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Extreme weather conditions have impacted the Kankakee River, which makes it a challenge to treat the water for local residents.

# Freeze changes tap water

By Nicole Lafond

Executive Editor

Aqua Illinois, the water company that supplies water to Olivet and the surrounding area, recently started feeding more chlorine into its water supply, resulting in a chlorinated odor and taste.

Extreme weather conditions have impacted the composition of the Kankakee River, making it a challenge to treat the water, according to Aqua Illinois Area Manager, Melissa Kahoun. Consequently, the company had to add more chlorine than usual into the treatment mix. Chlorine is often added to water at treatment plants to rid it of harmful bacteria or germs.

For the first time in more than 30 years, an ice dam on the Kankakee River has caused Kankakee County authorities to close down Warner Bridge. An increase of ice floes formed by the rapid melting snow caused a dam to form that is now endangering the bridge. The bridge, which is a main thoroughfare between Illinois routes 102 and 113, was shut

down Feb. 23 because of possible structural danger, Kankakee County Engineer Mark Rogers told the Daily Journal.

Instances similar to the ice dam at Warner Bridge have lead Aqua Illinois to add more chlorine chemicals to the water than usual to disinfect it. The drinking water still meets all of the IEPA Primary Drinking Water Standards, Kahoun said in an email sent out to the mayors of Kankakee, Bourbonnais, Bradley, Manteno and Aroma Park.

Despite Kahloun's claims, Steve Harrison, president of water filter maker Environmental Systems Distributing says chlorine usage in drinking water can have long terms effects on one's health.

"Chlorine introduced into the water supply reacts with other naturally-occurring elements to form toxins called trihalomethanes (THMs), which eventually make their way into our bodies," Harrison wrote in an About.com

article. "THMs have been linked to a wide range of human health maladies ranging from asthma and eczema to bladder cancer and heart disease."

However, "the water is safe," according to the director of Olivet's physical plant, Matt Whitis and the taste and odor issue should not be long term.

"Aqua is aware of the taste and odor in the water and we are working diligently to correct it," Kahoun said.

The company has received several complaints about the taste and odor of the tap water in the area, according to Kahoun. Students have noticed the change as well.

"The water on campus tastes and smells like medal, almost," senior Old Oak resident, Olivia Smith said. "After I shower, my hair feels dry and dirty."

To alleviate the odor, Kahoun suggests filling a pitcher with water and letting it sit overnight. This will allow the smell to dissipate, she said.

## Senior studies blood for honors project

By Mary Hall

Staff Writer

Things are getting a little bloody over in Reed. But don't worry—it's in pursuit of science.

Senior biology major, Brian Ginn, is pricking fingers, smearing blood, and analyzing DNA, with the goal of creating a new method for undergraduate students to study blood types.

"The end goal of the research is to have a protocol that goes from cheek cells to [DNA] for undergraduate labs," Ginn said as he drew blood cells on the white board.

The beginnings of the project started two years ago, when Ginn began his capstone honors project. He went through five different project ideas before settling on this one—using cheek cells to determine someone's blood type.

Blood type is usually determined with a finger prick test. The finger is poked with a small needle, and blood from the prick is smeared on three

separate plates. A different type of serum is added to each plate. How the serum reacts with each blood sample shows blood type: A-, A+, B-, B+, AB, or O.

This is where Ginn's testing gets complicated. He doesn't want to just know the blood type, but the DNA behind it. This means another test, requiring gels, electromagnetic waves, and ultraviolet light.

But Ginn's goal is to bypass all that, doing the same test, but much less painfully. Cheek cell testing just requires rinsing the mouth and spitting into a cup—good news for biology students who may not want their finger pricked.

"The goal is to get the students to learn," he said.

Creating a new experiment method, though, can be challenging.

"You're often going to do the test and not get the results you want.... Doing something that's not been done before, you have to start with what you think will work, and go from

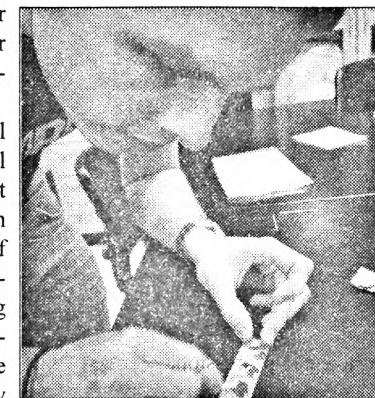
there."

And although Ginn has a newfound respect for research, this project has solidified his dreams of being a doctor, possibly on the mission field.

In the past few years, he has been to Papua New Guinea with medical work teams twice. On the last trip, he worked the entire summer in a mission hospital.

"[This project] tells me I don't want to be a researcher full time. I'd rather interact with people."

His dream is still years of medical school away, but today Brian Ginn contents himself with pricking fingers, smearing blood, and hopefully, helping some squeamish biology students in the process.



Senior Brian Ginn assesses blood samples.



# Gospel Choir performs for Pembroke

By Matthew Taber  
Staff Writer

The Concert of Prayer on Feb. 21 kicked off the start of the Childhood development program in Pembroke, Ill.

The event started with a prayer at Citgo Gas station. Afterwards, at the District Library Olivet's Proclamation Gospel Choir and a children's choir from Chicago, Ill., called "By the Hand" performed for the people attending.

One of the songs the Gospel choir performed was "Break every Chain." "We thought that would be really significant because in Pembroke we are trying to break the chain of poverty... corruption... things that have been holding them back," senior Becca Reed, an organizer of the event, said.

Reggie Stuart has been praying at the Citgo Gas Station with his wife every day and was able to speak at the concert. The people that are working on building the library gave an update on how the building process is going.

Reed and her sister Katie Reed, a sophomore, along with the help of the leadership team of five others, organized the Concert of Prayer. Reed is

the co-leader of Compassionate ministries on campus.

"This year [Compassionate Ministries] has been working to help build and start a childhood development program in Pembroke Township," she said when asked what was the purpose of the event.

"The purpose of the event is to kind of kick start the childhood development program and to unify the Pembroke residents with the different Olivet students who would come in to do the development program," she said.

The Gospel Choir, led by Jasper Taylor, performed as part of their own ministry.

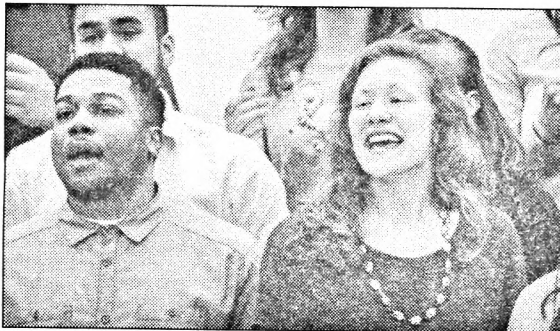
"Jasper always says, 'Gospel choir is a ministry first and then it's a choir,'" freshman Christian Wizeck said.

Senior Aaron Eubanks said as a choir the "purpose is to sing songs of worships and praise differently than choirs do. We have just a different rhythm and song choice."

The goal was to show the Pembroke residents they can better themselves without outside help.

"They can get past it and rise above," Reed said.

PHOTOS BY BEKAH COLBERT



Olivet's Gospel Choir participated in the Concert of Prayer Feb. 21 in Pembroke Township. This followed after a prayer at a Citgo gas station.

Bottom left: Senior Aaron Eubanks and Sophomore Laura Graven sing in Gospel Choir at the Pembroke Township District Library. A children's choir performed as well.

## Psychologist shares sex research with students

By Destiny Mitchell  
Assistant News Editor

Chapel services continued to speak on the topic of Homosexuality with Dr. Mark Yarhouse a week after messages given by Christopher Yuan and Chaplain Mark Holcomb.

As a professor of psychology at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia and a self-proclaimed "sex researcher," Yarhouse offered a different approach to the subject of sexual identity.

His messages merged the findings of psychological studies and findings with Christian beliefs and values.

"I read his book, Homosexuality and the Christian, and loved the compassionate way he talked about this issue," University Chaplain, Mark Holcomb said.

"When Dr. [Lisa] Vander Veer from our Counseling Center contacted me about having Dr. Yarhouse on campus, I jumped at the opportunity."

In a Christian Sexuality Q&A Seminar stocked with cookies, water, Diet Pepsi and Capri-Suns, thirty students seized the opportunity to ask both questions about Yarhouse's professional perspective on Christian sexuality and personal advice on dealing with sexual identity in their own lives.

"Can a person be both gay and Christian?" "Do you believe the gay community is more accepting than the church and should the church change?" and "I am not in a same-sex relationship but have a deep longing to be in a same-sex relationship. How do you meet the needs for intimacy as a single person?" were just a few of the hard-hitting questions Yarhouse answered.

Most students chose to ask questions anonymously by writing them down on an index card but others chose to ask their questions outright.

In his response, Yarhouse expanded on the theme that homosexuality is not a choice and that no one knows the source in the same way that no one knows the cause of any other sexuality.

He counseled the group of students towards a mindset of love and understanding, expressing that sexual minorities—a term used in the field of Psychology to describe those who have some level of same-sex attraction—should be accepted into the church and that Christians should seek personal relationships with them.

Holcomb felt that the student body had much to gain from this type of speaker.

"He is one of the leading Psychiatrist in the area of adolescent sexual identity, an evangelical Christian, and inten-

tional about rebuilding the relationship between the church and the gay community. That is a unique combination," he said.

Holcomb added that "his differentiation between identity/orientation and volition is a needed message, a narrative we don't hear often. It is what was central to Chris Yuan's story, giving him hope in the midst of navigating orientation and HIV."

Yarhouse also shared stories of gay and transgendered friends of his, some single and celibate, some open to a same-sex relationship and some currently in same-sex relationships. "I consider them all Christians" Yarhouse commented.

"I would hope that I am part of church where [sexual minorities] would be welcome," he said, highlighting that the church should more readily accept the gay community into their own before shying away.

"Wow, I haven't said anything to disqualify myself from [speaking] tomorrow, have I?" he laughed.

But the door to visit as a guest speaker remains open, with Holcomb saying he would "definitely" invite Yarhouse to speak again.

"I learned a lot the last two weeks, and am grateful for his ministry to our campus and the church," he said.

*"I would hope that I am part of a church where [sexual minorities] would be welcome."*



## NEWS



PHOTO BY THALYTA SWANEPOEL

Right: Online Editor Jake Neuman and Executive Editor Nicole Lafond team up with Photo Editor Nick Stewart of the Western Courier (WIU) and Editor-in-Chief Darshan Patel of the Daily Illini (UIUC) to discuss how to integrate social media into news reporting and marketing strategies.



PHOTO BY JUSTINE ESPERSEN

From left to right: News Editor Justine Espersen, Campus Life Assistant Editor Alex Ewers, Executive Editor Nicole Lafond, Online Editor Jake Neuman, Opinion Editor Grace King and Campus Life Editor A.E. Sarver attended the annual Illinois College Press Association conference and won two awards and an honorable mention. The campus newspaper competed against schools such as DePaul University and Columbia College.

## Teen dating exposed

By Taylor Provost  
Staff Writer

As Public Safety informed students via email, January was Stalking Awareness Month. Less publicized throughout Olivet's campus has been February's national theme of Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention, "a national effort to raise awareness about abuse in teen and 20-something relationships and promote programs that prevent it," according to The National Domestic Violence Hotline.

Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention month has been nationally revitalized this year because of Congress' reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in 2013.

The act aims to bring national awareness to crimes such as sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking through a designated month of public education and awareness activities.

Olivet's Department of Public Safety has put less emphasis on Teen Dating Violence month in comparison with its active approach to stalking awareness last month. Mass emails were sent out and posters were hung up across campus throughout the month of January.

"We have learned that mass emails were not the preferred way students, faculty and staff want[ed] to receive this information," Director of Public Safety, Dale Newsome said. "We are looking at other means of communicating to everyone without being bothersome. We want to ensure that email from the Department of Public Safety is taken seriously and not disregarded or treated as junk mail."

However, students speculate various reasons as to why this month's theme has been less publicized on campus than stalking awareness was.

"It's especially important to raise

awareness and address how to resolve those kinds of situations," Freshman Austin Siscoe said. "The only problem is [teen dating violence awareness] has been shoved in our faces since we were 14. It's almost as if we're a generation aware of the idea of abuse within relationships, but with all the overexposure we really don't care to hear anymore."

Freshman Megan York had other ideas as to why February's theme has been less publicized.

"It's not a focus [on campus] because it's negative," she said. "Just like everything else that we don't hear about like sex trafficking, domestic and elder abuse, and other worldly issues that are covered up," York explained. "I think it's important to spread awareness because for those who have dealt with or are involved with [teen dating violence] currently, [awareness] can help them figure out how to get help."

York added awareness is useful for individuals regardless of personal relationship status. "It is helpful for single people to notice signs [of abuse] for themselves for future use, or to help a friend that could be dealing with the situation."

According to Newsome, "Dating Violence" has been added to the hate crime list in Public Safety's records, along with the addition of domestic violence and stalking. In part with VAWA, the policy requires the department's Annual Security Report to promote educational programs and awareness of rape, acquaintance rape, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

"Our goal is to establish a partnership with representatives of Student Development and Counseling Services and together establish programs for both the students, faculty and staff," Newsome said.

## GG wins big at ICPA

By Justine Espersen  
News Editor

The GlimmerGlass attended the annual Illinois College Press Association (ICPA) and won three awards after being moved up to a more competitive category.

The newspaper was moved up from competing with non-daily newspapers under 4,000 students to now compete with non-dailies with over 4,000 students. The GlimmerGlass went up against big name schools such as Columbia College, Loyola University and DePaul University.

"The category change came as a shock; however, the GlimmerGlass was able to compete well against schools much larger than us," senior and Executive Editor Nicole Lafond said.

Senior and Image Editor Bekah Colbert won first place in Best News Photo and The GlimmerGlass staff won first place in Best Photo Essay. In addition, senior and Online Editor Jake Neuman won an honorable mention in best critical review.

Illinois news publications submit to several different categories for ICPA and are awarded for their work at the conference.

In addition, students partook in seminars to help better their newsrooms.

Neuman and Lafond lead a panel discussion with Editor-in-Chief Darshan Patel from the Daily Illini of the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign and Photo Editor Nick Stewart from the Western Courier of Western Illinois University about the use of social media.

"It was cool to be able to present in

front of our peers that the GlimmerGlass, while a small publication, is on par or in some cases ahead of other newspapers when it comes to social media," Neuman said.

Director of Journalism and Associate Professor of Communication Dr. Thalyta Swanepoel was this year's ICPA first vice president and will be next year's as well. She organizes and oversees the program in its entirety.

"I'm really proud of our staff," Lafond said. "I feel like we've really grown in ability this year and I definitely see us as being a force to be reckoned with in the future."

## Glimmer Glances

## School Breaks

3/7-3/16 – Spring Break

## Athletics

2/28 – Women's Tennis vs. University of NW Ohio – 1:00 pm – Snowbarger  
- Men's Tennis vs. University of NW Ohio – 2:00 pm – Snowbarger

## Fine Arts

2/28-3/01 – Spring Musical: The Music Man – 7 pm – Kresge  
3/01 – Spring Musical: The Music Man – 2 pm – Kresge  
3/03 – Percussion Ensemble Concert – 7 pm – Kresge  
3/18 – Faculty Jazz Recital – 7 pm – Kresge

## Campus Rec

3/17-3/20 – Registration for IM Season 6 Open – SLRC

## Clubs and Organizations

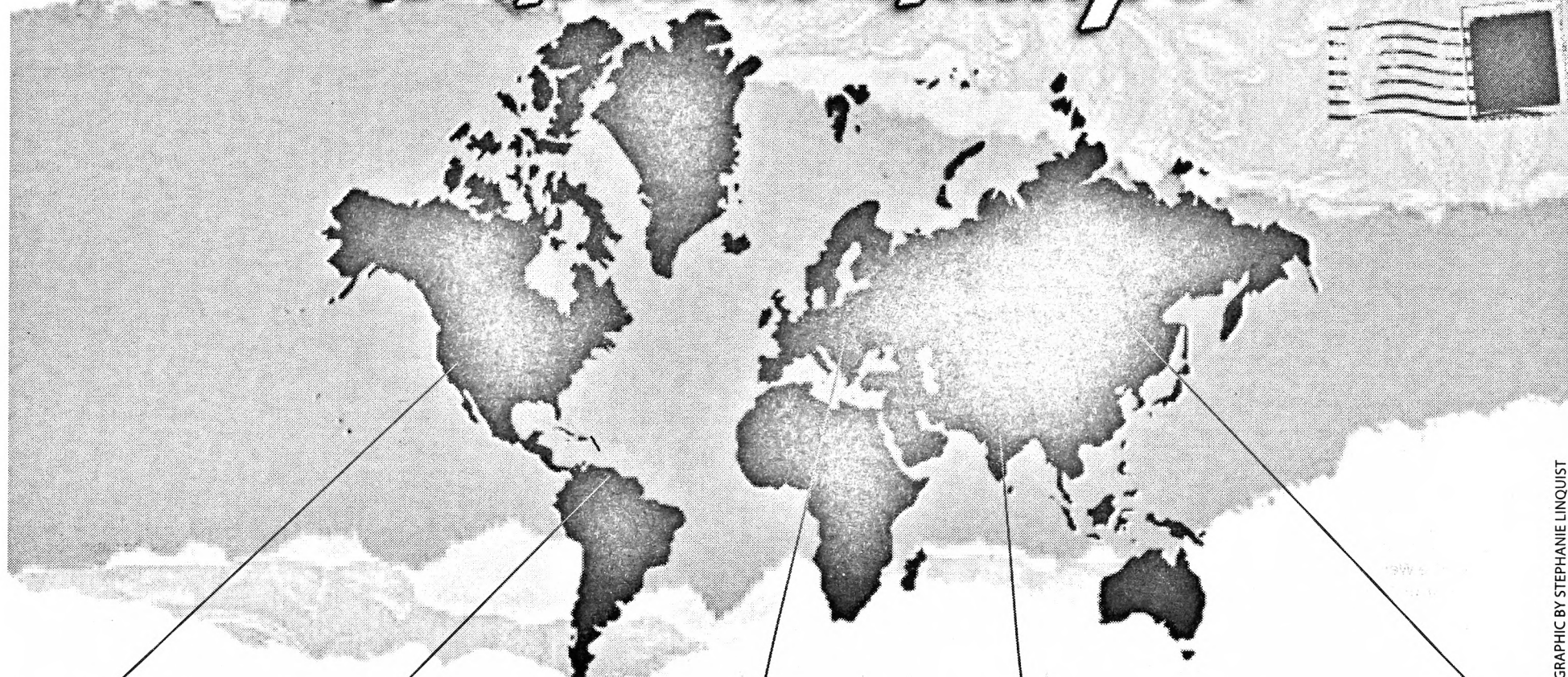
2/28-3/04 – ASC Executive Campaign Begins  
3/05 – ASC Executive Elections

## Spiritual Development

3/03 – Party with Jesus – 9 pm – Warming House  
3/05 – Parlor – 7 pm – College Church  
3/10 – Party with Jesus – 9 pm – Warming House  
3/12 – Parlor – 7 pm – College Church  
3/17 – Party with Jesus – 9 pm – Warming House  
3/19 – Parlor – 7 pm – College Church



# A Global Glimpse



GRAPHIC BY STEPHANIE LINQUIST

## Gold County, CALIFORNIA

A couple walking their dog stumbled upon a treasure trove of gold coins worth \$10 million in their own back yard.

The face value of 1,427 coins, which date from 1847 to 1894, is around \$27,000 but some of them are so rare they could sell for nearly \$1 million each.

The husband and wife made the find inside eight rusted metal cans underneath a tree, and now plan to sell most of the coins online.

"I don't like to say once-in-a-lifetime for anything, but you don't get an opportunity to handle this kind of material, a treasure like this, ever," said David Hall, co-founder of Professional Coin Grading Service, which authenticated the find.

The couple has chosen to remain anonymous, but has loaned some of the coins to the American Numismatic Association for its National Money Show in Atlanta.

"Their concern was this would change the way everyone else would look at them, and they're pretty happy with the lifestyle they have today," David McCarthy, chief numismatist for Kagin Inc., said.

-Sky News

## Caracas, VENEZUELA

Pope Francis says he is concerned about recent unrest in Venezuela, in which at least 13 people died.

At the end of his weekly general audience, the pope said he hoped "violence and hostility will cease as soon as possible."

He called on the Venezuelan people "to promote reconciliation through mutual forgiveness and sincere dialogue."

Venezuela's Attorney General Luisa Ortega said 13 people have died in protest-related violence, but opposition groups said the number has risen to at least 15.

Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Garcia-Margallo said a Spanish national has been killed during a demonstration in Valencia, a city of Venezuela.

Students took to the streets, moving into Caracas, angered by high crime rates and economic woes, including record inflation and shortages of basic goods.

President Nicolas Maduro has called a "national conference for peace" to end the protests, but opposition leaders have already announced they will not attend the meeting.

-BBC News

## Kiev, UKRAINE

Russia ordered surprise military exercises on Ukraine's doorstep as tension grew in that country's southern Crimea region.

Pro-Russian demonstrators are facing off against rival protestors in the city of Simferopol.

Fights broke out amongst the thousands rallying in front of the Crimean parliament building in Simferopol.

One group waved Ukrainian flags and shouted "Crimea is not Russian," while the other held Russian flags aloft and shouted the same phrase.

Police tried to intervene to divide the groups.

Local leaders attempted to pacify the crowd, urging the protestors to go home and resist provocations.

One man died around the time of the protests in front of parliament, from what appeared to be a heart attack.

The demonstrations signal the broad divide between those who support what is going on in Kiev, where the new government is leaning toward the West, and those who back Russia's continued influence in Crimea and across Ukraine.

Tensions show no signs of being alleviated.

-CNN

## Damascus, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

Syrian army fighters killed at least 175 Islamist rebel fighters, most of them foreigners, in an ambush in insurgent-held eastern outskirts of Damascus.

Lebanon's Al Manar Television, broadcast images of dozens of bodies of men strewn along the streets.

Islamists were ambushed as they tried to leave the area to join fighting in other regions.

The attack was led by the Lebanese Shiite militant group Hezbollah, which has joined the government in a sectarian conflict that is pulling in fighters from across the region and destabilizing Syria's neighbors, said activists.

The ambush will be a significant advance for President Bashar al-Assad's efforts to cement his hold of the capital and surrounding roads, if the scale of the casualties is confirmed.

It also underlined the complexity of a fight where Sunni Muslim Islamist groups, some of them linked to al Qaeda, have joined mostly Sunni Syrian rebels against Assad, who comes from an offshoot of Shiite Islam.

Assad has won the backing of the Shiite powers of Hezbollah and Iran.

-Reuters

## Hong Kong, CHINA

The former chief editor of prominent Hong Kong newspaper Ming Pao is in critical condition after being attacked with a cleaver.

Kevin Lau was attacked by two men and suffered three wounds, police said.

The attackers reportedly fled from the scene by motorbike.

"One of them alighted from the motorcycle and used a chopper to attack the victim," police spokesman Simon Kwan told reporters.

The wounds were on Lau's back and legs. Kwan added that the back wound was deep.

Ming Pao believes that the attack may foreshadow future attacks on the paper and sparked fears among staff that the paper's independence was under threat.

In a statement, Ming Pao said, "we are deeply angry that the assailants dared to conduct an attack in broad daylight."

Hong Kong Chief Executive CY Leung said he was "extremely concerned" and "outraged" by the attack.

"Hong Kong's reputation as a free and international city will suffer if such crimes go unpunished," the Foreign Correspondents' Club added.

-BBC News



# CAMPUS LIFE

## Public Safety officer serves beyond job description

By Taylor Provost

Staff Writer

"I believe the reason my dad is so liked is because he loves people, and is actively showing that every day," Olivet freshman Paul DaSilva Jr. said of his father, Paul DaSilva Sr.

DaSilva Sr., a Brazilian man now residing in Bourbonnais, currently works as an officer for Olivet's Department of Public Safety. He was hired in August 2013. Showing kindness to others through his job is not a new concept to DaSilva. Having previously worked various jobs, one being in Public Safety at a hospital in Oak Lawn, Ill., and another in the Laundry Department at Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School, he has come to know many people over the years.

"Paul DaSilva is one of the nicest men I have had a chance to meet," Emily Wilcox, a College Church North Campus member, said. "Within five minutes of knowing him you can tell he is a man after God's heart. He is really interested in everyone and tries really hard to make them feel special, whether it is writing encouraging messages on Facebook or telling them God is with them."

DaSilva is known among his Facebook friends for random posts of encouragement. DaSilva ends nearly every encouraging post or comment to a Facebook friend with the phrase, "YOU are loved!"

"He will go out of his way to help someone that is in need and we do not see that much in our world," DaSilva Jr. added. "Whether it is [as] a public safety officer or not, [helping others] is just not something common in our times."

DaSilva doesn't see taking his job above and beyond as "going out of his way" though; he thoroughly enjoys it, he said.

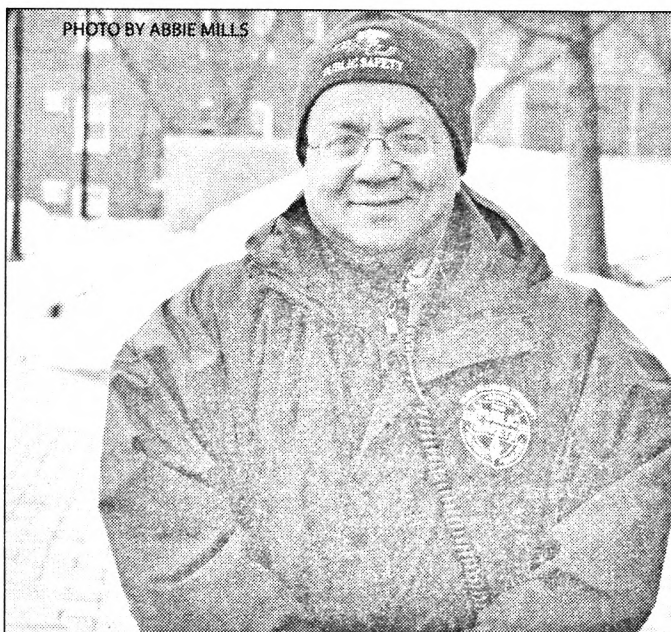
"It has been a blessing," he said. "I've taken [students] from ONU to the airport. Another time a student was sick and he needed a ride and I took him to Riverside Hospital and waited for him while he got some tests done," DaSilva said, recalling a few times he has done things for his students outside of his job description.

None of his favors for others, big or small, have been done with a begrudging spirit. In fact, some of DaSilva's favorite parts of being a Public Safety officer have been simply jump-starting students' cars, unlocking their cars when they have accidentally locked their keys inside, or giving rides to injured students.

"I really enjoy the kids and I try to support them," he said.

DaSilva takes an interest in Olivet's students even when off-campus. He and his wife participate in a program offered through College Church called Adopt-A-Student. This pro-

PHOTO BY ABBIE MILLS



DaSilva, a first-year officer, has already touched the hearts of many.

gram allows members of the church to open their home to and engage with a few select Olivet students who also attend College Church and choose to participate in the program.

He explained how well he and his wife get along with their "adopted" students.

"I was getting ready to go to work and I looked out through my window and saw the truck for Edible Arrangements," DaSilva chuckled as

he recalled the time their "adopted" students sent him and his wife food. "They didn't have to do that. They're so sweet."

DaSilva doesn't care about the students simply because he is a Public Safety officer; he is a Public Safety officer because he simply cares about the students.

"It has been a blessing," he said. "Whatever [students] need; I really, really enjoy it."

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## Olivet graduate fights poverty in Boston

Stacy Knoderer

Staff Writer

Meagan Ramsay, a slender red head, better known for her wit and writing skills than muscular abilities, now "lifts" people on a daily basis in her post graduate life.

Former executive editor of the GlimmerGlass and a 2013 graduate, Ramsay felt a calling during her senior year to focus her future career on serving others. After graduation, she joined a nonprofit organization called LIFT in its Boston, Mass. office. Through LIFT, volunteers are given the opportunity to help people "lift" themselves out of poverty for good, she said.

LIFT pairs community members in need with volunteer advocates who

are trained to be partners and problem solvers. The advocates help members create goals related to things like employment, housing and education, and they work together to achieve them.

Ramsay helps with fundraising and marketing and is currently focused on grant writing and creating marketing materials. Ramsay loves what she does and is happy to be working for a nonprofit organization that helps people get back on their feet.

"I really enjoy my job. I meet so many different kinds of people, and I am learning a lot about poverty and how messy life can be," Ramsay said.

Two years ago, while completing an internship in Washington D.C., her roommate introduced her to the organization.

Upon graduation, Ramsay learned

*"Don't be afraid to move someplace new and do something that you never considered doing before."*

there was a summer internship for LIFT in Boston and decided to apply. Ramsay received the internship in May 2013. Following her internship, she applied for a full-time position with the poverty fighting organization. Ramsay has been a development associate for LIFT-Boston since September 2013.

Although Ramsay has been with LIFT for less than a year, she has already made some memories that will

last a lifetime. While planning a cook-out in celebration of volunteers and members of LIFT, Ramsay remembers fondly one of the community members helping her plan the event.

"One of our members helped me a lot and took on some of the responsibility," Ramsay said. "It was so cool to be working alongside her while celebrating people like her and the work that we do at LIFT."

When asked about her co-workers, Ramsay had nothing but good things to say.

"I have really connected with my coworkers. I am working with a lot of people who have similar values relating to poverty and social justice. Going to work with people who want to bring about change is really empowering," she said.

The Olivet grad with a degree in journalism considers her work at LIFT to be a form of service; she is able to use her journalism skills to impact other people.

For Ramsay, what sets LIFT apart from other nonprofit organizations is that it focuses on helping people holistically.

"It is not about finding short-term band-aids, it's about finding long-term solutions. LIFT really focuses on helping people for good and getting them on the right track," Ramsay said.

For those graduating this spring, Ramsay reminds students to try new things.

"Don't be afraid to move someplace new and do something that you never considered doing before," Ramsay said.



# 'Music Man' graces the stage



Professor Harold Hill (Ben Geeding) cons the people of River City, Iowa into starting a band. Ben Geeding played role of Winthrop at Olivet when he was eight years old and now claims the title of "The Music Man" (Left). In this classic musical Geeding steals the hearts of the citizens in River City (Bottom Left). Eulalie Mackechnie Shinn, the Mayor's wife (A.E. Sarver) scolds her daughters in the beginning of the story "The Music Man."



## BSHF gives students athletic outlet

**Katharyn Schrader**  
Contributing Writer

It doesn't have a leader, but it has a steady following. It's unofficial, but people know about it. It's not institutionalized, but its participants are consistent. The competition found at Ball So Hard Friday can contend with that of intramurals, and it has never once been advertised.

Sophomore Jordan Lingle and senior Josh Parker stepped off the court to clean up their bloody noses last Friday while senior Jordan Britt explained the gist of BSHF. "You just come with friends and try to stick with them on the court," he said, his eyes locked on the scrimmage taking place on the court in front of him as it was his turn to sit out of the rotation.

Junior Michael Garza remembers when pickup-basketball games took place in Birchard on Sunday nights in previous years. When he returned to

Olivet after a couple years away, he wondered why no one was playing in Birchard anymore. "You just knew around 7 p.m. on Sunday nights people would be playing. It was always packed," he said.

Senior Marshall Harris says he and his friends used to attend open gyms on Friday afternoons in Birchard. "It started growing from ten people, to 15 people, to 20 people, and so on until the Perry Center opened and allowed us to get three full courts going, and others waiting in line to jump in ... that's about fifty-something people. It's going global."

The official time and place of the weekly open gym is Fridays at 5 p.m. in the Perry Center field house. It was dubbed "Ball So Hard Friday" by Marshall Harris, Brandon Juodikis, Zach Fisher, Andrew Muzljakovich, and Andrew Sayre. Anyone is welcome to play.

At 3 p.m. during the week, the track

team practices in the field house, but their Friday afternoon practices never go as late as they do Monday through Thursday. This leaves the basketball courts open for boys who are eager to run, shoot, and sweat off the week's stress.

Girls on Olivet's basketball team used to play too, but Britt said although some were pretty impressive, girls haven't tried competing with the guys this year.

"Ball So Hard Friday is actually competitive," Garza said. "The guys who come aren't messing around."

The amount of blood covered gauze from the First Aid kit last Friday showed it clearly: the boys have a blast at BSHF.

"If I didn't play ball during the week I'd go crazy," said Garza, who played in high school and also used to be on Olivet's men's basketball team. "It's my sanity."

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### Drum Beats:



*International globe trotter, aspiring healer, son of the man that runs the Biology department; and no, he is not a fan of gin (because he's never tried it). Meet senior Biology major, Brian Ginn.*

☛ **What is your favorite milkshake?**

Strawberry Peach from Common Grounds. I originally bought it to support Lucas Sanor when he was running for Mr. ONU, but I have been getting it ever since. It really isn't a milkshake, but it still counts, right?

☛ **What would you choose to be your last meal?**

Ribs, big fan of ribs. They are messy but since I was dying, I wouldn't have to worry about cleaning up. Unless I was on death row for cannibalism or something, then it would be human ribs or something. That would just be awkward.

☛ **If you could have dinner with any three presidents, who would you choose?**

George Washington, he's probably my favorite; Teddy Roosevelt, he just seemed like a fun, outdoorsy kind of guy; and Bill Clinton, just because he seems like a really charismatic guy.

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

I am kind of boring, just scrambled. Anything with yolk running is no good.

☛ **What is currently on your fridge door?**

Nothing belonging to me, only to my roommates. There is a picture of him as a baby. There used to be obscene Scrabble tiles on it last semester when my old roommate lived with us.

☛ **Where have you travelled?**

I have been to Papua New Guinea twice for a total of nine weeks, both this summer and last on a medical missions trip with Dr. and Mrs. Pyle. On the way to Papua New Guinea, I stayed in Australia for a week. And over Christmas Break, I was in Ireland, Scotland and England. My brother currently lives in Scotland so I visited him. I then spent a couple days in London.

☛ **What are your career goals?**

I will be starting med school in August. I would like to be a surgeon, a general surgeon. I really like the idea of surgery because it is a process.

☛ **Who is the most influential professor at Olivet for you?**

Dr. Long in Biology. I have had him for four classes and I just enjoy his style of lecturing. Professionally we get along really well and outside of the classroom he is really fun and easy to talk to. He's a sassy man.

☛ **If you could have any super power, what would it be?**

Probably flight, like Superman flight so I could go really fast and just go around places. Like when I have a free weekend I could just go somewhere and not have to pay for a flight there. I could fly to China and it would still be daytime.

☛ **If you had to give up a physical ability, what would you give up?**

I can't really grow a real beard so I would give up that up because it really isn't important. It would save me time from shaving and I wouldn't have to give up anything too important.

☛ **How has being local influenced your college experience?**

It has been very helpful in the aspect that I know where everything is. Because I live on campus, I feel like I went away to college because I am not going home every day. But I can still go home and do my laundry for free when I want to. People, when they learn you are local, they look favorably upon that as if I know where everything is all the time.

☛ **What is your favorite Sodexo meal?**

They haven't had it for a while, but chicken potpie. That or chicken dumplings, but they taste almost the same.

☛ **Your name being Brian Ginn, do you like gin?**

I have not tried it. That is a true story! I'll let you know when I graduate.

**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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## LEAVING WORK AT WORK A DIFFICULT TASK FOR MILLENNIALS

By Nicole Lafond  
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Single, 22-year-old Michelle Mitchell brings a child home with her from work every single day.

Some have medical issues, some are from broken homes and some have been sexually or physically abused. She doesn't feed them, she doesn't clothe them and she doesn't pay to put them through school, but she does sacrifice one thing by bringing them home with her each day: her personal life.

Mitchell is a senior social work major at Olivet Nazarene University and an intern at the Kankakee County Center Against Sexual Assault. As a social worker in training, she has the opportunity to advocate for children.

"I'm passionate about giving children back the freedom and rights they deserve. I hope I can do that for at least one child throughout my career," she said.

Mitchell claims it is nearly impossible to emotionally detach herself from the children and situations she encounters while at work; so difficult, in fact, that she often ends up emotionally "bringing" the children she works with home with her.

"It is most difficult to leave work at work when you have a child come into the agency for counseling or treatment. The child doesn't necessarily say outright that they feel unsafe at home, but you can just tell," Mitchell said. "But unless the child discloses information directly, there is nothing we can do. Having to send them back home is heartbreaking.

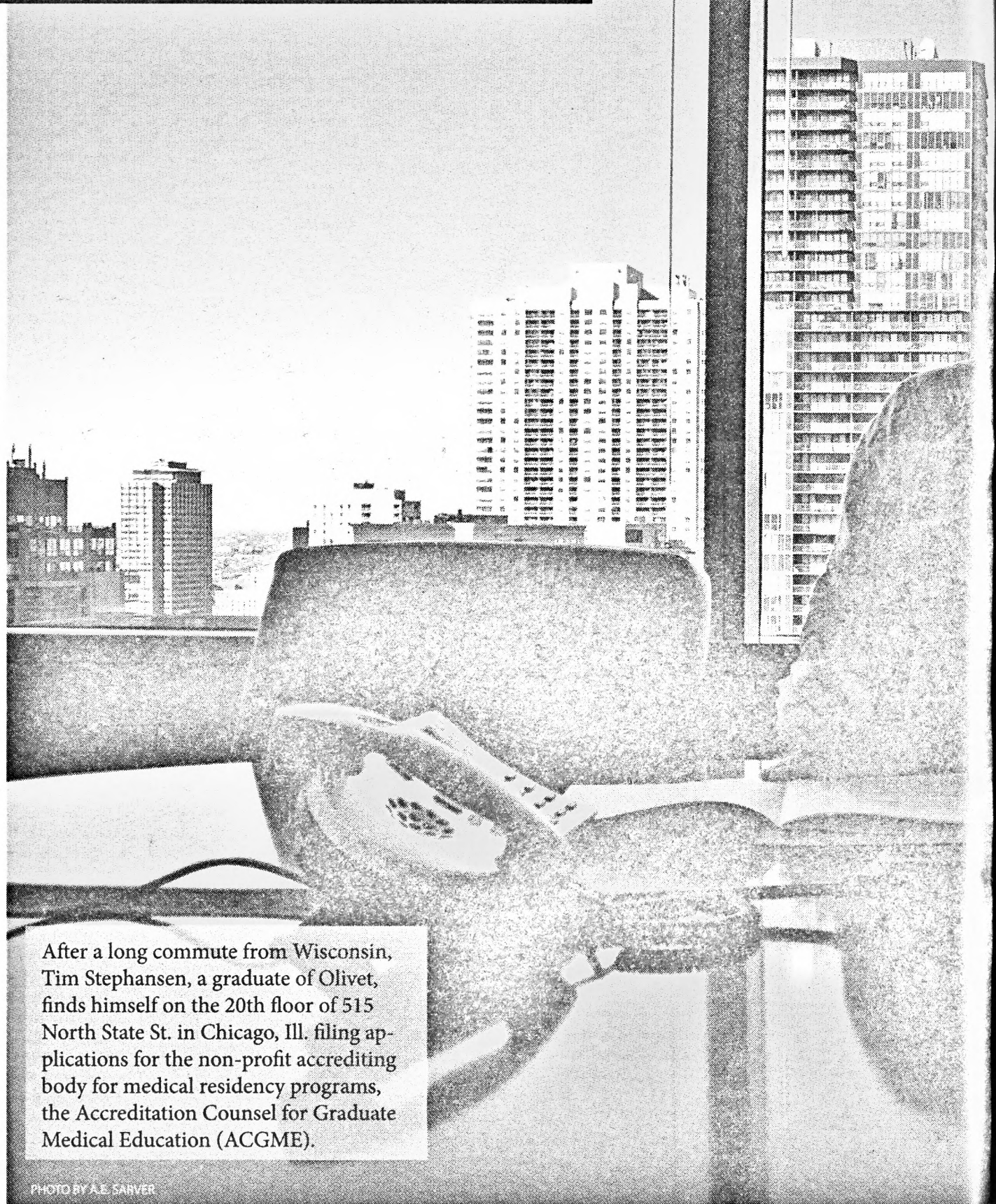
"It's hard to not feel helpless in those times because I want to take all those children home with me," she said.

Students training to go into the social work field are taught how to deal with the emotions they will often encounter in their line of work. Some are encouraged to set up self-care plans prior to their internships and jobs, according to Mitchell.

However, social workers are not the only professionals who face difficulties learning to separate their work and personal life. A study conducted by Millennial Branding in 2013 found Generation Y to be the leading age group responsible for blurring the line between a personal and a professional life. As the first generation to grow up with technology, Millennials habitually uses their social media networks and profiles as a direct extension of their professional personality. On average, Millennials are connected to at least 16 co-workers on Facebook, the study concluded.

"For these millennials, work and life are the same thing and they want to stay connected to their colleagues, see their photos and keep in touch with their personal lives long after the work day is over," authors of the study said.

The digital age offers unique challenges to professionals, young and old, looking to live a balanced life that properly separates work agendas from personal



After a long commute from Wisconsin, Tim Stephansen, a graduate of Olivet, finds himself on the 20th floor of 515 North State St. in Chicago, Ill. filing applications for the non-profit accrediting body for medical residency programs, the Accreditation Counsel for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

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interactions. However, professionals have been wrestling with the concept of leaving work at work for decades, according to a 2012 study conducted at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Although the advent of smartphones and tablets have presented new obstacles in the separation of work and home life for Millennials, Lisa Vander Veer, the director of counseling services at Olivet, believes it is still possible to separate the two if a professional learns how to properly transition from work mode to personal mode.

## The importance of transitions

Whether one is transitioning from a classroom setting to a social setting or from a work environment to a home environment, changing one's mindset is essential in order to properly complete a transition, according to Vander Veer.

"Transitions are important and should be done mindfully. You can drop your books off, change your clothes or get a smoothie. [It's important] to help your brain shift to something else," she said.

Transitions can also be physical, Vander Veer said. Setting aside physical space to exclusively do work will help a professional leave a work mindset, especially when they can leave that physical space and focus on his or her personal life, she said.

Depending on the context of one's professional situation, the idea of transition can be either a simple or difficult process. A professional working from home may find it difficult to keep his or her private life out of their work and vice versa, Vander Veer said.

## Forget strict compartmentalization

While learning to transition properly may be an important step in achieving balance in one's personal and professional life, American sociologist Martha Beck, calls strict compartmentalization of one's life an impossible practice today.

"These days almost all of us work at home to some extent. Maybe you spend evenings brooding over spreadsheets from the office ... Or maybe, like me, you have a job, but no official physical workplace," she said in the March 2013 issue of *The Oprah Magazine*. "[We live] in an age when bleed-through is the new normal."

Like Beck, Vander Veer thinks it is oftentimes too stressful for an individual to actually completely compartmentalize his or her life and calls the practice "not always necessary."

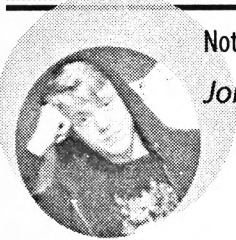
"There may be positive aspects of work or academics that we want to bring into our personal life. As we build relationships in our work, we may want to share more about ourselves when appropriate," she said. "Of course, some degree of separation can help us feel more balanced."

While evidence of overlap between personal and professional life continues to point fingers at the streamlined dangers of the digital age, learning to be cautious and aware of this digital "bleed-through" is essential to the success of any professional, according to Dr. Michael Woodward, an organization psychologist.

"We live in a wired age where boundaries are continuing to be blurred and at times even eliminated," Woodward said in a 2012 Fox News article. "We are always connected to work whether we realize it or not and thus we need to be mindful of what we say and who is listening."



# OPINION



Notes from

Jonny B. Swift

Dear Readers,

We live in tumultuous times. I don't know if you've heard, but those heathens at Eastern Nazarene University can dance now. The fall of Wheaton a few years ago was bad enough, but these are Wesleyans! They had a choice in the matter!

So I commend Olivet for standing strong in the face of adversity. And there's no adversary worse than your own parent organization. But how do we fight the enemy within?

If the *Alien* movies have taught me anything, the only way to defeat the enemy within is to jump into a vat of molten metal in a future space prison before the cultic inmates turn on each other. And if there's one thing we know in the Nazarene bubble, its cults.

Readers, we all know the Nazarene church has changed its views on dancing. From entirely bad, to only choreographed, to the current understanding. According to the Nazarene manual, section 34, article 4, dancing is totally permitted. Kind of.

See, the section 34 deals with "Entertainments that are subversive to the Christian Ethic." After debunking gambling and freemasonry (the surge of the modern era), the banes of existence, it states "All forms of dancing that detract from spiritual growth and break down proper moral inhibitions and reserve." For those of you keeping score at home, dancing is allowed, but not the freemasonry gambling kind.

This is a part of our tradition, grounded in the words of Jesus Himself. Who could forget in Matthew 22:36-39, the command to love God and others? And clearly loving others means dancing at school cannot be permitted! Don't believe me? Then check your manual. That's the very passage used to support it.

So thank you, Olivet, for putting the fun back in fundamental. The naysayers may point to obscure verses like Exodus 15:20 or Jeremiah 31:13, but you have the guts to stand by your convictions.

Because if we ignore the problem, it might just go away.

Firmly planted

-Logan Long

## Church home not on the radar

By Grace King  
Opinion Editor

One of the most exciting things for me coming into college was that I would finally have the opportunity to choose my own church. As a pastor's daughter, I've been obligated to follow the leadership of my father all of my life. But no more! I came to Olivet determined to find my own place, one that I chose because it fit me.

In this, I am sure I am not alone. It's exciting to be off on your own for the very first time. Some students look forward to choosing a new church home and others look forward to sleeping in on Sundays, no longer feeling obligated or forced to attend service.

With all the "growing-up" you have to do within a period of, well, as soon as your parents drop you off on campus, it's easy to get overwhelmed and drop things that you don't think are as important, such as finding a home church.

How much easier is it to walk into a building, sit for an hour or so, and then walk back out again? No obligations and no one no-

ties whether you were there or not. This becomes a pattern as we continue to "try out" churches, wanting them to fit our needs without us lifting a finger.

James White, senior pastor of Mecklenburg community Church in Charlotte, N.C., defined church hopping on his blog crosswalk.com as going from one church to another without committing to any one church for any significant period of time.

Church hopping is becoming rampant, especially in young adults. We don't want to take responsibility, yet we want to be spiritually fed. White writes, "It's the consumer mindset of our culture at work."

Because of this, we sometimes overlook the other important aspects of church. We listen to one pastor after another, waiting for God to pour out His almighty wisdom upon us.

An article on relevantmagazine.com, "5 Really Bad Reasons To Leave Your Church," asserts that the church isn't actually about you. "It's about Jesus. It's His church. He came for it. He

died for it. He redeemed it. He continues to build it. And one day, He'll come back for it. It's His," the article said.

Why is it important to settle on one church, you might ask?

We need to choose a church and a congregation we trust to hold us accountable in our walk with Christ. If you're jumping from one congregation to the next you aren't receiving fellowship with other Christians and you have no one to hold you accountable within the church. Hebrews 10:25 says, "... not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

Another reason it's important to stick with a church is so that you can take responsibility within the church. I was once told that if you feel like something in your church is missing, you might be the one God is calling to fill that void. Say, for instance, there aren't any greeters at the door, and you notice that. Maybe you noticing is God's calling. After all, the church doesn't exist to

serve us. It exists to help us serve others.

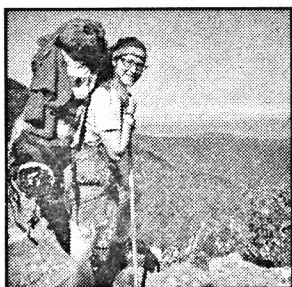
One reason people church "hop" so often is because there are disagreements within the church. Maybe you disagree with the way your pastor presented that last message or you think the music is too dry. Guess what? It isn't about you. You are never going to agree with everything happening within the church. Once a decision has been made, it's important for us to stand beside one another to carry out the vision.

White said, "[Church] isn't one of many stores in a mall that exists to serve your spiritual shopping list. Church is a gathered community of believers who are pooling together their time, talent and resources to further the Great Commission."

We are supposed to be investing our lives into people other than ourselves. How are we to do that when we have no emotional ties to our church congregation? Jesus told Peter in John 21:17 to feed His sheep. Is he not calling us to do the same?

### On culture:

## Wearing the shoes of an outsider is challenging

By Laurel Dispenza  
Contributing Writer

This gives a whole new perspective to understanding foreigners at your home school. Not even just foreigners, but all who are new to the unique culture of your university. Speaking from their shoes now, because I'm currently wearing them everywhere I go (and they're still a little big), I know and understand on a deeper level where they're coming from and the struggles at hand for those like us.

When you're in a foreign land, you're stripped from all that you once leaned on for support and are reduced to a one dimensional character with no way to accurately express yourself. You're not funny anymore, not clever, and not bold because in a new language you don't have the grasp or the hold that you did in your native tongue. Sometimes you don't even understand what's going on; you can't even understand your new friends because they're using words you've never heard before or they're talking so fast its making your brain sore and you cannot focus.

When I'm sitting in the outdoor coffee shop "reading" it's really because I am longing to make a friend (preferably a girl), but I'm intimidated. They all seem

like they have their groups, they have their friends, and they're content with that.

And how to break in is the other thing. I know not what to say or how to start a friendship since I scorn the small talk and want to dive right into the deep stuff. But that's not how it works. Even if it did, I'm not sure I currently possess the ability or vocabulary to do so. So I sit here and watch from afar.

How sweet it is when a few I recognize pass by and say hi. How much sweeter it is when they invite me to come with them, taking a tiny step into their lives. The new ones at school, yes, they appreciate when you stop and when you pass them by to say hi, but what they really long for is one who will invite them into their lives. They long for one who will include them and envelop them with love and acceptance.

There is a new solidarity. Instead of always looking out for me, I'm being humbled and challenged to realize that when I tear my eyes off myself there's so much more to see. Instead of being consumed with myself when I'm sitting with my friends, I can slow down to see the girl who's experiencing what I'm experiencing now and understand at least a bit what she's feeling. I can extend a hand of friendship and offer to help.

I know that has been the most encouraging to me. When someone I meet offers to help if I ever need anything, even something as simple as offering a phone number or to eat with me, it makes the world of a difference.

So if nothing else, I will return with a new perspective, a deeper solidarity, with those who are in situations like me.



# March into a healthy lifestyle

By Meg Dowell

Staff Writer

Olivet's Student Dietetic Association (SDA) has spent the past month encouraging you to Dump Your Plump. The Perry Center now offers swim lessons along with its other fitness-related opportunities. ONU doesn't just believe you belong here; it also believes in your overall health and wellness.

National Nutrition Month, kicking off March 1, is a great time to learn a little more about what it really means to be healthy while still part of The Bubble. Sorry, salad-lovers: eating healthy alone isn't quite enough to balance out your well-being. Neither is running a 5K in the morning followed by consuming an entire box of Pop Tarts for breakfast. And if you eat okay and work out regularly but your stress levels put you in constant panic mode, you haven't quite gotten the hang of it yet either.

Eat. Exercise. Exhale. Think of it that way. The spectrum of healthy living has more than one part to make up a whole.

Eating a balanced diet does not mean eating more 'healthy' foods and cutting out junk food completely. The practice of eating well involves

not only consuming a wide variety of foods on a daily basis but allowing yourself to indulge on your favorite snacks and desserts in moderation, too.

ChooseMyPlate.gov reiterates what we've all heard before, but with scientific evidence to back it up: grains, fruits, vegetables, protein and dairy daily is your starting point. Get creative with your tray in Ludwig - see if you can fill a plate with an item from each group. But that isn't the only thing to focus on.

We live a naturally sedentary lifestyle nowadays, whether we like it or not. Convenience in terms of food availability makes it so we don't typically have to work too hard for each meal we consume. The human body hasn't changed over time; however, we still need just as much physical activity as we did in our hunter-gatherer days. So when experts nag us about needing to exercise more often, they have a valid reason.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week, or 50 minutes three times a week if you want to break it up. Making fitness a part of your routine, working out with a friend,

and engaging in the types of physical activities you enjoy can help make your workouts seem like less of a chore and more of a positive lifestyle choice.

If your goal is to 'get healthy,' it's not just about diet and exercise; stress management is just as important as eating right and staying physically active. It's almost midterms; when times get tough, we radiate stress like Dr. Bowling radiates awesomeness. We almost can't avoid it. According to the American Institute of Stress, taking time to relax and avoiding excessive amounts of caffeine are just a few of many proven ways to reduce and prevent the negative long-term affects of stress. It's almost spring break - take a deep breath. Don't forget to let it out.

No, you can't eat, exercise and engage in deep-breathing tactics simultaneously - that would be a danger to your health, not a means of improving it - but you can incorporate each component of living a healthy lifestyle into each new day. Make use of ONU resources - Sodexo, Perry Center, and Counseling and Health Services - as you take your first steps or continue making strides toward better health all around.

## Editorial



Christians are about to claim their place on the wrong side of history.

The state of Arizona has received some extreme national attention this past week because of its "unintentionally controversial" state bill that was up for passage into law.

The bill, SB1062, cleared the state legislature last week. In short the bill would have been an amendment to the existing Religious Freedom Restoration Act and would have allowed business owners to deny service to gay and lesbian customers, if the owner was acting solely to uphold sincere religious beliefs.

As one can imagine, the bill sent the national media into a state of uproar. Critics across the country accused Arizona lawmakers of looking to pass a bill that enforced discrimination. The bill received so much attention that the state senators who originally passed the bill encouraged Republican Governor Jan Brewer to veto the bill before it would pass into law March 1. She decided on Feb. 26 to veto the bill.

Brewer told the media she conducted a "deliberate and careful" review of the bill before making up her mind.

State Senators Adam Driggs, Steve Pierce and Bob Worsley claim the original intent of the bill was to ensure religious freedom to people of all backgrounds. Kellie Fiedorek, an attorney for the Alliance Defending Freedom helped craft the bill and told CNN it was designed to protect basic freedoms that belong to everyone. It would have allowed a gay photographer the right to refuse to work for the Westboro Baptist Church or give Muslims the freedom to not sell pork sandwiches on a Saturday, she said.

Despite original intent, federal and state legislators encouraged Brewer to veto the bill all week because of the discrimination it insinuated.

This recent incident has done more than fuel the fire behind the "gays vs. religion" debate. Christians should take this recent political uproar as a sign - it is high time we redraft our approach to homosexuality.

The topic seems to have become

a dead horse on campus after the past two weeks of chapel services. According to Chaplain Holcomb, the purpose in inviting Christopher Yuan and Mark Yarhouse to campus was to offer students a different narrative than what they normally hear coming from the Christian church. The issue is, there are still only two suggestions the church offers for dealing with same-sex attraction - reparative therapy and celibacy. While Yuan's message was compelling, it was still only one example of how to deal with same-sex attraction, and an incredibly extreme example, at that.

What about the gay Christian who has accepted his or her same-sex attractions, has married a partner and thrives in a committed relationship? What about the homosexual who has embraced his or her feelings of same-sex attraction, which are not a choice according to Yarhouse, and continues to live a Christian life, participating in healthy same-sex relationships (causal dating, just like a heterosexual)?

The issue is, we do not have a Christian response to either of these scenarios. Must this growing community of Christian homosexuals live out the rest of their lives in a perpetual state of cognitive dissonance?

One can argue that scripture makes it clear - participating in any type of gay sex is unholy. However, scripture also argues that slavery is just fine (Leviticus 25: 44-46, Exodus 21: 7-11, 1 Timothy 6: 1-2).

We are not proposing there is error in scripture. We are simply proposing Christians reevaluate their approach to homosexuality; the same way Christians reevaluated their approach to slavery after the Civil War.

We are in the midst of a very intense cultural war. The church needs to offer another narrative.

### What's an editorial?

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## GiGi's Corner: Advice with spice

### Looking for a new profession? Try acrobatics

Dearest Gigi,

My boyfriend is turning 20 next month. We've only been dating since Christmas, but we know we're the ones for each other. This is our first birthday celebration together and I want to make it special. What should I get him???

Dear Young, and Dumb, and In Love, If you were a guy, I would say Ring-by-Spring because three months is definitely adequate time to get engaged. Plus, getting engaged to your significant other on their birthday is so romantic! In fact, maybe you should propose. We live in a postmodern world now, so who says a woman has to wait for a man to propose? Get a really nice band with a few diamonds and get down on one knee and propose right in the middle of the restaurant you are treating him to (or Ludwig). That sounds like the best birthday present ever! Happy birthday to that lucky guy!

Dear Gigi,

How would I go about becoming a professional acrobat?

Dear Douglas Wannabe, Perhaps you could get an internship out in Vegas. In the meantime keep practicing dangerous acrobatic feats. Perhaps you could tightrope walk from Weber to the Rec Center, or you could ride a unicycle down the railings of Burke stairs. Also, get a group together, preferably with Dr. Bowling, and try those cool human pyramid tricks. I would also suggest contacting Student Development to get professional acrobat companies, like Cirque du Soleil, to come in for the next job fair. Good luck! I will be looking out for your tightrope walking on my way to class in the Rec Center.

Dear Gigi,

How do I get Taylor Swift to fall in love with me? I want her to have my babies!

Dear Mr. Swift, Well given that she has dated over half of the men in America, it should be pretty easy. First, you need to familiarize yourself with her work. Sometimes the men of Chapman will play Taylor Swift once in a while, so stand outside that building and listen for it if you don't have access to her albums. Second, you need to locate her. Once you find her, play guitar and serenade her outside her window. There are usually a few guitar guys in the quad, so feel free to ask them for guitar lessons. When you are finished serenading her, tell her that you love her in a British accent. Before you know it, she will be writing you a break-up song.

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# OPINION

## Media crossfire: Should the reader become the storyteller?

*Citizen journalism: the idea of public citizens "playing an active role in the process of collecting, reporting, analyzing and disseminating news information," according to The Media Center at the American Press Institute. This can also be known as public, participatory, democratic, guerrilla and street journalism.*

By A.J.W. Ewers  
Assistant Life Editor

I love "citizen journalists" (CJ). They are the bread and butter for traditional journalists.

As I one day hope to grace the pages of the New York Times, I know that I will rely on everyday people such as them to find more audience focused stories.

These people, while untrained in typical journalistic style, go after stories journalists may not be able to cover.

In my journalism studies here at Olivet, I have already gathered that journalists don't like the CJ (I would venture to say hate, but I can't speak for everyone). I really don't see the reason why, unless they're afraid their jobs are in jeopardy.

CJ's will never replace traditional journalists, they can't. To think that CJs are going to overtake traditional journalism jobs is crazy.

American society has a natural tendency to create new things as we need it. Citizen journalism is the product of this. Journalism has constantly been changing and evolving

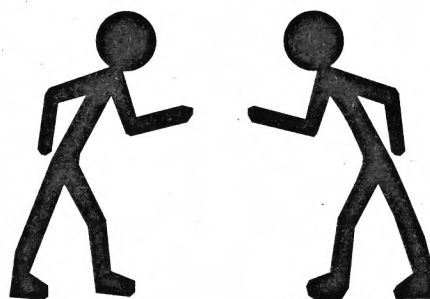
in this new media age, and because of this, citizen journalism has become the natural offshoot of a need for a more personal media.

I do not think that the issue here is citizen journalism. I think that the real issue is elitism among journalists today. Since when did it become all about the journalist in telling the news?

Journalists are simply the ones that tell the rest of society what happens on a day-to-day basis. So why does it matter if the journalist has a degree in the field or if a major news outlet employs a CJ?

It is not about whether you have written for the Chicago Tribune or whether you have been a foreign correspondent in Kazakhstan, it is about whether or not you have a passion to help your community.

So what is keeping you from being a citizen journalist?



GRAPHIC BY NICOLE LAFOND

With the constant access of the Internet comes a place for everyday people to publish their feelings, goals, successes, and failures. However, now

some are taking it upon themselves to go out and become the new age journalist, also known as the "citizen journalist" (CJ).

As an aspiring journalist (I'm about to graduate in May with a degree concentrated in journalism), there's a sense of competition between these CJs and myself. I have spent four years strenuously studying the practice. Journalists already in the field have just as many, if not more, years of schooling and experience under their belt.

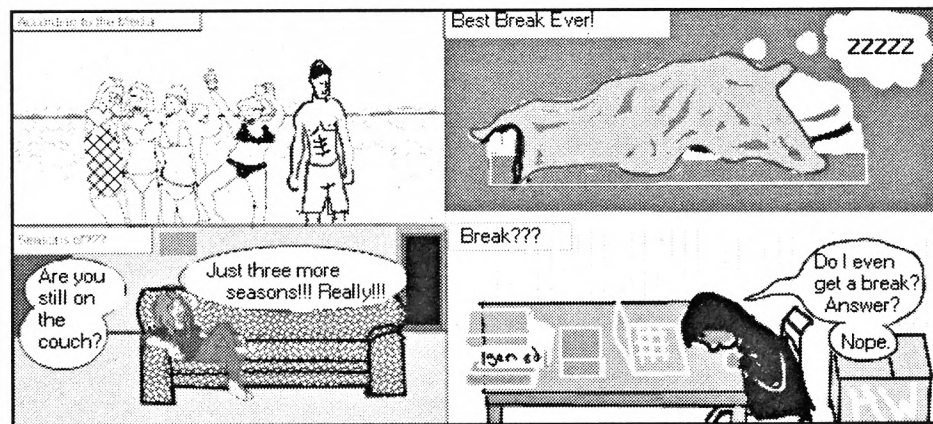
Now before I shun all CJs, journalists should not ignore these blog posts entirely. They could be good hints at potential stories or sources in the future. Journalists will just need to determine how to best process the information from a CJ, especially if it has

not yet been reported. This information will need to go through a stringent, yet rapid, path of accuracy and fact checking. If it appears newsworthy, the reporter should then begin the news gathering process.

Society in general tends to exaggerate. Someone may tweet saying there was a riot in Ludwig, but really there was only a table of three people arguing about the quality of the food. This goes in part with a journalist reading a known tweet from a CJ. This is when a reporter needs to realize the issue of relativity and apply it.

Despite their ridiculous name, a CJ can be helpful but needs to be reminded that they do not entirely know what requires a journalist to actually be one. This is why I'm not telling Dr. Bowling what to do because I don't have the experience and knowledge necessary to be a university president. I can offer my two cents, but at the end of the day he's the president, and I'm the student. In the same sense, the CJ is the reader, and I'm the writer.

## Kick-off spring break 2014



CARTOON BY GRETCHEN ELLIOTT

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## Gospel choir responds to tweet

🐦 "Do all these black girls on stage go here or is it just #BlackHistoryMonth #onuchapel #clapforem"

Senior Adam Smith tweeted the above statement to the #onuchapel hashtag on Feb. 14. The tweet was discussed among members of the Gospel Choir. According to Smith, he did not mean to offend anyone with the tweet. "Applauding the Gospel Choir out of enlightenment for their performance in chapel was an appropriate response," he said. The choir sent the following response to the GlimmerGlass:

The Chapel tweet was very disrespectful. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ. The tweet was very classless and has no place here at Olivet. I'm sure those kind of statements are not what Olivet wants tied to its name on a social medium like Twitter. He was degrading the African American culture/race by saying "just" black history month. It

felt like he was implying that the only time he sees African Americans on stage is during the month of February. The last hashtag "Clap for em" is offensive because those ladies weren't up there for entertainment. They are there to glorify and worship God. The bible talks about how we are all one in Christ Jesus. We should treat each other nicely and we should all be able and willing to learn more about the different cultures.

The issue is Olivet claims to be such a diverse school and yet apparently seeing multiple people of different races in one place was a surprise. It disappoints me that someone even felt the need to point that out. We live in a day and age where we shouldn't care or even notice when there are people of different ethnicities "on stage."



## SPORTS

## Swim team set to compete at nationals

By Nathan DiCamillo

Sports Assistant

After placing third in men's swimming and fourth in women's swimming at the 2013 NAIA Swimming and Diving Nationals, tiger swimmers are no longer "flying" or, rather, "swimming under the radar."

"Last year was our first year, so people weren't expecting us to do very well," junior Samie Neil said. "So we made a huge impact with how well we did in getting 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place."

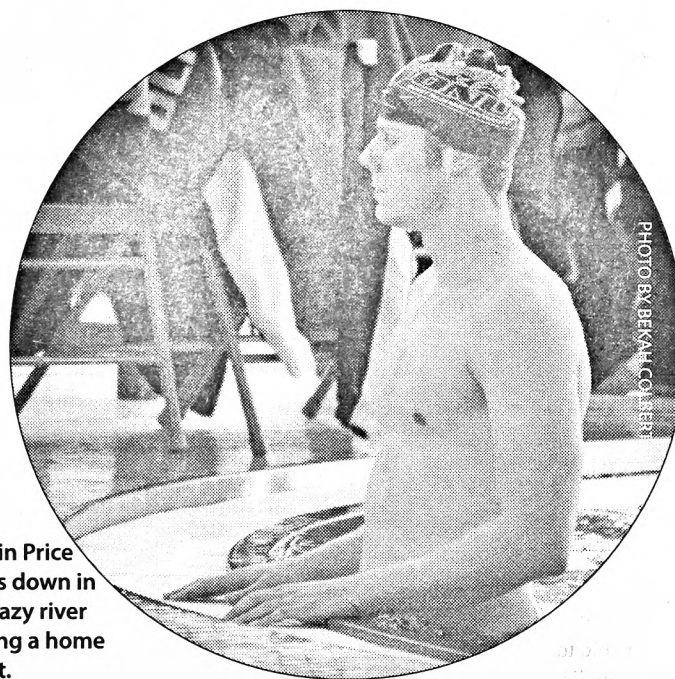
During last year's nationals, the team got a great deal of compliments on their rigorous schedule and their godly example, Neil said.

"I think this year people are expecting us to do well, so we'll have some respect going into it," he said.

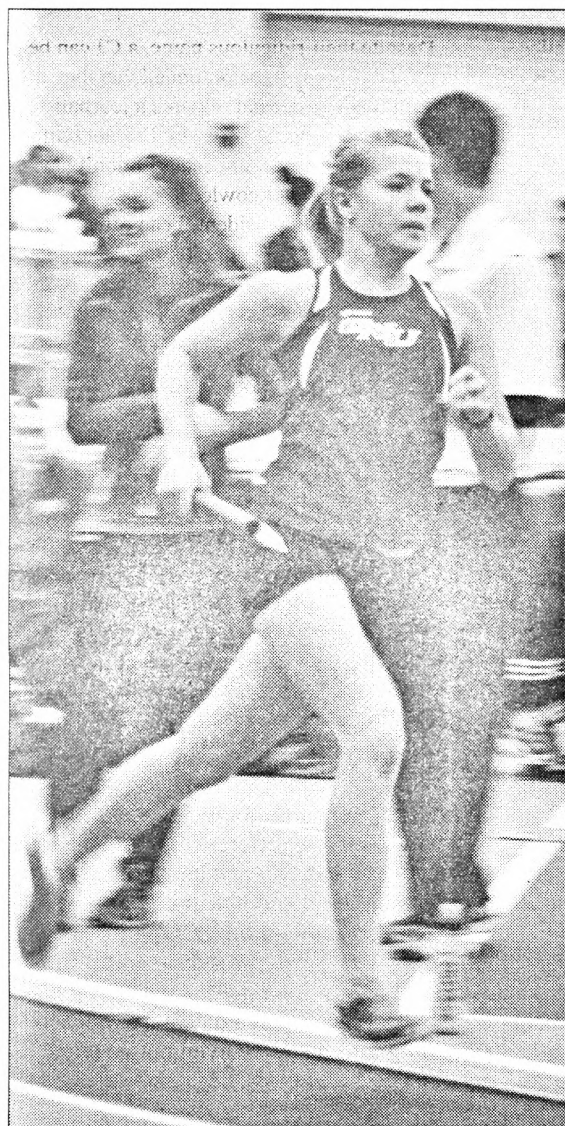
Fierce competition from the men's team includes junior Simon Pheasant who has a 21.08 in the 50m freestyle, a 46.11 in the 100m freestyle, and a 51.41 in the 100m butterfly, according to collegeswimming.com. Also included is sophomore Jacob Anderson with a 1:43.62 in the 200m freestyle, a 51.95 in the 100m backstroke, a 1:55.15 in the 200m backstroke and a 1:53.51 in the 200m individual medley; senior Aaron Buchanan with a 1:55.49 in the 200m butterfly and a 4:12.06 in the 400m individual medley; sophomore Calvin Price with a 57.73 in the 100m breaststroke and a 2:08.18 in the 200m breaststroke; and sophomore Andrew Fischer with a 16:36.72 in the mile and a 4:42.29 in the 500m freestyle.

Fierce competition from the

women's team includes sophomore Kelsey Weener with a 24.76 in the 50m freestyle, according to collegeswimming.com. Also included is freshman Holly Risinger with a 55.24 in the 100m freestyle; senior Samantha Elam with a 1:58.93 in the 200m freestyle and a 5:16.45 in the 500m freestyle; freshman Hayley Ronci with a 18:10.71 in the mile; junior Mackenzie Anderson with a 58.10 in the 100m backstroke; freshman Tiffany Ray with a 2:08.53 in the 200m backstroke, a 2:11.68 in the 200m individual medley, and a 4:39.75 in the 400m individual medley; sophomore Sydney Harris with a 1:06.94 in the 100m breaststroke and a 2:27.59 in the 200m breaststroke; junior Catherine Lugo with a 1:00.27 in the 100m butterfly; and Mary Heinz with a 2:13.85 in the 200 butterfly.



Calvin Price cools down in the lazy river during a home meet.



PHOTOS BY ABBIE MILLS

(Left) Andrea Wojciechowski runs during the NCAA Indoor National Track Meet held in Bourbonnais. (Above) David Powers pulls ahead of his opponents.

### ONU TRACK WINS NATIONAL TITLES

Both men's and women's track teams took home second place at the NCCAA Indoor Nationals. Olivet sophomore Sarah Blucker, was named the women's Field Athlete of the Meet.

Blucker set a new record in the weight throw with 17.6m. Blucker also set the record in shot put, throwing 13.78m.

Freshman Laura D'Angelo placed second in the 400m and freshman Sarah Ray placed third in the 3000m. The distance medley took home third.

The men's 4x400m relay placed third behind Azusa Pacific and Shorter University. The 4x800m placed second with a time of 7:54.75 and the distance medley took home first place.

Lucas Limberg placed second in high jump and Brian Mitchell placed second in pole vault.

Zach Gordon placed first in long jump followed by Elisha DeRamus. DeRamus also took home first in triple jump, earning 10 points for the men's team.

### Upcoming tiger games schedule

- Feb. 28-**  
Baseball at Trevecca Nazarene University (Tenn.) 6 p.m.
- Mar. 4-**  
Men's and Women's NAIA National Swimming Championship (Okla.)
- Mar. 5-**  
Men's and Women's NAIA National Swimming Championship (Okla.)
- Mar. 6-**  
Men's and Women's NAIA Indoor Track and Field Nationals (Ohio)  
Men's and Women's NAIA National Swimming Championship (Okla.)
- Mar. 7-**  
Men's and Women's NAIA National Swimming Championship (Okla.)
- Mar. 8-**  
Men's and Women's NAIA National Swimming Championship (Okla.)
- Mar. 10-**  
Baseball against University of Jamestown (Ariz.) 4 p.m.
- Mar. 11-**  
Baseball at home against Mt. Marty College (Ariz.) 3 p.m.
- Mar. 13-**  
Baseball against Dakota State University (Ariz.)
- Mar. 14-**  
Baseball against Dakota Wesleyan University (Ariz.) 12:30 p.m.  
Baseball against Valley City State University (Ariz.) 4 p.m.
- Mar. 15-**  
Baseball against Briar Cliff University (Ariz.) 9 a.m.



## SPORTS

## Senior girls reach 1,000 points



PHOTO BY LINDSEY HATHAWAY

Senior Miranda Geever takes the ball up court looking to senior Liz Bart against Holy Cross College.

Destiny Mitchell

Assistant News Editor

As the ONU Women's Basketball team approaches the end of their season, they also approach an impressive feat: all four seniors have reached the 1,000-point mark in their collegiate career.

Miranda Geever and Liz Bart reached this milestone early in the season, while Taylor Haymes and Malory Adam are trailing not far behind.

Geever was the first to reach 1000 points on Nov. 26 in a game against the University of St. Francis. Her father had been keeping her up-to-date on her stats and notified her once she had reached the 1000-point marker.

"That's a huge accomplishment and I didn't reach it in high school, so to reach it in college at a higher level of play is absolutely exciting," Geever said.

Teammate Bart was also notified by her father that she had reached the 1000-point mark in a game against Madonna University on Dec. 20.

"I had no idea until my dad told me," explained Bart. "He called me after the game and said congratulations and I'm like 'Yeah, thanks, we won' and he says 'No, you got 1000 points.'"

The girls' teammates matched their enthusiasm. "I was very excited for both of them," Adam said. "They are both really great players, and I knew it was only a matter of time until they got it. Liz is such a great shooter and Miranda scores with ease."

Though Adam and Haymes recognize the 1000-point mark as an honorable achievement, neither of the girls are going to sweat over it.

"[Reaching 1000 points] is a possibility, but I'm not focusing on it," said Haymes. "I don't play to score: I play for fun. I play to glorify God."

"It is okay if I do not get it," added Adam. "I know my career here does not boil down to just how many points I had."

Geever and Bart have more than just devoted dads in common: they both began playing the sport in the third grade and played both basketball and soccer throughout high school.

Bart initially has a social incentive for picking up the sport. "It began as a way to make friends, but I didn't know how in love I would fall with basketball," she said.

Geever, however, had parental motivation. "It was all my mom," she said. "I had played soccer before and a lot of the girls were getting into basketball so she thought 'let's just try this out.'"

Though her mother saw potential in a future with basketball, Geever's father didn't always agree.

"My dad was actually against it and was like, 'No, she's not going to be good at this.' So I really have my mom to thank for getting me into basketball and making me stick through it," she explained.

Adam began playing on an organized team in the 5th grade and Haymes started around age eight.

On Feb. 26 Adam and Haymes reached the 1,000 points mark. This means all four seniors on the team have reached 1,000 points in their college career.

The girls are especially drawn to ONU's specific style of play, describing it as up-tempo, fast-paced and fun to watch.

Bart emphasized the total team participation in particular. "Everyone has a role and we all know what they are; when we gel it's kind of hard to beat us."

## Chicago requests to host Super Bowl, draft

Jada Fisher  
Staff Writer

New Jersey officially kicked down the door for cold-weather cities to be considered to the host the Super Bowl. Mayor of Chicago Rahm Emmanuel wants the 'windy city' to be next.

Earlier this month, Emmanuel expressed to the Chicago Tribune that not only does he want Chicago to host the Super Bowl, but also the NFL Draft.

"Both would be great attractions for the city to bring national attention. We'll work on both. There's something to the draft and there's something to

the Super Bowl," Emmanuel told the Tribune. He also insinuated having a discussion with the NFL about bringing the draft to Chicago.

The host-city selection process for the Super Bowl is no simple decision. It is decided by the NFL owners of the teams.

"Each November, the NFL issues a 200 to 300-page bid book to cities looking to host the game. Draft bids are due in April, and the NFL's 32 owners vote on the location at an owners' meeting sometime thereafter," according to Beyond the Scoreboard: An Insider's Guide to the Business

of Sport by Richard B. Horrow and Karla Swatek.

There is a short set of requirements for host-city hopefuls.

"The league likes the stadium to seat at least 70,000 and the hosting city needs to have at least 25,000 hotel rooms [and] the average February temperature in the Super Bowl city to be above 50 degrees," CBS Sports reported.

Soilder Field seats 61,500 seats, according to CBS Chicago.

Crain's Chicago Business stated that in downtown Chicago there are over 37,000 hotel rooms.

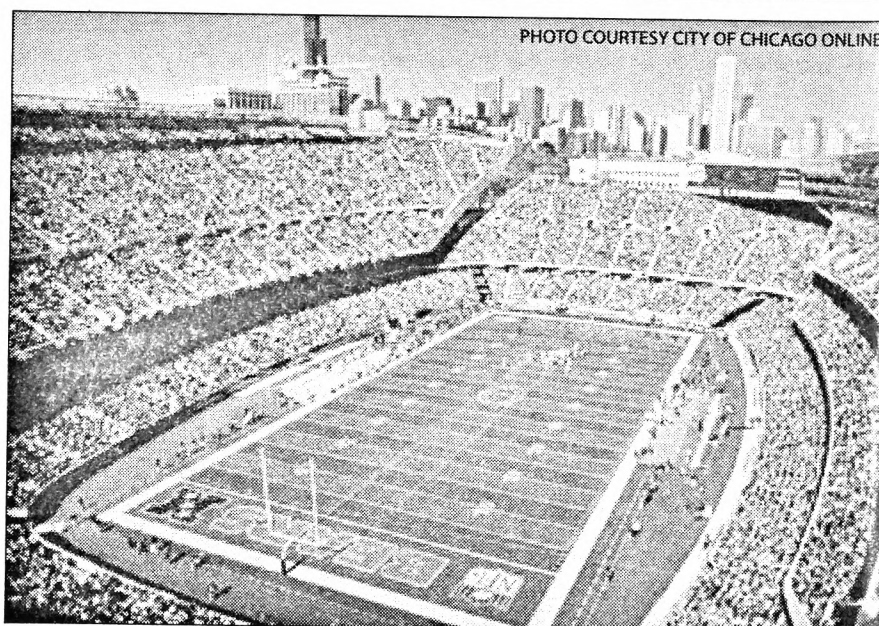


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Soldier Field is located in downtown Chicago, the host site Mayor Emmanuel proposed for the Super Bowl.



## SPORTS

## Never an off-season: Freshman tackles two sports



PHOTO FROM TYLER CRATER  
Tyler Crater shoots against a CCU defender during the homecoming game.

**Nathan DiCamillo**

*Sports Assistant*

Being a college athlete and keeping up with your homework can be fairly difficult. Imagine, however, playing two sports collegiately.

Freshman Tyler Crater was looking for schools that would allow him to play both baseball and basketball simultaneously. When he found ONU, Head Baseball Coach Todd Reid and Head Basketball Coach Ralph Hodge worked it out so that he could play both sports at ONU. He is a catcher on the baseball team and a shooting guard on the basketball team.

"The fall is probably the toughest for it," Crater said.

During the fall semester Crater had a baseball season that consisted mostly of scrimmages and a bas-

ketball preseason. He practiced for baseball Monday through Saturday with Sunday off and practiced for basketball on Friday mornings and Sundays.

"If baseball got out early, I would jump into basketball when I could," Tyler said.

Once basketball got into its regular season and baseball went into its offseason workouts, Tyler practiced with basketball full-time. It was difficult for Crater to get back into basketball having to learn the offense and get back into shape. Once basketball ends its season he will have to switch over to baseball again, he said.

"Hopefully [basketball won't end] for a while, if we can make the national tournament," Crater said.

Crater has been on a team for both basketball and baseball since

fourth grade. He also played football for four years in high school.

Being a part of two teams, Crater, coming in as a freshman, has already been able to make plenty of friends.

"I had two groups of friends right off the bat," Crater said.

Crater is undecided about his major, but he is leaning towards either business or communications. If he were to major in communications, Crater would like to enter into public relations and possibly work for the Chicago Bulls.

"No matter what I get my degree in I would want to stay close to [sports]. The go-to for athletes is coaching, obviously, and I've done some of that and it's not my thing," Crater said, "It'd be cool if it was, but I just want to play so it would be tough for me to coach."

## 2014 Winter Olympics wrap up

**Matthew Taber**

*Staff Writer*

The 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi had a mix of accomplishments and disappointments for the United States.

Taking first in medal count is Russia with 33 total medals. The United States came in second with 28 medals- nine gold, seven silver and 12 bronze.

Despite bad weather conditions, David Wise, three-time defending Winter X-Games champion, won gold in the Men's Halfpipe Freestyle Skiing. Wise scored a 92 on his first run and was able to maintain it even as the weather worsened.

"It was almost impossible to see the top of the pipe from the base by the end of the contest," he told ESPN. All four of the final skiers had trouble and fell.

Joss Christensen, Gus Kenworthy and Nick Goepper took gold, silver, and bronze in the Men's Slopestyle. This makes the third time in history that the United States has won all three medals in a single event during the Winter Olympics.

After 17 years of working together, Meryl Davis and Charlie White took gold medal in Ice Dancing.

"We wanted to fight for the best performance we could give and we did that. You dream of this for so long, work so hard," White told ESPN. Their gold-medal win made them the first Americans to win a gold medal in Ice Dancing.

Mikaela Shiffrin became the youngest gold medal winner in Olympic Slalom. After correcting herself mid-run she finished in a two-leg combined time of 1 minute 44.54 seconds.

"Today was one of the most special days of my life," Shiffrin told ESPN.

Winning with a 0.93 seconds lead, Ted Ligety took home the gold medal in Men's Giant Slalom. He became the first American man to win gold in giant slalom and the first American man to win two Olympic gold medals in Alpine Skiing. He earned the first gold medal in 2006 in combined during the Turin Games.

While the United States had a record number of athletes sent to the Olympics, the medal count was nine less than in Vancouver in 2010.

The Americans were expected to win as many as eight medals in

Speedskating but came away with none.

"We came in here being one of the most decorated disciplines in the Winter Olympics, and we come away with zero medals. It's horrible," Shani Davis, 2006 and 2010 gold medalist, told ESPN.

Ice Hockey had mixed results with the women's team taking home the silver medal after a third-quarter come back from the Canadian Team. Jocelyne Lamoureux said their gold-medal chance, "only comes around once every four years. It just sucks." While the men's team didn't manage to reach the pedestal.

Despite these disappointments many people were able to have their own successes. United States ski and snowboard had a record-tying 17 athletes win medals.

Bode Miller became the oldest medalist in Olympic Alpine history. Julia Mancuso won four medals, becoming the United States woman with the most medals in Alpine.

They also did well in bobsled, winning silver and bronze. Steven Holcomb won in the two-man race, ending the 62-year medal drought.

## College athletes look to start union, get paid

**Matt Dahlberg**

*Staff Writer*

The College Athlete Player's Association or CAPA, has started to draw national attention from the NCAA and federal departments alike. What was once a Northwestern University collection of college athletes has led to a new organization taking control of the fight for the Unionization of NCAA participants.

The National College Players Association also known as NCPA has filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board, or NLRB, to recognize collegiate athletes as employees for the school.

This petition and the rising support for unionization of college athletes lead the Chief Legal Officer Donald Remy to respond on the NCAA's behalf.

"Student athletes are not employees within any definition of the Na-

tional Labor Relations Act." Remy went on to say, that "This union-backed attempt to turn student-athletes into employees undermines the purpose of college: an education."

Kain Colter, the starting quarterback for the Northwestern Wildcats and the driving force behind the CAPA, said "We [college athletes] need the same protection as the NBA and NFL players. The NFL has the NFLPA, the NBA has the NBAPA. Now colleges have the CAPA."

Both NCPA and the CAPA agree that this is not about getting paid.

"This is about finally giving college athletes a seat at the table," Ramogi Huma, the founder of the NCPA, said.

The current NLRB is made up of mostly democrats, the party which has historically been more union-friendly.





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