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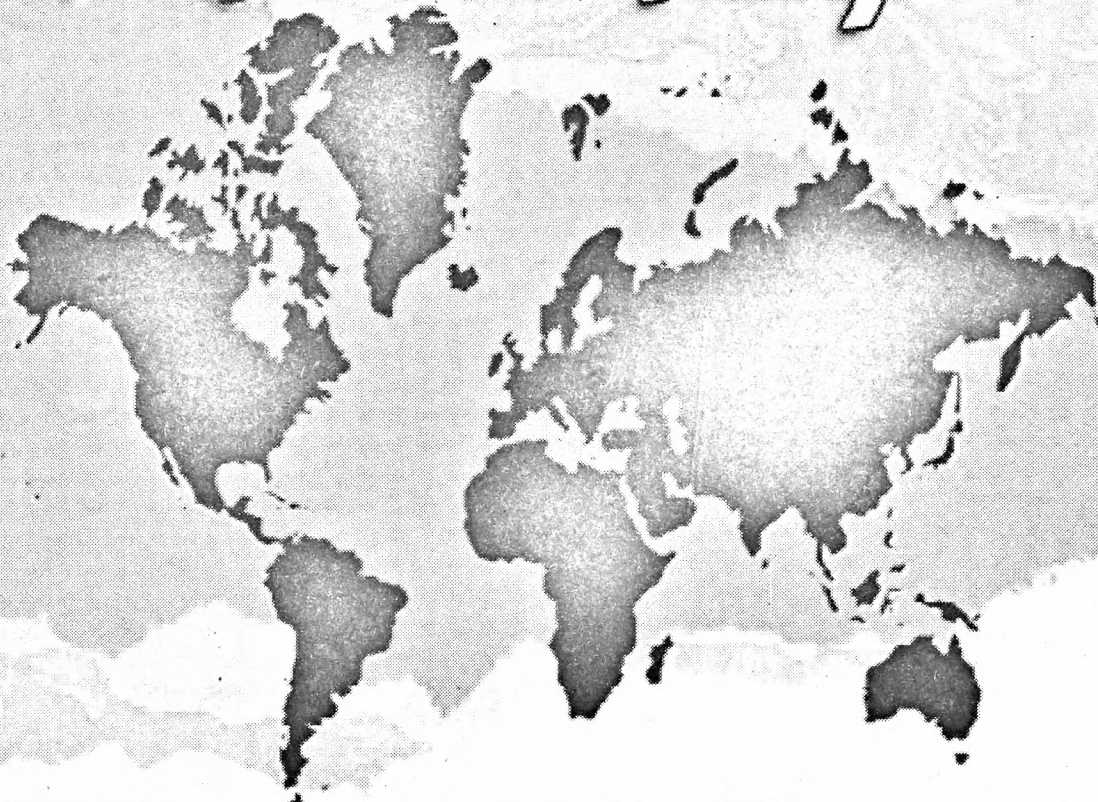
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A Global Glimpse



GRAPHIC BY STEPHANIE LINQUIST

99% of Costa Rica's 2015 electricity renewable

COSTA RICA – The Costa Rican Electricity Institute (ICE) released a statement that 99 percent of their electricity came from renewable sources in 2015, according to solarcrunch.org. This new path taken by Costa Rica is seen as inspirational for other countries wanting to cut fossil-fuel pollution.

While Costa Rica is a small country with no more than 5 million people, it has also managed to completely power its grid on 100 percent renewable sources for 285 days in 2015, according to phys.org. Costa Rica has taken advantage of its abundant river system and heavy tropical rainfalls by having three quarters of its electricity generated by hydroelectric plants. The rest comes from geothermal, wind, biomass, and solar sources. ICE also reported that despite a year "that had been extremely dry," it was ahead of renewable energy targets it had set.

Other countries striving to operate on mostly renewable energy include Germany, Iceland and Norway.

Sierra Leone confirms new Ebola death

SIERRA LEONE – Ebola fears have shot up again after a woman died of Ebola this month in Sierra Leone and another new case confirmed on Jan. 20. Dozens of other people were potentially exposed to the disease by the woman who died, according to an aid agency report published Jan. 15. The New York Times also reported that just a day earlier, the World Health Organization (WHO) had declared that "all known chains of transmission have been stopped in West Africa" after Liberia joined Sierra Leone and Guinea in going six weeks with no reported new cases.

According to news.com.au, so far more than 100 contacts (people who had been in contact with the woman who died) have been identified. Of the more than 100 people identified, 28 of them are at high risk. The woman had sought outpatient medical attention on Jan. 6 and died Jan. 12. The new case confirmed on Jan. 20 is a 38-year-old woman, a relative who had helped cared for the earlier victim.

"El Chapo" behind same bars he escaped, with more security

MEXICO – The Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman who was recaptured six months after he escaped from a maximum-security prison is being taken back to the same one. Mexican Attorney General Ariely Gomez, who spoke Jan. 8 at a ceremony at Mexico City's airport, said that the drug lord was being taken back to Antiplano, a prison located in the southern half of Mexico.

Mexican authorities have taken more measures to make sure that Guzman doesn't break out for a third time. According to a report in the *El Universal* newspaper, Guzman is not kept in the same cell for long and is moved every few hours.

During his first five nights of incarceration, he was transferred seven times. The prison installed 400 new cameras throughout the prison. There are also guards under orders to record Guzman at all times by following him while wearing helmet-mounted cameras.

Thousands of babies in Brazil born with brain damage due to Zika virus

BRAZIL – Some 3,500 babies have been born in Brazil with microcephaly, a birth defect that has been linked to the Zika virus. A mosquito-borne virus, it arrived in Latin America last year and has affected approximately 1.5 million people in Brazil alone.

To adults and children, the virus only causes a mild reaction. Symptoms include itchy rashes, fever, and conjunctivitis. Most patients make it through infections with no symptoms at all. However, the virus is a completely different story for newborns. The virus restricts the size of babies' brains and skulls in an incurable rare condition.

Researchers announced recently that they have identified traces of the Zika virus in the placentas of Brazilian children born with microcephaly, reported CNN.

This has led Brazilian health authorities to declare a state of emergency in late December 2015.

In the church around the world

Michigan Nazarene church responds to Flint water crisis

FLINT, MICH. – In the midst of the crisis, the West Flint Church of the Nazarene has been working to meet needs, according to NCN News.

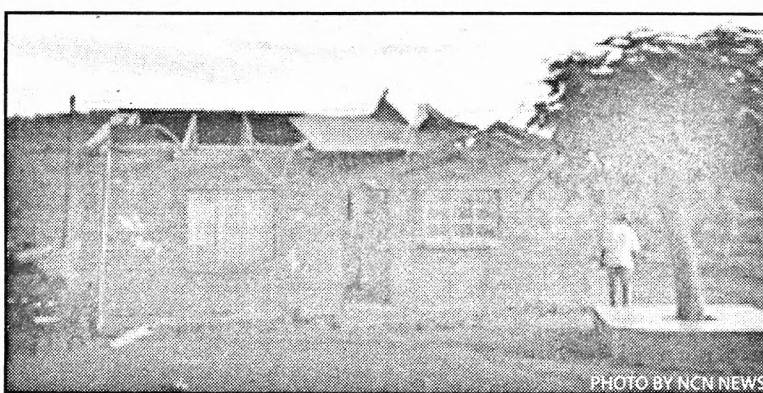
"The immediate need is bottled water," said David Bowser, pastor of the church. The church already took 2,200 cases of water to one of the most affected areas.

Government officials have advised bottled water for drinking, cooking and bathing. "A family could easily go through two to three cases of water a day and not even bathe," Bowser said.

This is not the first time that West Flint has responded during a crisis.

"When [Hurricane] Katrina hit, this church adopted New Orleans First Church of the Nazarene in the 9th ward and helped rebuild that church," Bowser said.

Government officials are involved in long-term fixes, but for now, "the church has to continue to respond," Bowser said.



The Taung Church of the Nazarene in South Africa sustained major wind damage in a recent heavy storm last month. (NCN News)

South African Nazarene church majorly wind damaged

SOUTH AFRICA – The Taung Church of the Nazarene in South Africa was heavily damaged last month when a storm took the roof off the church building and parsonage. No injuries were sustained, according to NCN News.

Constance Mohlongo, the church's

pastor, tried to save some of the damaged material.

The church still worships in the building and is praying that God will provide means for a roof soon, so as to avoid further damage from rain.

Kenneth Moeyen, superintendent of North Central District in South Africa, is working with Masahangu Maluleka, Africa South field strategy coordinator, to respond to the needs of this church.

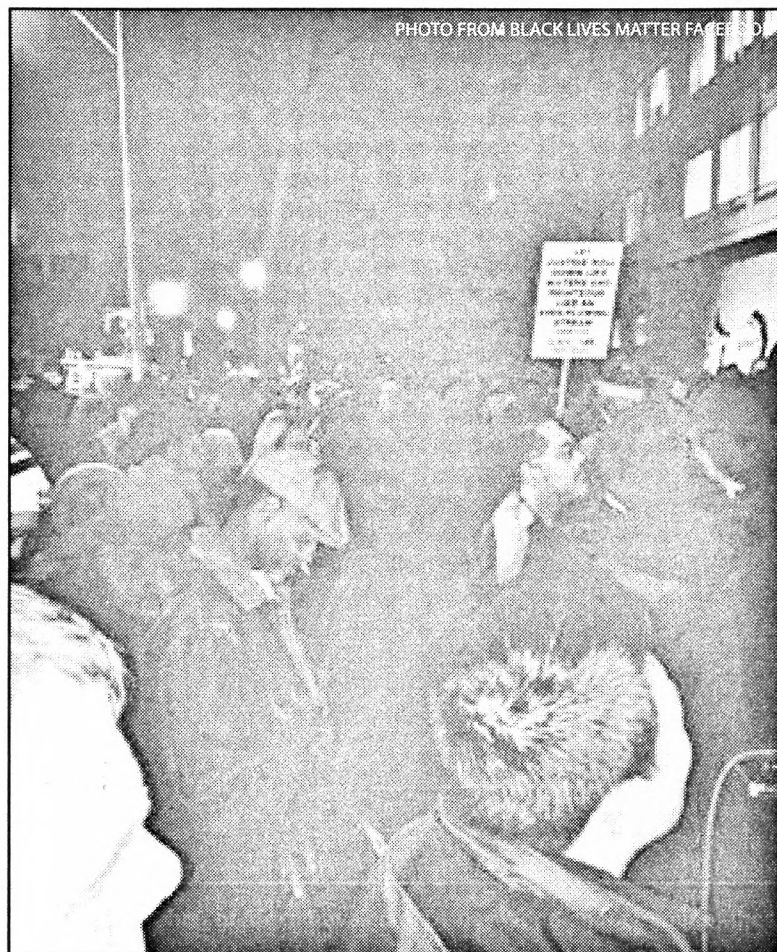
New Zealand Nazarene pastor suddenly passes away

NEW ZEALAND – The sudden passing on Jan. 24 of Pastor Vipul Kharat has left the New Zealand District and the Asia-Pacific Region at a loss. Kharat suffered a heart attack and passed away almost instantly. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne, and his 12-year-old son, Sameer, according to NCN News.

Vipul was the pastor of the All Nations Church of the Nazarene in Auckland, New Zealand, for 23 years. When he came to the church as a newly married 28-year-old pastor, it was a congregation with little diversity. After his arrival, the church was transformed into a "vibrant, multicultural congregation, which in turn has given birth to several other language-driven congregations," NCN News reported.

Services will be held Jan. 29 and 30. Kharat's family requests prayer for immediate family, as well as the All Nations congregation.

Team World Vision Leaders urge for racial justice in Chicago



"6 O'Clock Prayer is an invitation to join others in a unified prayer effort at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. wherever you may be," the group's Facebook page description said.

Nathan DiCamillo

Life & Culture Editor

Twenty years in the West Side of Chicago. Ten years of running for Team World Vision (TWV), raising money for clean water in Africa. Seven years learning under Reverend Clarence Hilliard, who marched with Martin Luther King, Jr. Three years of being a part-time leader of TWV. Tim Hoekstra has a history of advocating for social justice.

When Quintonio Legrier was killed by police on Dec. 26, 2015, it first came to Hoekstra's attention as another black death caused by police brutality in Chicago. Not until later did he realize that Quintonio had ran for TWV in 2013.

Legrier was part of the first TWV team to come out from Brooks College Preparatory High School in west side Chicago. Since then, a team from Brooks has ran in 2014 and 2015.

When TWV leaders found out about Legrier's death, Rusty Funk, who heads up TWV's global 6k run (the average distance some African children have to walk to get water), began a GoFundMe account that raised \$15,000 before Legrier's funeral.

Between Christmas and New Years, TWV leaders had a candlelight vigil for Legrier.

Hoekstra and other TWV leaders were involved in protests and prayer and candlelight vigils before Legrier's death.

After one prayer vigil, Hoekstra laid awake all night long.

"God was calling me to invite people to join in prayer for social justice," Hoekstra said.

The 6 o'clock prayer movement was started. Using the #6oclockprayer, Hoekstra invited his friends on social media to pray for social justice at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. every day.

Through his work in Chicago, Hoekstra has identified a number of issues relating to police and racial profiling in the city.

"Government systems hide the racism embedded in it," Hoekstra said. "It is bent towards people with easy access, financially to all that they need. Poorer neighborhoods that tend to be African American and probably also Latino lack basic resources: job opportunities, basic services, business development, better access to healthier foods, and on and on we could go."

Hoekstra has also seen the relationship between Chicago police and the people in the community erode.

"It's become distrustful. They no longer know one another," Hoekstra said.

Hoekstra said that the police used to meet, on unofficial business, with

people in the community face-to-face more often.

"If you don't rub shoulders with the people you're policing, you begin to make a lot of assumptions about them," Hoekstra said.

The pastor credits part of what he has done to the influence of his mentor, Reverend Clarence Hilliard who marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. By "submitting [himself] under black leadership," Hoekstra was able to "humbly ... learn" about the issues facing the black community in Chicago, according to a Facebook post made on Jan. 16.

Hoekstra met Hilliard in 1998 and learned under him until Hilliard's death in 2005. Hoekstra's church, Suburban Life Community Church, and Hilliard's church, Austin Corinthian Baptist Church, had several monthly gatherings throughout the years.

In turn, Hoekstra has taught other TWV leaders about the issues Chicago faces.

"I have learned a lot more about the issues after learning under him," Josh Folkerts, Chicago Area Coordinator for the full and half Chicago marathon said. "Tim has been passionate about racial reconciliation for the majority of his life."

'Pause' for revival

Busic returns as guest speaker

Evan Sherar

Staff Writer

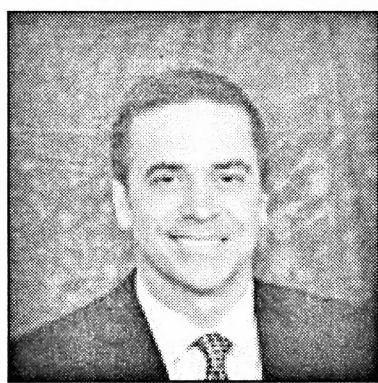
In prayerful preparation for Winter Revival, Holcomb said he wants students to keep in mind that revival is both corporate and personal. "Certainly David's prayer, 'Search me, O God,'" Holcomb suggested, referring to Psalm 139. "We want God to speak to us as a community."

Revival is one of Olivet's most cherished campus traditions. This year's Winter Revival will be no exception. Dr. David Busic will be speaking in special chapel services Feb. 1-3, as well as at special revival services at College Church of the Nazarene.

Busic was a revival speaker at Olivet four years ago when he spoke about God's Kingdom, according to Chaplain Mark Holcomb. "He's a really good communicator, a really good story-teller," Holcomb said.

In 2013, Busic was elected as a general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene. Previously, he had been pastor of First Church of the Nazarene near Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla. He was also briefly the president of Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. from 2011 until he was elected to his current position.

"We try to develop about eight speakers that we keep in rotation because we'd like every student to hear them at least once while they're here," Holcomb said about returning

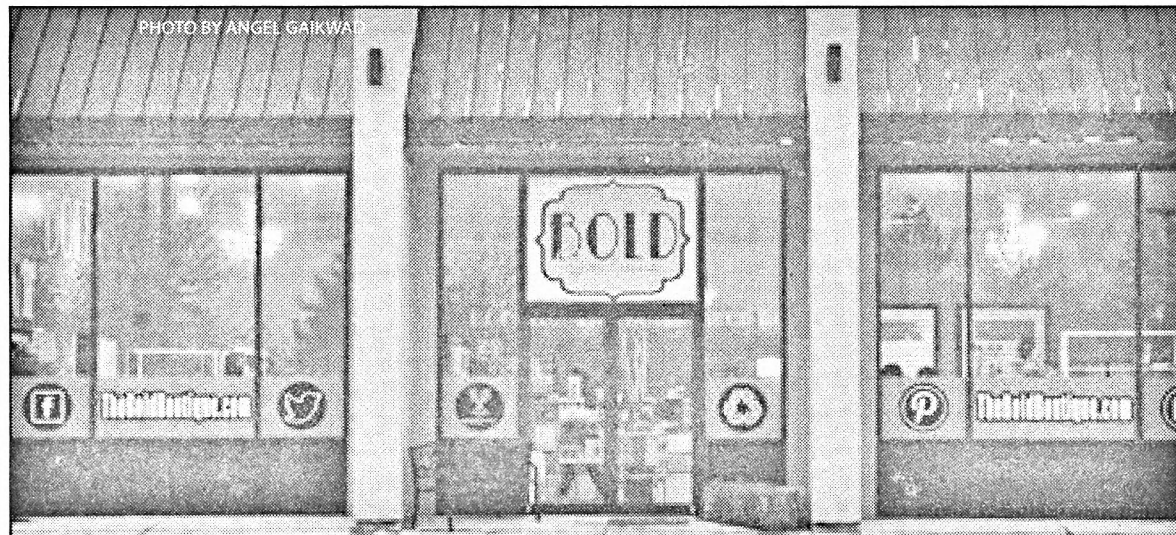


campus revival speakers. "[Busic] is one of those."

"Revival is kind of an anomaly," Holcomb said. "We don't really ask them to speak on a theme." Other speakers are asked to speak as contributors to the overall theme for each semester, which for this semester is "LIFE together." "Revival is kind of a pause," he said.

While Holcomb does not know what Busic might be speaking about, students can expect that his preaching will incorporate stories. Busic has written two books: "Perfectly Imperfect," which tells the stories of God's work with various characters in the Old and New Testament.

Holcomb encourages students to pray for College Church, since revival is done in partnership with them. Revival services at College Church are Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. and Feb. 1-3 at 7 p.m.



The Bold Boutique along with other Bourbonnais businesses such as Pink Frog Boutique and Sprinkles and Confetti recently closed for business.

New shops open as local stores close

Jada Fisher

Staff Writer

A handful of known local businesses have ceased operation recently. Though for some, new establishments and concepts are on the horizon for 2016 and beyond.

Kankakee's former Kmart location on East Court Street and small Bourbonnais businesses including The Bold Boutique, Sprinkles and Confetti, and Pink Frog Boutique have bid customers goodbye. In coming months, construction of the "old Kmart" property will begin, the Daily Journal reported.

By early 2017, Ricky Rockets Fuel Center will open its doors in the space, owner Rick Heidner told the Daily Journal, along with Steak N Egger restaurant and other eateries.

The 24-hour, 1950s-inspired Steak N Egger will neighbor the fuel center. It is family owned with more than 50 years in business and six current locations.

According to the Daily Journal, Ricky Rockets will employ about 20

full- and part-time workers, but with other restaurants nearly 30 or 40 job openings could be available.

While some new businesses are in bloom, others have shut their doors for the last time this month, including The Bold Boutique. The local retailer sold cruelty-free cosmetics, health and fitness products, jewelry, accessories and bath and body products.

In the days before closing, The Bold Boutique team informed VIP members via e-mail with "heavy hearts" of the store's closing and going out of business sale.

"It's always been incredibly hard for small businesses to compete with the big box stores, and now it is increasingly harder to compete with online stores with so many offering free shipping," said Bold owner, Jennifer Lovell.

The Bold Boutique will soon make a new home online. Currently, the website is "undergoing a major face-lift," but is set to relaunch in March, Lovell said.

For Lovell, her clientele and em-

ployees will be missed. "My employees were like family to me," she said.

Olivet junior, Breanna Fowler worked at Bold for a year and a half. "Being an environmental science major, it felt good to be a part of something that promoted the well-being of ourselves and our planet," she said.

"Will we ever reopen? No plans as of now, but 'never say never' right?" Lovell said.

The little shop of all things sweet on Main Street, Sprinkles and Confetti closed its doors on the same day as Bold.

Sprinkles and Confetti specialized in cupcakes, cakes, candy, bouquets and balloon arrangements.

Pink Frog Boutique closed down late last year but also plans to open an online storefront. The retailer had a three year run merchandising jewelry, handbags, accessories and handmade décor, tutus and bows.

The owners assured customers via Facebook that they will still participate in Kankakee Farmers' Market as well as fulfill custom orders.

Poisonous disaster

Tap water in Flint classified undrinkable, unusable

Heather Halverson
Copy Editor

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Crisis in Flint, Michigan is evident, although many are unaware of how or why crisis occurred. Over 21,000 homes have been recipients of aid in response to the undrinkable tap water, according to the Michigan government's website.

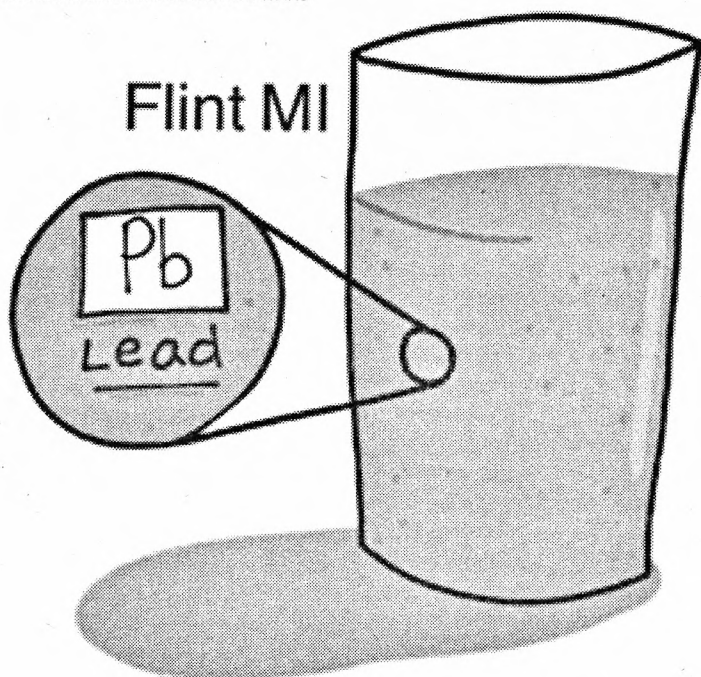
The Department of Environmental Quality classified the water undrinkable due to detected levels of lead. This was supported by the discovery of high levels of lead found in children's blood by one doctor's confirmed investigations. Effects of lead can be illness and developmental problems in youth.

How did this happen?

CNN reported that the water source for Flint was temporarily switched to the Flint River and, despite some indications of the corrosiveness of the water, it was still used and proceeded to corrode some of the lead pipes in older homes' plumbing. This left many in the city of Flint and surrounding area with a poisoned water supply.

Not only did that mean water problems, but corroded pipes as well. With so many people unable to drink or wash with their tap water, Governor Rick Snyder of Flint declared a state of emergency for the county on Jan. 9, which was then echoed by President Barak Obama Jan. 16—the county was allowed up to \$5 million in aid.

Olivet junior Jordan Loudermilk spoke on what the "loud voices" are saying in regards to the crisis as opposed to the "normal people." "Yes, the water has some major problems with it but it is my opinion



that the situation is being escalated and shown as a much larger problem because of politics," Loudermilk said. He also acknowledged the problem, but added that old hoses are the ones most effected, not all.

In response to many loud political voices, on Tuesday, Jan. 19, Snyder spoke to the Michigan congress in his State of the State address. According to Michigan government's website, his action plan spans from numerous short term to long-term solutions.

Sophomore Micah Foreshee lives within 15 miles of the crisis area. "Generally, [the situation is] still pretty awful," he said. It's a "complex, very expensive problem."

Foreshee and Loudermilk both mentioned the extensive media coverage making the politics of the issue very complex and escalated. Forshee said that the demand of the governor's resignation is a bit of an extreme reaction.

"It's sad that the only thing bringing attention to the matter is someone seeing the chance to score some political points," Loudermilk said.

With that in mind, there have been great movements to aid the citizens of Flint. One page on GoFundMe has achieved \$30,936 of a new \$40,000 goal in 10 days.

Responses have been great in number and loud in protest over this growing political debate. The mayor released over 250 emails regarding the issue becoming more transparent, but many still wish to see his position terminated. From here, funds will be used to address medical needs, install filters, and provide more bottled water.

After Chaplain Holcomb's announcement in chapel Wednesday, students will hopefully hear more on how they can help soon.

Flooding in Howe Hall temporarily displaces students

Kelli Poole
Staff Writer

Residents of Howe Hall came back to campus after Christmas Break to a startling discovery – their rooms had flooded. Director of Physical Plant Matt Whitis said that the flooding was caused by a leak in a large tank that was used for storing hot water.

"We were notified in the early morning and had it cleaned up by that afternoon," Whitis said. "All rooms had their carpets cleaned while we extracted the water [and we] had fans and dehumidifiers in until the building was completely dry."

Sophomore Marriah Peebles, a resident of Howe Hall, came back to campus two weeks early in go to London with the marching band and was one of the first ones back in the building.

"When I walked in they had everything covered up and everything in rooms were lifted up on stilts," Peebles said. She said that anything that could be put on top of something was put in the bathroom.

"Mine is the second room all the way almost to the end of the hall and it went past my room so the room next to mine even got soaked," Peebles said. "I don't really know how much water there was, but I'm assuming there was a lot considering how far it went."

Having a flooded room also means having to throw damaged items away. Peebles said that she did not get any water damage on her own personal items, but she did have to throw away two pairs of her roommate's boots because they had mold on them.

"I've heard that more [residents] had to throw away more items," Peebles said. "Some [residents] had to throw away food and then some had to

Everyone's pretty much moved back in; complaining, but moving back in.
- Sophomore Marriah Peebles

throw away clothing. I think one person said that they even had to throw away blankets and vacuums and stuff like that."

Peebles' roommate, sophomore Macy Myer said, "I don't really want any of the stuff in there that's cloth because the way that mold works is that once it's already popped up, it spreads to other stuff really easily, so even if it didn't have mold on it, it still has the spores and stuff in it. So I was just going to try to get rid of everything; everything smells."

As most of the water was gone before classes resumed, there were not very many students who were relocated. Peebles and Myer said that they were relocated to the Oaks apartments so that the mold spores would not cause Peebles' allergies to flare up. Another pair of roommates were also relocated to the Oaks, but Peebles said that they were planning on relocating anyway.

As for everyone else, Peebles said, "Everyone's pretty much moved back in; complaining, but moving back in."

Myer and Peebles are unsure of when and if they will move back in. Olivet is planning on offering reimbursements to Howe Hall residents for personal belongings that were damaged in the flooding.

Pope Francis publishes first book, clarifies 'Who am I to judge?'

Taylor Provost
News Editor

Pope Francis publishes first book – clarifies "Who am I to judge?" quote and more

Nearly two and a half years after his famous "Who am I to judge?" comment regarding homosexual Christians, Pope Francis clarifies his comment in his new first book published as Pope, "The Name of God is Mercy," along with addressing other topics relating to mercy and compassion.

"If they accept the Lord and have goodwill, who am I to judge them? They shouldn't be marginalized. The tendency [to homosexuality] is not the problem ... they're our brothers," the Holy Father said in an off-the-cuff 2013 interview. Earlier this month he added on to his statement, "before all else comes the individual person, in his wholeness and dignity."

The Pope continues this tone in "The Name of God is Mercy," and while he suggests no doctrinal changes, he "urges that the church take a welcoming approach to all — embracing understanding, tolerance and compassion," according to the New York Times.

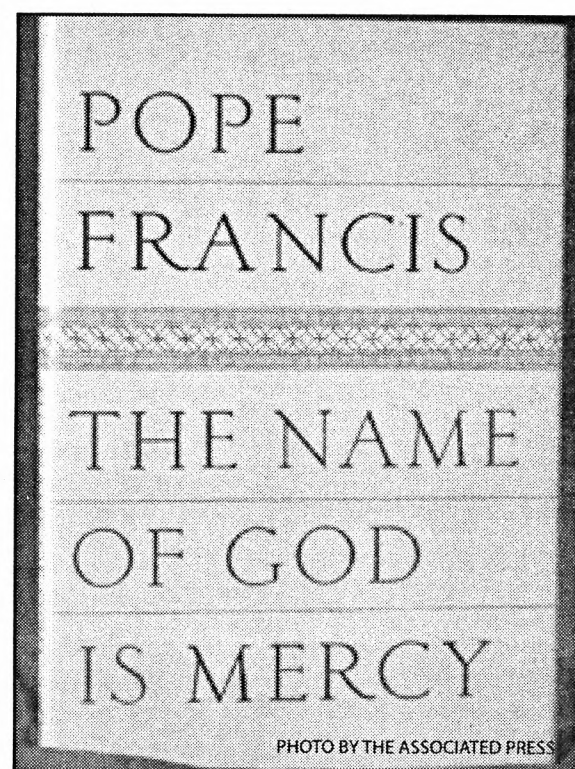
Currently, while the church is not open and affirming of the LGBT community, the tone of the church is

changing, largely due to Francis' message of love, according to Father Mario Quejadas of St. Walter in Roselle, Ill. and former pastor of St. Martin of Tours in Kankakee. Quejadas said that Pope Francis has changed the long-held perception that acts cannot be separated from the person.

"Studies have shown that for many years the gay community has not found a home in the church for many reasons, particularly the church teaching that homosexual acts are 'intrinsically disordered,'" Quejadas said. "We [the church] have not been good in distinguishing this doctrine because our behavior as a community did not separate the act from the person."

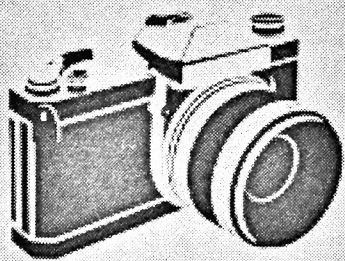
"All of us are sinners. If we seek to be Christ disciples, we are still sinners — loved sinners!" Quejadas added. "In Christ, mercy has a pre-eminent role and ministry. All of us are sinners. All are invited to find a home in His heart, sinners and saints. We are loved and forgiven first before we are changed. The Pope's statement about the gay community is a breath of fresh air!"

The Holy Father's new book can be found at Barnes and Noble, as well as other major retailers.



Pope Francis' book, "The Name of God is Mercy," marks the first time the pope has put his name on a book since his papacy. Themes focus on mercy, his papacy and the Holy Year, according to The Associated Press.

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Segregated housing

An uncomfortable history close to home

Taylor Provost

News Editor

In 2012, a census data study showed that segregation in cities has decreased across the nation, with Chicago experiencing major declines. However, the same study found that Chicago is still the most racially segregated city in the U.S.

The study, conducted by the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, compared current data with statistics from the 1960s.

"During those years, the fight against housing segregation seemed to offer the possibility that once the races mixed more readily, all would be well. Forty years later, we know that this dream was a myth," the study concluded. "There is every reason to relish the fact that there is more freedom in housing today than 50 years ago... [but] while the decline in segregation remains good news, far too many Americans still lack the opportunity to achieve meaningful success."

Despite the Fair Housing Act of 1968 prohibiting discrimination concerning the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin and sex, could the same be true of Kankakee? Long-time local landlord Gene Hartness, 78, seems to think so.

Hartness began leasing rental properties in 1967, just one year prior to the Fair Housing Act. The first property he bought was in Kankakee.

The area, which was a few blocks east of the Courthouse on the corner of Greenwood Ave. and Chestnut St., began to become more integrated ra-

cially, Hartness said. The area had previously been predominantly white, he said, up until a large flood Kankakee suffered in 1957.

Many white people fled the area following the flood, selling their homes, according to Hartness. This is when Kankakee began to see an influx of integrated housing.

"Each year there would be more blacks and fewer whites," Hartness said. "We ran an ad for the house [in the newspaper], and it sounded really nice in the ad, but then when white people would come and look at it they'd say 'that's a really nice house, I just wish it were somewhere else.'"

Eventually, in 1975, Hartness traded that property for a property in Bourbonnais, but a racial divide persisted.

Hartness' wife, Barbra, recalled a fear of losing tenants in the Bourbonnais property if she were to rent to another black tenant, which would have made the property all black.

"I told her [a black woman], 'I have no problem with you living there, but the other [surrounding] tenants will move out if the property is no longer integrated,'" Barbra said. "Living through that time, I wasn't prejudiced, but I knew lots of people that were, and it was just a fact of life that we lived with," she added.

An Illinois 2009 report by the Institute of Government and Public Affairs confirmed that Kankakee remains highly segregated. According to the report, Kankakee rated a 66.5 on the dissimilarity index, an index that "has a theoretical range from 0 (no segregation) to 100 (complete segregation)."

Robert Petrinc, director of Oak

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- Barbara Hartness

Park code enforcement in 1996 noted in a 1996 Daily Journal article that a major cause for the deterioration of Kankakee is the disproportionate placement of Kankakee county subsidized housing recipients.

"It is my understanding that the county of Kankakee has placed all subsidized housing recipients within the city limits of Kankakee," Petrinc said in the Daily Journal article, "The governing body of the city of Kankakee must do whatever it can to reverse this situation."

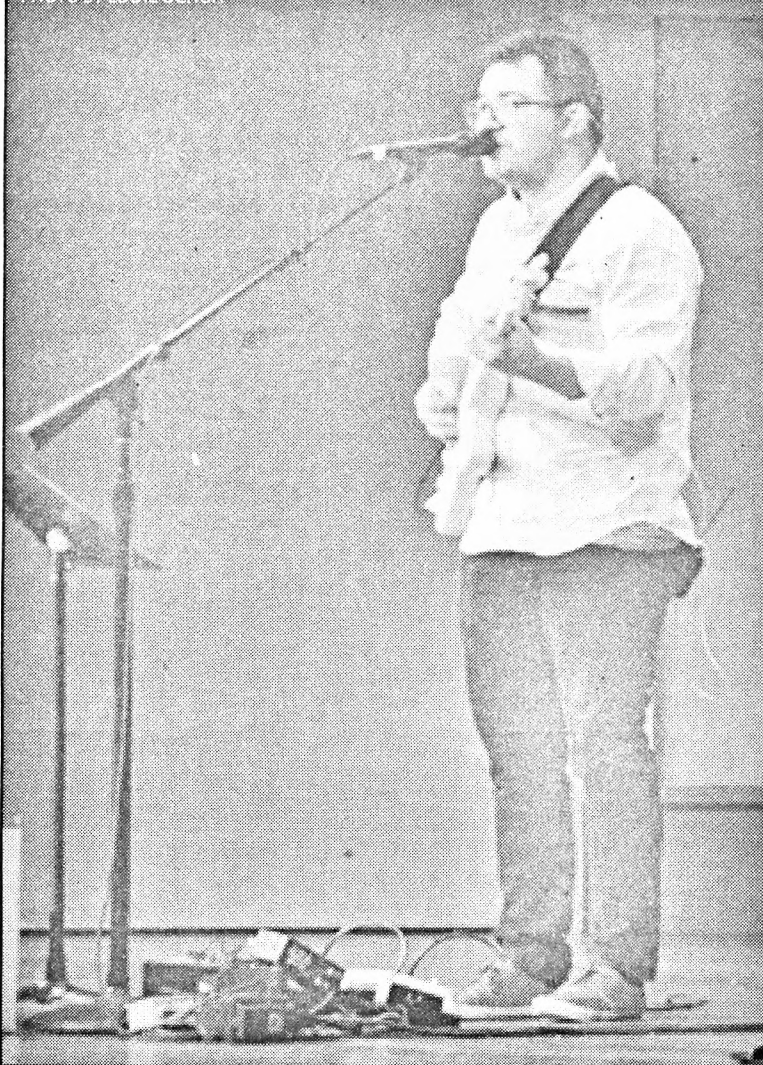
Petrinc emphasized the importance of scattering subsidized households.

"It is a well-established fact that communities are best served when racial and economic diversity exist," he said.

The 2009 IGPA report echoed similar sentiments.

"From the standpoint of race relations, segregated neighborhoods do little to help break down racial tensions and negative attitudes... 30 Social scientists have shown that contact between groups is an important way to reduce negative inter-group attitudes."

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Chapel worship leader Joey Ramirez has been sharing his songs in chapel for the past three years.

'Music is a way of feeling at peace'

Nicole Pilbeam

Sports Editor

From trying to impress his eighth grade crush to encouraging and deepening the student body's faith in chapel, songwriting has been a way for chapel worship leader Joey Ramirez to express what's on his heart.

"I just wrote a lot of melodies and little phrases that I would sing to; I realized if I could write poetry I could probably write songs too, I always made little ditties in my head but never wrote words down so I tried to do that and started dabbling," Ramirez said.

Ramirez's success in songwriting began about three years ago: the first time one of his songs played in chapel. Close after the release of his first song, ONU students and staff were looking to download Ramirez's work to have for themselves.

"Around that time, I started to realize people were enjoying what was happening. Everything started happening right off the bat, which I thought was pretty cool but also kind of scary," Ramirez said.

Unfortunately, his songs are unavailable to download while new pieces are in the process of being created.

For Ramirez, his writing serves as a personal journal, a prayer journal and a songwriting book. All of the work he creates comes from life experiences, thoughts, relationships, devotions, prayers and conversations that he is involved with personally. Throughout his songs, Ramirez challenges and encourages not only himself but also those who are listening to his songs. Emotions act as a connection between the writing of the songs and the audience because most of the listeners have felt the same love, anger, sadness and joy.

"Whenever life is happening is when songwriting happens. Honestly, it is easier to write when things are harder, when heavy things are happen-

ing, because there is a lot of things I'm trying to process and make work. Music is a way of feeling at peace in the midst of chaos for me," Ramirez said.

Using his talent to connect with the Olivet community has been "cool, relieving and enjoyable," but the job also has some weight to it. "It makes me always focus on what I am writing down," Ramirez said. "I don't ever want to lead people astray, so I don't ever want to make the songs confusing... super mystical or whimsical. I want them to be straightforward and packed with as much truth as possible. For me that is a burden."

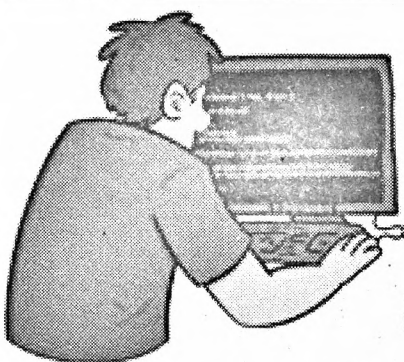
Throughout the past four years Ramirez has had countless people that have cheered him on and encouraged him in his writing. One faculty member that contributes to Ramirez's success is Chaplain Mark Holcomb.

"Chaplain Holcomb has helped me develop this. He is the one molding the themes, so when it comes to having conversations for chapel I wait for him to say keywords to write and create what needs to happen for next semester," Ramirez said.

Currently Ramirez and Holcomb are working on organizing chapel for next semester. When preparing content for next semester Holcomb creates a central theme and Ramirez writes songs with that particular theme in mind. Throughout his busy schedule, Ramirez contributes at least one day a week to sit down and work on his writing.

"That doesn't mean that they are going to be for chapel or anything. I just set a time aside to just write," Ramirez said.

Keeping his listener's hearts in his mind, Ramirez is challenged every time he writes. He added: "I always want to write something better than the last one to challenge myself to be a better writer. I don't ever want to let this community down."



Get with the programming

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Students place 15 in national computer science competition

Mariah Garratt

Advertisement Coordinator

Kitchen measurements, costume changes at a dance recital, and rearranging mosaic pieces. They sound like non-related items on a grade school teacher's to-do list, but they are actually intricate programming problems designed for a battle of intellect.

On Nov. 7, a programming team from Olivet performed engaged in a battle of intellect at the International Colligate Programming Contest (ICPC). In keeping with tradition, Olivet sent a team of three programmers: senior engineering major Aaron Hartke, junior computer programming major Joe Melsha, and senior computer science major Zach Rivett. Despite the fact that the programming Tigers rivaled larger schools, such as Northwestern and U of I, the trio placed 15 of 155 teams overall.

The trio was assigned to the University of Chicago, one location of eight, all participating simultaneously. Their site hosted the most competitive pool of programmers, with 10 of the 35 teams placing in the top 10 percent regionally. With several of the big league schools submitting five or six

teams, the Tigers became underdogs.

The trio didn't go into the competition with intentional preparation under their belts. While many participants were intent on trying to cram in any last-minute information that might be relevant, Melsha "went and got a soda."

All three gentlemen named previous studies and course-work sufficient for competing at ICPC. Computer Science professor Cathy Bareiss added that a number of contestants from major universities take special courses, designed specifically to prepare them for ICPC.

The contest was nine questions to be solved within 5 hours. The ONU Tigers ended up correctly answering six. No team executed all nine, according to the ICPC website. Every time a team answered a question correctly a balloon was tied to their desk. That way, Rivett explained, you could look around the room and see how far each team had gotten in answering the questions.

The problems were all the algorithms necessary to decipher the solution. The team would then translate their findings to the judges via a stream of precise code.

"There's a lot of 'fluff' in the problems they give you," explained Dr. Bareiss. "Your first step is to find out how to eliminate all that 'fluff' information. Then you can start to work on solving the actual question."

The point of the entire competition is to make connections within the information, quickly. The trio came in with a "divide and conquer" strategy. Hartke began working through the final questions while Rivett started at the beginning. Melsha aided in answering the problems, but also took charge of programming all of the teams' answers.

"The coding part was easy because we had Joe," Hartke said. He explained that working through the math and finding an appropriate algorithm was more difficult.

Melsha has eight years of experience working in the programming world already. He expressed that there is great weight behind the questions asked through ICPC and other programming competitions. Melsha stressed that if computer scientists fail to continue leading and advancing algorithms, the world would be missing out on some of this generation's biggest achievements.

The Big Chill



Karaoke was the main event at the back to school party Jan. 15. The brave signed up for a song and stood to serenade the crowd.

Chalfant filled up quickly as friends took over the tables to catch up after the long break, play board games and listen to slightly-off tune vocalists.



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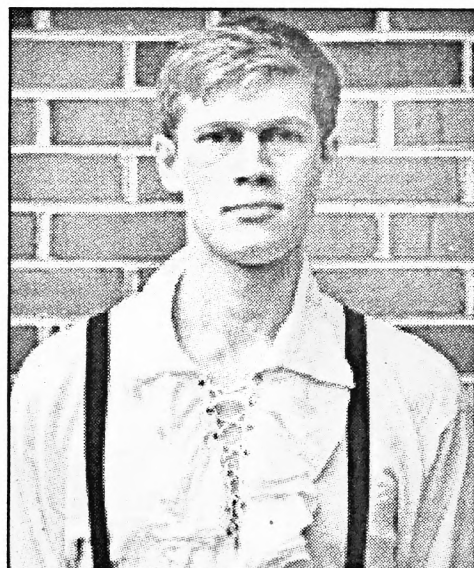
Experience 'A Night Among the Stars' with Mr. ONU Friday

MacKenzie Mehaffey
Staff Writer

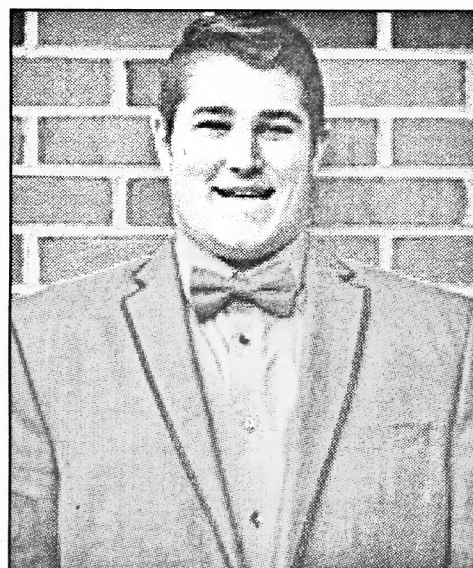
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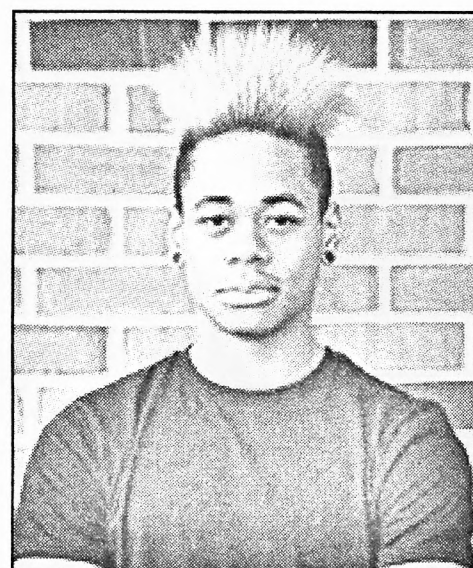
Misael Jovany Lopez Garcia is a freshman who has a passion for art and people. His spirit animal is a Mexican Chihuahua, because you can always find him yapping with friends. Jovany believes every guy at Olivet deserves the title of Mr. ONU. He said, "You have to give smiles to your friends and provide happiness. You can't give what you don't have." Jovany is currently working on the world's most amazing Dr. Bowling fan site. He is a taco enthusiast. He humbly believes he is underserving of the title of Mr. ONU, but will represent the school well if he wins.



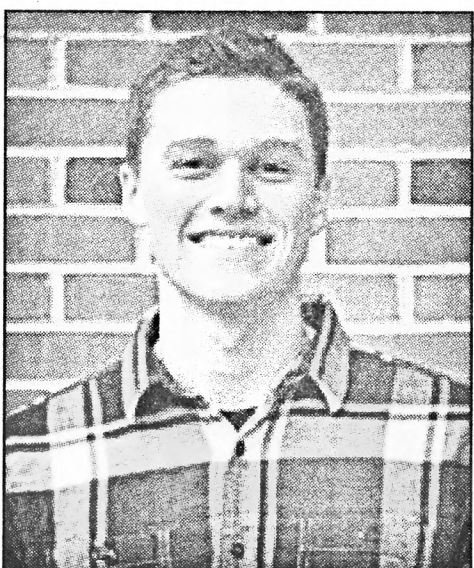
"When I was born at a young age, I dreamed of being third runner up in Mr. ONU." Daniel Kurz is running a campaign based on friendship, cats and adults. Daniel's talents include snapping, bagging groceries and juggling three balls (nothing more, nothing less). He believes he is better than the other candidates because he is marginally taller than Dakota Moon, but besides that he is worse. To prepare for Mr. ONU, he is withholding from wrestling bears. In his free time, Daniel enjoys tithing and reading Chaplain Holcomb's E-Vo's. He channels his spirit animal, a possum, when riding bikes, but he tries not to ride bikes.



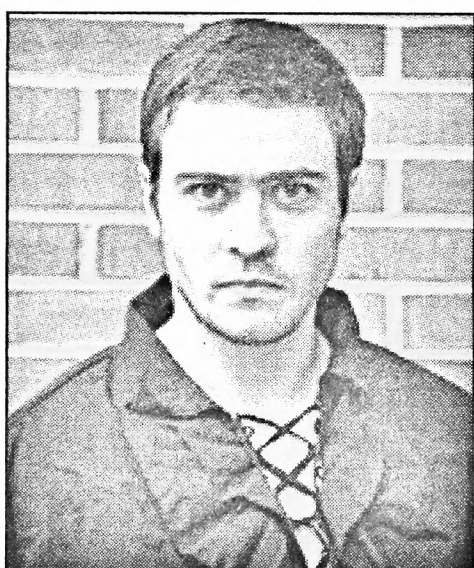
The first thing you should know about Brendan (Bren-Dawg) Moorehead is money. He is a strong supporter of money and everything that goes along with it. Brendan is a proud Eagle Scout, and uses that to impress all those who are not Eagle Scouts. He believes, "If you don't like breakfast food, you are communism." Bren-Dawg enjoys recipe swapping with Dr. Bowling and taking photographs of things. He would also like to add that Joey Ramirez is on his team, and Joey gives him his lucky charms. BrenMoney is a Starbucks Gold Member and his spirit animal is Balto. And money.



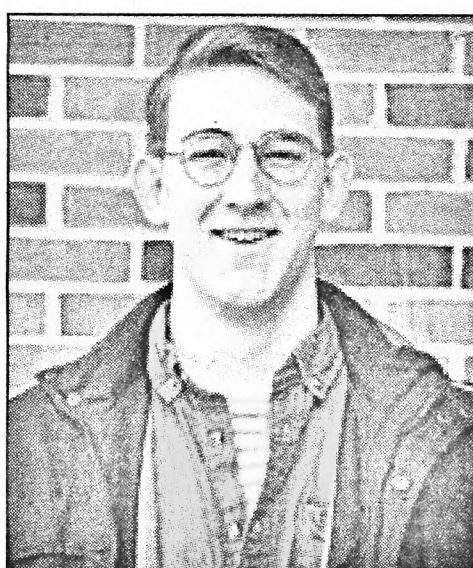
Coleman Sesson. Most know him as "the guy with the Mohawk on the cheer team that does all the awesome flips," but those close to Coleman know he is an artsy, people-loving dreamer. He is no stranger to the Mr. ONU stage, as he was featured during Mike Warner's talent portion in last year's Mr. ONU. When Cole is not working in the bookstore or at Olive Garden, he enjoys hanging out with friends and going on adventures. He never thought he would be nominated, but now he says, "I really want it, I want it so bad."



Landon Blake Martin. He may seem like an ordinary guy, but he has been called the most interesting man on campus. Landon has dreamed of being Mr. ONU for forever. This event is his lifetime peak. His talents include drumming and bagging groceries. In his free time, Landon enjoys basketball, medium walks on the beach — not long walks, and hanging out with friends. His spirit animal is "a bald eagle...because America." To prepare for Mr. ONU, Landon says, "I am buffing my dancing shoes. I'm going to do a lot of dancing and shaking. It's going to be fun."



"This is all off the record." Dakota Moon has been dreaming of becoming Mr. ONU for 30-40 years. He does not have a campaign slogan because, "In corporate America, if you limit yourself to one slogan, you're limiting yourself to one group of people. And that's off the record." Dakota likes to surround himself with people who can tie knots and set up camps, like Eagle Scouts. He believes he will win because he is average height, so people can focus on his charm, composure, and poise. Off the record, he is a song and dance man who claims he is, "very very very humble. I'm the most humble of all the candidates. And that's off the record."



While most see him as the man with the camera, there is a lot going on behind the lens. Grant Penrod has watched 16 Mr. ONU's in his lifetime as he has lived in the Olivet community his whole life, and now he believes it's his turn. He says, "I think it's a right of passage for me to win." Grant is a jolly green giant with humongous ears. His talents include carpentry, playing all brass instruments and floristry. To prepare for Mr. ONU, Grant is occasionally traveling to the 4th dimension, and working out in a space suit. Grant says, "Schmidt from New Girl is my spirit animal, because I used to be chubby." All in all, he's an "out of this world" guy.



Ever since he was a wee lad, Sayer Smith has dreamed of becoming Mr. ONU. He believes it is time for a southerner, like himself, to own the title. Sayer is a cheerleader, that delights in getting brunch with Bowling, happy hour with Holcomb, and dinner with DaaSilva. One of his many talents is lassoing women under 5'7", and cows. "I can dance really good if everyone closes their eyes." He outshines other candidates because he looks good in teal, and he looks more like Bumper from Pitch Perfect. He is practicing an all-you-can-eat diet because, "Life is a buffet. Eat it."

Festival of Ministries provides service opportunities

Brandon Grossi
Staff Writer

Some tables offered candy, most had fliers, but every station offered a unique opportunity for students to invest their time in something bigger.

On Jan. 19 and 20, Festival of Ministries celebrated over a dozen student-led ministry programs that operate here at Olivet Nazarene University.

Ministries are classified under Spiritual Life Ministries, a collection of student-led volunteer groups operating under the Associated Student Council

(ASC). Ministries are divided further into Outreach and Inreach Teams.

Outreach groups focus their energies outside of Olivet. This includes Compassionate Ministries, which provides food and clothing, Mission Possible students who leave campus to minister to inmates at the local prison, and Evangelists who visit residents of three local nursing homes.

Freshman Sarah O'Dell is a member of Urban Children's ministry, which focuses on reaching out to children in the area.

O'Dell fondly remembers the Christmas party the group held last year with the kids. There were activities and food, and two of the members ended up wrapped in toilet paper from head to toe.

Another outreach ministry on campus is HeArt, a ministry that connects art to God, member and freshman Elizabeth Sinning said.

Members of HeArt offer art lessons the community at local churches and schools while sharing God's love.

Other outreach ministries include

Disciplers, Best Buddies, Habitat for Humanity, and Life Support.

On the other end of the spectrum are the Inreach Ministries, which focus more on student life. These are Party With Jesus, a contemporary worship service that meets in the warming house on Monday nights, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a group that also meets in the warming house once a week to play games and study the Bible.

Another Inreach ministry is Prayer Warriors. As their name might sug-

gest, Prayer Warriors meets in Kelly Prayer Chapel every Thursday at 9 p.m. to pray. They discuss prayer and different ways to practice it. Prayer Warriors also reaches out to other ministries on campus.

"We'll talk to other ministries on campus and talk about what they're trying to accomplish and we'll pray for them," freshman Austin Brown said.

If you are interested in learning more about a student-led ministry, visit the ASC office in Ludwig.

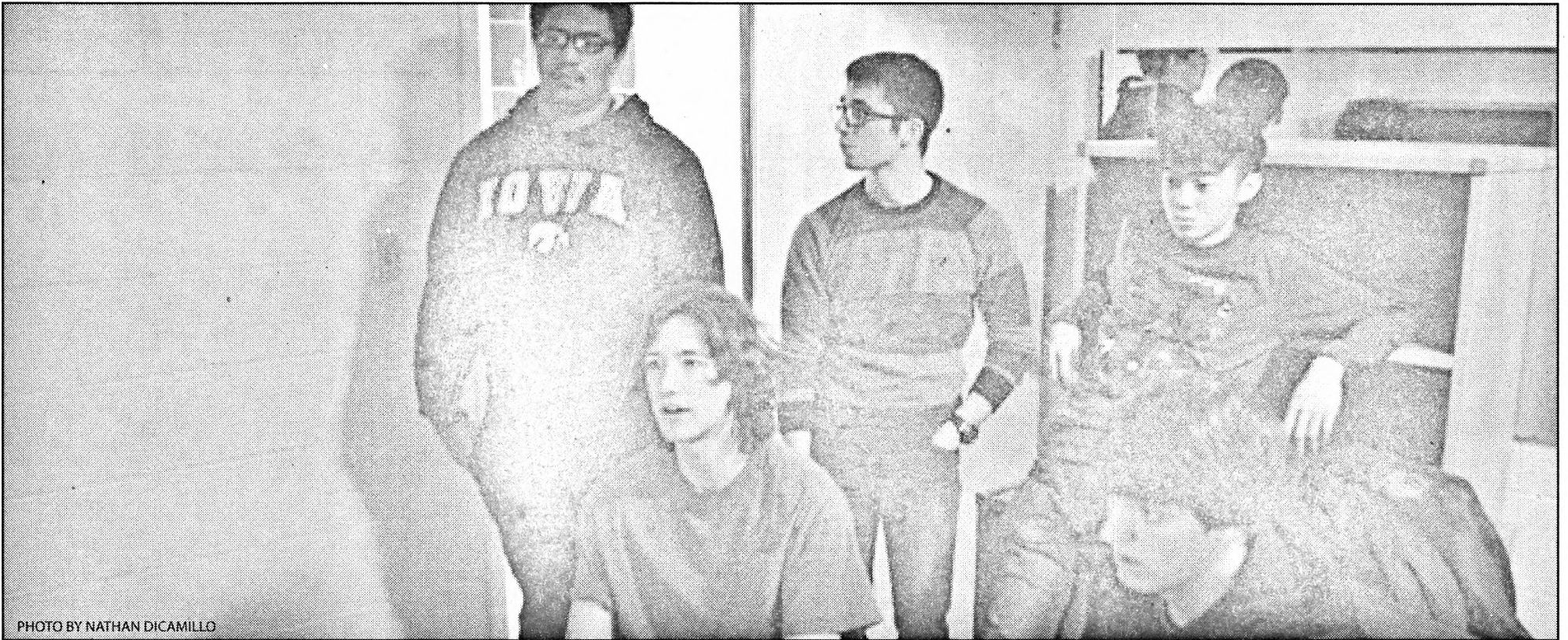


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Left to right: Freshman Julian Hobson, junior RA Riley Dale, freshman Kenny Peters, freshman Caleb Yip, and freshman Chase Brooks

A day in the life: RA style

Lauren Stancle

Assistant Editor

One-on-ones, room checks, floor events and floor dinner, Bible study, and “ridiculous shenanigans” (according to sophomore Liz Luginbill). This is the life of an RA.

At Olivet, being a resident assistant is the same as entering into a ministry. Olivet RA's are required to be consistent in their spiritual, social, and academic lives as well as help students do the same. They are not only in charge of enforcing rules and keeping students safe, but they are also expected to constantly engage and invest in their residents.

Luginbill, a first-year RA in Williams, felt called to be an RA in November of her freshman year but wrestled with the idea. “I didn’t say ‘yes’ to God until January. It was definitely on my heart and constantly on my mind,”

Luginbill said.

After transferring into Olivet her sophomore year, junior Allison Smith, first-year RA in Grand, knew residential life was something she wanted to be a part of. “That’s, like, the whole ministry—to be the hands and feet of Jesus,” Smith said.

Senior and former RA Emily Sauer described the ministry she did as an RA as continuous. Sauer, who worked in Williams and Howe, had peace when she stopped being an RA junior year.

“It’s exciting to think that it’s not done, even though a part of my calling was fulfilled,” Sauer said.

Junior Riley Dale, second-year RA, was inspired by his freshman year RA to apply to the position. For Dale, it was an opportunity to grow and be a part of something great. “There’s something about residents

and dorms... it’s like brothers,” Dale said. “Some of my residents from last year have become some of my best friends.”

To those students considering being an RA, third-year RA senior Kyle Johnston, who works in the Oakes, advises careful consideration.

“Pray about it a lot. And don’t do it because it’s a cool thing to do. Do it because it’s a good way to be used by the Lord,” Johnston said.

While being an RA is an opportunity, it is also a challenge.

Sauer noted that being an RA involves a lot of late nights.

“I would be grumpy in the morning because I didn’t get a lot of sleep and I’m not a morning person,” Sauer said. She would then go to classes, eat meals with her floor, and maybe go on random coffee date with a resident. “Unwinding was hanging out

with floors.” Then she would stay up late because of room checks and do homework when she got the chance. “I don’t think it’s much different than a normal college student except you know what you’re doing with your down time.”

Being an RA has pushed Dale to be more organized. “I am a very scheduled person, but I didn’t used to be,” Dale said. Being an RA, he now sets aside study blocks and times to hang out with people and uses sticky notes and online schedule. “Personally, the hardest part is setting aside time for yourself.” Keeping friendships outside of the dorm is also difficult, Dale said.

Second-year RA Hank Shuler, who works in Hills, has found enforcing rules as an RA to be trying at times. “I’d say the most difficult part of being an RA is everyone is not going to win and not everyone is going to get their

way, [but] rules are rules,” Shuler said. “It’s what’s best for the community.”

Although challenging, the RA position also has several rewards.

The friendships that become mutual are what’s most rewarding for Luginbill. “You’re not just pouring into them, they’re pouring into you,” Luginbill said.

Dale added that despite long nights and the occasional argument, “what you get out of it is worth so much more... I’ve benefitted just as much as they have.”

The RA position has given Johnston a “better understanding of leadership.” Johnston, who used to RA in Hills, has remained friends with several of his former residents. “It’s allowed me to love people a lot different than I am,” he said. “It’s rewarding to feel that God used me when He didn’t have to use me.”

Film review:

DiCaprio deserves Oscar for ‘The Revenant’

Jack White

Staff Writer

★★★½

Last year Alejandro G. Iñárritu made “Birdman or The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance” the best movie of 2014—in fact, the best movie of the decade so far. Following “Birdman” up with “The Revenant”

Iñárritu has done what few directors have ever done before and made two consecutive “best film of the year” films. “The Revenant” is a gripping technical marvel that deserves as many awards as people can throw at it.

“The Revenant” was directed and co-written by Alejandro G. Iñárritu, beautifully photographed by Emmanuel Lubezki, and starred Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hardy and Domhnall Gleeson. It tells the story of Hugh Glass (DiCaprio), a navigator with a group of hunters, who, after surviving a near fatal bear attack, is left for dead by a member of his team. Although it lacked mildly in plot, everything else is near perfect.

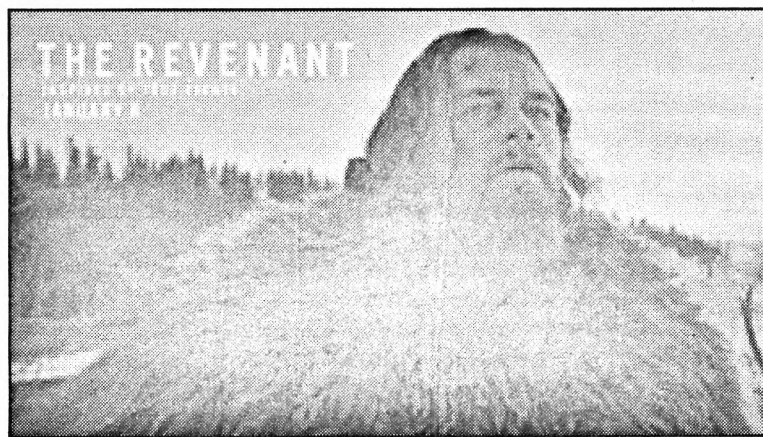
Let’s jump right in and talk Leonardo DiCaprio. It’s no secret that he has never won an Oscar. Drove of fans demand approval for his repetitive

mediocrity, and when actors who gave worthy performances win the award they deserve, then the public moans and complains. This has happened a lot recently, and I am of the opinion that Leo has not had an Oscar worthy performance in his entire career—until now.

The character of Hugh Glass does not put a lot of emphasis on dialogue; in fact the majority of his performance is dead silence or yelling in pain. He evoked more emotion than some actors do in speech heavy roles. He broke your heart in sad scenes, making you pray you would never feel the kind of pain he did. It was clear that Leo was dedicated. This was a career topper and by far the best performance of the year.

One of the most impressive aspects of his performance was his interaction with a CG bear. Due to worries of animal abuse and the possibility of actors being seriously harmed, animals are most often computer generated.

When DiCaprio fights a fake bear, it is the most impressive human/animation interaction I have seen since “Who Framed Roger Rabbit?” (a compliment). The realism of the creatures was impressive, even in a time where



most major releases feature heavy CG.

Any visual affects paled in comparison to the masterful cinematography that Emmanuel Lubezki gave us. This was the most beautifully photographed film I have ever gotten to see. This is his second consecutive collaboration with Iñárritu and was absolutely masterful.

This movie is heavy on natural lighting; almost the entire movie takes place outdoors. Everything looks beautifully real. The long continuous shots that this pair made so incredible in “Birdman” are used to put you right

into battle. The consideration put into every frame, the jaw dropping scenery, it was all perfect.

There was camera work that made me sincerely curious as to how it was made. If you are someone who enjoys photography, that interest alone is enough for you to love this movie.

As a movie, it can be hard to watch at times, both intentionally and unintentionally. Iñárritu does not pull any punches when it comes to portraying violence. There are arrows through the eye and body parts being chopped, and you see it. In the theatre I saw “The

Revenant,” there were loud, usually negative reactions during every battle scene.

It fits within the context of the movie and never feels out of place or over the top. This is just a violent, difficult-to-watch story. Doing it any other way would not have done the story justice.

However, this movie can drag. At times you want the movie to pick up pace. In fact, pacing is the only real complaint I have that holds this back from being a perfect motion picture. A slightly tighter and more intentional script would have improved on what was already a terrific movie.

“The Revenant” is without a doubt the most well-made movie this year, but not necessarily the best movie. It has a career-defining performance for DiCaprio and delivers a second helping of some of the best aspects that Iñárritu and Lubezki served us in “Birdman.”

With the Oscars coming up, it will no doubt sweep the awards, with a DiCaprio win almost a guarantee, and the movie, as a whole, being a top contender for best picture, director, and cinematography, and it deserves them.

Too much law, not enough gospel

Sex talks require a more balanced approach

Nathan DiCamillo

Life & Culture Editor

On Jan. 14, Dr. Mark Quanstrom boldly tackled the topic of sex and premarital sex. While Quanstrom artfully illustrated the spirituality of sex ("Our skin is the surface of our souls. We cannot touch another person's hand without it in some way connecting to their soul."), the chair of the theology department focused too heavily on the consequences of sin and not long enough on the grace offered by God to cover sin.

To be sure, Quanstrom's message was no "Sinner in the Hands of an Angry God." The tone and attitude of this pastor was not one of fire and brimstone, hell and damnation. Quanstrom chose not to have an altar call so as to not "shame anybody."

Quanstrom sat on a padded stool. His brow brooding and shoulders slumped for most of the message. He seemed to carry a heavy burden.

Even so, this message, like all all messages about sex, needed a more balanced approach.

One student Yik Yakked: "What I got out of chapel: God hates me now for a mistake I made years ago. Thanks Quanstrom."

The message was heavy, but it wasn't as crushing as this student's Yak made it seem. At the end of the speech (around 32 minutes), Quanstrom introduced the idea, as Amazing Grace played in the background, of "repentance" that is "cleansing" that brings sorrow but also wipes away the "unceasing sorrow" that comes from premarital sex.

Before this moment of grace, Quanstrom laid down some clear ground rules with some hard one-liners embedded in the exegesis of various scriptures.

"The rightness the beauty and goodness of sex is only supposed to be explored and discovered in the context of the covenant of marriage."

"You will forfeit your relationship

with God if you have sex with someone who's not your spouse because God really does not like unfaithfulness."

"Premarital sex is premarital adultery, and God said don't do that."

"In short, God says no sexual behavior outside of marriage."

"Sex with a person with whom you are not married is greedy, it's taking what isn't yours to take."

Not until 14 minutes into the speech did Quanstrom explain the moral logic undergirding the reason why God is adamantly opposed to premarital sex. He went on to explain that sex is spiritual and because it is spiritual, premarital sex has an emotional toll on both people.

"It is a spiritual act. Sex is the uniting of two souls. It goes to the very core of our being," Quanstrom said. "It does something to our souls. It changes us."

This was the meat of the message, but it came too late.

Quanstrom, who holds to the Lutheran tradition of balancing Law and Grace in preaching, recognized that the message could have been presented differently.

"But I didn't misrepresent scripture," he said.

Which is true. Sex has been devalued by culture (by both sexual revolution and Elizabethan prudishness). Knowing this, Quanstrom warned his audience that what he had to say might be painful to some.

"I was not looking forward to it," he said.

My hope and prayer for the future of chapel speakers talking about this sex in the future is not that they only speak about grace and avoid talking about consequence. Rather, I hope that the balance between law and grace is found in every conversation we have about sex on this campus—especially in our "family room."

There are so many unwanted children because selfishness deems our wants and needs to be greater than that of the lives and well-being of the children.

A different way to talk abortion

Lauren Stancle

Assistant Editor

Abortion isn't the issue.

We've all heard the long, drawn out arguments about abortion. Some say abortion is murder and some say women have the right to choose what happens to their bodies, and neither side seems to budge.

Everyone seems to have chosen their side and will stick to it, so perhaps I can't change your views or beliefs on abortion, but maybe I can offer a fresh perspective on the subject—one you haven't heard a million times already.

As compared to the society in the dystopian book, *Unwind*, by Neal Shusterman, we can see that the issue goes much deeper than abortion.

To sum up the book in the simplest way, I'd say it's about a future America in which abortion is illegal. Instead, once a child reaches the age of 13 until 17, any unwanted teens can be "unwound," or harvested for their body parts. In one particular scene, a new mother "storks" her newborn, leaving it on the front porch of another family to be forced to care for it by law. In the book, this practice was legal and quite common.

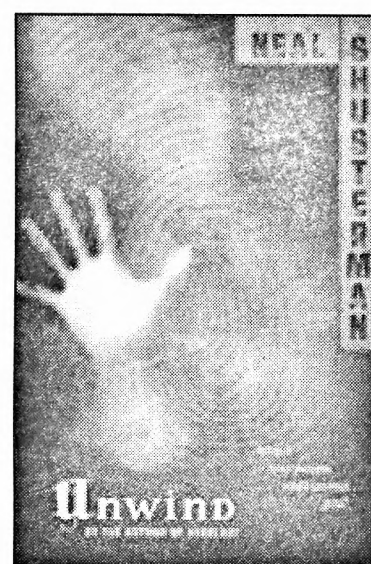
"With the burden now lifted from her, she has sudden strength. She now has a second chance in life, and this time she'll be smarter—she's sure of it. As she hurries down the street, she thinks how wonderful it is that she can get a second chance. How wonderful it is that she can dismiss her responsibility so easily," Shusterman wrote.

In Shusterman's future dystopia, even though abortion becomes illegal, there is a striking similarity between America's current acceptance of abortion and this future society's acceptance of unwinding: Unwanted children. And an even deeper root to that: Selfishness.

The sad reality is that whether abortion is legal or not, accepted or not, there will still be unwanted children. In America, it looks like millions of babies aborted before birth and in *Unwind* it looks like newborns left on the porches of strangers and tens of thousands of babies being raised up in orphanages without enough love and nurturing to go around.

No matter what you do, there are still these unwanted children. And there are so many unwanted children because selfishness deems our wants and needs to be greater than that of the lives and well being of the children.

"In a perfect world mothers would



all want their babies, and strangers would open up their homes to the unwanted. In a perfect world everything would be either black or white, right or wrong, and everyone would know the difference. But this isn't a perfect world. The problem is people who think it is," Shusterman wrote.

In America we are all about self. We're all about following your heart, chasing your dreams, and making "the American Dream" a reality. We want our food and we want it now, and then we throw out half of it while other countries, and even the poor in our own borders, are just hoping and praying for a meal for the day.

When we feel something infringes on our individual rights we get fired up and blow up our social media. When we have to choose between our rights and the rights of others, we choose our own to be greater. More selfies. More independence. More money. More power. More meaningless sex.

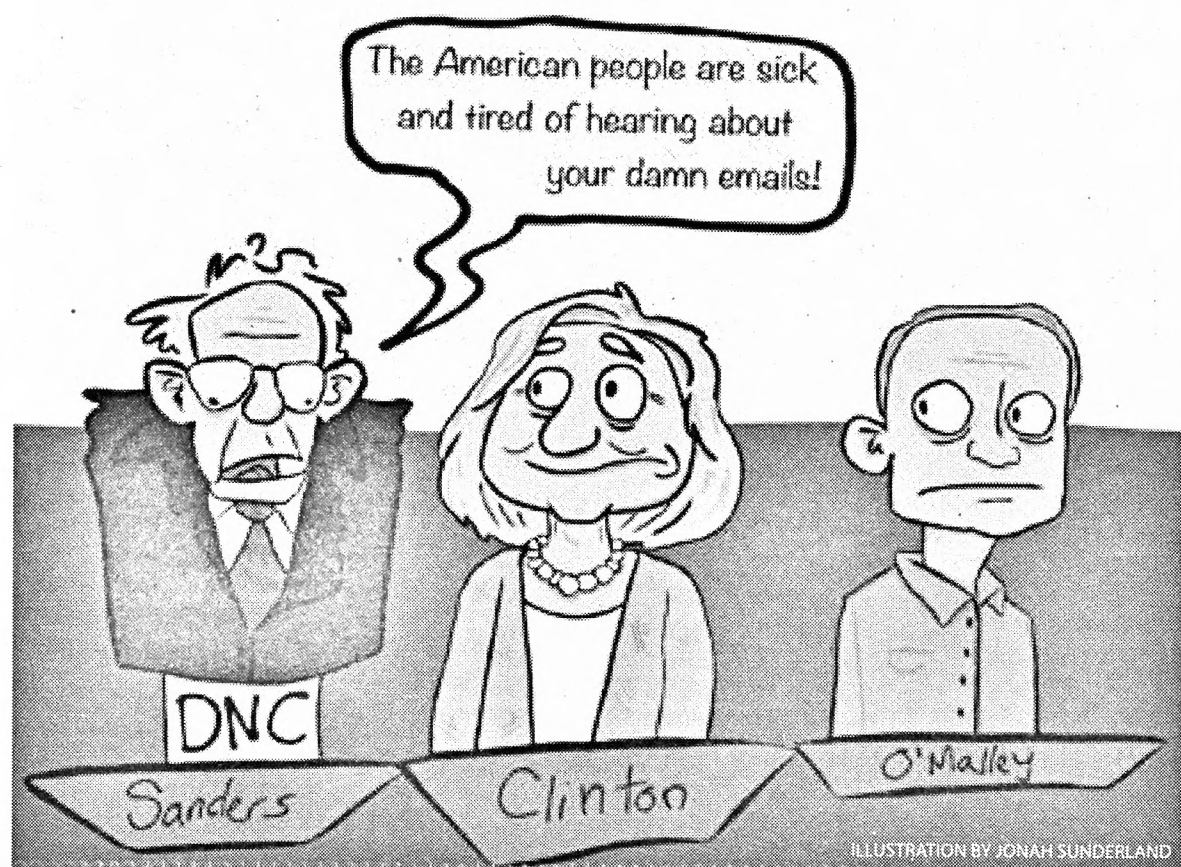
Welcome to America. But we all already know that. It's just become the norm.

Regardless of what your moral and ethical stance on abortion may be, what's for sure is that the root of the issue is even deeper than abortion in and of itself—it has to do with the issue of self.

Sure, we could all come to agreeance that abortion is wrong and make it illegal again, but then what? According to SOS Children's Villages USA, there are about 153 million orphans worldwide. What about them? Or the 120,000 orphans in America, alone, or another 400,000 children in the U.S. who live without permanent families?

Until we can love and want the children brought into the world and those on the way, we haven't really solved anything.

Just a factional candidate



Letter to the Editor:

Is MIA effective?

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Contributing Writer

"Give Your Life Away Week." MIA trips. Ministry to trafficked girls. Every year Spiritual Life and Chapel services promote these and other very specific opportunities for students to serve.

Though their intentions are good, the elevation of certain opportunities, especially MIA trips, receive may be out of proportion to the effect they really have on those we are attempting to have.

First, MIA overseas trips are expensive. Travelling internationally incurs an amount of money that may be better spent elsewhere. Especially if resources are needed more than manpower, sending the money instead of going may actually accomplish more. If locals can do the work, it does not make sense to travel when the money could go farther.

The Missionering trip and those that have medical clinics are notable exceptions to this because the students who participate have a specific skill most people in third-world countries lack. Good doctoring and engineering requires education, which is not plentiful in other countries. Therefore, money alone will not help. Someone does need to go to them.

Second, most students return talking about how good it was for them. True service is never about us. I personally dislike the chapel in the spring where the MIA teams are recognized. Too often, the warm feelings of playing with a child are emphasized over whether the work done on the trip is sustainable. If the people being served were asked to report on the trip's success, would it be as impressive as we are told? Did it help *them*? Are the results lasting?

Perhaps most disconcerting about the trips is how overemphasized they are. Especially in a chapel series about being what God made us to be here and now, talking about then and there seems incongruent. It is more important to be Christ to those we see every day than to love on someone for only ten.

Moreover, not everyone is passionate about sex trafficking. The issues I personally want to address in my life and outreach are rarely mentioned. I think that is good, it guarantees that my help is needed. But, creating a hierarchy of causes belittles all of them. Diversity should be praised, not forced into comparison.

I do not know what the solution is, but it is a discussion I think that Olivet needs to have. I think MIA needs to be examined for its true effectiveness. If I have misjudged it, I am sorry. But if only helps the students who go, then it should not be called missions.

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The Daraja Children's Choir of Africa traveled to Disney World on their tour of the U.S.

Daraja means bridge

Student interns with the Daraja Children's Choir of Africa

Allie Alexy

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When you go in to an internship you don't expect your life to be changed.

You expect to grow in your area of study and be prepared to go in to the real world.

But interning with Daraja Children's Choir of Africa? It's different. Few internships give you the opportunity to travel around the U.S., and eventually to Africa. Even fewer internships, will leave a lasting impact on your life.

"Daraja" is the Swahili word for bridge, and that's exactly what Daraja Children's Choir of Africa is. It bridges cultures and countries, uniting people together through worship and connecting people to serve.

I am an "Auntie" to 24 beautiful children, 18 from Kaihura, Uganda and six from Karogoto, Kenya. On tour, I have been able to meet some incredible people, experience some awesome places, pour in to some wonderful children, and be in an environment that allows me to dig deeper in my relationship with God.

When I applied for Daraja, I knew the facts, like every journalism major should. I could tell you the mission statement, how many children there would be, and how long we would be on tour.

What I could not tell you was how much I would fall in love with every single one of these children or how much God would teach me throughout these eight short months.

If you were to ask me for stories, I do not think I could run out. I could tell you how Ronald (12) is obsessed with dinosaurs and is convinced he saw a live T-Rex. I could tell you how goofy Lydia (11) is and how she screamed on her first rollercoaster

at Disney World. I can tell you all about Mary's (10) tickling habits, how big Peter (12) smiles when he worships, and how Kelvin (10) wants to be a neurosurgeon when he grows up. I could tell you all about the 35 different host homes I have stayed in so far, how God has perfectly placed me in each home for a specific reason.

These children, if you allow them to, will teach you so much about joy. About how to be content with the things that you are given and how much excess we actually have. I have learned so much about worshipping God without abandon and how He is everything we need.

At the end of it all, it does not matter how many games we play or how often we laugh. It does not matter how many times we go to the beach or the pool. It does not even matter if they remember all the rides we went on at Disney World. It does not even matter if I get all of the things I need to accomplish done.

What does matter is that they return knowing and understanding how deeply God loves them.

By the time you read this, I will have had to say goodbye to eight people (six children, a teacher, and a choir director) who have become family in two and a half months. By the time you read this, they will be home. Those six children will return to Kenya, on a mission to change their world and serve God in a big and bold way.

Although having to say goodbye to them breaks my heart, I know God has taught them what He wanted to out of their three short months in America. I know that those six Kenyans (Dorcas, Cynthia, Mary, Lydia, Kelvin, and Alfred) are going to go home and change their world. They are going to be leaders for Christ and I cannot wait to see how



Alexy holds Anita, 10, from Kaihura, Uganda.

God is going to use them.

The rest of us, the 18 Ugandans and 14 adults, are left here to continue on tour. We are here to continue doing the same work we have always been doing, to glorify God and make Him famous across the world. We will continue bridging the countries and cultures through May.

We will then take the Ugandans home where they, like the Kenyans, will be able to change their world. All of us left here in the States are challenged with the same thing, to take all that God has taught us and change our world. My heart will forever be with them in Uganda and Kenya.



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Tigers defeat the Indiana University-South Bend Titans at home 103-78.

Basketball teams work on consistency

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While the rest of Olivet's students, faculty and staff were able to spend a month at home for Christmas break, the varsity girls and varsity boys basketball teams spent three weeks playing and practicing together, and it was time well spent for both teams.

After all the Olivet students had left campus, the boys and girls teams played on the road at Robert Morris University on Dec. 16. The girls played a solid game, winning with a score of 114-84.

The Lady Tigers were led by senior guard Abbey Hengesbach, who scored 17 points, and sophomore guard Ally Giampapa scoring 18 points. Conversely, the guys narrowly escaped with a 77-76 victory.

Although the Tigers led by seven with two minutes and nineteen seconds left in the game, Robert Morris was able to tie the score with

one minute and eleven seconds left.

Fortunately, senior guard Aaron Larson hit a jump shot and a free throw and junior guard Tyler Crater made a free throw in the last minute to keep ONU on top. After these wins, both teams went home for nine days for a miniature Christmas break.

On Dec. 26, both teams arrived back on campus; the next day they both left the state for tournaments. The Lady Tigers left for the College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Missouri, to play in the Coke/CAM JAM Classic while the boys headed for Keiser University in West Palm Beach, Florida.

On Dec. 30, the girls played fifth-ranked College of the Ozarks, whom they beat 119-106. Five players scored in the double digits, and the girls made 19 of their 39 three-point shots.

The next night the girls won a much closer game against Oklahoma Wesleyan University by a score of 114-109. Although OWU kept the game close throughout, the Tigers hit five free throws in the final minute to

seal the win.

"We beat two really good teams; both of those programs are very good. The girls played really well together, filling their roles, doing what they need them to do. Two huge wins for us," head women's coach Lauren Stamatis said.

Freshman guard Sierra Riley said, "It was so much fun spending time with my team. We have so much fun together. The tournament was definitely an experience I will always remember."

The men's trip to Florida proved to be a difficult one. On Dec. 29, the Tigers played Warner University. They started strong in the first half, leading 30-27, but in the second half they were outscored 24-44. Losing by 17 points in the end, the team only made 20 of their 55 shots, far below their season shooting percentage of 45.9 percent.

The next game the men's Tigers played was against Keiser University. Although they played much better, according to coaches Ralph Hodge and Nick Birkey, they still lost by a

score 66-72.

"Those are two good teams, but teams we need to beat. If you look at our schedule you'll see that we have played some very good competition. We haven't been consistent enough yet," Hodge said.

After the tournaments were over, both teams headed back to ONU for a few more games before break ended. The Lady Tigers continued their winning streak with four victories in a row versus Calumet College of St. Joseph, Saint Ambrose University, Governors State University and Trinity International University, winning their games by an average of 25.25 points per game.

The guys' team had three games before break ended, defeating Purdue University-North Central, Indiana University-South Bend and Roosevelt University by an average of 19 points per game. Unfortunately, since then they have lost two close road games to University of Saint Francis, 71-80, and Trinity International University, 78-79.

Stamatis is highly optimistic about the status of her team saying, "They are just getting more and more mature as a basketball team. It has been so fun to see how well they are playing together. The team is the most important thing to them. And they are coaching themselves now in a lot of ways. The biggest thing is that they are willing to play their role that we need them to so we can make our team the best team it can possibly be."

Hodge thinks his team still has a bit to go in terms of their performance, "I don't think we have become the team that we have set out to be quite yet. We have had guys who have had big games on a given night, but we're just not seeing that consistency. Each individual needs to work on that consistency, and when they do, we are going to be a very tough team to deal with."

The Lady Tigers play at home on Feb. 3 at 5:30 p.m. and Feb. 6 at 1 p.m. The men's team plays Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 6 at 3 p.m. and Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.

Tennis teams warming up to compete at Nationals

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Hopes are high for ONU tennis this year, both for the men's and women's teams.

After the success achieved during last semester's fall season, Coach Chris Tudor believes that competing in the national tournament is a very realistic goal. "We are currently ranked 23, and 24 teams will make the national tournament. We are expecting a lot out of all of our players."

This sentiment was echoed by Marcy Huck, the team's graduate assistant, "We hope that the hard work put in during the fall, that we will keep that going into spring."

Junior Oscar Mancineiras Cornella and junior Priscilla Nunez each finished third in last fall's National Small College Championships, with Nunez and Seraphine Buchmann placing seventh in the women's doubles competition.

The Tigers are looking at a tough schedule this spring—one that will

hopefully place them in the top 10 rankings when it comes time for Nationals.

"We've added on a lot of matches this year; we want the players to get as much experience as possible," Tudor says. The coach is expecting tough competition from schools such as Cardinal Stritch University, last year's conference champions.

"We're playing schools like St. Louis University, and Murry State University, high ranked D1 schools," Huck said. Huck hopes the team's extensive conditioning will keep them in the game against such talented opponents. Much of the offseason during the winter has been dedicated to this area. "Conditioning is huge in the game of tennis, it increases our chances, and other teams aren't ready for it."

The team travelled to rec centers in the area for practice time, and to get in serious shape, their conditioning often includes insanity workouts. This mindset carries on, but practices will become shorter during the season, one to two hours instead of three to four, in

efforts to keep athletes fresh and ready for every competition.

"We expect a lot out of all of our players," Tudor says.

ONU has four seniors this season: Rodolfo Sanchez and Navarro Veys for the men, and Seraphine Buchmann and Clara Ruegsegger on the women's side. Each has been vital in creating an attitude of excellence and showing younger players what it means to be on a team vying for a spot in the National Tournament.

"Rodo has really taken a personal interest in me, taken me under his wing," said Tyler Cannon, one of the team's two freshmen.

Cornella and Nunez carry high hopes from their teammates and coaches.

"[Cornella and Nunez] have demonstrated they have what it takes," Huck claims. Huck also plans to keep her eye on newcomers Faith Huckabee, a transfer from Chicago State, and Alfonso Martinez a freshman. "I think Alfonso is going to be a surprise success," she said, noting his great im-

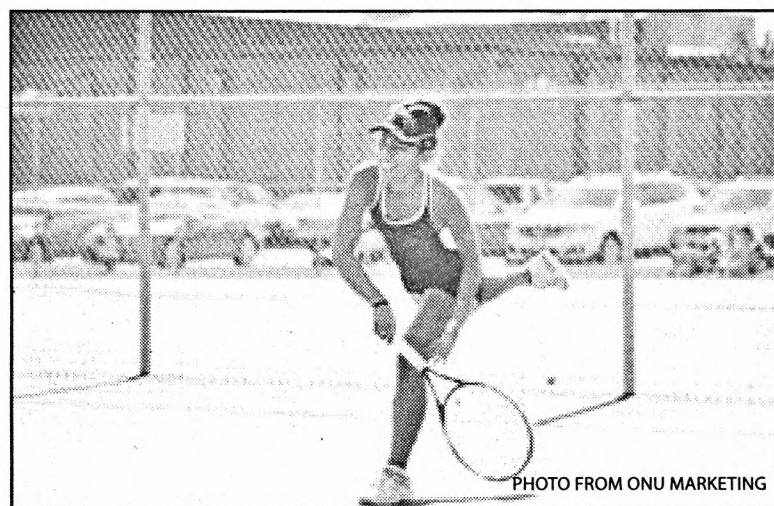


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Junior Priscilla Nunez returns the ball in a practice match.

provement since the fall.

"We have great depth in the lineup," Cannon said. "That is what makes good teams great. This is the first time I've competed in a team format. Now we are all depending on each other to do our best."

Through frequent time spent to-

gether, the team has begun to bond.

"It's a lot of fun, you build a lot of relationships," junior Erica Matheis said.

The team is singular in their goal of coming home with a championship and optimistic that this is the year to do it.

Athletes receive 1,000 career points

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Basketball players Abbey Hengesbach, Aaron Larson and Zach Wagner are the only current Tiger players with 1,000 career points on the teams.

Number 22 on the Women's Basketball team, Abbey Hengesbach has accomplished a lot throughout her basketball career. Not just a skilled player, Head Coach Lauren Stamatidis also described her as "very humble" and "a lot of fun."

A transfer from Michigan, Hengesbach has only been with the ONU women's basketball team for two seasons. Yet, she has managed to accomplish a lot in her short time on the team, including scoring 1,000 points in her Olivet career and 2,000 points in her entire college basketball career.

Hengesbach's 1,000 ONU career point was scored during the game against Holy Cross College last Wednesday, Jan. 20. The 25 Tiger to reach the career milestone.

However, before that milestone was achieved, Hengesbach also made her 2,000 career point in the Jan. 13 game against University of St. Francis. She said the game was "huge. They [USF] had just beat the number one team the game before."

Coming into the game, the Tigers were ranked number 10, compared to USF's number two rank. The Tigers managed an upset win against USF, bringing their consecutive wins up to seven. Alongside the win, Hengesbach's brief moment of glory came in the third quarter, when she completed a layup that brought her to 2,000 points even and ended the game with 2,014 total.

However, Hengesbach didn't know about her record until after the game,

when her mother sent her a video of her 2,000 point with her sister yelling in the background.

Before college, Hengesbach had been playing basketball since she was very young, following in her family's footsteps. Hengesbach's father was a "huge basketball player in college," and her older sister, by four years, also played.

Jess Learned is a freshman on the basketball team and was also Hengesbach's workout partner during the summer. While talking about Hengesbach, Learned said that it's "an amazing honor to be her teammate; she's always smiling and is a very good encourager."

Being injured early on in the season has opened Hengesbach's eyes to another passion of hers: coaching. "That time was good for me to sit back and be a better teammate, and help coach the girls in ways that I couldn't while I'm on the floor," she said.

Aaron Larson and Zach Wagner, the milestone achievers from the men's team, have both been playing for ONU since their freshman years.

Head Coach of the men's team Ralph Hodge describes the two players as being "a pleasure to coach."

Aaron Larson, a senior with a sports management major, describes getting his 1,000 career point as a "great feeling." Scoring it against Southern Illinois University his junior year, Larson described himself as simply "blessed to have the teammates and coaches" that he has had in his four years at Olivet. He was the 39 Tiger in the men's basketball program to achieve this career milestone.

Head Coach Ralph Hodge, on the other hand, described Larson differently. Hodge said Larson was one of



Abbey Hengesbach shoots a three pointer at a home game versus Bethel College.

those players that "comes along not very often" and is "right at the top in every way you want as a player."

Number 24 on the team, Larson is also on his way to passing another career landmark: the 2000-point milestone. As of Jan. 21, Larson was at 1878 career points, making him sixth all-time on the Tigers' all-time scoring list.

At the beginning of the season, Larson said "it would be awesome" to reach 2000 points and is "definitely a goal." However, Larson also added that his main goal is the same as the team's: a championship.

Zach Wagner, another senior on

the basketball team, also joined the 1,000-point club during the Jan. 16 game against Trinity International University. Going into the game, Wagner only needed 18 more points in order to achieve 1,000 points for his career. A close game, the number 14 ranked Tigers lost against the Trojans, by one point. The Tiger's final points of the game belonged to Wagner with his 17th and 18th points of the game bringing him up to an even 1,000 points overall.

The 1,000 total points aren't the only thing noteworthy about Wagner. "The significant thing about him [reaching 1,000 points] is that he plays

postman," Hodge says. Postmen are very dependent on the other players, and opportunities tend to be a bit less, but Wagner has "made good use of those opportunities," Hodge says.

About his two players, Coach Hodge says, "both are very valuable to the team; Zach gives inside presence. Aaron is inside but also perimeter presence. That helps the whole operation."

Hodge also commented that he thought it's "a great thing for these two guys to be recognized for their accomplishments; it's not easy to achieve. It's a lot of hard work—being injury free, and getting it done."

Eat your veggies

Dietary regulations for Americans for 2016-2020

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1. Make half your plate fruits and vegetables: Vary your veggies. Add vegetables to salads, sides, and main dishes. With a variety of colorful veggies prepared in healthful ways: steamed, sautéed, roasted or raw.

2. Focus on whole fruits—fresh, frozen, dried, or canned in 100% juice. Enjoy fruits with meals, as snacks, or as a dessert.

3. Vary your protein routine. Mix up protein foods to include seafood, beans and peas, unsalted nuts and seeds, soy products, eggs and lean meats and poultry. Try main dishes made with beans and seafood.

4. Make half your grains whole grains. Look for whole grains such as oatmeal, popcorn, whole-grain bread and brown rice. Limit grain desserts and snacks.

5. Move to low-fat or fat-free milk or yogurt. Choose fat-free milk, yogurt, and soy beverages (soy milk) to cut back on saturated fat. Replace sour cream, and regular cheese with low-fat yogurt, milk, and cheese.

Additional: Drink and eat less sodium, saturated fat, and added sugars. Use the Nutrition Facts label and ingredients list to limit these items. Choose vegetable oils instead of butter, and oil-based sauces and dips instead of ones with butter, cream, or cheese. Drink water instead of sugary drinks.

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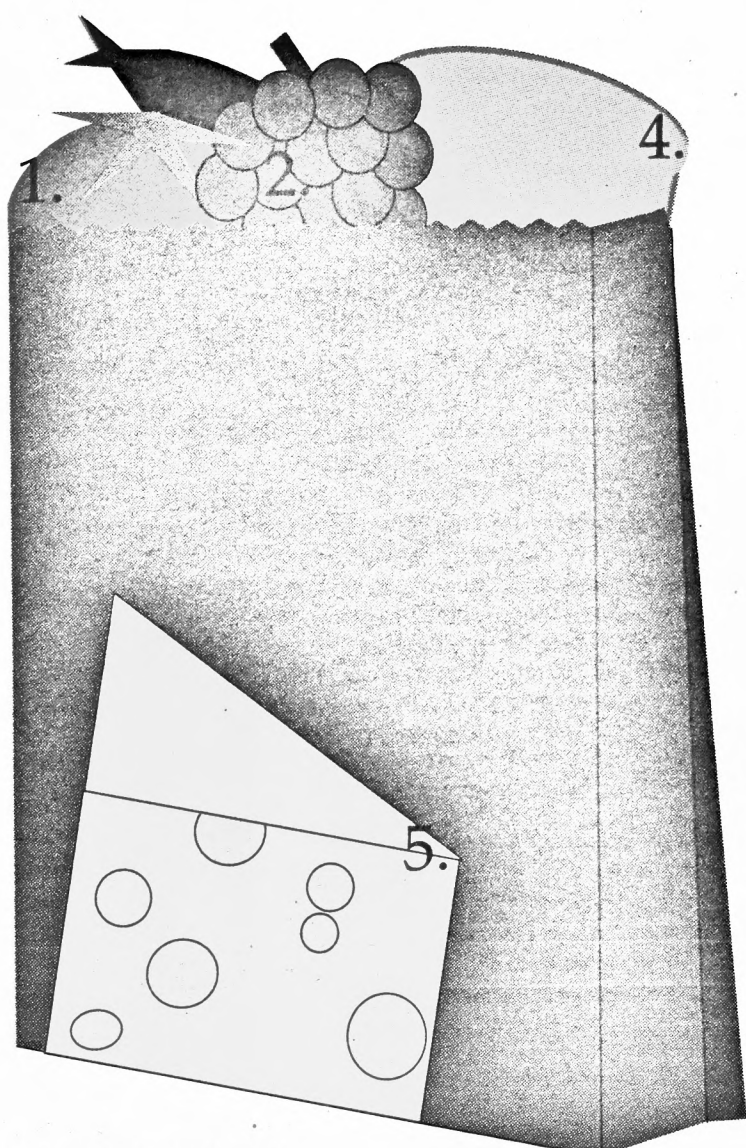


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Track and Field training to beat last season

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"I don't think this season will be better than the last, I know it will be. I hear the grunts of the throwers as they hit their mark. I hear the thunder of feet that push themselves every day at practice. I hear the screams of encouragement to my teammates. This team is united in its pursuit of victory," said freshman John Richardson, 800-meter dash runner.

Last track season held 21 All-American performances, including two individual NAIA National Champions.

"The experience from the 2015 season is basically a benchmark for this year's team goals," Head Coach Mike McDowell said.

According to 400-meter runner, Peyton Kirkland, the team has been training vigorously since August to prepare for the season with practices five days a week and are spending several days a week in the weight room.

"I am proud of the fact that I can be on a team with some amazing individuals. The Lord has blessed me tremendously with lifelong friends from running track here," Jon Hutchison said. "There comes a time when no one will remember what awards you have won, or how many records you hold, or how many races you won. What they will

remember is the man or woman you are, the character you have and the heart that you have, for the things in life that really have a lasting impact."

The 4x100 meter relay ran in the outdoor NAIA Championships down in Gulf Shores, Alabama, setting a school record at 41.28 seconds.

Olivet's track and field coaches help prepare the runners for their meets by planning workouts during the week that will help in future events.

"The [coaches] push us to be better every day this shows up in our performances at our meets," team captain, Laura D'Angelo said.

Notable athletes include Jacob Armbrust in shot put and discus, who ranked 11 at the 2015 USA meet and five-time NAIA All-American recipient (including the 2015 indoor NAIA National Champion in the discus); Elisha DeRamus, a six-time NAIA All-American in long jump and triple jump; and Dylan Creger, a three time NAIA All-American runner for men.

The women's team includes, Amy Blucker in shot put, discus and weight throw, a 10 time NAIA All-American including 2015 indoor NAIA National Champion in the shot put and 2015 outdoor NAIA National Champion in the hammer; and Sarah Ray, a 5000 meter runner, with three NAIA All-American titles.