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## Bowling receives 5 year extension

Jada Fisher  
Staff Writer

It was almost 25 years ago that an excited first-time University President Dr. John Bowling began his first day leading the staff, faculty and students of Olivet Nazarene University, and officially, Bowling will enjoy another five years.

Bowling enjoyed the early years as president and the sense of challenge. Amidst the adventure and learning curve of his new position, he did not anticipate the longevity ahead.

Following the announcement of the unanimous vote by the Board of Trustees for Bowling's five-year extension as the university's president, he had a strong emotional response. Having the support of the board was affirming for him, but it says more about the board as a unified group, Bowling said.

This recent review marks the fifth time Bowling's performance has been evaluated in-depth by the board and renewal of his contract as president. Bowling will begin his new contract next fall.

"It's been energizing and very rewarding to see the growth of the university," Bowling said of his 25-year tenure. Such growth includes the expansion of the campus, which is three times larger than when Bowling first started, as well as three times as many academic programs, according to

Illustration by Jonah Sunderland



Bowling's assistant, Marjorie Vinson.

The first face in sight upon entering Bowling's office, Vinson attributes like Olivet's "beautiful" campus and unity amongst faculty and staff to Bowling's ethic of excellence. "Working for him brings you to a level of

excellence that you didn't know you could achieve," Vinson said.

Most rewarding for Bowling is seeing the impact of Olivet on students. He has seen several students begin and end their collegiate journeys. For him, it's fun to see how students change

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- Dr. John Bowling

over the years and to observe the personality of each class, Bowling said.

During Homecoming weekend, he attended class reunions and heard alumni testimonies, again seeing Olivet's impact.

Bowling's primary motivation is the knowledge that his work has a long impact on the lives of students, he said. Though everyone's work has value, not everyone has the chance to see the impact of their work.

Bowling said that he also knows that being the university's president is a huge responsibility and much is at stake. For example, if the hours for

a program are changed, it impacts the lives of students. He doesn't think of students as mass produced products, but lives impacted by his decisions. In senior leadership, he's learned how things are interrelated and that every decision has a downside, he said.

For Bowling, being the university president is much more than another day's work. He thinks of it as a way of life.

"I love Olivet. I wouldn't want to do this job at another school," Bowling said. He has had opportunities to do other things and could be the president of any school, but said he would not take other opportunities.

The surprise of how quickly his years as president have gone by lets Bowling know how fast the next five will go, he said. However, the goals for the next five years are already in place and have a name: "Vision 2022."

Bowling will help the university complete that plan, raise funds, keep the mission clear and move forward. He knows the difference between management (doing things right) and leadership (doing the right thing), he said. "My role has to think, 'what do we need to do today that will show up five years from now?'" he said.

According to Vinson, Bowling has said that you can't go to school and learn all you need to know to be president; you learn it "on the job." After 25 years, Bowling would know.

## Olivet dedicates West Campus

Grace King  
Executive Editor

Olivet is planning for the future.

Previously known as Fortin Villa, West Campus was dedicated to the University on Oct. 23 in honor of Donald and Faith Bell, who purchased the property for Olivet.

University President Dr. John Bowling said, "There will be a day where Fortin Villa will be filled with dormitories and classrooms and it will be West Campus."

Vice President of Student Development Woody Webb said that, although it won't be in Bowling and his tenure at Olivet, once a pedestrian bridge is built over Main Street, it will create easy access to West campus, enabling dormitories and academic buildings to be built on the other side of University Ave.

"One of the great attributes of a leader is to see into the future and envision what might be," Webb said, and that is what's being done here.

Donald and Faith Bell, 1953 graduates from Olivet, purchased the 23 acres of land a few years ago for Olivet.

Appraised at over four million dollars, the Bells bought it for \$1.1 million with the intent of entering into a joint partnership where Olivet would

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pay five percent for the property. But the Bells generously paid for West Campus in its entirety.

Before being purchased for Olivet, Fortin Villa was built as a facility for orphans and run through the Sisters of the Holy Heart of Mary, who established St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee. Alfred Fortin, a Canadian physician, donated the money for the establishment of this facility, which was opened from 1953 to 1975, according to Mike LeReau, retired Olivet professor and longtime Bourbonnais resident.

It was then that the U.S. government and the State of Illinois began funding more community-based care and the home was no longer needed. In its place was a daycare facility run by Provena Health Systems until 2005 when it was moved to a new building

in Kankakee.

Webb said that Olivet owns all of the property across from Reed and Larson and is buying the property bordering Fortin Villa for continued expansion of Olivet as it becomes available.

Speakers at the dedication included Director of Recreational Services Matt Smith and professor in the Military Science Department Captain Alexander Hoffman.

"This fall, we had 525 students playing intermurals on [Fortin Villa] fields alone. What we have here is [unparalleled] in intermurals," Smith said.

Hoffman said he has commissioned 120 students ranging from leaders in the front lines of combat to nurses. Fortin Villa created a place for ROTC students to learn and grow and work together. "Our graduates have been actively involved in all aspects of the military," Hoffman said.

When prompted by Bowling to take the stage and say a few words at the dedication, Donald said, "Dr. John Bowling is one of my heroes today," referencing their friendship through college at Olivet and Bowling's climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro. "I just love Olivet."

To this, Bowling said, "I wanted you to catch [Donald's] spirit."

## Shine.FM celebrates new station

Jasmine Smith  
Contributing Writer

On Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015, the Shine.FM radio station hosted a celebration at Zao Island in Valparaiso, Ind., for the opening of their new, additional station, 88.5 FM. The new station will cover the Porter County and Valparaiso area.

Shine.FM celebrated the new station at Zao Island, an amusement park with Go Karts, mini golf and laser tag. The proceeds helped benefit the new station. Utter said they chose that location because it is a Christian owned business with connections to Shine.FM.

At the event, Shine had contests to raffle off a \$20,000 scholarship to Olivet along with free tickets for a game, and free tickets for all concerts in 2016. There was also face painting and pumpkin painting.

Shine.FM student ambassador

Autumn Deacon said, "I am glad that we have a new station in Valparaiso. It means that people have more of an opportunity to listen to Shine and be impacted with our mission."

Shine.FM started 48 years ago at Olivet as a stand-alone station. In the 2000s, they began to add stations all over the Midwest in Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana. The Indiana signal was created about five years ago and only covered a small area of Indiana.

Recently, they added a second tower to the original tower in Indiana. Building the higher tower increased the coverage, allowing for 88.5. Shine.FM general manager Brian Utter, said that Shine.FM's music is upbeat and positive. He believes that their music selection points people to Christ.

Utter said the purpose of Shine was "encouragement along people's walk with Christ and Shine is the catalyst to bring them back to Christ."

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

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## A Global Glimpse



GRAPHIC BY STEPHANIE LINQUIST

## Ireland announces rollout day

IRELAND – The Central bank in Ireland announced Wednesday, Oct. 28 as the rollout day for Rounding in Ireland.

This means that now when consumers get change in cash in shops, the amount of that change will be rounded to the nearest five cent to reduce the need for one cent and two cent coins.

The National Payments Plan in Wexford had previously conducted a trial on Rounding in 2013. It showed that 85 percent of consumers and 100 percent of retailers in Wexford wanted Rounding rolled out nationally, according to a press release by the Central Bank of Ireland.

The press release included key features of the Rounding plan: Rounding will be conducted on a voluntary basis; 1c and 2c coins will remain legal tender; Rounding will apply only to cash payments; and total amount of any bill will be rounded down or up to the nearest five cent. The Rounding will only be applied to the total transaction bill and not to individual goods.

## US challenges China's claims over territory

U.S. – Late Monday, Oct. 26, a United States Navy destroyer entered waters near the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea. Defense Department officials said that they were directly challenging China's claims that the artificial island chain is within its territorial borders, according to the New York Times.

The ship was a guided missile destroyer called the Lassen and sailed within 12 nautical miles of the islands. The American officials did not inform their Chinese counterparts of their planned maneuver, not wanting to weaken their message.

China's foreign minister, Wang Yi, urged the United States to "think twice before taking any reckless action," as reported by China's national broadcaster, CCTV. The Obama administration has not made any announcement or remark in reply to China, and Pentagon officials would only confirm the incident had occurred, declining to share any details.

## Afghanistan earthquake kills more than 300

AFGHANISTAN – On Monday, Oct. 26, a 7.5 magnitude quake hit Afghanistan and Pakistan, killing more than 300 people.

On top of the deaths and 7,000 destroyed homes, aid workers are having problems accessing the damaged areas because of the intense fighting, according to the New York Times.

In October, three aid workers were killed, one being fatally shot and two killed by a remote controlled explosion. In addition, in September, a hospital in Kunduz run by Doctors Without Borders was repeatedly bombed, killing at least 19 people, according to CNN.

President Ashraf Ghani of Afghanistan said in a video message that what the people needed immediately was not food but "tents, blankets and warm clothes, because the weather is getting cold." However, even though the Taliban offered assurances that the aid workers would be able to operate safely, there is still skepticism about the security.

## Volkswagen no longer world's top automaker

FRANKFURT – Following the big emissions-cheating scandal, Volkswagen's short reign as the biggest automaker has ended. Toyota overtook Volkswagen, once again taking the top position, selling more vehicles in the first nine months of 2015. Toyota sold 7.53 million cars and trucks from January through September, compared to Volkswagen's 7.43 million cars and trucks sold in the same period.

In addition, Volkswagen now cannot sell its remaining 2015 model-year diesels in the United States or Europe, or its 2016 diesels until it has found ways to repair those cars to bring them into compliance with emission standards.

Volkswagen is doing all it can to minimize the damage, even bringing in Thomas Sedran, 51, from General Motors, as head of corporate strategy. He has most recently been president of Chevrolet and Cadillac in Europe.

## In the church around the world

## Curaçao island introduced to Church of Nazarene

CURACAO – Curaçao, one of the islands off the north coast of Venezuela, is now being introduced to the Church of the Nazarene, according to Engage Magazine.

This change was a result of an evaluation made in 2010 by the Nazarene Mesoamerica Region, which found that the Church of the Nazarene was the weakest in the most populated areas. They found that 58 percent of the population of the region lives in 169 large cities and islands, but only 28 percent of the church membership is in those areas.

Upon this realization, The Genesis Project began. Twenty-eight large population centers are set to receive teams of four missionaries each by 2020.

Missionary Scott Armstrong said, "Genesis is targeting those places where the Church of the Nazarene has a limited presence. We are training and deploying volunteer missionaries on two-year assignments."



PHOTO FROM ENGAGE MAGAZINE

Tigmandru Church of the Nazarene opened a woodshop in August of this year to combat unemployment in Romania.

## Church of Nazarene opens woodshop in Romania

ROMANIA – After two years of planning, the new woodshop of the Tigmandru Church of the Nazarene opened in August of this year, according to Engage Magazine.

In this part of Romania, unemployment rates are high. The Church of the

Nazarene has been working on projects to meet this need by developing vocational skills; building a greenhouse to provide gardening skills and fresh produce to the community, providing music classes, etc. The woodshop is their most recent project.

Missionaries Jay and Sheri Hartzler said they hope that this project will encourage young men to work in the area instead of finding work in a different region.

## Oklahoma pastor and Olivet alum passes away suddenly

OKLAHOMA – Kenneth J. Pell, lead pastor of the Broken Arrow, Okla., First Church of the Nazarene, suddenly passed away Oct. 25 at the age of 53, according to NCN News.

Pell, a native of Tulsa, Okla., served at Broken Arrow First Church since March 2014. Before, he pastored in New York, Maryland and other areas in Oklahoma.

Pell was a graduate of Free Will Baptist College, Olivet Nazarene University, Phillips Graduate Seminary and Northwest Graduate School of Ministry.

He is survived by his wife, Vickie, of more than 30 years, and two children.

Broken Arrow First Church Board Secretary Cyndie Marshall said, "Praise God that we know that Pastor Ken is certainly walking the streets of gold tonight and in fellowship with our Lord and Savior."



# College Church celebrates 75 years

Former pastors returned to campus to commemorate their service

Taylor Provost  
News Editor

On Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015, College Church of the Nazarene University Avenue celebrated 75 years of fellowship and church history at their Heritage and Homecoming Sunday, an event that drew three of the four former church pastors and 1,100 people, including former church members.

The service opened with Olivet Nazarene University's Orpheus Choir, followed by a brief message on Psalm 84:1-4 and 10-12 from former Pastor Kendall Franklin, who pastored the church from 2008 to 2013. Dr. Dan Boone, pastor from 1991 to 2005, also spoke, reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, followed by a few words on Matthew 16:13-19 by Dr. John Bowling, Olivet's president and former church pastor from 1983 to 1991.

"In the summer of '83, we were invited back [to the church], and have been here ever since," Bowling said of his history with College Church.

College Church was first organized in 1940 and met weekly in Olivet Nazarene College's Miller Dining Hall, according to the church's website and bulletin. As the congregation grew, the church moved to Howe Chapel, which was the basement of the Burke Administration Building, at the time. Eventually outgrowing that location as well, College Church held its first Sunday service at its current location on Nov. 13, 1955.

Dr. Mark Quanstrom, senior pastor from 2014 to present and Olivet's Dean of the School of Theology, presented the message, which was

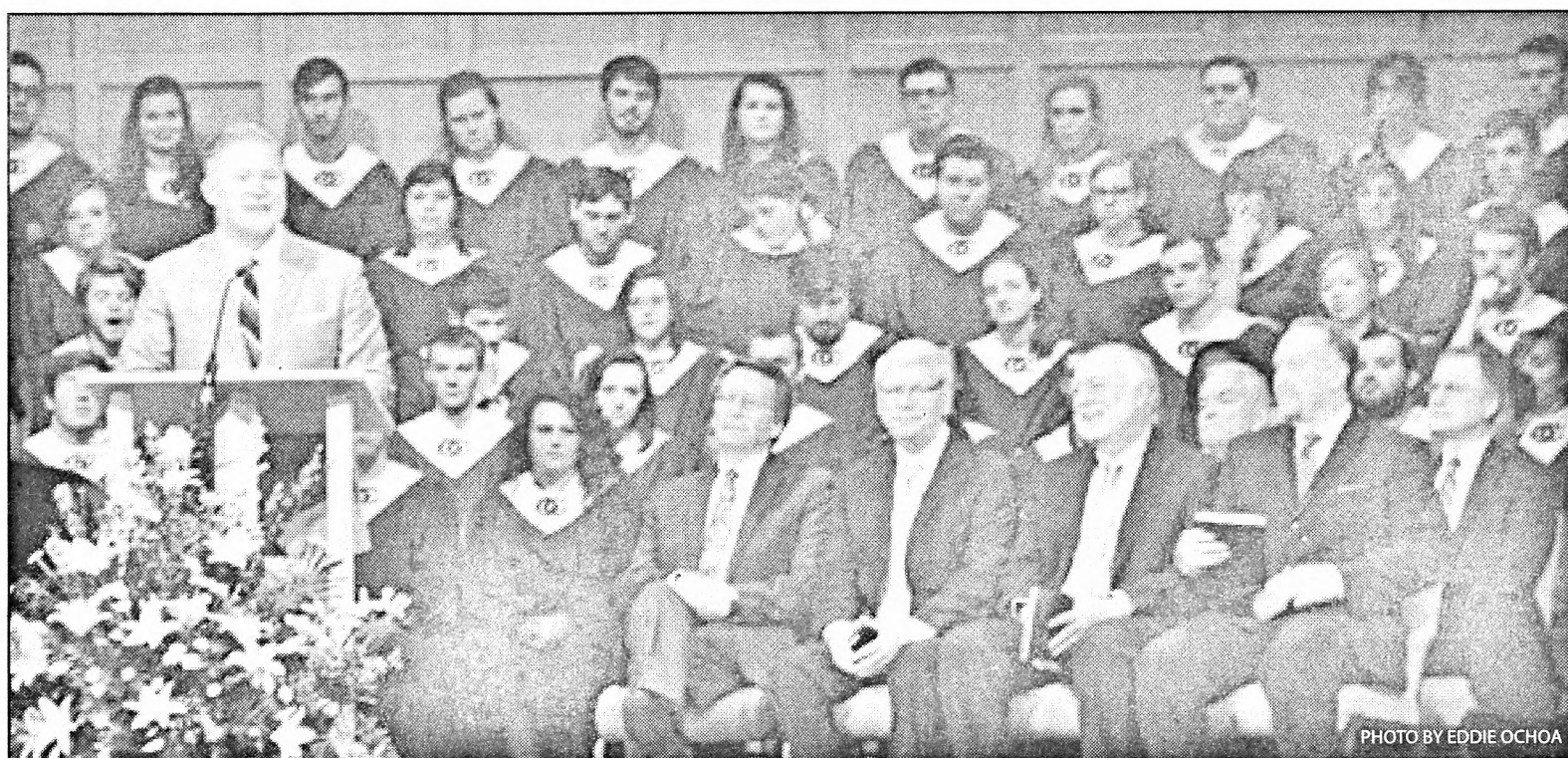


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College Church of the Nazarene University Avenue's former pastors attended the church's 75th anniversary celebration on Sunday, Oct. 25.

themed around 1 Corinthians 3: "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." Quanstrom spoke about passing on the faith from generation to generation. "We cannot do with [the faith] whatever we want," he said. "We are stewards of the Christian faith we've inherited."

Though Quanstrom has only recently become pastor, he recalled during the message that he has spent 60 years "in this building." In prepara-

tion for Heritage Sunday, Quanstrom said he thought of his grandfather and his father preaching, as well as all of the students and professors who attend the church and the former pastors who came back to visit.

"I don't know any other people who I'd rather work in church than with you," Quanstrom said to the former pastors and current church body. "The Lord has been faithful to College Church."

Quanstrom said he thought it was very gracious of the former pastors to

come back for the weekend. "I thought it was just a wonderful service," he said. "We had 30 years of pastors on the platform; that's the first time all four of us have been together ever."

Quanstrom said the 1,100 attendee turnout was shocking in comparison to their regular 600. A reception organized by Director of Fellowship Development Barbra Hartness was held in the church's Christian Life Center (CLC) until about 2 p.m.

Hartness said the planning for the event began a year ago, and continued

all the way up until the reception itself. Hartness went through archives of past church and Olivet events and set up a display in the CLC to show much of the church's history. Church members perused the tables and looked through the new church directories, which Hartness organized, as well.

"The fellowship after [service] was really sweet," Quanstrom said, "and I have to give a special thanks to Barb Hartness and her board of volunteers who put the reception together."

## PRSSA chapter formed at Olivet

Brandon Grossi  
Staff Writer

In early October, the Associated Student Council (ASC) of Olivet Nazarene University recognized a new Public Relations (PR) Club. This student-led club, under the direction of journalism professor Liz Kerns, aims to help students interested in public relations learn more about the industry and give them a passion for it.

In addition to teaching journalism, Kerns is head to the new public relations major at Olivet.

Public relations, according to the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), functions to "help an organization and its publics adapt mutually to each other."

"What I love about [public relations] is that you're promoting your passion, promoting what you love," Rachel Schramm, president of Olivet's new Public Relations club, said.

Passions can include Shedd Aquarium, Hershey's Chocolate or even Mountain Dew – all of these organizations have public relations officers. Public relations specialists can also find jobs working for political campaigns, humanitarian organizations or a public relations firm, which handles many clients at once. Schramm hopes to one day work for a public relations firm so that she can work for a diverse group of clients.

Schramm is the head of the club's new student-led executive board. Also part of the executive board are Vice President Kate Cox, VP of Fundraising Alexis Smith, VP of Recruitment Hira Uddin, National Liaison Kaleb Miller, Director of PR Becca Williams, Secretary Jasmine

Smith, Treasurer Destinee Ferguson, Associate Treasurer Nicole Pilbeam and Chaplain Elijah Svoboda. The officers went through an interview process and then were elected by the other members of the club.

The new officers are busy preparing for their respective roles. "Fundraising takes a lot of planning before you can implement anything," said Smith. "We are currently planning a fundraiser for the end of the fall semester, and next semester we'll be focusing on our summer fundraiser."

Kerns and Schramm are also in the process of forming a chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).

PRSSA is a daughter organization of the PRSA and its chapters are tethered to colleges and universities across the nation. There are currently more than 11,000 members and 300 chapters of the organization spread across the United States, Argentina, Colombia and Peru.

Once Olivet's public relations club is recognized by the PRSSA, students in the program will have access to scholarships, a variety of competitions and numerous networking opportunities.

"It legitimizes the [public relations] program," Kerns said of the hopeful recognition. "We now have access to a much larger world of [PR] education."

Kerns is no stranger to the PRSSA; she was a member at her own college, Arkansas State University, from which she graduated in 2003. She was heavily involved with the organization, and attended national level events.

"It changed the way I looked at my profession," Kerns said.

To become a PRSSA chapter, a

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*- Rachel Schramm,  
Public Relations Club  
President*

school must fulfill the following criteria:

The university must have the required courses for a public relations major, the university must have the endorsement of a PRSA chapter, the chapter must be supervised by a faculty advisor with more than five years of experience and there must be ten or more students who wish to be a part of the chapter.

A unique aspect of Olivet's chapter is that there will be a chaplain on the board of directors.

Kerns' late-term goal for the program is to establish a student-led public relations firm at Olivet. The firm would handle public relations for local businesses and compete against the other twelve PRSSA chapters in the state.

Kerns said she is confident that Olivet's public relations students will bring some tough competition to the other PRSSA chapters in Illinois.

"We're going to give their students a run for their money," said Kerns. "But we're going to do it with a Christian mission, which is going to set our program apart."

## Five ways to naturally boost immunity

Taylor Provost  
News Editor

With cold months approaching, most students have either already come down with illness or at least noticed other students in the classroom becoming ill. Whether it's the flu, a cold, upper respiratory infection or anything, an illness will have a harder time fighting a strong immune system. Here are some natural ways to boost your immunity this season:

### 1. Probiotics

Surely you've heard of antibiotics, which destroy the bad bacteria in your gut, but they also destroy the good bacteria which are necessary for proper gut and overall health. Taking probiotics adds good bacteria to your gut – you can purchase in the form of supplements or you can up your intake of plain yogurt, kefir, kimchi, sour pickles, kombucha, sourdough bread, sauerkraut and most other fermented foods.

### 2. Elderberry

Elderberry syrup, which is basically a juice that tastes similar to raisins, is full of antioxidants which can lower inflammation and stimulate the immune system. You can purchase online, at a local health food store

or seek locals who make homemade elderberry syrup. Elderberry has not only been known to reduce the risk of illness, but has also been known to reduce flu symptoms in those already infected.

### 3. Vitamins C and D

The immune system needs these vitamins to function properly, and in the colder months, many people become vitamin deficient. The best ways to implement these vitamins into your life is by taking supplements or by consuming more vitamin-rich foods such as dark, leafy greens, kiwi or citrus fruits.

### 4. Salt water

No, you don't drink it, you gargle with it. Salt has natural antibacterial properties. Gargling and swishing daily with salt water can improve immune response, as well as treat an already sore throat or mouth infection.

### 5. Chiropractor visits

Regular adjustments at the chiropractor can improve immunity significantly. The immune system is directly correlated to the nervous system, which cannot function properly if your spine is not properly aligned. Regular adjustments can also boost endocrine system functioning, which also contributes to boosted immunity.



## Olivet partners with Rock Valley College in RN-BSN

Sarai Guerrero  
Contributing Writer

Rock Valley College in Rockford, Illinois is partnering with Olivet in "Pursue ONU."

The "Pursue ONU" partnership is in the Bachelors of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) program. This agreement supports Rock Valley nursing students who have completed their associate's degree at Rock Valley College (RVC) to transition to Olivet for completion of the Bachelors of Science program at Olivet.

This partnership creates many opportunities for RVC students. Elizabeth Sieracki, is currently on the journey of finishing her associate's degree at RVC. Sieracki is currently anticipating the next fall semester, where she plans on fully taking advantage of the "Pursue ONU" program and receiving her RN-BSN through Olivet.

"The nursing schools in Rockford are so competitive, which makes students lose interests in becoming a nurse. This partnership has the ability to greatly increase the number of potential nursing students, and help the demand for nurses in Rockford," Sieracki said. "I believe this partnership will make my transition to Olivet much smoother and less stressful. I have such a passion to become a nurse, and I am so excited about doing that through Olivet."

Kelly Cooper, nursing academic advisor at RVC, said, "The collaboration with Olivet Nazarene University ensuring that these students are taking the right courses so the completion directly through Olivet and completing the BSN are all smooth. There is vital success along the road for both institutions."

# GatheringPoint transitions to small groups for focus

Mariah Garratt  
Staff Writer

After a two-year season of waiting, GatheringPoint Church of Nazarene in Bourbonnais welcomed Pastor Paul Johnson in early June. The result was a fresh tide of "rebooting," so to speak. The church's renewed vision sets a determined focus on reviving individual growth, in turn hopefully fostering involvement in community needs.

One of the changes sparked by this season of rekindling was a restructured framework for GatheringPoint's small group system. Discussion of the changes began in the summer and a majority of the teams kicked off during mid-October. These small groups meet in the homes of local families with the purpose of building tight-knit communities of friendship, faith, accountability and prayer.

GatheringPoint has Olivet professor David Wine and his wife Donna to thank for rethinking the design of their discipleship program. Wine was a pastor at College Church of the Nazarene University Avenue before becoming a professor, and the Wine couple hosted small groups for over 15 years. GatheringPoint pastors Paul Johnson and Justin Knight are former members of the Wine's college group. Soon after they were appointed to staff, the pair approached Wine, asking him to help reinvent the program.

"God has given me a lot of vision for this," Wine said enthusiastically, and his passion for the project is undeniable to those who discuss it with him. Wine references the idea that the very first small group is God. The concept of Father, Spirit, and Son implies that the very makeup of God suggests a need for community and fellowship. Furthermore, he noted that Jesus' earthly intentionality of serving a "small group" of 12 disciples motivated him to establish the group limit of 10.

After months of careful prayer alongside his wife, Wine completed a proposal, organizing a pyramid of deliberately-focused small groups. He

drew out a series of 10 "L"s, or leaders, each assigned five "X"s, which stand for small group leaders. This installs a series of checks and balances, keeping every level both accountable and fueled spiritually.

The results have been visible in the growth of small groups. Group numbers have skyrocketed from seven to over 40 within weeks. New groups have been established steadily in order to keep up with the number of applicants. Thanks to a request made by Olivet Chaplain Mark Holcomb, the leadership team agreed to form college groups as well. Therefore, 12 of the groups currently consist of Olivet students and other college-aged individuals.

Shifting groups from the church

location to host-homes generates personal connection between congregation members. Professor Dale Hathaway and his wife Heather are two of many Olivet staff members who are hosting a small group for college students. The couple previously served as group leaders for around ten years. Heather said it was amazing to get to know Olivet students on an individual basis. She recounted the story of how their small group took special interest in her eldest daughter's homecoming. They helped do her hair and went along to the restaurant to "approve" of her date. The group became a lively home event, and stands as an example of how Olivet students have been "adopted" into local families through small group experiences.

Olivet senior Lindsay Hathaway, daughter of Dale and Heather, was able to be a part of the first day of the small group experience in a different host-home than her own. She said that she chose her group to find mentorship since she saw many common interests between herself and her host family. Students Tatiana Gonzalez and Nathanael Smith listed friendships and a desire to study and discuss Scripture in-depth as their biggest motivations for applying for groups.

While motivations vary from person to person, the results have been clear. Members of GatheringPoint are eager to grow, and the new small group system could provide the reawakening for which they have been waiting.



PHOTO BY ASHLEY LAFOND

Pastor of GatheringPoint Church of the Nazarene, Paul Johnson, began his ministry here in early June. He hopes to add new spark to the vision of the church and has begun by structuring a system of small groups, the purpose of which is to build community, friendship, discipleship and accountability.

## SOS kicks off Chicago ministry

Jeremy McGrath  
Contributing Writer

Save Our Streets kicked off their first trip to Chicago this year on Saturday, Oct. 24, continuing their ministry's long tradition of reaching people experiencing homelessness in the city.

Save Our Streets, more commonly known as SOS, is a campus ministry that has served the homeless in the Chicagoland area for many years.

Junior Evan Sherar, the group's leader, said SOS's goal is to relationally engage the homeless with the gospel. He said SOS is unique compared to other campus ministries.

"Geographically, we branch out more than the other spiritual life ministries. Other ministries just do one thing [while we have multiple missions]," Sherar said.

Co-leader of SOS Shannon Steffen corroborates this and adds that SOS is one of the few ministries on campus that focuses on meeting people's relational needs as opposed to physical.

The trips to Chicago are usually planned during the weekend,

*The Lord ignited a passion [in me] for the poor and homeless. The more that you understand the heart of God, the more his heart becomes your heart. -Angel Gaikwad*

incorporating everyone's availability before following through with the trip. Out of the 20 to 30 members, usually eight or nine of them will participate each trip. After the date is set, Sherar and Steffen grab as many Nesbit lunches as they can get their hands on to share with the people of Chicago.

They usually take the train into the city, arriving early afternoon. Sherar said for the rest of the day they usually split into smaller groups of about two to three people and walk Michigan Ave looking for people to share lunch with and talk to.

Member of SOS Angel Gaikwad said, "In high school, the Lord ignited

a passion [in me] for the poor and homelessness. The more that you understand the heart of God the more his heart becomes your heart."

Steffen echoed Gaikwad's sentiment and said, "Each weekend is a different experience. You meet new people with their own stories."

Meeting their spiritual and relational needs is a big goal of the SOS ministry, Sherar said. SOS members are passionate about what they do and enjoy bringing food, the gospel and a friendly face to those who need it.

Steffen shared an experience she had with a homeless man Oct. 24. "One of the guys we talked to was

very happy and excited. Throughout the whole conversation he had this huge smile on his face and was very positive. It was encouraging to have someone who is down on their luck still be happy."

She said that talking to those experiencing homelessness can be a good influence on you because their attitude encourages you to evaluate your life a bit differently.

Sherar said, "I noticed a woman who I had seen there the year before and I just happened to remember her name. When I came up to her and called her by name she was so happy. She felt important that someone had remembered her."

Gaikwad was astounded by a man she talked to who when she asked if she could pray for him in turn prayed for her.

"He began praying over us with scripture filled [words and] Psalms. Sometimes we think we're going in to help people but we get things out of it as well," she said.



# Drumbeats: Ashley Sarver

Nathan DiCamillo

Life & Culture Editor

*Ashley (AE) Sarver played the lead role, Dr. Vivian Berring, in the fall play "Wit." Her dedication to the role and the memory of her grandfather compelled her to shave her head.*

**The GlimmerGlass: Can you detail the article that you sent in to the Daily Journal?**

**Ashley Sarver:** I wrote that piece to try to give people an understanding of why I would shave my head for a play. Yes, I have a huge dedication to theater, but it goes deeper than that. By shaving my head, I was honoring everyone who had struggled with cancer.

Two weeks before opening night, my grandpa passed away from cancer. The journey of preparing for this play was more difficult than it would have been had my grandpa not been going through cancer—which is what it is about. My character would struggle with different side effects or pains that my grandpa was currently going through when we were rehearsing.

That put a whole new dimension on the play for me. It made it a little more real. I wrote the article to explain that, yes I shaved my head for a character but I understand the depth of that action and that character.

**GG: Before the first performance, were you emotionally connected to the character? I know that's a struggle for actors.**

**Sarver:** I memorized my lines over the summer because there are quite a few lines. I focused so much trying to memorize everything that when the first rehearsal happened I realized that this play was heavy. The first rehearsal was the first time I had put those lines into context.

I distinctly remember—it was the second or third rehearsal. We were going over the scene where I got sick and started throwing up. And for some reason, that scene was one of the hardest scenes for me to do—to act like I was throwing up. I think that act of getting sick opens itself up for vulnerability.

I'm not very vulnerable in real life.

I would connect because Dr. Vivian Berring and I have so many connections already. And with my grandpa getting sick that also contributed to the reality of the show. But once I had an audience, that's when I realized the impact.

It wasn't until I had an audience that I realized how, regardless of the skills and talents I have, God can work through storytelling on stage.

This play changed my life and my perspective. Not just on the issue that we were talking about, but also my desire, my passion to continue studying theater. Theater has so much power to change people's lives and shift perspectives. If there is any way I can keep 'Wit' alive, I will do that. And I think that it is alive. I will always carry a piece of Dr. Vivian Berring with me.

**GG: Is this the most vulnerable you've been on stage?**

**Sarver:** Yes, by far. I really don't like being vulnerable. After one rehearsal, I just wasn't getting there emotionally. Part of it was this fear of being vulnerable and maintaining a certain persona and poise within my life. After rehearsal, I just looked at Professor Cohagan and said, 'I can't do this. I don't know how to be vulnerable. I don't want to be vulnerable.'

Later that evening, he sent me a email and in it he said, 'I think that's why we go to the theater. To put ourselves in a state of vulnerability. Broken and in many ways emboldened by that.' It's in rawness that we see the truth. He also told me, 'It's in our vulnerability that we learn about our strength.'

That really stuck with me because I think many people are scared of being vulnerable because we're scared of showing weakness. But it's through our weakness that we discover strength.

**GG: What connections do you have with Dr. Vivian Berring?**

**Sarver:** The first time I read the play was a couple years ago in a theater class. I read the opening monologue, and I just smiled and was just like, 'I

love Dr. Vivian Berring. I want to be her someday.' She's intelligent, and I hope that's a connection [laughter]. She doesn't like physical touch. And I appreciate physical touch and understand the importance of it, so I don't allow it very much. I save those moments for when they're very necessary.

I'm very independent. I don't want people's help. I don't ask for help. I don't want people to feel sorry for me. I don't want people to treat me like a child. Dr. Vivian Berring is just very strong, independent, very capable, and she does not want to be vulnerable. And all of those things are the same for me.

**GG: What did you learn from her during this play?**

**Sarver:** Life is so much more than my achievements or what I do. I learned that the essence of a person is not the things they do or the labels people put on them. I am not defined by my singing voice or my major or my friends. It comes down to simplicity. It comes down to kindness. It comes down to vulnerability. It comes down to reaching out for someone's hand and asking for help.

Vivian Berring allowed me to understand that. That that's okay. In a more general sense, I learned that theater is beautiful and I cannot see myself doing anything else in my life but something theater.

**GG: I was thinking back to the play after I watched it. Can you comment on the difference in punctuation in the play?**

**Sarver:** In the play, John Donne's holy sonnet 'Death be not proud' is mentioned, discussed, quoted. The last two lines are 'And death shall be no more, death thou shalt die.' There's a question of the punctuation in this sonnet.

Apparently the correct punctuation is 'And death shall be no more, death thou shalt die.' In an inauthentically punctuated version: 'And Death shall be no more; Death thou shalt die!' Professor E.M. Ashford in the play, mentions why the punctuation is inauthentic with the exclamation point and the semi-colon and the capitalization. All of that is so complex and it makes death more of an act and a big dramatic final ending to life.



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The whole point of the sonnet is that we shouldn't fear death, we shouldn't think of life as being so complex. There really isn't much distance between simple human truth and uncompromising scholarly standards. There's just a comma, just a breath, just one short moment. Not much separates us from life to eternal life.

When I said goodbye to my grandfather, I said, 'Papa, very soon you're going to be in heaven. It's just a short moment and you're going to be in

heaven.' I would not have had peace about what I told him and I would not have peace about my grandpa's death were it not for that play. Were it not for learning about this sonnet that's really ridiculing death and saying, 'You know what death? Yes you have job security, but overall you're job isn't the greatest thing.'

It's used by everyone. Death comes upon kings, death is for peasants. Death should not be proud because it's hitting both the lofty and not the lofty. And once it's over, it's over. It's just a breath. Literally just a breath. It doesn't really have a great job, but it does have great job security.

## My Coffeeism: Brewing something bold

Case Koerner

Contributing Writer

Three Olivet alumni are trying to combine caffeine and community by selling monthly coffee variety boxes across the country.

My Coffeeism is a monthly service that sends its customers a box containing a 10 to 20 ounce bag of whole bean coffee and specialty items such as a calendar, postcards and confetti.

Katherine Henson, founder and president of My Coffeeism, along with her co-owners Hollie and Jesse Erikson, are Olivet graduates who started the company as a way to create a story that brought people together over coffee.

"Plus who doesn't love a new coffee to try each month from cities and shops we may never actually get to visit?" said Henson.

Hollie thinks that My Coffeeism adds a personal touch that most standard subscription boxes lack.

"It gears it toward the interest of the consumers, but also switches it up to allow the consumer to try different kinds they normally wouldn't," Hollie said.

My Coffeeism also has a strong emphasis on creating community.

"It truly is about the community and story we are cultivating," Henson said. "We are bringing people together all across the country over coffee. It's amazing."

My Coffeeism's success doesn't just come from selling the product. They also have a growing social media presence where they engage current and potential customers.

Jessica Ryan, a freelance photographer from Tulsa, OK, found My Coffeeism through Instagram. She's a current subscriber and said she loves what Henson created, calling them "adorable boxes of caffeinated joy."

"Who doesn't love getting something great in the mail once a month?" Ryan said. "Why not let that be coffee?"

By using the hashtag #mycoffeeism, people can share their "coffee adventures" with other My Coffeeism customers. Henson will often repost one on My Coffeeism's feed if she feels it represents the brand well.

"I use [the hashtag] in my local coffee shop pictures," Ryan said. "I love telling pretty much everyone I know

about the boxes."

"Social media is really what brings people together from all walks of life and from all across the world," Henson said. "It's amazing we get to continually be a part of that, and with coffee at the center."

The customer base and engagement is a large focus, but My Coffeeism also tries to include brews by companies

with philanthropic business models.

"I know that Katherine has been super diligent with using companies that are fostering relationships or well-being back into their community or the common good," Hollie said.

Last month My Coffeeism partnered with Big Shoulders Coffee in Chicago, an organization that gives back to the Chicago School District.

"This is so much more than just good coffee. This is about the good story that goes into coffee," Henson said. "We want to bring all that together [within] our coffee-loving community."

Learn more about My Coffeeism by visiting [www.mycoffeeism.com](http://www.mycoffeeism.com).

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# Wolf pack begins

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It started two years ago with a group of Olivet students who were such good friends that they became a “family”—or a “Wolfpack” as they called themselves. Now, they are creating an online video series recreating and dramatizing their experiences as close friends and interviewing students for cast spots.

“WolfPack The Series” is a student run internet series consisting of various skits and plot points. “The theme of the show is about the lives of a group of college friends who call themselves ‘The WolfPack’ and about the different challenges they face,” Dominique Shepard, the creator, producer and scriptwriter of the series, said.

Shepard’s main goal for the show is “just to bring people entertainment, laughter, and just fun—give ‘em that old school 90s show feel.”

Ideal candidates for the show are people who just want to have a fun time and meet new people. One of the main points of “WolfPack The Series” is to get the students of ONU out of the cliques they are used to and make new friends. Devante White, one of the writers and a main characters for the show, said.

According to Shepard, they “need a ton of zombies” (approximately 50) for a horror special that the show will be featuring late in the first season. “We don’t plan on turning anybody away, if you want to be in it just let me know,” Shepard said.

Shepard and White need zombie characters for a “special thriller” episode.

“I’m not going to say much about it, but the episode is basically about the campus becoming infected with zombies,” Shepard said.

Other special episodes include an “investigation episode” in which a rumor is spread about one of the main characters, and Shepherd’s character sets out to find its source. “Date night” is another in which the group of friends all find dates for the weekend except for Shepherd.

The show will be published primarily on YouTube, but some episodes will be posted to Facebook and Instagram. One of the goals of the group is to reach an audience that extends beyond the campus of Olivet because the show will be aimed at making people laugh regardless of their age or where they go to school. This aim is important for students to remember in the interview process because the show will be family friendly, and cast members will have to respect that goal.

All of the episodes will follow a scenario, but will mostly be impromptu. The average time for every episode will be 15 minutes, and the episodes will be published on every Tuesday at 9 p.m. There will be a main cast as well as a number of guest appearance opportunities. The roles will mainly be impromptu with the exception of a few episodes being written by Shepard. Shepard is planning on at least two seasons and would prefer that the members of the main cast be a part of both seasons.

Shooting for the first episode of the series began the week of Oct. 18.



Left to right: Susan Ferris, Emily Benson, Brianna Koch, Cynthia Taylor, Dr. Freddy Tung, and Dr. Lisa Vander Veer

## ‘A safe place to be yourself’

Lauren Standle

Assistant Life & Culture Editor

**Dr. Lisa Vander Veer:** Director of Wellness and Career Services, Licensed Clinical Psychologist

Vander Veer has done most of her training in counseling, career interests and anxiety. She also likes working with relationship issues. “Anything that students deal with becomes an area of expertise for us,” she said. This is her seventh year working at Olivet. When thinking about what she loves about her job, the first thing that comes to mind is the people.

“[It’s] such a fun group of people. And it’s not boring, like, ever.” The most rewarding thing about her job is helping people: “We don’t always get to see the outcome of our work [but when we do] it’s just the most amazing thing ever.” She wants people to know that “this is a place they can come to talk about whatever they’re struggling with.” People can come knowing that the staff will not be judgmental.

**Dr. Freddy Tung:** Training Director, Staff Psychologist

Tung has a background mostly working with children and family is-

su. He also has experience with relationship and faith issues. Tung likes to “travel obsessively,” mainly internationally, and is starting his third year working at Olivet. What he loves most about his job is the people.

“Not even just the counseling center, just the people in general at Olivet,” he said. Being a counselor is rewarding to him because it’s “one of the most direct ways of helping people where I get to use my personal strengths. I always look to meet the student where they’re at.”

**Dr. Susan Ferris:** Staff Therapist, Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Ferris’ experience is mostly in relational and faith based issues, as well as anxiety and depression. An interesting fact about her, although she says it may be sad, is that she’s been eating in the cafeteria for 10 years. This is her third year working at Olivet. “I love everything about my job, honestly,” Ferris said. “Being able to meet the students where they are and give a grace filled message... and a different message then maybe they’ve heard—it’s rewarding to be able to do that.” Ferris wants people to know the

counseling center is “a safe place to be yourself, to learn, to grow [and] to challenge yourself to be better.”

**Emily Benson:** Staff therapist, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)

Benson specializes in adjustment issues, such as transitions from college and transitions from high school into college, and relational issues with family, friends and peers. She has an eye for expensive things and loves high-end fashion. “It’s like a natural gift, and it’s also a curse.” Unlike Ferris, it took Benson 15 years for her to eat in the cafeteria.

This is Benson’s ninth year working at Olivet, and what she loves most about her job is her coworkers and being able to help students every day. “Instilling hope and creating relationships with the students, [and] being able to be someone they can confide in without judgment; that’s rewarding for me.” She wants students to know: “I respect them being willing to open up to me.”

**Dr. Cynthia Taylor:** Staff Therapist, Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Taylor specializes with college stu-

dents and mostly food disorders, depression, anxiety and grief. She is going to be a first-time grandmother. This is her tenth year here, and she loves her coworkers, the students, and her commute, as well as the atmosphere. What’s most rewarding for her is “incorporating faith when working with clients” with a “holistic approach.”

“They don’t have to walk alone,” Taylor said. “It’s a collaborative effort.”

**Brianna Koch:** Staff therapist

Koch is mostly experienced with relationship issues, self-esteem, anxiety, and eating disorders. She has five kids, none of which are twins. This is her third year and she loves her coworkers and the age group she’s working with. “I enjoy working in a place where my faith can be a part of it everyday,” Koch said, to which all the counselors agreed. What she finds most rewarding is, “watching even the slightest bit of progress take place, and [seeing] students take what they’ve learned to make necessary changes.”

“It’s really more than just a job. The reason we went into this work is because we care and we want to see them succeed.”

## Olivet professor doubles as ‘Maman Burkina’

Alexandra VanDehey

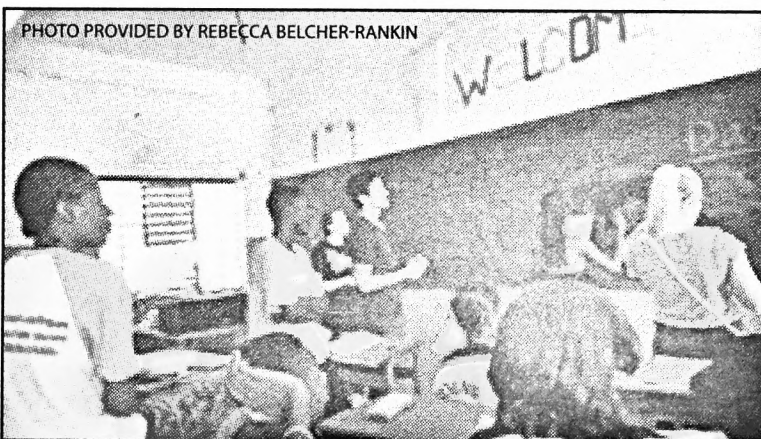
Contributing Writer

They call her “Maman Burkina.” In the city of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Dr. Rebecca Belcher-Rankin is a celebrated figure.

She lived and taught at the city’s university for a year in 2005 and has returned nearly every summer since with a team of students to work in local schools and churches there.

“[Belcher-Rankin] is full of love for Burkina Faso. She is always ready and available for all those who look for knowledge,” Bahanla Ouali, a pastor and secondary school teacher in Ouagadougou, said.

Burkina is a country in great need of educational reform—while 87 percent of elementary-aged children were enrolled in a school in 2014, less than 60 percent of those students will finish primary school. These educational trends show in the adult literacy rate, which is only 36 percent of the population. According to the CIA, Burkina has the third lowest literacy rate in the world, just behind its sub-Saharan



Professor Rebecca Belcher-Rankin returns almost every summer to work with local schools in Burkina Faso.

neighbors, Niger and South Sudan.

The trips are independently planned and funded by Belcher-Rankin and her students and have been except for one year when the trip was planned in association with Olivet’s Missions in Action (MIA) program. While the teams work in churches on the weekends, their focus is mainly academic. Belcher-Rankin has used her connections at the University of

Ouagadougou to set up programs with professors and, later, with the graduates who became teachers in the community.

“Becky has such a big heart and a brilliant mind,” said her husband, Jim Rankin. “God put her exactly where he needs her.”

On her last trip in June 2015, Belcher-Rankin and her team completed 32 hours of English as a Second

Language (ESL) work in primary and secondary schools and gave a series of 12 lectures for 175 university students. They also brought and distributed nearly 900 donated books.

“Going to Burkina isn’t a vacation. It’s a lot of hard work, and the conditions aren’t great,” Olivet graduate Emily Downing, who participated in both the 2014 and 2015 trips, said. “But a lot of the students cry from happiness when we give them books. They were shocked that we were letting them keep them. That really made everything worth it.”

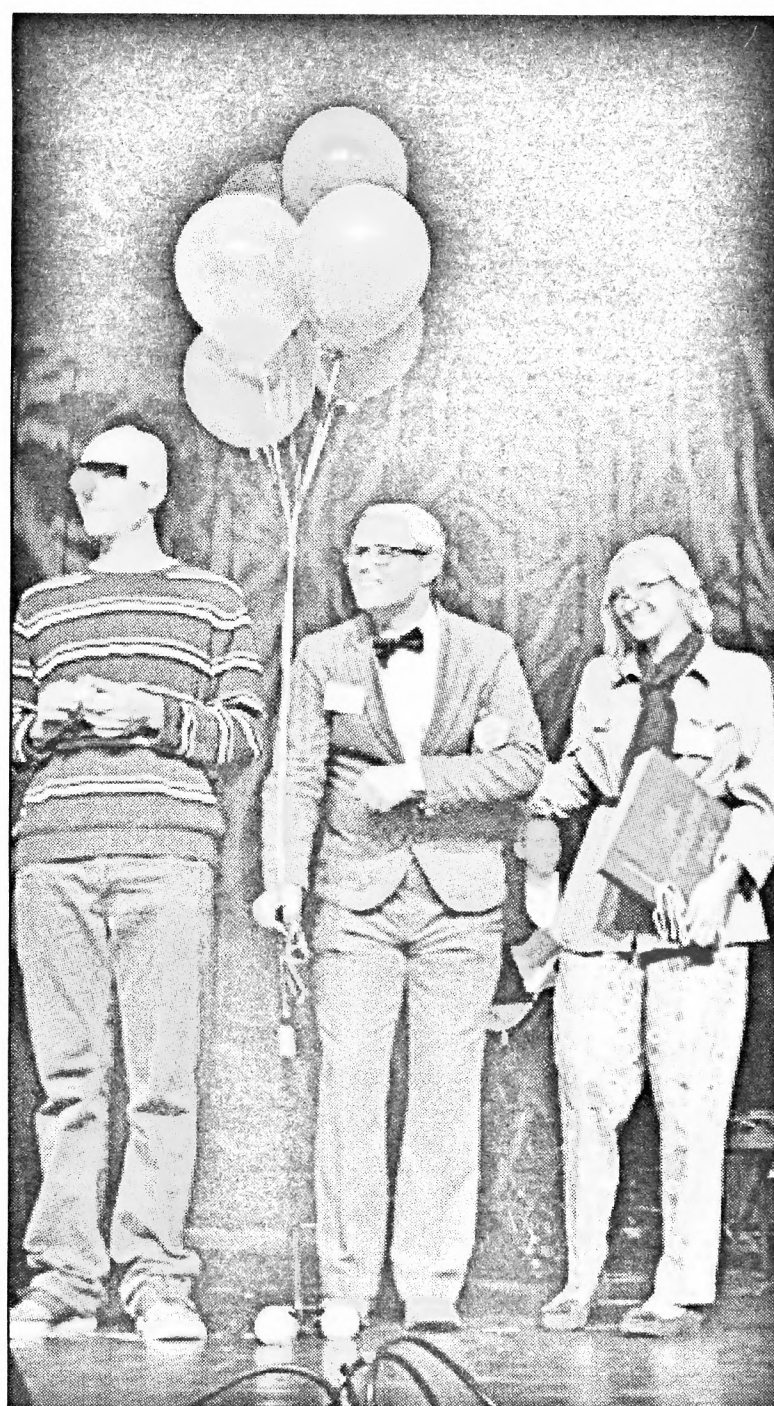
Belcher-Rankin is planning her 2016 trip and is looking for students to participate.

“It’s just such a wonderful little country, and it’s underappreciated,” Belcher-Rankin said. “Burkina faces a lot of obstacles, and they have a long way to go to get to where they want to be, but I think that education is the biggest part of that. Education leads to better healthcare, better jobs and a better economy. I want that for them. I love Burkina. So, I keep going back.”



# Roll out the dance floor

The annual Candy Costume Fest arrived with an added surprise Sunday, Nov. 1



The previously known Candy Costume Fest turned into a party Sunday night, Nov. 1, when Social Life at Olivet surprised students with a DJ and the opportunity to take on the dance floor. Presented as categories, students showed off their costumes to be voted on.



# It's all in the family

Olivet's improv team finds friendship, chemistry on and off the stage

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Junior Matthew Blackwell is ushered into the Wisner auditorium with clapping and hollering. Senior Dan Eccles walks up to Blackwell as he makes his way to center stage. Speaking in tones reminiscent of Joey Tribbiani trying to learn French in an episode of *Friends*, Eccles and Blackwell motioned at each other, Eccles trying to get Blackwell to guess the "Place, Occupation, and Weapon" the audience had chosen.

This is improv. This is Spoons 4 Forks.

Practice for Spoons 4 Forks is a time for the group to connect better and learn new games.

Another game rehearsed was "Another One Bites The Dust." The game begins with several members acting out a scene based on an audience prompt. Once the scene is played out, the audience claps for the member they want to have exit the scene or "bite the dust." That member leaves and the rest of the cast recreates the scene, acting as though the absent character were still there. The skit ends with one member left on stage, responding to silent dialogue and reacting to invisible characters.

Practice is also a chance for the group members to try out new characters.

Senior Kyle Johnston often plays "Stacy the Janitor," his "best" charac-

ter, senior Joe Brunker said. Sophomore David Spear uses a British character and, with a smirk, Brunker said, "I'm more physical comedy."

The rules of improv help the members work as a team.

"Don't be static, move around, never say no," Blackwell explained. "Whenever you say no, you deny something someone says. It takes everything they tried to set up in the scene and throws it in the trash. You always want to establish a conflict to get the ball rolling," he said.

It's about chemistry, Brunker said. Even when disagreements happen, you have to move on and go with the flow. "Trust your own wit," he said.

"This is pretty much my family," Blackwell said as he watched the chaos of his teammates rehearsing. "I think the team has grown closer. That's the culture I want to foster, build a tight knit community," he said.

"There's a lot of tradition in Spoons 4 Forks, which at first is hard to jump into. It's a different kind of atmosphere then a lot of people are used to, but once you're in it you feel connected," Eccles said, who will be passing the presidential torch onto Spear next semester.

The group has recently added three new members: sophomore Case Koerner, sophomore Daria Gielczynski, and freshman John Mathy. The three performed in their first show Oct. 23.

"In the first game, I froze," Koerner said.



PHOTO BY KAYLA YOUNG

Senior Joe Brunker fakes his death during a Spoons 4 Forks practice. The group practices twice a week, and more often before a show.

"We were all petrified," Gielczynski added. "After the show we were all like, 'It's over. It's done. We did it.'"

"I've never been shocked by an actual electric fence, but I'm sure [improv performing for the first time]

feels something like that," Mathy said.

"I think that majority of the fears and anxieties [of performing] are really in practice. By the time you get on stage, the audience is a positive

energy and it makes performing a lot easier knowing they're there to laugh," Blackwell said.

Spoons 4 Forks' next show is Nov. 20 at 9:30 p.m. in Wisner Auditorium.

## Movie review: Steve Jobs

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With the atrocious 2013 Asthon Kutcher movie "Jobs" and its disappointing box office turn out, I understand the possible hesitation to see recently released "Steve Jobs." However, the hesitation is not needed. Steve Jobs is one of the best movies of the year.

"Steve Jobs" is directed by Danny Boyle (*Trainspotting*, *Slumdog Millionaire*) and written by Aaron Sorkin (*Moneyball*, *The Social Network*). It gives you an introductory class on the life of Steve Jobs, Apple Founder and CEO (Michael Fassbender) in three parallel acts, each showing Steve interacting with a set of people that shape his life the most right before one of his famous products launches.

He has to talk to a daughter he does not claim, deal with a friend who wants nothing more than some acknowledgement, and manage the complex relationships he has with those he actually cares for.

We see both the familiar Steve we saw in TV interviews and product launches, and the less seen Steve that could quickly turn cruel and unforgiving. There is not a thought that goes through his mind he does not express, so we get a very clear picture of who Steve Jobs, or at least this interpretation of him, was.

This screenplay is all of what you would expect from Sorkin. He also wrote "The Social Network." If you liked that, you'll love this. Both of these films are full of off the cuff

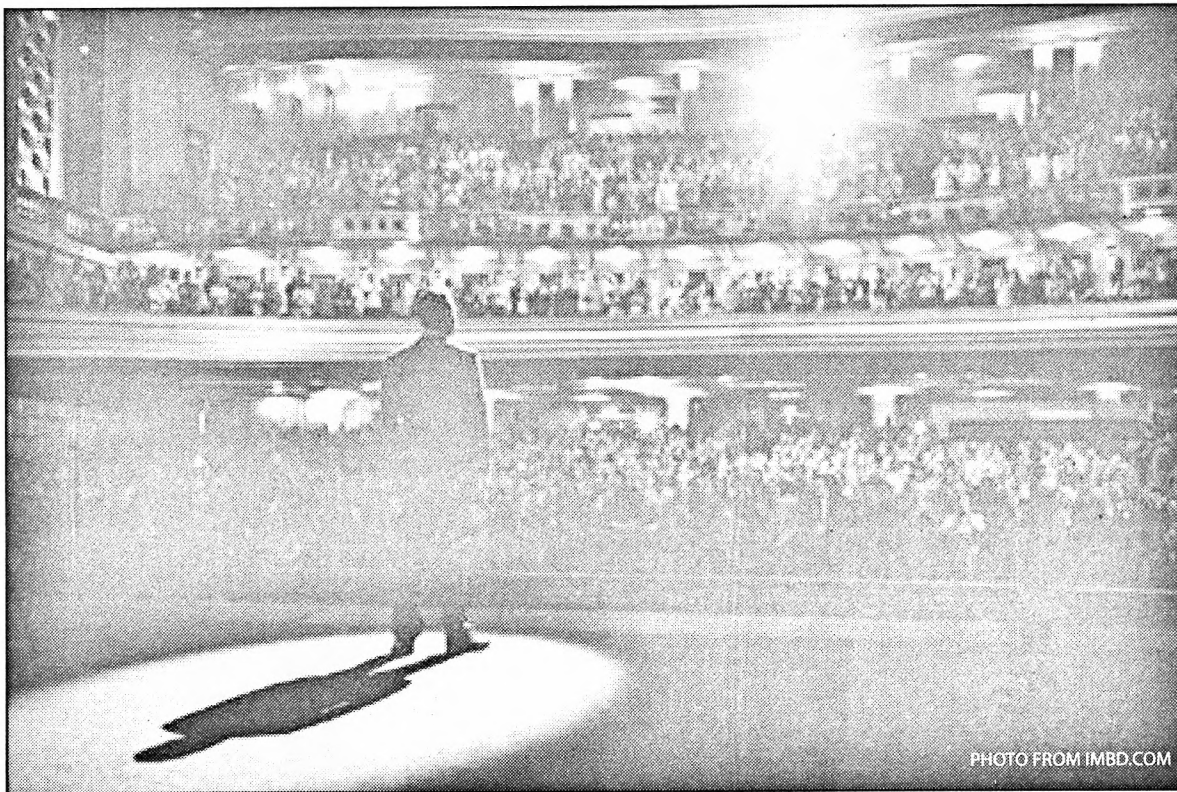


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"Steve Jobs" was released Oct. 23.

technical jargon and bitingly clever dialogue, about a brilliant yet troubled technical genius, but I feel that Boyle was able to realize the script better than Fincher did with the "Social Network."

Nearly the whole film is shots of Jobs simply having different conversations with people, often while walking, or brilliantly edited news sequences showing you the powerful in-

fluence that both Jobs and Apple have in this world. This is very typical of Sorkin, and it's so well done you don't realize how simple of a movie it is.

The script is acted beautifully. Jobs is portrayed by Michael Fassbender, and it is an outstanding performance. We see a man determined to live to the potential he sees in himself. The worst thing about Steve is also the best thing about this performance: he knows ex-

actly how talented he is. This man truly changed the world and knew that he would. Fassbender's voice is unrecognizable in this film. He can play the sadistic side of the character just as well as he plays the wholesome side. You may see less of Steve than you would expect but the acting as a whole is incredible.

Jeff Daniels as always is a dramatic powerhouse as Apple CEO John

Sculley, but Jeff Daniels is always Jeff Daniels. There is really no difference between his portrayal of Sculley and his role as the head of NASA in *The Martian* from earlier this year, but that isn't necessarily a complaint because the man has proved time and time again that he is one of the best dramatic actors of our time. The best part of the whole film are two beautifully spliced together conversations between Jobs and Sculley taking place five years apart in an argument so intense I hardly took a breath until it ended. That scene couldn't have worked as well as it did with out Daniels.

Kate Winslet also gave an emotional performance as Joanna Hoffman, a marketing executive for Apple who is Steve's closest friend. She plays a very divided character, one that loves Steve but knows how truly awful he can be.

Although some close to Steve were unhappy with its inaccuracy, it is a movie. As an audience member, I didn't care; I doubt you will either. With awards season coming up, I would not be surprised if Fassbender and Daniels both get nominations along with what I would say is a guaranteed Best Editing nomination for Elliot Graham.

Every aspect of this film is thoughtful and well executed. Its three acts could split up into short films and be three complete stories and I think that is what makes this movie so worth watching and attention grabbing. "Steve Jobs" was the best movie I have seen this year, and I can't recommend it enough.



## Book review:

## Go Set a Watchman

Kristy Coser

Contributing Writer

More than fifty copies of *Go Set a Watchman* lined the shelves at my public library's book club section. They were constantly circulating, displayed in the new book section, and asked about at the information desk.

More than fifty years ago, this was *To Kill a Mockingbird*. *To Kill a Mockingbird* has lined the shelves in many high school students' lockers over the years. My 59-year old father remembers reading this classic in high school, and I remember reading it only seven years ago in my ninth grade literature class.

Many *To Kill a Mockingbird* fans' and critics' excitement for the publication of Lee's *Go Set a Watchman* last summer was crushed with controversy and differences in comparison *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Despite this, fans of Harper Lee and *To Kill a Mockingbird* should read *Go Set a Watchman* because books change, characters change, and themes change. Change is inevitable, and despite our human nature's resistance to it, change can help readers consider Harper Lee's books differently, highlighting their complexity.

Published in July of 2015 but written in the mid-1950s before the publication of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Go Set a Watchman* is a story about 20-something Jean Louise Finch visiting her aging father in Maycomb, Mississippi, from her current home in New York. She discovers how the town, her father, and other Maycomb residents have changed since she was a young girl. Jean Louise struggles to

grasp everything and she is frustrated with her father and how he has become racist, the opposite of how she remembers him growing up.

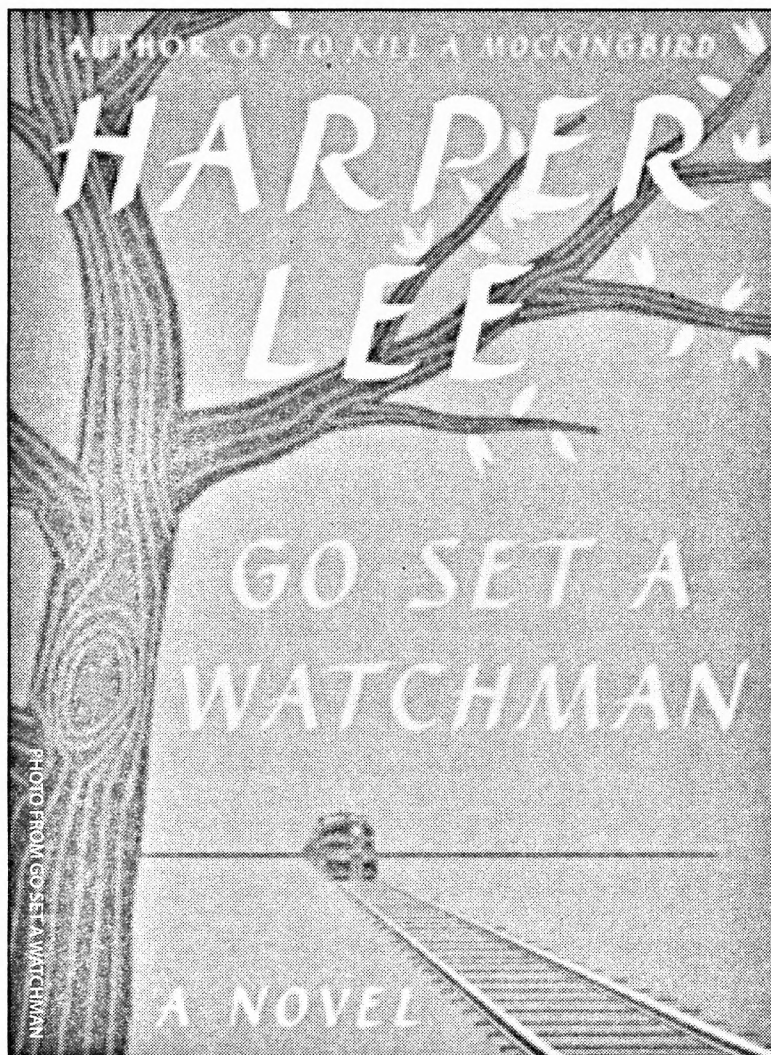
In the midst of this plot, Jean Louise and her childhood friend Henry search for and struggle with love. She confides in him, explaining her thoughts about her father and how he is different. Henry asks to marry her and their relationship is a subplot to Jean Louise's journey of discovery in Maycomb and her family.

I am one of those *To Kill a Mockingbird* fans who did not know how to handle this story: I do not want to see Atticus as an aging racist man with negative views of African Americans. It is difficult for me to see Scout as a 26-year-old woman living in New York who searches for love and her involvement and interest in civil rights has declined from when she was a young girl. I, like millions of Harper Lee's fans, did not want my favorite characters to change.

In addition to the internal controversy of the change in the characters, *Go Set a Watchman*'s publication is also controversial. Harper Lee always said she did not want to publish another book, and she often refused interviews in general about her work. Lee is currently an 89-year-old hearing and sight-impaired stroke victim living in a nursing home.

Many believe she was taken advantage of by Tonja Carter, Lee's new protector since Lee's sister Alice passed away in November. Carter exposed *Go Set a Watchman* to HarperCollins, seizing the "perfect moment" to get Lee's book published.

Amidst all of these questions, the



most significant question may be, "Does *Go Set a Watchman* ruin *To Kill a Mockingbird*?" The majority of readers would answer, "Yes." However, I want to ask you to piece all of this together differently: please do not

be afraid to accept change. Read the book. Enjoy it, wrestle with it and reflect upon it.

Accepting change does not mean that we as readers and Harper Lee fans have to agree with the way she

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changed the characters. Accepting change does not mean that we have to applaud the morally questionable method of publication of *Go Set a Watchman*. Instead, accepting change means acknowledging the truth: Harper Lee is the same author who wrote *To Kill a Mockingbird* and she has the right as the author to create and change her characters and story in *Go Set a Watchman*.

Additionally, we need to understand that we view fictional characters as real people and real people change. Harper Lee's characters are not static. Change is a fact of life, and although we often resist change, it still happens. Change can open the ways in which we see the world, and more specifically, how we view Harper Lee and her two famous works of fiction.

Not only will my father's generation, my own generation, and those in between be able to go back to school day memories reading, discussing and cherishing *To Kill a Mockingbird*, but I believe my children and grandchildren will be blessed with the opportunity to appreciate both of Harper Lee's novels. Instead of not knowing what to do with change except resorting to critiquing it, let's embrace change and open our eyes to what Lee's works truly are.

## See you at the voting booth

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As Barack Obama's second term comes to an end, the time for election season begins anew. This year, the sheer amount of candidates seems almost overwhelming, along with the numerous big name personalities from both inside and outside of politics.

This year, Donald Trump, Ben Carson, Hillary Clinton, and Bernie Sanders lead in the polls, and with the advent of social media, the voting public has had no problem making their voices heard. However, the number of American's turning out to vote is dismally low. According to the Washington Post, only 36.4 percent of eligible American's turned out for elections in 2014, the lowest recorded rates since World War II.

So what has made us as Americans, a country that prides itself on the freedom to elect our own representatives and leaders, so apathetic to the cause we were once willing to go to war over?

Some claim they simply don't feel that they have much of a choice with the leaders, or that they are simply choosing between the "lesser of two evils." I would argue, however, that the issue lies not with our leaders or elected officials, but with us as a people.

For one thing, we have grown accustomed to the ability to vote. Those wars that we fought for the ability to elect our own officials rather than be ruled by a dictator, a king or oligarchy are all so far in the past that they are practically forgotten by all but the staunchest of historians. We have the tendency to take the immense privilege we have here in the United States for granted, and I am certainly as guilty of this as anyone else.

The biggest issue facing the voters these days is that our politics are far more partisan in recent days and the results of this have been nothing but ugly. Despite the fact that politics have never been a very clean sport, the verbal assaults and mudslinging have only gotten worse, now ceasing to simply be relegated to the realm of tasteless attack ads on television and radio, but have spilled over into the heart of American connectivity, and into the sphere of social media.

It's become difficult to navigate Facebook without running into a shared post from a friend or family member, usually with a headline somewhere along the lines of "This Meme Sums up the Idiocy of 'Government Logic' Perfectly" (pulled from www.youngcons.com) or "Top Florida Newspaper to Lazy Rubio: 'Either Do Your Job Or Resign!'" (pulled from www.occupydemocrats.com).

It's become almost a sport to mock the other side of the political spectrum as being inept, lazy, stupid, or corrupt. No longer are the articles about helping the voters informed on the hard issues such as healthcare, abortion, crises in Ukraine and Syria, and the economy, instead they form an echo chamber for like minded people to congregate around and spout off similar opinions.

The art of mediation is in its death throes, if not already dead in this modern era of politics. People no longer want to hear about people who walk in the middle, or try to make peace with both sides. We've made the mediator into a position of weakness, rather than one of strength.

We don't view these people as mediators, but instead as people who refuse to take a side in the debate of Democrat versus Republican or Liberal versus Conservative. When politics becomes more about bashing your opponents than standing up for your beliefs, more and more people are turned away from it.

It doesn't come off as strong to take pot shots at your opponent, instead it comes off as embarrassingly juvenile, and distracts from the real issues.

It was a Casting Crowns song that said, "Nobody knows what we're for, only what we're against when we judge the wounded," and that senti-



PHOTO FROM MSNBC.COM

Election voting turn-out was recorded at all all-time low in 2014.

ment could not be truer in this day and age.

Perhaps it is time we all stepped off the attack this election season, and instead reflected on what truly matters to

us, not what upsets us about the other side. Perhaps then, when there is an attitude of mediation and cooperation, will our voter turnout once again rise.

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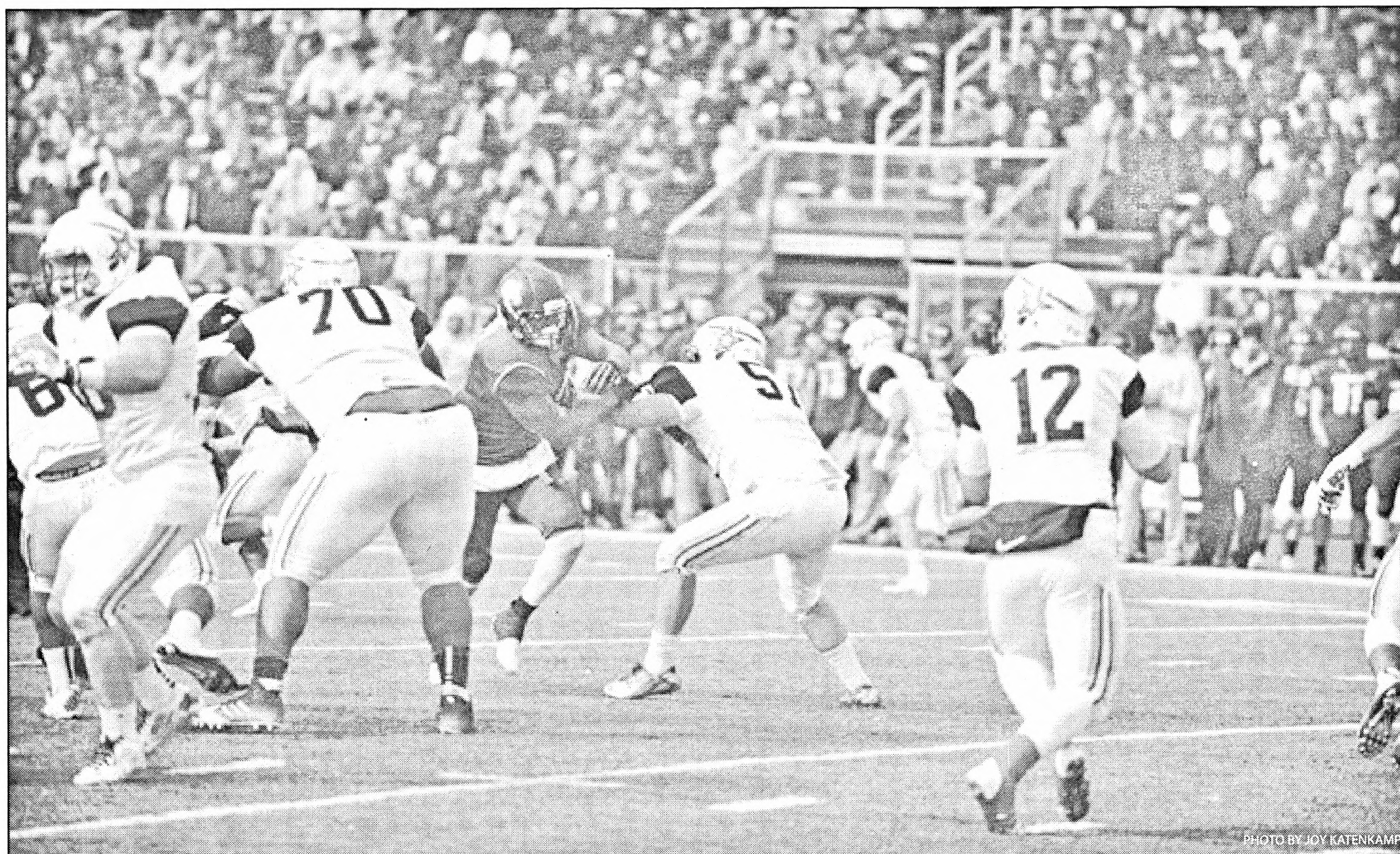


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So far in their season, the Tigers have a record of 3-6 with only two games remaining.

## Two football players receive MSFA award

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Recently two members of Olivet's football team received MSFA Mid West Special Team awards: Nick Paquet and Thomas Dexter.

Defensive end Dexter, a senior from Ohio, earned Second-Team honors for the week of Oct. 19. Dexter has only been with the team for two years.

The MSFA awards are given based

on statistics for the week. MSFA, which stands for Mid-States Football Association, covers 12 schools in four Midwestern states. This fall will be its 21st season.

Coach Brian Fish said, "He works well within our scheme. This season he has been a guy the quarterbacks have to think about."

According to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' (NAIA) website, Dexter leads the

team in tackles for loss with 13.5 for 67 yards and sacks with 7.5 for 28 yards. Dexter is also third on the team for tackles with 57.

Paquet, a junior from Michigan, is the kicker/punter on the team – a position described by Fish as a "pressure position." This year is his third year on the team. Paquet was named MSFA Special Teams Player of the Week on October 12, which was his second award of the year, having been

previously awarded the same merit on August 31.

According to an article on onutigers.com, Paquet is averaging 34.4 yards per punt (10th in MSFA) and is averaging 53.8 yards on 24 kickoffs.

Fish added that the team "goes by the understanding that everyone is significant." While Dexter and Paquet were given public awards, "They could not have done it without their other teammates."

When asked to describe the two, Fish said that they were "both good guys."

As of Oct. 29, the Tigers' season record is 3-5, and their MSFA record is 1-1. Their next game will be on Saturday, Nov. 7, against Saint Ambrose University, and will be held at Ward Field at 1 p.m. It will also be Senior Day.

## 'These kids had a coach like them'

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From athlete to coach, Olivet swimming graduate assistant Samantha Elam is showcasing her talents on an international stage. This past summer, Elam traveled to San Antonio, Texas, to coach at the fourth World Deaf Swimming Championships.

Working with deaf athletes, which might become a challenge to some, comes naturally to Elam. She is legally deaf herself and has been swimming at a competitive level since childhood up until graduating from Olivet.

Elam has been involved with Deaflympics ever since she first competed in the 2007 Deaf World Championships in Taiwan at the age of 14. Her mom found a deaf swim meet held in Detroit, Michigan, and thought it would be a good opportunity to further connect Elam to the deaf community. At the meet in Detroit, she qualified for the Taiwan Deaf World Championships there.

The meet this summer in San Antonio was Elam's first experience stepping into a coaching role with Deaflympics.

"(It was) definitely different just because it was a completely different



PHOTO BY SUBMITTED BY SAMANTHA ELAM

This summer Antonio, Texas hosted the fourth World Deaf Swimming Championships. Coach Samantha Elam posed her with the team.

environment than Olivet. This time instead of being the one competing, I was behind the scenes where I just gave feedback on swims and took splits," Elam said. "I really enjoyed it because most of the U.S. team were young and new to the team so they looked up to me as a role model."

Elam found that while she has some coaching experience, every team is different so it was somewhat of an adjustment learning the ropes and patience was key.

Although she had an easier time relating to the swimmers than she has had in the past, "Coaching this meet

was actually a little bit easier just because these kids finally had a coach who was just like them," Elam said. "Imagine being in their shoes having a hearing coach and trying to communicate with them throughout practice all while being in the water. Here we all can read lips fluently and most com-

municate via sign language so there really are little to no communication errors."

As far as being a part of the deaf community through sports, Elam has found that being around people in her community is comforting. Participating as a coach allowed her to observe coach's meetings where coaches from various countries were present and speaking a different sign language. They adapted to different gestures and various other ways of communicating to understand each other, Elam said.

Apart from expanding herself past Olivet, gaining coaching experience and working with the organization that she loves, there was a greater gift for her that came out of this meet.

"Seeing some of the swimmers make finals in their very first Deaf meet, and then making it on the podium was very rewarding. Just seeing them light up and glow as they were handed their medals for the first time ever reminded me of what it was like and it was so amazing to be there to witness it," Elam said.

Elam attended a Deaf Athletic Association conference in September and plans to continue coaching with them this upcoming summer.





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The women's golf team finished off their fall season with a school record and brought home one first place title in the Indiana Wesleyan Invite. (Pictured: Freshman Jessica Ackman)

## Women's basketball goes to Puerto Rico

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Olivet's women's basketball team will be participating in the Puerto Rico Classic tournament Nov. 26 and 27 during Thanksgiving break.

The team will be traveling with Puerto Rico College Sports Tour Co. This company has helped several different U.S. collegiate athletic teams travel to this country, a place frequently traveled to for team trips.

"A trip like this can cost a lot," sophomore team member Tori Lemke said. "We were fortunate to be able to do some fundraising to cover costs for hotels and court time. We all paid for our plane ticket ourselves."

The team will depart from Chicago and land in San Juan. The first full day in Puerto Rico will include practicing and preparing for upcoming games. The second and third days will test the Tiger's basketball skills as they gear up for their two games. During the first game, the Tigers will face the University of Sacred Heart from San Juan, Puerto Rico. The second game will be against Pikeville College from Pikeville, Kentucky.

"We don't know much about the teams we will be facing," said sophomore team member Amelia Denison. "Our coach says it will be really competitive, a lot like the rest of the teams we will play this season."

The Tigers are still unsure of how their fourth and final day will be spent on the trip. Team members are hoping that it will be spent in different ways. Some are hoping to spend the day hiking, while others want to spend the day relaxing on the beach after the tournament.

"The most recent rumor is that we may go surfing," said Denison.

Team members hope that no matter how the day is spent, that it will bring the team together for the remainder of the basketball season. The Tigers will return to Bourbonnais after the trip for several more games before they begin Christmas training.

"We hope to live out our team verse for this year as we play in the tournament and throughout the season," said senior basketball team member Jayne Stuart.

The team verse for the 2015-2016 season is Ephesians 3:20 that says, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

"If we can remember our team verse as we play, that will help us during the trip," Stuart said.

# Driving for success

## Men's golf wrapping up, women's golf warming up seasons

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The fall 2015 golf season is coming to an end, but that isn't stopping the members of the men and women teams from continuing to practice their swing. In fact, they are just warming up. The women's golf team finished the fall season strong by setting a new record for Olivet.

Senior Kelsey Fisk said the team practiced hard and it paid off.

This season is just the beginning for the women, since the spring season is when conference and nationals take place. Senior Bridget Wolff commented on breaking school records. "I learned how to shoot the score I wanted," she said. Their goal for spring season is to win conference and quality for nationals.

"My expectations are for good weather," Fisk added with a laugh.

With these strong goals set in mind, the women's golf team is sure to bring on a successful spring season.

The men's golf team also had a successful fall season, capturing the Mike Lalaeff Invitational Title at a tournament hosted by Purdue University-Calumet in September.

Junior Cole Evenson was happy



The men's golf team completed their fall season, taking home the Mike Lalaeff Invitational title. (Pictured: Junior Cole Evenson)

with how the season started. "We played very well in the first few tournaments of the season along with capturing one win," he said.

The team also finished second at the ONU Fall Invite and placed third at the University of St. Francis Fall Invite. As the season went on, the men showed improvement and pushed each

other to surpass even that.

Evenson said that to prepare for the spring season, "The team needs to spend more time practicing, especially the short game, putting and chipping, instead of playing as much as we did."

Men and women's golf tournaments resume spring semester.

# Creger plays title role in XC season

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The cross country team has seen its share of success during Coach Mike McDowell's 15 years at Olivet. The athletes responsible for this are pictured on the wall in his office across from his desk. And there, hanging in the bottom row, third from the left, is senior Dylan Creger.

After being named one of 2014's All-Americans, Creger has come out strong this season, placing in the top

five at each meet, being named Athlete of the Week on Oct. 10, and running a personal best time of 24:55 at the Royals Cross Country Challenge in North Carolina.

This course is where the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National meet will be held, and with the team's second place finish, they are very optimistic for what this season may hold.

Creger is a captain of this year's team, and he is more than suited for the position.

"Dylan provides the leadership that we need," McDowell said. According to McDowell, Creger and co-captain senior Brandon Divan "provide great leadership, not only athletically, but spiritually, with team bonding, they are both great individuals that have a passion for their team."

Creger and his coach agree that his most effective form of leadership is by example, a sentiment shared by his teammates.

"His words have weight because he does not talk a lot. You want to be like

him," freshman teammate John Richardson said. "His shoes have more miles than my car."

Originally joining cross country in order to lose weight for wrestling, Creger discovered his talent for running. "I found out I was pretty good at it and had a lot of fun with it," he said.

Training dictates running nearly 80 to 90 miles every week. Running in fall cross country and spring track, Creger does not see a lot of free time. However, one of his favorite passing times is being around his teammates.

"Without a doubt, my favorite is cross country. I like how there is more of a team aspect. My favorite part of the day is going on long runs with people, and having conversations," Creger adds.

Not only choosing Olivet for its cross country potential, Creger was excited for the academic opportunities. Currently a double major in accounting and finance, he hopes to pursue a career as a Certified Public Accountant after graduation.



# Swimmers, grab your running shoes; runners, put on that speedo

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Cross-training is the incorporation of exercises from one sport into the training regimen of another, as defined by active.com writer Jessica Pall. The extent of its benefits vary for every sport, yet all athletes can embrace the benefits of cross-training.

Pall additionally stated that athletes can find better "muscle variance and cardiovascular fitness" through cross-training. Allowing for a variation of exercises can protect over-worked muscles from injury. Moreover, variety spares athletes from the boredom of doing the same workouts over and over again.

"Most of our athletes enjoy having some exercises that allow them to get out of the pool," graduate assistant for Olivet's swim team Samantha Elam said.

Swimmers under Coach Teeters utilize cross-training on a daily basis.

Elam said, "We use almost every exercise you can image, hoping to build strength in every part of the body." Monday, Wednesday and Friday, swimmers are given the option of running. The goal is to produce a more powerful kick, Elam said.

Livestrong.com said swimmers use running to build up their anaerobic thresholds, which is the point when an athlete's body realizes its need to slow down and recover. In short, run-

ning results in better power for kicks and heightened endurance.

Tuesday and Thursday, Elam said, consists of a wide variety of exercises. Options include Olympic lifting for the men, a pulling system and circuit training in Birchard. The idea is to target different muscles, each of which serve a unique purpose for swimmers.

Swimming World Magazine suggested boxing and weight lifting as a way to improve upper-body strength, aiding swimmers' arms as they drive themselves forwards.

Olivet's track and cross-country teams presently utilize cross-training at a lower level than the swim team. Ale Zamudio, a freshman on the cross-country team, noted that cross-training is most often put to use when a runner is recuperating from an injury.

After suffering from a sprained ankle in past years, Zamudio used cross-training exercises such as biking and swimming to take weight off of her injury. All the while, she was still building up strength and staying active. "It's not a normal part of training," Zamudio explained. "Most of the time, you just show up and start running."

Junior Sarah Ganster is a duo track and cross-country athlete and is in Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). As a result, Ganster uses

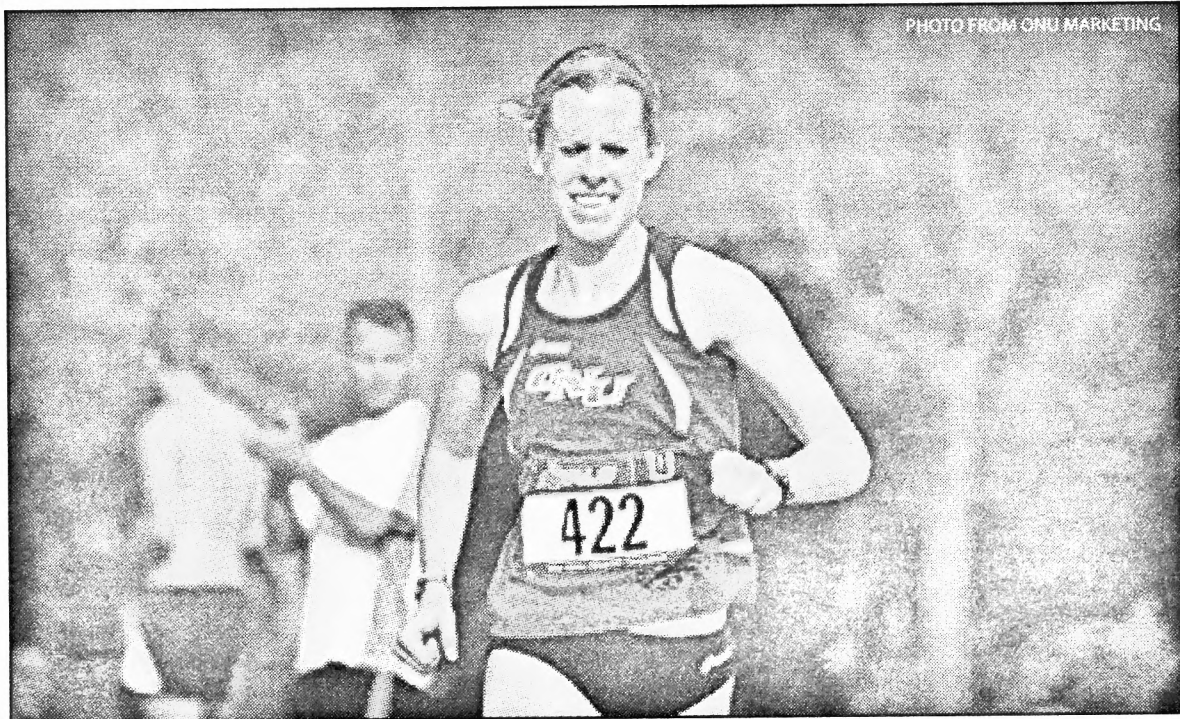
cross-training on both ends. The cardio built from running has helped her during ROTC training regimen and competitions, such as Ranger Challenge and Ranger Buddy. ROTC, in turn, improves her running by building up her strength.

From here, the question of intramurals can be brought to light. If it is possible for athletes to find strength, muscle variance, and boredom relief through cross-training, should sports teams repeal the frequent bans on intramural activities?

From a coach's perspective, Elam said intramurals are discouraged due to heightened risk of injury and already demanding schedule. From the running side, Ganster agreed, stating that the team has a ban on basketball specifically due to risk factors. ROTC cadets, on the other hand, are encouraged to keep active with through a variety of intramural sports.

While not all Olivet sports teams have fully adopted cross-training into their training routines, the undiscovered possibilities are vast. Maybe the next swim practice won't happen in the pool, but on the climbing wall instead.

**Junior Sarah Ganster cross trains for ROTC by running track and cross-country and cross trains for ROTC by running.**



Sarah Ray was named Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference player of the week three times.

## Athlete named CCAC player of the week

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Cross country and track runner Sarah Ray has had an excellent season thus far. Since early September the Olivet junior has been named Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) player of the week three times.

On Sept. 11, she finished first in the Midwest Classic 5k with a time of 18:34. The next weekend, Sept. 19, she took first place again in Wheaton Gil Dodds' Invitational 8k with a time of 22:11. Most recently, in the Fighting Bee Invite on Oct. 12, she placed first in the 5k with a time of 18:24.

"Sarah's recent success is a direct result of her learning how to put together a more solid race," said Head Cross Country Coach Mike McDowell.

ell. "She's learning how to work through the pain that accompanies competing."

Ray's journey to where she is today is one littered with injuries. After being recognized as an All-American her freshman year, she suffered a stress fracture in her foot. Coupling that with a couple of hip injuries during her sophomore season, and she was unable to replicate that same level of success she had during her freshman year. She has been proactive to keep herself healthy this season.

"I just didn't listen to myself, so I ended up getting hurt. But I have been buying into the plan, taking breaks when I need it and pushing myself when I can. I used to think it was bad to take days off, but now I am making sure to take them off," said Ray.

Her coaches and teammates have

felt Ray's hard work and strong effort as well.

"It's greater for athletes, especially younger athletes to see the type of work ethic that it takes to be consistently takes to be at the top of your game," says McDowell.

Senior, runner Brandon Divan spoke highly of Ray as well, "Sarah Ray is one of the most driven members of the team and the results show. She is always diligent in her training."

Ray's fellow runner, Elizabeth Soper said, "As a teammate Sarah displays how to properly take care of yourself throughout the season in order to be able to do our very best."

Looking forward into the season, the National Championships are on Nov. 20, and Ray is hoping to have a top 10 finish this year and get back to her All-American status.