – 5:30 pm – McHie

Fine Arts

11/08 – Fall Play: Almost Maine – 7:30 pm – Kresge
11/08 – Fall Play: Almost Maine – 2 pm – Kresge
11/11 – Faculty Jazz Recital – 7 pm – Kresge
11/12 – NAIS Preview Recital – 7 pm – Kresge
11/15-16 – Fall Play: Almost Maine – 7pm – Kresge

Campus Rec

11/08 – Powder Puff Football Finals – 3 pm – Fortin Villa
11/18-21 – Registration for IM Season 3 Open

Spiritual Development

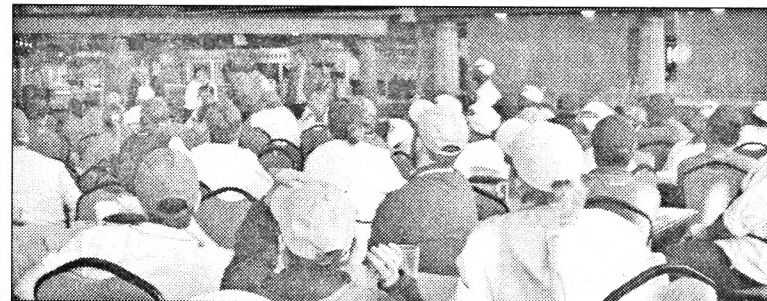
11/11 – Party with Jesus – 9 pm – Warming House
11/13 – Parlor – 7 pm – College Church
11/18 – Party with Jesus – 9 pm – Warming House
11/20 – Parlor – 7 pm – College Church

Chapel

11/08 – Homecoming Chapel: Speaker Dr. David Graves
11/13 – Speaker Chaplain Holcomb
11/14 – Class Chapel
11/20 – Speaker Rev. Leonce Crump
11/21 – Speaker Rev. Leonce Crump



PHOTOS BY MEGAN YORK



Sodexo staff and Woody Webb celebrated dessert and pastry maker Maddie Lane's career after retiring from 46 years of serving the Olivet student body.

Sodexo worker honored

Taylor Provost
Staff Writer

After 46 years, beloved dessert and pastry maker Maddie Lane retired from Sodexo at Olivet. On Monday, Oct. 21, the vice president of student development, Woody Webb celebrated Lane's long career at Olivet with cake, punch, and gifts during a presentation in Ludwig.

Webb's soft spot for Lane was apparent as he reminisced with Lane and other staff at the celebration. Webb recalled his days as a student at Olivet and his experience working for Sodexo in the kitchen.

He and Lane laughed about a memory from the past; the two spent a bit of time working on baking pies from scratch, and Webb accidentally tipped

over an entire cart of pies she had just finished. Webb said Lane was nothing short of sweet to him the entire time he worked with her, even after mess-ups.

"When I think of Maddie, three words come to mind: loyalty, love, and lordship," Webb said. "She's not only a fine person, but a fine follower, as well."

Lane smiled but remained quiet as Webb continued to speak.

"She was just one of those individuals who showed up faithfully day-in and day-out," he said. "Not only did she do her job, she did it with joy."

Only at Sodexo for five and a half years, Susan Antonelli, Sodexo Human Resources Specialist, smiled as she thought about her and Lane's experience together.

"Maddie... she's just always been

so outgoing and loving," she said. "She puts care and love into everything she makes."

Sharon Mann, Sodexo employee, worked with Lane for quite a bit longer.

"I've known her for 25 years," Mann said. "She's very nice and really makes the most delicious things. All of the biscuits used to be from scratch, and she made them!"

Newer employees were touched by Lane's retirement, as well. Sodexo cook Jonathan Carr called Lane a member of his family.

"I didn't know Ms. Maddie very long, but she told me she knew me because she knew my grandmother so I better not act up! She's a very, very sweet lady," Carr said. "I always told Ms. Maddie that she was the grandmother of the kitchen. She used to al-

ways sneak chocolate chip cookies to me and smile and say 'leave before I get in trouble.' I'm going to miss her very much, but I am very happy for her and I pray she enjoys her retirement."

Sophomore student and regular attendee of Ludwig, Brittany Markland, added, "Sunday desserts just won't be the same without her; I feel pretty sad."

A few Sodexo staff members wiped away tears as Lane was showered with gifts by the faculty.

She smiled ear-to-ear as she was given a university blanket and a rocking chair.

"We love and appreciate you," Webb said. "We hope whenever you wrap yourself in [the university blanket] to stay warm at night, you think of us. And we thank you."

Operation Christmas Child program returns

Emily Rush
Staff Writer

After taking a year off from advertising Operation Christmas Child, Residential Life took hold of the program again this fall.

Olivet did not advertise the program last year because Enactus, the business club that usually sponsors it, decided to head up a different service project. Enactus collected hundreds of boxes for the cause when they were in charge. Dean of Residential Life Phil Steward says his goal for this year is to send off 500 boxes to different countries.

In order to send a box, Operation

Christmas Child asks for a seven-dollar donation along with the gift.

"The more we get involved the more it blesses," Steward said. "We don't want students to shy away from the cost of seven dollars, or the cost of the items."

Resident Directors are promoting this effort campus-wide, some to the point of offering incentives. For example, Bethany Knight, the RD of Grand and Howe, is offering a home-cooked meal if all of the residents support the cause with a donation.

Senior Bre Bambrick remembers doing this project her freshman and sophomore years at Olivet.

"My roommates and I would go

[shopping] together," Bambrick said. "It was a nice bonding experience with them and then you were also dedicating yourself to a cause that's beyond you. So we really enjoyed it."

Annette Colbert has been Olivet's local coordinator for the project for the past three years. Her church, Calvary Bible Church, has been a collection and relay center for ten years. She picks up the packages from Olivet and makes sure they get to the Frankfurt Collection Center, where the boxes are sorted through.

"I think my favorite thing [is] how excited the kids [at my church] get packing the boxes because they know they are sending it to a child who

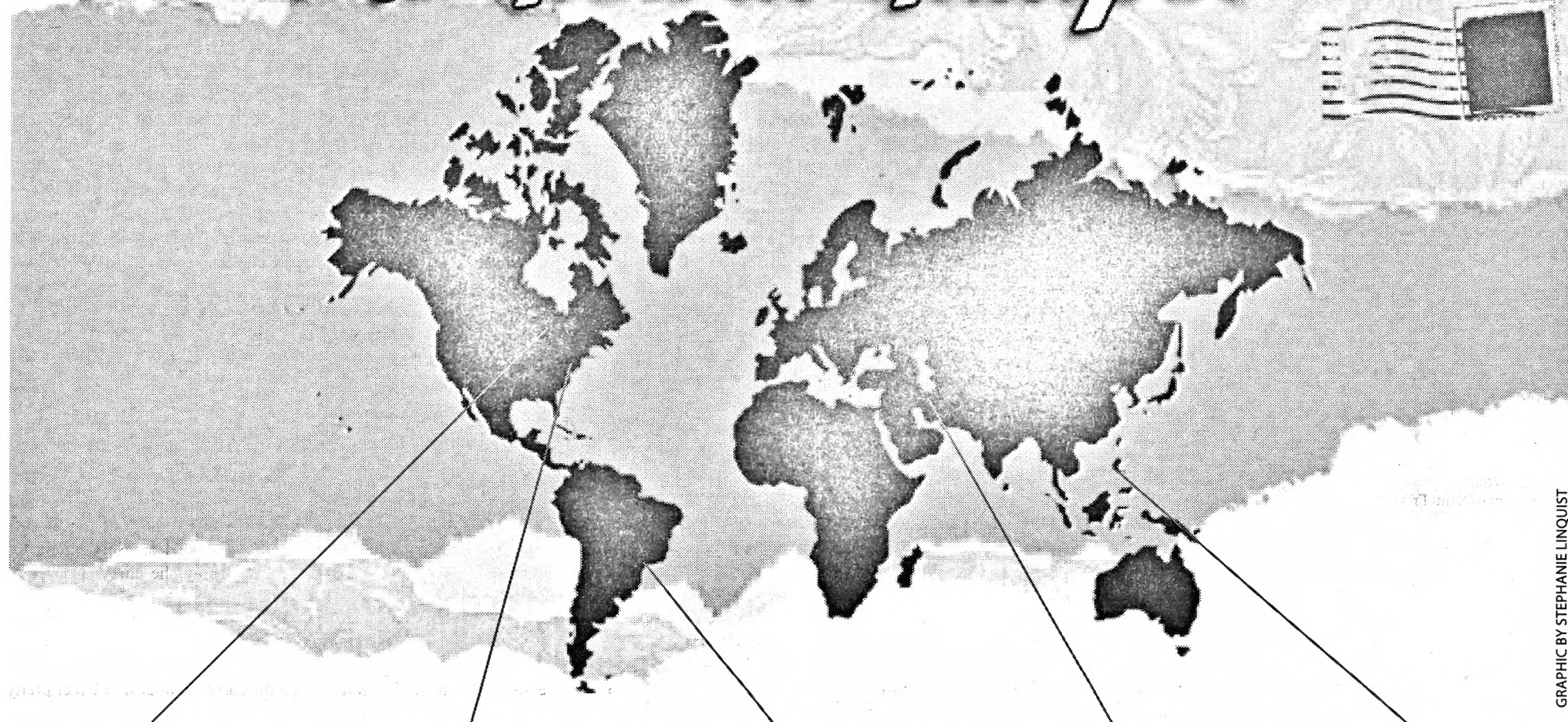
doesn't get the things they do," Colbert said.

Colbert said the kids at her church sometimes draw pictures while adults and students write letters or send a picture of them in the box.

Operation Christmas Child is a National Program run by Samaritan's Purse. Since 1993, when the program started, more than 100 million packages have been delivered to children from over 130 different countries. After each box is filled with presents, Samaritan's Purse adds information about Christianity to the box.

For details about what to pack, visit www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box.

A Global Glimpse



GRAPHIC BY STEPHANIE LINQUIST

Bourbonnais, ILLINOIS

The continued work on Interstate 57 should be completed by mid-December, according to James Threadgill, Kankakee County's District Project Implementation Engineer.

However, students have been continually frustrated with the slow process of I-57 construction.

"Cones. Cones everywhere," Senior Ricky Gracyzk said. "That road has been broken since I got here, and it'll probably still be broken when I leave."

Work on I-57 has been completed except for the installation of overhead lighting and permanent signage. Ill. Route 50 has median work remaining, along with traffic signals, lighting work, highway signs, pavement markings, and clean up. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) said this is a "complex multi-staged project," and gives its thanks to the motoring public for their patience and cooperation.

Some students have gotten used to the construction.

"We have all found ways around it to make commute faster, but I don't take that exit when heading home or to the city," senior Marty Piper said.

-Alyssa Davis

Washington, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Food and Drug Administration announced yesterday that it will now require the food industry to continue to phase out the usage of trans fat.

FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg said the use of trans fats has declined significantly over the past decade, but they still remain an issue of concern when it comes to heart health.

The move could prevent about 20,000 heart attacks a year, she said.

Some local governments have already banned the use of trans fats because they are an "area of significant public concern."

The FDA will not establish a timeline until January and some foods will have longer timelines depending on how easy it is to substitute the trans fats for other ingredients.

These types of fats are often used in processed foods and in restaurants. They are known to help improve the texture, shelf life and flavor of different kinds of foods. Scientists call trans fats the worst kinds of fats for heart health and they are known to increase the risk of heart disease, which is the number one cause of death in the United States.

-Los Angeles Daily News

Sao Paulo, BRAZIL

Brazil's greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) fell 4.9 percent in 2012 in response to declining deforestation rates and a drought-induced drop in cattle herds increased emissions.

With the steep decline in deforestation, Latin America's largest economy will have an increase of 6.6 percent on emissions from 1990 to 2012.

"The relatively successful policy on deforestation and the hydro-based energy matrix that Brazil always has prevented the country from seeking innovative policies on climate change," Executive Secretary of the Climate Observatory Carlos Rittl said.

Brazil is ranked seventh among the largest emitting countries in the world, but still leads emissions on deforestation and is the fourth largest in emissions from the agricultural sector.

"More than 70 percent of all investments planned in the energy sector in Brazil in the next 10 years will go to fossil fuels. And that could increase if possible shale gas projects are given the green light," Rittl said.

-Reuters

Tehran, IRAN

The Iranian foreign minister said he considers an agreement with world powers on Iran's nuclear program is possible by the end of Friday.

Mohammad Zarif said Iran would not suspend uranium enrichment completely but may "deal with the various issues on the table."

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said a nuclear deal would be a "historic" mistake, as he accused Iran of only offering fake concessions.

"Israel understands that there are proposals on the table in Geneva today that would ease the pressure on Iran for concessions that are not concessions at all," Netanyahu said. "The proposal would allow Iran to retain the capability to make nuclear weapons."

Iran has a three-phase plan. The first phase is a six-month time frame that includes sanctions to be lifted and re-double inspections.

The second phase involves confidence-building measures about the peaceful nature of Iran's efforts. The last phrase of Iran ends it being certified as peaceful by the international community.

-BBC

Manila, PHILIPPINES

Typhoon Haiyan hit the eastern coast of the Philippines yesterday, with heavy winds and clashing rains.

Locally called Yolanda, this is the strongest tropical cyclone this year to hit the country, ranking as the equivalent of a Category 5 hurricane.

The Philippine weather bureau cautioned residents of low-lying and mountainous areas against probable flash floods and landslides. Coastal areas were warned that storm surges may reach 7 meters, or 23 feet, in height.

Airlines have cancelled flights that may be affected by the typhoon. The Coast Guard reported more than 2,000 passengers were stranded at ports in the affected areas.

Haiyan is suspected to leave the Philippines by Saturday, heading for Vietnam.

The typhoon came weeks after a massive earthquake hit the country's central area, which killed 222 people and destroyed historic churches, bridges and roads.

"As always, no storm can bring down a united Filipino people to its knees," Philippine President Benigno Aquino III said.

-The Wall Street Journal

CAMPUS LIFE

Drum Beats:

The laughing chapel girl is revealed. Junior Sierra Navarro believes her laugh is a gift.



❖ **What is it like to be the "Laughing Chapel Girl?"**

It's been interesting. This semester it went haywire with the fact that I'm the girl who laughs in chapel. I don't know if it's because I moved locations or I'm just laughing a lot more and things are a lot more funny. I don't know what's going on. It kind of picked up last semester a little bit and then this year it was like an explosion. At first it was really hard to try and figure out how to handle it.

❖ **How do you feel about having your own hashtag?**

It's kind of cool actually. It's really funny because I actually look it up to see what people are saying about "laughing chapel girl."

❖ **What is your major?**

I'm a youth ministry major and double minor in music and Spanish.

❖ **Are you in any leadership positions on campus?**

I am president of the Chrysalis Women's Choir and I am a D-group leader, so I lead one of the 22 small groups on campus and I work at Shine.FM.

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

I don't know. I like them scrambled, I like them in omelettes, I like them over-easy, I don't remember the last time I had them fried. I don't know, I just don't like them raw.

❖ **Do you like coffee or tea better?**

Coffee.

❖ **What's your favorite coffee drink?**

I don't usually drink a lot of coffee, but the norm for me is a hot caramel mocha from Common Grounds.

❖ **If you were a superhero, what power would you choose?**

Whenever I hear that question, I always want to say invisibility.

❖ **What's your favorite color?**

Purple. I like a lot of different colors. My least is probably orange. But if I have to pick a favorite, it's purple.

❖ **What is your favorite event on campus?**

I've never been really big about going to events on campus usually because I don't have anyone to go with. I prefer to do the day-by-day thing: sit in Common Grounds, sit in Ludwig, just talk with people. That's my favorite event.

❖ **Do you like to start with X or O when you play tic-tac-toe?**

X.

❖ **What do you have on your refrigerator door?**

I think our refrigerator has nothing on it currently.

❖ **What are three words that best describe you?**

Joyful, loving and giving.

❖ **What is your favorite milkshake flavor?**

That's a hard one, it depends on the day. I'm going to go ahead and say strawberry. Typically I like to go to Steak n' Shake and get the chocolate covered strawberry milkshake with the thick chocolate syrup on top of it, I mean that's really good. I also like mint chocolate chip. That's my all time favorite.

❖ **You are eating dinner with three presidents, who would you choose?**

The first person that comes to mind is Roosevelt, so we'll just throw that one out there. We'll go ahead and say Lincoln too while we're at it and heck, why not, let's get to know a little bit about Obama himself, personally. I'll just watch them interact with each other. That's what I'll do.

❖ **What would your last meal be?**

My father's tacos.

❖ **Who is your most influential professor at Olivet?**

Professor Kay Welch. She is a wise woman, who is full of wisdom and advice. She has an answer for everything. She is definitely the one professor I go to on this campus that I feel comfortable being straight up honest with her and I expect to get the blunt truth from her. Even if it hurts.

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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Homeschooler and friends win

GlimmerGlass Staff

One lone student walks on stage at the 2013 Candy Costume Fest. His costume: a homeschooler and all of his friends. Students erupted as he walked on stage. Kyle Johnson's creativity won

him the prize of the night.

The Jazz band, conducted by Dr. Don Reddick, was decked out in Halloween costumes, per tradition. Dr. Reddick conducted as a pirate complete with a bird on his shoulder.

Matt Smith, who wore a Cardinals shirt, hosted the

Costume Fest, while candy was given out as well as donut holes and popcorn.

Students were judged according to their creativity, crowd likeability, and uniqueness.

All of the judges were Resident Directors and their spouses.



Abbie Allan and Garrett Muhlstadt dress up as the characters of the Academy Award winning short film, *Paperman* (top left). Dunkin Donut Munchkins were served at the Costume Fest (top right). Students dress up as characters of the classic children's show from PBS, *Arthur* (bottom left). The Reddick's matched each other by wearing pirate costumes and brought their dog, Bristow, as a dragon (bottom right).

Theatre students discover love

By Ingrid Palmer

Staff Writer

This year's fall play is one that everyone can relate to, according to Professor Jerry Cohagan, director of *Almost, Maine*.

Almost, Maine is a story portrayed through nine different scenes that all happen on the same day, at the same time, in the mythical town of Almost, Maine. The time is nine o'clock PM and the day is the longest of the year, when the Northern Lights are visible.

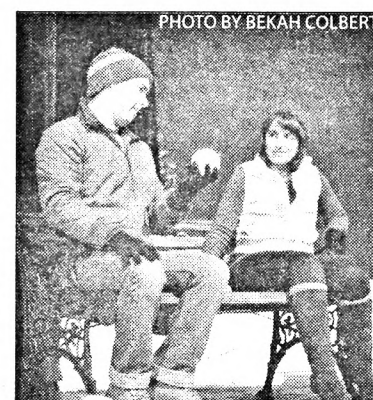
Cohagan said parts of the play remind him of the days when he and his wife Lynda were first falling in love. The role that the northern lights play in the performance reminds Cohagan of many memories with his wife, "sit-

ting outside, wrapped in a quilt, and doing nothing more than looking upward."

The stars have always reminded Cohagan of hope, possibilities, wonder, anticipation and the future.

Cohagan hopes that every ONU student, every faculty member, every staff member, every Kankakee County resident and Senior Citizen will make their way out to experience the performance with him in Kresge Auditorium at Larsen Fine Arts Center.

The performances will be on Friday Nov. 8 at 7:30pm, Saturday Nov. 9 at 2:00pm, Friday Nov. 15 at 7:00pm and Saturday Nov. 16 at 7:00pm. Admission will cost \$6 for ONU students and senior citizens and \$12 for all others.



Mary Hall and Jameson Burchfield appear in the fall play, *Almost, Maine*. The play is about falling in love, or almost falling in love. The cast has been practicing since September.

CAMPUS LIFE

Spirit Week makes Homecoming more 'student focused'

Nicole Lafond
Executive Editor

In an attempt to make Homecoming "more about students," ASC implemented Spirit Week into the Homecoming schedule of events this year.

"In my time here, students have thought of homecoming as being just for alums, so this year we created Spirit Week for students," Vice President of Social Life, Brandon Klemm said. "The goal of Spirit Week was to get students to attend and participate in events during Homecoming week."

Spirit Week included themed dress up days and a class athletic competition in the Perry Center on Mon-

day night. The dress up day themes were Class Spirit day on Monday, where students were encouraged to wear their class colors, The 80's on Tuesday, Favorite Team/Favorite Cause on Wednesday, Nerd/Geek Day on Thursday and Tiger Pride on Friday. The class athletic competitions on Monday included volleyball, basketball, corn hole and spike ball.

The biggest concern was raising awareness this year, according to Klemm. ASC worked with Life at Olivet to create a video that was shown during chapel on Oct. 31 to announce the event. Signs were placed

around campus, the calendar of events was hung up in Ludwig, and students were sent an email.

Despite promotional efforts, the themed dress up days were not very popular. Seeing students dressed up in the daily themes was a rare occasion on campus. ASC plans to have Spirit Week again next year, though.

"There is always room for growth and in upcoming years I'm sure we will see the student culture towards Homecoming events change," Student Body President Bre Bambrick said.

Although the event was

designed to bring the focus of Homecoming back to students, some students believe the event too closely resembled typical high school Homecoming traditions.

While Senior Class President Madison Leeseberg, acknowledges the high school complaints, she thinks it accomplishes its goal.

"It allows the students to be apart of the Homecoming week they have felt excluded from in year past," she said. "It gives students a chance to be goofy and relaxed, and I think that is what Homecoming has been lacking."

Homecoming
Schedule
of Events

Friday, November 8

Chapel

Centennial Chapel, 10 a.m.

Powder Puff Finals
Fortin Villa, 3 p.m.

Men's & Women's Basketball
McHie, 5 & 7:30 p.m.

Fall Play

Kresge, 7:30 p.m.

Taste of Olivet
Ludwig, 8:45 p.m.

Spoons-4-Forks
Improv Comedy
Wisner, 9 p.m.

Saturday, November 9

29th Annual Wendy Parson's 5K
Perry Center, 8 a.m.

Student and Family Breakfast
with Dr. Bowling
Chalfant Hall, 9:30 a.m.

Football
Ward Field, 12 p.m.

Fall Play
Kresge, 2 p.m.

Volleyball Alumni Game
McHie Arena, 3 p.m.

Corn Hole Tournament
Perry Center, 3:30 p.m.

David Phelps Concert
Centennial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

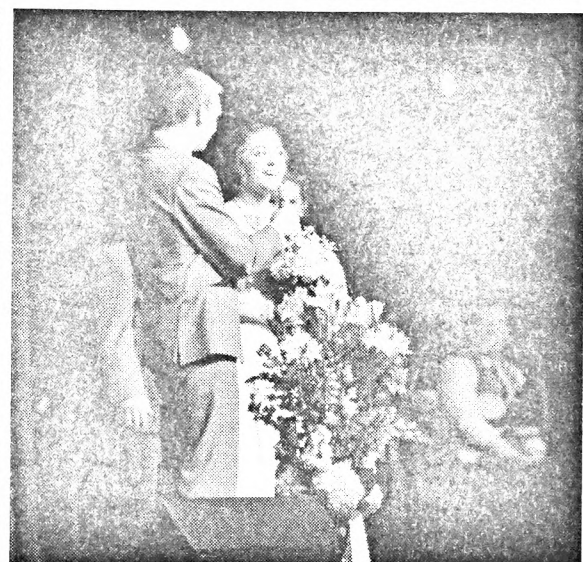
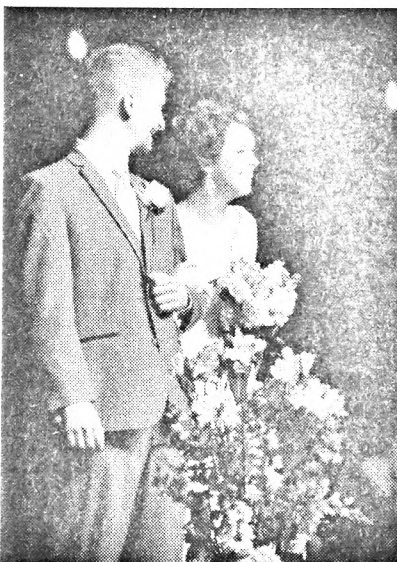
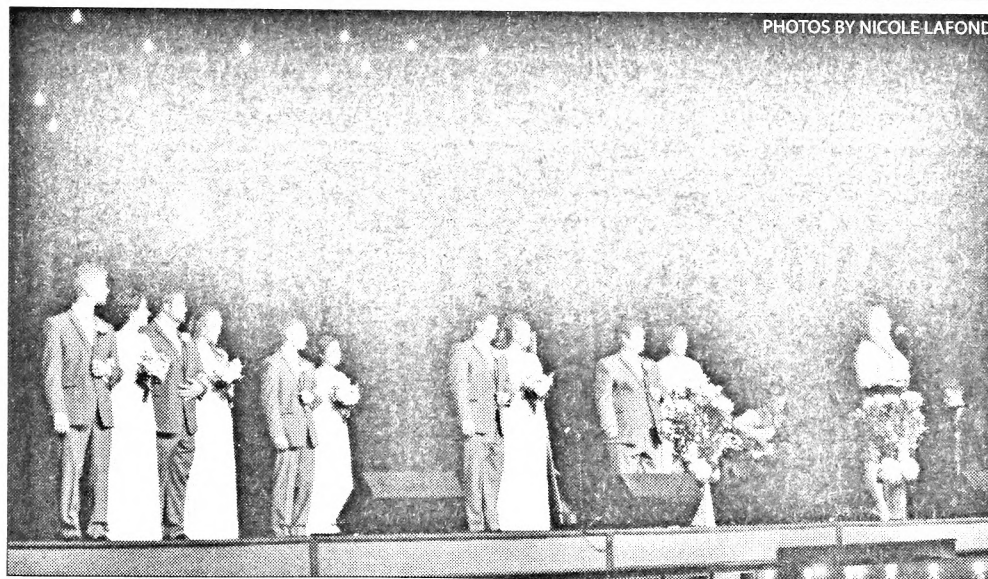
Dessert Buffet
Ludwig, After the Homecoming Concert

Sunday, November 10

President's Prayer Breakfast
Chalfant Hall, 8 a.m.

AN EVENING TO SHINE

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The 2013 homecoming court listens to senior Amber Leffel sing a special arranged by senior Ben Cherney (top left). Lillian Guenseth smiles as she hears her parents' message to her from the stage (top right). Christine Caven and Ben Geeding enjoy the evening together (bottom left). Co-MC, Spencer Cook, asks Hillary Vaughn about a college experience (bottom right).

CAMPUS LIFE



Katharyn Schrader crowned queen

By A.E. Sarver

Campus Life Editor

On a trip to Chicago, a young girl was given 50 dollars from her parents to spend on whatever she wanted. Rather than spending her money on clothes or toys, Katharyn Schrader bought five dollar food gift cards and handed them out to the homeless. It was then that her parents knew that God had plans for their daughter.

Now, as a senior in college, she has experienced teaching English to children in Russia, participated in many campus events and has been a resident's assistant. Those who voted for Schrader, saw her as a worthy candidate.

Schrader was crowned at the 2013 coronation on Wednesday, Nov. 7. A 21-year old from Mommouth, Ill., she is an english major and a double minor in intercultural studies and ESL.

Though she planned on going to community college, one visit to Olivet changed her mind. In the past four years, she has been involved in numerous campus activities and positions. She has been a resident's assistant for Williams Hall, apart of the English honors society, the yearbook staff, the social justice club, Evangels, and has volunteered in Peotone at a church's AWANA program.

She has been encouraged during her college years through mentors and professors. Joy Guffey, Professor Ingram and Dr. Van Heemst are just a few. Joy Guffey was Schrader's resident director for 2 years and acted as a mentor and role model for her. Schrader would consider Professor Ingram her favorite professor and as the one responsible for getting her into ESL.

Dr. Van Heemst, a political science professor, was one of her first professors at Olivet and appreciates him "for his passion for justice and his personal investment into my life and Olivet experience," Schrader said.

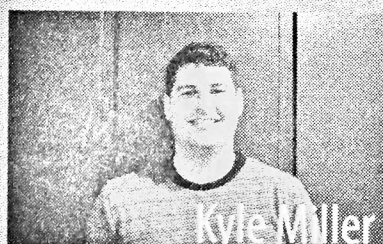
Overall, Schrader feels the love and support of her family as a big influence in her life.

"[I thank] my parents for their love for each other and their high expectations for my brothers and me," Schrader said. "They encourage me spiritually, they are my biggest supporters and they are some of my closest friends."

After graduation, Schrader hopes to teach English abroad.

CAMPUS LIFE

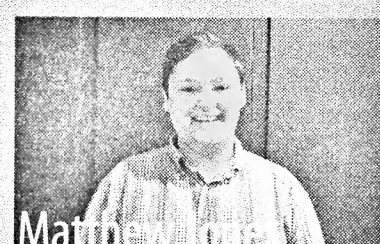
Meet the court

Kyle Miller
Music Education • Sesser, Ill.

Kyle has been growing his musical abilities in order to teach students with an evangelical influence in a public school setting. With a social studies endorsement as well, Miller is excited to graduate and look for a teaching job, a worship leading position, or both. Ministry teams, orchestra and music opportunities have been preparing him for this as well as his music professors. Kyle has been influenced by a few throughout his college experience. "Dr. Mac in grace and humility. Prof. Schultz in perseverance and Dr. Ball because she's been such a mentor to me," Miller said.

Christine Caven
Music Ministry • Boise, Idaho

Christine chose Olivet two weeks before classes began and has involved herself in ways she feels will lead her to future ministry opportunities and experiences. She is in the vocal groups the Olivetians, Orpheus Choir, Concert Singers, University Orchestra, Party with Jesus, Chapel bands and musicals. Dr. Woodruff taught her lessons that she will never forget as he encourages all of his students to be Christian witnesses. She wants to do just that by having her own voice and violin studio, by starting a children's theatre or music program or by moving to India, an important place for her.

Matthew Jones
Religious Studies • Eureka, Ill.

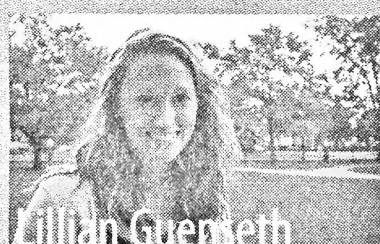
Matt Jones is the treasurer of Spoons for Forks, the improv comedy team on campus, but his humor isn't the only thing that drives Jones to success. He has been in Orpheus choir, a resident assistant and has participated in theatre opportunities. He hopes to stay at Olivet after graduation to pursue a master's in pastoral ministry. While at Olivet, he has been influenced by many professors. Dr. David Wine has taught him what it's like to show someone value, Dr. Mark Quanstrom has taught him the purpose of a pastor and Dr. Jeff Bell has taught him what it means to worship and how to be a leader of people.

Hillary Vaughn
Intercultural Studies • Kankakee, Ill.

Hillary spent last summer working with inner city kids for SpringHill camps. After graduation, she wants to be part of a urban children's ministry either in Chicago or Michigan. She is currently the "Ludwig front desk girl" and has been involved in Orpheus Choir, Parlor bands and leads worship for children at College Church North Campus on Sunday mornings. Her most influential professor is Dr. Jeff Bell. "[He] treats us with respect and is a Godly man that has given us nothing but a Christ-like example to live by," Vaughn said.

Caleb Carr
Music & Religious Studies • Afolkey, Ill.

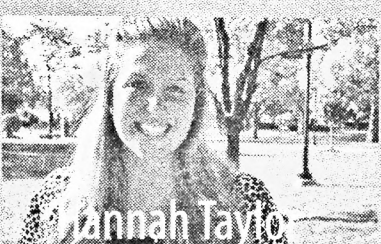
Caleb has been involved in Orpheus Choir, Show Choir, Guitar Orchestra, the preaching ambassadors program and is enjoying his second year as a resident's assistant for Grand apartments. His gifts for music and his call to ministry are improving through the experiences he has had at Olivet. Dr. Jeff Bell has been his most influential professor being an encouragement and a good role model. Carr hopes to get a GA position or some other job so he can stay at Olivet after graduation for graduate studies.

Lillian Guenseth
Vocal Performance • Galesburg, Ill.

Lillian came to Olivet because she wanted to surround herself with genuine people. While studying, she has met professors that have been an encouragement. Dr. Jeff Bell is her most influential professor teaching her how to be consistent not only in music, but in all aspects of life. "We have to be consistent and do our part, like in a choir," Guenseth said. That has been her goal while participating in music ensembles like Orpheus choir, Concert Singers, and musicals. After graduation, she hopes to move to the Chicago area and pursue theatre or prepare for grad school.

Ben Geeding
Music Ministry • Manteno, Ill.

Ben came to Olivet as an atheist, and will leave as a strong follower of Christ. He wanted to major in music, but it was his desire to learn more about the God who completely turned his life around, so he chose music ministry. Though he wants to serve others with his gift of music, he wants to do it in a unique way. "I do not want to be the music guy in the church," Geeding said. Next year, he will continue taking classes while volunteering at Life Compass in Kankakee, teaching inner city youth how to sing and play the piano.

Hannah Taylor
Elementary Education • Fenton, Mich.

Hannah is from Fenton, Michigan with an elementary education major and a Spanish minor. She has a heart for teaching and is preparing herself for the difficulties and joys of education. "More than ever, I know I'm supposed to be a teacher," Taylor said. Dr. Oswald, an education professor, has been her most influential professor encouraging her and her peers. Taylor has been involved in Broadway Revue and Gospel Choir, was a resident's assistant at University Place and works for admissions.

Adrian Calhoun
Religious Studies • Bedford, Pa.

Being a pastor wasn't Adrian's first choice. He wanted to be a radio sportscaster. "But you know, God has a sense of humor in that way," Calhoun said. He felt called to the ministry his sophomore year. He has excelled in many areas. He has been involved in Gospel Choir, as co-president and co-chaplain, a resident assistant, a student ambassador for public safety, a preaching ambassador and even played football for a while. Dr. Jay Martinson was influential in encouraging Calhoun through the tough decisions. After graduation, he is staying at Olivet to get a master's of arts in pastoral ministry.

OPINION

Dear In the Headlights,

By Jimmy Phillips



You know whom I love? Yes, Hilary Clinton, and yes her, but they are not the only ones. Because Homecoming week is all about the Queen and kicking the entire feminist movement in the ovaries, I want to tell you about some great women in my life.

Amber Leffel is an angel. If you do not know her, make the time. There is not a corner of her existence untouched by the unfailing love and beauty of God Almighty. She deserves nothing less than Jesus descending from heaven to be her husband.

Hannah Taylor is another gem. She is compassionate, unwavering in her humility and a perpetual servant. I cannot think of a time where she did not encourage me, care for me or show me Jesus in her words and actions. I am blessed to know her and owe her a copy of Hip-Hop Abs.

Hillary Vaughn is a treat, not that anybody needs to be told. She embodies the essence of adorable and knows from where her strength truly comes. She lives with reliance on her Savior and challenges me to do the same. Our co-painted artwork, Break Up in Blue Part One, is currently on display in the Louvre.

Apart from these fine ladies there are others, many others. I do not have the space to list how many women I love and admire, but I assure you they exist and I have done my best to express that love to them in various ways.

I do not think we need to parade our upstanding Christian women around in tiaras and white dresses to affirm their worth or make this week special. I am not ripping on the tradition, but I did want to take this space to show a deeper side to some of the dime pieces we are hiding at Olivet.

Please, wed one.

From Russia With Love,
Jimmy

Open minds needed in society

By A.J.W. Ewers

Staff Writer

I would love to say everything is black and white, candy canes and sugar drops, and plain as Jane (sorry to any of the Janes on campus); but let's just face it – there is no such thing and it is not going to happen any time soon.

I am in my second year here at Olivet, and I love it. The academics are great because of the professors, the social life is eventful and diverse, and the food is bearable; yet, there is one thing that Olivet clearly lacks – an open-mind.

My first semester here at Olivet happened to be during the heat of the last election season. Now, if you know me at all you know that I am a very opinionated person. My political orientation and my outspoken and opinionated personality did not seem to mesh well with opposite-minded students.

Being a Democrat at a fairly conservative university is hard enough. Being a Democrat at a conservative university during an

election season is even worse. I would have to monitor (and I still do in the current political climate) everything I say to prevent the ever-present ambush by those who did not agree with me from occurring.

The last election taught me well that college, especially Olivet, is the place where these discussions have to not only occur, but be encouraged and thrive. We have to talk about our political differences.

The days of the President being the antichrist and the “NoBama!” chants have to end. The Tea Party is not Satan’s party (though I still do not completely understand the titular reference to a delightful brunch), and the Republicans do not want to create anarchy. The rest of the world is partisan and divided; Olivet does not need to be, too.

An open-mind requires more than just being politically open; it also

requires a person to recognize they are not the only person on the face of the Earth who thinks they are right.

In the real world you are going to encounter (if you have not already) people who think differently than you on the tough issues that plague the Church and our society.

Simply because a person disagrees with you does not mean they are going to take you to the edge of Bourbonnais and stone you. There is no reason to shun people because they are ‘pro-whatever’ and you are ‘anti-whatever’.

More importantly, we must stop rejecting people who don’t live like we want them to. So a person is not a Christian, they are still human, and that ought to be enough common ground to forge a friendship. Are we any better than five year olds if we reject people with whom we do not agree?

Jesus partied (at Olivet appropriate parties of course) with the same sort of people we refuse to accept today. I wonder if we were in the same situation as Jesus was 2,000 years ago if we would be the people dining with him or the “religious” men trying to kill him.

Maybe it is time the Olivet community open the doors of its mind so that we can be better Christians and, more importantly, better humans.

The fact of the matter is that if we do not start opening our minds and opening the floor for discussion, we are going to become the laughing stock of society. We will be that person who still has a car or flip phone that we all love to laugh at.

I don’t know about you, but I don’t need any more people laughing at me. If we do not want to change, then how can we grow as well-educated members of society if we are always thinking with a close-minded mentality?

I hate to break it to you Dorothy, but we aren’t in Kansas anymore – this is adulthood.

“In the real world you are going to encounter people who think differently than you on tough issues that plague the Church and our society.”

Caffeine: Students’ drug of choice

By Meg Dowell

Copy Editor

Have you ever stopped to think, mid-sip, about whether or not your Jazzman’s ‘usual’ should be saved for the moment you reward yourself for getting an A on your exegesis?

Do you care?

As colder weather hangs over the Midwest, hot beverage consumption on campus is sure to increase. Resisting the Common Grounds temptation just got a little harder. Where you stand on the ‘good for you vs. bad for you’ debate depends partly on what you’ve heard about coffee consumption among college students.

Caffeine, a stimulant, really does help you stay awake and alert when you need it to, according to an article on LIVESTRONG.com.

We all know coffee’s main function at Olivet. How many of you actually spend your Tiger Dollars on expensive lattes just for the taste? We’re college students. We’re tired. And contrary to what our parents and professors might think, sometimes we just can’t help it.

The truth is, coffee really does have more benefits than consequences in terms of the way it can affect

you physically and psychologically. A recent article in *Runner’s World* highlighted multiple ways in which coffee can actually benefit runners, including increased performance.

Not a runner? According to Dr. Gerard E. Mullin, in general, drinking coffee regularly can slightly lower the risk of heart disease and stroke and can even lower your risk of developing depression.

But here’s what you really want to know – can drinking coffee increase your academic performance? The answer: it depends on when you drink it and how much.

Although there are no studies that directly prove drinking coffee can help you get better grades, the timing and amount of coffee you consume throughout a day can determine your level of alertness and productivity.

Drinking small amounts of coffee every few hours (roughly 3 oz.) is more effective than chugging a grande Frappuccino ten minutes after finishing your morning cup of coffee in your apartment.

The ‘bad’ things you’ve heard about drinking coffee, fortunately, all correlate directly with consuming caffeine in excessive amounts. If you drink large amounts of coffee an hour before your chemistry test, you’ll probably feel more jittery and

anxious than mentally prepared to convert grams to moles by memory.

The more coffee you drink habitually over longer periods of time, the less of an affect it will have on you. Of all the things in the world to depend on, you really don’t want coffee to be one of them.

Caffeine facts aside, whether you’re going to get a pumpkin latte today before your first class also depends on what you believe. If you’re on the coffee lovers bandwagon for the taste, there’s nothing wrong with a flavored espresso drink to stimulate the senses. If you need a Friday afternoon (or Monday morning, Wednesday evening, mid-Thursday) energy boost, just keep moderation in mind.

Caffeine may be legal, but it is, after all, still a drug. The key to success in college, of course, is an adequate balance between sleep, diet, and exercise. Instead of depending on coffee, enjoy it – especially when it’s cold out and you just need something to help warm you up after your alarm abruptly ruins your cozy slumber.

Next time you order your ‘usual,’ don’t worry so much about whether you’re making the right decision. Unless it’s your third stop at a coffee shop in one day, it’s not going to hurt you.

OPINION

Playstation 4 is best choice

By Jake Neuman

Online Editor

It's new console time!

This excites me. I remember when the Xbox 360, PS3 and Wii were all coming out, and how exciting and exhilarating it was to see all the new games being released. Now with the new consoles coming out (Xbox One and PS4) the next generation is upon us.

There are those who would argue for PC gaming and how it has been next generation for a long time now, but for some of us, building a high end PC simply isn't feasible. We, instead, like to buy a console and have that just be for video games and not have to think too much about it.

But which one should people buy this holiday season or perhaps even in the coming weeks with the PS4 released November 15th (insert my overexcitement here) or the Xbox One two weeks from today. As for the writing of this piece I am sticking with what I said at the beginning of the semester: Buy a PS4.

The basic reasons are that the PS4

is \$100 cheaper, it does not require any Internet connection (Xbox One requires this only for set up) and it is Playstation Plus and 4. From what I've read, developers say people are favoring Sony this time around.

The \$100 cheaper is a result, I think, of the PS4 not including a camera. After the \$600 release/fiasco of the PS3 back in 2006, it is clear that Sony has learned their lesson.

The Xbox One requires an Internet connection at set-up. This is to install a lot of basic features with a day one patch. The PS4 also has a day one patch but it is not required; it installs Internet based features and a few other items not related to playing the games.

Playstation Plus (PS+) is required on the PS4 to play games online, but you are not blocked off from the Playstation Network Store for not having it. You also get a load of free games with the subscription. At launch this includes Resogun (similar to Geometry Wars) and Contrast. DriveClub was recently delayed until 2014 and has been removed from this list. An Xbox Life membership is

required to access even the most basic Internet functions on an Xbox One.

Finally, from everything I have read Sony seems more confident in their system than Microsoft. On October 27, leaks began to emerge that the basic user interface for the Xbox One is very shaky and broken. In these same leaks, it was stated that online multiplayer and integrating online play is also having a lot of issues.

There are those who would call me a Sony fanboy. I really can't help myself here though. Before this generation was announced, I was ready to go either way. Since E3, I have been confident in my decision to buy a PS4. Even with the recent Watch_Dogs delay, which has caused many people to cancel preorders altogether, I am still confident in the machine that I am buying.

So, when November 15 hits, you'll find me rying to get my PS4 from the mail room and working on ONU's spotty Internet to play myself some Killzone: Shadowfall. And hey, if the Internet doesn't work, at least I know I'll still be able to play the game.

On culture:

Embracing change is a holy journey



By Laurel Dispenza

Contributing Writer

This week I'm going to take another step on the journey of life. A new step. An unfamiliar step. A step into the unknown.

For everyone who doesn't know me, my

name is Laurel, and I've been blessed with an incredible opportunity to travel to several different countries. I look forward to sharing my experiences and everything I learn with the Olivet community through *The GlimmerGlass*.

This week I leave for China. I get to work with my brother and his company, making environmental documentaries, experiencing the Chinese culture, and learning how to appreciate the differences.

As I go, I'm beginning to understand we each have an ethnocentric mind to some degree; we think everyone sees and perceives the world just like we do. When you step out of your comfort zone into the realm of the unknown, you discover there are a million different views out there, and thousands of unique ways you can live.

I'm enveloped by diversity, and I am encountering different sub-cultures I've never had the opportunity to see and experience before.

Is one worldview more correct than another? Today I take another step on the road, continuing an honest pursuit of Truth in the midst of a broken world. I'll do my best to share what I come to know with rawness and honesty.

I am going to let myself live in the moment, not forcing things, yet not squandering the opportunity I have. I am treasuring each moment for what it is.

We need to open ourselves to new experiences and let them wash us of impurity and envelop us with simplicity. We need to allow ourselves to truly receive what each day has to give.

Break the chains we've bound ourselves in; simply live and allow that to be your testimony of Truth.

I don't know what to expect, but a wise professor gave me a bit of freeing advice: just go and embrace China for what it is, soaking in it's culture, receiving the beauty that's found there, and letting that be a testimony of Jesus to those I meet.

What relief I have found in those words; a crushing weight lifted from my being as this journey can be seen as an adventure.

Dear *The GlimmerGlass*,

I am a long-time reader, first-time writer. Second time, technically, but that was under a different administration. And I've got to say, I love what this administration is doing! As a fan of satire myself, I loved the recent article "Taking Offense is a Choice" by the supreme King of Irony, Jimmy Phillips. And what a masterpiece of irony it is!

The article had me roaring with such ironic claims like, "*The GlimmerGlass*, in the past, has been a joke." It's funny because the past alone isn't what made our beloved *The GlimmerGlass* a joke. And to suggest that it's changing this year nearly had me in tears! Jimmy clearly understands the trends of irony by parodying them so well! When the article suggested that people should actually read *The GlimmerGlass* editorials, I literally died! Literally. I am a ghostwriter by profession.

But behind the low-hanging fruit like, "we are wasting quality humor, well-constructed satire and challenging writing," Jimmy touches the very heart of irony. You see, in an article all about the non-inflammatory nature of this year's *The GlimmerGlass*, the Jim-meister successfully calls everyone stupid for disagreeing so strongly. Haha, classic Jim! Nothing says "irony" quite like *The GlimmerGlass* criticizing its readers! No offense, of course.

But if I could venture a serious note here, I'm glad you're finally calling attention to the fact that taking offense is a choice. It's journalism 101: if your audience thinks you're an irrelevant joke laden with iffy articles, it's their fault for being so touchy. How else could Fox News survive? So continue to carry that

Journalistic legacy of excellence, *The GlimmerGlass*, because blaming others for taking offense to your writings certainly beats taking responsibility for the power of our words.

Looking forward to more laughs,

-Jonnathan Swift
(Anonymous student)

Dear *The GlimmerGlass*,

I thought I should share this story in response to *The Glimmerglass* article on the Manteno State Hospital. Once upon a time (in 2006), five Olivet students decided that nothing would top off watching "Saw" like going out to the empty buildings of the scary, old Manteno State Hospital. Unfortunately for them, just because the place looks abandoned doesn't mean that the owners of the property don't care what's going on, and when a private security car approached the students, they were surprised to find that the property owners care very much--enough, in fact, to bring in the Illinois State Police. And the State Police cared enough to separate the students and question them . . . and charge them with criminal trespass.

Because none of them had previous criminal records, during their court appearance they only had to pay a fine plus \$120 in court costs and have one year of court supervision. Not so bad . . . except months later, one of the students was finally offered a job at a place he'd wanted to work for a long time. Days before he was to start, the Manteno case showed up on a routine criminal background check. No job after all. Turns out the grown-up world can have a disappointing zero-tolerance policy on college fun."

-Anonymous
(Faculty Member)

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OPINION

From the archives: Welcome alumni Editor of *The GlimmerGlass* in 1969, Dr. Bowling's words still ring true

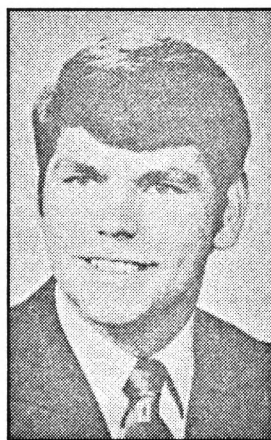
Homecoming is here. The culmination of weeks and weeks of hard work on the part of many people.

On behalf of *The GlimmerGlass*, I wish to present this special Homecoming edition for your enjoyment and to express my welcome to you, the backbone of our college. For without an interested and concerned alumni, we could never be the college we are. When I look at Reed Hall of Science and think of all those alumni who helped make it and other buildings possible, and when I think of the Capital Fund Drive that Olivet is in right now, and realize

that the Alumni Association has underwritten a good share of that cost, I just thank God for those who are willing to stand by their alma mater.

We realize your desire to meet long time friends and reminisce old times, but please try to know us. Walk around a little and see our students as they really are. Increasingly, we find ourselves in different worlds, unable to see the other from a good perspective.

Look around: we're not rioting. We're not barricaded in Dr. Reed's office. Nor, have we chased Dr. Cotner from his position. We respect our faculty and admin-



istration, and though we often disagree on programs and methods, our basic goals remain the same. We are still "seeking first the kingdom of God." I'm sure I speak for the majority

of Olivetians, perhaps in too many cases it's the silent majority when I say we love Olivet and wish to see it remain the kind of school it was founded to be.

But, you have heard much and maybe you have doubts and questions. Please ask us, the students who live here, what really happens in ONC. We believe you will find us honest, willing to talk, and seeking truth. We think you will not be disappointed.

-Dr. John Bowling
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Editorial



Dr. Ken Johnson was overqualified for his position at Olivet.

Apart from his numerous achievements in the engineering and 3D-printing world, Johnson was overqualified in the sense that he gave far more than he was ever asked to give.

The time he invested in his students, both professionally and personally, exceeded all expectations placed upon him. This paper is grateful for the role Johnson played at Olivet and around the world during his life, which was cut far too short.

A beautiful scene formulates on this campus when tragedy strikes; a scene that transcends the mundane and evokes an atmosphere of compassion, love, gratitude and grief.

Johnson will be missed and this staff's thoughts and prayers continue to go out to his family, friends, students and colleagues. University Chaplain, Mark Holcomb believes we can draw peace in a time like this from the very essence of who Jesus is.

"My view of Jesus is comforting during a time like this. Jesus came to earth in the way that he did so there would be nothing we face that he does not know or understand," Holcomb said. "He experienced everything, even death."

"Hebrews talks about the priest that intercedes for us and this is the picture I get: Jesus sitting at the right hand of God, fully understanding what we are experiencing. He whispers what we are feeling to the Father and the Father sends his spirit to give us what we need. Looking at the situation in this way does not make it easier, but it does bring comfort in that we know the enemy does not have the last word," Holcomb said.

That same peace can be found when reflecting on Johnson's life, according to senior engineering student Jesse Dawson. Dawson worked closely with Johnson in the classroom and during their mission trip to Swaziland last spring.

The rest of this space is reserved for Dawson's personal reflection on the impact Johnson had on his life, an idea he can communicate far better than we can.

"The time that Dr. Johnson had at

Olivet was short, but his impact was great and changed many lives in just the short year and a half that he was with us. I am one who was fortunate enough to have known him, loved him, and learned from him. I cannot fully express the impact that he has had on my life, but I can tell you that his life has helped shape the way that I want to live my life.

"He taught me about working with passion in everything I do. He was one of the most passionate people I have ever known, and he did not let anything discourage him from completing his audacious tasks. Nothing was small or menial to him, but everything he did he did as though he was doing it for the Lord.

"Aside from impacting my life from an engineering standpoint, he also taught me about character and being a man of God. One of his most defining traits was his strong character. He lived it out for all to see, and was able to impart great wisdom because of the way he lived his life.

"Some of his last words to me were on the subject of being a man of character who is humble before both man and God. He taught me to be disciplined and fearless and passionate, to love God and my family and my work.

"He taught me that the most important thing to do is live for Christ, to never compromise my Christian walk in either my personal or professional life, and to give generously since all we have is God's anyway.

"In fact, that's just what he did; he gave his life to the one who gave him everything. Not just last Saturday, but every other day that I knew him was a day that he surrendered his life to God's will as well.

"His life has changed mine forever, and, although I miss him deeply, I am so thankful that I was privileged to know and learn from such a man of God."

What's an editorial?

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GiGi's Corner: A parody column

Summer love won't survive the winter chill

Dear GiGi,

For Halloween a girl asked me to be part of her couples costume for Cinderella. Obviously I was excited because I believed I was asked to be Prince Charming with the girl I have a crush on. She wanted me to be one of the mice... Have I fallen victim to the bitter friend zone?

Dear Friend Zone, unfortunately for you, this situation does not bode well. Who did Cinderella marry in the end? She didn't marry the mouse; she only became friends with him. If she asks you to hold the mistletoe for her and Prince Charming at Christmas, you will definitely know you've been friend-zoned. But look at it this way, if she chose to be Cinderella, of all the Disney princesses from which to choose, it means she needs to look

pretty to feel pretty. As soon as the makeup, dress, and jewelry come off, so does her self-esteem. Next time, look for a girl who wants to dress as Mulan or Pocahontas. There is something about a strong, exotic woman that makes things more interesting.

Dear Gigi,

Say a boy agreed to have a summer fling with me, but now denies it. I don't know why he keeps denying it, but I know we're going to get married one day. What should I do?

Dear Easy A, your desire for a "summer fling" makes you sound desperate. Maybe he thinks he is better than a girl willing to throw herself at him over the summer. Consider seeking therapy for your obvious and deep

commitment issues. And if you are really meant to get married one day, it'll happen. There is no need to force things. Pushy girls are not attractive girls. And maybe he is denying things because he has been hurt by women like you in the past and has his own issues to work through. But for now, calm those hormones down, find a tight-fitting belt and cancel the reservation you have on the reception hall. There might be real people having actual weddings who need it.

Need some advice?

Scan the QR code to submit a question! Or go to the website below.

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SPORTS

ONU awards 'average' for NAIA

Chris Danielson
Staff Writer

Athletic programs require recruiting new talent and offering scholarships in order to stay competitive with other colleges and universities. So how is Olivet doing in comparison?

Mike McDowell, head coach for Cross-Country and Track and Field, said the department tracks down athletes in four ways.

"One way is through admissions, a second is through people responding to mailings, and yet another is referrals from alumni and other people who know about us, and know athletes they think we might be interested in. We also do some cold calls on athletes we hear about, too."

With all the other schools in the same leagues actively recruiting, it

is necessary for Olivet to make an effort to appeal to potential athletes. "Recruiting is a necessary evil," McDowell said. "It is the way to help our program grow."

One factor central to recruitment is scholarships.

"Scholarships always play a role in recruitment. Everyone gets different amounts, but it is definitely important," head football coach Brian Fish said.

Where the number of athletes and number of scholarships are concerned, McDowell would not comment specifically, but said that Olivet is "right in line with most schools our size."

As with many schools, academics are a very important determining factor in who gets scholarship money. On average, the 2012-2013 GPA of

all athletes was 3.2, with a significant amount of athletes above 3.5. There is definitely competition for the scholarships within our programs. "I will say this," Coach Fish said, "at Olivet scholarships are merit based. Academics are a large portion of it."

As far as funding for scholarships is concerned, athletic director Gary Newsome said "all of our programs are on equal footing." While it may seem certain programs are getting more than others, this is because the total number of athletes receiving scholarships per program varies.

In comparison to other schools, Olivet falls in the average to below average in the amount of money given, Newsome said. Most Olivet sports lie closer to the average mark, except for football.

"Our football program, in regards

to other league members could use some help," Newsome said. This is partially because the MSFA, Olivet's football league, is the top football league in the NAIA.

"Teams who come from our league win National Championships. We only compete against the best," he said. Recruitment techniques vary from sport to sport.

"It depends on the coach, and what kind of budget," McDowell said.

When it comes to recruiting athletes Olivet looks for students who want to compete at the highest level athletically, but also succeed as individuals beyond graduation, according to Admissions counselor J.P. Troglia.

"We appeal to the highest level of athletes. An athlete coming here is going to be pushed to be a better person on the field and off the field," he said.

Olivet has about 560 athletes between the various sports programs. With a total enrollment of around 4,600 students, nearly one out of every eight Olivet students is a part of the athletic program. In the 2012-2013 school year 11 Olivet teams went to National Tournaments, four of those finished in the final four.

Olivet was ranked sixth best in the NAIA, out of three hundred schools.

When asked how Olivet looks to a potential athlete, JP Troglia said "we look good. One look around at the banners and trophies around our athletic facilities can tell you that."

All in all, Newsome said, Olivet is doing well in comparison to the rest of the NAIA schools."

When asked whether he is satisfied with how the sports teams are doing, he said: "Absolutely."

Ozone tries to pump up school spirit

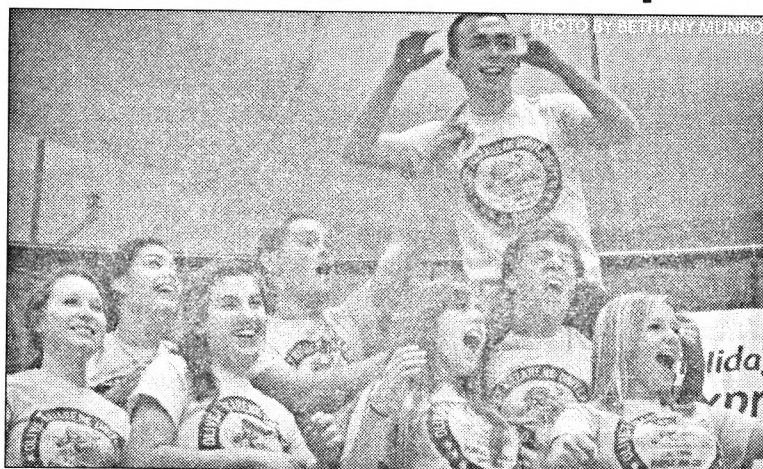
David Timm
Sports Editor

Olivet's athletic program, despite the success of most sports programs, lacks one key ingredient: a lively student fan base. Ozone seeks to remedy that by giving out prizes and money incentives.

All undergraduate students receive promotional e-mails promoting weekly prizes that are given out at the games, and this makes up the essence of Ozone. The program, according to the website, "is made possible through the generosity of community sponsors. In addition to contributing thousands of dollars in gift certificates and prizes, these sponsors offer discounts to all participants." All undergraduate students at Olivet receive a weekly e-mail titled "Ozone," which gives the times and locations for each game, as well as highlighting a sponsor and a high achieving athlete each week.

"Ozone encourages school spirit and Tiger Pride through community involvement. It provides fun experiences for the fans, while showing athletes that their hard work is recognized and appreciated," according to the organization's website.

Ozone was created in the summer of 2010 by then women's sports information director Amanda Jensen. Jen-



A group of students wearing O-Zone T-shirts cheer during an athletic event. Students can earn prizes through attending ONU athletic events.

sen formerly played softball at Olivet, and Ozone was her idea of a way to get everyone at Olivet to share her passion for the athletic program, according to the Ozone website.

Ozone started out with a sports season-long attendance contest, but since that particular aspect was not successful, the emphasis was changed to encourage attendance to individual athletic events.

The Ozone group also sold T-shirts as an incentive to attend games and win prizes. The original idea was to get a large group of students to show up wearing matching shirts to the games.

"Nobody ever wore the shirts to the games, so now we just pick a fan of the game at random," the director of sports information Wendy Reid said.

The prizes given out at each game are not paid for by Olivet, but rather by the athletic sponsors. Most of the prizes are gift cards to the sponsoring businesses, and Reid says there are gift cards given out at nearly every sporting event.

"The attendance and school spirit the last couple of years have been a lot better than previous years," Reid said when asked whether Ozone has been effective. "But it would be good to see even more students at the games."

Upcoming Tiger games

Nov. 9

Men's Cross Country at CCAC Championships (Calumet College of St. Joseph) Valparaiso, Ind. (Sunset Hill Farm Co. Park) 11 a.m.

Men's Soccer CCAC Tournament

Mens Football at Home - Waldorf College 12 p.m.

Women's Volleyball Homecoming at Bourbonnais, Ill.

Women's Soccer Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament at TBD

Women's Cross Country at CCAC Conference Meet hosted by Calumet College of St. Joe @ Sunset Hill Farm Community Park 11:00 a.m.

Nov. 11

Men's Basketball at Lewis University 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 12

Women's Volleyball Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament at TBA

Nov. 13

Men's Basketball at Eastern Illinois University 7 p.m.

Women's Soccer Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament at TBD

Women's Basketball at Home - Clarke College 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 14

Women's Volleyball at Semifinals (@ higher seed)

Nov. 15

Friday, November 15, 2013
Men's Basketball Central Bank Jim Reid Classic @ Georgetown College

Nov. 16

Men's Basketball at - #23 Life University 2 p.m. (EST)

Mens Football at Home - #23 St. Xavier University (Senior Day) 1:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament at TBD

Women's Volleyball at Championship (@ higher seed)

Men's Basketball at #6 Concordia University-Irvine (Calif.) 7 p.m.

SPORTS



David Timm
Sports Editor

Sell your studs. Sell Peyton Manning, sell Arian Foster. Sell Calvin Johnson, and don't look back.

I know this sounds counter-intuitive, but if you want to give your team the best chance of winning you can only do that if you have a complete team, and a very deep bench. Unless you are 0-9, in most leagues you still have a chance to make the playoffs and contend for the championship.

We fall in love with players. In the fantasy world, there are so many man-crushes that you should have the opportunity to take advantage of the weak, and the emotionally vulnerable. The thing is, to do this you need to become a cold, heartless fantasy football monster. You need to renounce your allegiances and sell your players like the chess pieces they are.

In many cases, that means sacrificing a queen to gain a rook and a few pawns; allow me to explain.

You know how you love the Broncos? You and a whole bandwagon of fantasy football players have been making googly-eyes at Peyton Manning all year long. While Manning certainly is the man, you need to take advantage of some poor sucker in your league and fill your running back and wide receiver deficiencies.

If you find the right owner, you can end up with a net total of points per game (ppg) that could far exceed Manning's inflated average points per game from two or even three different players.

To illustrate this point, consider that Manning averages 26.9 ppg according to ESPN Standard League Scoring on the season, and while that is fantastic, you have to realize that 46 of his 215 points on the entire season came in the first game. That is 21 percent of his total points in just 12.5 (eight games played) percent of his total games played.

Remove Manning's first week and you still have the number QB, but not by a greatly significant margin.

That isn't even taking into account the strength of the defenses the Broncos have played. To this point, the Broncos have only played two teams that are over .500 this year, and they lost to the Colts.

Now, this is just one example, but what I'm talking about is a fantasy football philosophy that evaluates players on the numbers rather than how many times your fellow league owners yell, 'sick play man' when they see Spiller make a defender's knees buckle.

Chances are good that you'll find yourself with an average 4-5 or 5-4 record on the season, and chances are there is one player that has single-handedly won you a couple of those games. What you need to realize is that rather than acquiring more of those playmakers, which frankly is impossible, you need to win games with players who get 10-15 points a game, every game.

Am I saying I would rather have Deangelo Williams than Marshawn Lynch? Of course not. I'm saying I would rather have Williams and Pierre Garcon. The key to winning fantasy football games, contrary to popular belief, is not to have one player score 30 points; no, you just need to have all of your players put up modest numbers and have none of them put up goose eggs.

What I'm asking of you is hard, I acknowledge that. I love certain players just as much as the next guy. I do know that if you bank on stars alone and don't consider the depth of your bench, it is very likely that you will cry when Arian Foster misses a game because of back soreness.

I also know many of you probably had guys like Julio Jones, Randall Cobb, Doug Martin, Trent Richardson, Michael Vick, Steven Jackson, Tom Brady, Demarco Murray, Danny Amendola, Reggie Bush, Dwayne Bowe, Larry Fitzgerald, Roddy White, Ray Rice, or Jermaine Kearse.

If my exhortations about disavowing emotional attachment to high-flying players didn't convince you that you need a deep bench, the players I listed above should be more than enough to make you believe me. The question is whether or not you are strong enough to break the crippling emotional bonds that make you lose fantasy football games.

Go now, talk to the Texans fan in your league and sell him Arian Foster. Scour the waiver wires, let the numbers speak for themselves, and don't be afraid to sell your studs.

New talent revitalizes teams

Men's and Women's tennis hope to make up for loss of veterans in new players.

Matthew Taber
Staff Writer

Despite losing a number of key members during the offseason, both the Men's and Women's Tennis teams are looking forward to a successful spring season.

A major difference in the team this year is the number of experienced players. The men lost seven players in all and five key players. Meanwhile, the Women lost three of their top performers out and five players total.

Though each player has had a different experience the overall outlook for the spring 2014 season is filled with confidence and a very positive attitude.

Senior Lindsey Peterson, Women's team captain, expressed an optimistic outlook for the upcoming spring season. "We have a lot of freshman and young talented players. So I'm really excited for this spring." She said, "I think it's going to be a really good season for both the men and women."

"We have a good team this year," said Oscar Mancineiras-Cornella. He noted that even though many players left, they gained many valuable players as well. He believes that every player has the talent and ability to

make a difference for the team.

Senior Aziza Butoyi, the CCAC player of the year in 2011, has great confidence in her ability to do well in the spring. When referring to regionals last year, Butoyi said, "All the players that I played were tough. I struggled and I played two tough players. I was proud of myself that day. I was tired, but I was proud."

Team Captain Landon Williams and Sophomore Adolfo Sanchez did have the opportunity to go compete in the Small College National Championships in Fort Myers, Florida. Though they did not have great success at the tournament, Williams said, "It was good to just be down there and qualify."



PHOTOS BY ABBIE MILLS

Sophomore Clara Ruegsegger focuses in on the ball.

operation, after which he had a longer resting period and had to miss his fall season in 2012.

Williams was able to go back to playing in July 2013. "The whole process has been difficult and frustrating," He said. "Coming back I had to alter my technique on my forehand."

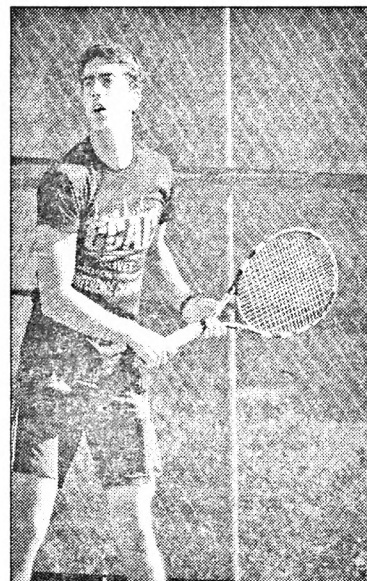
He was able to play in the summer of 2013, but in the fall developed tennis elbow. Because of this, he was only able to play in a limited number of matches.

Even through these injuries he has continued on with his tennis career.

"Playing college tennis is something that I wanted to do my whole life growing up, and it's really my dream." Said Williams.

In the spring season, Sophomore transfer Rodolfo Sanchez will be eligible to compete. "He's a really great player," said Williams.

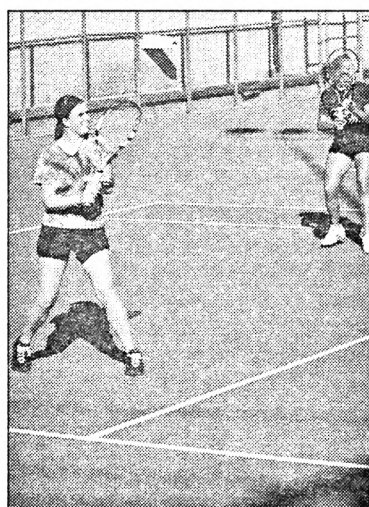
Although they are out of season currently, the men and women are practicing and working out in while they await Spring. They will have practices at six in the morning through the winter season during which they will prepare by working on fundamentals and strength training.



Sophomore Rodolfo Sanchez prepares himself to make a play.

During the upcoming spring break the Men's team will play number one ranked Embry Whittle, a national Championship team. In May the team will head to Nationals, which they have gone to for the past 13 years.

Landon Williams has had a difficult tennis career throughout college. After a successful freshman year he needed surgery on his wrist to fix a cyst and a frayed ligament. He wasn't able to play and missed his spring season in 2011. The pain continued and he had to have a second



Senior and women's team captain Lindsay Peterson awaits the serve beside a teammate in practice.

SPORTS



PHOTO BY LYDIA LAMBERT

Football head coach Brian Fish watches his players closely during practice under the lights at Ward field. Fish is always looking to improve the team through workouts and studying film.

Fish pushes process

Lydia Lambert
Staff Writer

Head football coach Brian Fish coached at schools all across the Midwest before he found his way back to his alma mater.

Fish was first introduced to coaching after graduating from Olivet. He helped as a graduate assistant and really started to learn what it meant to be a coach.

"Each stop along the way [after college] has certainly added to that," he said.

Fish then went on to coach at Malone University in Canton, Ohio for six years. The first year he was part-time staff and taught at a local high school, though all his free time was spent in the football office after school was out.

Through his work there, Fish earned a chance to get a full-time job. "I was fortunate that it happened that quickly," he said.

His next stop was at Sterling College in Sterling, Kan. "That was a very formational time in my life. That place probably had the most impact on me spiritually as any," Fish said.

After Fish married Jodi Lambert in 2007, his coaching days seemed to be behind him. He was planning on leaving coaching to pursue a staff job at a local church.

"I always thought the one job that would have kept me in football was

this job [at Olivet]. I kept my eye on the situation that was happening here and I knew it was a possibility, but a thin possibility to be open again," Fish said. "I hadn't seen it as a legitimate possibility and if it did open up, I'd be interested. Then when it did open, it was kind of the Lord's timing on everything."

Fish's record the first two years was 8-14 and the team is currently 2-6. While there has been improvement, the challenges continue to come. However, many factors must be taken into account when a team has a losing record.

"We're still a maturing, developing program and that's crucial that we move forward in that."

While Fish understands there are no excuses for losing games, he recognizes the talented league they're in.

"Quite honestly the league is at its strongest point while we're trying to make this change."

Fish is referencing the fact that the league Olivet plays in has produced two national champions in the last two years. According to Olivet's website, during this season, only 2 games are against non-ranked teams in ONU's NAIA schedule.

Some may take this as a bad thing but Fish understands the benefit of being in a tough league.

"This is awesome. We want to play in the best because ... it means when you play this schedule and come out of it on top, you're going to do well nationally."

And the team has competed against these ranked teams. All but two games, Olivet has been doing well into the fourth quarter.

The teams that won those games are in the top five of the league and the ones that lost are where Olivet is at now, the bottom five.

"We love this conference. We call ourselves the SEC of the NAIA because of the strength of this conference," Fish laughed.

In this time of transition, motivating the players while losing is a task that Fish understands needs to take place.

"The thing we have focused on since day one is not necessarily the scoreboard, it's the process. The process is what matters," Fish said. "We're never going to be able to turn this culture if we don't focus on the things that are going to turn it."

Too often athletes play because they enjoy winning and that is exactly the attitude Fish doesn't want for his team.

"We need to play the game because we love it and too often we get sold the idea that we only play when we win. There's a lot of things you can get out of athletics even when you're not winning," Fish said.

The coaching staff continues to do what they know how to do in helping to turn the program around.

"That's part of changing the culture and a program. You keep preaching the things you believe in and eventually the culture starts to turn around."

Golf review

Success at tournaments prepares team for spring

Christopher Peterson
Staff Writer

The women's golf team achieved two tournament victories over the course of the fall season this year, along with two second place finishes, one third place finish, and one fifth place finish.

Currently the team has nine members. The team captains are Lydia Bilyeu and Ashley Miller, who head coach Bill Johnson described as "the real leader of the team," and its "most consistent player." The two are seniors and will graduate this spring. Johnson is excited about their recruiting this year. He said several talented students are prospects for Olivet.

In tournament play, five team members are chosen via a qualifier to compete. Out of these five, the four low scores are combined for the team total. This year the team has broken its all-time low scoring record three times. Team member Bridget Wolff broke the individual scoring record for the team this year and currently holds it at 75. Presently the team scoring record is 313, split between

four members.

Although the winter months prevent golf play, the team still works hard. According to Johnson, team members participate in three lifting sessions each week and also two cardio or swimming sessions. They also take a short trek to Frankfort twice a week to spend time in the golf dome at Green Garden Country Club. The golf dome is an indoor driving range where the players can practice anything from driving to chipping to putting.

Johnson said he is looking forward to the spring when Nationals will take place. The team qualified for Nationals last spring, and Johnson believes they will again as he describes the fall season as having gone "exceptionally well."

The spring will also bring conference tournament play. Johnson said the golf team is "favored to win our conference" based on their performance last year and so far this year, and they were "definitely the team to beat." The women's golf team will resume tournament play sometime in late March or early April.

PHOTOS BY BEKAH COLBERT



(Above) After a long weekend tournament, the Women's golf team packs their bags to head home. The team has earned two tournament victories during their fall season. (Left) Several ONU golfers practice their swing.

SPORTS

Women's soccer supports 'Zay'

Destiny Mitchell

Staff Writer

The ONU Women's soccer team has diligently supported 12-year-old Kankakee resident Zayla Mitsdarffer in her third bout of cancer.

The team sold bracelets, hosted a bake sale, sold blank puzzle pieces that eventually came together to form a giant get well card, and even sold T-shirts that were designed by Zayla herself to raise funds to help the Mitsdarffer family pay for medical expenses.

A benefit game was held on Oct. 1 for Zayla where the team members met and prayed with her for the first time. "The best moment for me was when I got to give her a hug and just wrap my arms around the little girl," said team member Jessica Bachelor. "Hopefully from that she can know that Jesus loves her and that we'll help her in any way that we can."

Bachelor said the event brought a tear to her eye, but she wasn't the only who was touched by the experience. Many of the girls cried when they first saw Zayla.

"They had only heard about her, so seeing her really put things in perspective for a lot of people," said



The Women's soccer pushes the ball up the field. The team has supported local resident Zayla Mitsdarffer since the beginning of the season.

team captain and organizer of Pray for Zay Emily Rosenboom. "Meeting her took it to a whole new level."

Rosenboom is a friend of the Mitsdarffer family and has known Zayla since she was three years old, around the same age she received her first cancer diagnosis.

When Rosenboom discovered Zayla had developed cancer for the third time, she took action by pitching her "Pray for Zay" idea to the coaches and the team.

"Everyone was on board from the beginning," said Roseboom. "[their mentality was] we want to help her, we don't know her, but we want to know her story."

Bachelor added that the team was eager to help out. "We wanted to support her in any way we could and reach out to Zayla."

Many other ONU athletic teams have reached out to the organization as well. The men's soccer team helped out by buying shirts and showing up

to the benefit game with painted chests and a song they had written for Zayla. The women's volleyball team also helped out by purchasing shirts, and the swim team bought bracelets.

The Pray for Zay mission is primarily to raise awareness. "The more people that are praying for her the better," said Rosenboom. Recent scans have shown Zayla's cancerous brain tumor has shrunk significantly. Zayla's doctor was amazed at how the tumor had shrunk so much in such a short amount of time. Rosenboom said, "the only thing that can mean is that prayer is working."

The team, who talks about her daily, is now working on hosting another event where they can meet with

Zayla and get to know her more intimately. "We want to do something like a lunch," detailed Rosenboom. "Something a little more laid back."

Though the women's soccer team is naturally very close, the "Pray for Zay" movement has improved their experience as teammates. Rosenboom added, "I think we are getting closer and closer as a team, which is really awesome in itself because that's not what our intention was but it's an added perk."

Rosenboom maintains weekly contact with Zayla and the Mitsdarffer family to check on the young girl. "It's just showing her that she's loved and that our team is still encouraging her even if she can't see it."

Intramurals face challenges

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While the newly re-named Douglas E. Perry Student Life and Recreation Center (SLRC) has been an improvement for Olivet overall, the advantages it brings also bring new challenges for some programs.

Austin Hill, the graduate assistant in charge of the intramural program at Olivet acknowledges the immense benefit the SLRC has brought to the most popular recreation program at Olivet, but he also recognizes there are some new issues presented by it.

"Over the first few years it's all about experimentation," said Hill. Although the SLRC provides a new space and facilitates, many new intramural sports such as badminton, he notes that the influx of so many new programs into Olivet makes it hard to

maintain the attendance numbers of previous years.

Hill notes two key issues: "The competition [with other activities] and marketing." The intramural and recreation team is not sitting on its hands; instead it is looking forward to address the problems head on. "With the new building comes innovation," Hill said.

Innovation has come in several different forms including the switch from paper signups to a website called IM Leagues.

The website allows users to manage intramural signups, schedule games and record statistics. Both Olivet's official website and IMLeagues boast that more than 80 percent of Olivet students participate at some point during the year.

When asked how to deal with lower numbers and the large transition with

the SLRC, Hill said, "the main answer is implementing slowly." He made it clear that if the program makes too many options, students are not going to be comfortable playing in these leagues.

As the second cycle of sports starts, including indoor volleyball, flag football, and Wiffle ball, ONU students can play in tournaments like 2v2 sand volleyball and homerun derby in the spring.

Hill said he has changed his focus as he has grown in the job his first year. In the past he focused primarily on staff development, and this year his focus has been mostly on the creation of new leagues and tournaments.

One final benefit Hill mentioned was the fact that students no longer have to play intramural games at all hours of the night thanks to the extra space the SLRC provides.

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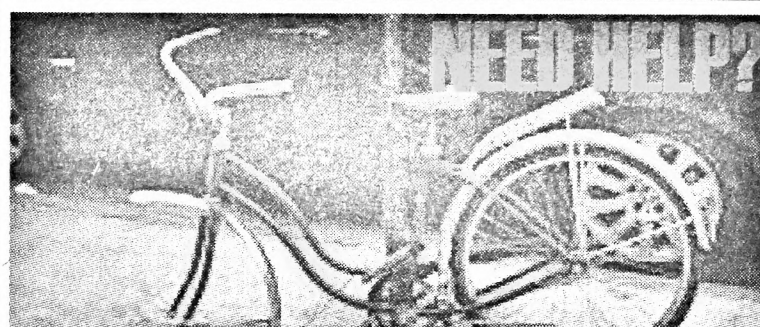
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