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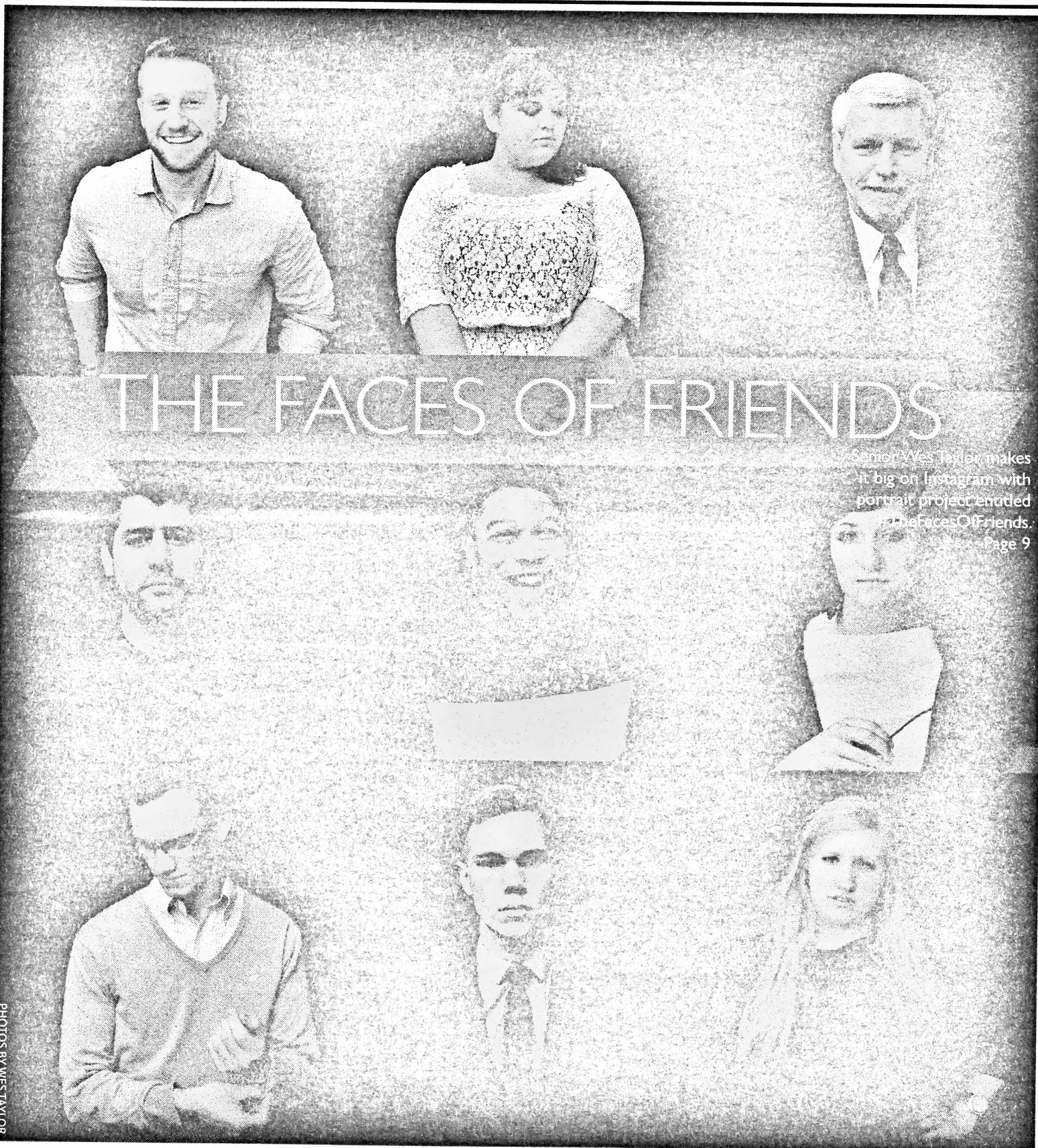
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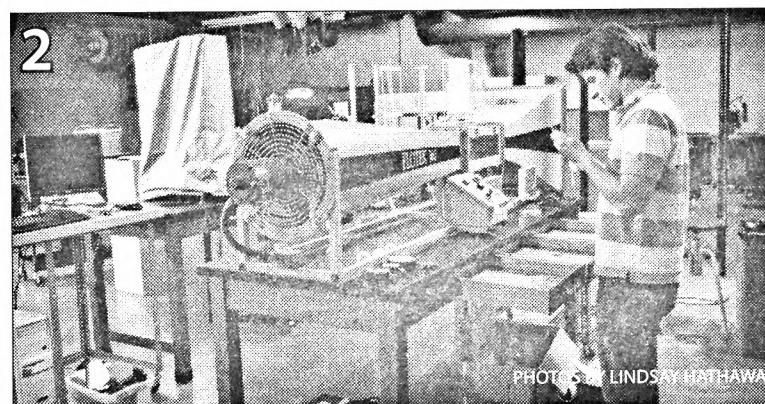
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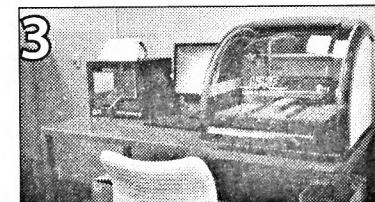
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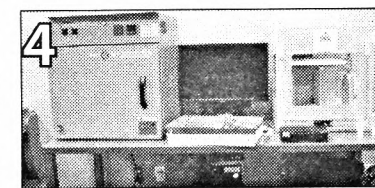
1. Engineering students work on "Hot Car" project in the newly built workshop of Reed.



2. Teaching Assistant Camilo Giraldo gets familiar with the department's new equipment.



3 & 4. New 3D printers have been added and are available for student use under instructor guidance.



Engineering Department: Utilizing new space

By Destiny Mitchell

Assistant News Editor

The engineering department has made steady progress since Professor Joe Schroeder took on the role of chair of the department after the passing of Dr. Ken Johnson last semester.

"When Ken came he revamped the vision of the department, the mission, the curriculum and the physical expansion," Professor Joe Makarewicz said. "He had a vision for [the department] and I see that vision still carrying on."

The engineering department is undergoing both physical and internal renovations. The curriculums have been altered to provide students with a more hands-on learning experience and classes will be taught more frequently.

Makarewicz, who specializes in computer engineering, said there might be some computer engineering classes to be added as well.

The department has been connecting with local businesses for the new manufacturing lab center. Some companies are interested in partnering with the department and having them help the businesses do prototyping and 3D printing, Schroeder said.

The physical changes are due to

the fact that the department is under-sourced in terms of little space for the growing number of engineering students as well as a lack of equipment.

In the last four years Makarewicz has been an instructor at Olivet, he has watched the department student population grow from 70 students to the current number of 180 students. To accommodate these students, there will be more classrooms, many with glass paneling that overlooks the planted atrium being built.

The plan also features a shop area for students to work, featuring more interactive labs for students to use. Shop equipment and new 3D printers are also some resources that will be added.

Before Schroeder became the chair he was a professor of mechanical engineering and played a large role in assisting Johnson with his duties as chair of the department.

Schroeder continues to instruct courses in addition to running the department and managing two other professors and six adjuncts.

Though the chair position is not ideal for Schroeder, the job has its positive attributes, he said.

"I like to be in charge," he joked. "What I really like about [the position] is the chance to equip people and help people out and [the position] allows me to magnify those things that I love."

On the other hand, Schroeder is not fond of dealing with administrative issues and managing the budget but is admittedly strong in those areas and willing to be available to handle them.

Makarewicz originally shied away from the position.

"It's a lot of hard work to manage the department in addition to teaching," he remarked.

Schroeder will maintain the position as chair of the department until fall 2014, when electrical engineer Dr. Shane Ritter will take over the department. Ritter has been running his own consulting company doing electrical communication systems for commercial buildings.

He will also alleviate some of the workload off Makarewicz, who is currently instructing the electrical engineering courses.

All renovations are anticipated to come to completion in the summer and will open in the fall 2014.

NEWS

Australian chef cooks foreign cuisine

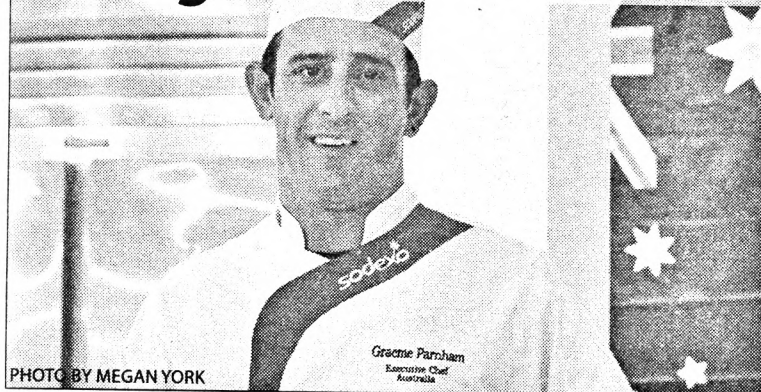


PHOTO BY MEGAN YORK

By Cody Stuart
Staff Writer

Australian Chef Graeme Parnham was born on the western coast of Australia in the city of Perth. He first took an interest in the culinary arts around the age of 15, giving him 20 years of experience in the field. He went to college in his hometown to study culinary arts. After graduating, he went on to work with the Sodexo. His work schedule might seem a bit unusual, as he flies out to another city and works there for two weeks, then flies back home to spend a week with his family.

Parnham is visiting Olivet as a part of his global tour. He is slated to spend a month in the United States, putting him on a very tight schedule. His first stop on the schedule was Austin, Texas, where he saw snow for the first time. He was shocked at how much colder it was here in the U.S. than in Australia. On the southern hemisphere, it's currently summertime, and the weather in the "land down under" has been close to a balmy 75 degrees.

According to Parnham, he "got off the plane in shorts and flip flops, and immediately regretted it." After Olivet, his next stop is at a university in Bloomington, Ill., where he was asked to prepare lunch for the students, as well as a private dinner for the faculty.

Parnham said so far, he has really enjoyed being in Illinois. The bitter cold took a bit of getting used to for someone so used to warm weather, but he said he really did feel that the snow looked beautiful. He also mentioned that during his spare time here at Olivet, he took the time to enjoy

some winter activities, such as snowmobiling.

"It was great fun to go snowmobiling for the first time, though falling off of it into the snow was not very fun," he said with a laugh. "Still, it was a wonderful experience, and was absolutely great fun."

When asked what dishes he wished to prepare for Olivet students, Parnham said he would like to make a mango chili salsa, a lamb stew, and kangaroo.

"Kangaroo is probably my favorite out of those," said Parnham. "It's a very lean meat, not a lot of fat. It's very delicious. I think Australians are the only people on earth who eat their own national emblem."

Parnham went on to explain that "Australian cuisine" is a bit misleading, since Australians do not truly have a distinctive cuisine to call their own. He said Australian food is really a hodgepodge of different cuisines, among them Mediterranean and Asian, with plenty of dishes imported from the many Pacific Islands surrounding Australia. Although no distinct cuisine exists, he did explain that Australians always adapt the foods to suit their culture, and certain meats, such as the kangaroo he planned to serve at Olivet, are very rarely eaten outside of his homeland.

As his parting words in the interview, Parnham wished to give a word of encouragement to all the up and coming chefs here at Olivet, as well as the student body at large.

"The best advice I can give is that you stick with it," he said. "It's a hard road, but if you just apply yourself and do your research you'll be surprised where it might take you."

Exec. council now selected

By Nicole Lafond
Executive Editor

The Associated Student Council's (ASC) Executive Council election process will look different this year: Executive Council members will no longer be elected to their positions by a student body vote, but rather, selected by the ASC voting council and administrators of the Office of Student Development.

The decision to change the process was made in late January by the three primary administrators of ASC and Student Development, Dr. Woody Webb, Kathy Steinacker, Dr. Jay Martinson, and ASC's Student Body President, Bre Bambrick. The first formal announcement of the decision was made during the first preliminary information meeting for students looking to apply for Executive Council positions for the 2014-2015 school year.

The decision to change the process has been a topic of discussion for the past two or three years, according to Bambrick.

The Executive Council selection process will now adhere to the following guidelines. Students interested in applying for an executive position will be required to attend one of three informational meetings. Students who attend an informational meeting will be sent an application for the respective executive position they are interested in and will be required to turn it in by a specified due date.

Once the applications are in, students will go through an endorsement interview with the current ASC voting council.

If the student is endorsed by ASC they will move onto a formal interview with the ASC and Student Development administrators, the current Executive Council member for whichever position they are applying, various faculty members with professional insight on the logistics of the executive position and various council or staff members of the

respected position they are interviewing for. After the formal interview, the student will find out whether or not they had been selected for the executive position, Bambrick said.

The decision to change the Executive Council election process to a selection process follows closely in line with the direction other student leadership positions on campus are moving, Vice President of Student Development, Woody Webb said.

"As Olivet has focused more attention on student leadership development we have been more intentional about the selection process of campus leaders," Webb said. "For example, the RA application and selection process has developed with multiple steps including personal interviews. The same is true for Ministry Teams members and other campus leadership positions."

Bambrick and Webb both feel

somewhat short-sighted and ignores the goals of having an ASC Executive Council," Allison said. "The goals of the executive council are stated to be, 'The student Executive Council assists the Student Body President in executing the provisions of the Constitution as well as the subjoined by-laws and the rulings of the Voting Council. This council plans events, organizes clubs, and helps to address campus issues by working with the administration on the behalf of the student body.' I emphasize the last portion of this statement claiming the body 'works with the administration on behalf of the student body.'"

Allison believes an election process serves a "two-fold" purpose on campus; it gets students in the habit of participating in a democratic process and students are therefore ensured that their representatives are truly representative, he said.

"This is not a simple issue of semantics in student government. This issue gets to the core of maintaining a balance of student and administrative interests in the decision making process of our university," Allison said.

Despite the nature of the change, Bambrick

anticipates no change in the way ASC functions as a council.

ASC organizations will remain the same and each executive member will run their staff the same. The one document that will need to be reviewed is the ASC constitution, she said.

Bambrick also voiced that students should direct any concerns to herself and the Office of Student Development.

"If a policy is not effective, we are always open to changing that," she said. "The administration is always open to change if it needs to occur, but I would also encourage students to consider letting this process to go through its first year and see how things go."

At this point almost 30 students have expressed interest in applying for executive positions for next year.

"We have a large opportunity to see various groups on Executive Council next year," Bambrick said.

"The administration is always open to change if it needs to occur, but I would also encourage students to consider letting this process to go through its first year and see how things go."

the decision will not limit student representation in any way, as anyone is allowed to apply for Executive Council positions. ASC will continue to serve as a representative council for the student body as class presidents, chaplains and representatives will still be elected through a student body vote, Webb said.

"It may feel like a drastic change to some students, but it really is not very drastic," Bambrick said. "The Executive Council members are quite the minority when it comes to student leaders on campus. We will still have 20 elected council member positions as well. I don't see it as a detriment to student representation, ultimately."

Although ASC and Student Development leaders do not foreshadow this change as being detrimental to the student body, Capitol Hill Gang President Brandon Allison believes the change will throw the university decision-making process off balance.

"I think that this decision seems

NEWS

Better safe than stranded

By Taylor Provost

Staff Writer

With recent school cancellations, all the snow and cold that this winter has brought to Bourbonnais has appeared to be good news for students – but for those with cars on campus, it's a different story. Having a car on campus is typically ideal for college students, but this winter has proven to be an inconvenience and danger for some more than anything.

"Twice this winter my car door wouldn't close because the lock was frozen and someone from Public Safety had to help me [fix it] the first time," sophomore Brittany Markland explained. "He went above and beyond and he used his own tools to help me," she said. "But the second time it happened a different guy at Public Safety said they couldn't do anything, so I had to ask a friend on campus."

Depending on the circumstances, help may not be readily available for all students and local experts say it is best to be personally educated on how to take care of one's car properly, in case of an emergency.

Sara Potts, owner of Car Care Auto Center in Bourbonnais, located directly beside Shine.FM radio station, offered advice for students unaccustomed to taking care of their cars in subzero temperatures to help keep them safe.

"Make sure your antifreeze is the proper temperature, and that your tires are inflated well," she said.

"Also make sure your oil is full and that you have a good battery too; it's very important to have a good battery."

Having a recent battery in your car is crucial in getting it to start up in the cold, but as for driving on icy and snowy roads, further safety precautions are needed.

"My car is a 2008 Dodge Charger, and it is low in the front and light in the rear," Dawn Lawrence, a Bourbonnais local accustomed to driving in harsh winters, said. "I put 200 pounds of Oil-Dri in my trunk to help with the fishtailing and I am just very cautious on the roads. No matter what kind of car you drive, though, let it warm up for a bit before driving; it improves its performance," she pointed out.

Nick Davies, an automotive technician at Blain's Farm & Fleet in Bourbonnais had a few pointers, as well.

"I think it's important to keep the fluids topped off. With the temperature fluctuation the liquid can expand and contract . . . It's pretty important to make sure they don't get too high or too low. It could cause problems."

Davies added, "Another important thing would probably be the pressure in your tires. You can lose up to 15 psi [pounds per square inch] in your tires overnight simply because of the drastic temperature change; kind of important since we are in Illinois and that happens all the time. Tread depth on your tires is important to keep an eye on, as well. The less tread you have, the more likely you will be to slide around."

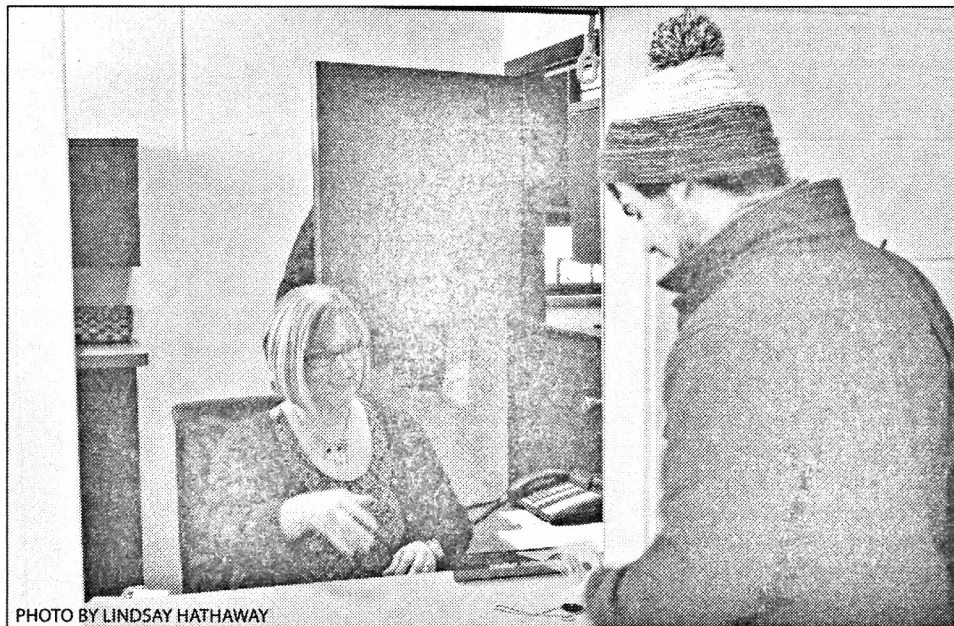


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Student Accounts Cashier Heather Hathaway is one of many Olivet employees working at one of 2014's Best Christian workplaces.

Best Christian workplace:

Olivet awarded title

By Jada Fisher

Staff Writer

Olivet was recently named one of 2014's Best Christian workplaces in the United States, by the Best Christian Workplaces Institute (BCWI).

"To be certified, an organization must complete the BCWI employee engagement survey and meet predetermined standards of excellence," according to a recent press release from Olivet's marketing department.

Everyone from the maintenance staff, professors, and librarians to University President Dr. John Bowling completed the survey to evaluate Olivet as a place of employment and express suggestions for improvement. The survey was taken voluntarily and anonymously.

The survey contained more than 50 questions. There were also additional questions that allowed the survey taker to elaborate on his or her answers.

Olivet has received this honor consecutively since 2005. "The [faculty and staff] that work here and come every day are the reason for this honor," Faith Newman, Assistant to the Director of Business & Human Resources, said.

The survey is taken annually during the fall semester, ranked in January,

and reviewed by the administration team in the spring. There are rankings for each survey question, Director of Business & Human Resources, David Pickering, said.

For example, "My supervisor cares for me as a person" is a statement on the survey. Takers then respond with answers such as "strongly agree," "agree," "somewhat agree," etc. Those that review the results are also able to compare the overall ranking to those of previous years, Pickering said.

Name recognition, example set-

packages and communication across departments on campus, Newman said.

The goal of the annual survey is to make sure employees are happy, and most if not all are happy, Pickering said.

The communications department's secretary, Christie Hanslik said the genuine care and respect from her colleagues has impacted her the most since she began working at Olivet.

"Being at Olivet is a calling," Adjunct Professor of Music Kay Welch said. She values the freedom to ex-

press herself spiritually here. Welch believes Olivet naturally attracts people with a light from Christ who want to spread it.

"I have had no problem meshing in with the faculty who have

embraced and guided me. I think the BCWI honor fits perfectly with what happens here," a communication department graduate assistant, Seth Major said. "Every teacher is not only able to assist in the education realm, but is also available to be a solid Christian presence in the community of the school."

BCWI's overall mission is to ensure that Christian workplaces are "the world's best and most effective workplaces," according to the marketing department's press release.

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ing, and a letter from BCWI's president Al Lopus are just three of many benefits this recognition gives Olivet as an institution. The honor speaks to the employees, departments, and the culture of our university, according to Pickering.

"Our desire is to be consistent in keeping our Christ[like] culture," Pickering said. The survey is not done for the honor but for the feedback from employees, he said.

The feedback from the surveys has prompted improvements in benefits

Glimmer Glances

Athletics

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
2/21 – NAIA Track Meet – SLRC
2/22 – Women's Basketball vs. Indiana University South Bend – 1 pm – McHie
2/22 – Men's Basketball vs. Indiana University South Bend – 3 pm – McHie

Fine Arts

2/14 – Chrysalis Tour, Orpheus Tour, & Testament Tour
2/21 – Gospel Choir Tour & Wind Symphony Tour
2/23 – KVS Concert – 7 pm – Centennial Chapel

Campus Rec

2/14 – Mr. ONU Rehearsal – 7 pm – Chalfant

Campus Rec

2/15 – Mr. ONU – 7 pm – Chalfant
2/15 – Planetarium Show: Dawn of the Space Age – 6 pm & 9 pm
2/17-2/20 – Registration for IM Season 5 Open – SLRC
2/20 – Intramural Captain's Meeting – 9 pm – SLRC
2/24 – Intramural Season 5 starts

Student Success

2/19 – Internship and Job Fair – 11 am-3 pm – Chalfant
2/24 – National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

Spiritual Development

2/17 – Party with Jesus – 9 pm – Warming House
2/19 – Parlor – 7 pm – College Church
2/24 – Party with Jesus – 9 pm – Warming House
2/26 – Parlor – 7 pm – College Church

NEWS

Vegan bakery 'only one in area'

By Taylor Provost
Staff Writer

I Love A Vegan Bakery, located on Main Street near Jewel Osco, may be easy to miss because of how small the building is, but the size of the building is not representative of the passion owner, Carla Hopkins, has for the business.

Hopkins grew up in her grandparents' Italian bakery, helping out since the age of seven.

Her love for baking started early, and as she grew up, her love only grew with her.

"Like all Italian mothers, she loves to bake for her children," the bakery's "about" page on their website reads. When Hopkins' son decided to make a change and adopt a vegan lifestyle, her baking made the change too.

Now Hopkins makes various vegan treats for her son, as well as the community, to enjoy through I Love A Vegan Bakery, which she opened in November 2013.

The location has been known to have somewhat of a bad luck streak, previously being a failed coffee business and a failed hot dog stand.

However, Hopkins hasn't seemed to experience any bad luck yet.

"You know what, we've been steadily busy!" Hopkins said. "The only thing I know from the coffee shop that was there before was that their business went down when Starbucks moved in [across the street]," Hopkins explained.

"But it's not just that we don't have any [vegan] competition in Bourbonnais -- we don't have competition

anywhere in the area."

Hopkins has received positive feedback from community members on the I Love A Vegan Bakery Facebook page she created since opening the shop.

"Not just for vegans! Everything I've had has been wonderful! My non-vegan family loves it," a fan wrote on her page.

"We have a whole variety of things on the menu and we're trying to introduce new things all the time," Hopkins said. "If we can find a good recipe for suggestions from people, we definitely use them. We even do dog treats," she laughed.

Another Bourbonnais local, Katie Bretzlaff, posted on the page, "We are thrilled to have a vegan bakery in our community!"

"We opened the day after Thanksgiving, and I would say that first month we were very busy, probably having a lot to do with the holidays," she said.

"[Business] did drop in the first week of January a little bit, but I think that's normal for businesses and [business] has picked up since then," Hopkins explained.

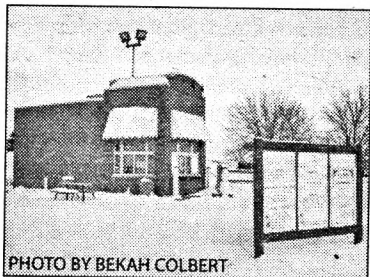


PHOTO BY BEKAH COLBERT

Vegan Bakery near campus has no local competition.

Identity found in Christ

By Nicole Lafond
Executive Editor

A renowned Christian minister, professor and author, who crafts his message around his struggle with identity as a celibate, gay man living with HIV, encouraged the student body to forget their secular identities during a university chapel service on Feb. 12.

"My identity should never be defined solely by my sexuality. My identity should not be defined only by my passions or desires or feelings. My identity is not 'gay,' 'homosexual' or get this, even 'heterosexual' for that matter," Christopher Yuan said to the audience of university faculty, staff and students. "But my identity, as a child of the living God, must be in Jesus Christ alone."

As an educator at Moody Bible Institute, an international speaking minister and the co-author of the book "Out of Far Country: A Gay Son's Journey to God, A Broken Mother's Search for Hope," Yuan centers his message around his "redemption story."

As a former promiscuous gay man and drug dealer who served a prison sentence and now suffers from HIV, Yuan now travels the world sharing the story of how he "turned his nightmare into an exciting and inspiring story of redemption, grace and transformation," according to his biography.

Although Yuan currently makes a living publicly testifying his decision to free himself of his former sexual

identity, he made it clear that identity should not be found in sexuality, or any cultural stipulation. This idea resonated well with the audience as students live-tweeted their thoughts throughout his message to a popular university hashtag, #onuchapel.

"Amen!!! Your identity is not in your sexuality. (Hetero or homo sexual) it's in Christ! #onuchapel," Molly Shirosky tweeted.

"I think Phil Robertson from Duck Dynasty would be pleased with this sermon #onuchapel," sophomore, Lucas Fritch tweeted.

"Definitely came into this chapel with negative presuppositions... But praise The Lord I didn't skip #onuchapel," sophomore Jake Hileman posted to the hashtag.

Some students were skeptical of the topic being discussed on campus.

"The sad part is, gays will be discussed around campus for months just b/c #onuchapel," freshman Evan Sherar wrote.

Overall, the student body responded positively, via social media, to Yuan's call for a Christ-centered identity and his call to holiness.

"God said 'Be holy for I am holy' and what he's telling me is 'don't focus on your sexuality, your passions, your desires, your temptations, but focus on living a life of holiness and living a life of purity.' Because change is not the absence of struggles... but change is the freedom to choose holiness in the midst of our struggles," Yuan said.

Yuan delivered a similar message at Yale University in 2011 and

garnered a very different response from an audience of self-identified LGBTQ allies and Christian students. Yale student Hannah Zeavin, a writer for Broad Recognition, a feminist magazine at Yale, found an issue with the way Yuan discussed identity during his talk.

"Though Yuan does not like labels, stereotypes, or generalizations, and stated, 'I am Christopher Yuan, I am unique,' he applied labels to everyone else. He told the audience he 'has Gay friends,'" Zeavin wrote.

"Yuan did not provide concrete answers about sexuality and religion—but instead stated that queer sex was not holy. Though attendees saw photographs of Yuan as a baby, as a student, in gay clubs, in a mug shot, and heard him testify to the love of God and his own personal redemption, I am left with many more questions than I entered with, Zeavin said."

Olivet senior Rebecca Wilkinson thinks the response to Yuan's messages probably differ based on the views of the audience.

"I think Olivet students were responsive to his message because it aligned with their preexisting world views," Wilkinson said.

University Chaplain Mark Holcomb said he invited Yuan to campus to "paint a different narrative."

"There is a growing community of gay Christians who have committed to celibacy as a way to be a faithful follower of Christ. There is hope for those whom reparative therapy doesn't work for," Holcomb said.

Medical marijuana legal in Ill., state politicians respond

By Nate Nelson
Staff Writer

On January 1, 2014, Illinois' new medical marijuana law went into effect. These laws essentially have done what is assumed they would: provide prescribed medical marijuana to those that need it.

"Despite the new medical marijuana law, Illinois' marijuana penalties remain harsh, and the state has the fifth highest arrest rate for marijuana possession in the nation," the Marijuana Policy Project said on their website Jan. 30.

Many people in Illinois, including senators and representatives are not satisfied. Rep. Christian Mitchell and Sen. Iris Martinez have introduced legislation which is under review by the state and federal government at

this moment.

Rep. Mitchell proposed HB 4299, which would reduce possession of marijuana in small amounts to a petty offense. The punishment for this type of offense would be only \$100 and would eliminate jail time, according to Marijuana Policy Project.

Sen. Martinez is also lobbying legislation, which would add a specific form of epilepsy as a qualifying medical condition for the medical marijuana pilot program. In addition, Sen. Martinez advocated that minors with a prescription should be allowed to use medical marijuana. While many were excited for these new laws to come into effect once passed by the State of Illinois, the drafting of these

newly engendered laws by the Department of Public Health caused disappointment, the Marijuana Policy Project said on their website.

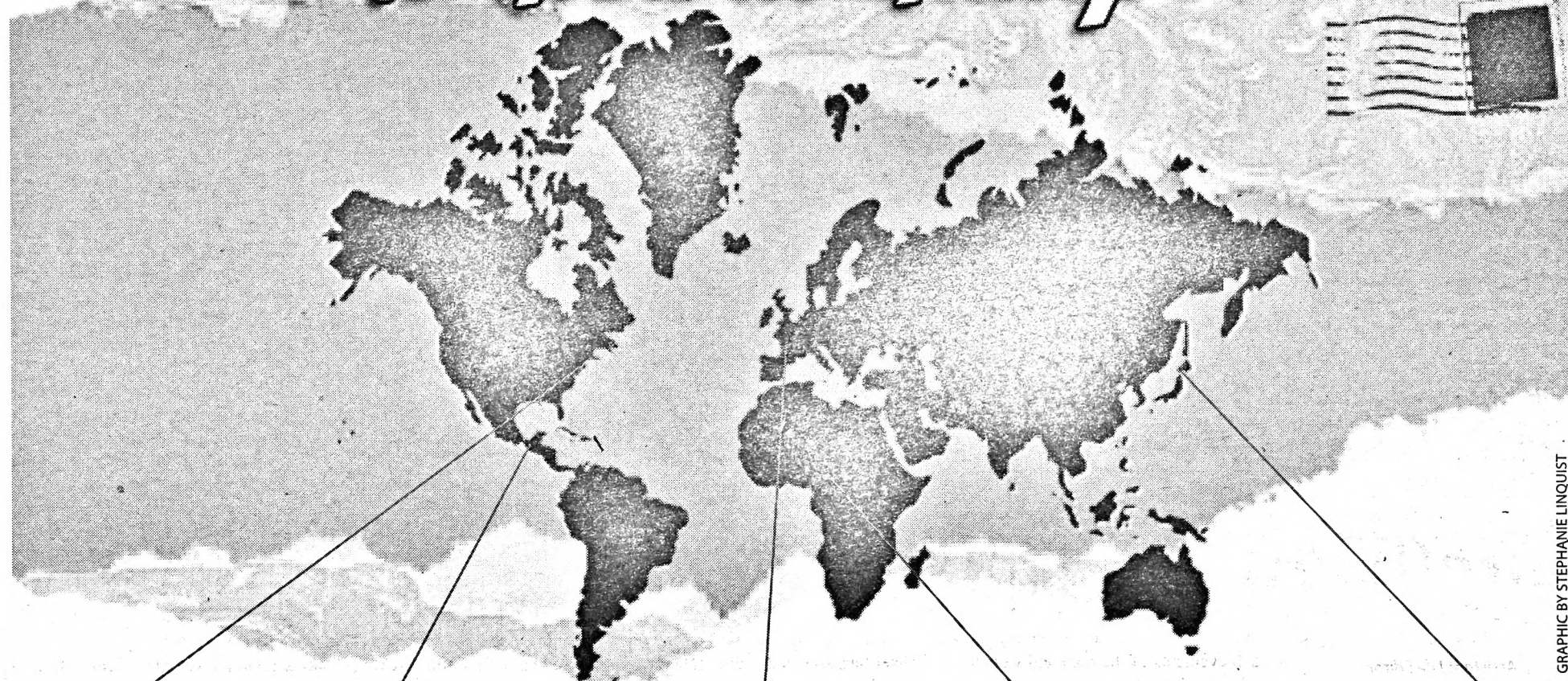
The controversy of these draft bills lies in the federal government interfering with the state's rights. When Colorado and Washington passed laws, which legalized both medical and recreational marijuana in 2012, the federal government interfered. As of the new year, the government will not be involved except in cases where marijuana is being sold to minors. However, a change of platforms has occurred; the Department of Public Health has decided to take matters into their own hands with the drafting of the legislation passed by Illinois,

according to the Illinois Registrar.

A revision of the proposed state laws may be necessary. If the federal government wants to oversee those revisions it will be for the better. The admissions and deletions the Department of Health has created, which are disclosed on both their website and the State of Illinois' government website, do not fulfill the aspirations of Illinois representatives and senators.

The Illinois Registrar disclosed the complete 48-page statement from the Department of Public Health. Within the statement, 42 different health problems can be prescribed medical marijuana including AIDS, post-concussion therapy, and Alzheimer's disease.

A Global Glimpse



GRAPHIC BY STEPHANIE LINQUIST

Washington, District of Columbia

The U.S. government has expanded recognition of same-sex marriages in federal legal matters including bankruptcies, prison visits and survivor benefits.

"It is the [Justice Department's] policy to recognize lawful same-sex marriages as broadly as possible, to ensure equal treatment for all members of society regardless of sexual orientation," Attorney General Eric Holder wrote in a memo to all employees.

The expansion includes 34 states where same-sex marriage isn't legal, but the benefits being extended to those states will apply only where U.S. government has jurisdiction.

Human Rights Campaign called it a "landmark announcement" and that it "will change the lives of countless committed gay and lesbian couples for the better."

However, Brian Brown, president of the National Organization for Marriage, criticized what he called the latest move by the Obama administration "to undermine the authority and sovereignty of the states to make their own determinations regulating the institution of marriage."

-CNN

El Salvador, MEXICO

A castaway from El Salvador, who says he spent more than a year adrift in the Pacific, has finally arrived home.

Jose Salvador Alvarenga, 37, was met by family members and officials after flying from the U.S.

Alvarenga was found washed up in the Marshall Islands. He said he left Mexico for a boat trip in December 2012 with a friend who died on board.

He was dehydrated upon rescue, and suffered from back pain and swollen joints.

He said he survived the 5,000 mile ordeal by catching fish, birds, and turtles with his bare hands.

For fluids, he made do with drinking urine, rainwater and the blood of birds.

When he landed in El Salvador's airport, Alvarenga was greeted by the prime minister, other government officials, and dozens of journalists.

"We are happy he is coming back after so much time," his cousin Mari-sol Alvarenga said.

"He could have died. But thanks to God my cousin is a warrior, because I don't know what would have happened to another person," she added.

-BBC News

Moorland, ENGLAND

Some 5,800 properties have flooded in England since the beginning of December.

Prime Minister David Cameron said Tuesday that "money is no object" in the relief effort and promised more troops to help despairing homeowners.

"Britain is facing its wettest winter in two and a half centuries, and some of the worst flooding in decades," he said.

There are still 16 severe flood warnings in place, most of them in south-east England, as well as hundreds of lower-level flood warnings and flood alerts. And that's not the end of it.

"Things may well get worse before they get better," Cameron said.

Moorland village resident Sam Notaro has taken the initiative to build his own flood defense barrier, using a digger to raise a soil embankment topped with heavy clay to act as a seal.

Notaro is a lone holdout amongst neighborhoods filled with submerged cars and abandoned houses.

So far, the barrier has kept the water out of his home, but only time will tell if they hold as conditions worsen.

-CNN

Bangui, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Central African Republic President [CAR] Samba-Panza announced she will go to war with Christian militias who are slaughtering Muslims.

She said the militias, called anti-balaka, had "lost their sense of mission" and had become "the ones who kill, who pillage, who are violent."

The militias claim to be taking revenge for atrocities by Muslims last year.

Tens of thousands of Muslims have fled into Cameroon and Chad and many are living in camps inside CAR.

Many of those who fled were traders or involved in the food business.

Their absence has sparked a collapse in food distribution and worsened a humanitarian crisis.

The only meat available is a small amount of pork from locally reared pigs.

The UN's World Food Programme [WFP] has started a massive month-long airlift of food into CAR from Cameroon.

But the WFP says about 1.3 million people, a quarter of the population, need food aid and will demand almost 10 times the amount of cereal that will be provided.

-BBC News

Tokyo, JAPAN

A composer dubbed "Japan's Beethoven" has admitted he is not totally deaf just after the revelation of his use of a ghostwriter.

Mamoru Samuragochi said in a statement to Japanese media that he regained some of his hearing three year ago.

Samuragochi, 50, gained notoriety in the 1990s and is best known for the piece Hiroshima No.1, dedicated to those killed in the 1945 atomic bomb.

But music teacher Takashi Niigaki claimed that he has composed music for Samuragochi, including Hiroshima symphony No. 1.

Niigaki also said that he saw no signs that Samuragochi could hear.

50-year-old Samuragochi said his hearing had improved and that he could follow conversation under certain conditions.

"In recent years I have started to be able to hear a little bit more than before, since about three years ago I can hear words if people speak clearly and slowly into my ears," he said.

Samuragochi said he will be issuing a public apology. "I feel deeply ashamed of myself for living a false life," he said.

-BBC News

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Drum Beats:

GRAPHIC BY
STEPHANIE LINQUIST

GlimmerGlass's own advice columnist: sassy, snarky and everything in between. Take the time to get to know the comedic GiGi in this special Valentine's Day edition of DrumBeats.



PHOTO FROM COLLIDER.COM

The iconic Oscar Award statuette was designed by MGM art director Cedric Gibbons in 1927.

Awards still appeal to public

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From the glitz and glamour to the invaluable trophies, America's annual awards season continues to draw the attention of public interest, even after 85 years of star-struck obsession.

Since the first Academy Awards ceremony was held on May 16, 1929, the awards season has evolved into an event the original founders could not have imagined.

The first Academy Awards ceremony was held on May 16, 1929 and it has evolved since then. The well-known annual showcase of celebrities has grown to include the famed award ceremonies of the Screen Actors Guild, the Hollywood Foreign Press and an award show that listens directly to the audience, the People's Choice Awards.

In early 1927, a group of 36 influential men and women in the film industry met together to hear a proposal. The proposal was to form a group that would benefit all members of the motion picture industry. Out of this group, the Academy Awards were born. Today, an "Oscar" is considered one of the most admired awards a member of the movie industry can receive.

The group that met in 1927 founded the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the first academy specifically for the film industry. Since its beginning the Academy has gathered

annually to recognize the outstanding achievements of the men and women who write, produce, direct and act in the world's top cinematic productions.

Not much younger than the Academy is the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA), which hosts the Golden Globes award ceremonially every year. According to the HFPA, a group of journalists from around the world created the HFPA in 1943 to offer a diversion to the public during WWII.

The HFPA presented their first prizes in a ceremony at 20th Century Fox. The first event was very different from the Golden Globes ceremony is today. Throughout the next few decades, both the Oscars and the Golden Globes would influence how the American public viewed the film industry, but soon enough a new awards ceremony would join the annual award season.

The People's Choice Awards entered the scene in 1975, over 30 years after the Golden Globes began. Unlike the other major award ceremonies, an academy or association does not run the People's Choice Awards. The fans of television, film and music directly nominate and vote for their favorite actors, shows, songs and movies.

Over the 40 years since its first airing, the People's Choice Awards have brought the people to the celebrities and revolutionized how fans interact with the stars. Since its beginning, the People's Choice Awards have recog-

nized stars such as Ellen DeGeneres, Michael Jackson and Julia Roberts. Voting for the awards occurs online annually.

Most recent to join the annual awards season are the Screen Actors Guild Awards (SAG). Unlike all other award show sponsors, two formerly separate groups sponsor the SAG Awards.

SAG and AFTRA, the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, both formed in the early 20th century. Though they were formed around the same time, the two groups did not join together until 2013.

The Screen Actors Guild first hosted the SAG Awards in 1995. The SAG Awards are unique in that they are the only group to give awards to members of the SAG-AFTRA union specifically. The group also awards the highly prized lifetime achievement award to one performer who has done excellent work throughout their career.

Over the nearly nine decades since the first awards season, the annual event continues to draw the attention of America. Both Americans and Olivet students alike find time to watch their favorite celebrities.

"They [fans] watch the Oscars to see if their favorite celebrity would win, not because they are movie critics or have any idea of what goes into making a film," sophomore Brittany Killion said.

Q: Many have been wondering, what does GiGi stand for? Did your mother give you that name?

Many people have guessed what my name stands for, though none of them have been correct. I will never tell anyone what it really stands for so I say that it means "Gorgeously Grand."

Q: You have often been characterized as foolish, loose-lipped, and offensive. How do you feel when others characterize you as such?

I wonder how they would feel if a stranger called them that. I do not really care what they think. Someone always disagrees with a person that tells the truth.

Q: Some has deemed you "Olivet Inappropriate;" what, in your opinion, is Olivet appropriate?

My opinion on what is appropriate at Olivet would be considered inappropriate.

Q: With Valentine's Day tomorrow, what are your plans? A secret rendezvous behind Burke? Or a lovely stroll through the Freshman-plagued Quad?

Ah, the season of the couples is upon us again. Of course, love is always in the air here at Olivet. I will be too busy counseling engaged freshmen to have plans of my own. I suppose you could consider me a superhero.

Q: Spring is fast approaching, what are your thoughts on the "Ring by spring" phenomenon?

All I have to say is that the couples here at Olivet pair up and commit faster than the squirrels steal Nesbit cookies.

Q: What song would you like to have played to you in the Quad?

"Rehab" by Amy Winehouse. Rest in peace my dear Amy.

Q: A man wants to take you for a romantic evening in the Perry Center basement, what games do you play?

Well, the only game that I would play with him is "How Fast Can I Get Away From You?" Who takes a person on a date to the basement of the Perry Center?

Q: How do you like your eggs cooked?

I drink them raw.

Q: If you were invited to eat dinner with three presidents, which presidents would you choose?

Dr. Bowling, Vladimir Putin (why not?), and Obama.

Q: What would you choose as your last meal to eat?

Every meal feels like my last meal with Sodexo's food. So absolutely anything that isn't Sodexo.

Q: What is on your fridge right at this moment?

A picture of Dr. Bowling and his wife.

Q: You are famous for your advice in your "Gigi's Corner" column. How do you come up with just the right answer to every question asked?

I write what is on my heart, which is usually the opposite of what everyone else thinks.

Q: If you could change one thing about the world, what would you change?

I would change the amount of chicken nuggets that they give us on Fridays. Five just isn't enough.

Q: What is your day job?

I regulate the amount of smoke that comes out of the ONU smoke stack.

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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Local family receives international support

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"I've always felt like I was just a chauffeur for a celebrity," Bradley local Beth Kirkman said of her 18-year-old son, Michael Santella. Michael's celebrity status has become more than apparent in the recent months, as surrounding community has come together to support him and his family in his final moments.

Due to Michael's Down Syndrome, he was denied life insurance. This didn't seem to be an immediate problem until this past August, when Beth and family found out that their time with Michael was more limited than they expected.

Growing up, health never came easily to Michael. He had several complications over the years that led to a buildup of scar tissue in his lungs, making breathing a challenge. But Michael had always beaten the odds.

"I fully expected him to [live] into his forties, fifties, sixties," Beth said. In August when she was told by Michael's doctor that he was to be put on to hospice care with an expectancy of just a few months left, she was shocked.

"He wasn't supposed to be here now, though," Christina Santella, Michael's sister, pointed out.

While Michael's family had become accustomed to his fighting spirit and beating the odds, his recent health deterioration has not diminished their pride in him.

"He hasn't let anyone down," Beth said.

Though the question remained, how could a memorial service fit for Michael be affordable without life insurance?

"When I found out the cost of the funeral I thought, 'Oh, this is a problem,'" Beth said.

Since Beth's family found out the news in August they received a lot of support from the community. Fundraisers were held in honor of Michael by various local organizations and donations were made to the family without Beth ever asking, but even with the funds raised over the last few months, an affordable funeral was still a bit out of reach. Having already received so much help and support from others, Beth had "deep reservations" about asking for anything more.

A friend of Beth's suggested setting up a donation page for Michael on youcaring.com, a website that allows you to virtually collect donations from around the world for causes such as these. However, Beth was very reluctant to ask for donations. She didn't really consider making a page on YouCaring until she came across an article that showed how much money was successfully able to be raised through the website for the funeral of a young boy hero recently featured in the news.

"I thought, 'well, what the heck.'" Without any real expectations, Beth decided to make a donation page for Michael. But at the last step of making the page she saw that it had to be

shared on Facebook, and she didn't want all the people who had already helped their family to feel obligated to do anything more, so she deleted the page and went to bed. After lying in bed for an hour, though, she thought "OK, fine." She shared the page on Facebook and in less than 48 hours \$4,000 came in.

"The support has been overwhelming," Beth said. "Former students, friends, co-workers, perfect strangers . . . and from all over the world. People we don't even know. This one lady from England sent a dollar, and there was one [donation] that was like, \$6.32. I just imagine there's some little kid counting their pennies, or somebody that that's all they can afford out of their budget. I just started crying; those quirky numbers really got me."

Within a week of sharing Michael's page the family was only \$1,000 short of their \$12,000 goal, which they have since reached. Beth plans to use whatever extra money she receives towards setting up a memorial scholarship at Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School for students planning on majoring in Special Education.

"Hospice said they never heard of such community," she said. "It's just been very humbling."

Even people who haven't been able to provide monetary support have gone out of their way to show kindness to Beth and her family.

"It's not all money," Christina said, and Beth agreed. "It's the prayers; just the kind words."

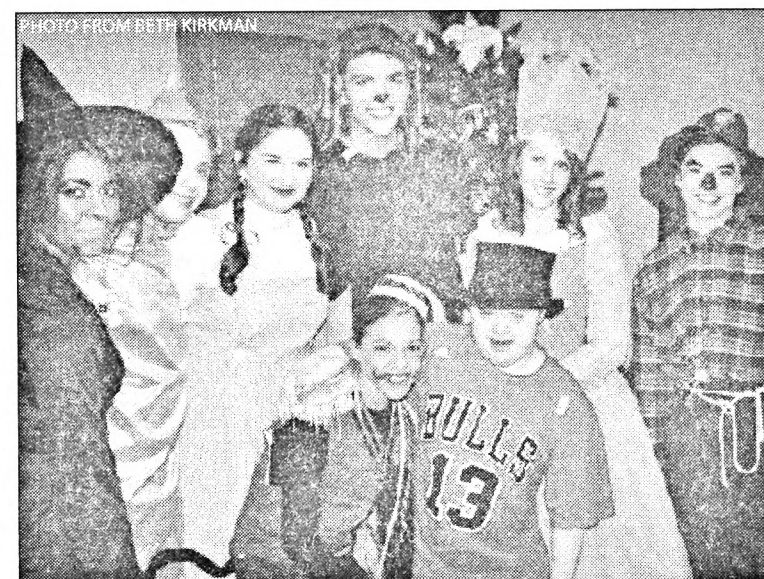


PHOTO FROM BETH KIRKMAN
The Acting Out Theater Company visits Michael, dressed in their Wizard of Oz attire, they watch the film together.

But all the attention Michael has been receiving lately hardly feels out of the ordinary to him, always having been a popular guy.

"Everyone knows Michael; nobody ever forgets him," Christina said.

Beth explained that while Michael is aware of the situation to an extent, he sees all the recent attention and gestures as a big party.

One specific instance that Michael really enjoyed was getting paid a visit by the Acting Out Theater Company and watching *The Wizard of Oz* with them as they were dressed up as the characters – Michael adores *The Wizard of Oz*.

"He thinks he's gonna jump on the trampoline with Jesus," Beth chuckled. "Pretty much the only thing holding him here is his strong spirit."

He understands that the days are growing shorter, though, as he explains to his family "Michael go home."

"When he says home, he's talking about Heaven," Christina explained. "He knows."

Through many tears, Michael and his family have found many reasons to smile, an extremely supportive community being one of them.

"This whole experience has just been amazing," Beth said. "We are very lucky."

Senior projects provide 'capstone' experience

Emily Rush

Staff Writer

Many seniors must complete a project before they can graduate. Some give presentations, others a performance. The education department has to do student teaching.

There are countless versions of what must be done. Whatever it is, students must work hard and prepare themselves for what is coming after graduation.

For some departments, the work is more strenuous than others. For example, the music department requires

a senior recital, which students start preparing months in advance, where as in the chemistry department, the requirements are a little more laid back.

"It's not very taxing," senior Edward Saliba said. His requirement is to be enrolled in Senior Seminar and do two scholarly research projects; one on campus and one off.

Saliba has also chosen to do some extra research on top of Senior Seminar. He is looking into physical chemistry in respect to a protein in the human eye. Saliba said he has learned a lot so far, and is excited to move forward with his research.

Alli Hill, a senior music ministry

major recently finished her senior recital. For this, she had to prepare a half hour's worth of music and perform it to an open audience.

"Senior Recital was way out of my comfort zone," Hill said. "It was probably one of the hardest things I have had to do musically."

Other departments, such as the art department, have similar senior projects. All seniors must participate in a Senior Art show, which is also a public event.

Bill Greiner, head of the art department said: "The senior shows are the big ta-da." He shared how he enjoys being able to celebrate each senior for

their accomplishments and hard work.

Senior Bethany Meyers recently took her show off display. She started working on her show pieces in May of her junior year.

"It's so weird that it's over," Meyers said. The experience for her was an enjoyable one, and she shared how through this project she was able to better develop her artistic style.

Departments, such as the math, and political science departments, do projects that are less publicly aired. Both departments require a research project, and some sort of paper or presentation to follow.

Jamison Burchfield, a senior math

major, and Jake Ryan, a senior history and political science major, both agree the research they completed for this project gave them experience with the kind of work they would need to do for grad school, which is the primary nature their projects.

Departments such as the education and theology departments do not require a senior project out of students, but rather hands-on experience in the field.

Dr. Blanchette, in the theology department shared this type of learning puts a focus more on mentoring. He encourages his students to work hand in hand with their mentor.

The Photographer's Eyes

In 45 minutes, Senior Wesley Taylor received 4,000 followers on Instagram. He now has over 16,000 followers. It's a step toward his dream "to be apart of a team that believes in sharing moments and bringing awareness to the fullness of lives."

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"My Friends Call Me Wes."

And he has a lot of friends.

So he decided that raising a camera to his eyes would be the best way to commemorate, remember and share the experiences he's had with them.

After realizing the potential of his photography, senior Wesley Taylor found the beauty of creating and being a part of a community, with the people around him through social media.

It was during a missions trip to Africa with Orpheus choir when he began to see the world through a new pair of eyes: the photographer's eyes.

"I was looking at situations and seeing beyond what was there and turning that into a portrait or moment," Taylor said.

Over time, his passion grew for the medium and he began to share his photos on Instagram. As he started the journey of discovering his voice in photography, he thought taking portraits of his friends would be good practice.

His project #TheFacesOfFriends began, but he had no idea how big of a success it would be. After taking 100 friends' portraits in the same location, his photography was noticed. Instagram's official account liked the project and featured it on both their blog and their Instagram feed.

"It's humbling. It affirms that this is a gift that I'm supposed to be using. It pushes me to be better," Taylor said.

Now, he finds himself connecting with many people and has seen firsthand the power of social media.

The world is more connected than ever before. Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Fourquare- numerous social media platforms are opening up opportunities to keep in touch with family and friends, network and provide instantaneous news.

The digital platform is the now the new frontier as media users try to understand and properly execute

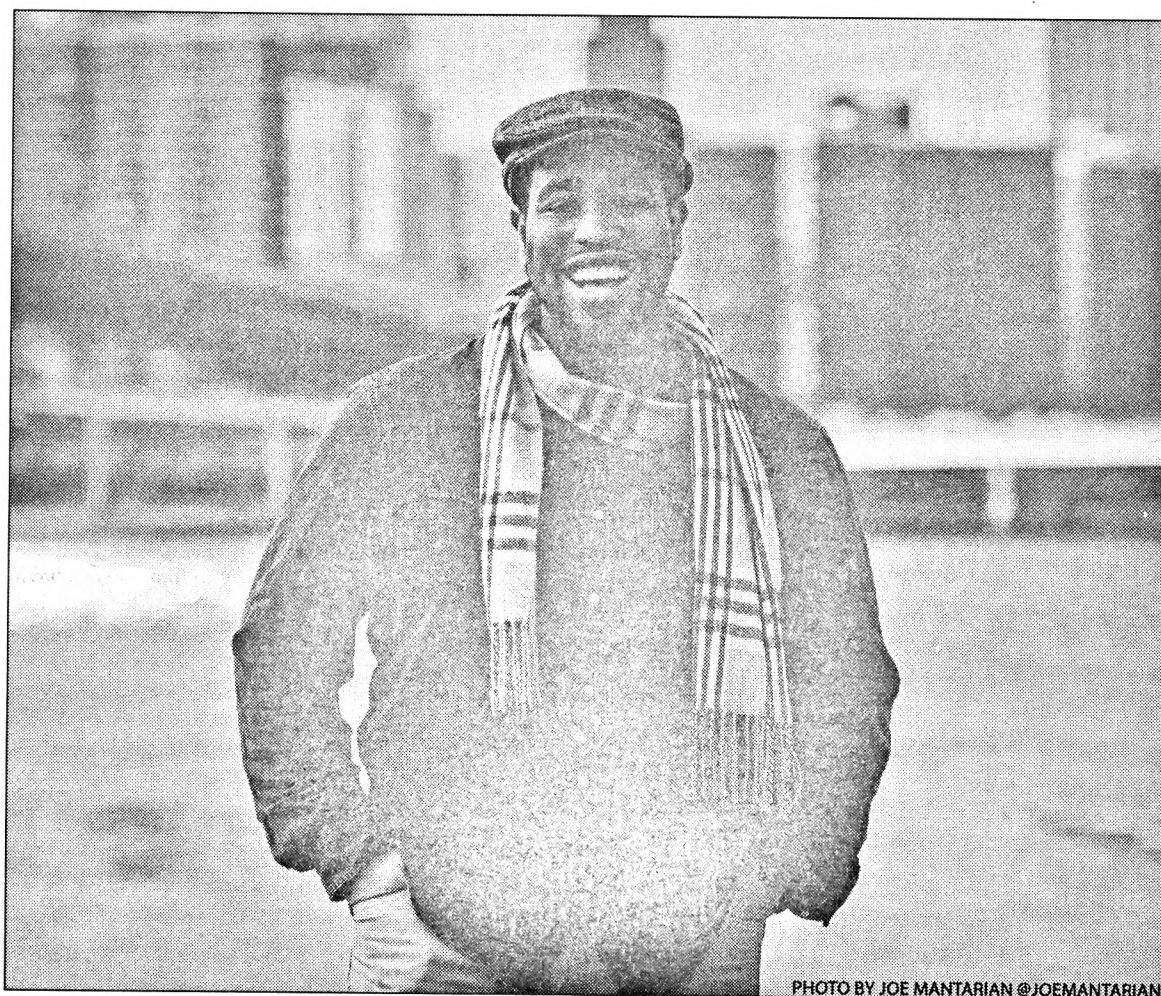


PHOTO BY JOE MANTARIAN @JOEMANTARIAN

#TheFacesOfFriends photos (pg. 1) were taken by Wesley Taylor, @wesleytaylor. In the past year, he has traveled around the Midwest, Boise, Idaho, Portland, Ore. Rochester, N.Y. as well as New York City taking photos of his adventures. Meeting friends along the way, he says, "Photography has always been a way to connect with people."

messages to their audience.

According to a December 2013 study by the Pew Research Center, 90 percent of people 18 to 29-years-old use social networking sites. The top five sites are Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, LinkedIn and Instagram.

The report says, "46 percent of adult internet users post original photos or videos online that they themselves have created. We call them creators."

Yet these creators are doing more than just posting original work on-

line. On Instagram, you will find over 150 million active users, 60 percent of which are people outside of the United States. Instagram is about

with other photographers, to be inspired, to see the world and a place to learn about community and living intentionally," Taylor said. "It's

relating to other people, enjoying life experiences no matter what they are and sometimes pushing yourself to experience something different or new."

It's through this community that he strengthened friendships and built new ones.

Alina Tsvor @alinatsvor

"In the moment of shooting, I feel thankful that I've been blessed with the eye to see things. My responsibility is to capture the moment."

more than sharing photos; it's a place to connect and communicate with people all over the world.

"[Instagram] is a place to meet

is originally from Belarus, a country between Russia and Poland. She moved to Boston and then to Chicago. It was through Instagram that she became connected with Taylor.

Tsvor posted a picture from a cafe and saw a comment from Taylor saying he was in the area. In the next few hours, their paths crossed and they met at Topshop on Michigan Ave.

"That was one of the first times I met up with anyone from Instagram, but that experience has been a positive one, and for future times I was only more eager to meet people when they contacted me through Instagram," Tsvor said.

Instagram is a social media platform that challenges users and requires some risk that can lead to more opportunities, according to Tsvor.

"As a professional photographer, Instagram has only done good for me. Not only have I been able to gain more exposure to my work, but I've met so many clients and friends for life through this app," she said.

Kyle Hance @sir_hancelot one of Taylor's friends said, "Instagram is a window into the world. A community where I can share the way I see my surroundings with others, but also where my perspective of the world is shaped by the perspectives of others."

Instagram has become a place of community for Taylor and many of his friends. Because it is a social media platform, people can better connect and learn from one another.

"I'm so glad we met and have been able to share life on this app, but also meet for coffee once in a while and hang out. It has been amazing seeing Wes grow as a photographer and develop his skills," Tsvor said.

Everyday, he sees a lot of people, but in his eyes, he can truly pick out the faces of friends.

Taylor suggests following these people on Instagram:
@alinatsvor @brandenharvey
@rjcaven @olgamlanko
@agunamedpatrick
@amandajanejones

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*You're hotter
than the hot spot.*

To: _____

From: _____

*I'll check
your chapel
anytime.*

To: _____

From: _____

Don't forget the chocolate for your Valentine

A.E. Sarver
Campus Life Editor

The stores are pink. Walk in and you might get overwhelmed with hearts or valentines. February 14 marks the day for lovers to express their love and commitment for one another. Yet under all the love, hearts and valentines, one thing remains: chocolate.

Chocolate has always been a major part of this holiday. According to MSNBC, in 2009, more than 58 million pounds of chocolate were purchased and consumed in the days surrounding Valentine's Day. That is equal to about \$345 million worth. What's the fascination?

It may be the sweet flavor, or something more.

Legend suggests that the original St. Valentine was a priest who performed illegal marriages

for the soldiers of Emperor Claudius. But history.com suggests there's no evidence that happened and Valentine's was actually named for two different Roman saints that were even connected to romantic chocolate.

In 1382 famous medieval poet Geoffrey Chaucer began publishing romantic poetry. It was during this time, the medieval period, that a new focus on courtly love was established. Knights celebrated their maidens' beauty with songs and flowers, but sugar still had not made an appearance.

It wasn't until 1840 that Valentine's Day would be a holiday for romantic love. Out of the courtiers who adored courtly love came Richard Cadbury.

Cadbury revolutionized the chocolate making industry.

*There's nothing
common about
your grounds.*

To: _____

From: _____

*I would climb
all four flights
of Burke
stairs to be
your Valentine.*

To: _____

From: _____

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You're the John
to my Jill.

To: _____

From: _____

Roses are Red. Violets
are blue. The only thing
better than chicken
nugget Friday is you.

To: _____

From: _____

Improved the chocolate making technique for the British chocolate manufacturing family by extracting pure cocoa butter from whole beans to produce a better tasting chocolate. The excess chocolate made was used to make more types of chocolate for eating. Richard recognized a great marketing opportunity for the new chocolates and started selling them in beautifully decorated boxes that he himself designed," the History Channel reports. Since then, the biggest day for chocolate sales during Valentine's week is February 13th. MSNBC reported it was probably the Aztecs who first considered chocolate a commodity. There might also be a link between the cocoa bean and sexual

desire, according to an article in The New York Times. "The emperor Montezuma was said to consume the bean in copious amounts to fuel his romantic trysts," the article said.

Scientists have found there are a few aphrodisiac qualities of chocolate. There are two chemicals in the bean: tryptophan, a building block of serotonin, a chemical in the brain that is involved in sexual arousal, and phenylethylamine, a chemical released in the brain when people fall in love.

However the New York Times claims "most researchers believe that the amounts of these substances in chocolate are too small to have any measurable effect on desire."

Regardless, get your loved one a piece of chocolate.

You're
finer than
Fine Arts

To: _____

From: _____

I believe
you
belong here...
In my life.

To: _____

From: _____

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Student hopes to take her talent on the road

Stacy Knoderer
Staff Writer

Ashley Nogoda, a freshman elementary education major, has been singing for as long as she can remember. Due to her love for singing, her audition for America's Got Talent on Jan. 25 was no surprise to many.

Nogoda is a part of Orpheus choir on campus and sings on the worship team at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene. She has been singing in choir since elementary school, and sang for her district's Impact team in high school. Nogoda's experience with singing was mostly through church and school until her audition for America's Got Talent.

Nogoda's decision to try out was balanced out with her desire to follow God's will.

"I wanted to try out for a while. I felt like God was calling me to do



PHOTOS FROM ASHLEY NOGODA

something outside my comfort zone," Nogoda said.

In order to audition she had to fill out paperwork online beforehand. Once the paperwork was completed, she just had to show up.

Nogoda auditioned in Indianapo-

lis. Due to weather conditions the drive took longer than expected. She was traveling with her parents when their car got stuck in a snow bank. Her father had to push them out. Despite the delay, they still made it to the audition with plenty of time to spare.



Left: Nogoda smiles for a photo at her audition in front of the sign. Right: She poses for a snapshot.

Before going in to see the producers for her audition, she had to wait in three different lines. Once she got through the three lines, she was sent to the waiting room. Her and her family arrived around 3 p.m. She wasn't able to audition until 9 p.m.

Nogoda's experience with the producers was positive and she felt they were very sweet.

Nogoda auditioned with "Royals" by Lorde. When asked why she chose this song, she explained that everything Lorde sings is in her vocal range.

She won't find out if she made it to the television round for another two to three weeks. It is during the television round that she will meet the judges. Her audition in January was only with the producers of the show.

Nogoda was impressed by all the talent in the room. When speaking of her experience, she had nothing but positive things to say and is excited to see what the future holds.

"It was really great to meet so many different people, with so many different talents," Nogoda said. "I feel really blessed to have this talent, and I want to use it to glorify the Lord."

Black History Month commemorates progress

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"During National African American History Month, we honor the men and women at the heart of this journey -- from engineers of the Underground Railroad to educators who answered a free people's call for a free mind, from patriots who proved that valor knows no color to demonstrators who gathered on the battlefields of justice and marched our Nation toward a brighter day."

President Obama's 2014 proclamation for National African American History Month called public officials, librarians, educators and all people of the United States to observe the month with programs, ceremonies and activities. The point is to learn from the past and from the past leaders.

Martin Luther King Jr. hoped African Americans would eventually be treated as equals, protected by the constitution and given equal opportunities. Yet since 1976, this month has been recognized by more than just the people, but also by businesses.

From McDonalds, Northrup Grumman to the NBA, organizations and companies are advertising Black history month. Even the Republican National Committee hosted their second annual Black Republican Trailblazer

Awards lunch on Feb. 4 and launched their first ever ad targeting black Americans.

For the past 50 years, the Republican Party has been short on black votes, according to an article in the Guardian. Obama won his second term winning 93 percent of the black vote, 73 percent of the Asian vote and 71 percent of the Hispanic vote.

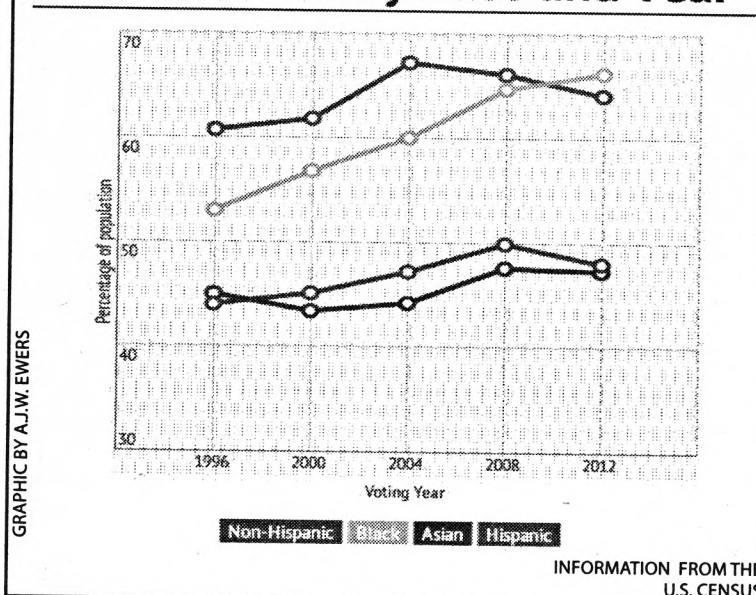
In the 2012 election, Mitt Romney won 59 percent of the white vote in the 2012 election. The Washington Post called that "more polarized along racial lines than any presidential contest since 1988."

"Every American can draw strength from the story of hard-won progress, which not only defines the African-American experience, but also lies at the heart of our Nation as a whole," Obama said.

Freedom, opportunity and progress have always been major themes for Americans, and during this month, it's a time to focus on those foundational truths, according to the president.

"We remember the courage that led activists to defy lynch mobs and register their neighbors to vote. And we carry forward the unyielding hope that guided a movement as it bent

Voter Turnout by Race and Year



Above: For the first time in American voting history, African-Americans had a higher turnout rate than non-Hispanics for the 2012 Presidential election with 66.2 percent of the population compared to a non-Hispanic turnout rate of 64.1 percent.

the arc of the moral universe toward justice," Obama said. "Even while we seek to dull the scars of slavery and legalized discrimination, we hold fast to the values gained through centuries of trial and suffering."

February is a month for remembering and reflecting on how far America has come and much farther

the United States needs to go as a nation.

Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable...Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggles; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals."

OPINION

Dark chocolate healthy in moderation

By Meg Dowell
Staff Writer

Admit it: you have a secret candy stash hidden in your drawer right now – that, or you plan on buying more the next time you're sure no one is looking. Who doesn't, especially when you can't walk into Target or Kroger this time of year without suffering Holiday Candy Overload? Candy, especially chocolate, is everywhere.

The good news is there's nothing wrong with indulging in a little chocolate this month, whether someone special buys it for you or you've already purchased a few bags for yourself (no shame). Actually, there are multiple proven health benefits to eating chocolate, especially dark chocolate. Don't you wish you could have been part of the scientific studies set out to test whether eating chocolate regularly is good for you?

According to Women's

Health magazine, one small serving of dark chocolate per day, about the equivalent of one ounce, has been proven to lower blood pressure and reduce your risk of developing heart disease. You've probably heard of antioxidants before, even if you don't know exactly what they are. Dark chocolate is full of these beneficial substances, which in summary help prevent your cells from becoming damaged.

An article on FitDay.com reveals dark chocolate is also good for your brain. Not only does it increase blood flow to your brain, but dark chocolate also contains the same chemical your brain releases when you feel like you're falling in love. So when you say you love chocolate, you're really not exaggerating.

While you're using dark chocolate to improve your

heart and cognitive health, note The Huffington Post also praises dark chocolate for its ability to repair dry skin, not an uncommon problem when it's this cold and windy outside. Dark chocolate can make you feel and look pretty put-together – too bad Date Night already happened, right?

If dark chocolate is so good for you, why only eat one ounce a day? Dark chocolate is still chocolate; it contains excess sugar and plenty of empty calories just like any other sweet treat. And like any other dessert, eating it in moderation and pairing it with regular exercise makes the few benefits it does have worth every bite.

Next time your roommate makes fun of you for needing a chocolate fix, you have a good argument as to why it's good for you. You don't even have to share.

To the one I love

Happy Valentine's Day

This is a gift for more than just a friend. This is a special gift for a special person. Sorry, not sorry.

At first I wasn't sure what to get you. What could I give that could say the entirety of how I'm feeling? I decided I just wanted to make you feel special. I thought of a million different ways to show you how special you are. From the casual wink while you are doing your homework, long talks, ice skating or sitting down and drowning everything else out to spend time with only you. I did it because you are special and you're worth it. You deserve to be told every day.

I want you to know I'm thankful for everything we have done together. The one-on-one lunch dates were one of my favorites, when I'd listen to the stories of your day. Your laughs, your cries, your anxieties and your dreams never fell on a deaf ear. So, don't stop talking because you'll always be heard.

I love the silly SnapChat screenshot wars, country music car rides, that quirky face you make when you're kind of upset with me and the funny voice that goes with it. I'd say the most memorable thing I will never forget is your smile that I know I've seen dozens of times; not the half-smile people get with a first impression but the same one Frodo gives his friends at the end of "The Lord of the Rings," the one I gave you that can say so much without speaking a single word.

It's like sitting in a boat watching 10,000 sky lanterns float toward the night stars while the shimmering glow reflects off the candle-lit waters.

What we have is incredibly special. You may think you're not good enough, but you're incredible. You may have some doubts and worries, but you don't have to hide them. It's okay and it doesn't change the way I feel about you. Rock climbing, long talks, food fights and poking fun—this is all part of something incredible. Describing it is hard, but I choose to be a part of it everyday.

We are given a choice. It's these choices that affect who we become, where we end up and how we live our lives. Part of life is the choices we make; most of life is the choices other people make. If most of your life is made by the choices of others, how much greater can life be when you have two people making choices together, living life together and loving each other? You are immeasurably more precious to me than palaces paved with finely cut diamonds. The most captivating mountain ranges, the most beautiful flowers and the most peaceful lakes are not worth experiencing without your smile to set them aglow.

Here's to the now, that I get to spend with you. Let's build a snowman, laugh out loud (Haha) and gather around a fire with a cup of hot chocolate. Today will be gone, but I'll look forward to tomorrow and the next. A new adventure for every sunrise. A new peace for every sunset. Wherever we go, whatever we do, it's not worth doing if it's not with you.

- Jesus

(Anonymous Contributor)

SpongeBob here to stay

By Taylor Provost
Staff Writer

SpongeBob SquarePants is the only cartoon from the 90s that still airs new episodes.

If that doesn't make you feel like a dinosaur, then what does?

This past December a rumor began spreading around Facebook that as of Jan. 28, 2014, the show was to be canceled, quickly spawning the "#SaveSpongebob" campaign all over the Internet.

Having a (probably) unhealthy obsession with the show, naturally I freaked out as soon as I spotted the virtual rumor. But as I started to contemplate what no new Spongebob episodes would really mean, I wasn't sure how I felt. The majority of my favorite episodes are the classics (circa 2004 and earlier); frankly, the old ones are way funnier.

Fans and non-fans of the show alike shared mixed feelings about this rumor on various social media platforms. The "#SaveSpongebob" hashtag on Tumblr features posts with comments such as "the child in me is screaming right now," and "we need to save spongebob, lets go tumblr, lets give Nickelodeon a piece of our mind."

Reactions ranged from support of the show and terror at the thought of cancellation to actual joy at seeing it come to an end.

"I honestly think it's time. It's been pretty weird for the last seven years," Bradley local Dominic Macaluso, 19, said, an avid fan of the older episodes.

However, all the fuss over the matter proved to be pointless as of Dec. 11, 2013, when Nickelodeon dispelled the

rumor via tweet.

"Nothing more than a hoax," they tweeted. "We've got new episodes in 2014 and the movie coming out 2015 :)."

Big rumors don't die down quickly, though. The hashtag campaign continued even after Nickelodeon disproved it. But as Jan. 28 passed and SpongeBob remained on the air, many fans were put to ease knowing that there are more episodes still to come.

"If it stopped airing, I would be disappointed, but it wouldn't prevent me from watching it," senior Sydney Morehead, an adamant fanatic of the cartoon, said. "I've always watched [SpongeBob] on Nick, plus online episodes, DVDs, and free rentals, so I would continue doing that."

After some thought, I had to agree. While I don't wish the show would leave the air, admittedly, it wouldn't make a huge difference to me if it did leave at this point. The newer episodes have an even weirder humor than the old episodes. Besides, when people reference SpongeBob, is it ever the new episodes? No. Jokes are made from the episodes that everyone knows – the more memorable ones, the funnier ones, the older ones.

While the show is yet to be canceled, cancellation doesn't seem to bother or stop true fans from making SpongeBob references in daily conversation. The admiration many people have for the show is one that is rooted in the oldest episodes – the ones that our generation grew up with. The admiration that fans have for SpongeBob continues to live on, new episodes or not.

As far as the new movie is concerned . . . I'm ready! I'm ready! I'm ready!

Lessons from Bambi



Cartoon by Gretchen Elliott

OPINION

Homosexuality: A different Christian response

By Lincy Panackal
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Homosexuality has become a hot-button topic especially among Christians within the Church.

You may not be gay, but being a Christian demands a Christ-like response. No, not the "hate the sin, love the sinner" nonsense or the typical "I love you, but I won't tolerate your decisions." No, the Christ-like response would be one of compassion.

God came down to earth and in spite of His holiness and perfection He chose to take on the form of sinful humanity. In choosing to be human He accepted suffering, experiencing great temptation, betrayal, and rejection. God chose to experience these things, walking many miles in our human shoes for over thirty years.

Much like God in His infinite, selfless love, we must take on the

challenge of walking a mile or two in the shoes of those different from us. In this case, that would mean the shoes of a gay individual.

Christians look at Scripture and see there's nothing condemning the orientation itself, just homosexual relations (Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13, Romans 2:26-27). It's easy to say "Well they should just be celibate."

But do Christians really understand the weight of lifelong celibacy and singleness? What if that was what you had to choose?

"But God hasn't called me to lifelong celibacy. He knows how much I desire a spouse and I trust that He will fulfill these deeply-rooted desires." Gay Christians must wrestle with those same desires yet be denied the very fulfillment of them.

Is that a cross YOU would be willing to take up and bear? Yes, YOU, Olivet female, whose heart's

desire is to get married and have a family. Yes, YOU, Olivet male who wants desperately to have a wife and finally "get laid." Imagine not being able to have those things in addition to constant physical loneliness.

I can't imagine how many heterosexual Christians would willingly choose that, yet that is precisely what is asked of gay Christians. They must wrestle with the idea that the God who knit them together in their mother's womb also abhors the physical expression of their love.

I am not telling you what your opinion should be or how to interpret Scripture. Regardless of your personal beliefs, my point is that we should be understanding towards homosexuals—practicing or not, Christian or not.

Ultimately, as Christians it is essential that we practice the compassion and empathy that Christ Himself embodied.

Social media unites and isolates

By Melissa Luby
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I recently attempted to take a hiatus from Facebook. After about three days, and much sneaking of peeks, I decided that Facebook can be a valuable tool for college students. Yes, it does definitely serve as a distraction during homework and classes, but it also connects students in unique and useful ways.

Consider, for example, the Facebook page for the ONU marching band. Members share prayer requests, marching band memes, and most importantly, reminders and schedule changes. Other groups exist for swapping textbooks and connecting with your class. Then, there are the groups such as "Overheard at Olivet" and "Olivet Nazarene Secret Admirers," which exist purely for recreational purposes.

Around Christmas, however, a new Olivet entity surfaced on Facebook: the Original Outcast. When I first heard about the Outcast, I was genuinely spooked. My mom had always taught me never to add someone as a friend on Facebook who I didn't know in "real life." So the thought of an anonymous person trying to add people as friends just seemed a little sketchy. How do we know he actually goes to Olivet? Or that he's even our age? Or what he's doing with the information he gets from our profiles?

But when I actually looked at his profile, what I saw was not threatening, but saddening: The Outcast, it appears, is a lonely boy looking for friends. His messages to his "friends" generally encourage the making of friends and meeting new people, but he is not following his own advice. He is crying out for attention and affection from his peers. He truly does feel like an outcast.

I get it. I feel the same way so often. Most of you have probably never seen me in your life, unless you've had a class with me or enjoy music department events more than the average Joe. I'm an introvert, a very private person. I don't make friends easily and I don't like crowds. Yet, like the Outcast, I

recognize a need for companionship, and I feel the sting of being lonely.

Unlike the Outcast, however, I realize that there's a right way and a wrong way to make friends. Labeling yourself an "outcast" is never a good place to start. Even Christian people are guilty of being lazy when it comes to relationships and shallow when it comes to judging others. If we choose to market ourselves as "outcasts" most people are going to passively accept that portrayal. Does that encourage friendship?

Additionally, hiding behind the anonymity of the Internet is not going to bring about a change of state. This is true not just for the outcast but also for the lonely hearts who post messages to their love interests on the Secret Admirers page and those who tweet their @ONU_problems. You're never going to get the girl if she has no clue who you are, and Sodexo is never going to do a better job if you whine about their scrambled eggs on Twitter. Not everything in life just serves itself up on a silver platter; sometimes, we have to step out and go get it. Yes, you might make a fool of yourself. Yes, you might be ignored completely. But as the old adage says, nothing ventured, nothing gained.

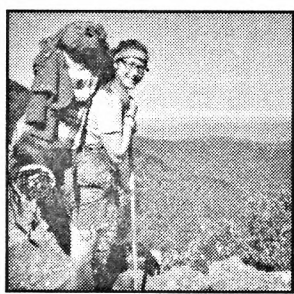
Is the Internet really the place to seek friends? I don't think so. Real people are so much more fascinating than their cyber personas. Being friends on Facebook is quite a bit different than being friends in Ludwig. It doesn't matter how many friends you have on Facebook; it's those real-life, face-to-face interactions that fulfill our need for companionship. Internet relationships will never suffice. At some point, we actually have to meet people, and because people are lazy, that requires effort on our part.

Facebook has done a lot of good for our Olivet community, yet it also allows us to be lazy and even cowardly. It saddens me to think that anyone should feel like they don't belong here. We as Christians are called to love the unlovable, and I highly doubt that the Outcast is truly unlovable. He's just looking for love in the wrong places.

On culture:

Finding joy in every day of the week

By Laurel Dispenza
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I like Tuesdays. They may be the longest days scholastically for me, but I do enjoy them thoroughly. Starting the day early with a class at eight,

but the 30 minute walk to the U must be undertaken at 7:30 a.m.

This first class happens to be soccer with all the guys who happen to have played soccer all their lives. I know I'm the worst, but they're gracious in teaching me, and some have actually extended friendship to me.

Then it's chill time, which is a specialty here. People often sit around and do nothing, which is so foreign to us. Just talking and being, waiting for the next thing to begin. But there lies a struggle in this chill time: how to properly greet and say goodbye. Each time it's a kiss on the cheek, or only sometimes, or whenever you meet? On top of that I've noticed that it's not common to introduce a friend who doesn't know the others. They're just left there unnoticed, and it's normal here.

Lunch at the Soda (the university's cafeteria) consists of different comida entirely: rice and beans every day,

chicken prepared in every way, and fresh fruit juice with every plate. It's good food, but I must say, when I miss "American" food, it just doesn't taste the same here.

Then from lunch to history class, for three hours of time that never seems to pass. Nobody understands the profe, whether gringo or tico, but we all press through to get to the end para salir. The bright side is that I have made a friend in that class, one who is the sweetest girl, who loves Jesus and exudes friendliness.

After a sweet talk with her, I found great encouragement that there are people here who do actually believe in orthodox Christianity, and who struggle with real things, just like me. It's still so difficult to express myself the way I want in another language, and it's hard when those here who speak the native tongue live for different things and don't understand where I'm coming from.

Then we go home for dinner with the family; ice cream at Pops and a walk with my "sister," her friend and my roommate. The walking never stops. And again, faced with an uncertainty of whether we pay for our sister or if she has the money.

I'm still learning a lot about social relationships, about how to greet, how to talk, and how to meet those around me. I'm still learning the language and norms of this country and town. But Tuesdays are good days, at least thus far, and I'm excited to begin to see the goodness in all days, and enjoy them for what they are.

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OPINION

New leadership lessens tension in Iran

By Cody Stuart

Staff Writer

When you think of the nation of Iran, what is the first thing that comes to mind? Their nuclear program? Their threats against the United States and Israel? Probably the last thing that Iran brings to mind is an attitude of peace with the west, and yet, that is what is happening now.

With the election of a new president in Iran, one Hassan Rouhani, the entire attitude of the nation seems to have made a complete turnaround. Preceding Rouhani is now former president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who served from 2005 until 2013.

Ahmadinejad was a proponent of fiery rage against the United States and Israel, and it is through his example that many people have such a distorted view of Iran as a whole. His rhetoric was strongly worded, and his stances firmly entrenched against the west despite the fact that many of his fellow politicians and even his citizens did not agree with him.

However, quotes such as "Anybody who recognizes Israel will burn in the fire of the Islamic nation's fury" being reported by the international media, it is easy to see why the view of Iran as a nation founded on a hate filled agenda spread so easily.

Rouhani wishes to see all this change. He campaigned on a platform of "hope and prudence" and promised to reform many of the bastions the Ahmadinejad regime set up, most notably, Iran's nuclear program. For years, Iran had kept its nuclear program under lock and key, leading many nations to call for sanctions against Iran. Rouhani said he wished to address the sanctions and has agreed to allow future United Nations inspectors access to all aspects of their nuclear program to help reduce tensions between Iran and the outside world.

Leaders around the world have been stunned by this turn of events, as Iran has remained closed and hostile to the outside world since the Shah of Iran was deposed in 1979 and replaced by Ayatollah Khomeini. The Iranian revolution was followed closely by the Iran Hostage crisis, in which 52 Americans were held hostage for 444 days, an event which further damaged relations between the outside world and Iran.

The fact that Iran was determined to have begun work on a nuclear weapon as early as 2003 only stressed the international community further and enabled nations to add sanctions and trade embargoes to Iran, further cutting off their relations to outsiders.

During his presidential campaign in 2013, Rouhani stated, "The relationship between Iran and the United States is a complicated and difficult question. There is a chronic wound, which is difficult to heal. However, it is not impossible provided there is goodwill and mutual respect between the two countries."

CNN also reported him as saying that the tone of the West has "changed much for the better" in recent years. A reduction of tensions between the United States and Iran is not going to be an easy thing to accomplish, but Rouhani has remained optimistic, saying that he wished to "turn a new page in this unstable relationship and minimize the state of hostility and mistrust between the two countries."

The situation in Iran is a very touchy issue. Some people may feel inclined to distrust Rouhani and his attempts at peacemaking, but I am not one of them. I, for one, welcome open relations with Iran, so long as they are conducted, in Rouhani's own words, with "goodwill and mutual respect" between the both of us. While our opening of relations with Iran may not bring about peace in the Middle East, it is definitely a step in the right direction.

Editorial



Students in communication professor Dr. Beth Patrick-Trippel's Rhetoric course now have the opportunity to choose their grade for the semester.

Patrick-Trippel implemented a new syllabus, which she calls a "learning contract" into her Rhetoric class at the start of the spring semester, which allows students to choose whether or not they would like to receive an "A" or a "C" in the course. Depending on which grade the student chooses to earn, the class syllabus follows their decision strictly.

"Students can choose between the 'A group' and the 'C group,'" the learning contract reads. "The biggest difference between the two tracks is the number of pages required for assignments."

Students enrolled in the course were given the contract the first day of class in January and were expected to choose the grade they would like to receive for the semester and sign the contract.

All students are required to take tests and complete homework assignments, but the amount of required writing is different. For example, students in "A group" have to write a 25-28 page paper rhetorical criticism at the end of the semester with less than eight grammatical errors in order for it to be graded for "ideological soundness," whereas "C group" students only have to write a 15-16 page paper with fewer than 10 grammatical errors in order to be graded for ideological soundness, according to the contract.

"Surprisingly only three students chose to be apart of the 'C group,' but I predict more will take me up on the offer in future semesters," Patrick-Trippel said.

Patrick-Trippel said the goal is that "C group" students will still do their work "rather well," but they will just have to write fewer pages.

Senior Staci Bradbury is currently enrolled in the course and chose to be apart of the "A group." However, her decision did not come without confusion.

"Every class has certain requirements for what a student has to do to get an A," Bradbury said. "What confused me about Rhetoric is that only the expectations for getting an A or a C were articulated. It would

have made more sense if the requirements of what to do for a B, D, and F were also made clear."

Despite possible confusion, the main thing Patrick-Trippel has done here is establish her syllabus as a form of a legal document. According to an article in the Chronicle for Higher Education, a syllabus is not necessarily a legally binding contract between a professor and student if both parties do not sign it. However, Patrick-Trippel made the decision to establish an accountability system between herself and her students by making the contract, which is not a bad idea if a professor seeks to avoid committing educational malpractice.

"Typically the enforcement of the syllabus is the responsibility of the university, so if a professor is unfair in not upholding the terms of the syllabus, the student's recourse would be to the institution's academic dean," Professor of Theology and Philosophy, Dr. Kevin Lowery said. "However, a university may side with its professors by regarding the syllabus as merely an informational guide. Nevertheless, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education article, even though a syllabus is not technically a contract, professors who do not uphold the terms of their syllabi can be considered guilty of 'educational malpractice' in civil court, depending upon the circumstances."

We feel professors on campus should take stock in Patrick-Trippel's decision to establish the legality of her course syllabus, possibly taking it a step further by requiring both professors and students to sign it.

Professors should be held accountable to the information they promise to teach in their syllabi and students should be held accountable to the grades they intend to make. A contract between students and professors at the start of each semester will ensure both parties a fulfilling, honest academic experience.

What's an editorial?

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GiGi's Corner: Advice with spice

Hate cats, but love your significant other

Dear Gigi, my girlfriend and I are getting pretty serious. I bought a ring over break. But she has a cat, and I hate cats. The problem is that it used to belong to her mother, before she passed away last year. How do I tell her that our relationship cannot continue unless she gets rid of Muffin? Sincerely, Bad Boyfriend

Dear Bad Boyfriend, First off, you are not a bad boyfriend. Most guys don't like cats, and I get that. So here is what you do: Plan this extremely romantic evening where you will propose to her. Take her to her favorite restaurant, order her favorite beverage, and at the end of the meal, propose. If she says yes, then that would be the time to tell her that you will only give her the ring if she gets rid of Muffin. Assuming that you bought the most expensive and beautiful

ring you could afford, she will send that cat right down the road. If that doesn't work, it wasn't meant to be.

Dear Gigi, It's Valentine's Day week and I find myself in the strange position of being single and happy about it. This worries me. In the midst of all the flowers and chocolate giving, I'd prefer to buy these goodies for myself than have someone else purchase them for me. Is there something wrong with me? Should I perhaps see a specialist? Sincerely, Alone, But Not Lonely

Dear Alone But Not Lonely, Yes, there is something wrong with you. I would suggest counseling. You are supposed to crave love and desire on the most romantic day of the year. Have you heard of "Ring by Spring" yet? If not, ask the person next to you

what that is. You need to have a significant other on Valentine's Day as badly as you need to be engaged by springtime. Sadly, you won't read my response to your question until a day before Valentine's Day, so you won't have much time to snatch up a date. I guess my only advice at this point is visit the Olivet Secret Admirer page on Facebook and find someone to catch a movie with.

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

<http://goo.gl/drmUj0>



OPINION

Valentine Note from Jonny B. Swift



Star-crossed readers,

It's almost the big day; Valentine's Day is just around the corner! It's the most wonderful day of the year where you can publically show your love for each other through boxes of chocolate and a trip to Outback Steakhouse. You two are absolutely perfect together! Like Chandler and Monica, Harry and Sally, Brad and Angelina, or a poor single girl and her ice cream, some things go better together. For Valentine's Day, that something is couples and definitely not singles. So take up your over-sized teddy bears, hold hands in the quad, and stitch your pics on Instagram of that best boyfriend/girlfriend in the world! Because if you love this arbitrarily created holiday, everybody should!

You complete me

-Logan

Readers from the House of Singlehood,

Brace yourself: Valentine's Day is coming. It is a dark day in the history of your kind when couples flood the quad with their sick displays of "affection." But remain strong, my readers. Like the Starks and Lannisters, the dwarves of Nogrod and the elves of Doriath, the Federation and the Romulans, Xmen and the Brotherhood, there is no clear hope of victory. At most, a tentative truce can be forged between the both sides to deal with the crisis at hand. And this crisis is Valentine's Day! So put down your controllers, your comic books, and your remotes to wage war on this putrid arbitrary holiday of love and attraction. Because if you can't find happiness today, nobody should!

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-Logan

Keeping God-given love at the center of Valentine's Day

By Cameron Gunter

Contributing Writer

Love. This term has been used in many different ways. Some examples are, "Love at first sight", or "Tis better to have Loved and lost, then to have never Loved at all!" And even, "I Love this hot dog!" But, the most common way it is used is "I Love you."

There are different kinds of love, and each kind is unique. When said to a person, this usually tells them that you care about them. When you say it to a friend, it may be a way of saying, "I'm here for you." When you say it to a family member, such as a parent, it might say, "Thank you for raising me, and taking care of me, and for all the sacrifices you've made for me." But when said to the one you spend your life with, it signifies that you've committed to this person. It says that you want to share every happiness, every sadness, every good day, and every bad day with them. It tells them, "You are the one that I want by my side, regardless of what may happen. And I promise to do the same for you."

Unfortunately, the words "I Love you," have become hollow in much of the world around us. The term is used so much for reasons other than what it is meant for. Love is not something that should be thrown around lightly. True love is pure, and honest, and beautiful. That is the way God designed it to be, and that is the kind of love that he offers every single one of us. "The love of God is greater far, than tongue or pen, can ever tell. It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell." The love that he offers us is more powerful than anything that you could ever experience, and he offers it to us FREELY! All we need to do is accept it, but because of sin, and sadness, and all the

negativity of this world, so many have come to believe that they don't deserve it.

The thing is, we don't deserve it! But simply because God loves us so much, the fact that we don't deserve it doesn't matter. That's what love is! Regardless of what someone may do to you, if they hurt you emotionally, physically, mentally, it doesn't matter! If you truly love that person, you forgive them, and put the past in the past and move forward. That is the kind of love that God offers us, and that is the kind of love that he calls us to give one another.

Say you're married and you have an argument, and say your spouse really digs in and gets under your skin. You feel hurt, angry and confused. And they might feel the same way. But, what makes a marriage work, and what makes any relationship work, is the desire to talk to the other person, and move past this because you love this person! Not because it's the right thing to do, but simply because you love them, and you don't want something as dumb as an argument to hurt, or possibly ruin your relationship with them. And don't get me wrong, doing the right thing is great, but that shouldn't be the only reason you fix a relationship.

Valentine's Day is coming up, and it's typically a day when couples go out and celebrate the love they share, and the relationship they have with each other. Being at Olivet especially, we have quite a few couples on campus. For those of you out there that are single, that doesn't mean you can't celebrate Valentine's Day. It's not just a day to celebrate love between couples. It's a day to celebrate love, period!

Now if you have a boyfriend/girlfriend/fiancée/spouse, whichever it may be, I'm not saying that you shouldn't go out on a date.

By all means, take your significant other out and celebrate your relationship, in an Olivet appropriate manner of course. But, and this is to everyone, whether you're in a relationship or not, take this Valentine's Day as an opportunity to celebrate the love that we all share, and that is the love of God. Tell your family you love them, tell your close friends you love them, but I wanna challenge you to this; only say it if you truly mean it. Love is not meant to be hollow. It's meant to be rich and fulfilling for everyone involved. So let those that you love, know that you love them, because whether you're single/dating/engaged/married, regardless of the situation you are in, bad or good, if you're happy or sad, know this. You are loved.

I don't know if there is a definition that truly says what love is, but the best way that I have ever heard it described is found in 1 Corinthians.

"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging symbol. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, Love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

May we leave here and celebrate the love that is so freely offered to each one of us, by the God who created the heavens and the earth. Not just this Valentine's Day, but every day.

The LEGO Movie: Brick by brick, a fantastic film

By Jake Neuman

Online Editor

Let's get one thing straight right off the bat; I'm a kid at heart. On my desk here at school you can find all sorts of knickknacks and toys that remind me to be me. Amongst those toys are an assortment of Legos (or LEGO for those who want to be proper).

My minifigure collection and my LEGO DeLorean remind me of the much larger assortment I have sitting in my room back home. When I heard they were making a LEGO movie, needless to say I was cautiously excited. I had no idea what it could be, what it would be about, how it would

be made, or if it would even be good.

Having just seen it I can honestly say, it was, well, awesome.

From the moment those minifigures start to walk across the screen and a world of Legos is brought to life, I was drawn in and astounded. To get technical for a moment they made the computer animation look like stop motion animation (there were also a few moments of fan-made pure stop motion animation as well). The visuals were simply stunning. Everything was made out of Legos: the explosions, the water, the landscapes and everything in-between (except for the occasional "relic").

The LEGO Movie is the story of

Emmet, an ordinary person in the LEGO world just living life and following the instructions. He continues this way until he stumbles upon the "Piece of Resistance," the piece that will stop President Business from destroying the universe.

From there, Emmet (played by Chris Pratt of Parks and Recreation) meets a cast of hilarious and charming characters including, but not limited to, Vitruvius (Morgan Freeman), Wyldstyle (Elizabeth Banks), Batman (Will Arnett), Metal Beard (Nick Offerman), Good Cop/Bad Cop (Liam Neeson) and Benny (Charlie Day). These are just a few of the great characters that are surrounded by a host

of famous LEGO minifigure cameos (only one of whom I will name, being Shaquille O'Neal).

Emmet works with these fellow characters, some of whom are "Master Builders," to save the world as they know it from President Business (Will Farrell). Emmet is taken to different realms of the LEGO world he didn't know even existed because President Business has worked to make everything as according to the instructions as possible.

The story is fantastic and is backed up by a truly good message that will resonate with kids, those of us in college, and adults. The humor within this movie doesn't stop for a moment.

With jokes both spoken and sometimes hidden in the background.

After seeing nothing but positive reviews all weekend I was excited and almost expecting my expectations to not be met, but this movie went far beyond them to bring me one of the most entertaining films I've seen in a long time.

My friends know I'm a Pixar guy through and through, often not even bothering seeing anything else, but this film proves that anyone can make a heart-warming, hilarious movie not just for little kids, but the kid in all of us. Should you see this movie? Yes, absolutely. Now excuse me while I go play with my Legos for a while.

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College Athletes: To pay or not to pay

Matt Dahlberg
Staff Writer

There is a rising controversy surrounding college athletes and the larger sporting world. More and more people are calling for college athletes to be paid and some are now suggesting there should be a union representing collegiate sports.

Recently Northwestern University formed the College Athletes Player Association (CAPA). Those involved in the creation of the CAPA hope this association eventually becomes a full-fledged union that represents college athletes.

While the building blocks for a new system of compensating college sports stars is still being built, the debate on whether college athletes should be paid at all still rages. Joe Theismann, a former College and

NFL player told CNBC, "We need to be progressive in thinking how do we take care of the athlete who really does make money for the university."

There is a good deal of money in college sports. In the 2012-2013 college football season alone the NCAA FBS (formerly division I-A) were found to have 3.2 billion dollars of revenue, recorded by the U.S. Department of Education.

This debate isn't limited to sports aficionados. Our own Olivet athletes weighed in on this topic.

David Powers, junior track and cross-country athlete, is in favor of college sports players being paid.

"It seems somewhat unfair that these colleges are just getting so much money off of work that they aren't even doing themselves."

When Powers was asked which

student athletes should be paid he said, "I think it should be all [athletes]. I don't think there should be a line. Then it's unfair to other athletes. While they're not getting the same recognition as these 'prized' athletes as you would call them, they're also doing as hard of work."

Clara Ruegsegger, a sophomore tennis player at ONU, disagrees. Ruegsegger doesn't believe athletes deserve any more compensation than just their scholarship, "That [scholarship] is getting paid, there's no need for money on top of that."

In response to the argument that certain college athletes actually generate money for the university and therefore deserve part of the profit-making revenue, Graduate Assistant for the tennis program, Andres S. Esquetini said, "You go to college for an education not money."

Classes in SLRC social in nature

Destiny Mitchell
Assistant News Editor

Olivet's Perry Center is good for more than just a lonely workout, it houses opportunities to get fit in fun and exciting ways.

F.I.T., Kettlebells, Zumba, cycling, aerobics and workout DVD sessions are now available in the Perry Center, and swimming lessons will soon be added to the list.

Junior Sydney Hunt has taught the ONU's Zumba classes for the past two years. Hunt teaches one hour sessions every Monday at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. Additional sessions are taught by sophomore Taylor Logan on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

Hunt considers her Zumba routine to be fitness-based. She makes sure to incorporate lots of jumps, squats and standing abdominal workouts into the dance moves. If they're working to their fullest potential, she says that one person can burn any-

where from 800 to 950 calories.

Zumba draws in a large crowd with an average of 20 to 30 students attending Monday sessions and Wednesday sessions bringing in 50 to 60 students. Hunt has also had professors and spouses of professors attend classes.

Though the student body that attends Zumba classes is largely comprised of women—about 90 percent by Hunt's estimate—Hunt has a small but dedicated amount of male students.

"I have a core group of guys that are committed to coming to my classes and I totally appreciate them," said Hunt.

"They stand in the front row on one side and they go as hard as possible; there's this one guy that comes and he takes [the routines] to an even higher intensity level than I am just amazed as I'm standing up there teaching," she remarked.

Junior Kelsey Vihnanek will be instructing the swimming lessons, which will begin on Feb. 13. Sessions will be divided up into two

separate nights on Thursdays and Saturdays according to age and skill level.

Thursday classes are designated for pupils level 4, 5 and 6. Saturday classes are designated for Parent-Child classes starting from pre-schoolers and up, levels 1, 2 and 3.

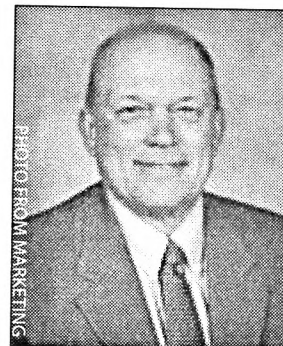
Swim classes are open to faculty and staff as a test run to see how well the program will function and then may extend membership opportunities to students.

Vihnanek has been an instructor for four years and first started instructing at the YMCA near her home in Plainfield, Ill. She is looking forward to seeing the turn out when lessons begin and is hoping to bring another instructor on board with the program to teach students.

Vihnanek believes that swimming is an important and necessary life skill to learn and is also fun.

"I know a lot of [students] might be comfortable in pools but don't necessarily know the strokes," said Vihnanek. "So hopefully we'll get to teach them too."

Hodge Reaches 700th Win



Coach Ralph Hodge is a member of the 2013-2014 NAIA Hall of Fame.

Nathan DiCamillo
Sports Assistant

NAIA Hall of Fame inductee, Coach Ralph Hodge of ONU's Men's basketball team obtained his 700th career win at the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference against Purdue University-Calumet (Ind.), Chaplain Mark Holcomb announced during chapel last week. Hodge joins only five other active NAIA coaches who have reached this career achievement.

Having defeated the Peregrines 92-82, Tiger basketball is now tied "for first place in the CCAC South Division."

This win adds to the success of Hodge's 35 years of coaching at Olivet.

"Under Hodge's watch, the Tigers have won 18 conference regular-season and tournament titles," and "made 16 NAIA National Champi-

onship tournament appearances," according to a press release from Olivet's marketing department.

As a key to success, Hodge stresses the importance of focusing on the fundamentals of life inside and outside of sports.

"Coach Hodge's teams have also [succeeded] off the court. All but one of his four-year players have graduated. His outstanding leadership also points to his team's focus on their academic pursuits. Since 2000, the men's basketball team has had 25 named as NAIA Scholar-Athletes," according to the press release.

Director of Athletics Gary New-some describes Hodge as someone who, "demands perfection and in turn gets perfection in every drill, every rep."

"Personally, I think Coach Hodge's 700th win shows the love, hard work, time and dedication he has put into this sport over all these years. [The team is] definitely happy for him," senior guard Tony Banks, said.

Hodge attributes his success to his team expressing gratitude at the "privilege" of being "the name of the guy that is connected with all of them."

"It's my name, but it's a promotion of Olivet Nazarene University as a whole, of our basketball program and then me. In all those games, in all those honors, we have been good promoters of what we're all about at Olivet," Hodge said.

sochi 2014 Top 5 Medal Count

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Canada	4	4	2
Netherlands	4	2	4
Norway	4	3	5
United States	3	1	5
Germany	6	1	1

SPORTS

Baseball team teaches ice skating

Nathan DiCamillo
Sports Assistant

The Tiger baseball team took a group of low-income middle school students from local Kennedy Middle School ice-skating at Ice Valley Centre Ice Arena of Kankakee Feb. 7, according to Sports Information Director, Wendy Reid.

"It was excellent," Betty Peters-Lambert, Principal of Kennedy Middle School said. "The kids had a great time. Some of them had never skated before...and they gave it their best shot."

The event itself was a surprise to the baseball team until that Friday morning.

"The day before at practice coach put on the practice plan that we had an outdoor activity," sophomore infielder Josh Altmann said.

"All Coach Reid told us to wear was a pair of sweats and our black pullover. We knew we were going to practice that day but we did not

know we were doing that in the morning."

After the team practiced skating on their own, they helped the middle school students skate as well. When the event was over and the students left, the baseball team was allowed to participate in their own game of ice hockey.

"We had a 'catchers and pitchers verses positional players' ice hockey game. A seven on seven kind of deal," freshman catcher Matt Warren, said.

An affiliate of the Kankakee school district approached Principal Peters-Lambert about the idea. Head Baseball Coach Todd Reid was then contacted about the idea.

The middle school looks forward to similar events involving ONU in the future, according to Principal Peters-Lambert.

"We would love it. We hope we get another call soon," Peters-Lambert said.



Junior catcher Stefan Sauder ice skates with his teammates and Kennedy Middle School students the morning of Feb. 7.

Beyond the Game

Although Olivet athletes have busy schedules, many have still found the time to volunteer outside their sport in a number of ways. These are just some examples.

- Drove to Chicago to pray with the homeless and hand out sandwiches
- Worked soup kitchen for homeless in Kankakee
- Loaded a truck headed to Washington, IL after Tornado
- Collected personal toiletries and supplies for Washington victims
- Volunteered at Orlando homeless shelter
- Worked with terminally ill children
- Volunteered at North Campus for women's self-esteem program
- Painted homeless shelter for Salvation Army
- Collected canned good for the Center of Hope
- Provided free clinic for the Dynamo Youth Soccer Club
- Went on missions trip to Costa Rica
- Volunteered at Gulf Shores Middle School
- Spoke to local school about Champions of Character program
- Worked Monee food bank during Christmas break
- Helped a church install insulation
- Swam for autism event
- Worked with CSL Bering on raising funds and working for the Pembroke Library project
- Cut, transported, and stacked fire wood for Pembroke residents
- Went on missions trip to Guatemala
- Ran event, spread the Hope Game, and proceeds of "red out" went to missionaries
- Raised over \$3000 for breast cancer (Dig Pink Volleyball Game)
- Coaches rang the bell for the Salvation Army at Christmas

List provided by Director of Athletics, Gary Newsome

Athletes can talk to their coaches for volunteer opportunities and non-athletes are encouraged to contact Jennifer McClellan, Olivet's director of missions and student ministries.

Upcoming tiger games schedule

February 15

- Women's Basketball at Illinois Institute of Technology (Ill.) 1 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Purdue University-North Central (Ind.) 7 p.m.

February 19

- Women's Basketball at Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.) 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.) 7:30 p.m.

February 21

- Men's Swimming at Midwest Invite-University of Chicago (Ill.) TBA
- Women's Swimming at Midwest Invite- University of Chicago (Ill.) TBA
- Men's Track at Home- NCCAA Indoor National Championship 5:30 p.m.
- Women's Track at Home- NCCAA Indoor National Championship 5:30 p.m.

February 22

- Women's Basketball at Home - Indiana University- South Bend (Ind.) 1:00 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Home - Indiana University- South Bend (Ind.) 3 p.m.
- Men's Swimming at Midwest Invite-University of Chicago (Ill.) TBA
- Women's Swimming at Midwest Invite- University of Chicago (Ill.) TBA
- Men's Track at Home- NCCAA Indoor National Championship 5:30 p.m.
- Women's Track at Home- NCCAA Indoor National Championship 5:30 p.m.

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Olympic Update

Matthew Taber and Jake Neuman
Staff Writer and Online Editor

By the end of Monday, Feb. 10 of the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, the United States had earned two gold medals, and three bronze medals. The United States was in 4th place Feb. 10. 20-year-old Sage Kotsenburg and 23-year-old Jamie Anderson in snowboarding won the gold medals. The bronze medals were won through Freestyle Skiing, Figure Skating, and Alpine Skiing.

Kotsenburg was the first gold medal winner in the Winter Olympics, scoring 93.50 in the Men's Slopestyle Finals. Anderson won the United States' second gold medal in Ladies' Slopestyle Finals with a score of 95.25.

Kotsenburg decided what he was going to do on his run the morning of the event. "I got this crazy idea, so I called my brother and then I talked to Billy [Enos], the US team coach. I said, 'I think I'm going to do a 1620 Japan'. I've never tried it, but I like doing crazy, spontaneous things."

The women's ice hockey team from the United States has two wins out of two games in the preliminary rounds. The woman beat Finland 3

to 1, and Switzerland 9 to 0. During the game against Switzerland three goals were made in 55 seconds setting a new Olympic record for the fastest three goals in a game.

As competition continued throughout Sochi, snowboarder Shawn White came up short on Feb. 11. After receiving gold medals for his half pipe runs in Vancouver, Canada and Turin, Italy, White came in fourth place in the Men's Halfpipe. Many snowboarders faced difficulties on the half-pipe as the weather was warm and the snow was wet and turning to slush has competitors continued.

Even though no USA men took home medals from the halfpipe, the women's team came out with Kaitlyn Farrington taking home the gold and Kelly Clark with the bronze.

On Feb. 12 the USA women's ice hockey team lost to Canada after Canada scored three goals in the third quarter. The final score was 3 to 2.

So far Team USA has 4 medals in Snowboard, 2 in Freestyle Skiing, 1 in Figure Skating, 1 in Alpine Skiing, and 1 in Luge. The Sochi Winter Olympics will continue until the closing ceremonies on Sunday Feb. 23.

SPORTS

ONU's NAIA Track and Field Nationals qualifier's list growing

Nathan DiCamillo

Sports Assistant

Women's Track and Field added another individual qualifier to the NAIA National meet at the Carthage College Red Invite on Feb. 7, according to Director athletics.com.

In all, the Women's Track and Field team has 12 individual and 2 relay NAIA National meet qualifiers while the Men's Track and Field team has a total of 12 individual and 1 relay NAIA national meet qualifiers.

Head Track and Field Coach Mike McDowell describes the NAIA Nationals, which is coming up in early March, as a "big venture", estimating that approximately 1,500 athletes will

be in attendance at the three-day meet.

Among those from the women's track & field team expected to do well at the National meet is freshman Sarah Ray, who is expected to run the 5,000m. Qualifying with a strong 17:59.10 during the season, she is new to the event but a definite threat. Also included in the qualifiers is junior Amy Blucker, excelling in the shot put and the weight throw as she has achieved marks of 14.05m in the shot put and 17.01m in the weight throw during the season. Coach McDowell also included the women's 4x400m relay as having "a shot at being All-American."

Those expected to do well from the men's track & field team include

sophomore Elisha DeRamus who leaped to qualifying marks of 7.13m in the long jump and 14.44m in the triple jump.

Joining Elisha as strong candidates to reach All-American status are seniors Ethan Gallagher and Mitchell Dale, who both qualified in the 3000m with marks of 8:37.92 and 8:41.23 respectively, sophomore Jacob Armbrust who achieved a qualifying mark of 16.21m in the shot put, and freshman Zach Gordon, who jumped to a qualifying mark of 7.33m in the long jump. Having attained All-American status in each of the past two years, the men's 4x800m relay hopes to repeat their performance and reach the National meet finals again this year.

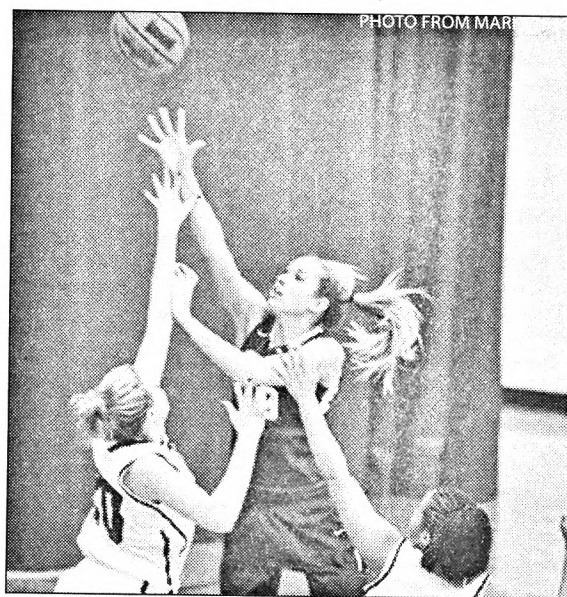
Senior, Geever lands CCAC Player of the Week

Senior Miranda Geever was named the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Player of the week for the week of Feb. 2.

In the two conference wins earlier this year, she averaged better than one point for every minute played and had a steal and assist every three minutes.

Geever, from Moline, Ill., averages 20.0 points, 7.5 steals, 7.0 assists and 2.0 rebounds per game. The 5-foot-8-inch guard also shot .520 from the field (13 of 25) and .857 from the foul line (12 of 14) in the two conference wins. She currently leads the nation in steals per game (4.0), ranks at 17 in assists per game (4.8) and is 18 in scoring (18.7 ppg).

-Justine Espersen



Senior Miranda Geevers goes up for the ball at a recent game this year. She was the CCAC Player of the Week of Feb. 2-9.

JV ONU swimmers race during the home meet Friday, Feb. 7 against Robert Morris University. The women's team lost 69-70.

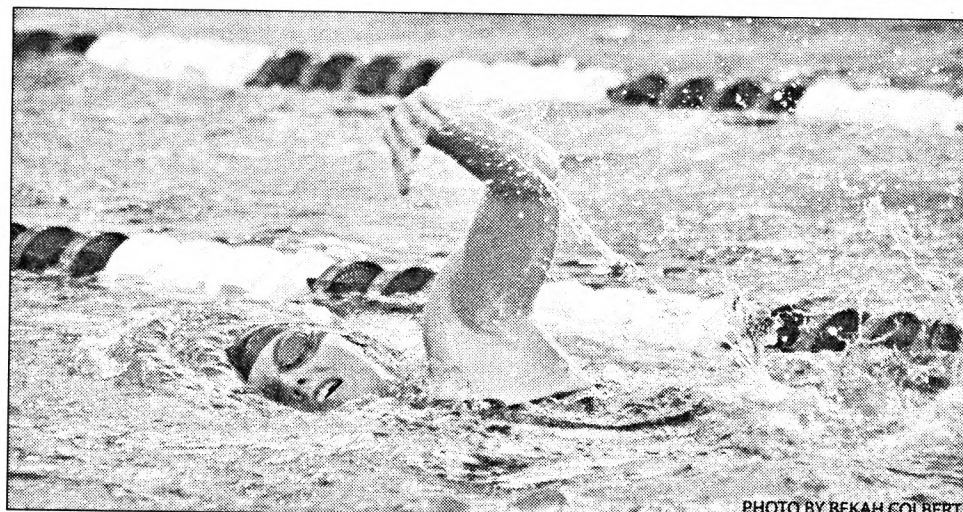
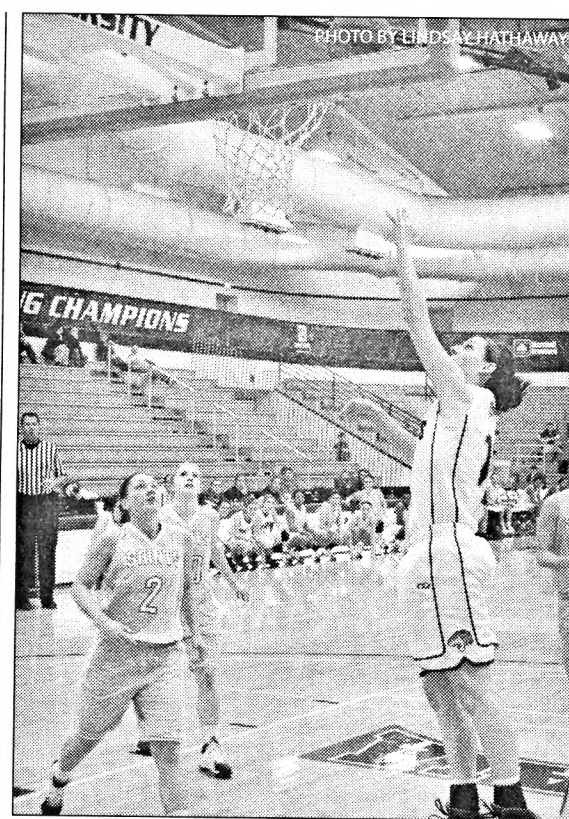


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Sophomore guard Cortney Allenbaugh goes up for a layup against Holy Cross College defenders on Saturday, Feb. 8.

All-American Tigers

12 of Olivet's students were selected for the 2013 Mid-States Football Association all-academic selections. This year, 115 plays have been selected for the squad. 38 of the players selected have been honored

previously.

To be selected, the player must be a junior, senior or graduate student; must have made a contribution to the team; and also have a 3.2 cumulative grade point average.

MSFA all-academic Tigers

Mark Kosrow (Defensive back)
Seth Barrigear (Offensive lineman)
Colin Riberdy (Linebacker)
Colton Parker (Tight end)
Ryan Smith (Defensive end)
Lucas Limberg (Defensive back)

Keegan Block (Linebacker)
Jared Carl (Strong safety)
Jeff Glitz (Offensive lineman)
Alan Knol (Offensive lineman)
Caleb McKinley (Strong safety)
Josh Craig (Linebacker)

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