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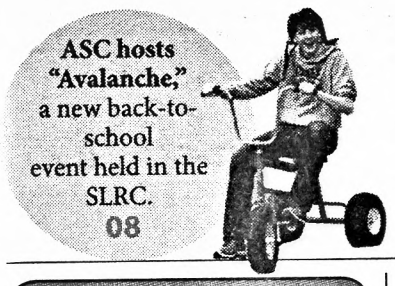

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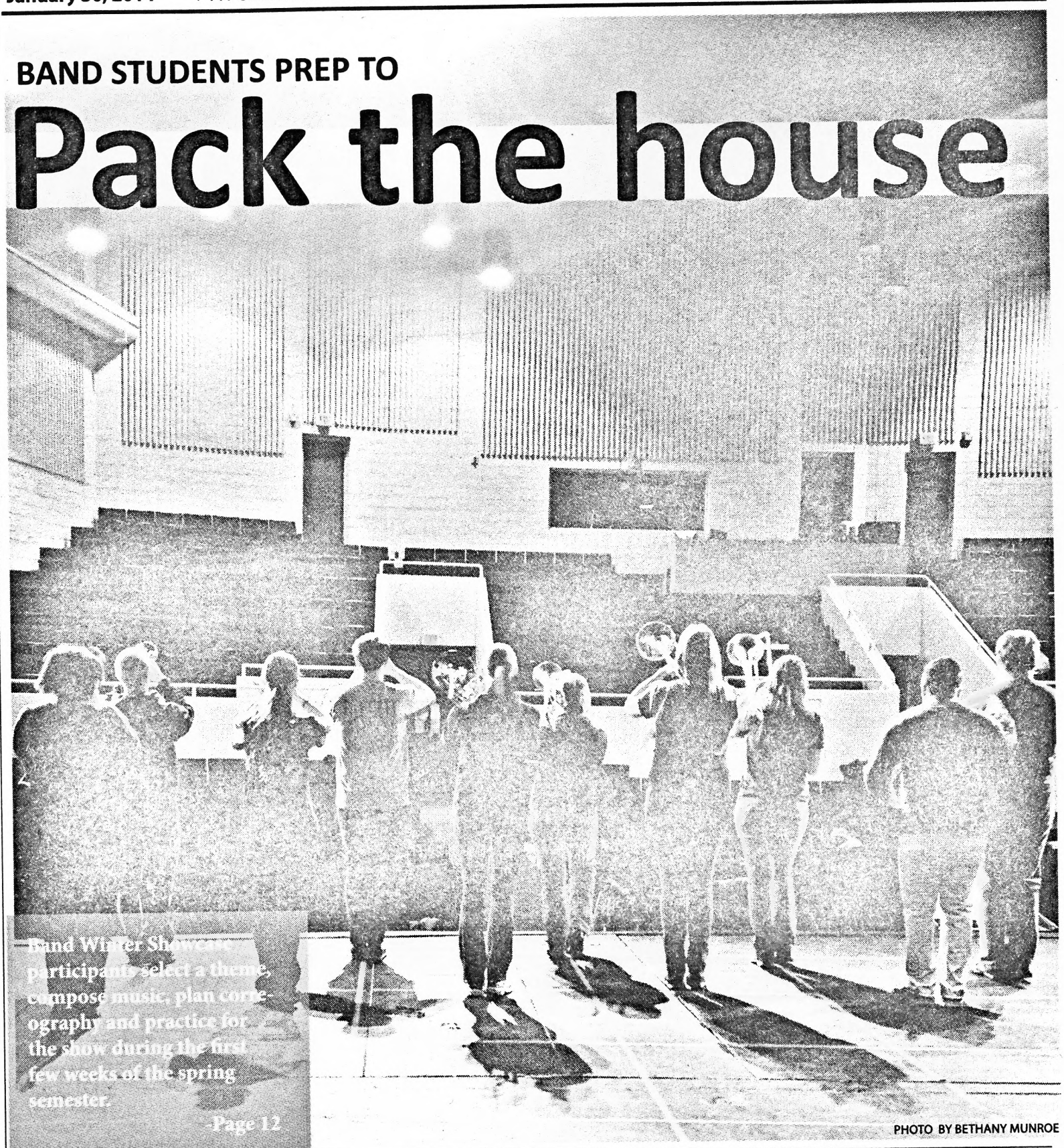

Band Winter Showcase participants select a theme, compose music, plan choreography and practice for the show during the first few weeks of the spring semester.

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

LETTER SUBMISSION

The *GlimmerGlass* encourages readers to respond through letters to the editor. For publication, letters must be signed and sent to campus box 6024 or e-mailed to glimmerglass@olivet.edu. The editor reserves the right to edit letters for structure, style and length. Publication is not guaranteed.

From canvas to Apple:

Art dept. to require iPads

By Lindsay Hathaway
Staff Writer

The iPad is making its next mandatory appearance in Olivet's art department.

This new initiative will be officially launched in the fall of 2014, but art students have already been notified in order to financially prepare.

The students will be required to buy a fifth generation, 32 GB iPad Air. This will include more memory than the iPads that the music students currently have and will also come with a few apps designed specifically for art majors. The school will sell these for $700, according to an email sent to all art majors.

"The price tag hurts a little bit, but there are pros to this. There are limitless apps for art and it will force me to use more versatility," junior Mary Bass said.

Not only will the graphics and photography students be required to purchase the iPads, but they will also be required to buy a Macbook. This will not apply to students who will be juniors or seniors by the fall term, although they will still need the iPad. The department has made the move to require Apple products in order to eliminate the computer labs designated for these students or, at least, cut down on the number of computers in them.

Bill Greiner, Head of the Art Department, compared this change to another change that happened in the past. He said the art department used to give free art supplies and because of it, many of the supplies were wasted.

Now that students have to pay for their own supplies, they take better care of them, and the same should apply to this new technology.

Greiner also thinks the students will get more use out of the equipment when it is their own, due to the fact that they will try to get their money's worth. Students will become more engaged in their work outside of class, plus it will be more accessible, according to Greiner.

"We've become a mobile department," he said.

This also leads into the idea of flipping the classroom. This means that the students learn material ahead of time, so that their class time can take on a discussion-based approach.

According to Greiner, the university is not going to push the iPad initiative to all departments but will assist them as the departments wish to get this technology.

"Because of the technology, we want to take on a progressive approach," Greiner said.

As with the iPad requirement in the music department in the fall of 2013, students have various opinions about the switch.

"I just love how portable it is. I don't care how expensive they are, they are just great" senior Sue-Lyn Dorrough.

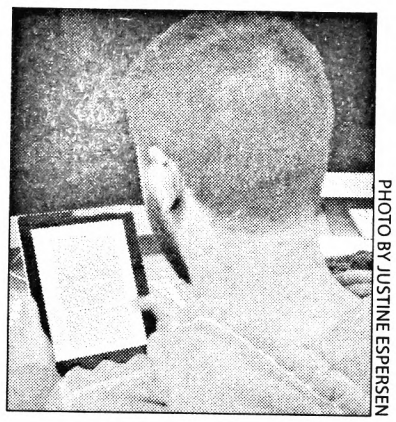


PHOTO BY JUSTINE ESPERSEN

Art student and senior Chris Bottari reads on an iPad. The Art Department will be officially launching this transition to iPads in fall 2014.

Enrollment cap may come

By Justine Espersen
News Editor

Among administration, there are talks of applying a potential enrollment cap of an estimated 3,000 undergraduate students in the near future.

This limit may be placed to ensure students are given "the optimal Olivet experience," according to Dean of Undergraduate Enrollment Susan Wolff.

"When you have solid enrollment years back-to-back, along with retention efforts and transfer enrollment get[s] stronger, there is talk about whether we need to cap so that the above statement rings true," Wolff said.

There has been a steady growth of undergraduate enrollment for the past decade. According to the Registrar's office, Olivet has a record of 2,793 students enrolled in the 2013-14 school year -- compared to only 2,251 students just nine years ago.

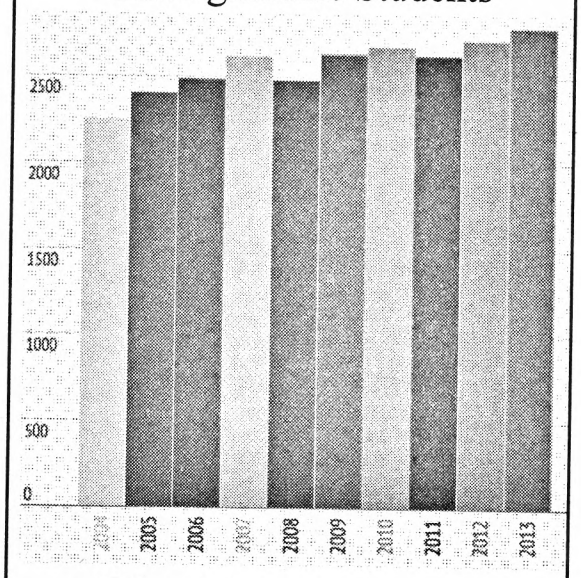
With the increase in enrollment, facilities have been reconstructed, added, and updated. The Ludwig dining room expansion and construction of the Weber Center to increase classroom space are just a few examples of things that have been done in the past to accommodate for the addition of 500 traditional undergraduate students, according to Vice President for Student Development Woody Webb.

Additionally, Olivet expects an addition of at least 150 more students over the coming years, Webb said.

"When it comes to housing, Olivet has been fortunate in that we have been able to acquire additional apartments for resident students as we have grown," he said. "We still have capacity in our housing area and anticipate having 150 additional resident students over the next 3 years."

A decision on an enrollment cap will most likely be better declared after the start of the 2014-15 school year, Wolff said.

Tally of Olivet's Traditional Undergraduate Students



Undergraduate students each year:

2004: 2251 students
2005: 2402 students
2006: 2487 students
2007: 2620 students
2008: 2482 students
2009: 2636 students
2010: 2680 students
2011: 2627 students
2012: 2718 students
2013: 2793 students

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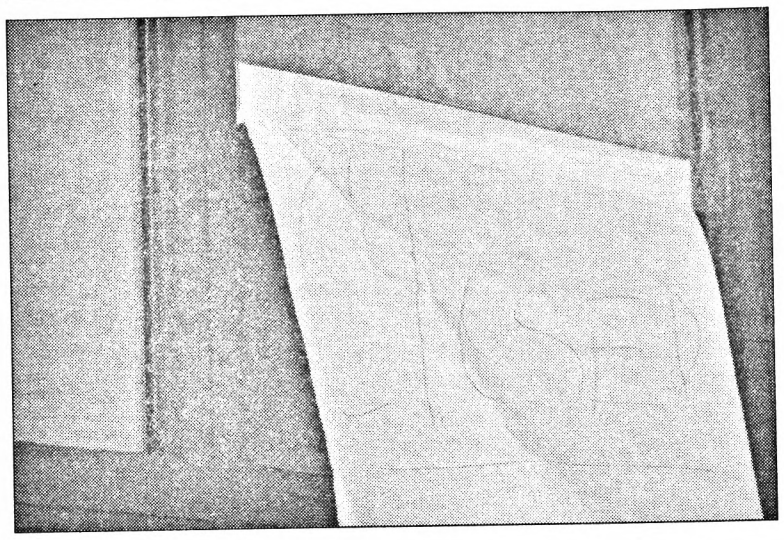

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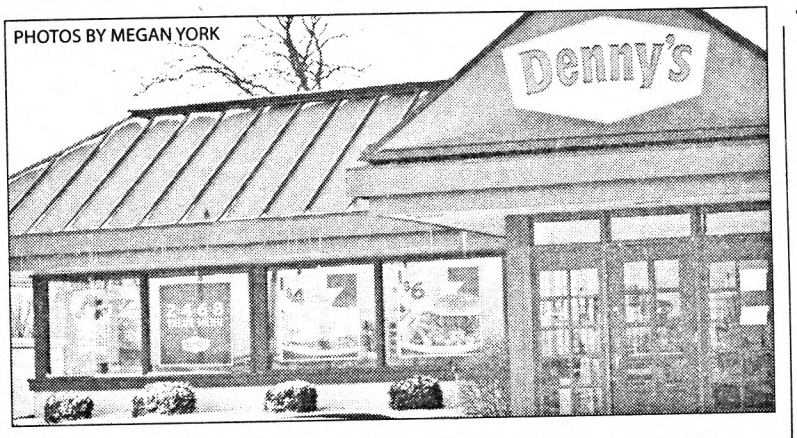

It has been more than three months since the fire at Denny's and the restauarant is still closed. There is still no knowledge of when the retaurant will open, however Denny's will be redesigning prior to reopening.

Denny's reopen date unknown

By Taylor Provost
Staff Writer

"America's diner is always open," the slogan on the official website for Bourbonnais' Denny's ironically reads.

However, Denny's hasn't been open since late October due to the damage that ensued after a fire. The fire "was suspected to have started in the rooftop heating/air conditioning unit," according to The Daily Journal.

There were no persons injured in the fire, however according to WGFA radio station, the fire "caused an estimated $100,000 damage."

Bourbonnais Township Fire Deputy Chief Jim Keener confirmed this estimate, but explained that costs cannot be determined down to the penny.

"We're looking at $100,000 total loss, but that might be short," Keener said. "We [Bourbonnais Fire Protection District] have no way of knowing what the real number would be. I think we put down $100,000 from our standpoint, but we generally don't get involved in what the insurance company decides."

"Everyone is worried about buying books and getting registered, and I'm just sitting here worried about whether or not Denny's is ever [going to] reopen."

Repairing damage this extensive is already time-consuming, but as it turns out, Denny's plans to do more than simply make repairs.

"[Denny's was] due for a remodel at some point in 2014; they were planning to remodel anyway," Keener said. "This [fire] just accelerated the plan."

Denny's was not able to be repaired, remodeled, or reopened over break as many students had hoped.

Being open 24/7, having coffee, and free Wi-Fi made Denny's a hot spot for students to study overnight, pull homework all-nighters, and just to socialize and relax off-campus at after open dorms.

"Everybody is worried about buying books and getting registered, and I'm just sitting here worried about whether or not Denny's is ever [going to] reopen," junior Miles Kolby Meador posted on Facebook on Jan. 12.

Senior Aaron Eubanks, a former regular attendee of Denny's explained, "Since the library closes at 12 and there is nowhere else to go on campus, sometimes I would go to Denny's just to do work. Now that it is closed there is no go-to place to do work other than your dorm or apartment."

At this point, it is still "a shot in the dark" according to Keener on how long it will be until Denny's is reopened for business and the local Denny's was unavailable for comment.

Until then, Olivet students wait in anticipation and attempt to get their late-night studies accomplished without the help of the local diner.

Band director resigns

By Emily Lohr
Staff Writer

Band director Ryan Schultz will not be returning to teach at Olivet this upcoming semester. The news came to students in the second week of January via an email written by Professor Schultz himself.

The news comes as a great surprise to band students who did not anticipate Schultz's resignation.

"It was very unexpected," band student Freshman Tamareia Anderson-Wilson said. "I feel like it was bad timing because he conducts all the bands and now we have nobody."

In his email, Schultz explains he is leaving Olivet to obtain his masters degree and pursue a career in K-12 music education.

While Schultz admits leaving mid-school year is not ideal, he said leaving now seemed like a better alternative to both the music department staff and him as opposed to waiting until the end of the year.

The music department staff is now tasked with finding a replacement marching band director before the start of school next fall.

Professor Schultz remained at Olivet until Jan. 17, gathering possessions and putting affairs in order. He welcomed students to stop in and exchange words of parting before he left. Nevertheless, not everyone was able to say their goodbyes.

"He is very focused on his work and since I'm an international student, he helped me a lot," freshman band student Agnes Ling said. "It just wasn't a good time to quit. He didn't tell us before Christmas, so I was surprised when he just disappeared one day. I didn't get to say goodbye the day he left, so I'll send him an email later."

In the closing portion of his letter, Schultz expressed gratitude to the students and faculty of Olivet for the support and memories he will cherish as he moves on to the next chapter of his life.

Award to be given to ministry majors

By Nicole Lafond
Executive Editor

In order to "actively support the church" Olivet has established a new scholarship program for incoming freshmen ministerial students.

The Ministerial Leadership Award (MLA) Scholarship will be given to a limited number of incoming freshmen that have affirmed a call to full-time vocational ministry. It is designed to be available for renewal each year of his or her academic study at Olivet. Ministry students who receive the MLA Scholarship all four years of college will receive a total of $9,000 in funding: $1,500 as a freshman, $2,000 as a sophomore, $2,500 as a junior and $3,000 as a senior, according to a press release from Olivet's marketing department.

The scholarship emerged out of "ongoing conversations with Institutional Advancement," according to Dr. Carl Leth the Dean of the School of Theology and Christian Ministry.

The scholarship will be funded by Olivet and is designed to help students preparing for ministry, Leth said.

"Olivet has not had a scholarship award for ministry students," Leth said. "This is an important aspect of our service to the church and the problem of educational funding and student debt for students who want to prepare for ministry is an increasing problem. This award is simply a way for Olivet to come alongside the church and demonstrate active support."

Leth and his department hope this scholarship will "enable and encourage" students to come to Olivet and benefit from what the Theology and Christian Ministry department.

In order to apply for the scholarship, a student must be an incoming freshman planning to major within a degree program in the School of Theology and Christian Ministry at Olivet, submit an enrollment deposit and financial aid forms and complete the MLA application.

At this time, no scholarships have been awarded yet. The deadline for application submission for the 2014-2015 school year is Feb. 15 and turned into the Admissions Office.

NEWS

Tuesday with Norman Moore

By Nicole Lafond
Executive Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

Moore has been an evangelist for 35 years, a youth pastor for three and a senior pastor for seven. In five years he will have reached his "minimum life goal"-- 50 years of full-time ministry, a journey that has allowed him to preach as many as 157 times a year in 45 different U.S. states and three foreign countries. His ministry, called the Norman Moore Ministry, is run by himself and his wife Vickie and is classified as a 501C3 nonprofit organization.

Moore grew up in a non-Christian home and was first invited to church in Pueblo, Col. when he was 11-years-old.

He fondly remembers riding the Sunday School Bus to church on Sundays and was saved the year he started attending. After being saved he felt called to preach almost immediately. He attended Pasadena College, now Point Loma Nazarene University, and California Graduate School of Theology for his ministerial training.

Now 65-years-old, Moore has no intention of pursuing a second career once he reaches 50 years of ministry. "I may reduce my schedule by 50 percent, but I love what I do. I'm fulfilled," he said.

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

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

"I'm really glad to be a part of it."

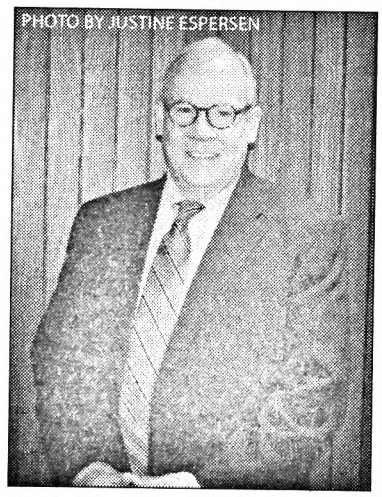
PHOTO BY JUSTINE ESPERSEN

This is the fourth time Evangelist Norman Moore has spoken at Olivet.

New cognitive medicine:

Alleradd is publicly accessible

By Emily Lohr
Staff Writer

Attending college doubles your chances of abusing Adderall according to the department of Health Care Communication.

Adderall, although a stimulant originally designed to help people with ADHD, is often taken by college students as a means to boost productivity, concentration, and energy levels. These users are often faced with unwanted and dangerous side effects including nervousness, headaches, diarrhea, constipation, seizures, paranoia, hallucinations, and aggressive behavior.

With nearly 6.4 percent of all college students abusing this dangerous amphetamine, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, a safe alternative has recently been realized.

With the catch tag of "Be Smarter, Focus Longer, Do More", Alleradd claims to be an all natural and side-effect free alternative to amphetamines like Adderall.

Thanks to its supplement status, it is available without a prescription. The drug is designed to improve focus, memory, and energy levels, which can be helpful traits for the over-committed, stressed college student.

However, this same supplement status also means it does not need to undergo any of the FDA testings or screenings typical of medications like Adderall.

"It's interesting they put in there that it has about the same amount of caffeine as a cup of coffee. My suspicion is that that's about about all the benefit you get from it."

According to Dr. Mike Pyle, biology professor and physician, people should be weary of any unproven claims the drug manufactures make.

"There's just all kinds of holes in this thing. This is how supplements work, they fly under the radar of scrutiny, and you have no way of evaluating them," Pyle said.

Alleradd contains 18 different ingredients, but Pyle questions the potency of the supplement's components.

"It's interesting they put in there that it has about the same amount of caffeine as a cup of coffee. My suspicion is that that's about all the benefit you get from it," he said. "Everything else they put in there, I have real questions about whether some of those things even survive passage through the stomach."

Even if the supplement can improve productivity, how many Adderall users would be interested in making the switch? Could a "safe and natural" pill also appeal to students not taking amphetamines but looking for a way to increase efficiency?

When asked if she would be interested in trying Alleradd, busy freshman RA Myranda Gors said "no."

"Before I take a medicine, I would want to see the scientific proof behind the claims," Gors said. "And personally I don't care to take medication unless it's absolutely necessary."

Dr. Pyle echoes Gors sentiments saying, "I have big concerns about (Alleradd). I feel that we have been created and evolved in such a way to work with the equipment we are born with. If we do the right things by our body and mind, we will be healthiest."

Glimmer Glances

Academics

2/6 – Winter Break Begins After Classes
2/10 – Classes Resume

Athletics

1/31 – Men's Swimming vs. Wheaton College – 5 pm – SLRC
1/31 – Women's Swimming vs. Wheaton College – 5 pm – SLRC
2/6 – Women's Basketball vs. University of St. Francis – 5:30 pm – McHie
2/6- Men's Basketball vs. University of St. Francis – 7:30 pm – McHie
2/8 – Women's Basketball vs. Holy Cross College – 1 pm – McHie
2/8 – Men's Basketball vs. Holy Cross College – 3 pm – McHie
2/12 – Women's Basketball vs. Calumet College of St. Joe – 5:30 pm – McHie
2/12 – Men's Basketball vs. Calumet College of St. Joe – 7:30 pm – McHie

Campus Rec

1/31 – Tentative MRL Costume Dodge Ball Tournament – 7:30 pm – SLRC

Clubs and Organizations

2/3 – SDA Fundraiser – Ludwig
2/3 & 2/10 – ASC Executive Council Meeting – Noon

Spiritual Development

2/3 – Party with Jesus – 9 pm – Warming House
2/5 – Parlor – 7 pm – College Church
2/10 – Party with Jesus – 9 pm – Warming House
2/12 – Parlor – 7 pm – College Church

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State of the Union #2014 #SOTU

By A.E. Sarver
Campus Life Editor

"The pen is mightier than the sword," but in the case of the presidency, a spoken address is more powerful than the pen. That's what Woodrow Wilson thought when he delivered his annual address. Now, The State of the Union has become a time for the president to take a look at the past year and refocus on the remainder of his term.

On Tuesday, Jan. 28, President Barack Obama delivered The State of the Union address emphasizing his goal to rebuild, refocus and take advantage of opportunities.

"Let's make this a year of action," Obama said. "That's what most Americans want, for all of us in this chamber to focus on their lives, their hopes, their aspirations."

Throughout the address, the president covered various issues including the economy, climate change, healthcare, education, the fight against terrorism and even the upcoming Winter Olympic Games.

One of the biggest moments in his speech was when President Obama announced he would be signing an executive order to raise the minimum wage for federal contract workers. Obama expressed his plans to sign a the order to raise their minimum wage to $10.10 and he also encouraged congress to do the same for the rest of the country's workers.

PHOTO FROM POLITICO

Obama delivers his annual State of the Union address before the American people. He discussed issues such as the economy, education, healthcare, and the Sochi Winter Olympic Games.

President Obama spoke about immigration reform in his State of the Union last year. He continued to emphasize the need for reform in this year's speech as well.

"It is time to heed the call of business leaders, labor leaders, faith leaders and law enforcement -- and fix our broken immigration system," Obama said.

When it came to the war in Afghanistan, Obama said the war was almost over. The Obama administration is concerned about the effect of long-term American security in Afghanistan, emphasizing the need for the Afghan people to take control of their own security.

"Together with our allies, we will complete our mission there by the end of this year, and America's longest war will finally be over," Obama said.

A word to Congress was given mentioning his hope for support, but he also stated his intentions to work by himself if he had to.

"I'm eager to work with all of you. But America does not stand still -- and neither will I," he said. "So wherever and whenever I can take steps without legislation to expand opportunity for more Americans families, that's what I'm going to do."

He ended his speech with a tribute to Army Ranger Sgt. First Class Cory Remsburg, who was sitting next to First Lady Michelle Obama.

Sgt. Remsburg, who was injured in Iraq, came to represent all Americans injured in Afghanistan and receieved a standing ovation from the entire audience present for Obama's speech.

A comparison through the years

The Economy

2010

"Now, the House has passed a jobs bill that includes some of these steps. As the first order of business this year, I urge the Senate to do the same, and I know they will. They will. People are out of work. They're hurting. They need our help. And I want a jobs bill on my desk without delay."

2012

"With or without this Congress, I will keep taking actions that help the economy grow. But I can do a whole lot more with your help."

2014

"To every mayor, governor, and state legislator in America, I say, you don't have to wait for Congress to act; Americans will support you if you take this on. And as a chief executive, I intend to lead by example."

The Environment

2010

"But to create more of these clean energy jobs, we need more production, more efficiency, more incentives.... [That] means passing a comprehensive energy and climate bill with incentives that will finally make clean energy the profitable kind of energy in America."

2012

"The differences in this chamber may be too deep right now to pass a comprehensive plan to fight climate change. But there's no reason why Congress shouldn't at least set a clean energy standard that creates a market for innovation."

2014

"My administration will keep working with the industry to sustain production and job growth while strengthening protection of our air, our water, and our communities. And while we're at it, I'll use my authority to protect more of our pristine federal lands for future generations."

Education

2010

"Now, this year, we've broken through the stalemate between left and right by launching a national competition to improve our schools.... When we renew the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, we will work with Congress to expand these reforms to all 50 states."

2012

"Teachers matter. So instead of bashing them, or defending the status quo, let's offer schools a deal. Give them the resources to keep good teachers on the job, and reward the best ones."

2014

"And as Congress decides what it's going to do, I'm going to pull together a coalition of elected officials, business leaders and philanthropists willing to help more kids access the high-quality pre-K they need."

The State of Twitter

One evening guest was not on the list, but was certainly present. Twitter was the outlet for news experts, political pundits and the people.

#SOTU PEAK MOMENTS • These moments during the telecast of the speech drove the most conversation on Twitter.

33,555 TPM

"It's time to do away with workplace policies that belong in a 'Mad Men' episode" 9:47 p.m. EST

29,859 TPM

Call for an increase in the minimum wage 9:51 p.m. EST

22,768 TPM

Healthcare 9:57 p.m. EST

Information from Twitter.

Stalking awareness part of national movement

By A. J. W. Ewers
Assistant Life Editor

Public Safety has declared January "Stalking Awareness Month" according to an email sent by the department to students on Jan. 13.

Stalking Awareness Month, whose enforcement and revitalization is due in part to Congress' reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act in 2013, aims to raise public awareness on the crime nationwide. Though this is the first year the month of January has been dedicated to stalking at Olivet, the program is in its tenth year of being memorialized nationally.

The motto of the month, "Stalking: Know It. Name It. Stop It." has also been adopted by Public Safety and challenges members of the community to educate themselves on the topic.

To commemorate the month, Public Safety is offering educational resources via emails sent to students regarding stalking. The department reminds students the crime is not romantic and not acceptable -- both of which are common misunderstandings about the crime, according to an email sent out by the department on Jan. 21. The department said, "Stalking: It's not a joke. It's not romantic. It's not ok. It's a crime."

According to the National Center for the Victims of Crime, more than 6.6 million adults are stalked each year in the United States. The Stalking Resource Center of the National Center for the Victims of Crime and the Office on Violence Against Women have partnered to host the event.

By declaring January "Stalking Awareness Month" on the Olivet campus, the department of Public Safety hopes to do its part in combating the crime from occurring more often within the Olivet community.

"We can support victims and combat the crime if more people learn to recognize stalking," Public Safety Director Dale Newsome said in an email.

Any reasonable suspicion of stalking is enough to seek help from local authorities. Due to the lack of knowledge about the crime, nearly half of all stalking goes unreported, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

"Most people get a kick out of it, but I don't think it is funny and it can become dangerous," junior Kimberly Sankey said.

Stalking Awareness Month marks the beginning of Public Safety focusing on a different aspect of student safety concerns each month. The month of February will commemorate "Teenage Dating Violence Awareness Month" on the Olivet campus.

Investment club makes gains

By Destiny Mitchell
Assistant News Editor

Since its start in fall 2013, ONU Investment Club has successfully made a 22.1 percent gain on the stock investments they've made.

The club currently has stock in 3D Systems corporations (DDD), Micron Technology (MU), and Sirius XM Holdings (SIRI) and hold anywhere between three and five stocks at any given time.

The club started out with a $500 grant. Students then had the option of contributing their own money, which they will get back at the end of the school year.

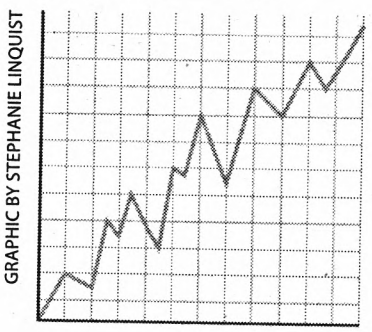
Leader and professor Mark Dwyer promised students he would match any of their contributions and deposit them into the investment club. There was $650 invested from student contributions and then another $650 contribution from Dwyer to match it.

"We had about $1800 total invested in the club and [it's currently] worth around $2,250." Dwyer said. "So we've made about $400 worth of gains since October."

Since the investment class was used as a catalyst for the club, Dwyer used class time to have students bring investment ideas. The class as a whole would vote on which stocks they would invest in.

"Sometimes they'd say, 'Yeah, let's go ahead and buy that' [and] sometimes they'd say 'No I don't like that," Dwyer said. "For example, 3D Corporations [was pitched by a student] and so we put 57.36 into it and today it's trading at 92.61."

Junior Matt Ryan was excited about the formation of the club.


GRAPHIC BY STEPHANIE LINQUIST

"I have always been interested in the stock market so I thought it would be a great opportunity to learn more about it," he said.

"Dwyer is a great leader for this club because of his knowledge about the stock market and his ability to get everyone involved with the decisions the club makes," Ryan said. "He helps to create a friendly and open environment and does a great job guiding our debates in [order] to teach us and give us different viewpoints."

Senior Amanda Price's enthusiasm matched that of Ryan's.

"It has been cool just to see all of the different dynamics of investing and all of the progress that we have made and that we've made money off of what we've invested so far," she said.

Dwyer aims to get more than just finance, business, or economics students involved.

"When I was growing up my parents were like, 'Okay, you're going to work for one company 20, 30, 40 years' and that isn't the case anymore," Dwyer explained. "As a society we need to take more responsibility in our financial lives, so hopefully this will be a good start."

The club will have meetings every second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6pm in the Weber Center, room 207.

ENGAGED?

Tell us about it! The GlimmerGlass would like to feature your engagement in our Valentine's Day issue. Please send a photo of the happy couple, when/where the engagement took place and the expected date of marriage to glimmerglass@olivet.edu.

Ministry in the parks comes to Olivet

By Jada Fisher
Staff Writer

This summer, students have the opportunity to serve, witness, and worship surrounded by the scenery of places like the Grand Canyon, the Appalachians and Mount Rushmore.

Recruiter Emily Strusma from A Christian Ministry in the National Parks (ACMNP) will be visiting Olivet on Monday, Feb. 3 and will have a station set up in Ludwig.

ACMNP offers students the chance to take part in a "unique ministry expressing your faith through service while still earning an income and gaining valuable employment, leadership, and life experience," according to a ministry press release.

Willingness to serve, ability to work with a team, and a great deal of flexibility are characteristics that ACMNP looks for in applicants, according to Amy Bloomquist, Director of Recruiters,. The ministry also teaches relational and intentional leadership.

Former student, Amanda Miller, worked alongside ACMNP from May to August 2012 at Mount Rushmore. She served as lead guitarist during worship, planned worship practices, and wrote sermons to share with the visitors. Miller also worked at a gift shop in the park.

When interacting with the park visitors, both parties listened and shared differences in talking about beliefs, Miller said.

Miller describes her time with ACMNP as "a really good experience" and eye opening. She met people from all over the world and expanded her worldview.

Senior Staci Bradbury, a former applicant, was initially interest in ACMNP because it fused outreach and employment together.

Students should bring questions the day that the recruiter visits, according to Bloomquist. There will be pictures and materials available for students.

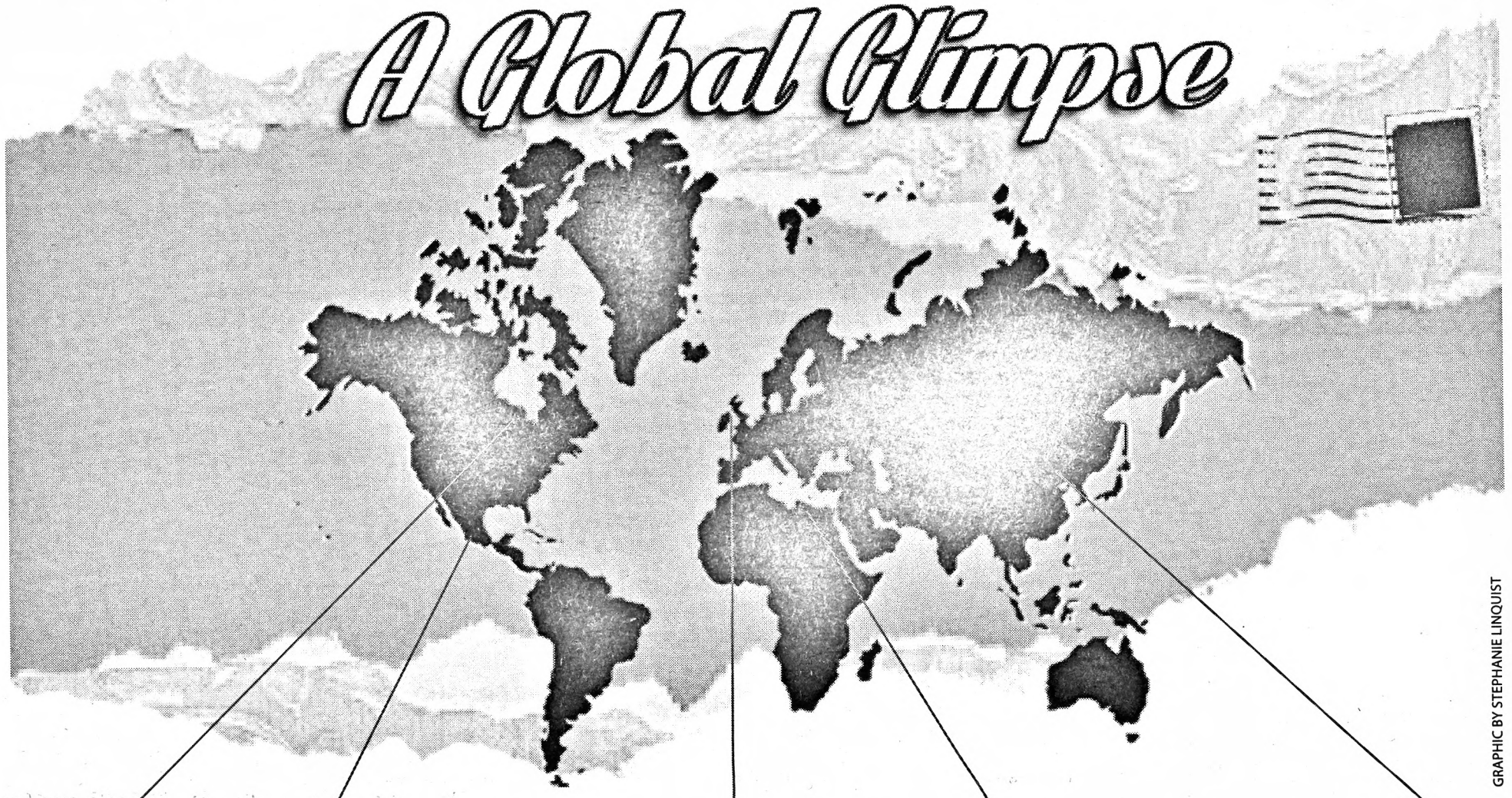
Bradbury encourages students to ask the recruiter of the likelihood of being placed in their preferred location, as there are 27 locations around the country to choose from. The Grand Canyon and Yosemite are among the most popular.

If accepted, students should expect adventure and not expect a dull moment, Miller said. ACMNP began in Yellowstone Park in 1951 and was founded by Warren Ost and is funded by the National Council of Churches, grants, and foundations.

PHOTO FROM ACMNP INSTAGRAM

The ACMNP Death Valley team provide a morning worship service in November 2013.

A Global Glimpse



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Milwaukee, WISCONSIN

Former Olivet student Crystal Wallem suffered second degree burns after attempting a scientific experiment during the polar vortex.

After seeing videos of the trick, Wallem threw gallons of water boiled to 220 degrees into the air to make it freeze.

The experiment backfired when the wind shifted, blowing the water onto her back and causing second-degree burns.

Her father, Scott Wallem, rushed her to the hospital with her injuries.

He critiqued others who might consider trying the experiment.

"It's like, people if you saw my daughter's back, you'd stop doing this," he said.

Doctors have told Wallen that she will have to wear bandages across her back for several weeks, and the scars could take up to a year to heal.

Wallem has since received a lot of criticism for her mistake.

She wrote on Facebook, "It's amazing how one wrong move can turn your reputation from smart, talented girl to that stupid, idiot blonde."

-The Daily Mail

Michoacan, MEXICO

Mexican vigilante groups in Western Michoaca state have joined the official security force.

The groups had taken over a number of towns in an attempt to drive the Knights Templar drug cartel from the area.

They accused the government of not doing enough to protect locals from the cartels, which extort local businessmen and farmers.

The vigilantes launched an offensive in early January that moved toward Knights Templar's stronghold.

The groups clashed with the government troops that were sent to disarm them.

The vigilantes will now be integrated into units called Rural Defence Corps, the government announced.

Interior Minister Miguel Angel Osorio Chong said the new units would be "temporary" and "under the control of the authorities to cooperate with the troops."

The federal government envoy to Michoacan, Alfredo Castilo said "This is the start point of the new dynamic in which we are going to work together. The state and federal government, with civil society."

-BBC News

Dubland, IRELAND

Ireland failed to protect a schoolgirl from sexual abuse by her teacher in the 1970s, the European Court of Human Rights ruled.

The court ordered Ireland to pay 30,000 euros in damages and 85,000 euros in costs to Louise O'Keeffe, who had won her case in an Irish court against a teacher who had abused her when she was nine, but had her claim that the state was vicariously liable for the assaults dismissed.

The European Court ruled that the state had not met it's obligation to protect children.

This case is one of many sex abuse and state-abetted cover-up allegations that have muddied the reputation of the authority of the Church in Ireland.

Catholic-run schools and institutions were labeled places of fear and neglect in a 2009 report.

Ireland has now begun to address abuse in church-run institutions.

"There's no mother or father in the country who should be sending their child to school and have the fear, while you're at home or at work, that they're not protected. It's simply inbelieveable," O'Keefe said.

-Reuters

Cairo, EGYPT

Twenty journalists are facing terrorism related charges in Egypt, prosecutors have said.

Sixteen are Egyptians accused of belonging to a terrorist organization and four are foreigners accused with assisting it.

The Egyptian defendants are said to be affiliated with the Qatari Al-Jazeera news network and the foreigners are believed to be correspondents of the network.

The sixteen Egyptians face allegations that include terrorism belonging to a terrorist group, harming national unity and social peace.

The four foreigners, two Britons, a Dutch national and an Australian, are accused of collaborating with the Egyptians and providing them with information, equipment, and money as well as broadcasting false information and rumors to convince the international community that Egypt was in the midst of civil war.

The journalists of Al-Jazeera were arrested in late December following interior ministry accusations of illegally broadcasting from a hotel suite.

-BBC News

Beijing, CHINA

China has banned smoking in schools as part of a government incentive to get citizens to kick their tobacco habit.

China is the world's largest consumer of cigarettes and spotting smokers around hospitals and schools is a normality.

Because of the public health threat this causes, health activists and the Chinese government are prioritizing a nationwide ban on smoking in public places.

The latest ban, imposed by the Ministry of Education, covers elementary schools, middle schools and vocational schools. Universities are required to set up designated smoking areas.

But critics say that bans are only enforced sporadically, if at all, and it is common to see people smoking in front of no smoking signs while officials turn a blind eye.

The country's powerful tobacco monopoly pays hundreds of billions of yuan in taxes every year, which health campaigners say hampers anti-tobacco efforts.

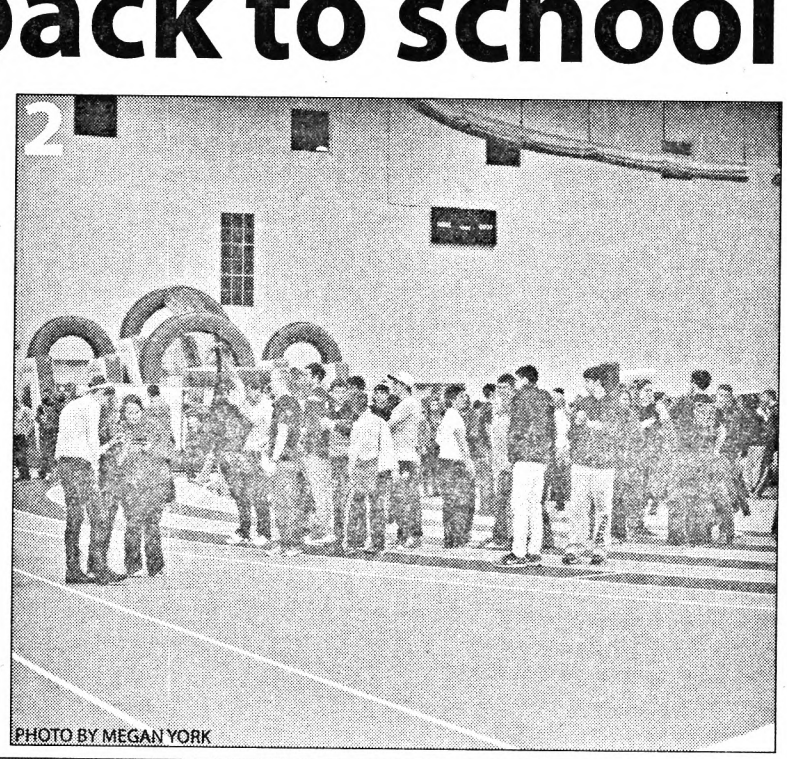
The ministry maintains that schools that do not enforce the ban properly will be punished.

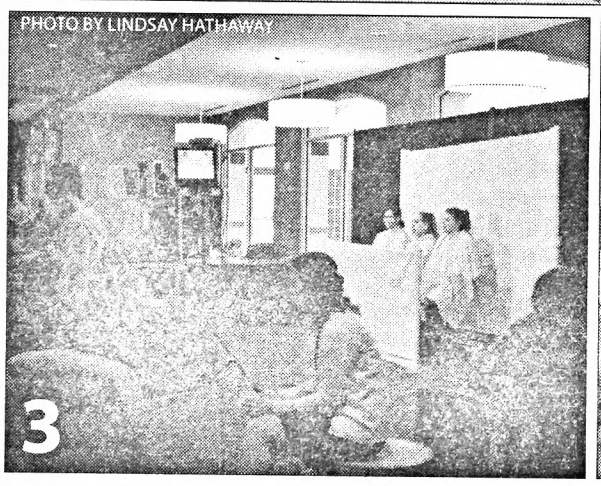
-Reuters

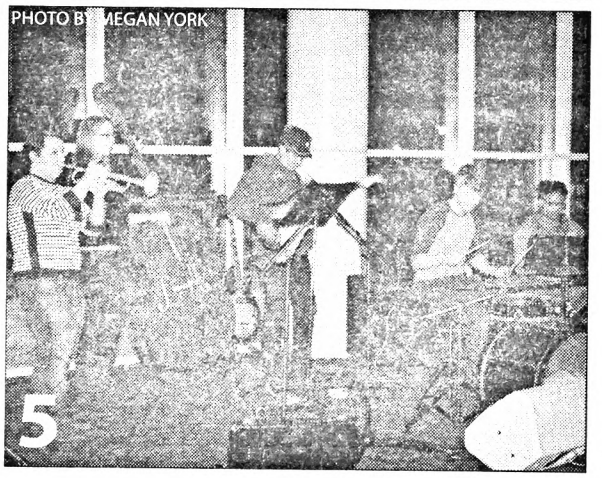
CAMPUS LIFE

Olivet 'avalanches' back to school

1. Students enjoy many of games at the 'Avalanche' back-to-school party, hosted by ASC.
2. Many students participate in inflatible games set up in the Perry Center fieldhouse.
3. A green screen was set up in the lobby of the Perry Center to provide students with the opportunity to dance with an animated video.
4. (left to right) Freshman Ambria Tisdell, sophomore Caleb Smith, freshman Angela Reinbacher and sophomore Delano Harris-Samuels enjoy the evening together and take the time to reconnect after a month-long Christmas break.
5. Various solo artists and bands perform music for a live audience near the cafe area of the Perry Center lobby.







Community building activities to focus on commuters

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Assistant Life Editor and Staff Writer

Commuter students, who have generally had lower retention rates than residential students, will now be the focus of specialized student involvement groups, according to Olivet's retention coordinator, Jorge Bonilla.

Many commuter students face a unique set of struggles when adapting to university life. Commuter challenges often involve becoming integrated with residential students and finding a place to belong.

While challenging, students commit to commuting for the financial benefits and the ability to be close to home. According to junior Dawn Gaddis, she saves upwards of $3,000 a semester by commuting. Juniors Marissa Alliss and Kristen Burton agree that the financial benefits are the initial reason for commuting, but being home is also a large factor.

"That [financial savings] are part of the reason, but I also love going home to my family." Alliss said.

Olivet's rules on campus housing also contributed to Burton's choice to commute from home.

"Commuter students have to live at home with their parents until they are 23, which most college students do not even reach before graduation. I wish that commuter students were allowed to live in apartments either alone or with friends," Burton said.

Parking is also an issue for commuter students. According to a survey Jorge Bonilla, retention coordinator, sent to all commuter students last semester, 304 out of 600 commuter complained about the parking situation.

If the commuters cannot find parking close enough to campus, they risk being late for their classes. In between classes, students must carry all of their necessary books and materials for the day with them and they must find a place to go to wait until their next class.

"I think the worst thing about commuting is parking. There are never enough spots for commuter students. I typically spend twenty to thirty minutes trying to find a parking spot every day," Burton said.

Currently, designated commuter parking is located in the Weber lot and in both parking lots next to the Centennial Chapel.

"One of the hardest challenges is for them to manage their time. Not [being] able to immerse themselves in the campus [makes it difficult when] they are trying to navigate in a place where everybody knows each other," Bonilla said.

Jorge want commuters to "see their challenges as an opportunity and not as something that is not fair [that] we are not providing for them or [that we] are not doing much to help them," Bonilla said.

There is now a Facebook group specifically created for commuters to discuss their issues and for the Administration to inform them of commuter events and news on campus. The first commuter event was held on Jan. 24 where commuters met for coffee and bagels with Bonilla and other commuter students. Bonilla commented that the event was specifically created to increase fellowship among commuter students.

Bonilla's goal is to do what he can to make "every commuter come here feel like they belong, feel like they connect, feel like they can hang out and have fun and enjoy their experience [at Olivet]. That will be phenomenal."

Drum Beats:

A self-proclaimed tea addict, a name more appropriate for "Bed, Bath and Beyond" than a person, and an affinity for all things to do with bees -- read on to meet sophomore Marie Sheets.

Q: Do you prefer to start with X or O in a game of Tic-Tac-Toe?
X, because O's don't look like winning.

Q: What would you choose as the last meal you would ever eat?
Whatever would be nastiest to look at inside my stomach. Something with tentacles like calamari. I wouldn't like to eat it, but I would like to see it pulled out of my stomach.

Q: How do you like your eggs cooked?
I like Migas. It is like scrambled eggs with tortillas.

Q: Do you prefer coffee or tea?
Tea.

Q: What is your favorite flavor of milkshake?
I don't drink milkshakes very often, but I really like straight-up vanilla frosties from Wendy's.

Q: What is currently on your fridge door?
I have a rainbow magnet from my friend, a school calendar from October, and a bunch of funny magnets.

Q: If you were invited to eat dinner with any three presidents, which presidents would you choose?
Abraham Lincoln because I would want to get a picture next to him because he is tall; Barack Obama because I would like to see him interact with Abraham Lincoln; and Harry S. Truman because he is hardcore.

Q: Who is the most influential professor for you here at Olivet?
Dr. McGrady, she teaches English and I only had her once but she really loves Jesus and when I talk to her I know she believes in me.

Q: What is your goal in life?
My goal in life is to fall in love with Jesus and to take as many people to Jesus with me as possible.

Q: Your father is a bee keeper, would you say then that you consider yourself to be the "bee's knees?'
I am the whole dang bee's leg!

Q: You are a German-American dual citizen. Which is better: American food or German food?
German food, because my mother makes it.

Q: It is a Friday night and you have no plans – what do you do?
I would probably suffer through Organic Chemistry.

Q: If you could have one talent, what would it be?
It would be to sing really well because music is the only thing that touches everyone.

Q: Pop, Soda, or Soda Pop?
Soda, I call my dad "Pop."

Q: If you could name your autobiography, what would you name it?
I would name it "The Marie Sheets."

Q: If you could write your own epithet on your gravestone, what would it say?
It would say: "Marie Sheets – died laughing."

Q: You are locked in a shopping mall overnight, what store do you choose to sleep in?
Wherever they sold Jacuzzis

Q: A genie grants you three wishes; what do you wish for?
An endless supply of Swedish Fish and Chinese food, about $200,000, and I would wish for jeans that you never have to change or wash.

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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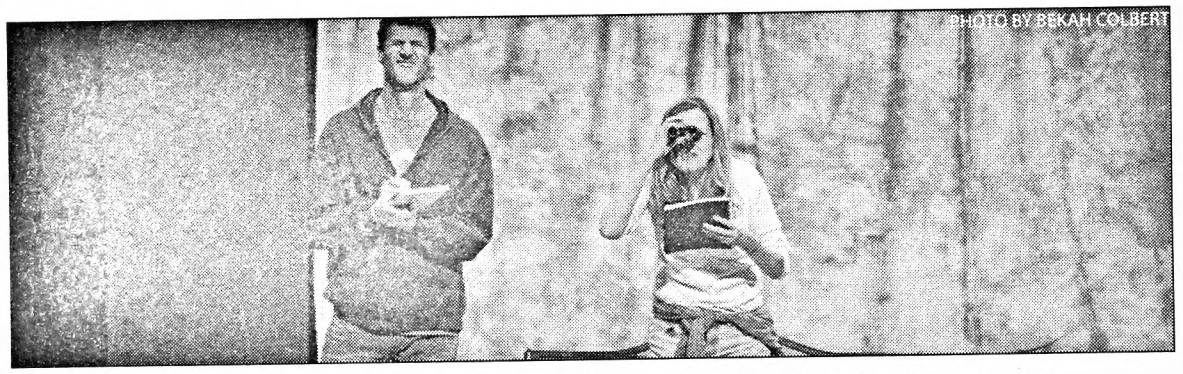

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Acts of Renewal, featuring Carol Anderson-Shores and Jim Shores, performed in chapel this semester.

Coming to a chapel near you

By Stacy Knoderer
Staff Writer

Chaplin Mark Holcomb has high hopes for a semester of honest conversation, but he believes students will ultimately be the judge. Chapel this semester is about Kingdom living and will cover four main topics: consumerism, race, homosexuality and politics. Other topics will include relationships and urban ministry.

"My hope is that the theme is relevant and practical, speaking to issues of where we are living," Holcomb said.

Chapel speakers this semester will include: Jay Height, Mark Yarhouse, Sky Jethani, Jonathan Merrit, Norman Moore, and Christopher Yuan.

Addressing the topic of homosexuality will be speakers Christopher Yuan, a celibate gay man with AIDS, and Mark Yarhouse, a clinical psychologist. Jay Height, the director of Shepard Community, will be speaking on urban ministry, and Norman Moore was our winter revival speaker.

Holcomb also places great emphasis on kingdom ethic and kingdom etiquette in relation to the theme of kingdom living.

"Kingdom ethic matters, but so does our kingdom etiquette," Holcomb said.

In relation to the chapel theme, worship leader Joey Ramirez has prepared music that he thinks will tie in well.

"The songs chosen will tie in with the Lord's faithfulness and promises," Ramirez said.

Ramirez plans to write three new songs this semester that will tie in with the theme.

"I am most excited to work with creative students, who want to master the craft that they have been blessed with," said Ramirez.

Along with Holcomb and Ramirez, students also share their excitement.

"I'm not really sure what to expect, but learning who is speaking in chapel this semester has made me excited to hear what they have to say in relation to the theme," said junior nursing student, Kelsey Vihnanek.

Chrissy Michaels, a junior social work major, hopes her peers are paying attention.

"There has only been two chapels so far and I have already been challenged about the way I think and act. I am excited for the messages that are ahead. I hope that other students are really reflecting on their own lives during these times," Michaels said.

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Snapchat springs a leak

By Taylor Provost
Staff Writer

New Year's Eve may have been a party for everyone else, but for the Snapchat team better nights had been seen.

Hours into the New Year, the popular disappearing-photo-sharing smartphone app was hacked, and a total of 4.6 million usernames and passwords were leaked onto the web, revealing important information about users, including phone numbers.

Following this security breach, many users began receiving spam daily on the app and friend requests from users they did not know. However, Snapchat denies the New Year's incident has any relevance to the recent spamming.

On their blog, Snapchat said, "We want to apologize for any unwanted 'Snaps' and let you know our team is working on resolving the issue. As far as we know, this is unrelated to the 'Find Friends' issue we experienced over the holidays. While we expect to minimize spam, it is the consequence of a quickly growing service."

Although the apology was released quickly after the incident, there has not been much done yet to slow down the spam users are still receiving

"I was honestly kind of freaked out about that [username leak]," sophomore Lindsey Shirk said. "When there was a website that came out allowing you to check if your [username] was one leaked, I checked. Luckily mine was not leaked and I don't have random people adding me either."

Not all students were surprised by the security breach, though.

"When we put our information into something like [Snapchat] we're taking a risk. Just like people took a risk using their cards at Target when their information got leaked," junior Katherine Henson said. "I still use Snapchat because I have nothing to hide. Perhaps people got so upset because they might have had something to hide, who knows. It's always a risk with apps and websites like that though."

While some students may not have anything to hide necessarily, a real issue of privacy with Snapchat has been raised.

CAMPUS LIFE

They go together

By A

Frank Sinatra has never been considered a philosopher, but the message of his 1955 debuted song, "Love and Marriage" is a common topic even now. Students at Olivet are familiar with complaints of "being pressured into matrimony." Yet recent studies show these pressures are typical merely because college students are indeed at the age to tie the knot.

Marriage counseling, support groups and seminars are common opportunities for college students. At Olivet, couples receiving awards, counseling groups for couples and Date Night can seem like marriage is their only agenda after getting a diploma.

"It seems that they are somewhat pushing marriage. I don't think that they should be pushing it," Junior Steven Peterson said. "We as students should be studying and putting time into our school work, not looking for someone to marry."

This attitude and drive for individualism has become the norm for young people all over the nation.

According to a 2012 report by The National Marriage Project, "Americans of all classes are postponing marriage to their late twenties and thirties for two main reasons, one economic and the other cultural. Young adults are taking longer to finish their education and stabilize their work lives."

Rather than seeing marriage as a cornerstone, young adults see marriage as a capstone. In a 2011 Pew Research survey, they found that the average age for a first marriage was 29 for men and 27 for women. Some may call this the age of individualism and "self-discovery."

Society and media are feeding these messages through shows like New Girl, The Mindy Project and Sex and the City. The actors are single, young urbanites moving in and out of jobs, drinking coffee or cocktails with each other. The National Marriage Project sees "these attractive creatures" helping redefine the twenties.

"This genre is the pop-culture offspring of an important demographic change: the rising age of marriage. The typical American is now well on the way to 30 before tying the knot, later than at any point in history," the report said.

Individualism has been a fight for many Americans, but a price could be paid if benefits are overlooked. Professor of Sociology, Dr. Kent Olney said, "marriage is a public good." Those married are better off financially, they bring civility to society and bring a tremendous benefit of children. Being "pressured to get married" is not uncommon for young adults.

"These same complaints are heard at a state school too. It's the age, the stage of life, between 18 and 28," Olney said. "At some point, people are going to be talking about it. It's university life. It will get talked about, even at a state school."

At another Christian university in Arkansas, Harding University, Junior Rachel McDowell said in an article for their student newspaper, "I feel like it's very easy to be pressured into marriage. It is the next step in life and you feel afraid and you fear loneliness so you are pressured to be married so you are not alone."

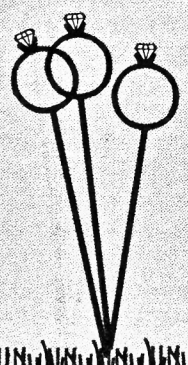
There is the question of whether the pressures are really just opportunities. If you went to Date Night, you would have witnessed hundreds of couples going to Centennial Chapel to learn more of the importance of marriage. Marriage Inc., the sponsor of the event, is apart of a larger international marriage movement emphasizing the benefits of marriage in multiple ways.

The night consisted of Acts of Renewal, the recent chapel guests, as well as Jeff Allen, a comedian who told his story of overcoming alcoholism. It's one example of Olivet creating an opportunity for couples to learn more about relationships. The co-directors of Marriage Inc., Dr. Kent and Beth Olney believe that Olivet is a safe place for couples to grow and discover the purpose of marriage.

"I think it's a much higher purpose than we have ever cast it in this society," said Beth Olney, who is also the director of the Center for Student Success. "It is to glorify God, it is to be a reflection of his complete image, not that people who are single don't reflect his image, but he designed male and female to come together in union to be a reflection of his image, of his complete image for us and we've missed that."

Dr. Olney wrote a piece for the January 2014 edition of Marriage Inc. Magazine challenging the view of marriage.

"What if marriage was less about making me happy and more about making me holy? What if marriage was less about my desire and more about God's design? What if marriage was understood in these terms? Imagine how different our homes and communities would be."



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By A.E. Sarver • Campus Life Editor

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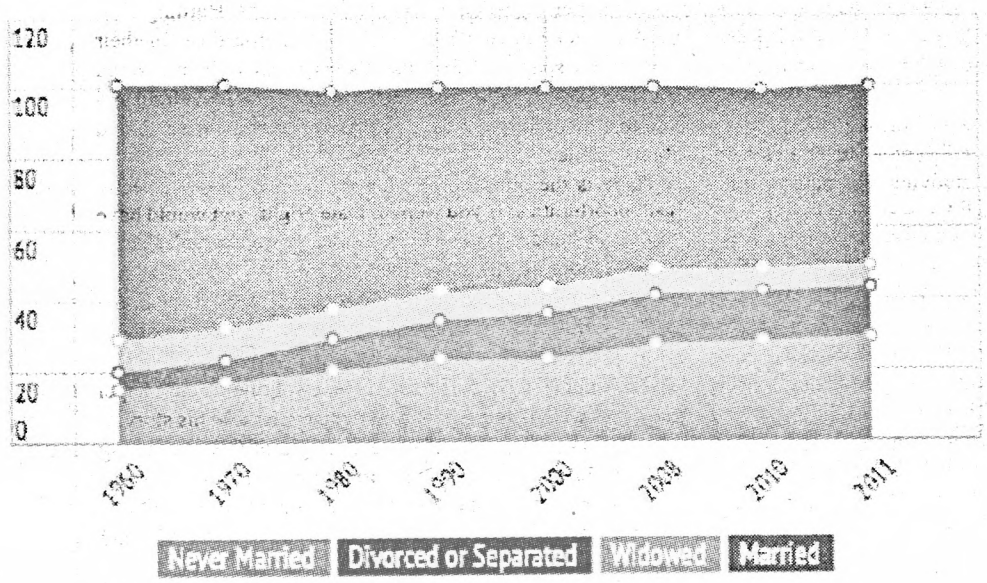

Pew Research Center analysis of Decennial Census (19600-2000) and American Community Survey data (2008, 201, 2011), IPUMS.

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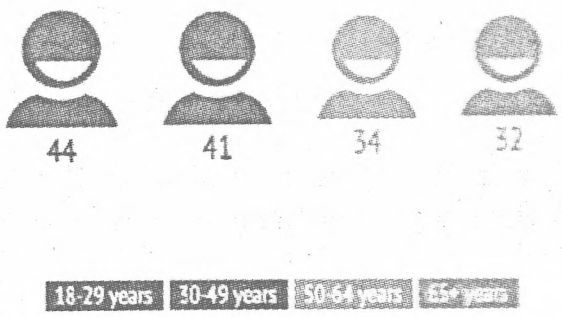

Pew Research Center survey of 2,691 adults, Oct 1-21, 2010.

CAMPUS LIFE

PHOTO BY BETHANY MUNROE

Various brass instrument players practice their instruments for the Band Winter Showcase beginning Jan. 31.

Students show off composition skills

By Melissa Luby and Emily Lohr
Assistant Opinion Editor and Staff Writer

We probably lost most of you at the word "band." Any kind of band that doesn't involve screaming guitars and sick vocals may sound boring. But Band Winter Showcase—affectionately referred to as BWS—is a combination of music, visuals and storytelling.

Band Winter Showcase, simply put, is an indoor marching band spectacular. The story is told in four main acts, each comprised of about 30 students. Smaller acts fill in the details of the plot line and often include specific instrument groups.

This year's theme, "Busted," is a visual representation of classic radio mystery dramas and features music by Hans Zimmer, Eric Whitacre and Modest Mussorgsky.

Band president Paige Penrod said the idea was a combination of ideas presented by the band council.

"I knew I wanted to do a mystery show," Penrod said. She added that another council member suggested a radio theme. "We combined our two ideas to form a mystery story told through radio."

BWS is almost entirely produced by the student musicians. Kylee Stevens, a junior, arranged two of the pieces.

"I'm a [music] composition major, so it was a really great experience for me," Stevens said.

Stevens also said through the experience of arranging it herself she gained a better appreciation for those who have done it in the past. "It's a lot more difficult than people think," she said.

Last year's BWS was completely arranged by Zac Kohlmeier. Kohlmeier, now a professor here at Olivet, still wanted to be able to participate in the BWS production. This year, he arranged one of the pieces.

"BWS was probably one of my favorite things as a student here at Olivet," Kohlmeier said.

While he still wanted to participate, he wanted to give the students the same opportunity he had, so he is not nearly as involved in this year's production. Penrod agreed with the emphasis on students, but also recognized the need for faculty mentorship.

"It is a student-led show, but we still need the help of others to ensure that it runs smoothly," Penrod said. "The faculty and staff of the music department and media department have been a huge help."

Students involved with BWS have a love-hate relationship with the production. Performers have less than one month to learn the music and drill for the acts in which they participate, resulting in their spending long hours in rehearsals on evenings and weekends.

In BWS, it's not uncommon for performers to be expected to make as much progress during a two-hour rehearsal as they made in two days of summer band camp. During tech week—the final week before performances begin—rehearsals have historically run until midnight or later.

Marching on a small stage also poses many challenges related to space, and collisions between marchers are common occurrences. Yet despite the stress and minor injuries, BWS is also a bonding experience. Students make new friends and develop relationships as they interact with students outside their own sections and work together to polish their acts.

We put on two shows for schools in the area where we will perform for over 900 kids," Penrod said. "We get the chance to show off the talent we have in our band in a different way than the typical concert setting."

BWS performances are Friday, Jan. 31 and Saturday, Feb. 1 at 7 and 9 p.m. Tickets will be sold during lunch and dinner hours in Ludwig the week prior to the show and at the door at the cost of $5.00.

Polar vortex threatens lives of student's pets

Destiny Mitchell
Assistant News Editor

With the polar vortex bringing subzero temperatures to most of the country, many find themselves struggling to make it through the cold.

Senior Brandy Buckholt's pet rabbits were threatened by harsh weather, with two of the twelve that she owns becoming hypothermic and pre-hypothermic even before temperatures plummeted to their lowest degree.

Buckholt found this especially strange due to the fact that rabbits are built to endure the cold and that it is the heat that usually causes complications. In order to ensure their survival, Buckholt had to keep heat lamps near the rabbits' cages and check on them regularly.

"For four or five days I was literally up every two hours all night every night checking to make sure the lamps didn't catch anything on fire" Buckholt said.

Junior Kendra Maxon made use of the subzero weather by trying out a science experiment– throwing boiling water out into the frigid air.

"As soon as the water left the pot, it turned into a large cloud of white steam and what was left fell to the ground in a mixture of ice and cool water," Maxon said.

The experiment proved to be more dangerous for others, though. In one case, the experimenter threw the boiling water just as the wind shifted, causing the water to fall back on them and causing second degree burns.

Maxon added, "you have to be very careful that you aren't throwing the water into the wind, otherwise you have a very high chance of getting hurt."

Art institute offers free visits

The Art Institute of Chicago is offering "Free Winter Weekdays" this year from Jan. 6 through Feb. 12. Throughout this time, museum admission is free to Illinois residents during business hours. The museum also has free admission on Thursday nights from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

-Lindsay Hathaway

OPINION

Netflix hinders academic and social life

By Grace King
Opinion Editor

It's cold outside. Walking from class to class takes a lot of energy – not only to muster up the courage to walk into the biting wind, but to fight against it to get to your destination. When I arrive back in my dorm room all finished with the "must-do" tasks of the day all I want is to curl up in bed and watch hours of Netflix.

It's easy to get sucked into the drama of your new favorite show, watch all six seasons in a weeks time, and then become depressed when you have to say goodbye to your newly-made friends; however, we must ask ourselves, what are the consequences of obsessive television watching?

According to Kristian Veit, psychology professor at Olivet, watching television can have an impact on our thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. The way it affects us depends on what shows we are watching.

If we are constantly emerging ourselves in material that is vulgar, offensive, degrading, and the like, we become more susceptible to that influence in our everyday thoughts and actions. Television can be used for good or bad, and we have to be careful in how we're entertaining ourselves.

Netflix can inhibit your ability to function in general by depriving you of sleep, portraying unrealistic ideals of beauty and masculinity, and giving you an out-of-touch sense of reality by pulling you into different TV dramas.

In my own life, last semester I would come back from class and sit and watch Netflix for hours while ignoring friends and class assignments.This semester, however, I have vowed that Netflix will not be on my radar unless I'm using it as a social activity.

I know better than anyone how easy it can be to become carried away in an afternoon of sitcoms while avoiding the dozen of papers I have to write. In that way, tools such as Netflix can also serve as an escape mechanism.

Freshman Ashley Fedei admits that for her, Netflix has occasionally served the purpose of a distraction from other things she should be doing, especially when she's feeling overwhelmed. This can be harmful in the way that it decreases our social interaction with our peers.

In the long run, however, Fedei said that it has allowed her to have movie nights in her dorm and created a social environment.

On veria.com, in the article *TV Binges: Are They Bad For You?*, M.D. Carole Lieberman says, "People who binge watch TV can get caught up in their favorite characters and start to live vicariously through them instead of living their own dreams."

Another downfall of Netflix addiction is that it inhibits your imagination. If you're constantly engrossed in television, your brain doesn't have the opportunity to grow and learn like it does when you're interacting with others or simply reading a book.

Monica MCCue, a licensed professional counselor for Bayless Healthcare Group in Phoenix, says that excessive television watching can hinder normal development and decrease ones ability to be social and appropriately engage with peers.

The third reason to nix your Netflix addiction is the negative influence it can have on your relationship with God.

"When you think about the average television executive, they don't reflect us. Hardly any of them are Christian. Hardly any of them go to church or even believe in God. When we're looking to be like Christ, we are following the influence of people who are the furthest thing from Him," Veit said.

Veit explains that as we sit down to turn our brains off to the world around us, we are also making ourselves more susceptible to its influence by turning off our sensor that "makes us aware of a persuasion attempt."

So the next time you sit down planning to veg out in front of Netflix for hours without a filter, ask yourself, "How is this influencing my worldview?" After all, as we've been warned since childhood, what goes in must come out.

GiGi's Corner: Advice with spice

Stalking tendencies hard to admit, control

Dear Gigi,

I was reading the email about Stalker Awareness Month and I began to wonder if I might be a stalker. I sometimes go out of my way to pass certain people in the courtyard. During Avalanche, I also took several photos of Dr. Bowling without his permission. Any suggestions? Or maybe even tips on how to be a better stalker?

Dear Dr. B. Fanatic, according to the school-wide email, I think you qualify as a stalker. To be a better stalker, please do several of the following: send an unwanted gift to the stalkee, call the stalkee but don't speak to them, tell the stalkee that you love them and can't stop thinking about them, and lastly, implant in your stalkee a tracking device so you know exactly where they are at all times. However, be warned: if you are seen doing any of these activities, you will most likely be attacked and thrown to the ground by Public Safety. Don't worry! It can take them a while to get to the scene once unusual activity has been reported. Happy stalking!

Dear Gigi,

My friends from my hometown only live a couple hours away and they keep wanting to crash at Olivet over the weekends. I'm only a freshman. How do I tell them this is a critical friend-making time for me? They need to stay. at. home!

Dear Heartless, Your friends are probably thinking that you abandoned them because you found better friends. You need to let them know that they are still important. They obviously love you. Why else would they come to Bourbonnais of their own free will? Let them crash in your dorm. Heck, let them move in! It might be fun to have two to five extra people in a dorm room, especially because I know how lonely it gets in there with all that extra space. Don't. Be. So. Mean.

Need some advice? Scan the QR code to submit a question! Or go to the website below.

http://goo.gl/drmUj0

Editorial

If one were to scour the majority of our parents' homes, he or she would find at least one, if not tubs filled to the brim with the "ty" tagged, plush and beanie bottomed Beanie Baby toys. This fuzzy fad filled Christmas lists throughout most of our childhoods, and why wouldn't it? In the pre-hyper-connected Internet era, few people actually knew how many of each Beanie Baby was made, increasing the hype in demand for the inexpensive, cute toy that came clad in bows and poems.

In addition to softness, the Babies held several qualities that labeled them as the next great collectible. Each Beanie Baby was only available for a brief time with several special editions, such as the Princess Diana Beanie Baby. Because information about production was not well known, rare Beanie Babies were sold at high rates. As word got out about collectors going through elaborate processes to buy specific types of Babies, the public's demand for the product increased. However, in the late '90s, as online trading sites such as eBay grew in popularity, the public realized there were vastly more Beanie Babies available for sale than they had originally been made to believe. When people came to this realization, the price of the beanie product crashed. Today the product is worth about as much as you would pay for them at the store, according to Yahoo Finance.

Although Beanie Babies have recently been brought back into the spotlight because of a small incident involving the owner, Ty Warner, and $25 million of income tax evasions, the products are still worth far less than ever anticipated by raging collectors in the '90s.

So what is the real idea here? The more available a product is, the less valuable it becomes. This is an age-old concept that is quickly coming into view on the college education playing field.

On Jan. 16, President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama announced and discussed new commitments to expand college opportunity by connecting more low-income students to colleges, leveling the playing field in college advising and SAT/ACT test preparation, and strengthening remediation to help underprepared students progress through college, according to a White House press release.

"Today, over 100 colleges and universities and 40 organizations are announcing new commitments to action to build on existing efforts in this area," the press release reads.

So what does this mean? The White House plans to partner with universities and help connect more low-income students with schools that are right for them. For example, the Posse Foundation plans to provide full tuition and scholarships for 250 students from diverse urban backgrounds to help them complete science, technology, engineering or mathematics degrees at top colleges and universities in the U.S.

Additionally, several college boards across the U.S. will provide free waivers to allow students to apply to college for free. Over 80 U.S. colleges and universities will begin implementing proactive efforts to recruit students who may not otherwise attend their university and expand their need-based aid for low-income students, according to the press release.

These examples are just a few of over 24 different efforts announced Jan. 16 to expand the college opportunity to students who lack funds and supports.

We think this is an excellent move on the part of the Obama administration. Not only does the expansion of college opportunity increase economic mobility, it also grows the economy overall. Education is definitely the key to success; this is a high held idea at this institution.

However, we believe there is a genuine cause for concern that should be addressed here. Selfish as it may be, what happens to the value of our degrees as opportunities for collegiate degrees expands.

Much like the Beanie Babies trend, the value of our diploma will likely crash and burn as more and more people begin obtaining college degrees in the years to come.

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OPINION

Response from the Pope

By A.J.W. Ewers
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Never did I think that I would be able to say that I am Pope Francis' best friend. I still cannot say that, but I am one step closer to making that dream come true.

Several months ago, I had heard that Pope Francis was responding to people that wrote to him asking questions. Francis was (and still is) showing that each individual under his care is important to him. Now being the self-proclaimed "Good Catholic" that I am and having a need for affirmation from the leader of the Catholic Church, I figured that I might as well take my chances at writing to The Pope.

So with several pieces of paper (I say several because a person who is writing to the pope does not simply write a short note talking about the weather) and pen firmly in hand, I sat down in the overly-dimmed lighting of Red Room to begin composing my spiritual autobiography. While sparing all of the intimate details of the contents of my letter, I must convey that I spent a several hours writing about myself and asking questions of Francis. After I finished writing, I bought my international stamp (they are really quite interesting, take a look sometime) and off the letter went into the international mail system.

One month went by and no response came. Then two and still nothing in the mail. Eventually five months had passed and I had completely forgotten that I had sent a letter to the pope at all until a Saturday morning earlier this month when my dad tossed me a letter. The letter had the title "Apostolic Nunciature of the United States" on the front.

To the average person this means nothing, but I knew that this letter was coming from Francis' embassy to the United States. Like a woman who found out that her husband went to Jared's, I leaped off of the couch and yelled in excitement. The pope's response had come.

In short, the pope's ambassador wrote to me to let me know that Francis had received my letter, was thankful for my letter and was praying for my family and me. The ambassador also sent me a medal of Francis blessed at the Vatican.

I call Francis my personal pope because I have had a personal experience with the man that leads me and all of the other Catholics. My personal experience makes him more real and important to me and my understanding of Catholicism. It makes me respect him more. All of this is to make this point: leaders who come close to their followers make much more effective leaders and eventually develop into role models for those seeking guidance.

For Christians, we are called to be leaders by our faith. For non-Christians, the same expectation of leadership is on you because of our common humanity. This is an important concept of leadership: leadership is common to all because all are called to lead in one way or another.

Are those of us who are leaders of any size of followers allowing ourselves to become no more than figureheads by creating mountains upon which we isolate ourselves from the world?

Maybe we should take Francis' lead and destroy our mountains to get a little bit more personal with people – maybe then we will finally understand the meaning behind true leadership.

Warriors strong despite adversity

By Megan Lingle
Contributing Writer

Arapahoe High School: a school now known and scarred. Like Columbine High School, people will forever hear the name like a sad afterthought. But, for the Arapahoe student body and community, it will forever be their school, a place where they learned how to be a part of a community, and where they learned how to be Warriors.

The story you hear on the news talks about a gunman who entered Arapahoe on Dec. 13, 2013. But we must remember the gunman had a name, and this was just another day at school for the students of Arapahoe. We must remember that this could happen anywhere and to anyone. Karl was not a bad kid; he was also a Warrior. It does not justify what he did, but he, too, deserves forgiveness.

People keep asking why all this bad stuff continues to happen in Colorado, what with the floods, the fires, and shootings. We may very well never know why this happened, but we do know that we have a strong community, through it all.

Dec. 13, 2013 is forever going to be in my mind, too, not only because of the incident at Arapahoe High School, but because of the amazing sense of community and love. We saw businesses and families giving in abundance to the Arapahoe families. I saw family and friends grow, slow down, and take time to be with each other.

Claire Davis said one last thing before she was shot. She asked, "Karl what are you doing?" This is what leads the Arapahoe community into the New Year.

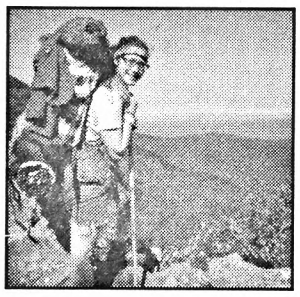
We must slow down and ask ourselves, "What are we doing?"

Arapahoe went through a dreadful day and the community mourns the loss of two young Warriors: Claire Davis and Karl Pierson. But don't remember Arapahoe High School as a sad afterthought. See it as a reminder to take care of one another, and to slow down and reflect.

Arapahoe is where I grew up. And at Arapahoe we say, "Warriors take care of one another." So, as one Warrior to many others:: love one another and remember that God reigns.

On culture:

Humanity transcends language barriers



By Laurel Dispenza
Contributing Writer

People is People is People.

And the adventure continues. From the pollution of Beijing to the chaos of Christmas travels to the adventures with my sister in the Dominican Republic to the serenity of Costa Rica's nature, I have been taking one step at a time.

I'm still adjusting and getting a feel for life in Costa Rica. I've laughed and I've cried and I've wished I were somewhere else. Traveling for a while has a way of creating a deeper appreciation and love for home. The culture is different, the language foreign, but one thing I've noticed is that no matter the place, people are still human.

From the streets of China, to the greenery of the Dominican Republic, to the mercados of Costa Rica. People is People. Yes, the culture is different and the language foreign, but where ever you go, you're surrounded by humans. And these people may walk and talk and act and even think differently, but at their core they are all the same.

I'll continue to learn as I humble myself to step out of what's familiar. When you try to communicate in a tongue that is not your own, you're immediately chained with limitation; your communication is not nearly as round and dynamic because you know not how to express yourself effectively. You become one dimensional, in a way, and you're stripped of all that you leaned on back in the day when you were communicating in your own tongue.

Going and going has born in me a deep appreciation for the place in which I've grown up; realizing that the words of a friend ring true, that a tree can only grow so strong when it is constantly uprooted.

Now this doesn't mean that I don't love my adventure, but I'm beginning to see that the adventure continues when I'm at home surrounded by all that I once scorned because of it's normality. With this better rounded perspective, I know that with time it will just get refined as I experience what is around me and dive into the unknown with a confidence that I cannot explain or see.

While all this is different, one thing I've learned is that People is People, no matter what part of the world. We are all humans connected by a deep-running thread that unites us in a way that we cannot explain. But I can see it. I can see the similarities between you and me, even though we are across the globe.

Mission: Groundhog Day

GRAPHIC BY GRETCHEN ELLIOTT

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OPINION

Notes from Jonny B. Swift

If you're anything like me, congratulations! If not, then maybe you went to Target on black Friday. Maybe you paid with credit. Maybe your account was compromised. Or maybe you like Tai food. Regardless, you make a great segue.

Target-gate 2013, as it's come to be known, proves what hundreds of doomsday preppers and one Dave Ramsey have been telling us all along: Electronic money is bad! So we've settled it, you've learned a hard lesson, and I saved the economy. Your welcome.

But did you know that 100% of all American money is made by machines? The little known secret on Wall Street is that money is made. Not figuratively, money is literally made by complex, automated, mechanized machines. And if a machine can fail. what's to stop a second Target-gate 2014? Or 2015? Or maybe even 2016? The possibilities are endless!

Readers, We live in dangerous times. With accounts being hacked and machines being hacked (note to the editor: if there's no money machine hack by this time, run a self-counterfeiting story). So where is your money safe? Firstly, thank you for asking. Secondly, you're dead wrong. I already told you money machines aren't safe, or did you forget about the incident (note to the editor: really important that we have an incident here). So the real question is, what should I do instead of money? Now you're thinking.

It's like I've always advised, never use money. If you have the chance, trade it all in for goods. Personally, I suggest livestock; cows are a universal currency. Then, for the rest of your life, never *buy* anything. Trading commodities is a much safer system! Think about it, when was the last time you ever heard a story about a counterfeit cow? (Note to the editor: if you're running a story about a counterfeit cow, please contact me and the nearest butcher.)

Cows, gold, and coal from the mine you dig in your backyard guarantee many cute sundresses and cardigans from Target. Because lets face it, cutting impulse shopping is not a viable option.

Milking this for what it's worth,

-Logan Long

Boycotting: the wrong way to take a stand

By Cody Stuart
Staff Writer

2014 marks the 22nd year of the Winter Olympics, to be held in Sochi, Russia. While the games have always been a time of celebration and cooperation among the nations, this year they have been marred by controversy and dissent.

Because of Vladimir Putin's now infamous anti-gay laws, many counties have issued a boycott on this year's games or have threatened to withdraw their team outright. Even influential figures like President Barack Obama have declined to attend the games, though they are still allowing their teams to compete.

"It is, and has always been, a time where the nations of the world put aside their differences and simply enjoy the games."

It should be noted that this is not the first time the Olympic Games have been boycotted. In the year 1980, the Olympic Games were planned to be held in Moscow, the capital of what was then the Soviet Union. That year, shortly before the games, the Soviets launched their ill-fated invasion of Afghanistan.

The United States led a boycott of the games, and in the end, seven countries refused to participate in the opening ceremonies. The year after, the Soviet's boycotted the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, resulting in 13 Soviet Bloc nations boycotting the games altogether.

This year's boycott differs from these past times, mainly due to the reason for the boycott. While in years past, a boycott was typically done for political reasons, this one is part of a larger human right's effort to convince Vladimir Putin to repeal his anti-gay legislation.

Bob Burnett, a retired silicon valley executive and writer for the *Huffington Post* said, "1936 was a missed opportunity for Americans to protest the human-rights abuses of the German Nazis. Now we have a similar opportunity because of the deplorable conduct of the Russian government." He went on to compare the Russian laws forbidding "gay behavior and propaganda" to the Nazi Nuremburg Laws, which removed most of the rights of German born Jews and revoked their citizenship.

Others, such as Susan Milligan of *US News*, argue against the boycott, stating that boycotting the Olympics will not change Putin's mind on the matter. It would be an ineffective way to apply pressure to the Russian government, and would end with many countries sitting out of the events. Not only that, but it is detrimental to the athletes of those nations.

Milligan writes, "Boycotting the Olympics doesn't punish Putin. It punishes the athletes. The reason world leaders (or their spouses or deputies) show up for the Olympics is to cheer on their home team. These athletes have been training for many years, and they deserve to have someone from their home country there to support them."

While president Obama has yet to express any open sentiment on the matter, he has declined to attend the games. However, despite repeated requests for him to boycott the games, he has chosen not to and still plans to send U.S. athletes to Sochi to compete.

The Washington Post reports, "Officials said Obama's schedule would not permit him to attend the Games during a two-week period beginning Feb. 7, although they did not specify what the president would be doing instead."

Boycotting the Olympics is a terrible idea. These games are meant to be a symbol of world cooperation in the spirit of friendly competition. It is, and has always been, a time where the nations of the world put aside their differences and simply enjoy the games.

To boycott the Olympics because of a war is one thing, but to boycott the games over the home nations government is immature. If we really wish for Putin to change his laws, we need to be willing to come forward openly and discuss it like adults, rather than throw a temper tantrum and refuse to play with them.

Small changes save resolutions

By Meg Dowell
Staff Writer

How many New Year's resolutions have you managed to keep throughout your lifetime? It's almost the end of January, which means almost a month has come and gone since you made (or didn't make) your 2014 resolutions.

According to a recent study published in the *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, only about eight percent of us achieve the resolutions we make at the start of each New Year. Even then, only 64 percent keep their resolutions through the first month of the year. Which category do you fall under as you're reading this?

While you may have resolved to get organized, get better grades, or improve your chapel attendance this semester, the top resolution made every year is still to lose weight. Let's be honest: college students have enough to worry about without having to add 'beating the freshman 15' to the list. It's easy to say you'll go to the SLRC every morning with your roommate and run three miles, but whether you'll follow through or set your ambition to the side depends on a few different factors.

There's nothing wrong with health-related resolutions; if there's an ideal time in your life to start eating well and exercising regularly, it's now, while you're young and your body can more easily adapt to these lifestyle changes. Saying you want to run the Chicago Marathon in October is a little bit of a stretch, though, if the only mile you've ever run since coming to Olivet happened during wellness lab.

The first key method to keeping your health and fitness-related resolutions this semester is to be specific and realistic in the goals you set for yourself, also making sure they are measurable. A better resolution than the broad spectrum of weight loss might be to 'get healthy' or 'work out more,' but those are still vague and hard to measure.

Start out by saying you'll work out three times a week and see how that goes. If you find you can't keep that commitment, switch to weekends only. Start small, build up your confidence by meeting your small goals and then work your way up from there.

Once you've made a resolution and have come up with ways to make it easier to keep over the long-term, put in the effort to make it happen. Tasha Eurich, Ph.D., suggests ensuring that achieving your New Year's resolution is an everyday practice. If you don't work a little every day on the task at hand, you won't see progress the way you want to.

Even if you can't make it to the rec center every day, engage in those cliché fitness tips we've all heard a thousand times—take the stairs in Burke instead of the elevator, for goodness' sake. Make yourself a salad in Ludwig a few times a week. Order a tall wet Oreo from Common Grounds instead of a venti.

Registered dietitian Rhea Li notes the importance of making health an overall priority when formulating resolutions this year. Ask yourself the real reasons behind your ambitions: do you want to work out because you feel pressured to, or do you really want to get in shape and feel better on a daily basis? Do you want to eat more fruits and vegetables because that's what your mom always told you to do, or are you tired of feeling full and sluggish after your usual burger and fries from Red Room?

Whether you're a freshman still figuring it all out, a senior ready to bid Olivet goodbye, or somewhere in-between, this year doesn't have to be anything like 2013. The resolutions you made on Jan. 1 can live through the end of this month and beyond.

Really, it's not too late to move your health up into your list of top 10 priorities. Start slow; don't work yourself too hard too fast. Work your way into that 8 percent of Americans who achieve their resolutions.

SPORTS

Athletes Train Over Christmas Break

PHOTO BY JANET MCDOWELL

Athletes enjoy "Surf and Turf" night activities during winter break.

Nathan DiCamillo
Sports Assistant

While most of Olivet's students were enjoying Christmas break, ONU athletes, looking to get an edge on their competitors, put in extra training time.

According to Sports Information Director Wendy Reid, no team had more than ten days off for Christmas break, and each team's training schedule was for slightly different purposes.

Women's basketball played several games during break; their practice was not oriented towards training, but rather towards staying in shape for the games they were playing. Men's basketball played two games after the end of the semester. When they returned, the team took the time to get back into shape.

Women's basketball practiced once a day for an hour to an hour and forty-five minutes. Men's basketball practiced twice a day for a combined approximate practice time of four hours a day. Men's and women's swimming also practiced twice a day for a combined approximate practice times of four and half hours a day.

Men's and women's swimming, who stayed the longest with approximately one week off-campus, stayed primarily to train and improve, ending their winter training with a swim meet a few days before the spring semester started.

"The things we did over break were very rewarding," freshman swimmer Hayley Roci said. "We worked a lot on our dolphin kicks off the wall and making sure that we placed our feet on the wall perfectly. Even though it was very exhausting…it helped me improve greatly."

With all the hard work put in, student athletes also remembered to have fun. Director Reid put together a "Surf and Turf" night in the Perry Center for the athletes. The teams and their coaches played games like dodge ball, Four Square, volleyball, and Frisbee.

"The 'Surf and Turf' night was super fun," sophomore basketball player Aaron Larson said. "We got to meet some people we otherwise wouldn't have known, and we really hadn't hung out with the girls' basketball team that much so it was cool to hang with them as well. I think Wendy Reid did a great job putting that together for all of us."

Overall, ONU is proud of the hard work its athletes put in in and out of the school year.

"Very few people outside of athletics realize the sacrifices our athletes make," Reid said. "Almost all of the over 500 give up their 'free/vacation time' for their sport. They come back early in the summer, stay for Thanksgiving/Christmas/fall/Easter breaks, they stay later into the summer after classes end. On top of that, they have all of the same class work as everyone else and practice/play one to four hours a day, six days a week almost all school year. And on average maintain a 3.2 GPA. Pretty impressive!"

E-Sports invade Olivet's campus

Matt Dahlberg
Staff Writer

A new video game has captured the attention of many here at Olivet, and with it may come opportunities for those who play it.

League of Legends is a Multiplayer Online Battle Arena (MOBA). A standard game of League is played 5 versus 5 with each team trying to destroy the other's base. Each side has unique champions with a different predetermined role.

League's popularity has skyrocketed as of late. According to IGN.com the game is played daily by 32.5 million people worldwide and its popularity is extremely prevalent in college-age individuals. More than half the total users of League fall between the age of 19 and 25.

Riot Games, the company responsible for the creation of League of Legends, has recently been making an effort to involve and encourage collegiate competition among schools. They recently structured a $100,000 prize tournament inviting universities across the country that have established their own League of Legends teams.

Not only has there been widespread interest in the game globally, but locally as well. From Chapman hall to Old Oaks many students engage regularly in the E-Sports phenomenon. There is a current Olivet Facebook group dedicated to anyone who plays League of Legends at ONU.

With interest rising at ONU it is possible the school could form a team of their own.

Jon Harman, David Gardner and Anh Cao are three freshmen roommates living in Chapman Hall who all play League of Legends and are excited by this idea.

"Honestly there should be multiple teams." Said Harman, a youth ministry major, in reference to whether there would be enough interest in starting a League team at Olivet.

In contrast, others like junior information systems major Jim Palmer are skeptical that an ONU team would work. "It's a combination of people not taking [League of Legends] seriously and people not being very good at the game."

Palmer's doubts are not unfounded. There are six different ranked tiers, from the bottom to the top they are: bronze, silver, gold, platinum, diamond, and challenger, which is reserved for the top 50 players in the North American region. At the conclusion of League of Legends Season 3 the highest known rank of an ONU student was Platinum.

Still, even Palmer concedes that if a club were started at ONU he would definitely be interested.

League has become popular for a variety of reasons.

"All the champions, with all the different abilities that they have, it's cool to just play with them and figure out how to use them," said Gardner, also a youth ministry major.

"In my opinion, it's like when Halo first came out. The [riot games] developed a story, there's a crazy amount of detail, the graphics are amazing, and the gameplay is different," Harman said.

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Freshman Angelica Lafemina races during the NAIA vs. NCAA Challenge Track Meet, Saturday Janurary, 25.

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Super Bowl XLVIII match up too close to call

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What happens when an unstoppable force meets an immovable object? That is what many are saying is about to happen in Super Bowl 48.

The Denver Broncos will be playing versus the Seattle Seahawks on Feb. 2 for the title of the best team in the National Football League.

Payton Manning, quarterback for the Denver Broncos, is statistically the best quarterback in the NFL. His impressive performance this season includes breaking team franchise and NFL records in a number of areas. The Broncos' offense has been labeled unstoppable. Ranked No. 1 overall in the NFL with over 300 yards per game and over 35 points per game on average, they set the record for number of points scored in a single season. Manning has only been outdistanced in total passing yards in four games all season, including once by his brother Eli Manning.

On the other side of the field the Seattle Seahawks hold the title of No. 1 defense in the NFL. They have only allowed an average of around 14 points per game, and less than 275 yards per game. The Seahawks only lost three games all season. They have been the talk of the NFL on defense, with their notable success at shutting down other teams' ability to throw the football. Seahawks defensive cornerback Richard Sherman, who caused a lot of talk with his post-game interview on television after the NFC championship game on Jan. 19, has led the team this season with eight interceptions during the regular season and one touchdown. With an unstoppable offense and an immobile defense, these teams have sparked more general hype around the Super Bowl than in previous years.

Another reason for the hype has been Richard Sherman's interview with Fox's Erin Andrews just after the NFC championship game on Sunday, in which he called out San Francisco 49ers' wide receiver Michal Crabtree for his trash talk during the game. While he has refused to take back his comments about Crabtree, he has since apologized. He told ESPN's Ed Werder, "I apologize for attacking an individual and taking the attention away from the fantastic game by my teammates. That was not my intent." Some fans have been frustrated with his remarks, while others have also rallied behind him and his interview, choosing to admire him for his passion and excitement about the game.

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But as much excitement as there has been about Richard Sherman and Payton Manning with the No. 1 defense and offense playing against each other for the Lombardi trophy, there is another matchup that will be going on. Seattle's offense and Denver's defense will also play a critical role in determining who gets the title of the best team in the NFL for the 2013-2014 season. With the Seahawks offense ranked No. 17 in overall offense during the regular season, and the Broncos defense ranked No. 19 in overall defensive coverage, they have relied rather on their superior defense and offense, respectively. But all things considered, it could be up to this secondary matchup to determine the outcome of the game.

Statistically Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson is nowhere near the caliber of Payton Manning, some may say in part due to his lack of experience and being relatively short for an NFL quarterback. Wilson is 5' 11" and 206 pounds, notably shorter and smaller than Manning who is 6' 5" and 230 pounds. Wilson's two-year career has seen fewer completions than Manning did this season alone.

For those interested in attending the most anticipated football game of the year, to purchase a ticket now via the NFL ticket exchange, Super Bowl 48 costs a minimum of $2,100 and ranging upward of $25,000. The game will kick off at 6:30 pm on Sunday, Feb. 2 on Fox.

Hall of Fame vote given to the public

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Hall of Fame voter Dan Le Batard was given a lifetime ban from voting for Cooperstown by the Baseball Writers' Association of America for giving his vote away to Deadspin.com. He also lost his membership in the BBWAA for one year.

Le Batard, who works for ESPN and the Miami Herald, said on ESPN that he gave his vote away "because I don't like the way they do business over there at the Hall of Fame and they're sitting there and they're being sanctimonious and they're keeping all the steroid guys out."

Lavelle E. Neal, president of BBWAA, posted on the organization's website: "The BBWAA Board of Directors has decided to remove Dan Le Batard's membership for one year, for transferring his Hall of Fame ballot to an entity that has not earned voting status."

"The punishment is allowed under the organization's constitution…The BBWAA regards Hall of Fame voting as the ultimate privilege, and any abuse of that privilege is unacceptable."

Le Batard posted "BBWAA just lifetime banned me from Hall of Fame vote and won't allow me to attend a game as credentialed media for a year" on his Twitter account right after the ban was announced.

According to Tim Merchman in an article on Deadspin, "When we first came up with the idea of buying a ballot from a veteran baseball writer and turning it over to the public, we had two principal aims… The first was to draw attention to how ridiculous the Hall of Fame elections have become… The second was to turn a small bit of power over to the public for the sake of doing so."

The public is mixed in their opinions of Le Batards actions. Many find his actions to be self-centered and something to bring attention to himself.

Jon Heyman of CBS Sports tweeted, "Shame on the sanctimonious attention seeker who turned his vote over to a website. #sad." It has been retweeted 149 times with 115 favorites.

Bruce Hooley in ESPN Cleveland said, "Instead of, 'Dan LeBatard is Highly Questionable,' a more appropriate name would be, 'Dan LeBatard is Petulantly Arrogant.'"

In an article on Deadspin, it was mentioned to the readers that "Dan wants to make clear that he insisted on not getting anything for his vote." It went on to congratulate the readers on their votes for which players should be voted for.

Upcoming tiger games schedule

January 31:
-Men's Track at Indiana Relays (Indiana University - Bloomington, Ind.)
-Women's Track at Indiana Relays hosted by Indiana University
-Women's Swimming at Home - Wheaton University (Ill.) 5:00 p.m.
-Men's Swimming at Home - Wheaton College 5:00 p.m.

February 1
-Women's Track at Home - ONU Quad
-Women's Basketball at No. 21 Purdue University - Calumet (Ind.) 1:00 p.m.
-Men's Basketball at Purdue University-Calumet (Ind.) 3 p.m.
-Men's Track at Home - ONU Quad (Olivet Nazarene University)

February 6
-Women's Basketball at Home - University of Saint Francis (Ill.) 5:30 p.m.
-Men's Basketball at Home - University of St. Francis (Ill.) 7:30 p.m.

February 8
-Women's Track at Carthage Invite hosted by Carthage College (Wis.) 11:00 a.m.
-Women's Basketball at Home - Holy Cross College (Ind.) 1:00 p.m.
-Women's Swimming at Home - Robert Morris University (Ill.)
-Men's Track at Carthage Invite (Carthage College - Kenosha, Wis.)
-Men's Basketball at Home - Holy Cross College (Ind.) 3 p.m.

February 12
-Women's Basketball at Home - Calumet College of St. Joe (Ind.) 5:30 p.m.
-Men's Basketball at Home - Calumet College of St. Joseph (Ind.) 7:30 p.m.

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A cause for celebration?

Olympic controversies spark negativity

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The Olympics are always an exciting time. I can remember Torino 2006 being the first time I got really excited about watching and wanting to know what was going on with them. Ever since then I've watched Beijing 2008, Vancouver 2010, London 2012 and now Sochi 2014.

Sochi 2014 is the first time I am not so sure about watching or being excited about the Olympics.

After Politico detailed the construction and politics behind the Olympics in Sochi, Russia, it is clear to there are more issues at hand than most people are probably aware of.

The budget for these Olympic games has surpassed $50 billion, "pricier than all previous Winter Olympiads put together." Which is five times higher than the original proposed budget of $10 billion, Politico reported.

In a national survey conducted by the Levada Center in Russia, "only 22% believe that the funds from the budget for the Olympics [were] spent quite effectively, 35% - is ineffective, 11% is completely ineffective, [and] 19% - simply stolen."

When most people think of Russia, they think long, cold, never-ending winters. Sochi, as it happens, is the warmest city in Russia. With "high temperatures in February that occasionally peak at 62 degrees Fahrenheit," Politico reported. While they have implemented and constructed an expensive snow machine system, what will they do if all that snow melts?

One of the most frightening aspects of Sochi, however, is the large amount of terrorist threats. CNN reported that two separate Sochi terror plots have been reported.

"The US is taking security seriously," reported BBC News, "posting two of its warships offshore in the Black Sea, offering 'unspecified air assets,' deploying FBI agents, and sharing Counter Terrorism intelligence with Russia."

Amongst budget, weather and terrorist concerns, there are also equality concerns. With Russia's recently passed "Gay Propaganda Law" outlawing the distribution of propaganda associated with LGBT equality that "effectively criminalizes the subject of homosexuality in mass media, online or at public events," according to Politico.

"Putin recently vowed that the Games would operate free of discrimination and the laws are born merely out of concern for kids," Politco reported.

"You can feel relaxed, but leave children alone please," said Putin.

Privacy is something those travelling to Sochi may have to be comfortable with not having. "Internet providers have been installed the latest version of the SORM (System of Operational and Investigative Measures) equipment, at their own expense," Politico reported. This software has the ability to intercept emails and all information that users transmit over social networks, Skype and chats.

These are just a few of the issues casting a shadow over the Winter Olympics. With 2,000 families having been evicted in Sochi, terrorist attacks happening in nearby cities as recently as December, and making attendees create a photo ID on a government created website in order to enter venues, these Olympics are already off to a rocky start.

I've always enjoyed watching the Olympics and learning more about how they were constructed, what cities they are in, and the atheletes involved; however, after learning about what Russia has done to make these Olympics happen, it makes me a much more wary watcher.

It doesn't feel like an international time of peace and competition like the Olympics are supposed to.

Top 5 Weirdest Olympic Sports

1. LIVE PIGEON SHOOTING

According to National Geographic, Live Pigeon Shooting "marks the only time in the Olympic history that animals have been killed on purpose." This may explain its discontinuation.

2. PISTOL DUELING

Pistol Dueling in the Olympics was not actually dueling. According to Time Magazine, the contestants "shot at plaster dummies dressed in frock coats from a distance of 20 or 30 meters."

3. HOT AIR BALLOONING

A somewhat unofficial event that occurred in Paris in 1900, this "raced" event, according to National Geographic, was the only time this event took place.

4. TUG-OF-WAR

Teams of eight men had to pull the other team six feet in a Tug-of-War, according to Time Magazine. Judges would allow the game to continue for an extra five minutes, if there was no winner. Then they would decide the winner based on which team had made the most progress.

5. ROPE CLIMBING

Out of its four Olympic appearances, rope climbing appeared in the Games most often when it was held in the U.S. "It's important that the sports included be popular around the world, but when [the Olympics] are in America ... well, Americans have a little more say," former president of the International Society of Olympic Historians, Bill Mallon said.

Nine sports voted most dangerous

Of ESPN's top 60 most dangerous sports of 2013, nine of the 15 olympic sports are on the list. Beginning with boxing, ice hockey comes in second on the list. The sports are picked by the endurance, strength, power, speed, agility, flexibilty, nerve, durability, hand-eye coordination and analytic aptitude.

Sport	END	STR	PWR	SPD	AGL	FLX	NRV	DUR	HCR	ANA	TOTAL
2. Ice Hockey	7.25	7.13	7.88	7.75	7.63	4.88	6.00	8.25	7.50	7.50	71.750
11. Alpine Skiing	5.13	5.25	6.00	7.38	6.13	5.63	8.38	6.00	5.13	5.63	60.625
17 Speed Skating	7.63	7.25	7.38	8.88	4.00	4.25	4.50	4.63	2.88	3.50	54.875
19. Figure Skating	6.38	5.25	6.63	5.13	6.88	8.25	4.88	4.00	3.13	4.25	54.750
25. Freestyle Skiing	4.13	5.13	4.88	5.13	6.63	6.88	6.63	5.13	4.13	3.88	52.500
28. Bobsledding	3.50	5.50	6.50	6.75	4.13	3.25	7.75	3.50	4.13	4.25	49.250
29. Ski Jumping	3.50	4.50	5.75	4.63	4.00	5.00	9.00	4.63	4.38	3.50	48.875
30. Nordic Skiing	9.00	5.75	4.38	5.13	4.00	4.00	2.75	5.50	3.63	3.88	48.000
56. Curling	2.25	2.63	2.50	1.50	2.25	2.63	1.75	1.50	4.88	5.63	27.500

Commentary: Significance of the games

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While the Winter Olympics may not have as many pro-American sports as the Summer Olympics, calling the Winter Olympics boring would be ignorant. A time of fierce competition, the global exhibition of significant sports, and a global camaraderie, the Olympics are anything but boring.

As many as 85 different countries will be sending a total of 6,000 athletes to compete in the 2014 Sochi Olympics, according to CNN.

"While there are exceptions, coaches and trainers say it's common for [Olympic] athletes to invest four to eight years training in a sport," Forbes reports.

Along with all the hard work put into the games, they have stood historically as a time of peace for the world. According to Olympic.org, Olympism as a life philosophy has "three core values: excellence, friendship and respect." All values that line up with the spirit of Olivet's Christian purpose.

"Since 1993, support for the Olympic Truce has grown steadily within the General Assembly, reaching the unprecedented unanimous cosponsorship of the latest resolution. During these turbulent times, Member States are demonstrating their confidence in the Olympic Truce Ideal," the UN reports.

"Today the Olympic Truce has become an expression of mankind's desire to build a world based on the rules of fair competition, peace, humanity and reconciliation. Moreover, the Olympic Truce epitomizes a bridge from the old and wise tradition to the most compelling purpose of the United Nations – the maintenance of international peace and security."

The several cultures that invest in the Olympics value the games for more than just peace. The sports we may find odd in the Winter Olympics have a great deal of historical significance.

Curling is believed to have been one of the "oldest team sports" in the world, according to the World Curling Federation. The sport may have originated from Northern Europeans throwing stones over the ice during winter. As another example, Skeleton racing evolved from sleds used for transport by Canadians/Indians and sleds used be Norwegian Fisherman for fishing and entertainment, according to the International Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation.

Pro-American sports hold a similar historical significance. Most notably are the Native American origins of Lacrosse in which tribal Native American warriors trained in a contest described as stickball evolving into the sport we know today, according to the Federation of National Lacrosse.

No matter your preference in sports, the Olympics are a time to enjoy a celebration of global camaraderie. The Olympics are a time to enjoy other cultures and the best of what they have to offer in competition and athleticism.

OLYMPICS IN BRIEF

Threats to Peace

Time Magazine reports the Sochi Olympic games are being held near conflict zone North Caucasus region of Russia, and that the dates during which the Olympics will be overlapping with the 150th anniversary of the genocide of 1.5 million people when "Muslim Circassians from the Black Sea coast" were expelled from the area. It may not come as a surprise that the games have been endangered by a bomb threat.

It has been alleged that two women known as "black widow" terror suspects are "planning to target the final stages of the Olympic torch relay with suicide bomb attacks," NBC reports. Russian police have distributed wanted posters in search of the women. NBC News terrorism analyst reports the posters imply weaknesses in Sochi's security.

The U.S. has offered its assistance, the Pentagon reports. Putin requesting aid is unlikely, according to Senior U.S. military officials.

Twins Trade Places

Two sisters will trade places for the Sochi 2014 Olympic games.

Tracy Barnes made the biathlon team, but her twin sister v could not try out due to a cold. After the trials had ended and the team had been picked, Tracy decided to let her sister go in her place.

"She had a stellar year," Tracy Barnes said. "She just had a bit of bad luck getting sick. I would have loved the opportunity to represent my country but it means more to me to give Lanny that chance. I think she'll do great things." – USA Today

Russia goes all out: Torch taken into space

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Sports Assistant

Sochi sets a new precedent in symbolizing global unity and cooperation by taking the Olympic Torch into outer space.

Residents of the International Space Station Oleg Kotov and Sergei Ryazansky passed the torch to each other in "a symbolic stage of the relay" in outer space, according to Olympic.org.

In addition to its trip to space, the torch was taken on a 65,000-kilometer trip around Russia to see 2,900 Russian towns and 130 million Russian people, according to Bloomsberg.

"The Sochi 2014 relay has an important mission: To bring together the whole country and rediscover the diversity and beauty of Russia, primarily for Russians themselves. For one day each town through which the torches will pass will become the capital of the Olympic torch relay, and that is a unique chance for the towns to present themselves to the entire world," Dmitry Chernyshenko, Olympic organizing committee president, said.

Although the torch was not lit in space, Krashmash engineer Andrei Vodyanik attests to the torch's ability to continuously burn because of its "unique double burner system."

Blackhawks Divide up for Olympics

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Of the 2013 Stanley Cup-winning Blackhawks team, nine will represent different countries in the Sochi Winter Olympics.

Center/right wing player Patrick Lane is the lone player for the American hockey team. Star Blackhawks players Jonathan Toews, Duncan Keith and Patrick Sharp will play for team Canada, the team that won the gold medal in 2010.

Representing team Sweden are two defensive men, Niklas Hjalmarsson and Johnny Oduya. Blackhawks forward Marcus Krueger will play for Sweden as well.

Marian Hossa and Michal Handzus will represent team Slovakia. Handzus, who was injured last season, showed up in the 2013 Stanley Cup playoffs with three goals and eight assists.

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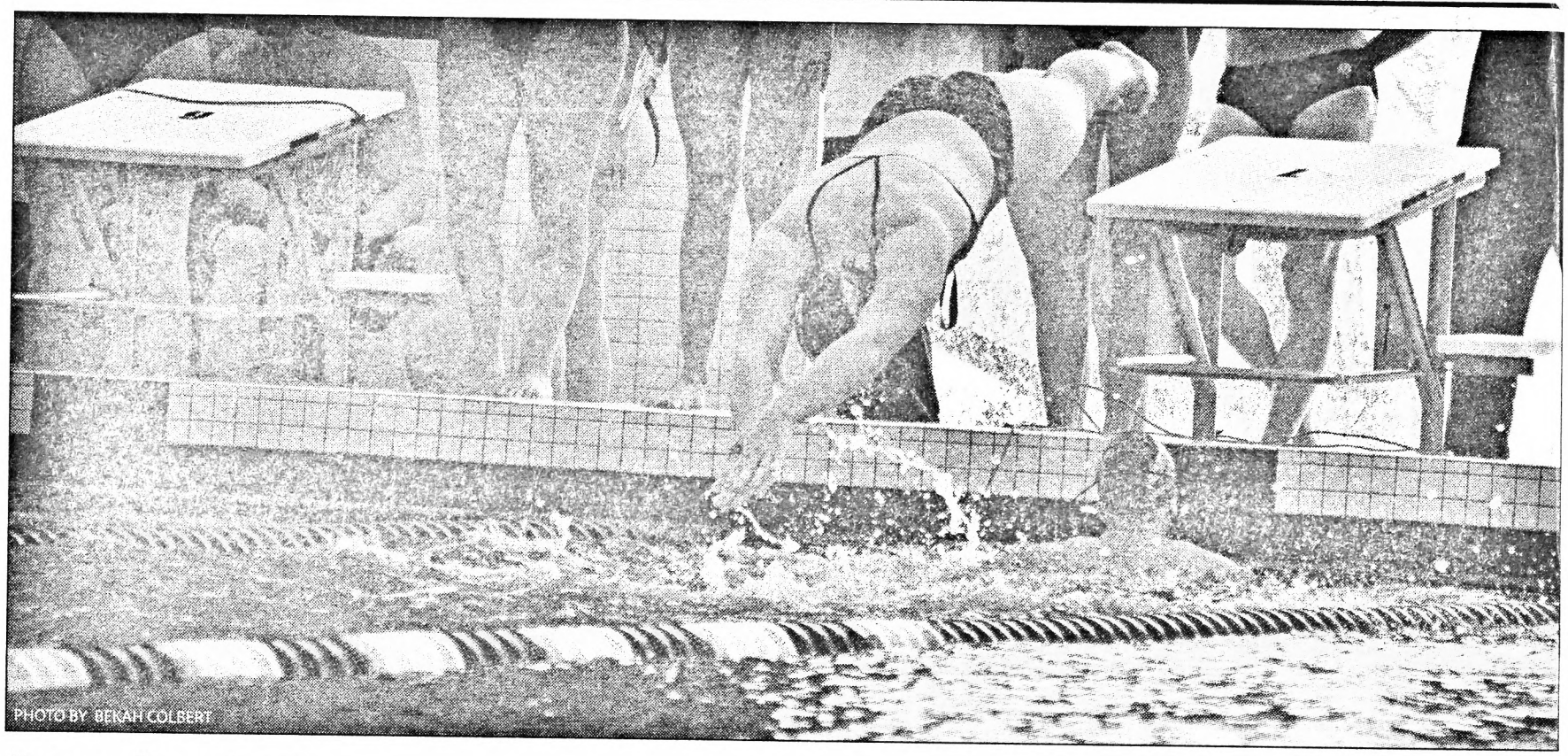

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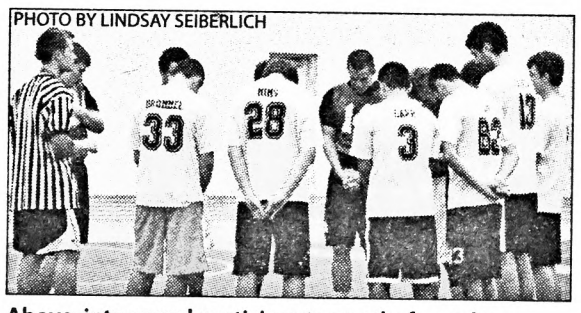
ONU swimmers race during the home meet Saturday, Jan. 18. The men's team won 170-92 and the women's team lost 127.5-134.5.

A soaring start:

SPRING SPORTS COMMENCE

While basketball is ending its season, swimming, track and intramurals have begun their competitions. Other sports such as golf and tennis continue to prepare.

Senior Miranda Geever goes up against a St. Xaiver defender. The Tigers lost to the #8 ranked team 80-117.



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Above, intramural participants pray before a basketball game. Below, women's track team members compete in a hurdle race on Jan. 25.