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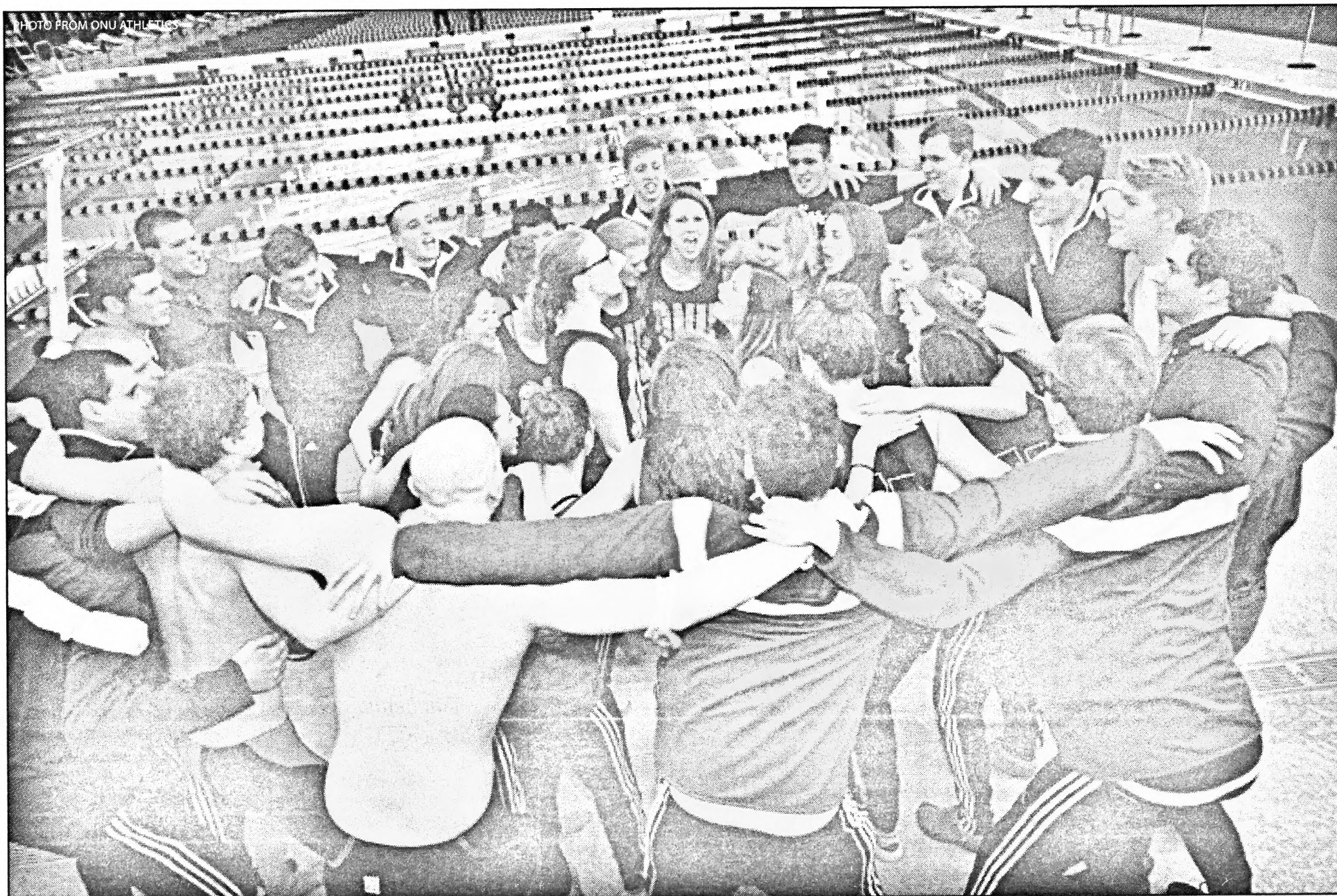
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Swim team makes record splash



The men and women's swim team celebrate with each other after claiming the 2016 NAIA National Championship March 5 in Columbus, Georgia.

Men's swim team capture first national title, women's team runner up

Sarah Ortman
Staff Writer

Olivet's men swimming and diving team came home after spring break 2016 NAIA National Champions. Not to be outdone, the women's swimming team finished runners-up. This is the first NAIA National Championship in Olivet's collegiate athletic team's history.

The men scored a total of 713.5 points, beating their closest opponent by nearly 115 points and the women's team scored 502.5 points at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) championship held in Columbus, Georgia.

Senior Calvin Price said, "We knew we had it in each other to take home the trophy and we reminded ourselves of that end goal every chance we got, all throughout the season." And that they did.

The men fought hard the first two days, but the team took their biggest lead going into the third day, with

multiple first, second, third, and fourth place finishes in many events.

"There's just something special about being the best in your field. We are so proud of our swimming program and the accomplishments and dedication of our young men and women," Athletic Director Gary Newsome said.

Junior Frank Tapia defended his title in the 200-yard butterfly, receiving first in that event. Senior Sam Borgman finished fourth in the 1650-yard freestyle. The men's collected seven individual national championships and two relay titles.

There were 16 individual All-American performances and five relay All-American honors. Senior Jake Anderson placed third in the 200-yard backstroke, finishing his Olivet swim career. Price finished second in the 200-yard backstroke. Freshman Daniil Kuzmin received All-American honors in the 100-yard freestyle, finishing in second place. Sophomore Josh Bouma took third in

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the 1650-yard freestyle.

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The championship earned Teeters the NAIA Men's Coach of the Year honor. This is the second time in four years Teeter has earned this title.

"We worked harder than any other team in the division and we expected

nothing less but the best at every practice. When you have guys injured and still practicing, you know for sure that you are a part of something special," Calvin Price said.

"We are nothing but stoked about this past weekend. We were racing for each other and to bring glory to God's name," senior Kelsey Weener said. "I feel blessed to be a part of this. We've worked so hard: swim workouts, lifting, running, two-a-days year round. But this year, we've also had such a special bond as a team. This team is a family, and that is winning. It is a huge honor for me to have been part of the program from the very beginning."

The women's swimming and

diving team competed hard to bring home their trophy as well. Freshman Amanda Moran made it into the Olivet record books on the last day of competition, placing first in the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard backstroke. She became the first swimmer in Olivet history to be named NAIA Swimmer of the Year.

Junior Tiffany Ray finished second in the 200-yard backstroke. Moran finished with eight All-American performances, individually and in relay. Freshman Andrea Vega finished with seven All-American performances. Total, the Tigers gathered 10 All-American performances, and five relay.

Kelsey Weener said, "To see a team transform from a start-up team without a pool on campus to train in, to becoming national champions and runner-ups. There is a growing legacy on this team that is a testimony to God's faithfulness, making team family, great coaching and a lot of hard work."

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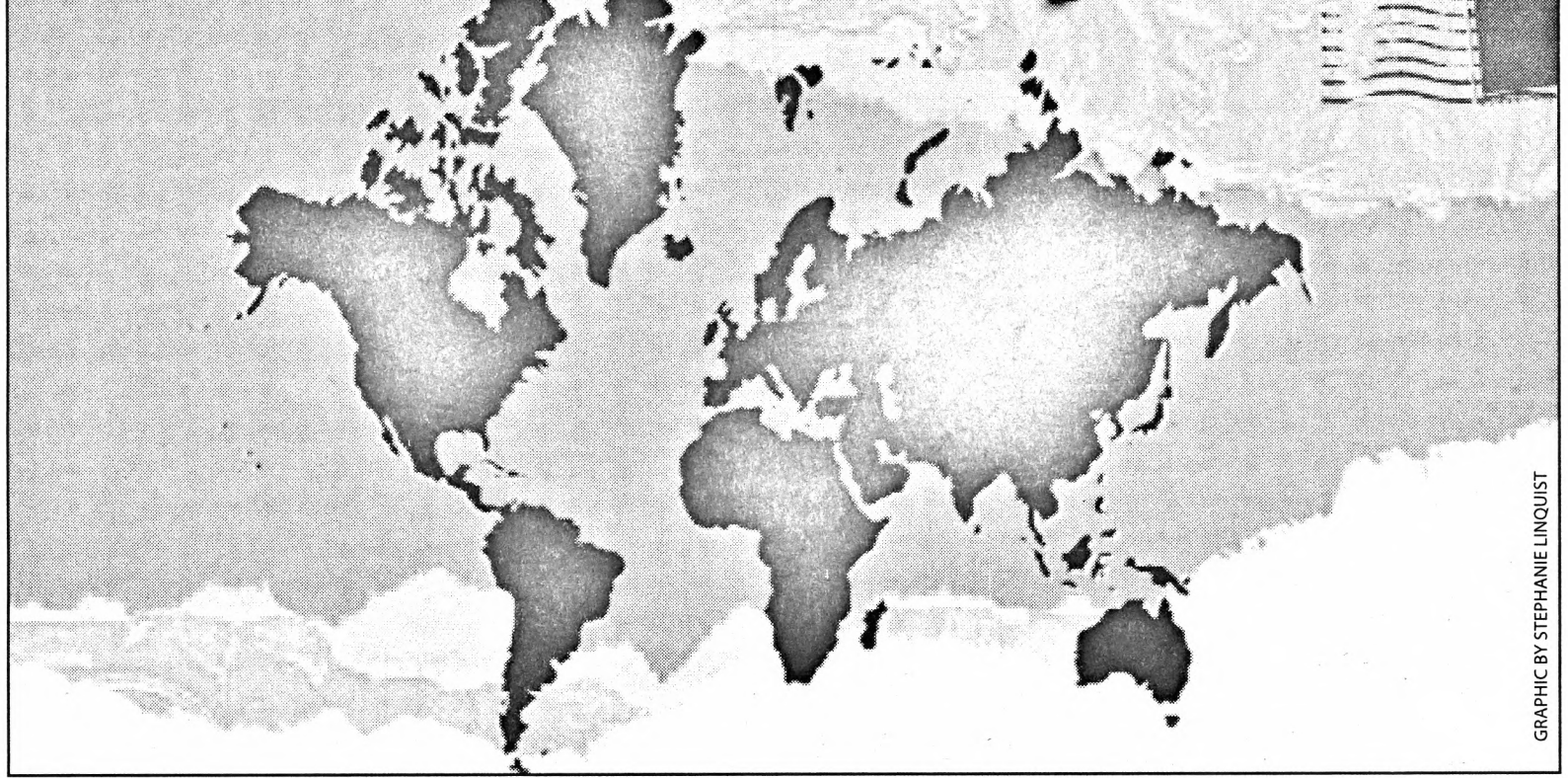
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A Global Glimpse



GRAPHIC BY STEPHANIE LINQUIST

Argentina sinks Chinese vessel, cites illegal fishing

ARGENTINA – On March 14, Argentina's coast guard sank a Chinese fishing vessel that was fishing in a restricted area off the country's coast, according to CNN. The Argentine Naval Prefecture chased and eventually sank the Lu Yan Yuan Yu 010 vessel after detecting it illegally within the country's exclusive economic zone, officials said. The incident happened near Puerto Rico.

According to the Argentine coast guard, warning shots were fired first. In response, the Chinese vessel turned off its lights and deliberately tried to crash.

The Chinese vessel ended up sinking, with four people on board – three crew members and the captain – who were rescued by Argentina's coast guard. The other 28 members of the vessel were saved by nearby Chinese fishing vessels, according to China.

North Korea fires short-range projectiles into sea

NORTH KOREA – North Korea fired five short-range projectiles from the country's east coast Monday, March 21. The projectiles were aimed toward the sea to the east of the Korean peninsula, reported CNN. The firing of the projectiles occurred between 3 and 4 p.m. South Korean time (2 and 3 a.m. ET).

This is the second time in less than a week that the North has launched projectiles. Since February, the North has fired 15 various projectiles on four occasions. The launches are thought to be partly a reaction to the annual joint exercises of the U.S. and South Korean militaries, as they habitually draw criticism and threats from the North.

This year's drills are the largest ever, with 300,000 South Korean troops and at least 17,000 from the United States.

North Korea has warned that it would make a "pre-emptive and offensive nuclear strike" in response to the joint exercises.

China plans 22% boost for wind power capacity in 2016

CHINA – China plans to increase total wind power capacity by 22 percent in 2016 according to Bloomberg. The nation plans to develop 30.83 gigawatts of wind power this year, the National Energy Administration said in a statement on its website on Monday.

The number is down from 33 gigawatts in 2015, which according to data from NEA is triple France's entire capacity of the clean resource. The total amount of wind installations in China has almost doubled since 2012 to 139 gigawatts.

The central province of Henan will have the most wind power projects approved this year, with the eastern province of Shandong following. Henan is home to the Yellow River Plains, where the main wind energy resources in the province are located.

Birth defects tied to Zika in Panama

PANAMA – The Zika virus has now been detected in Panama. The World Health Organization reported that the first case of birth defects associated with the Zika virus has now been found in the small country located in Central America. Dr. Margaret Chan, the director general of World Health Organization (WHO) said a baby with an unusually small head and brain damage was born at 30 weeks' gestation in Panama and died a few hours later. Local investigators found evidence of the Zika virus in the umbilical cord, according to the New York Times.

This new case in Panama has led to scientist around the world to wait and see whether more pregnant woman who become infected eventually give birth to babies with microcephaly. So far, only Brazil and Panama have documented microcephaly cases linked to Zika infection from mosquito bites, but Colombia is investigating several cases with a possible connection.

Local Holy Week church services

Maternity B.V.M. Parish

324 E. Marsile St., Bourbonnais

Holy Thursday

7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper, washing of feet and Adoration immediately following in the Parish Center

Good Friday

3 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion with communion

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

Noon Blessing of the Easter Baskets in the church

8 p.m. Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

Easter

7 a.m. Easter Mass

8:30 a.m. Easter Mass

10 a.m. Easter Mass

11:30 a.m. Easter Mass

Calvary Bible Church

2587 E. Armour Rd., Bourbonnais

Good Friday

7 p.m. Good Friday Service

Easter

8 a.m. Easter Service

9:30 a.m. Easter Service

11 a.m. Easter Service

Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene

1000 N. Entrance Ave., Kankakee

Good Friday

11:30 a.m. Journey to the Cross

6:30 p.m. Journey to the Cross

Easter

9 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 Worship Service

College Church of the Nazarene University Ave.

200 University Ave., Bourbonnais

Holy Thursday

6:30 p.m. A unique time of scriptures and hymns

Good Friday

7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. The Sanctuary is open all day for private prayer

Easter

10:30 a.m. Easter service

St. Joseph Parish

211 N. Center Ave., Bradley

Holy Thursday

7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper with Easter symbols prelude and Adoration immediately afterward

Good Friday

3 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion with dramatic reading

Holy Saturday

Noon Blessing of the Food Baskets

8 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass with procession of lights

Easter

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

8:30 a.m. Easter Mass

11 a.m. Easter Mass

Gathering Point

897 W. Bourbonnais Parkway, Bourbonnais

Good Friday

6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

Easter

9:15 a.m. Easter Service

10:45 a.m. Easter Service

The Adventure Church

235 N. Kinzie Ave., Bradley

Good Friday

6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

Easter

9 a.m. Easter Service

10:30 a.m. Easter Service

Manteno Church of the Nazarene

698 N. Locust St., Manteno

Good Friday

7 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service; special candlelight service of music and scripture

Easter

6:42 a.m. Sunrise Service and breakfast

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

10 a.m. Baptismal Service

11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Life Compass Church

324 E. Marsile St., Bourbonnais

Holy Saturday

5 p.m. Easter Service

Book about Dr. Ken Johnson to be released by his parents

'An Unexpected Finish Line Leaves a Unique Legacy'

Grace King

Executive Editor

It was at their son's viewing in 2013 that Dr. Dave and Jerri Johnson realized there was much about their son they didn't know.

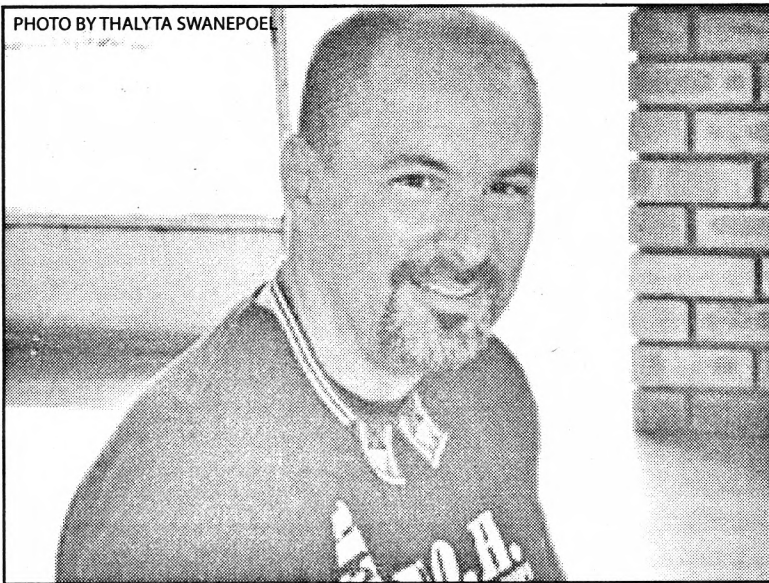
At Dr. Kenneth Johnson's funeral, professor at Olivet from 2012-2013, as friends of his approached Dave and Jerri, they told them story after story of how Ken had impacted their life. "We began to envision a book about how God worked through a gifted and talented person open to God's leading," Dave said.

That book will hit the Olivet Nazarene University bookstore in May, titled "An Unexpected Finish Line Leaves a Unique Legacy." It is put together chronologically, beginning with Dave and Jerri's marriage, the early years of Ken's life and moving into his teen years, his heart for missions and professional life, and, finally, "The Last Race."

Ken served as chair of Olivet's engineering department from July 2012 until his sudden passing while competing in a race Nov. 2, 2013. During his year and a half on staff at Olivet, he led the engineering department in growth and vision, referring to his engineering students as "missionaries" — missionaries and engineers.

"What we built into the book were a couple of concepts," Dave said. "I wanted to have more in the book than Ken's story. Even if you weren't a friend of his, somehow you pick this book up and learn 'what is a legacy.'"

PHOTO BY THALYTA SWANEPOEL



Dr. Ken Johnson co-led a group of Olivet students doing missions work in Swaziland in May 2013. This photo was taken at Southern Africa Nazarene University in Siteki, Swiziland. Johnson passed away Nov. 2, 2013.

"It was very healing for me," Jerri said. "But I'll never write another [book] as long as I live," she added with a laugh.

"I hope students reading this book see that in such a short time, you can make a huge impact," said Amanda Luby, former student of Ken's, assistant professor in the Engineering Department and contributor to the book. "I hope they can see how much of an impact Christian Engineers can have," she said.

When going through his things after his passing, Dave and Jerri found a journal Ken kept from the time he graduated high school into his 40s. Al-

though he didn't keep it updated very much (there was even an eleven year gap at one point, Jerri said), a lot of his stories and quotes were pulled from his journal and put in this book.

Many people Ken knew throughout his life also contributed to this book — including students, co-workers at Olivet and Dr. John Bowling's words from Ken's funeral.

"His life was cut short. Our hope and prayer is the way this book has evolved will be a blessing to many people," Dave said.

"Our goal is that people will be inspired and some people will come to the Lord through this book," Jerri said.

Reviews:

A Leader with an amazing dream influencing a multitude of individuals with a relaxed strength and an ability to develop friendship across cultures are only a couple of reasons why this book arrests my attention.

This book uniquely portrays Ken Johnson as a man with a deep passion for life, a person to serve others, a passion for missions, a strong work ethic, and most importantly, the desire to know God deeply and intimately. Highly regarded by both peers and friends, alike, indeed, Dr. Ken Johnson is "A MAN WORTH KNOWING"

-Kenneth L. Mills
District Superintendent
Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Nazarene

This book is a great tribute to Ken! It certainly captures the breadth and depth of his capabilities, intellect and character. His exceptional people skills enabled him to relate and function with everyone he encountered in his brief time on earth.

The information in this story confirmed to me all of the positive and enthusiastic comments I have heard about Ken and the impact he had during his time at ONU!

His legacy will live on in the success on the School of

Engineering and its graduates!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity for reading this life story of a very remarkable Christian leader.

-Skip Walker
(On October 6, 2015 the Olivet engineering program entered a new era with the dedication of the Martin D. "Skip" Walker School of Engineering. Mr. Walker guided and grew a number of leading manufacture and business enterprises in a career spanning six decades.)

TREMENDOUS! I have never met Dr. Ken Johnson but after reading the book "An Unexpected Finish Line Leaves a Unique Legacy", I have now met Dr. Ken Johnson! What vivid memories, stories, and tributes have been collected about an outstanding educator, missionary, athlete, husband, father, son, and friend of thousands.

Ken Johnson died at age 43. Our son Dave, at age 45. My heart knows how the entire Johnson family feels—— there aren't enough words to explain it. All I can say is———what a powerful and godly legacy left by this outstanding child of God, Dr. Ken Johnson

-Dr. James H. Dielh
General Superintendent Emeritus
Church of the Nazarene

Commuters may lose church lot

Alyssa Franklin

Staff Writer

Despite the newly-designated commuter lot at College Church of the Nazarene University Avenue, not all commuters are using it fully, Jorge Bonilla, Retention Coordinator in Olivet's Center for Student Success, said.

Many students feel that it is too far from their classes, according to Bonilla, who said he hopes that when it is warmer, they will park at the church.

If commuter students do not fully use the lot this semester the College Church lot will again become parking for all students living off campus, including students living in Oake and Stratford apartments. If this happens, Bonilla said parking for commuters will again become difficult and they will have to find parking all over campus. "It is just a matter of reinforcing it and saying that students can benefit from parking here and that they should take advantage if it," Bonilla said. "Next semester I don't want to see that there is no parking, specifically for commuters."

"If the commuter students are parking somewhere other than their lot, they are going to put a lot of pressure on the other parking lots.

They have a place that is designed for them to use and if they don't use it we are going to have to do something about it," said Bonilla.

Recently, the Student Center for Success created a commuter launch in efforts to make life more convenient for commuters. College Church opened its doors to allow commuters to relax in their café before their classes.

"We thought, okay, they can park there [at the church] if they want to hang out [at the church] before they have a class or want to have a sandwich before going to class. They can do that there," Bonilla said. "Park at the church, join the commuter launch, and then just go to their class. This is the first time that we have done that, and we wanted to give it a try to see if that was better than taking a few spots in Weber."

Bonilla said he hopes students know that they care about commuter students.

"Commuters come and go all the time. They need a place where they can come from about 30 miles from Olivet and get to a destination where they can just find parking and not spend a lot of time running around looking for a parking spot," he said.

Exploration Station founder passes away

Taylor Provost

News Editor

Early this month, Bourbonnais lost a loved and respected Bourbonnais woman, yet her legacy continues to impact the community.

Marilyn O'Flaherty, founder of the Exploration Station...a Children's Museum, on Thursday, March 3, 2016, passed away peacefully in her home at the age of 82.

The Exploration Station, now located in Bourbonnais at Perry Farm, is a "hands-on exploration and discovery museum for children and their families, teachers and other caregivers," according to their website.

In 1987, O'Flaherty, a retired Bradley art teacher, presented the idea of the children's museum to the Bourbonnais Township Park District. The Park District took on the project under the leadership of O'Flaherty, and on July 28, 1990, the Exploration Station was founded. Since that year, the museum has "touched thousands of lives," Exploration Station Deputy Director Sarah Winkel said.

"Everything we do at the museum, we think of her," Winkel said. "We try to do things the way we think she would do it. She's never quite left here; what an incredible woman."

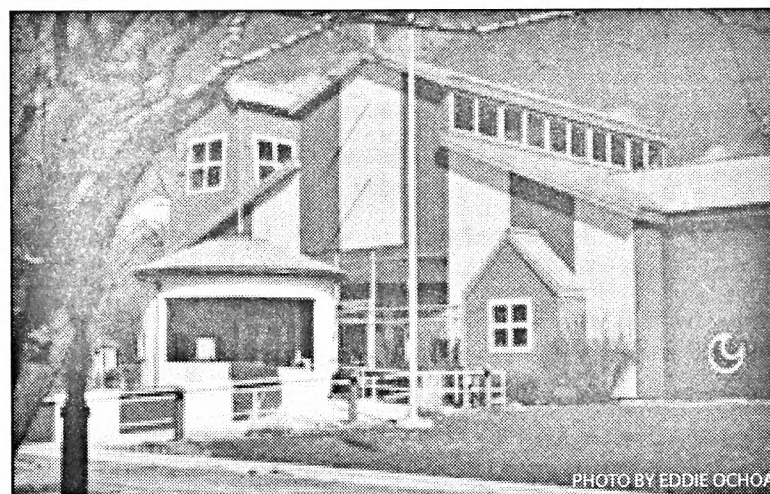


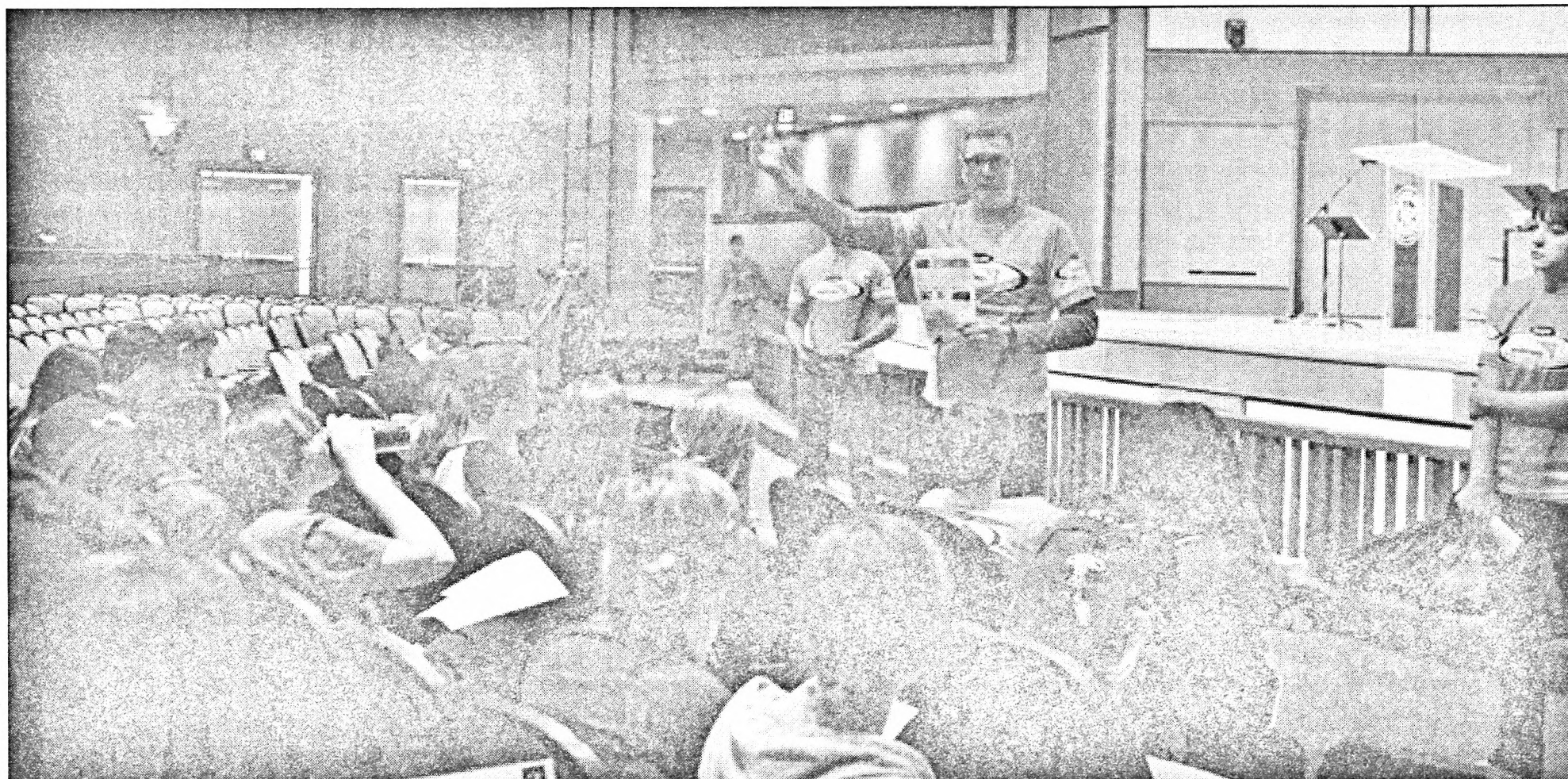
PHOTO BY EDDIE OCHOA

The Exploration Station, a Children's Museum, located at Perry Farm in Bourbonnais, was founded by Marilyn O'Flaherty of Bourbonnais in 1990. She passed away this month at the age of 82.

Not only was O'Flaherty founder of the Exploration Station, but she was also a regular volunteer at the Salvation Army annual toy drive, where she even spent this last Christmas volunteering despite having little energy, according to the Daily Journal.

Jennifer Lalumandre was O'Flaherty's neighbor for 16 years. "Through the years, we realized we both shared a passion for working with children, teaching art and the

importance of providing children with open-ended opportunities to explore and create," she said. "She was always happy to offer me words of encouragement, support and advice as I shared my experiences leading art groups, classes and then getting my Masters degree as a Professional Counselor so I could work with children and families specializing in art and play therapy. She was truly one of a kind," she added.



Team World Vision employee Tim Hoekstra speak to students interested in running the 2016 Chicago Marathon after chapel on March 17.

Commentary:

Team Olivet kicks off year 5 with Team World Vision

Mariah Garratt

Advertisement Coordinator

March 17 marked the beginning of Team Olivet's 2016 marathon season, in partnership with Team World Vision's clean project. Last year, over 200 students signed up to run 26.2 miles through the streets of Chicago. Altogether, Chicago Marathon runners raised \$1.4 million for Team World Vision's efforts to eradicate the worldwide clean water crisis.

Most of last year's runners participated free of entry charges thanks to a generous grant from Fuller Theological Seminary. With this in mind, Kayla Albrecht, one of Team Olivet's campus captains, shared that leadership estimated only 80 people might express intent to run this year. To their surprise and excitement, Team Olivet ended up far over the 100 mark as a result of their efforts on March 17. This number is expected to climb as more people share the

"vision" and recruit their friends to join them in the marathon journey.

"[The Olivet team is] the leading marathon team for your generation, and your generation is changing the world," Tim Hoekstra, part of the leadership team for Team World Vision, said. Hoekstra explained that World Vision has noticed the "extraordinary" efforts taking place at Olivet, and the organization has asked 2016's team to fundraise a total of \$100,000. To encourage team participation and dedication in fundraising, Team World Vision is offering to pay the entry fee of all runners who reach a fundraising goal of \$3,000.

Hoekstra reinforced the key idea of team Olivet: While 648 million people in the world lack access to clean water, World Vision provides clean water for someone every 30 seconds. If nationwide marathon runners' efforts stay on the same

trajectory as they are now, the clean water crisis may reach a conclusion within the lifespan of the current generation. "Let's get this done," he said.

For those who are considering joining the vision for Team Olivet 2016, please consider advice from past marathon runners... You ARE capable.

"Just do it! Anything with a certain level of risk is going to be scary, but there's so much reward in the whole marathon experience." —Emilie Walder (Junior)

"When you are first starting this process with Team World Vision don't be overwhelmed by where you have to go. Trust the process, and it will get you there." —Derek Bradshaw (Junior)

"Stick with the training! Always

remember you are not running for yourself. Trust God even if training is hard he will get you through it" —Nichole Hollis (Senior)

"The marathon is 60 percent mental and 40 percent physical. If you train well and have confidence in you body, you will know that you can do it and you will know what your body is capable of doing." —Jon Harman (Junior)

"Find your motivation. When you're in the middle of the race and hit that 'wall,' having something you can hang on to makes all the difference." —Ashlee Sullivan (Senior)

"Get support any way you can! Even just encouraging texts from friends and family members help more than you'd think. Get running partners to help keep you accountable during training." —Autumn Schmitz (Sophomore)

"When you think about giving up, remember how far you've come and remember who you're doing it for. It takes time, but it is so worth it, and you'll learn so much about yourself and the Lord." —Emily Kane (Senior)

"Whenever you feel like quitting, remember that it isn't about you. Keeping your thoughts on the ones you are running for and having a kingdom focus is crucial... Pray for a different person each mile." —Elizabeth Jenkins (Junior)

"Don't allow your perception of what's possible and impossible to overshadow your ideas on your own abilities or the ability of your God. If you suffer when you run then you're doing it right. You're running to suffer in the place of others; welcome it. Trust your God." —Levi Himes (Senior)

Active shooter drill in Howe Hall

Sarah Ortman

Staff Writer

On Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to noon, April 23, Olivet Nazarene University Emergency Management team will be holding an active shooter drill, "Chapel Chaos 2016," on campus.

The event will take place on campus utilizing University Ave., Centennial Chapel and Howe Hall. Olivet is participating with several other organizations from our county in this drill. Emergency providers such as Riverside Hospital, Presence Health (St. Mary's) Hospital, Bourbonnais Fire Department, Bourbonnais Police Department, Kankakee County Sheriff's Office, Kankakee County Emergency Management, Kankakee County Health Department, Illinois State Police, as well as others will be participating in this event.

The hope of this drill is to enhance the preparedness of the Department of Public Safety by providing training to Public Safety Officers and the university's Emergency Operation

Centers personnel.

"This training will be designed to build critical skills needed to effectively respond to a mass consequence event, while at the same time, ensuring that the entire campus is properly notified of the situation, given proper instructions for personal safety and notified of when the event is over and the campus is safe," Chief Dale Newsome said.

By participating in this drill with other agencies, the coordination, communication and better understanding of each agency's capabilities to respond will be invaluable.

Head of Emergency Management Dr. Bob Hull said, "From the Emergency Management perspective, we will be looking to see what training, resources, plans and procedures we have in place at ONU that will save lives, minimize damage to people and property and assist in neutralizing threats to our students, staff and campus."



PHOTO BY LUKE BAKER

The drill will take place Saturday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The students in Howe are given the choice to stay and participate in the active shooter drill, where they will need to comply with the instructions given to them, or not to partake in this event.

"The reality of the world we live in

today is such that public shootings are a very real and horrifying possibility," resident director of Howe Ashley Cook said. "We should do everything within our power to be prepared in the hopes that we can prevent casualties in such an event."

College Church appoints new University Campus Pastor

Taylor Provost

News Editor

This month, College Church of the Nazarene University Avenue appointed Nate Smith as their new University Campus Pastor.

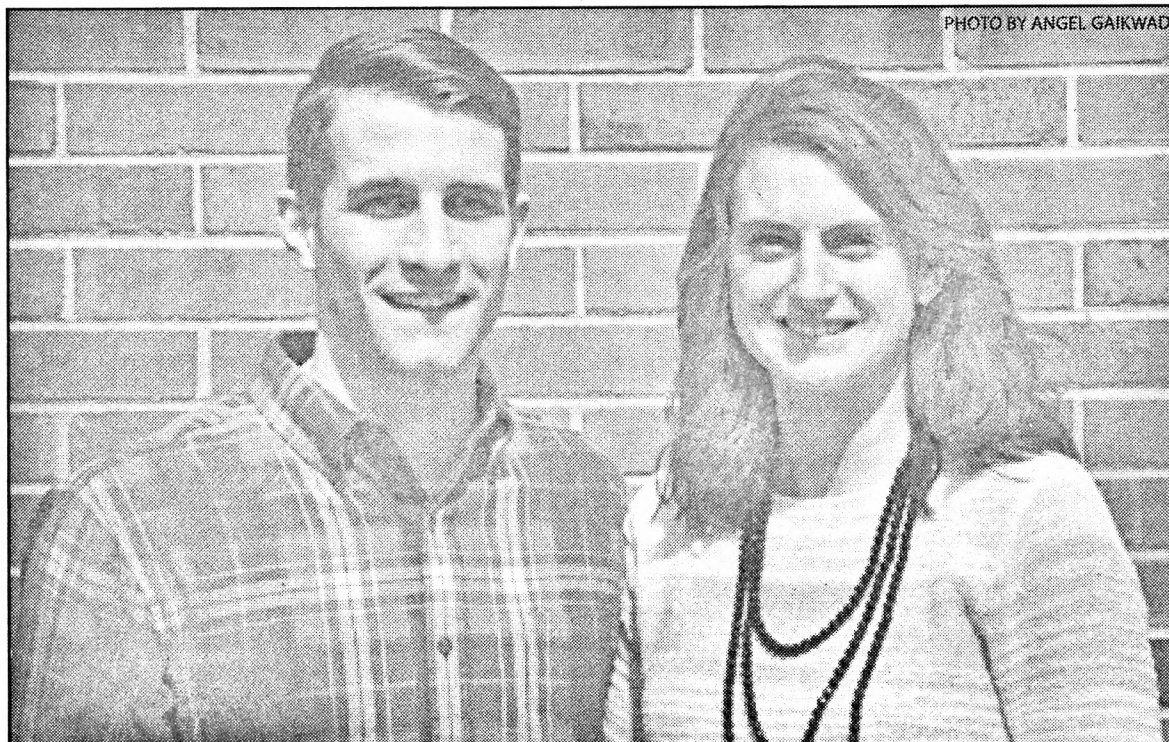
After Brian Robbins, former University Campus pastor, left the area to take on a pastoral role in Michigan, Senior Pastor Mark Quanstrom decided to ask Smith to fill Robbins' shoes. Smith has attended College Church for two years, is an Olivet Nazarene University 2014 graduate and assistant men's soccer coach at Olivet.

"I like to hire within the church, if I can," Quanstrom said. "He had a call to ministry, and that's absolutely crucial," he added.

"I was surprised," Smith said, "I thought I was going to physical therapy school – this [position] wasn't on my radar at all." Smith said that despite the surprise, he and his wife, Cortney Smith, feel very honored and excited to begin.

"The mission of the outpouring of the spirit resonated in our hearts for the campus," Smith said. Prior to the new position, Smith and his wife hosted a Tuesday night prayer group for a year and a half in their home. Over time, the group grew to have about 50 to 60 students, Smith said. "We already love ministering to students, and just hanging out," he said.

New projects Smith will be taking on include implementing a weekly college student service and establishing fellowship, worship and prayer



Nate Smith, the new University Campus Pastor at College Church of the Nazarene University Avenue, and his wife, Cortney Smith, have hosted a college student prayer group in their home for over a year now.

time. The college student services will be Wednesday nights at the church, and at 9 a.m. on Sundays, college students can attend a Sunday school class led by Smith.

Smith also has a few other personal goals as the new University Campus Pastor. Smith wants to organize three or four group activities per semester. He also wants to expand the group's outreach to recent college graduates, or young adults in general, as well.

"The age range we're going for is between 18 and 27; it's a culture for young adults," he said.

However, Smith said he is interested in mixing the culture of the young adults with the older generations at the church. "It's hard to mix generations," he said. "But I want them to see that this church is a permanent residence, and get them involved [with older generations at the church]." Smith plans to do this through various fellowship

events such as meals, game nights or service projects.

While Smith officially began his new position on March 14, he said he anticipates "really picking up steam" towards the end of this semester. Smith said there are about 500 to 600 students on campus during the summer, and plans on staying active in his outreach plans during the summer, as well.

Zoology Club hosts movie night

Grace King

Executive Editor

The Zoology Club will be having a public showing of the movie "Erasing Extinction" April 8 and 9.

The movie, which was released by the Discovery Channel in December, focuses on the mass extinction of animals around the world, illegal wildlife trade and global warming. Club leaders senior Calvin Price and senior Emily Janes hope to bring awareness to how our actions impact the environment.

"This is the biggest problem we're trying to solve right now," Price said. "Our goal is only that: to spread the word, create some hype behind it so there is something that can be done afterwards, whether it's personal or within the club itself."

"We need to stop being the sickness and start being the cure," said Janes, who became passionate about conservation after traveling to Costa Rica with Olivet Biology professor Leo Finkenbinder.

It was there that Janes learned about ecotourism, responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment, sustains the well-being of the local people, and involves interpretation and education. "I would like to focus a lot on education. That's my hope for the future," she said.

Ecotourism is an important concept for all travelers. Price said that a lot of wildlife trade is linked to American consumerism. Americans buy illegal ivory in China or other countries when they visit.

"Any human, Christian or not, you wouldn't want this earth to be any less beautiful," Price said. "I want to advocate how serious the situation is. With some of the species we're talking about, they're going to be extinct in the next five to 10 years."

Price believes that as a part of the science department at Olivet, the Zoology Club has a duty to take on the challenges of conservation. To start, they are focusing on raising awareness about plastic bag use and disposables and decreasing the university's "Consumerist ideals," Price said.

Janes said that Christians are obligated to be stewards of the planet, and that is the main thing the club seeks to get across.

"Often times people think conservation is too hard to tackle themselves," Janes said. "We want them to realize it's the little things that matter. Stop using plastic bags. It goes a long way."

Donations for local conservation efforts will be taken at the "Erasing Extinction" movie showing. The showing on Friday, April 8 will be held at the planetarium at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 9 will have a showing in the planetarium at 3 p.m. and at 5 p.m., with a third showing in Reed 330 at 7 p.m.

Immigrant millennials 'complex reality'

Danelli Rabanalez Hernandez

Contributing Writer

On March 15, Donald Trump won the Florida, Illinois, and North Carolina Republican primaries; however, that same show of support is not found among Hispanic voters – exit polls for Florida's primary reveal that only 27 percent of Hispanic Republicans vote for Trump, as opposed to the 52 percent who voted for Rubio.

Because of Trump's controversial stances on immigration issues, the news of his winning results rapidly spread throughout the immigrant community. One subgroup of the U.S. immigrant community, immigrant millennials, find themselves living in what Wilfredo Canales, Olivet Nazarene University Spanish professor and Kankakee First Church Hispanic Ministry pastor, calls a "complex reality" that influences their political views and decisions.

"They recognize their identity is influenced by the culture in which they were raised, but also by the culture passed down in their families," Canales said.

For these immigrants of the millennial, the presidential race so far has been a learning experience, particularly with the factor of Donald Trump's ideas, such as the controversial building of a wall at the southern border and the mass deportation of 11 million undocumented immigrants, and the support they've garnered.

Dr. David Claborn, a political science professor at Olivet Nazarene University, expressed his surprise at the support Trump is receiving when his expression of his ideas, such as proposing building a wall and making Mexico pay for it, lacks the usual sophistication of political candidates.

"Perhaps it's that with something of a job-less comeback from the recession and so-called political correctness hampering people who'd otherwise speak without such sensitivity, someone like Trump comes in, denigrating everyone, and is striking a chord with people who have been down on their luck for a long time," Claborn said.

Andres Rojas, 21, recent Parkland College graduate and worker at a

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-Kenia Gonzalez

pizza diner from Arcola, Ill., said his concern is how unrealistic Trump's ideas are. Enforcing the deportations Trump proposes would take more than his four, or potentially eight, years in office. Rojas also questions the sustainability of the American economy if Trump's propositions were to come true.

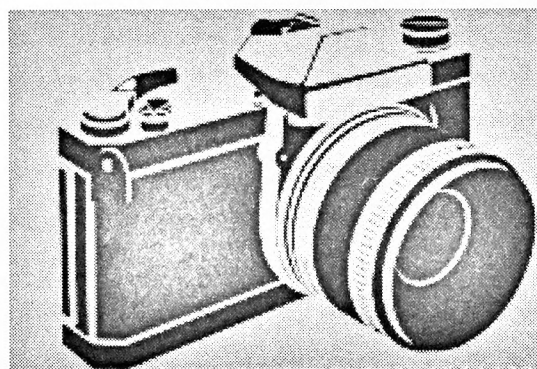
These concerns are also shared by Kenia Gonzalez, a 22-year-old, Eastern Illinois University marketing student from Charleston, Ill. However, her biggest concerns have to do with the American identity and the image Trump is setting that is contradictory to those American values. A nation of immigrants turning its back on other immigrants makes no sense to her, and all she can foresee as a result of realized Trump ideas are "huge controversy and a divided nation."

From her marketing perspective, Gonzalez said she has noticed how the U.S. has promoted itself as a country offering a better life for those it takes in; now, it's necessary to follow through with that identifying factor.

"You can't market a product and then cheat the customer. That's unethical," Gonzalez said.

To Gonzalez, people staying informed and the influence of the Latino vote is what gives her hope for the wise choosing of the next president.

"I believe in the Latino power," she said. "I know all of our Latinos will stand up together in unity. Together we will fight for an opportunity in this country...the American dream country."



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Recipe Redo: A healthy new twist on old classics



Top: The Student Dietetic Association at Olivet serves samples of chocolate zucchini cupcakes, chocolate chip banana bread, and macaroni and cheese with squash to students on March 18.

The Association held this event for National Nutrition Month (March), to promote the club and help people make better eating choices. They took student's favorite dishes and modified them for a healthy twist.

Far left: Junior Haley Peterson

Middle: Senior Jamie Neven, Student Dietetic Association President

Bottom left: Junior Liz Grove

Far right: Club members passed out samples for Recipe Redo.



Vast disparities in graduation rates

Olivet officials seek to bolster minority retention through student committee program

Nathan DiCamillo

Life & Culture Editor

Johnnie Butler was one of the few people from his neighborhood to graduate college and one of the few African-American graduates from ONU from that year.

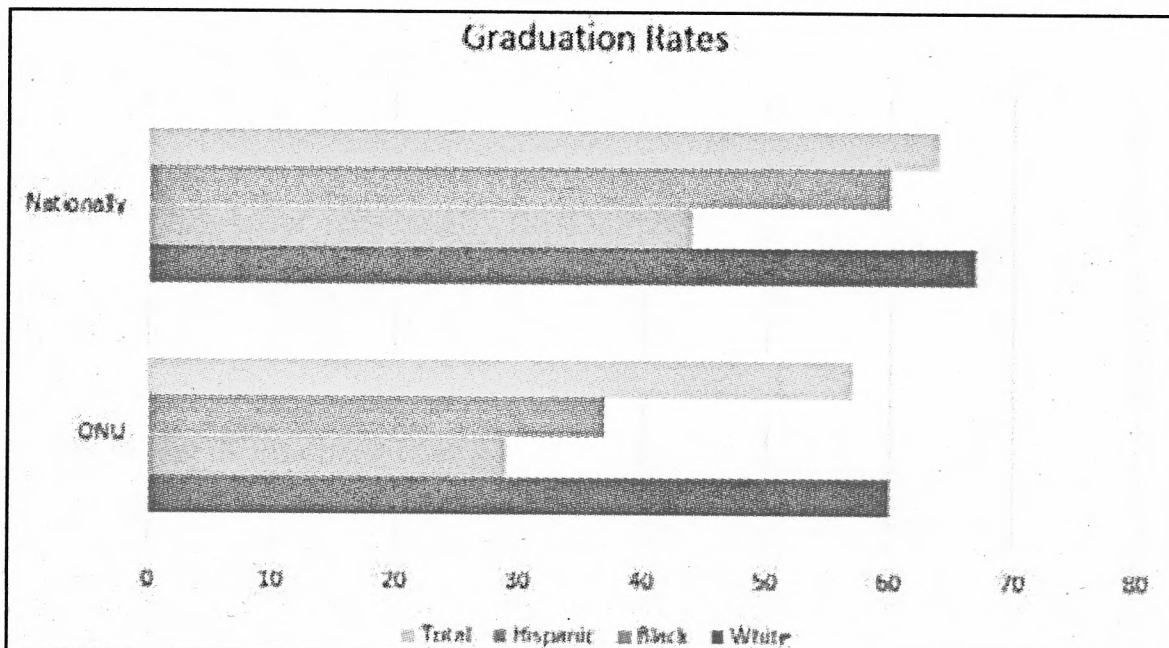
Overall, minority retention is a subject administrators have been studying. Based on the average rates of each of the classes from 2002-2007 who graduated in six years or less, the graduation rate of African-American students at ONU is half that of white students and a little less than half of ONU's general population.

"I was overwhelmed, ecstatic, ultimately in shock at the miracle," Butler said at his graduation ceremony last spring. "A street kid from Englewood was going to make his way back to ONU and see his college degree through. I just lost it."

The rate of African-American students who graduate from ONU is 15 percent less than the national rate of African-Americans who graduate from nonprofit 4-year institutions. Granted, all of ONU's graduation rates are lower than the national rates.

These statistics have been a subject of interest for ONU's Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Dr. Jonathan Pickering. Pickering studies students who succeed in college to help the university understand why some students leave and why some students thrive at ONU.

Pickering's role in studying persistence at Olivet is "taking a step



back and looking for patterns" in the data. Because of governmental pressure, accrediting agencies, and trying to improve retention and graduation rates, most colleges over the past decade have begun studying persistence, Pickering said. The emphasis in analyzing data has shifted from looking at at-risk or struggling students to looking at successful students at large—including at-risk students who ought to be struggling but are succeeding instead. Currently, Pickering is studying a cohort from 2009 that had an exceptional graduation rate.

Difficulties with tracking persistence come when studying anecdotal data. The three main areas that Pickering studies are academics, family situations, and social fitness. GPA's and test scores in high school and college are qualitative, but social and familial circumstances are more difficult to tabulate because they are "based on anecdotes."

When Pickering worked at North Central College in Naperville from 1997 to 2014, many students self-reported leaving for "financial reasons." When Pickering looked closer at the data, he found that those same students were leaving after they had lost a scholarship due to poor academics. "Those people aren't being untruthful, though," Pickering said. "If you asked them, they would tell you that they believed they were leaving for financial reasons."

While Pickering looks at things on the macro-scale, Retention Coordina-

tor Jorge Bonilla works with individual students at the micro-scale. Students often come to Bonilla for help in academic decision-making.

"Most of the students that I talk to are the first in their family to go to college," Bonilla said.

For minority students, coming to Olivet can be an adjustment, Bonilla said.

"Communication is different for every minority student," Bonilla said. "Some students have never encountered people different than them. This creates an opportunity but also a challenge."

Because communication is difficult, Bonilla encourages "grace" on all sides.

"It's okay to be curious to be open about wanting to learn without any judgement or assumptions about that culture," he said.

Bonilla is working with a group of students to create a committee—"hopefully" within the year—to address how to better serve minorities on campus.

Culture and College

For some African-American students, coming to ONU can be "weird." Destiny Mitchell, May 2015 graduate, came to ONU from a predominately African-American high school in the suburbs of Olympia Fields, IL. Mitchell was struck by the difference not only in color but in culture.

At ONU, Mitchell met many students who often came from small

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A street kid from Englewood was going to...see his college degree through. - Johnnie Butler

towns and served in leadership roles in their churches. While faith was a commonplace between her and other students, even "white" church culture was different than "black" church culture for Mitchell.

Even the struggles that ONU students endured were different than the struggles of her high school friends.

"Everyone has their own personal struggles, but I didn't feel like there was a collective economically struggle," Mitchell said.

Butler recognizes that while a difference in culture between minority and white students exists at ONU, the school does have diversity initiatives that attempt to celebrate diversity and make minority students feel welcome.

"I understand that it's not a historically black school," Butler said. "But at the end of the day, it's still a white school."

By Butler's estimates, there were about 20 African-Americans students who came into ONU with him. He could only recount two other black

students who graduated with him. Statistically, approximately 6 out of 20 African-American students would have graduated.

"I can't say it was discouraging, but it was not encouraging," Butler said.

Another barrier to the success of black students in college is the mental strain of stereotypes that have persisted since slavery, Mitchell said.

"It's actually a two-fold type of stereotype, a double edged sword," Mitchell said. "You're either supposed to work super inhumanely hard to get somewhere or to be successful ... Or it's the 'I'm from this type of neighborhood and nobody here is expected to do well so I'm not going to do well.'"

An African-American student's degree is not just their own achievement, but a mark of honor for their family, according to Mitchell.

"When you get your degree, it's your mom's degree, it's your dad's degree, it's your grandparent's degree, etc." Mitchell said. "It's the success of the whole family, and there's that pressure."

The "strong black woman" stereotype is especially damaging for black women in college, according to Mitchell. Black women are expected to not be weak because of the active role they have historically had to play in the home.

"We're supposed to be strong because we're both black and woman," she said. "We're supposed to carry the family."

The other side of the stereotype is the black man or woman who feels they cannot make it to college.

"A common saying in my neighborhood is 'education isn't for everyone,'" Butler said. "I really hate it ... It's not spoken highly of because it's not common."

As a default, those who don't go to college from neighborhoods like Butler's often end up involved in gangs or drug dealing.

"A lot of people don't want to put work into things and fall back on these," Butler said.

"You're either a really good rapper, really good athlete or you're just a drug dealer," Mitchell said. "Those are your three options if you're a black man. If you're a black woman, you better hope you can marry a rapper, a football player or a drug dealer. It is such a small, limited view of success



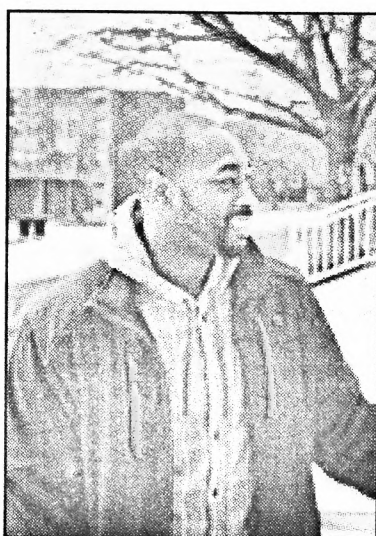
Butler speaks at ONU's Baccalaureate service on May 8, 2015. Butler graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Multimedia studies.

Do African American students face more challenges in higher education than other students? If so, what do these challenges look like?



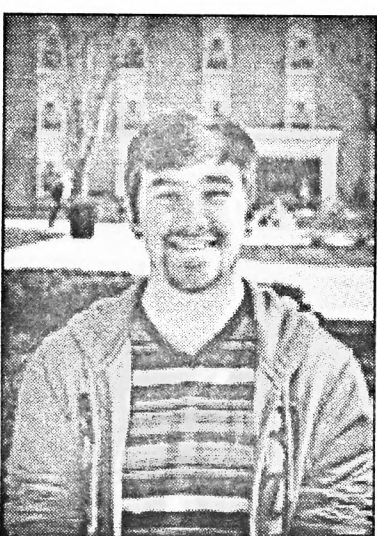
Sophomore Lindsay Wyld

"I don't know personally so I can't say much, but I'm sure that they are there ... with the stories that have been in the news."



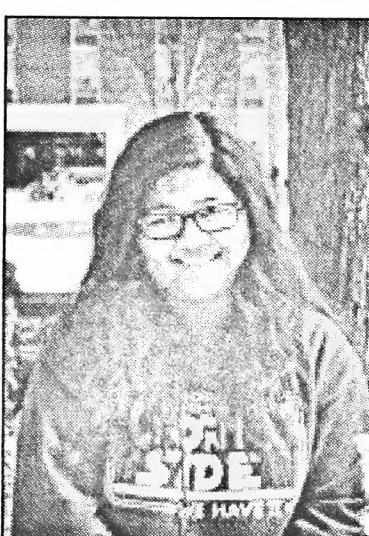
Senior Derick Brown

"Hands down, there is definitely a struggle with social integration ... I'm working with [Jorge] Bonilla to create a focus group to address those issues."



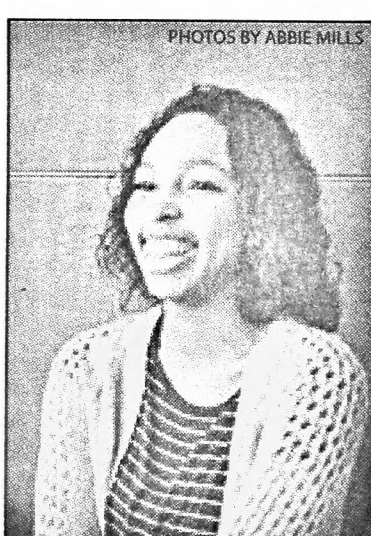
Junior Matthew Taber

"As far as I've seen personally, no. But I don't know I feel like people at Olivet would be color blind."



Sophomore Bianca Valencia

"I don't really know. I know that, in general, they do face a lot more difficulties."



Sophomore Devin Kirkland

"One barrier [to education] you could look at is sports. Lots of African-American students are in sports ... Sometimes sports are valued higher than education."

The math of theatre

'Proof' challenges student director, carries big impact

Grace King, Jada Fisher,
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The success of a play depends on the impact it has on the director.

For senior Marissa Vander Ploeg, that impact goes back to freshman year when she was first introduced to *Proof* while taking a directing class. So when she was given the opportunity to student-direct a Green Room play at Olivet Nazarene University, she knew she had to choose the play she fell in love with.

"It's a snapshot of life and you're supposed to see the characters for who they are. It's a lot about people thinking they're sure about something, but they can't prove it," Vander Ploeg said. "It's finding a better understanding of what belief and proof really mean. The best legacy you can leave behind is the impact."

Proof, written by David Auburn in 2000, had a big run on Broadway with 900-some shows. It won a Pulitzer Prize, Drama Desk and was overall very well received, especially with the careful consideration of correct mathematical facts.

The play is about a woman caring for her father, a great mathematician with a mental illness. Throughout the play, the main character, Catherine,

wrestles with concern about whether or not she has inherited her father's mental illness.

This play carries an important message dealing with mental illness. It isn't talked about enough, Vander Ploeg said. "Mental illness is different because you're still in there, but you're also not. So it's difficult for [the characters] because it's people they love, but they don't ever know who they are anymore," she said.

It's also about math, something we think there is certainty in, but even with math there is no certainty. "That's what trust and faith are about," Vander Ploeg said.

As a student-director, Vander Ploeg chose the cast, adapted the play for creativity, and gets to establish her process of directing, which is unique while working with a group of peers.

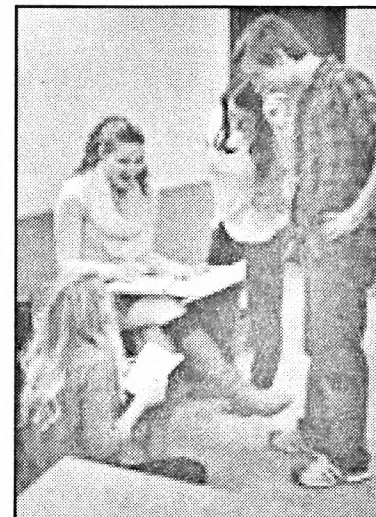
Assistant director senior Lisa Hartman loves working with students because of the openness to new ideas and the collaborative feeling. Although Vander Ploeg has an "excellent handle" on what she wants for *Proof*, she accepts input from the cast. Although Hartman admits sometimes they "goof off" too much and "it's often difficult to draw the line between being friendly and being professional."

Dan Flynn, who plays Robert, said working with peers gives them the

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Left: Shane Trail and Alexis Smith receive help with their lines from assistant director Lisa Hartman. Right: Actors gather around director senior Marissa Vander Ploeg to receive notes on their practice.



opportunity to bounce more ideas off of each other. "I think that's actually cultural. Our generation is more open about speaking because we understand critique is subjective," Flynn said.

Because the cast consists of four characters, they have become very close and get to know each other as characters and people for who they are.

Jenna Vance's character Claire is sisters with Alexis Smith's character Catherine. "[Smith and I] have lots

of fun," Vance said. "When we see each other around campus, we say, 'seester.'"

The play will take place in the round, a theatre where the seats surround the stage. Vander Ploeg chose this platform because it opened up the cast so they don't have to worry about having their back to the audience for too long. This also creates an atmosphere of being caged in, similar to Catherine's fear becoming her cage Vander Ploeg said.

"[Vander Ploeg] is a genius," said Smith. "Seriously, she has thought through everything to the last detail. It really brings the play to life."

"Don't let the math theme scare you off. While the math majors out there may get a kick out of some of the math lingo, my fellow humanities students will feel right at home exploring the interesting characters and themes in *Proof*," Hartman said.

Proof opens March 31 and April 1 and 2.

Commentary:

Finding home: Sigma Tau Delta convention

Kelli Poole

Staff Writer

"Sing Me to Sleep, Eric Cartman." It made me sick. It was a disturbing paper that related Eric Cartman from the show *South Park* to the Nazis during the Holocaust.

The girl took her seat as the applause died down. We were sitting behind a table at the front of the room, facing the audience and the door. There were four of us—presenters—and a room spectator who had introduced us before we read.

The spectator stood up and faced the audience. "I guess I'll open the floor to questions," he said.

Someone sitting two rows back on the end raised their hand. The audience member addressed his question to me and the two others who had presented before me. "Your papers all had a different approach on military life. What do you think makes them similar?"

The two students who had presented before me answered first. Then it was my turn: "I think that people who are in the military are sometimes misunderstood. Sometimes people think that they're battle-hardened, killing machines. But I think what all of our papers do is show the human side to people in the military."

I summoned to the first girl, who had talked about her experiences at Navy boot camp. "That they have fears," I summoned to the man who had gone second, who talked of his experiences after he had served in the Air Force. "That they have insecurities. That they have families, and cares and

concerns—that they're human. I think that's what kind of unites our papers. They show the humanity of soldiers."

The questions went on for several minutes.

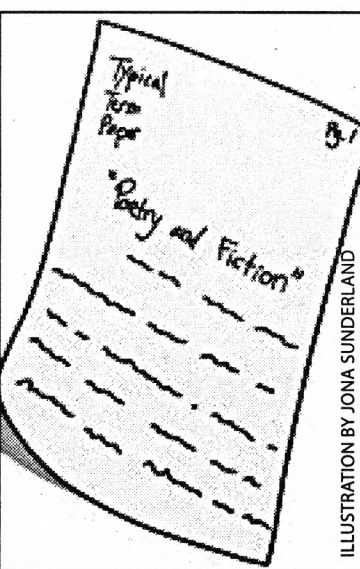
This was our existence for three days while we were at Sigma Tau Delta Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota—sitting in presentation rooms listening to each other present and answer questions.

There were nine of us, counting myself: Juniors Kristen Coser and Carrie Leato; Seniors Alex VanDehey, BritLee Cadle, Justine Von Arb, Sarah Anderson, and Marissa Bishop; and Dr. Rebecca Belcher-Rankin, our Sigma Tau Delta chapter sponsor.

It was my first year—and last year—at convention. I had submitted a creative non-fiction piece entitled "Into the Abyss," which I had written in Advance Writing. Coser also submitted a creative non-fiction piece. VanDehey submitted a fiction piece while Cadle, Von Arb, Leato, Anderson, and Bishop submitted analytical pieces.

Not just anyone gets to go to English Convention. To even be eligible to submit a paper for convention, one has to be a member of the English honor society Sigma Tau Delta. Submissions are sent in around September or October, and submitters whose papers are accepted for convention are notified over Christmas break.

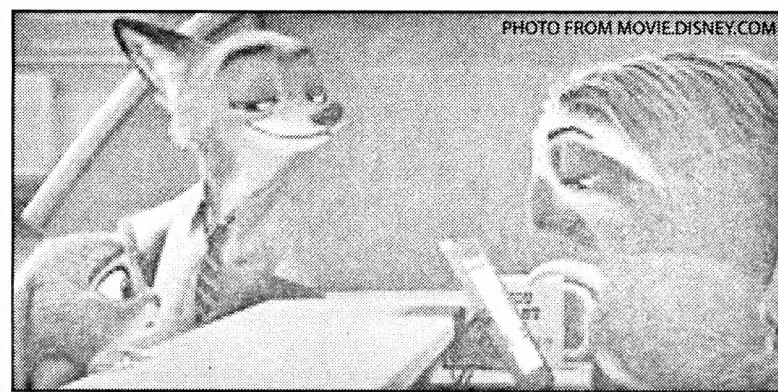
Reading my paper—over which I'd poured hours of my time to perfect—out loud to a group of strangers was definitely a step outside my comfort zone. Answering questions about my



paper after presenting it was another step out of my comfort zone. It was my first time reading something I'd written out loud to a group of people who weren't related to me. But I grew from the experience.

On Saturday evening were the GALA dinner and convention awards. We sat at a circular table at the Gala for two hours.

No one from our chapter won any awards at this convention, but that does not discount the quality of our pieces. The theme at convention this year was "Finding Home." I don't know whether any of us found home, but some of us probably found something, either about ourselves or about each other. Maybe that's what the theme "Finding Home" really meant.



4 stars for Zootopia

Jack White

Staff Writer

Movies are some of the best teachers we have. "Zootopia" is one of the best animated lessons of the year.

"Zootopia" is directed by Byron Howard and Rich Moore and features a stellar voice cast: Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman, Idris Elba and Jenny Slate.

Judy Hopps wants to become a police officer, but has trouble earning respect due to her being a rabbit. Then when the normally tame predators of Zootopia begin going savage she has a shot at doing some real police work. With a title like "Zootopia," I assumed this would be a run of the mill kids movie, but the humor and pointed subject matter make it great.

"Zootopia" is about stereotypes and how awful people can be treated because of their species; adults are told what jobs they can and can't do because of the animal they are; and friendships are broken from people buying into stereotypes.

It also shows all of these prejudices being overcome and people apologizing, proving that it's never too late to apologize for past ignorance. With the world kids are growing up in right now, it's important that this movie was made. Kids may see another point of view for the first time. Hopefully, in

the middle of cute animals and hilarious jokes kids, maybe even parents will begin to understand how damaging prejudice is in society.

The most impressive thing about this movie is that it says so much but never feels preachy. The heart of this film is wrapped up in hilarious jokes and an incredible mystery given for the characters to solve. There were plenty of things to make kids laugh, but there seemed to be even more for adults. It's not often that a kid's movie has me struggling to breathe.

The case that Hopps is sent on really is captivating. This movie figured out the mix of humor and plot better than most movies, they did not let being an animated kids movie hinder their story telling.

The voice cast is a delight. Ginnifer Goodwin and Jason Bateman give great emotional performances as the leads. The supporting actors are who really blew me away, specifically Jenny Slate as the hilariously layered assistant mayor. Nate Torrence as an overweight cheetah cop was a highlight. Mixed with bits from J. K. Simmons, Tommy Chong and Shakira this movie really struck gold with its cast.

"Zootopia" is a funny, and important, romp that any one can love. See it at your earliest convenience. It's a movie that everyone will want to see and many will need to see.

Outdoor Adventure Club trip empowers, inspires

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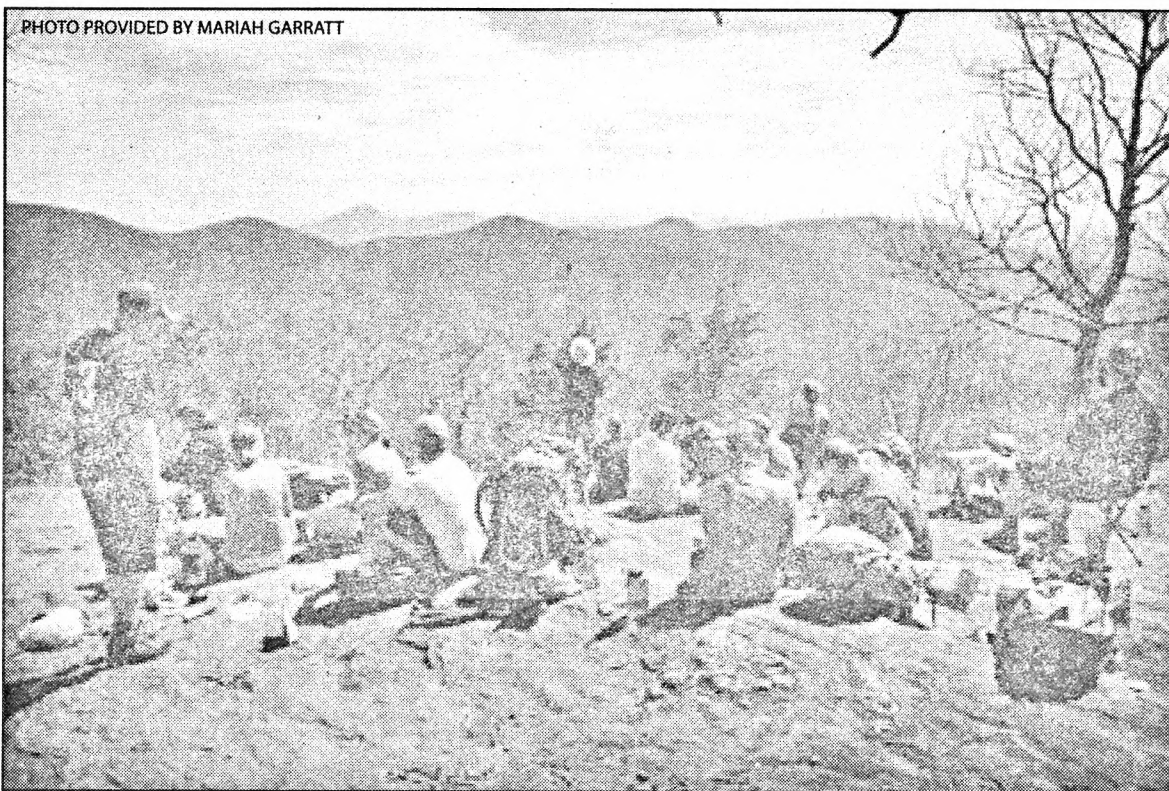
Waking up in the mountains is a struggle. After being encased in a cocoon of warmth, that first breath of Georgia's heavy, cold air is shocking. The Appalachian Trail wasn't exactly a nurturing environment for 12 sleep-deprived college students, especially during our spring break. Nonetheless, our team from the Outdoor Adventure Club got up every morning, faced the brisk morning grey, put on our packs and started walking.

It was worth the cold. The team's time on the trail left senior Katie Geertsema feeling "empowered." Mornings that began on one mountaintop would transition down to a steep valley, followed by a sharp upward trek to the top of another peak. And then, repeat.

Despite strained shoulders and legs that felt like Jell-O at times, the sense of accomplishment made the sweat and heavy breathing a vague afterthought.

In Geertsema's eyes, looking back at the conquered mountains caused her to love her first backpacking experience. When we stopped, whether it was to pump and filter water from a stream or just to catch up on breathing during an ascent, she would take a second to gaze back at the mountain behind us. As Katie summarized, an incredible sense of pride warmed her with enthusiasm as she thought, "Hey! I climbed that!"

Senior Austin Holton added that while those moments of retrospect were motivating, he found himself even more excited by the prospects ahead. "I like to look forward too and see where we are going—what we can



Members of the Outdoor Adventure Club spent their spring break hiking in the mountains of Georgia.

do together as a team," he said.

To some, that might sound just as cheesy as the packaged mac & cheese Mountain House Meals backpackers learned to fear and respect. But the team dimension of the trip was inseparable from the "empowerment" sensation Geertsema described. A win for an individual was a win for the team. Someone made it up Blood Mountain with a heavy pack? Admiration galore. Someone uttered a word of profound wisdom on the trail? Quotations and respect abound. Someone pooped in

the woods for the first time? Mass rejoicing.

The hikers who passed by us during the week created a unique and fascinating culture of their own. Stories came from chats with through-hikers, those who were beginning the six month journey from the trail's start in Georgia to its end in Maine. A majority of the hikers our team encountered claimed to be Christians, and faith was a readily approachable conversation.

Jon Croft, our trail guide and resident backpacking expert, accredited

this to the incredible scenery unfolding around us. "When you look out and see all this, how can you not at least consider the idea of a Creator?" he said, gesturing out towards our campsite's backyard. Rolling layers of blue-grey mountains standing resolute in the midst of an otherwise foggy horizon, and at night a sea of thousands of brilliant stars would take their place.

Every real hiker on the trail adopts a trail name, and our team took great interest in upholding this tradition. Sophomore Anna Kuechenberg earned

the name "Giggles" due to her adorable laughter and positive spirit. Fellow sophomore Brandon Crockett earned the name "Chip" after using his axe to cut firewood for our dinner-time bonfire. Names that fell on the stranger side included "Ranger Thunder Calves," attributed to Holton thanks to his apparent lack of sweat and physical stress, as well as "Old and Decrepit," which 28-year-old Geertsema accepted openly. These trail names united us, and further, authenticated our hiking experiences.

For me, the true heart and soul of the journey was found during every day's hour of solitude. During these hours we were encouraged to read our Bibles, reflect on life, or whatever else we needed to do in order to recharge. A strange sensation of the emerging of your own real, inner self happens in the silence. No texts waiting to be opened. No homework to complete. No internet distractions. "Its actual silence," junior Elizabeth Jenkins said.

Tired and smelly, we all drove out of Georgia. We hadn't showered in over five days.

But there was something powerful and different in the way we interacted with one another around campfires at night and during the 10-hour drive back. Exhaustion and distraction with school work was replaced with a relaxed atmosphere, filled with laughter and an openness to talk about real issues, life questions, and conversations about God. The mornings might have been chilly, but our team's warm and refreshed energy was apparent as we rolled away from Georgia's mighty mountains.

Day in the life: A veteran at Olivet

Jeremy McGrath

Contributing Writer

Freshman Stephen Kwiatkowski served in the marine core for four years with the infantry. He was deployed to Afghanistan twice for about seven months. He came to Olivet looking for a Christian environment, a more quiet campus and one that was more focused on God.

The GlimmerGlass: Was it hard to get spiritually connective or stay spiritually active in the military?

Stephen Kwiatkowski: At sometimes it was hard to behave as a Christian when you are thrown into a world like that—it's a complete culture shock ... but on the other hand there were certain hardships that kept me in prayer with God.

GG: When you came to Olivet did you feel welcomed as a veteran?

Kwiatkowski: It's not that I felt welcomed or not welcomed. It was more of a new culture shock for me ... I was thrown into the college world, where people are straight out of high school, and I had to re-learn how to interact with them.

GG: Did the school have any veteran or adjustment programs?

Kwiatkowski: No, there was nothing for veterans really.

GG: Who or what helped you to adapt the most?

Kwiatkowski: If I needed to vent

I would text somebody who I served with and vent to him. It would have been nice if there was somebody who would have guided me. Most schools have a veteran's affairs office ... and they can help you out.

GG: How was it being thrown in with Freshman?

Kwiatkowski: If this is to get a generalized view of how all veterans [react], I am more on the easygoing end. I know many people who definitely struggle. For me personally, it was definitely weird, I had to really watch what I was saying. [I also had to] make sure I wasn't coming off as aggressive, because in the marines if you have a problem with someone you just speak your mind.

GG: Was it hard or weird to be mingling with many people who are younger than you?

Kwiatkowski: It was really strange. In the marines I got out as a corporal, so I had guys who were 18, 19, 20 years old who I was in charge of ... in the marines ... you aren't supposed to fraternize with people you are in charge of, and there was definitely that weird mental gap.

GG: Would you have appreciated being integrated with the upperclassmen instead?

Kwiatkowski: Yes, I think so. I actually made a complaint about that to. All the transfer students got put up with people their age. As a veteran, I got thrown in with the Freshman

straight out of high school, and I didn't feel comfortable at the time.

GG: How did you get connected with other veterans on campus?

Kwiatkowski: One guy came up to me, and he noticed my memorial bracelet and asked if I was a veteran. He wanted to start a veterans group, but nothing's really happened yet. I've only heard of six or seven other [veterans] on campus so far.

GG: Would you like the school to make an effort to get veterans connected?

Kwiatkowski: It's a good thing to get in touch with other veterans, if you want to unload or vent. But, on the other hand, you really need to get out of the military mindset. They need to get used to be part of society and breaking away from the military lifestyle.

GG: Should the school devote resources to create a veterans group, V.A. office, or more specific aid in general for them?

Kwiatkowski: If there are only five veterans, would they [the school] really spend the funds to set up something for them? If they could just gage how many people are veterans and make connection possible. I had always wished there was a veteran V.A. office at this school, because that's offered at almost any other university ... where we can mingle and study, or if you have a question with your G.I. bill (Federal scholarship),



Freshman Stephen Kwiatkowski rides down Highway 611 in Sangin, Afghanistan in 2012.

which a lot of people don't know how to use properly.

GG: Do you feel comfortable here now?

Kwiatkowski: I have a more positive mindset about things, so I'm moving forward on a good foot. I'm more concerned with other veterans who really have a tough time adapting and changing to college life. A lot of people will go to college and lock themselves in their room all day. There is a huge issue of veteran suicide—22 a day.

Challenges of the student veteran

Acute stress can turn into Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Even if a student veteran does not have PTSD, they may still experience issues such as depression, anxiety, homesickness, relationship issues, substance use problems, or even simple adjustment issues.

Veterans typically experience more change than many of their non-veteran peers. They do not have a large community of students who can relate to what the student-veteran has been through. In some cases, Traumatic Brain Injury may be a factor that could impede academic performance.

The Counseling and Health Services office offers individual therapy to address the broad range of issues listed above. They do not have a support group specific to veterans at this time because the need has not presented itself. Typically, they encourage student veterans to connect with their local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Veteran's Affairs' also offer some workshops and support groups, but this may involve some travel. Additionally, if Traumatic Brain Injury is suspected, they can provide referrals for testing.

Source: Dr. Lisa Vander Veer, Director of Counseling and Health Services

God, have mercy on America

Grace Pelley

Staff Writer

On the way back to Olivet from Spring Break, I saw a phrase on the back of a truck, which I had seen many times. But this time it seemed odd. The phrase was "God Bless America," in response to which I thought, "Why would He do that?"

This summer, our Supreme Court made homosexual marriages legal throughout the country. Millions of innocent children have been slaughtered since 1973. Yet, many Christians are more upset about the style of music in church and Starbucks' cups than about America's soul. Those who are concerned believe that the right president will save America, as if he or she will be a messiah.

We are not God's chosen people. Even though America was founded on Biblical principles, God never said to us what He said to the Jews. We are throwing God out of our society and, for some reason, we are surprised that America is waning. The Church has divorced religion and politics, allowing our voices to be drowned out in the public sector. Those who are involved often put too much faith in the political system, expecting non-Christians to act like Christians.

In short, we Christians who are stewarding America have failed. We put our security in our political platform instead of in God and used our power to protect our interests, not to demonstrate compassion. Why are we surprised that America is falling?

But, there is still hope. If we confess America's sins instead of condemning those who will never confess, God may have mercy on us. We need to confess, even if we individually have always done what is right, because if we do not, who will? I fear that God's list of grievances against us as a nation is long and punishment will come.

God, have mercy on America.

Donald Drumpf for president

A closer look at Donald Trump's campaign technique, aggressive platform

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2016 is the first year I've been able to express my voice as a citizen of the United States of America in the form of a vote, and my, what a year to jump in.

We've had Republican candidates crawling out of the woodwork, a former first lady entering the mix for the second time, as well as a democratic socialist who dropped a fire mix of "This land is your land." back in 1987. However, no summation of the 2016 presidential election would be complete without addressing the large orange elephant dominating the room.

Donald Trump. A real-estate mogul, reality TV star and presidential hopeful has dominated the Republican primaries thus far. Despite the predictions of nearly every political analyst at his start, his fiery, blunt, and unconventional persona has garnered support from Hawaii to Massachusetts.

I've been following the election closely since October. I even printed out a map of the U.S and began coloring in the states with crayons after each primary. I too never thought Trump would progress past the Iowa caucus, but the orange crayon that represented Donald Trump filled in state after state.

It just didn't make sense. His controversial and disgusting statements, combined with his poor vocabulary, lack of any political experience, and his tendency to change sides on major issues convinced me that Americans would never put up with a man so disqualified for the presidency.

Alas, Donald Trump continues to act like a five-year-old cousin stabbing you with a blunt spoon at a family get together. "Aww Johnny's attacking me, that's cute. Look at him go! Somebody get the camera! Hahahah.... Alright that's enough Johnny. Ow! Haha okay Johnny time to put the spoon down. Johnny...OW! Stop it Johnny, you're hurting me! OW! Put the spoon down, Johnny! I'M SERIOUS STOP. WHY IS NO

ONE STOPPING YOU? WHERE ARE YOUR PARENTS?"

And now we've reached the point in this election where I'm afraid that little Johnny is actually going to kill me with that plastic spoon.

I'm far from the first person to realize this. Democrats and Republicans alike in recent months have disavowed Donald Trump. His attackers range from 2012 Republican candidate Mitt Romney, to George Clooney, Shakira and J. K. Rowling, who actually stated that he is worse than the Dark Lord Voldemort. Yet, I believe the best shot at Trump so far has come from HBO's "Last Week Tonight" host John Oliver.

Using his unique comedy style to get his point across, Oliver systematically picked apart Donald Trump's campaign in a video published on YouTube Feb. 28. Oliver addressed the reasons Trump supporters like him continue to support the candidate, and then went on to expose the truth behind those statements. For example:

"He tells it like it is." Trump supporters often say they admire the way Trump speaks his mind. He is blunt, honest, and pulls no punches. "The website PolitiFact checked 77 of his statements and rated 76 percent of them as varying degrees of false," Oliver said.

He went on to share that Trump had told news channels his show had invited him four or five times to appear as a guest. "It was genuinely destabilizing to be on the receiving end of a lie that confident. I even checked to make sure that no one had even accidentally invited him, and of course they hadn't," Oliver said to the laughter of his studio audience.

"He is self-funding his campaign." Donald Trump has estimated that he has donated 20 to 25 million dollars to his campaign. Oliver then revealed that according to his website, Trump has only donated 250,000 dollars to his campaign. He has, to his credit, loaned 17,000,000 to his campaign, but he can get all the money back if he drops out. "If you think there isn't

The election would be boring without [Donald Trump], but at what point do we allow our entertainment to become more of a priority than electing the most qualified man or woman for the job?

a difference between a gift and loan, try giving your spouse an anniversary loan and see how that goes," Oliver said.

"Donald Trump is a successful businessman. If he runs the country like he does one of his companies, we'll be in good shape." Oliver had a field day with this one. Trump has a list of failed businesses that include, but are not limited to: Trump Airlines, Trump Steaks, Trump Mortgage, Trump Magazine, Trump World Magazine, Trump University and Trump Vodka.

Oliver ended his segment by redubbing Trump with his ancestral name: "Donald Drumpf" in an attempt to wake people from the illusion that has been built around the Trump name. Oliver then urged his viewers to "Help make Donald Drumpf again."

Since John Oliver's video went online last month, it has accumulated over 21 million views and more people now search Google for "Who is Donald Drumpf" more than any other republican candidate besides Trump himself. Despite all this, Trump still went on to dominate Super Tuesday and the primaries.

I have to admit that I've been frustrated. I understand that Donald Trump is entertaining, I really do. The election would be boring without him, but at what point do we allow our entertainment to become more of a priority than electing the most quali-

fied man or woman for the job?

All joking aside, Donald Trump would make a horrible president. He takes all the anger and fear inside the hearts of Americans and, rather than offering solutions, chooses to blame minorities for the nation's problems. His aggressive stance towards protestors has sparked violence at rallies and he's referred to women he disagrees with as pigs.

I've heard him contradict himself so many times that I honestly don't know what he believes. He called in to Fox News to say that the best way to defeat ISIS was to go after the fighter's families. That's a candidate for the presidency of our nation advocating a war crime.

I know that my words here today are just a molecule in a drop in the ocean of the political tsunami that is 2016, but I implore you: If you are considering supporting Trump, please look more closely at the man you wish to lead our nation.

Whoever the next president is, Republican or Democrat, man or woman, I hope and pray that our leader strives to unite us with love and understanding, not lead us into the darkness of fear and resentment.

Over spring break, I was sitting at the kitchen table when I learned that Donald Trump had won the Michigan primary. I angrily whipped out my orange crayon and scribbled in Michigan on my little map before snapping it in half.

That orange crayon never did anything to me, and neither is orange itself an evil color. Pumpkins are orange, and so are sunsets and peaches and plenty of wonderful things. But I snapped that crayon in half because it felt good to associate all of my frustration with the little writing utensil in my hand that was the same color as Donald Trump. I believe in that moment, I was more like Donald Trump than I would ever like to be again.

Please don't vote for him.

Ask Abdi: Advice for everyday

"I believe that we can learn two ways: through listening and experience. My ultimate desire is that if you need advice or have a question, we can grow and learn together. Am I the person who has all the answers? No. I don't. But above all, I do know that the One who goes before me does. We have a God who answers when we call." -- Abdi Carreno



So, I'm black. And my family is very democratic, but I'm republican. Should I tell them?

Is it important to you that your family knows? Will there be anything good that comes from it? Or is it more so the inner desire that we have to speak up our opinion and be heard?

Before making a decision whether or not to tell your family, think about what could happen. Will it cause bitterness, or anger between your relationship, or will they be completely accepting to your opinion? Many times, some things are better left un-

said.

Never forget that the power of life and death is in our tongue.

I think my major may be too hard for me. I get D's on all my tests, and my professors keep telling to just study more, but I study every day. Should I change it, or keep trying? Also, my major is interior design.

Many of us have been through that uncertainty that picking a major, or deciding a future career brings. Before you consider changing, examine yourself. Sometimes finding new study

techniques, or ways to improve our grades are necessary.

For this, determination is necessary. When we are determined to do something, nothing can stop us in accomplishing our goals. Other times change is good, not because you are incapable of doing what you originally planned, but because maybe God is wanting to call your attention to something else.

When you decide, ask God for love and passion for your education so you can finish with the same intensity you started with. And remember, Olivet is lucky enough to have resources such as the Academic Coaching Center at our disposal.

"In all we do let's give God the Glory."

When is a good time to kiss my girlfriend for the first time?

The fact that you are asking this question, and she is your girlfriend shows how much you care about her. The first kiss many times is what a girl quietly anticipates, yet shows no desperation about.

There is no perfect time for a first kiss, it is more so the feelings that are behind it. It is said that the best kiss is one that has been exchanged with the eyes many times before it reaches the lips. I may not be able to tell you when to do it, but I can tell you this.

Love comes slowly, and it is patient.

What are good things for me to do with my girlfriend?

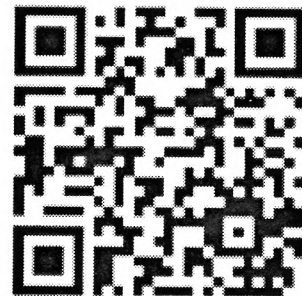
The best thing that a girl can have is your undivided attention. Whatever it is that you do with her, she will love simply because you are with her. Your presence in her life is so valuable to her. Because of this, you do not have to think too hard of new things to do with her all the time. If you sit with her and have a meaningful conversation, it will mean everything to her.

Take time to observe her, every detail about her remember. From the color of her eyes, to the shape of her eyebrows, or the dimples in her cheeks, everything is intentional.

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Lady Tigers finish with 29 wins, 6 losses; Men's basketball end with 18 wins, 9 losses

Sam Nichols

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The Lady Tigers season finished with a program best record of 29 wins and 6 losses.

Following the regular season, ONU went into the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) tournament as the third seed, and won a first round game over Purdue University Calumet by a score of 117-104. In the CCAC semifinals they faced off against Saint Xavier University, the second-ranked team in the nation. Earlier in the season, on Jan. 23, the Tiger's lost 108-96 in a tough game at home against Saint Xavier. But Olivet was ready for them this time.

The game was close at the end of the first half, with the Tigers trailing 49-47. But they had stayed in the game behind the strong shooting of junior guard Carlee Nicolas, who made five out of seven field goal shots two out of two free throws, for a total of 15 points in the half.

The second half had a lot more all-around contribution, as sophomore guard Ally Giampapa scored 12 points, senior guard Abbey Hengesbach scored eight, and senior guard Jayne Stuart scored eight. All in all, the Tigers outscored Saint Xavier by a score of 55-45 in the second half and won the game 102-94.

The momentum from the game carried into the CCAC Championship game, as the Tigers rolled to a 124-100 victory of Saint Ambrose University, led by Hengesbach's 25 points and 18 assists and Stuart's 15 points and seven assists.

Having won the CCAC tournament, the Lady Tigers received a number one seed in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Championship Tournament. The first game was a scare for the Tigers as they edged past Indiana University East in overtime by a score of 110-99; it was a poor shooting game for the Tigers as they shot 13-47 from the three-point line.

In the second round they would face Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU), ONU lost the rebound battle, 52-25, and assist battle, 22-3; but behind Hengesbach's 39 points and IWU's astounding 37 turnovers, the Tigers were able to come away with an 86-84 victory.

Sadly, the Tiger's lost in Tournament quarterfinal in their next game to Mount Marty College; they struggled from the three-point line that night, making only 14 of their 62 attempts and committing 38 fouls, nearly double their season average of 20.4 fouls per game. This game ended the Tiger's chances at a national championship.

"It's obviously tough," said Head Coach Lauren Stamatis. "Because this team really believed that we could make it to the NAIA championship game and have a chance at winning. But that doesn't take away from everything we have done this year. Overall, such an incredible year."

Four seniors "Words can't really describe my senior class," Stuart said. "I couldn't ask for better. There's been a lot of girls in and out of the program since I've been here. But it's cool to finish with these girls."

Following the season, Hengesbach was named to NAIA Division II All-American First Team and NAIA Division II Player of the Year Honors. Hengesbach was also named to CCAC's All-Conference First Team, received Conference Player of the Year honors. Stuart and Giampapa were All-Conference Honorable Mentions; and junior Ashley Freeman was named an NAIA Scholar Athlete.

Coach Stamatis is excited about the next season for her team. "We have a great returning group and I feel great about the four [incoming freshmen] coming in. And to have those nine sophomores play at the tournament and go as far as they did, it gives them that hunger to back there."

Olivet's men's team had a much different year than the women's team, finishing with 18 wins and 11 losses after an up-and-down season. Their

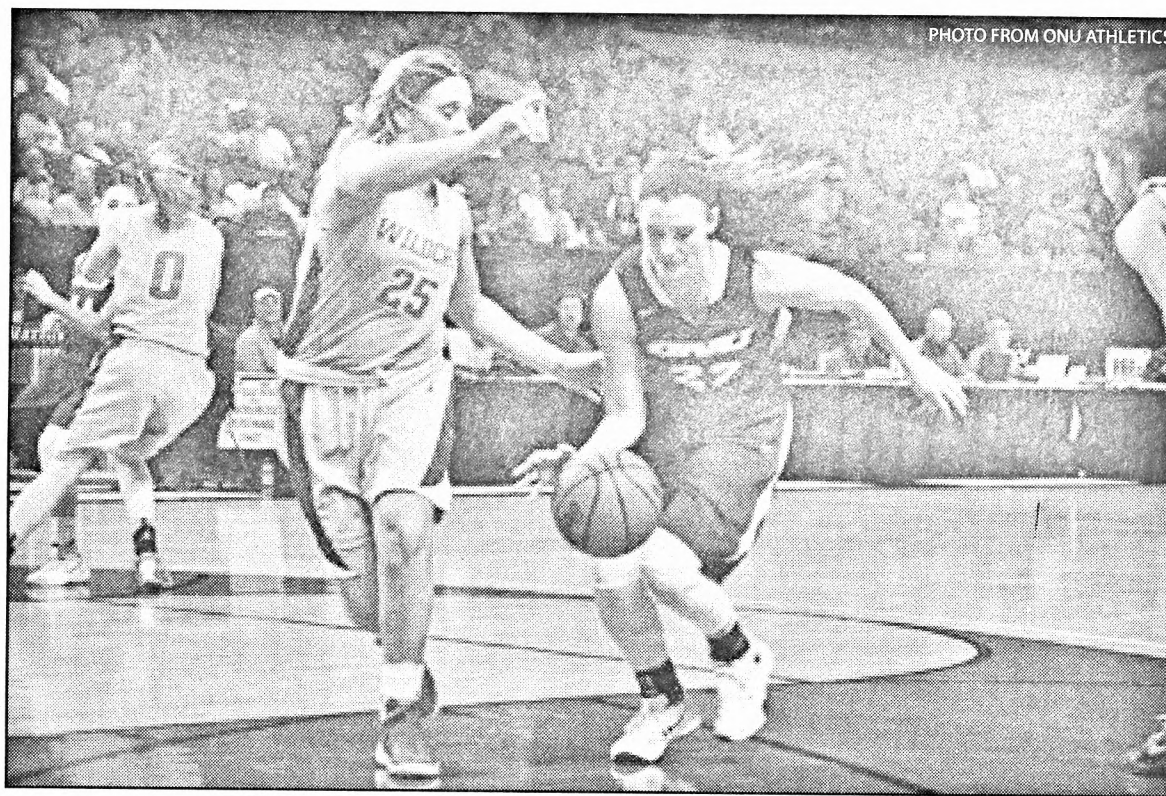


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The women's basketball team finished their season with a program best record of 29 wins and 6 losses.

conference play earned them the second overall seed in the CCAC Championship Tournament.

Unfortunately, on Feb. 26, the Tigers bowed out in the first round of the conference tournament, losing 90-75 to Indiana University-South Bend, a team the Tigers had beaten twice during the regular season by scores of 103-78 at home on Jan. 7 and 77-62 on the road on Feb. 13.

During the first two games, Indiana University shot 65 shots from the three-point line and only made 18 of those shots, for a three-point-shooting average of 27.6 percent. But during the first round of the CCAC tournament, Indiana University made 14 of their 29 shots from the three-point range, 48.3 percent from the three-point line.

Nevertheless, the Tiger's still made the NAIA National Championship Tournament as an at-large seed. They were matched up with Keiser University who they played early in the year

on Dec. 30 and lost to 72-66. The rematch was a struggle for Olivet's leading scorer, Aaron Larson, who was held to 14 points, well below his scoring average of 22.9 points per game. Sadly, the Tigers lost to them yet again by a score of 77-66 on March 9. This loss gave them a final record of 18 wins and 11 losses for the season.

"I feel bummed," said senior forward Leke Solanke. "I feel really down about the way it ended. It puts a bad taste in your mouth knowing the way things could have gone. A four-game losing streak, nobody wants to go out that way."

But Coach Ralph Hodge spoke highly of the 2016 season. "They've learned how to handle the success and disappointments of a season and bounce back. They've got the ability to put the difficult times behind them and learn from them. And to take those successes, not get comfortable and keep pushing on."

Following the season's end, Larson was named to the NAIA Division II All-American Second Team. Including this honor, Larson was named to the CCAC All-Conference First Team and was runner up for Player of the Year honors. Senior Center Zach Wagner was a CCAC All-Conference Honorable Mention. In addition, seniors Taylor Tucker and Reid Farchmin and juniors Abe Barwegen, Ryan Carl, and Tyler Crater were named Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes.

With seven seniors graduating, there is a large hole to be filled by upcoming players. Crater, who will be a senior next year, is one of those players. "You hate to say that you're rebuilding because it's my last year, and we are going to in with a mentality of getting better," Crater said. "You shouldn't slip on your expectations just based on what you have."

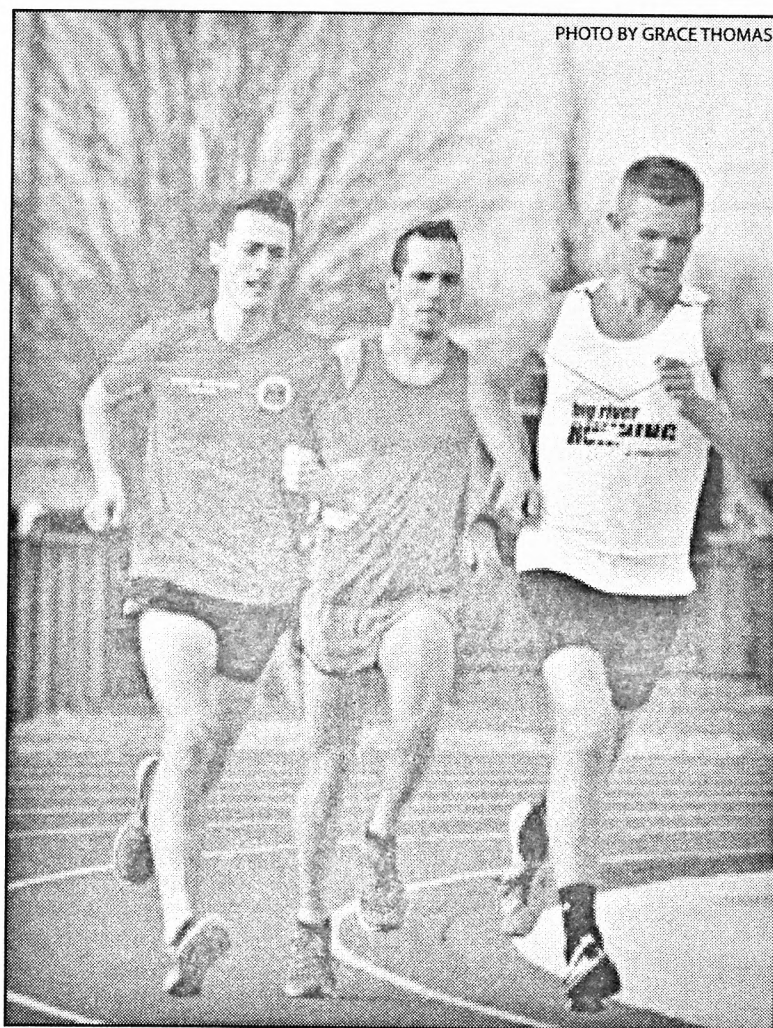


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Men's track and field athletes practice at Olivet.

7 track athletes named All-American

Heather Halverson

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At track and field's final indoor competition March 3, qualifiers saw the end of a strong season.

Coach Mike McDowell said the team dynamic going into the competition as one where "[athletes] support each other and get to know one another a little better." This was a sentiment strongly echoed by senior Chris Aschemann and junior Sarah Ray.

"We all just really wanted each other to perform well," Ray said. "Everyone was excited to compete and to watch their teammates compete," Aschemann said.

As far as performances, senior Amy Blucker's becoming National Champion in women's shot put was a proud moment for Olivet's track team. Coach McDowell praised her hard work that clearly led to this result. In addition to this accomplishment, eleven other athletes gained the title of All-American in seven performances.

To earn this title, an athlete must finish top eight among all other competitors at the national meet. Olivet came home with Blucker's shot put championship, junior Sarah

Ray took 4th place in the 5000m run, junior Caleb Drake earned 4th in the 3000m, senior Dylan Creger 5th in the 5000m, senior Jacob Armbrust 3rd in the weight throw, women's 4x800m relay with junior Karley Brown, sophomore Emily Troemel, junior Angelica Lafemina, and sophomore Alexa Beezhold finished 7th and men's distance medley relay composed of sophomore Ryan Larkin, senior Alvin Best, freshman Nick Fiene, and junior Caleb Drake all secured All-American titles with an 8th place finish.

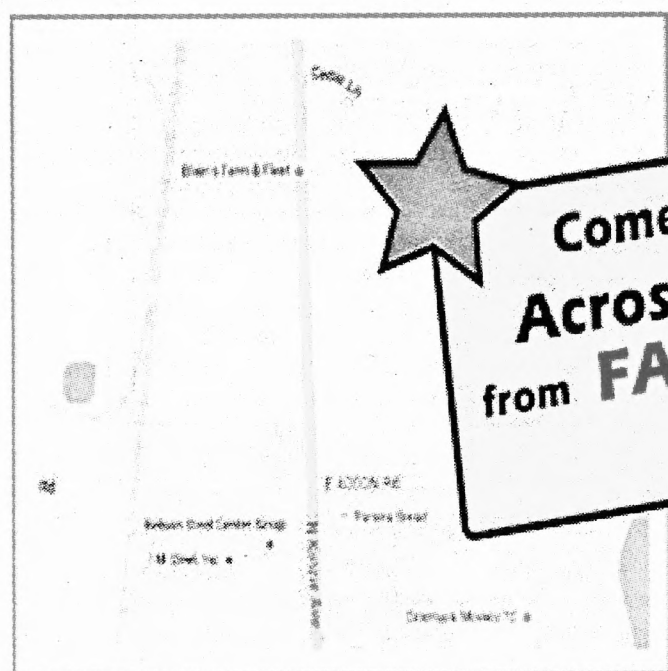
One story McDowell shared was an unexpected challenge during the men's distance medley relay (DMR) race. The DMR athletes (Larkin, Best, Fiene, and Drake) were headed into finals with the top seed time. Essentially, this meant they had the potential to take the championship, depending on how that final race went. "The most interesting point for us was when the baton was knocked out of Ryan Larkin's hand within the first 5 meters of the Distance Medley Relay. Heading into the finals with the leading time from the prelims, our high expectations were stomped on pretty quickly." Despite a frustrating mishap right out of the gates, this team still finished with 8 place and

secured All-American titles.

According to Aschemann, the performance by senior Maria Gomez in the triple jump was impressive, as well. "She set a new school record in the triple jump on her last attempt," he noted, "so that was cool to see." The ONU Track and Field website reported her final place at 14.

From an athlete's perspective, both Aschemann and Ray mentioned the honor that it is to travel to Nationals. Athletes have their chance to perform based on months of hard work and training. "It's cool to be able to say that you're one of the top athletes in the country and go and compete against the other best athletes in the country," Aschemann explained. Coach McDowell once more showed the similar attitudes amongst this one-hundred-plus-member team with his own opinion on a shot at Nationals. As a coach, the honor comes from "[knowing] your athletes are competing against the best that NAIA has to offer."

By the end of the weekend, the men's team tied for 18th out of 52 teams with 16 points. The women also finished strong taking 12 place.



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