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New law to expand sexual assault training in schools

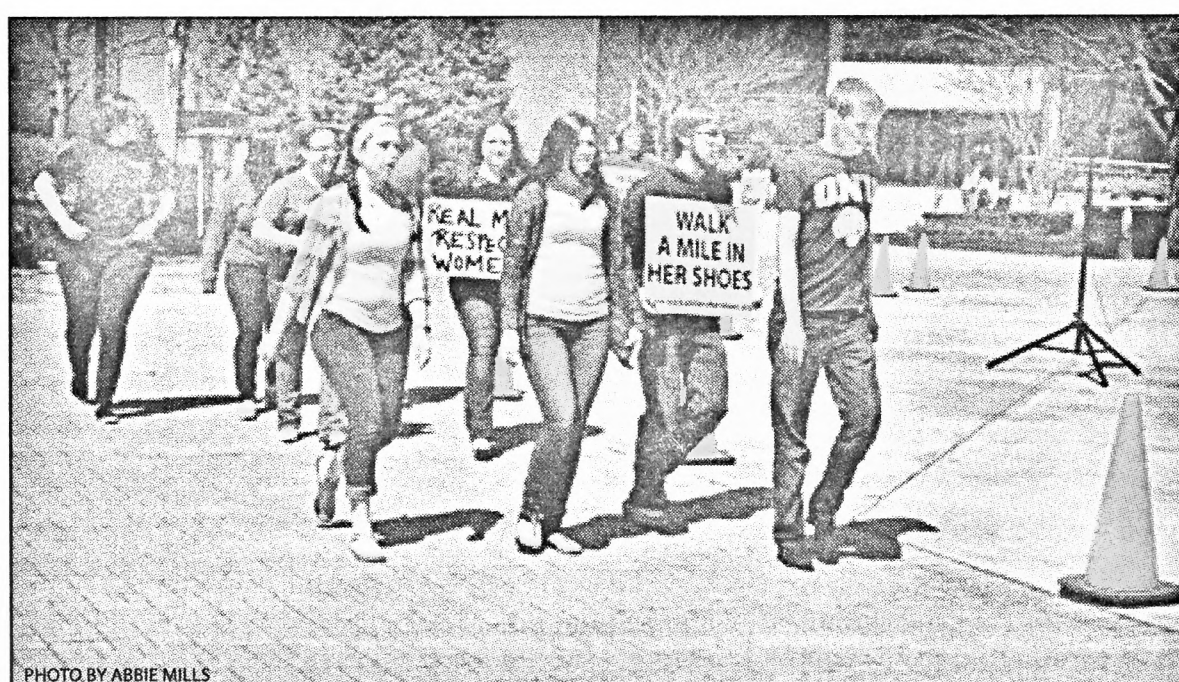


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KC-CASA hosted Walk A Mile In Her Shoes in the quad at Olivet Nazarene University on April 14 to bring awareness to sexual assault.

Nathan DiCamillo
Life & Culture Editor

If you think that you have been sexually assaulted or harassed, it is not your job to determine whether or not you were violated. Your job is to report it.

That's the underlying idea behind Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, according to Olivet's Title IX Coordinator David Pickering. When Title IX was created, it only addressed gender equity in college athletics. Now, it serves as a protection against sexual assault or harassment law. Moreover, as of Aug. 1, 2016, a new Illinois law will require schools to provide training about the definitions of sexual assault and harassment.

"[Title IX] has expanded to cover gender equity for sexual assault, sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking—anything that would happen because of your gender that creates a hostile environment," Pickering said.

Title IX has existed since 1972, but a letter in April 2011 from the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), made it more of a priority for universities and ensured that they were following a more formalized procedure.

"Title IX is the state trying to make sure schools are following the same processes," Pickering said. "Before Title IX, schools would still have a harassment policy. Title IX formalized a lot of things and put in process so

that schools are not sweeping things under the rug. Students have a right to know who is accusing them, to have witnesses, and to make appeals."

The OCR letter became published as a "significant guidance document" by the department.

Assistant Director of Human Resources Tom Ascher said that while schools had sexual assault and harassment policies before Title IX, this new emphasis on the law makes it so that universities will not fail to investigate cases that involve conflicts of interest—such as a report against a school's star football player.

Title IX requires all faculty and staff as well as residential life to report all known cases of sexual assault and harassment. Because of confidentiality laws, counselors cannot report sexual assault and harassment cases without the victim's consent or unless the victim is under 18. Because of Title IX's amnesty clause, claimants who report will not be held responsible for any handbook violations that occurred during the time of the incident.

Because the Department of Education and Olivet wants no barriers to reporting in Title IX cases, those who report will not be punished if they were violating the handbook when they were assaulted or harassed "provided that any such violations did not do not endanger the health or well-being of any other individual," according to

Olivet's policies and procedures.

"If a girl came into my office and we did an investigation and thought that it was consensual, we don't go to student development and turn that student in," Pickering said.

Once Pickering receives a report of sexual assault or harassment, he meets separately with all the parties involved and asks what happened. If the story of the respondent (otherwise known as the accused or alleged perpetrator) matches that of the claimant (otherwise known as the accuser or alleged victim), then there will be no investigation and the respondent will be punished by the school. If the stories do not match, however, Pickering will inform the claimant about what an investigation would entail and if the claimant is willing to go forward with it.

Out of six trained Title IX investigators on campus, one or two of them will conduct the investigation. The investigators will interview the respondent, claimant, and witnesses, if any.

There is no manual for Title IX investigations, Ascher said. Instead, investigators go through training determined by the Title IX coordinator. Last year, investigators attended a two day seminar.

"Investigators are trained and know what avenues to take, what questions to ask, and how to listen," Ascher said.

Pickering added: "In the investi-

She might say 'I let him kiss me and put his hands under my shirt,' but if there was no permission given for intercourse then that's sexual assault. - Olivet Title IX Coordinator David Pickering

gation we investigate both parties as well as witnesses if there are any. It is not the same as a police investigation where a state attorney decides whether or not there will be charges pressed. In our investigation there is what we call a preponderance of the evidence."

Title IX has a lower standard than the courts. If there is "51 percent" of reason to believe that the respondent did touch the claimant then investigators will side with the claimant.

"Unlike the courts, we do not make our decision without reasonable doubt. Title IX tends to lean more in the favor of the accuser," Pickering said.

Pickering noted that often the respondent is not fully aware of what he or she may have done.

For example, a man and woman may be kissing, she may let him under her shirt, but if he penetrates her with his hand without her permission that can constitute as sexual assault.

Pickering also noted that the claimant tends to think that the incident was his or her fault.

"She might say 'I let him kiss me and put his hands under my shirt,' but if there was no permission given for intercourse then that's sexual assault," Pickering said.

Often Pickering asks the respondent whether or not he or she knew that they did not have consent and why they thought they did have consent.

Sexual assault can be a man harming a woman, a woman harming a man, a woman harming a woman, or a man harming a man. While several normally sexual gestures, like slapping someone's butt, may be culturally interpreted as platonic between people of the same-sex, there should still be an awareness of whether or not the action is unwelcome or sexual in nature.

"There's definitely more openness about homosexuality," Pickering said. "Things that happened 20, 30 years ago that were not sexual today would be different. There is heightened awareness about sexual issues...that's good, you want to address that, but it call also be bad because it can cause hyper-sensitivity to these issues."

In cases in which a potential claimant is not sure whether or not he or she was assaulted, Pickering always errs on the side of doing an investigation.

"The schools wants to have a culture where sexual assault isn't tolerated...and a culture in which we investigate those cases," Pickering said.

Additional university requirements

The following are additional requirements for universities that will be enacted on Aug. 1, 2016 by the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act, Public Act 099-0426:

- Incorporate particular timeframes into their procedures for notifying parties of key stages of the proceedings;
- Adopt a definition of consent that includes particular components;
- have an option for students to report electronically, anonymously, and confidentially;
- Provide a minimum number of hours of training to particular individuals involved in addressing or resolving issues of sexual violence;
- Designate and train specific confidential advisors available to provide emergency and ongoing support to students;
- Include an amnesty provision in the institution's policy that provides immunity to any student who reports in good faith a policy violation from receiving any disciplinary sanctions that are revealed in the course of such a report; and
- Include an appeal process that contains particular grounds for appeal as set forth in the Act.

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

LETTER SUBMISSION

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Senior Week Schedule

Sunday, May 1

Picnic and lawn games on Common Grounds patio and lawn

5-7 p.m. Drinks and snacks provided, bring your own meal and blanket.

Monday, May 2

Senior Banquet at The Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park

This is a ticketed event. Those with tickets will receive an e-mail with more details.

Tuesday, May 3

Chicago trip for a photo and lunch

Join the senior class for a photo at Millenium Park and lunch at Giordano's. Meet at The Bean in Millenium Park for a photo at 1:30 p.m., then join for lunch at 2 p.m. Lunch is paid for by ASC. RSVP via the class page on Facebook.

Wednesday, May 4

Graduation Party in the Warming House

6 p.m. Catering provided by Chipotle; other snacks, drinks and desserts also available. Videos of past Ollies Follies will be played and other activities including a photo booth will be available.

Thursday, May 5

Free Day

Take the time to plan something fun with your friends or work on moving out and cleaning up your apartment.

Friday, May 6

Baccalaureate Service

7:30 p.m. service in Centennial Chapel. This is a non-ticketed event, graduation regalia is appropriate and seating is open. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.; students may sit with family.

Saturday, May 7

Commencement Ceremony

9:30 a.m. convocation in Centennial Chapel. Admission to the Chapel seating area will be limited to four guests per graduate. Overflow seating and closed-circuit viewing will be in Chalfant Hall and Wisner Hall of Nursing Auditorium.

Final Examination Schedule

Examination	Class Period	Time of Exam
Monday May 2	8:00 MWF, M-F	8:00 - 9:50 AM
	12:00 MWF, M-F	10:00 - 11:50 AM
	2:00 MWF, M-F	1:00 - 2:50 PM
	4:00 MWF, M-F	3:00 - 4:50 PM
	6:00/6:30 M/MR	6:00 - 7:50 PM
Tuesday May 3	7:30 TR	8:00 - 9:50 AM
	10:30/11:30 TR	10:00 - 11:50 AM
	12:00/12:30 TR	1:00 - 2:50 PM
	3:00 TR	3:00 - 4:50 PM
	6:00 T	6:00 - 7:50 PM
Wednesday May 4	9:00 MWF, M-F	8:00 - 9:50 AM
	11:00 MWF, M-F	10:00 - 11:50 AM
	1:00 MWF, M-F	1:00 - 2:50 PM
	3:00 MWF, M-F	3:00 - 4:50 PM
	5:00 MWF, M-F	5:00 - 6:50 PM
Thursday May 5	8:00/8:30 TR	8:00 - 9:50 AM
	1:30 TR	1:00 - 2:50 PM
	4:30 TR	4:00 - 5:50 PM
	6:00/6:30 TR/R	6:00 - 7:50 PM

Taking care of business: Enactus and SHRM win national competitions

Mariah Garratt

Advertisement Coordinator

The Business Department celebrated major triumphs in the 2016 spring semester with their Enactus and SHRM clubs earning high recognitions.

Enactus, Entrepreneurial-Action-US, is an organization that holds a presence in more than 17,000 universities, unifying driven business students worldwide. Olivet's chapter of Enactus has existed for more than 20 years, with more than 70 members this school year.

The club's participation in national Enactus competitions has ranked them alongside some of the nation's major-league universities. For the past 13 years Olivet has won at Enactus regionals, then moved up to the national level competition, said Enactus coordinator Professor Lynda Allen.

Enactus teams work on a large variety of projects throughout the school year, putting marketing, finance, international business and many business services into real-life contexts. Olivet's members worked on 14 different service projects in the 2015-2016 school year. Examples range from VITA, a team of finance students who provided the local community with tax assistance, to the Bridge Project, a team who generated a marketing plan for a teen-focused non-profit.

This year's prevailing presentation team included junior Rachel Blunier, senior Matthew Bowden, junior Kaleb Miller, junior Wes Neil and junior Ayla Price. As 16 judges sat before them, the team presented an overview of the effects Olivet's projects had created in the past year.

Price, a three year Enactus veteran, found herself on the presentation team for the very first time. Price said that during the presentation her "internal body was freaking out, even though my mind was totally calm." Fellow presenter Blunier agreed. "I intentionally joined the competition team because I wanted to overcome my own numbness," Blunier said.



Enactus team presented at regionals and are on their way to nationals. This is the 13 year they have moved to the national level competition.

The nerves were not a result of lack of preparation. Price recounted that team met to rehearse the script every day for over a week, running it through repeatedly. After a solid presentation, the group had the rest of the day to network with attending businesses, but the possibility of another trophy obviously loomed ahead. Junior Sam Morey, the team's accompanying scriptwriter, described the nervous tension that summited as winning teams were announced.

The team had assumed from previous competitions that only three teams per division, or "league," would move on to Nationals. But after three schools were chosen, Olivet was announced.

Sam recalled that moment with a humored smile. "Most teams started to scream after their name was called. We were totally bummed out because we thought we had already been eliminated. So when they said our name we just sat there, totally confused." Nev-

ertheless, the superior six will travel to Nationals in St. Louis this May for another shot at maintaining Olivet's Enactus status.

Olivet's success in the national SHRM conference competition is an equally impressive underdog victory. Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) established an Olivet chapter only two years ago.

Senior Andrew Marcotte, who serves as president of the club, began the process of founding Olivet's SHRM club as a freshman. His passion, combined with a growing number of other human resource (HR) focused students, earned Olivet a spot in the top third of all clubs in their region.

Senior Ashlee Sullivan described how SHRM competitions are very distinct from Enactus, though both aim at attaining real-world solutions. "This year's case was a moonlighting policy issue. They gave us the case, asking

"How would you respond to this?" We were in charge of organizing a solution and at competition we delivered our ideas."

Junior Jared Broom, the club's marketing coordinator, added that the team was given 15 minutes to present. As Broom described, unlike Enactus, SHRM competitions do not require full memorization. SHRM's emphasis is placed on building resourceful HR solutions, rather than skillful performance.

Allen was aglow with pride. "The strength of the two teams really shows the strength of the department," she said. She also referenced the new accounting club as yet another example of how the Business Department has taken huge steps towards meeting the diverse passions of Olivet students. "With these clubs, students can now get involved with very specific areas of interest. And it all looks great on a résumé too," Allen said.

Encourage
a young
writer day:
Inspiring
students to
stay artistic

Kelli Poole

Staff Writer

In honor of National Encourage a Young Writer Day on April 10, a day when writing is celebrated and young writers are encouraged to write, a local high school teacher listed a few tips for young aspiring writers.

English teacher at Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School Steve Benoit said he encourages young writers to keep a journal. He tells his students, "You will have brilliant, fleeting ideas and if you are in the practice of keeping a journal, it becomes an easier task to remember them."

Benoit said another thing he does to encourage his students is tell them to continue reading. "Writers read and readers write," he said.

An article on nationaldaycalendar.com gives some other tips on how to encourage a young writer:

Offer writing prompts. These random bits of inspiration can come from the most unlikely sources but often generate unexpected results. Prompts are available all over the web, as well as in books and apps.

Have young writers try multiple writing styles and different voices. Changing perspective will keep their writing fresh, allowing them an opportunity to find their personal style.

Create a young writers group. It's a good way see their story from the reader's point of view and to receive feedback from peers.

There are multiple ways to encourage young writers, but why should they be encouraged? Vicki Hinze, in her article about National Encourage a Young Writer day, talks about some of the reasons why it is important to encourage a young writer:

Writing is an adventure. If you love it, odds are good that you always will love it, and if you don't, you might dabble in it, but you'll never be driven to do it.

Writing is liberating. If you love it, you'll love exploring all sides of issues and events. You'll write through them to decide what you think, doing your best to play fair with both sides and letting the chips fall where they may. You may take refuge in the adventure from your chair and let the journey play out on the page.

Writing is a lifelong passion. If you love it, you'll never be content not doing it. It's your way of making sense of the world, of events, of people, and of yourself. You write to it, then write through it.

Most writers write because they have something to say that they want others to hear. Young writers are no different. They have a lot to say, the enthusiasm and passion to say it, and the courage to let fresh ideas and new insights play out on the page.

"I would also say to expose yourself to art in all of its forms," Benoit said. "Especially while you're young and museums are free."

Earth Day inspires global efforts

Taylor Provost

News Editor

This year on April 22, not only will 1 billion people be involved in Earth Day, but many world leaders including President Barack Obama, will sign the Paris Climate Agreement.

United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon invited all world leaders to the United Nations to officially sign the Paris Climate Agreement from this past December, according to the Earth Day Network. The agreement's main objective is to create a global effort to avoid dangerous climate change, limiting global warming to below 2°C.

While global environmental efforts are underway, Olivet Nazarene University Department Chair of Physical Sciences Dr. Max Reams said that local improvements are a necessity as well.

"Locally, we do a terrible job of recycling," Reams said. "It is strictly voluntary. I see neighbors disdaining the recycling program introduced fairly recently. Why? I suspect most consider it 'inconvenient.' Isn't convenience a subtle manifestation of greed?"

Reams emphasized the importance of individual actions, such as

recycling. "If I toss a soda can in the trash and don't put it in a recycling container, this requires extraction of aluminum from ancient soils (which is a very expensive and energy wasting process). Recycling the can is cheap and saves energy, water and excessive labor," but it is not the only environmental issue, Reams said.

Reams said all environmental issues stem from the growing global population. With the population increasing, earthly resources become limited, Reams explained, which can make feeding, housing and providing a sustainable lifestyle for everyone a challenge.

"This is a world-wide problem," he said. "Pollution of air, water and soil are related to population demands placed on these systems. Reams said that overpopulation is not the only contribution to the problem, though - greed is another factor.

"If one thinks about one's neighbor, as Jesus taught, then personal behavior affects others; this is so, whether we know it or not," Reams said. "Only when we take a stewardship approach to the Earth (a biblical concept), do we prevent ourselves from assuming the greed philosophy of life. Does one [person] can matter? If 200 million



people think so, it matters a lot. It all starts with one. Didn't Christianity begin with One?"

Director of Student Accounts ends battle with cancer

Lauren Stancle
Assistant Editor

On Monday, April 4, enough roses for all the women in the office crowded Marlin Wallace's desk along with thank you cards, an arrangement he made before his passing on Saturday, April 2. Wallace passed away at 57, ending his battle with cancer.

Director of Human Resources David Pickering said this act of kindness shows how much he cared.

"He cared for his students, he cared for his employees, he cared for his wife, and he cared for his children," Pickering said. "He was outstanding."

"He just was an incredibly kind person and had a lot of compassion on my family. Whenever we couldn't make a [school bill] payment on time, he didn't make me feel poor or anything. He was just really merciful and kind," said senior Mandy Haffer.

Greg Bruner, Director of Financial Aid was a close friend of Wallace—especially since their jobs were so connected.

The two of them would "huddle" to see how they could make a way

Every single day, we had someone who needed to find a way [to pay for college] when it looked like there wasn't one... Wallace had an unbelievable gift of taking a family situation and seeing how he could work from here to there.

-Greg Bruner, Director of Financial Aid

to help students find ways to pay for school. Wallace looked at whatever he could do to help. "He just had an unbelievable gift of taking a family situation and seeing how he could work from here to there," Bruner said. "Every single day, we had someone who needed to find a way when it looked like there wasn't one."

He mentioned that students probably look at student accounts people as tax collectors just getting money from them, but Wallace was more concerned with what was best for the individual student. "To him it was more important to be a good steward."

Pickering said Wallace did his job with grace and truly cared about the students. "In the 12 years he worked for me, I never heard a complaint from a parent."

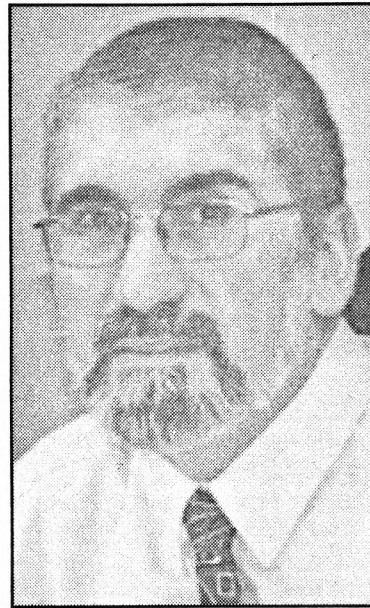
Bruner remembers a student in the past from Chicago who "couldn't rub two pennies together."

"We just kept working every year... and somehow we got him to be able to graduate with a 4-year degree from Olivet. I think that was one of his proudest moments."

Haffer's dad wanted her to transfer a few times because of money issues, but Wallace worked with her, found scholarships, and now she's graduating this year. "I would not be here if it was not for his help." He impacted so many students' lives, Haffer said.

Wallace was dedicated to his job and would come to work early every morning and leave late. "Even when he was getting chemo, he would get chemo in the morning and go to work in the afternoon. Most people fold under with chemo," Bruner said, but this wasn't the case for Wallace.

You couldn't even tell he had cancer those first couple of years, besides him losing his hair, Bruner said. Pickering said this dedication



Marlin Wallace worked at Olivet Nazarene University as Director of Student Accounts. He was loved by family, friends and coworkers.

Wallace had even in his sickness was unbelievable.

One thing Bruner says he'll always remember was in 2007 when he was on life support from a medicine that was poisonous to him and destroyed his heart valve. On the day before the surgery, Bruner went to work and Wallace walked into his office and asked him to come out into the hallway. "He had everyone pray

for me," Bruner said. "It was the coolest."

Cashier in student accounts, Sharon Bellomy had worked with Wallace for 12 years. "He loved God first, he loved his family, and he loved others." He was also loyal, supportive, and had a sense of humor. "He had this Scottish accent he would lapse into."

"[He was] fun, professional, hardworking, dedicated to the Lord, his family, and his job," Bruner said. "I never saw a waver in his faith. Not once."

Pickering also said Wallace was "very humorous" and "very godly." According to Bruner, Wallace would want to be remembered as "serving the Lord at all times—good and bad."

"There are people who are loved by few and people loved by many. He was one of those people—he was loved by many," Bellomy said.

"You see the kind of heart that man had," Bellomy said. She fought tears and got out of her seat to grab a photo of Wallace on her desk and held it up. "He got staff member of the year." She said. "He was never one to brag on himself. And I miss him so much."

Although she's grieving now, she knows that it will all turn out for good. "I can imagine what great things he's doing in God's great house."

ASC Executive Council takes Idaho

Grace King
Executive Editor

As the week progressed, you could see two-year student body president Chelsea Risinger take a step back from her leadership position and let junior Kaleb Miller take the lead.

And the newly elected student body president took the lead naturally at the Nazarene Student Leadership Conference (NSLC) held at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho, this year.

Executive council members on Associated Student Council (ASC) for the 2016-2017 Olivet Nazarene University school year were elected into their positions in late March. New council members attended the student leadership conference April 5-9, held every year at one of the Nazarene universities in the U.S. and Canada for students to dialogue about their positions and get to know the new councils.

ASC's Executive Council flew to Nampa and stayed at Northwest Nazarene University (NNU) for four nights. During this time, the new council members got to know one another and encourage each other in the positions they will be taking in the fall. The council members got to talk to leaders at other universities in similar positions.



Something that struck Miller during NSLC was how well-rounded the Executive Council is. "Some of our highest student leaders on this campus are from different walks of life, different backgrounds, coming together to represent our peers," Miller said.

As incoming student body president, Miller's vision for his term is to instill a sense of pride into the students at Olivet. "My vision inspired me to want to step up into this role," Miller said. "[Olivet is] preparing us to be

well-rounded leaders and people of faith."

A new position has been added to ASC next year as well — shoes which freshman Daniel Kuruvilla will be filling as Vice President of Marketing and Content Management.

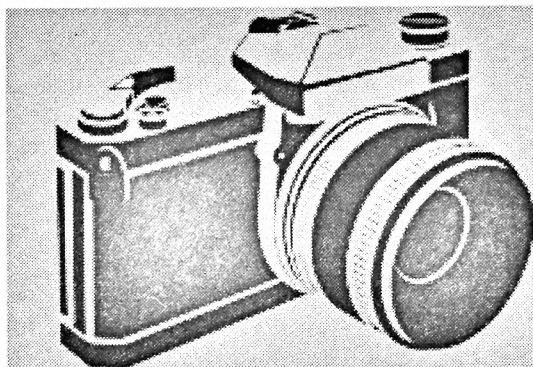
As Executive Editor of The GlimmerGlass, I got to tag along with this group. Although I am sad to say goodbye to this year's council, I am already proud to know the 2016-2017 council members.

The 2016-2017 Associated Student Council executive team fought their way through a costume dodgeball tournament against other Nazarene universities during NSLC on April 6.

(Left to right: Luke Salomone, Emily Hiter, Rachel Blunier, Kaleb Miller, Chelsea Risinger, Reilly Roberts, Phil Stewart, Kristen Hung, Tyler Ellis, Esther Paek, Jay Martinson, Grace King, Daniel Kuruvilla.)

A tradition at NSLC is a dodgeball tournament pitting the universities against each other. As we fought and our way through, fiercely throwing balls at MidAmerica Nazarene University students, war paint on our cheeks, wearing ONU football jerseys, I looked around at my new team and took in all the chaos.

Next year's council is driven. They have an obvious love for people, they are passionate and they care about this university. ASC's Executive Council wants you to know that if you ever have any questions or concerns, you are always welcome to stop by the lower Ludwig ASC offices. We will do our best to serve the students. It's our job. And we are so blessed to do it.



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Fighting for a voice

Pembroke residents form task force against The Nature Conservancy

Grace King
Executive Editor

"This is history in the making," said Olivet Nazarene University senior Katie Reed. Invested in the success of Pembroke Township, an impoverished town just 23 miles away from Olivet, Reed is rooting for Pembroke residents taking ownership of their land.

Pembroke is fighting "community genocide" by conservancy groups, Hopkins Park mayor Mark Hodge said. And as a poor, minority community, they can't survive without a fight.

It isn't that the residents of Pembroke don't believe in conservancy — it's that they want a say, a voice in the planning of their community.

"We are the ultimate conservation," Township supervisor Sharon White said. "The community is so pristine. Obviously we want [conservation]. We're stewards of it. We're the original conservationists."

A Decreased Tax Base

Over the past four years, The Nature Conservancy has spent 1.3 million dollars in purchasing 284 lots in Pembroke and Hopkins Park, White said.

For the first time, instead of [The] Nature Conservancy fitting Pembroke into their plan, Pembroke residents are saying we'll see if you fit into our plan. -Katie Reed

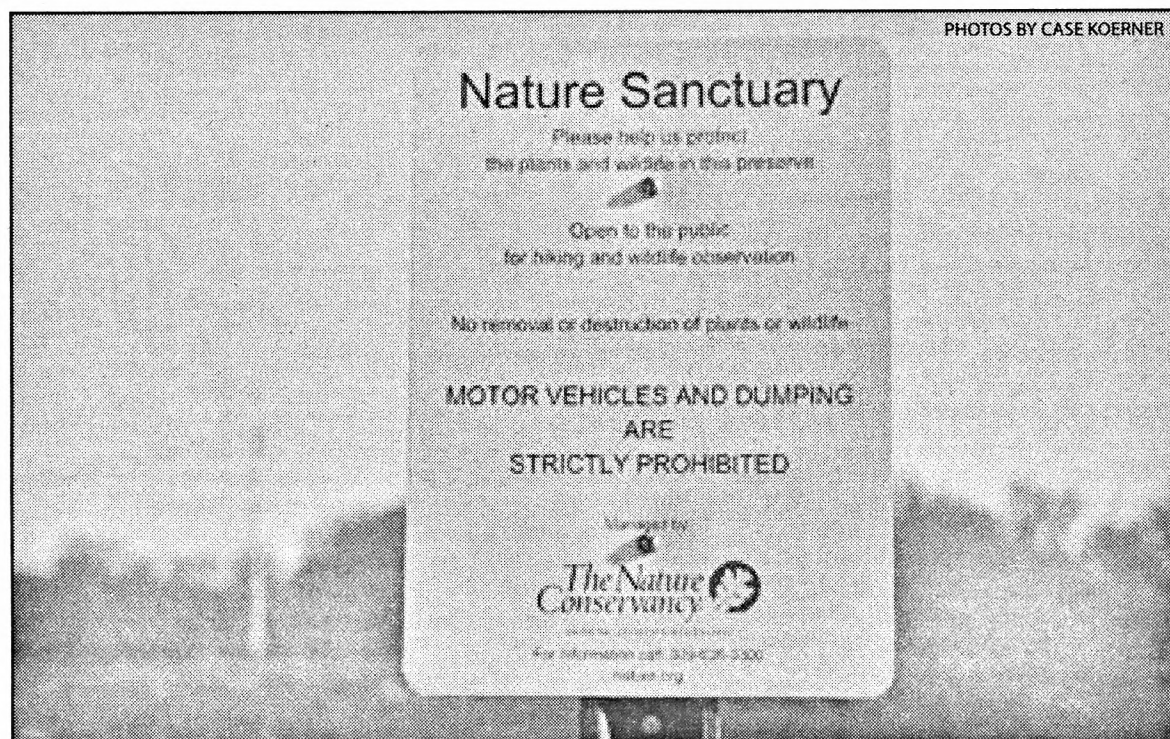
A majority of this land is property along water and sewer lines. This is a problem for prospective buyers who would not be able to connect to the town's water or sewer lines if they wanted to build a home.

This is a problem for residents because it decreases the tax base and infrastructure cannot be maintained. The Nature Conservancy pays five percent or less of what residents pay in taxes.

"What that's going to eventually do for our community is implode it," Hodge said. "We cannot sustain our government entities if there is no tax base to pay employees."

Formulating A Plan

White created the charrettes, an intensive planning session where citizens collaborate on a vision for development. The Charrettes are divided



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Pembroke Township is fighting The Nature Conservancy's land purchases. The Township is trying to take ownership of their city planning by forming community task groups.

into four quadrants, offering a voice to citizens.

In these sessions, community members focus on the strengths of their community, what needs to be preserved because of historical value and what needs to be preserved for nature.

"For the first time, instead of [The] Nature Conservancy fitting Pembroke into their plan, Pembroke residents are saying we'll see if you fit into our plan," Reed said.

Hodge assures that a portion of the community will still be set aside for conservancy, but it's time Pembroke took ownership of their land. The Nature Conservancy wants to restore it to marshland.

"It used to be marsh just like Florida," Hodge said, but with that type of restoration, an entire community would be wiped out.

"Where will they go?" Reed asked.

"It's just like anyone else's home," White said. "We have a rich history of culture. Just because you're poor, doesn't mean you shouldn't have a place to live."

The feedback they receive from the charrettes sessions is wonderful, White said. "We have a mixed group of individuals from all kinds of backgrounds who have great ideas on how we should plan our community," she said. "That's the outreach part."

Creating A Partnership

The Charrettes are partnering with The Field Museum in Chicago to develop a plan for the community. The Field Museum is providing resources such as map making, organizing community groups, and educating about the environmental issues and history of Pembroke.

Hodge would like this plan to include a reverse in the purchases of The Nature Conservancy has made so "normal taxes can be paid." They are hoping to have this plan finalized in the next eight months.

A particular area of concern is the purchases along the water and sewage lines and the property being "landlocked" by The Nature Conservancy. The public park, for example, cannot be expanded because the land sur-

rounding it is all purchased by [The] Nature Conservancy, White said.

More Than A Community Problem

The "community genocide" of Pembroke isn't just Pembroke's problem. Kankakee County receives grants because of the poverty in Pembroke.

"I would hope the community outside of Pembroke would want to be involved in these issues, even if it's selfish reasons. It can have a huge impact," Reed said.

Reed is especially passionate about Pembroke, calling many of the residents' family. Growing up a missionary kid in Kenya, Reed said there are similarities between her home and Pembroke.

"It's very communal," Reed said. "We have each other's back, we eat goat, and people are not equipped to solve their own problems, but we are empowering them through charrettes."

"We are still looking for assistance in fighting this issue," White said. "We welcome people who have ideas and influence."

Drum Beats

Alex Terrell honored in 'Servant Spotlight'

Heather Halverson
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The Student Philanthropy Council exists to provide meaningful ways to educate and engage students in philanthropy, developing students who will leave Olivet as philanthropic leaders in their respectful communities.

This month, Olivet's Student Philanthropy Council has chosen Alex Terrell, senior education major, as the recipient of the Citizenship Award. Students who demonstrate Christ-like character, a servant's heart, compassion, generosity, dedication and responsibility are given this recognition as a "Servant's Spotlight."

Terrell was recognized for her dedication to assistant coaching in Upward Sports cheerleading while com-

pleting her student teaching for her education major.

The Glimmer Glass: When you were given the opportunity not to coach for your student teaching semester, how did you make your decision?

Alex Terrell: To be completely honest, I was not the head coach. I was kind of more behind the scenes. Student teaching was just a lot. The girls [at Upward sports] are a big part of my life. It's good to see the girls enjoying something that I've enjoyed most of my life.

GG: Student teaching is a big commitment and so is coaching cheer. How did you balance both?

Terrell: I work at least 20 hours a week. It was a lot to handle. I just

helped make sure the cheers were on track with practices and such. It was hard to juggle with lesson planning and my student teaching class was more challenging then I was prepared for. It was an interesting transition into spring semester.

The GG: What drew you to education? What drew you to cheer coaching? Is there any connection?

Alex: It was a big part of my life. [Sports were something my family] went and did on the weekends together. I have applied to several coaching jobs in my professional career as well. [Regarding teaching,] my mom taught preschool most of my life and it's just something that I'm really passionate about. You have to be able to care about your students. I can make

sure my students are getting what they need.

The GG: It's quite an honor to be nominated by a professor in your own field. How did you feel knowing you have been recognized for your work?

Alex: I was shocked just because...I'm not someone that steps out. I'm a commuter; I've not been really recognized really ever for anything. I'm really honored [to be recognized by] someone in my own field. I'm good at taking on too much. I just keep going with it and I do the best I can.

The GG: What would you say you have learned most from coaching while teaching and working?

Alex: I think that making sure you kind of keep perspective of what's most important...making sure your

priorities are in line for where you're going. [I tried to] be present at the time wherever I needed to be that day.

The GG: Do you foresee incorporating any of this into your future?

Alex: Yes. I have applied for a junior varsity/varsity cheer position in Florida. I'm moving there in July before I get married. It will be teaching and coaching.

Final thoughts: I would just say how amazing the chance to be with Upward is for students of Olivet. It is a great way to be involved in the community. [Sports] help kids grow socially...that is something that every one should be able to be involved in at some point. It's great that we pray with the girls. It's great to incorporate your own faith.

Coffee tastes refine over time

Alyssa Franklin

Staff Writer

Cup of Joe. Java. Liquid energy. Café. Many Olivet students began their coffee journey with sugary Frappuccino's and Mocha Lattes but progressively prefer something more strong and bitter.

"My first cup was probably when I was a freshman or something. I was at a church event and I was tired and they were like, 'Here's some coffee if you guys want it,' and I saw a bunch of people putting cream and sugar in it and I was like, 'yeah! Sugar, sugar, sugar. It was really sweet and I liked it,' sophomore Matthew Harnisch said.

Harnisch's coffee tastes were refined on a mission trip to Nicaragua

"We went on a hike up one of the volcanos and there was a coffee shop half way up the mountain. I told myself 'when I get up there, I am drinking a cup of coffee,' because I was tired and I wanted to taste it. I was like, 'I can do this,' and it actually tasted pretty good. So I bought some and brought it back — my first legitimate bag of coffee and went through it like crazy.

"After that week of high caffeine amounts, I became addicted. My threshold of dopamine was so high and I wanted to be at that level all the time. I became dependent on coffee and I progressed from drinking standard coffee just for the fix to now I roast my own coffee and buy my raw coffee from



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certain places. Fulger's tastes terrible to me know. I have grown from junkie to like classy junkie," said Harnisch.

Coffee is America's number one choice of drink and it can begin at an early age.

"My dad would drink coffee in the morning; he would drink like Fulger's and he would put milk and sugar in it and I was always interested because it smelled so good; so I would always just ask him and as I got older he was

like, 'okay fine you can have a little sip of it,' but I never really loved it, I just thought it was cool because I wanted to be like my dad," said Resident Director, Joey Ramirez.

Junior Ayla Price started drinking coffee because she wanted to act older.

"I remember around the age 10 or 12 I would always be trying my parents, or grandparents cups of coffee because I wanted to be old and cool like them," Price said. "I had friends in high school who drank coffee everyday and they really got me started into it. Now it's apart of my everyday life."

When we hit college, coffee quickly turns from just something we think tastes good to being almost a necessity for studies.

"My interest in coffee began around college just for the sake of staying awake and I needed something. I drank it a little in High school, not so much but I think over the years I needed something to keep me awake and I just began to drink coffee," Price said.

Drinking coffee may keep us awake when we have a final to study for, but it also has health benefits.

"A lot of it has to do with health. I am trying to eat better and when it comes to coffee there's no calories and it's really just the caffeine so if you just have coffee it's not necessarily bad for you. Usually if you drink a cup of coffee you should drink an extra cup of water because it's a diuretic. I was eating a lot of sugar in general and so giving up that part of it and the

extra calories helped me to eat a lot healthier," Ramirez said.

Coffee connoisseurs can notice the differences in taste between brews. There are light roasts, dark roasts and even each country's coffee has its own coffee flavors.

"I have a favorite country that I like to get coffee from and that's Ethiopia. Historically that's where they discovered coffee where coffee first started and it seems to be the best temperature to grow coffee in. It just has the best environment to grow coffee in. It's very floral and citrus-esque. Also, I like Latin American coffees, but those are more chocolatey," said Ramirez

"Now for me, I just take it black and it has to be a good type of coffee bean and it has to be roasted well within the two week period. I think it's about the type of bean and the time after its roasted," senior Kyle Johnston said.

"My least favorite coffee which I can't really stand to drink at all would be what I call 'church coffee.' Its usually cheap and watered down to be honest. Starbucks has an incredibly different taste than, for instance, Intelligentsia," Price said.

Intelligentsia is a coffee roasting company and retailer in Chicago.

Price added: "Starbucks coffee is usually a darker less acidic taste. I enjoy the deep and dark flavors of Starbucks but I think Intelligentsia does a better job at getting at the true flavor of the coffee bean."

Campus-wide game created by student

Jeremy McGrath

Contributing Writer

There are many events, sports, and clubs for students to get plugged into on Olivet, but just recently a unique opportunity has presented itself in the form of a group called C.H.A.O.S. C.H.A.O.S. is a team scavenger hunt game where teams race against the other teams to decipher riddles, find hidden objects, and do daring challenges.

C.H.A.O.S is the brainchild of sophomore AJ Kallas who wanted to create a game "that was fun and engaging yet relaxing and [where] people could meet others."

Kallas manages and develops C.H.A.O.S with the help of his cousin senior Connor Zehr. C.H.A.O.S. started immediately after the end of ONU's spring break. Kallas and Zehr were able to quickly gather seven teams together to compete, overall participation comprising of 40 people.

The game is played with a point system devised by Kallas and Zehr, and teams are constantly trying to gain their team the extra points to pull ahead. Teams have often proved their dedication to the goal of victory throughout various challenges.

Some of these challenges included the blazing wing challenge, insect challenge, and taco challenge. Kallas said, "We did not make this game for people to necessarily throw up, yet every single week so far someone has thrown up."

These challenges are fun ways for the teams to gain extra points, but the real competition lies in the weekly scavenger hunts. Kallas and Zehr devise weekly riddles and scavenger hunts for the teams to complete at their leisure. One such scavenger hunt consisted of an Easter egg hunt, where

teams had to figure out the location of various Easter eggs around campus.

During this scavenger hunt junior Taylor Grover said, "I got into a race with my roommate 60 seconds after [Zehr] posted that there were eggs hidden, I got on my bike and he got in his car and we raced towards campus."

Grover along with other C.H.A.O.S. participants, enjoyed the thrill and high competition revolving around these egg hunts, he said, "I really like their Easter egg hunts. It's fun to watch the teams skyrocket on to campus to just track them down." The teams that figure out the riddles or complete the scavenger hunts quickest will receive the most amount of points which could be critical in putting their team above the others. C.H.A.O.S. will end with the closing of this semester, but Zehr said, "I think the most fun we are going to have is yet to come, we have a lot of stuff that is planned for the upcoming weeks." After C.H.A.O.S. ends Zehr and Kallas are unsure what exactly is next, but Kallas said, "This is only going to be a seven, eight week game, but we've been playing games since we've been at Olivet, and we don't plan on stopping... I'd like to do two games every semester until I leave Olivet." While Kallas is unsure whether or not C.H.A.O.S. will ever return to Olivet, Grover and Sam Riggembach a junior, are hopeful that it will. Kallas hopes to use the impetus of those who participated in C.H.A.O.S to make his future games better. Riggembach who participates in C.H.A.O.S. said if C.H.A.O.S. does come back he hopes Kallas will, "Expand it more to different themes and idea, and not just movies... it might not be some peoples cup of tea." Whether or not C.H.A.O.S. continues next year Zehr said, "We want people to get together... all intermingling, and this is exactly what we

Campus event aims to combat stereotypes of women in STEM fields

Taylor Provost

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Think engineering isn't complicated enough? Try being a woman engineer.

Earlier this month on April 2, more than 80 junior high girls and 40 parents attended Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day, a day hosted by Olivet Nazarene University's Engineering Department in Reed Hall of Science allowing sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls the opportunity to learn from and ask questions to women about career fields in science, technology, engineering and math.

"We're very excited about this event and how well it went," Faculty Mentor for the Olivet chapter of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Amanda Luby said. Luby's role in the event was to help the members of SWE plan, organize and run the event. Additionally, she was a member of a panel for a session held for parents that discussed how to encourage girls in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields.

Luby was introduced to engineering through physics, she said. A homeschooled student, Luby said her parents let her take a physics class her senior year since she enjoyed a physical science class she took as a freshman.

Though neither of her parents had taken physics themselves, Luby "quickly fell in love with physics, particularly the aspects of physics that deals with electricity and magnetism."

Her interest led her to consider engineering as a career and eventually teaching engineering, she said.

Luby's personal journey to a STEM field inspired her to get other girls involved. "I believe that it's important to introduce girls to STEM fields because it's a historically male-dominated domain," she said. "Take a look at any engineering school — you will find far more men than women in attendance. Olivet's percentage of women in engineering is around 20 percent of the engineering student body, which is on par with the national average," she added.

Luby said that this can often make girls feel intimidated or unwelcome, even if they do enjoy math, science or engineering — the goal of the event was to combat those feelings and show the girls that women are significant to STEM fields.

"Introducing girls to STEM can help by showing girls that they can succeed in these fields and that they can contribute just as well as their male counterparts can," Luby said. "[At the event], the girls were divided into groups, each one named after a famous female engineer or scientist and led by female [Olivet] engineering and computer science students. Our hope was to connect these middle schoolers with older students who can serve as role models of success in engineering as a female."

According to a 2016 study titled "Demographic Characteristics of High School Math and Science

Teachers and Girls' Success in STEM," having more female high school teachers in math and sciences can lead to boosting female interest in the field as a major in college.

Of those who select it as their major, those who attend colleges with more female math and science professors have a higher likelihood of graduating with a STEM-related degree, the study also found.

Luby noted another major obstacle that women in engineering face — stereotypes of women in STEM fields. Two "myths" Luby mentioned are "that boys are better at math than girls... or that it's not as acceptable for a girl to be 'nerdy' as it is for a boy."

Luby used children's toys as an example of stereotypes. "Dolls, dress-up clothes and play kitchens have historically been considered to be 'girls' toys' while cars, chemistry sets and blocks (all of which deal more with science and engineering) have been considered 'boys' toys,'" she added.

"I believe that many girls choose not to pursue STEM fields simply because they do not believe that these fields are open to them as women," Luby said. "The good news, however, is that this is changing. More women are beginning to be involved in STEM fields, and organizations like Society of Women Engineers have been created to encourage women in STEM."

The dorm room barber shop

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As Olivet enters into spring, many students are still walking around with their winter hibernation mops. There are many options for students who want a spring haircut, including some that are right on campus – student barbers. These student barbers operate right out of their dorm or apartment rooms. In most cases, they also offer a cheaper price for haircuts than a barber shop, so that broke college students don't have to empty their wallets.

Luke Salomone is a student barber in the Stadium apartments. He learned to cut his own hair in high school, and began cutting others' hair freshman year at Olivet. During haircuts he will play music or put on Netflix for clients who are interested.

Salomone charges \$5 for his services, which mostly caters to guys. Salomone is most commonly asked to cut a fade style (short on the side, longer on the top), but he said, "I can change it up a little bit."

He doesn't normally offer his services for girls, but he said, "If a girl wants a guy who has barely ever cut a girl's hair, they can arrange a time."

For appointments, Salomone works on a case-by-case basis, working with his client's schedule, but he is often open at 8-11 p.m. on weeknights. Haircuts take anywhere from 30-45 minutes.

JP Bopp is a student barber that operates out of the Oaks apartments. Bopp learned to cut hair by watching his mother (a hair instructor) and watching YouTube videos.

Bopp can cut both girls and guys hair, but he is only comfortable

trimming a girl's hair. He prices his cuts at \$5 for guys and \$7 for girls.

Bopp is proficient in many different guys hair styles, he said, "I haven't found a haircut I haven't been able to do." He most commonly cuts the fade, but for other styles all he needs is a picture. Bopp is also familiar with cutting ethnic hair.

Bopp enjoys playing music while cutting hair and has said that he, "Can cater the music needs to what [customers] like."

Bopp takes appointments and works with the client's schedule; he also isn't opposed to later night haircuts. Just recently he did a house call to Nesbitt third floor, cutting the students' hair on the floor for a couple hours.

Ashley Nagel is a student barber who operates out of Williams dorms. Nagel learned to cut hair through attending cosmetology school for two years in high school, and being guided by her mom who is a trained beautician.

Nagel charges \$5 for guys and \$5-10 for girls.

She can do many different kinds of styles for both girls and guys, she said, "I do everything with hair, girls and guys; I can do hair, makeup, and nail." She offers a wide range of beauty options including hair coloring and perms.

Standard price for coloring is \$20, Nagel said, "I work really well with people and usually I take what my supplies are going to cost (for coloring) and add \$5-10." In terms of her other services, she will price it case-by-case.

Nagel mentioned that it is, "A lot easier for a girl to come to me... they aren't paying anywhere near what it would cost at a salon."



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Senior Kyle Johnston cuts senior Josh Johnson's hair.

Nagel takes appointments and works with clients' schedules, as well. She primarily works out of Williams, where haircuts can take anywhere from 10-45 minutes depending on how extensive it is.

Kyle Johnston is an RA student Barber who operates out of Oaks apartments. He started cutting his sister's hair in high school. During his sophomore year as an RA in Hills, Johnston cut his residents hair as a way to connect with them.

As an act of service Johnston does all of his cuts for free, he said, "My freshman year I couldn't afford to get a haircut, and since then I don't

want to charge people if they can't afford it." While he offers his services for free, he does appreciate tips, and makes more time for those who do tip him.

Johnston is able to do most kinds of haircuts for guys, but has promised to refer clients to someone else if he doesn't know the specific style. Johnston also is open to doing trims for girls, but nothing much past that. Johnston is also familiar with cutting ethnic hair.

Johnston takes appointments at his apartment, working with clients' schedules. He enjoys trying to connect with those he cuts hair for

and usually will play music in the background.

This is just a handful of the many student barbers on campus. There are many in every dorm and apartments across campus. For those looking for more familiar options, or interested in seeing a comparison of prices, there are many local barbershops in Bourbonnais: Erik's Barber Shop charges \$15 and up for haircuts, Heavenly Cuts Barber Shop charges between \$15 and \$25, Status Men charges \$15 and up, and Rome's Hair Care charges \$17 and up.

Ebert Fest brings together film directors, fanatics

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Great movies impact those who see them, but only because great filmmakers put so much of their own lives and passions into their films.

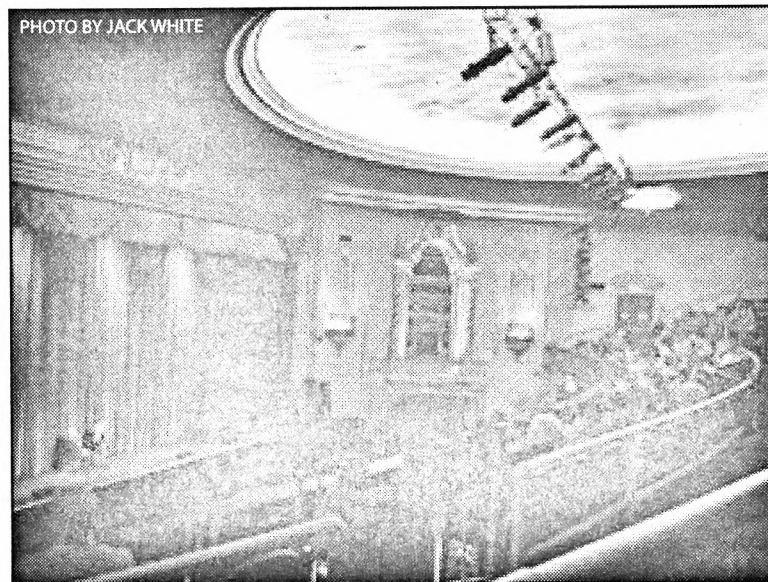
Being in a room and hearing directors share their stories, both on the films they created and the events that gave them the inspiration behind those films, creates a bond between filmmaker and film-lover.

It becomes extremely apparent that they aren't all that different from us. They live lives and love movies in the same way that every member of the audience does, and at Roger Ebert's Film Festival, there are not many casual movie watchers; these people are dedicated to film. The festival was April 13-17.

Directors seem to know that this is not a normal movie theatre crowd and open up to us very quickly. Sometimes the autobiographical nature of their films made perfect sense. Former college baseball player turned director Richard Linklater made a movie about a college baseball team with "Every Body Wants Some" – a perfect fit to his autobiography.

Sometimes this is less evident, as Guillermo del Toro talked about how much of himself was in the characters in his haunting ghost-filled love story "Crimson Peak."

Hearing cancer-surviving director Paul Cox talk about his ailments after his cancer-centric movie "Force of Destiny" premiered was when I felt the audience and the filmmakers were



The Ebert Film Festival was held in Champaign, Ill., April 13-17.

able to connect the most. At Ebert Fest, we are all on the same level. We are there for the movies and that's it.

Roger Ebert's Film Festival is an annual film festival in Champaign, Ill., that stresses the community that can exist in watching movies. It was created in honor of late film critic Roger Ebert. Every year, 1,500 people come together in the breathtaking Virginia Theatre, put their lives on hold for five days and spend their money to watch movies together.

I've never felt more at home. You become a piece of an audience. That, as director Guillermo del Toro said, is the real gift of the festival. For once, being part of an audience began to be as important as what we were there

to see. That's simply the culture of Ebert Fest.

Ebert Fest is unlike any other film festival. There are no winners or losers. This is not done for money. Every part of the festival is a labor of love. People cannot submit films to compete like most film festivals do. Instead, each film is handpicked because it either didn't get the recognition or appreciation it should have the first time or because it is just a great movie.

There was only one screen at the whole festival, another tradition at Ebert Fest that is out of the ordinary. Here, we spend a week in one theatre because Ebert always said there was "something special about everyone

in the same place, watching the same movie," and he could not have been more right.

In case anyone is unfamiliar with Ebert, the best way to describe him would be like the Elvis of film criticism. His reviews were syndicated to over 200 papers and hosted "At the Movies," a show dedicated to reviewing what was coming to theatres that week.

Ebert worked at the Chicago Sun Times for nearly 40 years and was the first film critic to win the Pulitzer Prize for criticism. He grew up in Champaign, where he hosted his film festival until his death in 2013.

Being packed into a theatre reacting to things together gives this sense of comradely – these strangers are experiencing things with you in real time.

Laughter is better when you have 1,499 people around you laughing at the same thing. Sad or heavy moments in movies are made easier to watch because this whole crowd is engaged and experiencing it with you.

Every so often, you would catch a glimpse of a person in tears during a scene you would never think to cry in. You would hear a loud laugh during a scene that you didn't find humorous. There were lines about human mortality in "Northfork" that made me think about life differently, while the woman behind me couldn't control her laughter.

When a woman falls off of a balcony in "Crimson Peak," I gasped loudly when she hit the ground, entirely involuntarily, and those around

me laughed at my reaction. Most venues, people around you would be angry, but here, it's OK to react because everyone else is too, just maybe in an opposite way. Watching how everyone reacts and interprets scenes differently speaks to the power film holds.

There is a huge positive involved with a festival being handpicked, as opposed to everything being brand new: we have not seen every movie. Tuesday, "Northfork" was screened. A hilarious dream-like movie from 2003 that got very little recognition at the time.

Friday night, Brian De Palma's "Blow Out" was screened, and I was captivated by it. That movie has existed since before I was born. I had twenty years to watch that movie, and it took Ebert Fest to get me to watch it.

The movies of the last year also had a lot of merit. They dig to find the movies of the last year that deserve a second look. Things like "Crimson Peak" ended up being underwhelming because it was marketed incorrectly. Other terrific movies like the touching and funny "Grandma" or heart-warming documentaries like "Radical Grace" simply didn't get the distribution they should have.

Movies can be more than entertainment. They can become a part of people's lives. We (filmmakers, panelists and viewers alike) all got to be a part of a way of experiencing movies you can't find outside of Roger Ebert's Film Festival.

University starting minority focus group

Nathan DiCamillo

Life & Culture Editor

Because of people like JP Troglia and Jorge Bonilla, senior Derick Brown was able to make it through his freshman year.

"I was not doing so well as a freshman," Brown said. "Jorge Bonilla helped get my life back together to do better in school and improve my situation on campus."

Now, Bonilla is putting together a focus group to help minority students adjust to Olivet and the college atmosphere. The group will consist of upperclassmen minority students mentoring freshman and sophomore minority students. It will be up and running "hopefully" by Fall 2016.

Bonilla has already conducted two focus groups in the past: one with black male students and the other with hispanic male students. Olivet Staff Therapist Cynthia Taylor has already created a focus group for black women that meets weekly, Bonilla said.

Coming to Olivet was a culture shock for Troglia, the assistant resident director of the Grand Apartments. Troglia grew up in the south suburbs of Chicago. Through his background, he connects with a diverse range of students.

"Olivet is a phenomenal place and wants to educate people," Troglia said. "It is a community like no other, but the body of Christ is inclusive not exclusive. The body of Christ has to support and build up individuals who may feel out of place."

Troglia noted that several Olivet students have never encountered diversity before coming to Olivet.

"My guys from the inner city, those students can be loud," Troglia said. "They'll be in the cafeteria laughing and screaming. Some people may look at them like they're crazy."

Brown added: "It's about improving their situations, some of them feel like they don't need help or don't know how to get it."

Dr. Leo Finkenbinder leaves a legacy in Costa Rica

Nathan DiCamillo

Life & Culture Editor

Zana Finkenbinder did not understand why everyone was "crazy about Costa Rica."

In 1986, her husband, Leo, who was a professor of microbiology at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla. told her that even though it was not yet time for him to go on sabbatical, he wanted to go to spend a semester in Costa Rica.

Before she came down, Fink talked to the field director about Zana's disposition against going to Costa Rica. Knowing that the field director had a baby Queztlal in the valley, Fink took her to see the bird fly for the first time.

"It decided to fly, flew across the river and the wind sucked him into the river," Zana said. "Leo dove in and kept the bird above water."

Fink gave the bird to Zana and she warmed it up with her sweater. When they put the bird back in their nest, the Finkenbinders were worried that the bird's parents would not accept it. However, the male and female Queztlal remained and fed their baby. The baby Queztlal perched itself on a branch and tried again. This time it flew.

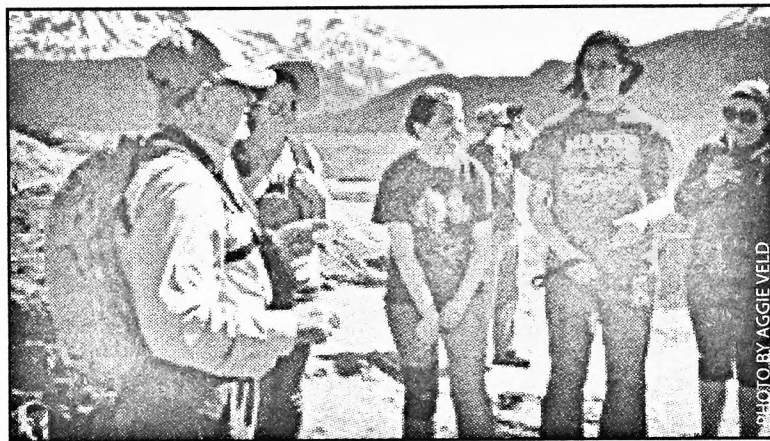
"Everyone was crying," Zana said. "The male Queztlal flew and just grazed my shoulder with the end of his tail plumes as though to say 'thank you.' I came back crazier than everyone else about Costa Rica."

The Chacón family also made Zana crazy about Costa Rica.

"They are the most amazing family I have ever met in my life," she said. When the Chacóns heard that Fink's wife was coming to visit, they prepared a "big fiesta" for her similar to what a family would do for a daughter-in-law.

"Fink," as Dr. Leo Finkenbinder is affectionately referred to by his students at both SNU and Olivet, first heard about the Savegre valley in San Gerardo de Dota, Costa Rica when he was working at Southern Nazarene University (SNU).

While at Lake Overholser



Biology professor Dr. Leo Finkenbinder teaches students in Seward, Alaska, in 2013.

Church-Nazarene, Fink met Pastor Ken Christoffersen. Christoffersen and his wife had been to Costa Rica as missionaries. Fink told Christoffersen about his work in Trinidad and Tobago.

"And he said, 'oh man, instead of going to Trinidad and Tobago, go to this place that sits under heaven in Costa Rica,'" Fink said. "Then he waxed on about it for two hours."

In 1982, Christoffersen took Fink and SNU students on a field trip to Costa Rica.

"We traveled around the country," Fink said. "and fell in love with that habitat and the Chacón family."

Effrain and Caridad Chacón, who passed away in the fall of 2015, with their eleven children, pioneered and homesteaded the Savegre valley. Their oldest son, Marino, served as a guide for Fink, students and other professors from SNU.

"On that high cloud forest trail one sees in just 400 meters of hiking a greater number of species than exist on the entire North American continent," a report by Fink and Dr. Dwight Neuenschwander from SNU stated.

The last night of their visit, the Chacóns showed Finkenbinder and the students their plans to triple in size their then 80 acre pasture. They could not articulate then their desire for the Chacóns to save the biodiverse val-

ley, but they later sent letters to the Chacóns urging them to not cut down the rainforests. A year later Marino Chacón called to inform the Americans that he and his family would conserve the rainforest.

"In 1983, when Marino Chaco called and said they weren't cutting down anymore forests, there were a bunch of students who were high-fiving," Fink said.

In 1986, Fink went back to Costa Rica with Zana. Once his wife was on board, the couple got approved to begin teaching science classes which the began in the early 1990s. By 1998, they had built the Queztlal Education Research Center (QERC).

Zana served as the Director of Development for the QERC. In the macho society of Costa Rica, she supervised a team of all male construction workers. In one meeting with an ambassador from Spain, Zana had to speak through a male mediator. During a break, she served the ambassador coffee in a Bodaga. Afterwards, the ambassador stopped Zana when she began to speak to the mediator and allowed her to speak directly to him.

Zana worked with an architect named Manuel.

"She was there and was the forewoman," Dr. Aggie Veld of Olivet's biology department said. "She met with the architect, she picked out the

tiles and the dimensions of the room"

Manuel worked with Zana to keep the respect of the men. At one point during construction, the construction crew had to walk on a 2x4 to get to the second level. Zana, who is afraid of heights, wanted the construction crew to help her.

"But Manuel told me, 'you must practice. You cannot let them help you,'" Zana said. Manuel feared that she would lose the respect of the crew if they assisted her. "It was the most terrifying thing, but I practiced it, and they never knew that I was afraid," she said.

Veld added: "She had to earn her rank. But she was known as Doña Zana and as such because she embraced culture and respected the people, they loved her. And when I walked into a restaurant in Costa Rica they came to the door, they would say 'Doña Zana!' and greeted her with a hug ... every place that I have been they have known 'Doña Zana.'" So she she has become quite a legend in her own right because of how she worked with the people and learned how to abide by their customs and meet the needs of the American travelers and students in the process thereof."

The work that both Leo and Zana completed is still making an impact. The Queztlal was predicted to be extinct by 2015. According to the most recent estimate, there are 300 Queztlals living in the valley. Fink plans on retiring from his position at Olivet at the end of the fall 2016 semester.

Last year, part of the QERC was named the Leo and Zana Finkenbinder Hall in honor of the work that the couple had completed there. SNU surprised the Finkenbinders by flying them down to Costa Rica on the pretense that they should show the administrative team around the QERC.

"I had no idea they were going to do that up until the point that they took the banner off the sign of the building ... It was a total surprise. Very unexpected, totally not deserved. But we were so appreciative," Fink said.

Fast for Fletch honors memory of late professor

Kelli Poole

Staff Writer

In November, the sudden death of Professor Carl Fletcher shocked the Olivet community. Affectionately known as "Fletch" by his students, it is by this nickname that "Fast for Fletch" was born.

The fast used to be called the Finkenbeiner Fast, after a former Northwest Nazarene College student body president Kurt Finkenbeiner, who tragically died the night before graduation in a drowning accident 25 years ago.

Olivet has been raising money through this fast for almost 25 years and the proceeds have gone to a different global cause each year. This year, Student Development decided to make the fast more personal to the Olivet student body, according to Student Body President Senior Chelsea Risinger said.

This year, Risinger said, the idea is to "keep the fast and the money behind it—that it's going towards someone to honor or remember [them] and then do that every year." This year, the fast is specifically to honor Fletcher, but according to Risinger, "it will change

next year."

Vice President for Student Development Dr. Woody Webb added: "Every year we're going to name this fast for someone associated with Olivet—it might be a faculty member, it might be a student—and this will be named either in their honor or their memory if they've passed and we'll try to give the money to an organization that they were passionate about."

For Fletcher, that passion was the foster care system. Two of his own daughters were adopted from foster care. That is why all the money raised from the fast is being donated to Starfish Family Homes, a local support service that is through Indian Oaks Counseling that supports the foster care and foster family homes in the area through different services and programs.

"This is a wonderful organization that I am sure my dad would be excited about giving to," said Caitlyn Fletcher, one of Fletcher's daughters. "Foster care is definitely something that was really close with our family, as we did it for close to three years when we lived in Michigan and we ad-



Carl Fletcher was a Communications professor at Olivet and Operations Director at Shine.FM. He passed away Nov. 7, 2015.

opted my two youngest sisters through the foster care program."

Olivet is following in the footsteps of other universities. "About half the schools that stopped contributing to the Finkenbeiner Fast and were doing their own thing, kind of like what we're now doing. So we ended that fo-

cused fundraiser and decided that each school would do their own fundraiser for a local organization near campus," Webb said.

He said that the money is still being raised, but instead of going to one large ministry or organization around the world, it is going to ten local orga-

nizations. "The thing I like about it is it impacts the local community where the college is. You know, we have college campuses from Boston to San Diego and so those schools are able to do this fundraiser and impact their local community and I like that," he said.

Risinger said Starfish Family Homes was not the only local organization that they were considering donating to. The Associated Student Council talked to Fletcher's family and friends to determine what he was passionate about.

Risinger said the reason Starfish Family Homes was chosen over the other two options was because "we wanted to give to something that was a current need and a compassionate organization that students would be drawn to, [one] that is active in the Kankakee and the Iroquois Counties."

"Fast for Fletch was a wonderful way to honor my dad," Caitlyn said. "Foster care organizations are something my dad cared deeply about and I'd just like to thank everyone who participated because it means a lot to my family and it would mean a lot to my dad."

Adding fuel to the fire

The poison of sexually violent language

BritLee Cadle
Contributing Writer

"I was dating a boy my sophomore year of high school...He had asked my parents to date me so he seemed like a great guy. We had been dating for a while and he started asking my views on sex. Growing up in the church, I was taught no sex before marriage and that's what I told him. He seemed to respect that.

"But the longer we dated, the more he asked me to compromise. Right there I should've known to leave him but I didn't. One day while we were at his house, he asked me again and I got upset and said no, but he didn't like that. He told me he didn't care and proceeded anyway.

"I have tried so hard to block that day out of my head...I have dealt with a lot of guilt, shame and anxiety. I thought to myself 'Was this my fault? Was this supposed to happen?' It's been an ongoing battle since then...I have struggled with self doubt. I have struggled with trust. It has been three years and there are still some days I am not confident. I still have some anxiety, but I would say now the good days definitely outweigh the bad."
-ONU Student

Playful joking

March 31 brought some of the heaviest rain I have witnessed in my 23 years. I was waiting for it to subside a little before walking to my class. I leaned against the brick interior wall of Ludwig and pulled up the weather app on my phone, glancing every few seconds out the glass doors like I was going to miss a break in the downpour.

A group of tall guys stomped rain off their tennis shoes and laughed loudly to one another as they flung open the doors. About that time, a classmate rounded the corner from the stairs. "Aww, seriously?" he whined. "Dude, it is bad out there!" one of them announced, but the kid was already walking away. "We just got raped, man."

I looked up. *Did he just say—"We got raped,"* he and his buddies kept repeating, loud enough to draw the attention of anyone coming in and out that set of doors. They continued to laugh and playfully shove each other and knock the water off their jackets and umbrellas.

"[Two] years ago, I was at a guy's house watching a movie and he started to make advances on me, which I declined many times. However, he did not stop, no matter how many times I told him to. He just kept touching me and kissing me and I kept trying to push him off but he was much stronger than me.

"Eventually, he ripped my clothes off and raped me. That was the night I lost myself. Ever since then, he's been texting and Snapchatting me asking for Round 2. Every time I see a guy that even has a similar build, I can't breathe and I start shaking, thinking it's him." -ONU Student

Serious Consequences

The response from my post about the experience on Overheard at Olivet, the Facebook page where students post the often funny or strange things



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When you assault someone's emotional wellbeing—when you treat their pain and memories like jokes—you put your rights to say whatever you want before another person's right to move forward.

KC-CASA hosted Walk A Mile In Her Shoes in the quad at Olivet on April 14 to bring awareness about sexual assault.



they've heard around campus, was largely positive, but wasn't without its critics. The most popular view was that I was unfairly judging the group of boys.

This is a common phrase in American culture, some argued, and taking it literally or as anything to be offended by just demonstrates the sort of "bubble" this campus can be. Any of us uncomfortable with that word or phrase are just going to have to get used to it because that is what the real world has in store for us.

How is this different from telling the female students on this campus that they will have to gear up for sexual assault, relationship abuse, catcalling and rape because after graduation when they're off this campus; these are the sorts of things that just happen in the real world?

You might argue, "Saying 'rape' is not the same as committing rape. One is just a word, the other is actually doing it." But that's the problem: we watch what we do, but not what we say. We know that committing rape is a sin, a crime and a violation of another individual's rights.

It's so easy to ignore the power of words. We argue our rights to freedom of speech and to use figurative language and to make whatever jokes and opinions we want to because

"they're not hurting anyone," but we forget that our rights always end where someone else's begin. You're not physically assaulting the students who have experienced any of these situations, and so, with very little consideration, you can justify that you've not done anything wrong.

But when you assault someone's emotional wellbeing—when you treat their pain and memories like jokes or like matters as trivial as having to walk across campus in the rain—you put your rights to say whatever you want, without any self control or sensitivity, before another person's right to move forward.

"[At ONU,] we are in a bubble... [T]he point is that it's not okay [to use this language]. It's not okay here, and it's not okay anywhere else. It's more than being offended. It feels like someone is shrinking...a horrible, often life-ruining, traumatizing experience down to a joke.

"Rape is not funny. Not even a little. I know that people won't stop saying it, but people should be held accountable for the poison in their choice of words. While I am not necessarily 'offended' by the word 'rape' out of context, hearing it so often being thrown around really makes me feel discouraged. It feels like a lack of support or acknowledgement of the

reality [t]hat has happened to people. The reality of rape." -ONU Student

Adding fuel to the fire

Ignorance is not the same thing as stupidity. Many people who use offensive language are ignorant in the sense that they lack the knowledge that what they're saying even could be considered offensive or the knowledge, in the form of personal experience or empathy, that would help them to understand why someone might be hurt by the statement.

As a self-appointed representative for our classmates who have experienced sexual trauma and a young woman with her own experiences, I believe that the most valuable lesson to be learned this month—Sexual Assault Awareness Month—is not to not rape people. No, the lesson is to be a solution rather than continue to add to the problem.

Jokes about or associated with rape, as harmless as they may seem, only add fuel to the fire of sexual crime. I don't think anyone hearing these jokes gets the message that rape is okay (I'm not quite that dense), but victims often hear indifference. They hear that sexual trauma is not serious enough to be treated seriously. They internalize that speaking up about their experiences will get them

laughed at or shrugged off.

The word loses its significance as it is tossed around in front of their faces, and all who hear it become desensitized. That—in combination with widespread "slut shaming" that pins blame on the victim and notions that most girls who "cry rape" are not genuine but only looking for attention or revenge—puts victims in a situation where they risk stigmatizing themselves. And why put themselves through more trauma? Why even bother?

For the readers who label themselves as Christian, who make sure their friends, family, and acquaintances know they consider themselves followers of Jesus Christ, you must remember that, like it or not, you automatically represent Christianity to those around you.

When you give yourself that label, people associate your words and your behavior with this belief, and when you act hypocritically, hurting people with your words and waving off their feelings with "Well everyone else says it," you turn people away. After all, where is the love and truth Jesus preached about when his own people willingly and unapologetically act just like—or worse than—anybody else?

"My story is from my sophomore year of high school...I was dating this guy off and on for about a year. It wasn't a very healthy relationship but I was too young to really realize that, or care. It was after we had gotten into a fight about something [that] he was very possessive of me, and he didn't like when I talked to certain people so he was upset with me.

"I went to his house after school so we could hang out and talk and at first everything was good and then we started fighting again. Things started to calm down but then he wanted to start doing stuff. I told him no...I just didn't want to because it didn't feel right. Well he didn't want to listen so he ended up raping me. This story isn't one I share to a lot of people. I've only told four people before. I still have yet to share this with my parents." -ONU Student

Hidden realities

If you haven't noticed, every quote of this piece comes from a student of university. These could be your classmates. These could be your roommates. One could come from the girl who sits beside you in Fine Arts, another from your best friend who's been hiding this secret for fear of what happens when it's out.

These students represent not only themselves, but any student who didn't feel comfortable with coming forward or still doesn't know they were victimized—that they are not, as our culture continues to perpetuate, the ones really at fault for the crimes committed against them.

You never know who you are touching with your words, be it in a good way or a bad way. Really, I can't keep you from joking about rape or using the term in a highly offensive, painful context. But you are the language you use, and in the end, you are responsible for the life it takes on when it leaves your mouth.

Editors say goodbye

Finding shades of gray

Melissa Luby
Online Editor

We use these Sony HD video cameras in Basic Video Production. And I really hate them.

Don't get me wrong: they aren't bad cameras. They're easy to use and they shoot sharp, clear images. But they're not Canon 5Ds.

The 5D shoots these beautiful, dramatic, film-quality images with a huge range of colors: the Sony, by comparison, looks flat and washed-out. It's not a bad thing—it's just not my taste.

High-contrast isn't just my artistic taste—it's my lifestyle.

I was homeschooled for 12 years: grades one through 12. I loved being homeschooled and I still love that homeschooling is part of my history. I know that being homeschooled made me the person—especially the scholar—that I am today. But the sheltered life at home can take its toll: constantly surrounded by media, ideas, and people who shared the same values as my family, my cultural "color balance" got pushed to extremes.

I had no experiences with shades of gray when I came to Olivet. Wrong was wrong. Right was right. Plans were plans.

And Olivet did exactly what a college is supposed to do: it challenged my ideas and perceptions.

In the classroom, my conservative ideals were challenged. For example, I entered Olivet as a young-earth creationist. Now, I'm not sure what I am. Twelve years of Baptist education hammered in a seven-literal-day creation week that one reading of *Coming to Peace with Science* can't eradicate. I'm not immune to sound logic; I'm just not quite ready to make the leap to a theory that has been demonized in my science curriculum since year one. Instead, I have learned to live in a gray area. I'm not a scientist, and so, I am blessed with a beautiful luxury: Knowing *how* God created the world does not change the way I live my life. Knowing that he *did* does—and that's all that matters to me.

Outside the classroom, friends and



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acquaintances challenged me too. Nazarenes asked questions about my Calvinist background—not always in a loving way. Boyfriends questioned my moral standards and physical boundaries. Friends made decisions I feared would harm them.

Most challenging of all was meeting a gay person for the first time. Like evolution, homosexuality was attacked in my conservative circles: homosexuality is a sin, and the people who engage in it are sinners.

It's so easy to say "you are wrong" until you have to look a person in the face and say it. As I started to forge friendships with people of all sexual backgrounds, I stopped seeing sins and started seeing *people*. People I loved and cared about. People with stories.

It's called sonder: when you look

at someone and realize they're living their own life, with their own dreams, and their own goals. Try it sometime as you're walking to class. Pick a stranger. Think about where they're going, what they're thinking about, what they did yesterday. It's a funny thing that makes you feel very small, the world feel very large, and God feel enormous.

I think a lot about all the problems in the world and how I can solve them. When you write for a publication, you have this "bully pulpit" that you can use to get your voice out. But what do you want to say? That's what I think about as I consider publications I'd like to write for. Who has my same vision? But as I think about world problems, I start thinking about the people involved: the victims, and the perpetrators. It all comes back to *people*. We

can treat the problems through service and activism, but as long as people's hearts are unchanged, problems will keep on coming. So I think about people. The people in the white, the people in the black, and the people in the gray. What do they need to hear?

I, too, have been living in a black-and-white world of categories and labels. Labels are sticky—literally. When you try to peel them off, they leave a sticky residue and that gross half-layer of jagged paper. You'll always know they were there, because they leave their mark.

I had colors, labels, and categories for me too.

I cleaned out my closet recently. My homeschooler bookshelf was a 50/50 split of fantasy fiction and Christian-relationship-how-to books. The content may seem like a complete 180, but the effect is the same: an unrealistic view of the world.

With my eyes wide open, looking for fantasy, even the Olivet bubble provided real shocks. I may not yet be real-world ready, but I'm a whole lot closer than I was. Broken hearts, broken relationships, broken people: that's the real world. Between freshman year and sophomore year, I did a 180. I went from a hopeful, wide-eyed girl to a jaded skeptic—but as I'm finding out, neither position is healthy. I'm learning to find that balance between eyes wide open and eyes tight shut. It must be some kind of wink. I probably look like Kristen Wiig when I try to do it.

I'm learning, too, that success is a gray area. I came to Olivet sharing a theme song with the likes of Ash Ketchum and company: I wanna be the very best/like no one ever was. "The very best" by Olivet standards would include a 4.0 GPA, a ring on my finger, and a spot on homecoming court. Obviously, none of those things happened. The GPA came close, which earned me a spot in our nation's only graduate program in Forensic Linguistics at Hofstra University. I guess life in New York is a pretty great consolation prize for not finding love.

I guess it just goes to show you that

When you write for a publication, you have this "bully pulpit" that you can use to get your voice out. But what do you want to say?

God knows what he's doing. As much as I would love to be a mom and share my life's adventures with a smart and dashing guy, I also think it would be pretty cool to wake up and say to yourself, "the world needs saving, and I'm the girl for the job." Maybe that's why I couldn't find love at Olivet: because I'd rather save the world alongside my hero than wait for him to rescue me. Being in distress isn't romantic, ladies.

I know I lived my personal life in black and white too, and I'm painfully aware that I've hurt many of the wonderful people on this campus as a result. Please know that if ever I loved you—as a friend or as more—I loved you with all my heart and I always did what I thought was best. And if I hurt you, I'd like to offer you the chance to talk to me and make peace. I don't want to leave this place with regrets. Departures are so much easier without regrets.

Edward, my biggest regret is that I waited so long to tell you how I felt. The only things left to say now are "I love you" and "goodbye."

Over the past four years, my color spectrum is getting smaller. I'm stepping out of the highlights and moving out of the shadows—and I'm finding out that gray areas are okay. As I journey through life, I'm excited to explore all the shades of gray. I think there are a lot more than 50, so I better get going.

So if you'll excuse me, I'm off to grab one of those Sony cameras to document my adventures. Maybe it doesn't paint an artistic spectrum, but at least it shows the world as it is: mid tones and all.

In addition to her July wedding, Taylor Provost plans to remain local as she finishes a few credits for her degree in a summer course. She will also be gardening and freelancing about gardening for the *Daily Journal*, all while she remains a local nanny.



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'Journalism changed my inner being'

Taylor Provost
News Editor

I am a practical person. Everything I do has a reason that has been carefully thought out, researched and selected. If I cannot measure or quantify a benefit to work I am putting forth, what is the point?

This philosophy follows me in most every aspect of my life, except journalism.

When I began my schooling at Olivet Nazarene University in 2012, I joined The GlimmerGlass within a month. I really like to get an adequate amount of sleep, so naturally, it seems a bit curious that I continued to work for virtually no pay for the next four years of my time here, even transitioning from staff writer to News Editor.

I have slept on this office floor. I have stayed in the office on deadline weeks until 3 a.m. I have spent countless hours working for The Glimmer-

Glass; hours that have gone undocumented, hours for which I will never see pay because my job does not provide an hourly wage. Hours for which I have seen no school credit or grades.

You see, I cannot quantify or measure the amount of work I have put forth into this paper. I cannot tell anyone a dollar value worth mentioning.

And yet, neither can I quantify the value of others' stories I have had the privilege of telling, the companionship and like-mindedness I have found within the staff of the paper, nor the impact my writing has had on those who have read it.

And maybe the extent to which my writing has impacted the community has only been the provision of more newspaper to line their cats' litter-boxes or wash windows with -- my articles do not make it to the fridge in my own home.

It is still a wonder to me, even as I

near graduation four years later, how I have continued to enjoy something so contradictory to my personality. While reporting remains logical and objective, choosing journalism goes against every practical, logical and rational fiber in my body. There is great work and little tangible reward.

My time at The GlimmerGlass has not landed me a job, it has not brought me significant recognition or attention nor has it made me financially stable. Everything in me wants to regret this experience because I cannot measure its value, and yet, I cannot regret a single moment I have spent on staff.

Journalism has changed my inner being—I am analytical, I am skeptical, I am aware, I am a truth-seeker. The truths I have learned on my journalistic journey have been priceless.

Loving myself is immeasurable. Being the best version of myself is immeasurable. Having a voice is im-

measurable.

My work at The GlimmerGlass, and as a journalist in general, has been immeasurable, and some days that sends my anxiety on a trip. But maybe the fact I have nothing to show for my time at this university other than a stack of articles that never made it to my fridge is OK. Maybe not being able to quantify my work is what has

helped me grow as a person. Maybe the fact I am on the verge of graduating without a solid plan is OK.

No matter where my journey takes me, I'll always be able to tell my story, whether anyone else wants to listen or not, and that is something far beyond any measure.

Thank you for letting me write for you; thank you for the immeasurable.

Yes to the judge

A critique of Republican leadership concerning Judge Merrick Garland

Brandon Grossi

Staff Writer

Merrick Garland may become one of the most controversial Supreme Court nominees in American History. Why? Because he's a perfect candidate nominated at a far from perfect time in American politics.

On Feb. 12, 2016 Justice Antonin Scalia passed away in his sleep. Scalia was a bastion of conservative thinking on the Supreme Court and served with honor for 30 years. After his death, it then became the duty of President Barack Obama to nominate a successor to Scalia. Right? Wrong.

Almost immediately upon the death of Scalia, Senate republicans announced that they would not meet with any potential candidate appointed by President Barack Obama. Led by majority leader Mitch McConnell, (R-KY) republicans insist that since Barack Obama is in his last year of office, he ought to allow the responsibility to fall to whoever is elected president this year. McConnell and his band justify their inaction by claiming they are following "The Biden Rule," named for Vice President Joe Biden.

"The Biden Rule," stems from a speech that then Senator Biden made before congress 24 years ago. Senator Biden stated that if a vacancy appeared on the Supreme Court in an election year, the current President should hold off on naming a candidate until afterwards. Biden then went on to say that if the President put forth a consensus, neutral candidate, that he would be happy to consider him or her.

You know what, Senators, I get it. Scalia was a conservative justice, and you don't want the balance of the Supreme Court to lean farther left than it already is. Taking a speech about a hypothetical situation made by a ju-

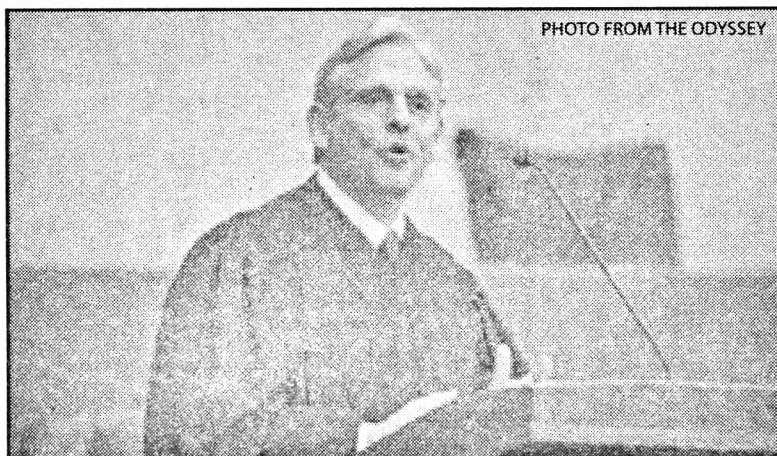


PHOTO FROM THE ODYSSEY

Judge Merrick Garland was nominated by President Obama to take the place of Justice Antonin Scalia, who passed away Feb. 12.

nior senator 24 years ago is a bit of a stretch to justify yourselves, but I get where you're coming from. However, since you so strongly insist to merely be following the example of Joe Biden, you would surely consider a neutral, consensus candidate, right?right?

Wrong.

Allow me to introduce Judge Merrick Garland, an Illinois native who graduated summa cum laude of Harvard Law School. Garland has had more judicial experience than any Supreme Court nominee in U.S. history. He has been described as a centrist, a moderate, and the perfect example for an impartial judge. Both Republicans and Democrats in the past have hailed his integrity, honesty, and work ethic.

Despite all of his qualifications, the majority of Senate Republicans still refuse to even meet with Garland. They insist that it's the principal, not the person that matters.

Senators, I respect your position. If it is truly your belief that the President ought to leave the nominating to his successor, then you should continue

pushing the Senate into even more frustrating gridlock. Just be careful.

Be careful, because if you truly believe in this non-existent rule arbitrarily grasped from speech about a hypothetical situation, it may come back to bite you. Hard.

If Hillary Clinton becomes president, she will no doubt nominate someone far more liberal than Garland, and if Donald Trump becomes president... He could very well nominate a statue of himself for all I know.

Already, the pressure is rising on the Republican leadership to end their boycott. Two republican senators, including Illinois' Mark Kirk, have agreed to meet with Garland. As the election progresses, McConnell and other senators will begin to realize that they are making a huge mistake.

Senators, I implore you to set aside your political differences and do your job by giving Judge Garland a confirmation hearing. If you don't consider a qualified, centrist, perfect nominee now because of your stupid "rule," you could see his spot taken by someone far, far, worse.

Letter to the Editor:

Response to 'God, have mercy on America'

Shane Trail

Contributing Writer

I was reading the March 24, 2016 edition of the *Glimmerglass* when I came across your article in the Opinion section, entitled, "God, have mercy on America," which is, no doubt, an intriguing title that effectively caught my attention. As I read, I couldn't help but notice that the article is peppered with statements that I, and many others find off-putting, which is the reason why I am writing this now.

For one, you speak of the legalization of same-sex marriage as if it is fundamentally and morally wrong. I feel that it is unreasonable that anybody in our generation would honestly believe, for no other reason besides having faith and an ancient text, that homosexuality is sinful or immoral. In fact, many studies have shown substantial evidence that homosexuality, which the Bible labels an "abomination" (Leviticus 20:13, ESV), is most likely a mixture of biology and environmental causes, and even then evidence points more towards the biological factors as having the most impact.

Respected scientists, including Richard Dawkins, have come to the consensus that sexual orientation, although still not fully understood, is decided by the age of two or three; this takes the "choice" out of it, seeing as how kids at this early age are unable to make any meaningful decisions about such important topics as sexual orientation.

Either you are ignorant of these studies, or you willfully ignore them. The 2015 Supreme Court Decision that granted homosexuals the right to marry was based in matters of equality. As our fellow citizens, should gay people not be treated as equal in the institution of marriage? Is their love not valid?

This brings me to my next topic: America was not founded as a Christian nation, and it most certainly was

not "founded on Biblical principles," as you claim. The Constitution makes it very clear that no religion, including Christianity, was to be promoted or favored by our government. It states in the very first sentence of the First Amendment, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." Many of the Founding Fathers themselves, contrary to popular belief, weren't Christians at all.

It is also worth noting that if you believe that our country cannot be moral or successful without help from the Bible, then I encourage you to read the Old Testament of the Bible, which condones such atrocities as slavery (Leviticus 25:44-46), and killing the children of enemies (Hosea 13:16, NIV), just to name a couple.

Morality is not solely a Christian or Biblical concept, which is why I strongly disagree with your stance on America's supposed decline because the church is not involved in political matters. This is so due to our nation's separation of church and state, and is most certainly not the fault of Christian people in any way, shape, or form.

I realize that your article is in the Opinion section of the paper, and I completely understand that everyone has their own opinions on different topics. But please do not state your opinion as fact without evidence to support it.

I am not gay, and I am not an anti-theist, but when you state your personal beliefs based on your religion as though they are absolute truths or facts without the evidence to support your point, I begin to get a little peeved.

Please do not take this as a personal attack. Although our opinions may differ on various subjects, I have every confidence that you are an exceptional journalist, and I wish you only the very best in all of your future endeavors. I sincerely look forward to seeing your articles in the future.

Donald *Trump for president

Hoa Nguyen

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In response to a March 24 article in the Opinion section titled "Donald Trump for president: A closer look at Donald Trump's campaign technique, aggressive platform."

This year's election sure has a unique line up of presidential candidates. This is the first year in which I am able to use my right to vote, and you can bet that I plan to take advantage of that right.

Each of these candidates offers up their own solution on how they plan to better our country, but there is only one candidate that truly has what it takes to Make America Great Again. Of course, I am talking about Donald J. Trump.

Throughout the media world, Mr. Trump is pictured as the bad guy in the presidential race. The media takes Trump's words out of context and twists them to make him sound like a slew of media buzzwords. This, of course, is not true. Anyone who actually listens to Trump, knows that he has nothing but good intentions for our country.

Let's start out with the fact that he is the only candidate that is self-funding. This makes him the

most reliable of the group. When a candidate takes donations from an outside source, political etiquette dictates that the donor is owed a favor by the candidate. Every puppet has its puppet master, but Trump is much different. He is in total control of his campaign.

Many anti-Trump individuals argue that he is a failed businessman, citing that he has "gone bankrupt four times." Although it is technically true, Donald never went personally bankrupt. In fact, even his "failed" business were not fully bankrupt, but were saved by a Chapter 11 Debt Reorganization, which just happens to be part of the bankruptcy law. These four "bankruptcies" are nothing compared to his hundreds of successful businesses. To say he is a failed businessman is completely idiotic. He is worth billions, and you don't get there through failure.

Another reason why people don't like Trump is because he makes "controversial and disgusting statements." I have watched videos that show Trump in a bad light because of something he said, only to discover that the statement was taken out of context.

"They're bringing drugs, they're bringing crime, they're rapists" is the most used anti-Trump quote, and people assume that he is speaking about the general Mexican population. In reality, he is referring to illegal immigrants. These include the illegals who have been known to bring up to 100 billion dollars worth of marijuana and cocaine over the border. This doesn't even include heroin, illegal weapons, and other dangerous contraband. All of which contribute to the deaths of American citizens everyday. 5.6 percent of the illegal immigrants caused 38 percent of all murders in Texas, Arizona, California, Florida and New York, according to Breitbart. All of these crimes could have easily been prevented if we had stronger border security. I find nothing wrong with having a safe place for my family and friends to live.

I always hear people complain that Trump and his supporters are prone to violence and very rough with protestors, but as seen at the rally-turned-riot in Chicago, this is not the case.

"Those rioters stormed in and attacked anyone within reach. I saw

a pregnant lady get assaulted by three Bernie supporters," Eddie Ludwig said, Olivet student who was there to witness the events that took place that night.

I personally attended a Trump rally in St. Louis, and the Trump supporters were very respectful, even to the protestors. Mr. Trump himself never endorsed violence during that rally. He even told the police to be gentle with the disruptors.

If you are considering voting this November, choose the candidate that has a successful track record and isn't owned by anyone. Don't buy into the lies of the media, think critically and make an informed decision. I think you will find Donald J. Trump as the best candidate for President of the United States. Make America Great Again

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Learning to live with grief

Grace Pelley

Staff Writer

On June 22, 2006, my life forever changed when my pastor, Marvin, died unexpectedly. This summer will mark a decade of grief for those who knew and loved him, including me. I have learned a few things on this very hard, unwanted road that may help some of you.

Grief is a disability, not a disease. It never goes away completely; we must learn to adapt. I thought by now I would be used to Pastor Marvin's death, but I am not. I am learning to confide in others what I want to tell him, to think of him as watching over me, instead of resenting all the things he is missing. But, like any disability, there are good days and bad days.

I have learned to distinguish between Pastor and Marvin. Marvin is irreplaceable; Pastor is not. It took me six-and-a-half years to begin seeking out relationships to fulfill the needs that Marvin used to meet for me. Over time, I have stopped missing what he did and only miss him. I have pastors who have picked up where Marvin left off in a way that does not diminish the past.

I have learned to balance remembering the past and living. Some days I need to let the grief run its course and other days I must focus on other things. Sometimes I can remember how well Marvin treated me and show others the same kindness. Acceptance has meant compensating for what he can no longer do, not forgetting that I love him.

Grief has made me vulnerable and that is not all bad. I am sensitive to things I would be able to ignore if I did not miss Marvin. Grief is a safeguard against pride and stubbornness. God has used my grief to put me in situations I would otherwise avoid. I have been forced to form healthy relationships to maintain stability. I know how to fight against some of my failings.

I pray that these lessons help someone. Grief is a very hard process. Do not go through it alone.

More than a refugee

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Blonde African.
Black woman.
Educated man.
Adjectives.

We all have them thrust upon us. The arbitrary meanings of these descriptors are also thrust upon us whether we like it or not.

Syrian refugee.
Syrian. What if that was used to describe you? What preconceived notions would come with that label?

Tony Kriz, who spoke in chapel a while back, shared with us a personal experience when he was trying to welcome a Muslim family to his community. He wanted to build a relationship with them so that they would not feel so isolated and marginalized. He invited their family to go trick-or-treating with his family. The Muslim family agreed. Their kids dressed up in their costumes but the mother came along wearing her hijab. They approached the first house on their block and a woman answered the door. She looked at the mother in her hijab. She enthusiastically exclaimed, "Oh my word! I get it! You are a terrorist. Great costume!"

How uncomfortable. How hurtful. Adjectives and the stereotypes that come with them can be so detrimental.

What if we truly got to know people instead of just making ignorant assumptions about them based on the adjectives that we have plastered on them as labels?

There are so many unfortunate and ignorant assumptions made about Syrian brothers and sisters. Just like they say, "Don't judge a book by its cover." How is it fair to judge unique individuals by their ethnic group? There is so much damage that can be done when we make ignorant assumptions about someone different than us and ultimately give him or her the most detrimental label, "other."

While I was serving on the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Inc board, I met an employee of theirs who has recently returned from Serbia and Croatia where he was raising awareness of the refugee crisis with



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a social media approach similar to 'Humans of New York.' One of his friends commented that people have "dehumanized these refugees and classified them as 'other'." If you can humanize these people in the eyes of the people in the West, maybe you'll convince a few more good people to do good things instead of just doing easy things."

Another friend commented, "Some days I fear that we are seeing a replay of the beginnings of WWII, when apathy towards an 'over there problem' cost so much to so many worldwide. But other days I fall into that apathetic trap because it feels like we can't really make any difference – not on a grand scale. So at the moment, I am doing what I can to help those who ARE here, in hopes that they will see the love of Christ lived out through this very imperfect vessel and teach me how to be better."

It is easy to keep a comfortable distance from social justice issues happening on the other side of the world. It is easy to feel helpless.

But what if the girl in the photo above was your little sister? What if it was your family we were talking about instead of those "others" so far away?

The following is the caption that my friend posted underneath the photo above, taken at Slavonski Brod Refugee Camp.

"So there was a family that came through. A mom, dad, grandma, little boy, and seven-year-old daughter. The daughter was the only one that spoke

English, and so she took charge and became the voice for her family.

'My grandma needs a coat,' she begged, 'These pants for dad, my brother really, really needs shoes... please.'

Our team fulfills her requests, and then look down and see HER OWN shoes are in pieces... yet, she's completely disinterested in her own needs. Upon trying to find shoes for her, the camp appears to be out of her size, and the local police are pushing for them to leave.

'That's ok' she bravely insists while being escorted away.

One of our team members ran to the storage tent, found shoes in the right size, and caught her right as she was getting on the train. The silent thankfulness that exuded from her eyes was all the thanks needed.

This is the needed strength these refugees must possess."

This little girl is a human. She has a name. She has a story. She is more than a "Syrian refugee" and whatever meaning you thrust upon her based on those two words. She is not just an "other."

So what can we do?

Be bold enough to get to know people for who they are, not just the adjectives thrust upon them. Engage in raw relationships and treat others with the dignity that they deserve but may have been deprived of because of degrading definitions of adjectives forced on them by others who are acting out of ignorance. My roommate, Laura Fosnaugh, who is working

with World Relief with refugee resettlement in Nashville, TN, says the church should be leaders in racial reconciliation and bridging the gap. Seek the refugees in your community and welcome them. Invite them into your life. Listen. Learn.

To help children and families in crisis, go to www.ncm.org/refugees. The Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Toolkit "How You Can Help Displaced People" gives tangible action steps like how to conduct a city orientation and make a services map, not to mention volunteering in countries where the church is currently serving refugees.

Give. "Local churches in Jordan and Lebanon have been ministering to refugees from Syria, Iraq and other countries in many ways for more than four years. Nazarenes in Germany have been ministering to refugees for years – and are now gearing up to minister to the new influx coming in. Nazarenes in England are ministering to asylum seekers. You can support efforts to minister to refugee families by giving to the NCM Refugee Support Fund..." (ncm.org/refugees)

Pray. "Pray for wisdom for church leaders in Europe and the Middle East as they minister to refugee families in Jesus' name. Pray for peace for children and adults who have been traumatized. Pray for health for families who are sleeping outside or in inadequate shelters in the cold and rain. Pray for the presence of God to be felt and a spirit of peace to reign in the midst of crisis." (ncm.org)

Advocate. Verne Ward, Director of Nazarene Missions International once told me "There are no voiceless people. Only people whose voices are not being heard." Help their voices be heard. Proverbs 31:8 says, "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Write your local legislator and encourage support for bill HR15-68 Protecting Religious Minorities.

Educate yourself. Read World Relief's FAQs on refugees (worldrelief.org/disaster-resoinse/Syria.world-relief-responds-syria-faq.)

Again, what if it was your family?

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



I'm about to graduate. My girlfriend and I live in different states. We've been dating three years and I don't know if its over – or to take the jump.

Many times we feel the pressure of getting married because we see it's a common thing that happens after graduation. I may not be able to tell you what to do, but I can tell you this: marriage is a lifetime commitment. Don't feel pressured to jump if you are not ready. Although, if you feel you are, then don't rush.

Love crosses borders, and extends

beyond what we can imagine. Patiently wait in Him, because His timing is perfect.

How do you move on when you realize you are not being valued anymore?

Moving on or letting go of someone or something can be very difficult. Especially when Love is involved. In order for you to move on, you must value yourself. Know how much you are worth, because then you will not settle for less.

Moving on may be hard, and there

will be times where you may want to take a step back, but know that moving on many times is necessary. Will it be hard at first? Yes. But know that He will be with you through it all.

My girlfriend says I need to lose weight because I'm fat, but my friends told me she's being rude and I should break up with her. What should I do?

What do you think of what she says? Even if she is saying this out of love, wanting you to live a long and healthy life, there are better ways for her to express that.

Your friends say one thing; do you agree? Many things can cross your mind when receiving a comment as such. You either may take it as a joke or take it seriously.

If you are feeling discomfort or unsettledness about her comments, know that they may be warnings that you cannot ignore. It is one of those relationship red flags that sometimes flashes before our eyes and are necessary to confront.

Remember that from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. Just ask yourself, is that the heart you want in a person you love?

I think I'm losing my faith. What should I do?

Seek Him, hunger and thirst for Him. Our faith is something we must take care of and strengthen daily. Just like a seed planted in soil needs water, sunlight, and the perfect environment to grow strong and firm, so does our faith.

Seek that water, soil and that environment of people who can help you grow. Seek him with all your heart, because you will find Him. Hold on to His Word and write it on the tablets of your heart.

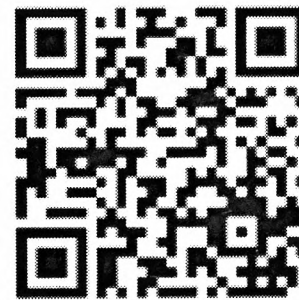
When we have God's Word written in our hearts, there is nothing that separates us from Him. His Word becomes so powerful and strong within us, it gives us life.

Remember, we seek information in our individual devotions and formation in community with other believers.

Relationship trouble? Family drama?

Friend falling out? Ask Abdi! Scan the QR code to ask a question or go to <http://tinyurl.com/AskAbdi>

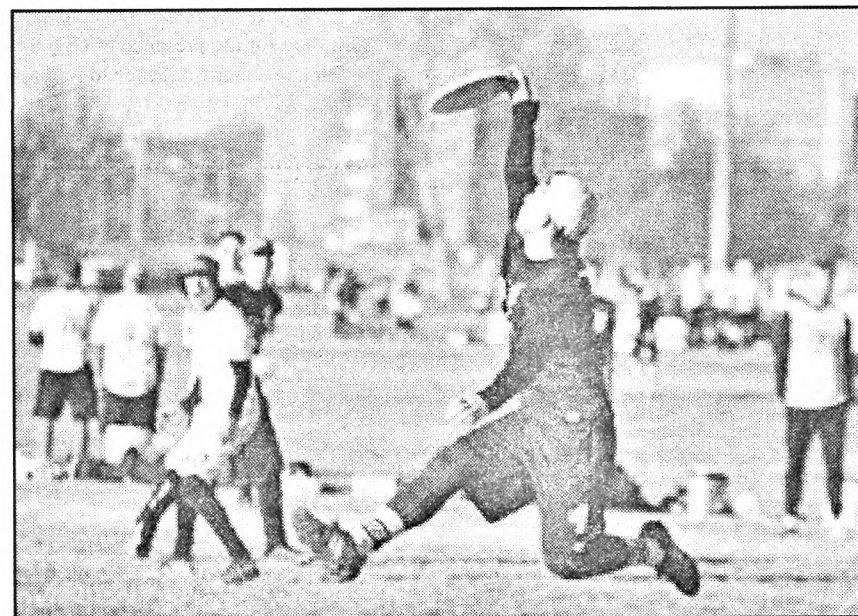
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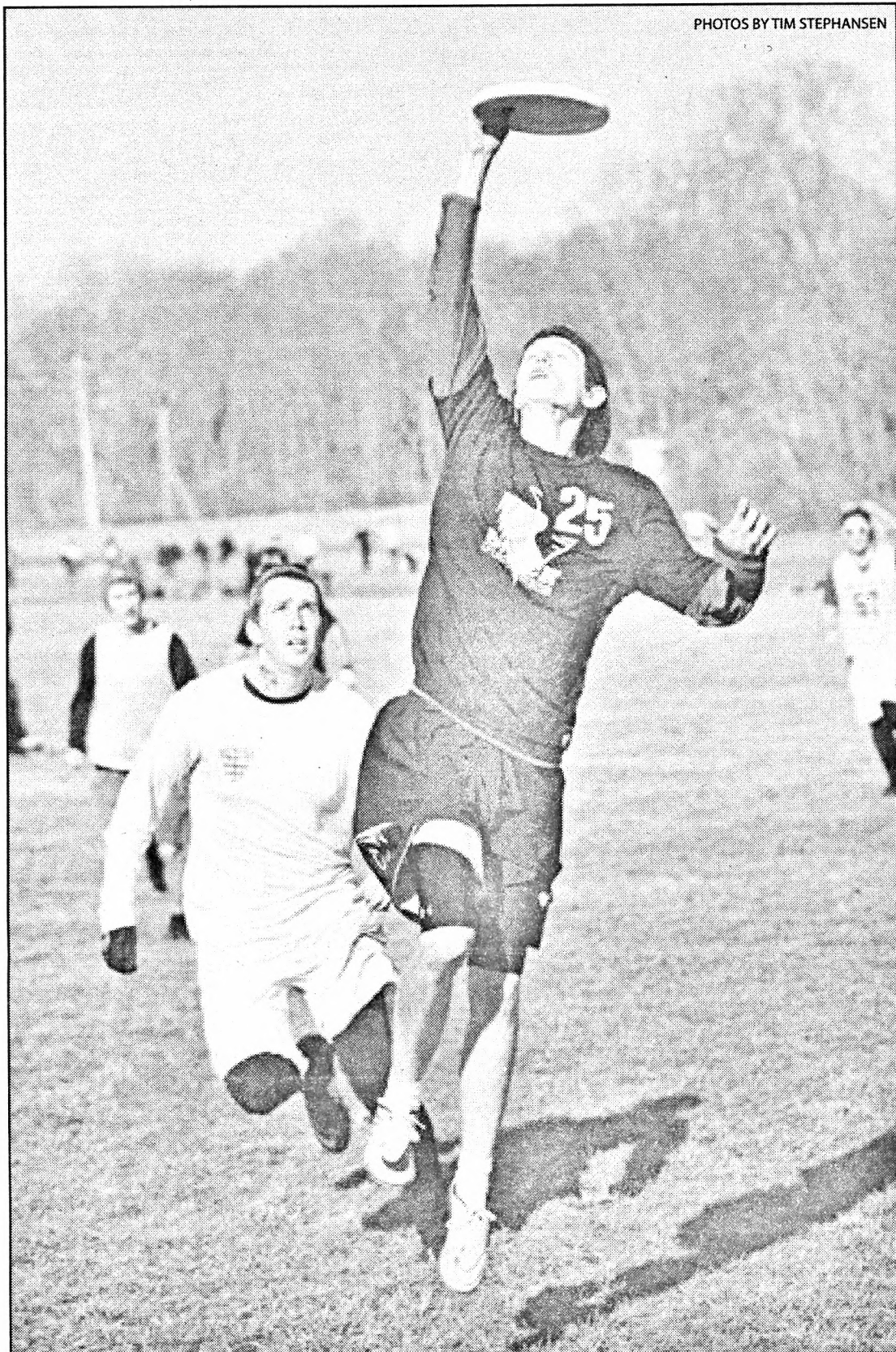
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Penguins off to regionals



The Black Penguins finished their season after a home tournament April 16 and 17.



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Regional Frisbee tournament held at Olivet

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Olivet Nazarene University's ultimate Frisbee team The Black Penguins are at the tail end of their season, going 2-2 this past weekend at their sectional tournament held on the Olivet Inter-mural Fields.

The Lady Penguins also played this weekend, finishing their season with a record of 1-3, forfeiting their last game due to injury. "I enjoy the people, and tournaments are fun," junior Brooke Smith said. "Everyone is tired and hungry afterwards, but each weekend is always memorable."

The Black Penguins are now working towards regionals held in Indiana April 30 to May 1. If they place first there, they will go on to Nationals, which would be their second time going in three years.

Although not an official Olivet team, the Black Penguins and Lady Penguins bear the Olivet name in all their tournaments. "The team is fully self-funded from the tournaments we host," junior Lady Penguin team member Esther Paek said. "Even if

Olivet doesn't recognize us, people recognize Olivet when we play. I think the school is missing out on an opportunity."

Both of the Frisbee teams will be kicking off next school year with a Combine that will showcase the team to potential players. Paek said it will be like a field day with food and games so people can learn about Frisbee but also know that it's a commitment.

"What most players find attractive about ultimate Frisbee is that it has enough structure of an organized sport but without all the time constraints," junior Mitch Brummel said, one of the captains for the Black Penguins.

The team travels for tournaments three to five weekends in a semester and practice six hours a week. This allows team members the opportunity to stay active while still having plenty of free time and a flexible schedule, and prevents participation from creating a stressful schedule situation.

There is no fear when joining the team because "everyone starts out at the same level with ultimate Frisbee; no one played it in high school," senior captain Scott Fischer said.

When first joining the team, most people start out at a very basic level. The Black Penguins invite anyone interested to join, with no experience or expertise required.

"It's a very easy sport to pick up," Fischer continued, "After a few weeks of practice, people usually get the hang of it."

Members are required to pay a small fee to participate and purchase a jersey. Other than that, the proceeds from home tournaments and service projects cover travel expenses for tournaments. There are currently 26 players on the men's team and 13 for the women.

"Our team has become more than a team, we're like a brotherhood," senior captain Nick Schoon said.

This is true, as members of the Black Penguins see a lot of each other outside of scheduled practice times and competitions. The team has formed a Bible study, small groups, and do service projects together.

"We want to make it a community of faith first, live Christlike and maintain our character, wherever we are," Schoon added.

Even if Olivet doesn't recognize us, people recognize Olivet when we play. I think the school is missing out on an opportunity." - Junior Esther Paek, Lady Penguins

Basic Rules of Frisbee

- Seven players on the field at one time
- Score points by catching the Frisbee in the opposing team's end-zone.
- Players cannot move when holding the disc, having to pass it up the field. If the disc hits the ground, then the other team takes possession.
- Non-contact sport
- Games are almost entirely self-officiated. Referees are called "observers," and only declare the disc out of bounds, or settle disputes in foul calls.
- Fouls are called for inordinate contact, and the opposing player can either acknowledge it, allowing the person fouled to have possession of the disc where it would have been caught, or the call can be disputed, and the disc is returned to the original thrower, essentially a redo.
- Games are completed when one team has scored a predetermined number of goals, typically 13 or 15, or until a time limit of 110 minutes has been reached.

Becoming a Tiger: Incoming athlete profiles

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Sports Editor

Amanda Dotlich is currently a senior at Brownsburg High School and has recently signed to become a Tiger next fall. Dotlich plays two positions on her high school soccer team, forward and outside defense. During her high school career, she has won several awards for soccer: including Rookie of the year, Academic All State two years in a row, All-Conference Player, All-County Player, team captain her senior year and also held the title of most goals scored on her team. Dotlich is not only a star athlete, she also strives academically, she is a member of her high school's National Honor Society (NHS) and she was in the top 25 of her class. Next year at Olivet Dotlich plans on majoring in Actuarial Science and double minoring in Spanish and Accounting.

When asked why she decided to attend Olivet next year Dotlich responded, "I wanted to go to a college where I felt at home. This is a place where the Lord is a huge part of our daily lifestyle, where I feel comfortable within my surroundings, and where academics are a priority. Academics and Christ are the top things I used to choose a college and the fantastic soccer program is just icing on the cake."

"I decided to come to Olivet because I really liked the dietetic professor. I could tell how excited she was about her job and how passionate she was about doing whatever she can to make her students successful," said 5-foot 9-inch outside hitter Micki Quack currently attends Community High School where she is a part of her school's leadership program and also NHS. "I really liked all the mission opportunities Olivet has, all the volleyball coaches and players and appreciate how they involve God in everything they do."

Quack has recently signed to be a part of ONU's volleyball team next season. Throughout her volleyball career she has played in high school and she is also a player for Illini Elite, her local club team. Recently Quack has received the title of All-American and has traveled to the state conference the past two years. Her personal stats for the current season consist of 316 kills, 234 digs and 32 aces.

Haley Lapanowski is a 5-foot 4-inch defensive player that has recently signed to play soccer here at Olivet. Lapanowski currently attends Brandon High School where she is class president, NHS president and a member of Youth Alive, her high school's bible study.

She also does a lot of community service in her free time, "One of my favorite community service events is every year we go help Ortonville Community Emergency Fund (OCEF) and our local church for collect, counting, and organizations cans and toys around the holidays."

Lapanowski excited for her time here at Olivet.

"[Olivet] just feels like the perfect place to grow as a person, grow as a student, and most importantly grow in Christ! I am very excited to begin my journey at Olivet," responded Lapanowski when asked why she is deciding to attend Olivet.

Aaron Larson receives second All-American Award

Samuel Nichols

Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, Olivet senior Aaron Larson was named to National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic (NAIA) 2015-16 Division II Men's Basketball All-American Second Team. He is the fourth Tiger to be named as an All-American in back-to-back seasons.

"There is a lot within Aaron Larson," Head Coach Ralph Hodge said. "He's been one of the most coachable kids we've had in the program over the years and one of the hardest workers we've had. It has served him well in his development because he did not come in as the most talented player we have ever had. He is the type of player who expected more from himself than even coaches did. If he missed a shot, he took the blame and never made excuses. He was highly accountable for what he was supposed to do, and that has helped make him the great player that he is. Effort plus time has equaled his reward."

Larson had an astounding season, leading ONU in minutes per game at 35.3, points per game at 22.6 and rebounds per game at 9.5. In addition, he tallied 15 double-doubles, seventh-most in the NAIA this season.

Larson helped lead the Tigers to an 18-11 overall record, including a 17-4 record in CCAC play. Two personal single-game highs were either tied or broken by Larson this season. On Jan. 20, 2016, he scored a career-high 35 points in a 74-64 victory against Holy Cross College. In a 86-64 victory over Cardinal Stritch University on Jan. 30, 2016, he tied a career-high 17 rebounds.

"Aaron has expressed a high interest in continuing to play," said assistant coach Nick Birkey. "He wants to pursue the professional ranks. He has continued to work out, play, and get stronger. He has a lot of tools that are needed to succeed at that level. But I

think he understands that he has to get better. If Aaron will continue to press forward and show that work ethic, I think that he can play for somebody professionally. There's somebody out there who wants someone who is willing to work and get better. And I think Aaron has those capabilities."

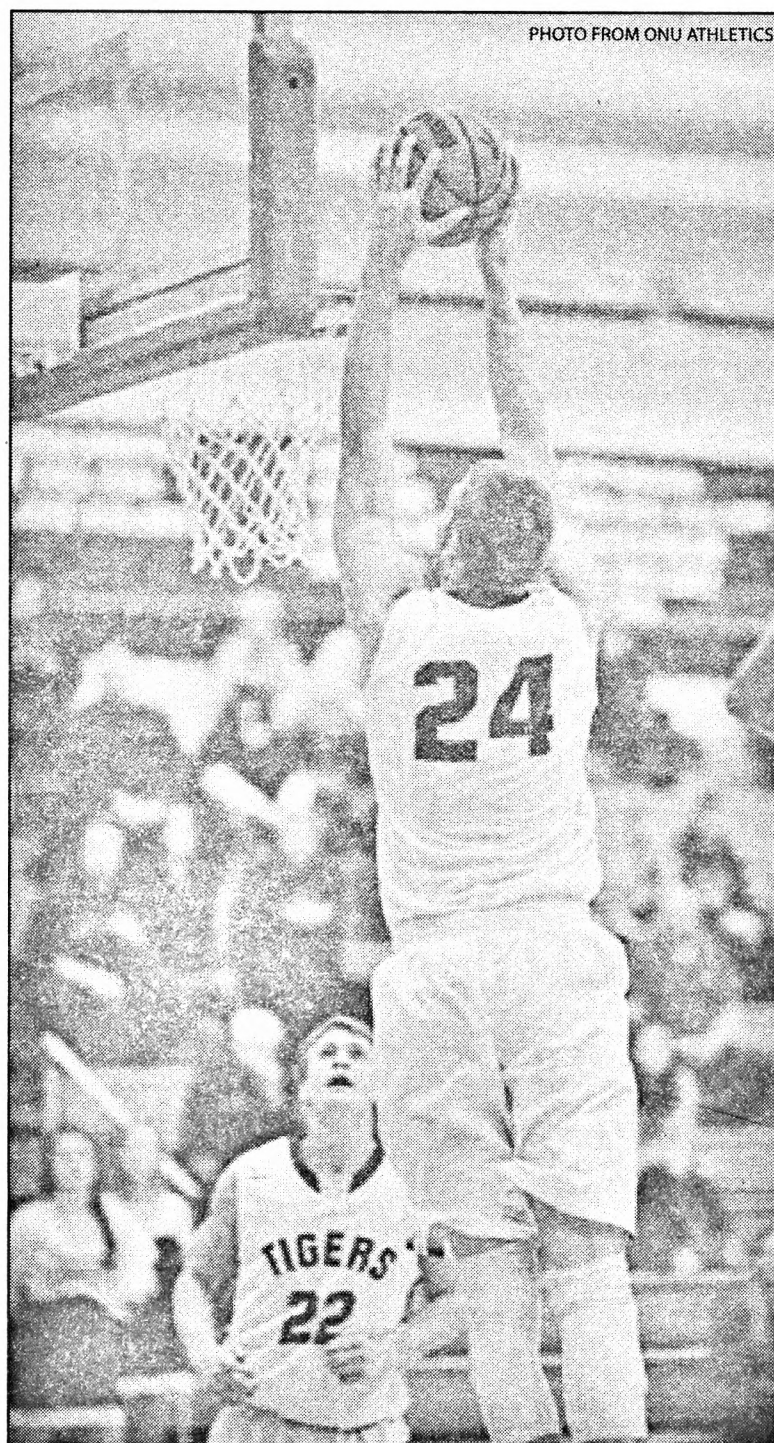
This season caps off an outstanding career for Larson. Over his four years at Olivet, he tallied 2,132 points, third most all-time for Tiger basketball players. He is fourth all-time in rebounds for Olivet with 971. He is one of only two players in ONU history who scored more than 2,000 points and recorded over 900 rebounds. Larson also is third all-time in field goals made with 813 and field goals attempted with 1,518 and 16-most in three-pointers made with 141.

"I think whole team is owed thanks for my success, teammates and coaches," Larson said. "Teammates in practice pushed me. It's not a one man show out there. They made it a lot easier for me. Obviously the coaching staff for pushing me in practice and bringing me out for individual workouts. It was just a great experience to be able to improve over four years."

Senior Alex Thorson, Larson's roommate and teammate for all four years, spoke very highly of him. "We didn't even know he was going to start when we freshman. But he got a chance to start one game that season, and he scored a double-double; and we were running around Chapman Hall chanting 'Double-double!'"

With his collegiate career now over, Larson has started pursuing a professional career playing overseas. "I am in contact with a few agencies," said Larson. "We'll just see where it goes from there, but it's definitely a possibility."

"Not many people can say they played pro basketball," Thorson said. "Even if he only plays a few years, it would still be a great opportunity."



Senior Aaron Larson, two time All-American, dunks the ball at a home game.

ROTC Buddy Ranger Challenge: A success

Brandon Grossi

Staff Writer

It's 5:00 a.m. on a Saturday. Four Olivet ROTC cadets take their rifles and 35 pounds of equipment and begin a 9.2 mile run. This was the beginning of the 22nd annual ROTC Buddy Ranger Competition.

The ROTC Buddy Ranger Competition was held at Kansas University on April 9. The all day race encouraged pairs of cadets from all over the U.S. to work together and overcome a 9.2 mile ruck march, a series of skill challenges such as evaluating a casualty, knot tying, and dummy-grenade throwing, and a 5K run to finish the day.

Rolling Thunder Battalion, to which Olivet cadets belong, finished first overall in the national competition. Rolling Thunder is based at Wheaton college and includes ROTC programs from other Christian schools like Lewis and Elmhurst. The battalion was represented by nine teams, of which two came from

Olivet.

Freshmen Konnor Anderson and Joel Martin, and junior Adam Timmer and senior Luke Strasser made up the two Olivet teams. These cadets had to qualify before the competition by completing a 9.2 mile ruck march within 2 hours and 15 minutes. Upon qualifying, the cadets repeated this feat at KU. "The hardest part was getting up," said Timmer with a laugh. After completing the 9.2 mile ruck march, Teams had a 2 hour cap to finish all 16 skills, plus any extra time from the ruck march. For example, Anderson and Martin finished the march 17 minutes early and so had 2 hours and 17 minutes to complete the skills portion. Unfortunately, it was during this phase that the freshman team was eliminated from the competition.

Anderson and Martin had finished 15 out of the 16 skills challenges before they were cut from the race. "It was difficult to find where all the stations were located," said Anderson, "We spent a lot of time searching."

It's a little bittersweet, but it was satisfying crossing the finish line for the last time.
-Senior Luke Strasser

Despite being eliminated, Anderson was glad he had the opportunity to participate. "It definitely taught me a lot," said Anderson, "It brought me closer to our battalion."

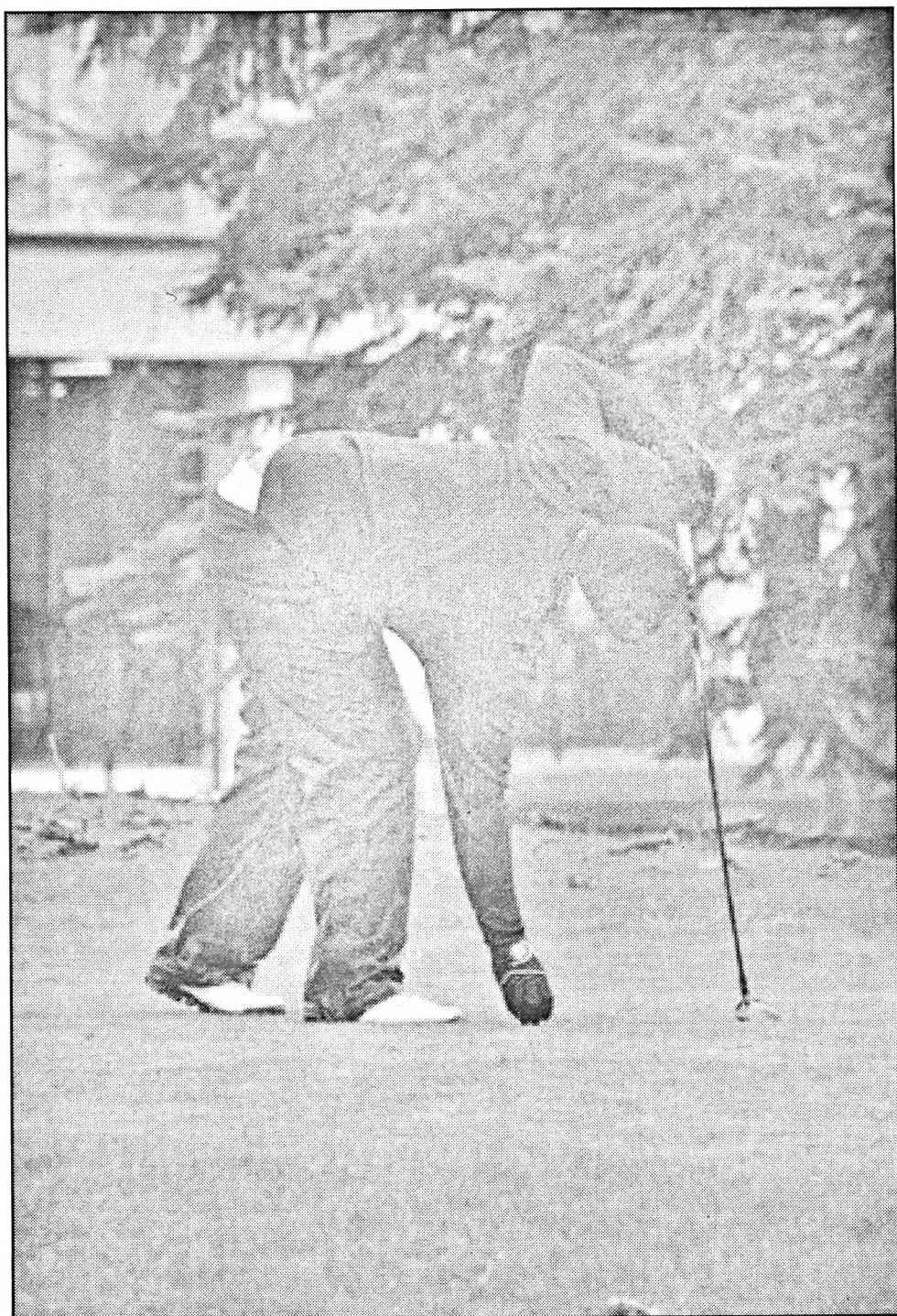
Olivet's second team, Timmer and Strasser, completed the 16 skills test and trudged through the final leg of the race: The 5K.

After finishing the race, all the cadets gathered for an awards ceremony. Although exact placements have not been released yet, Timmer and Strasser feel confident that they finished within the top twenty-five places. They, along with every other team who completed the arduous challenge, received large coins

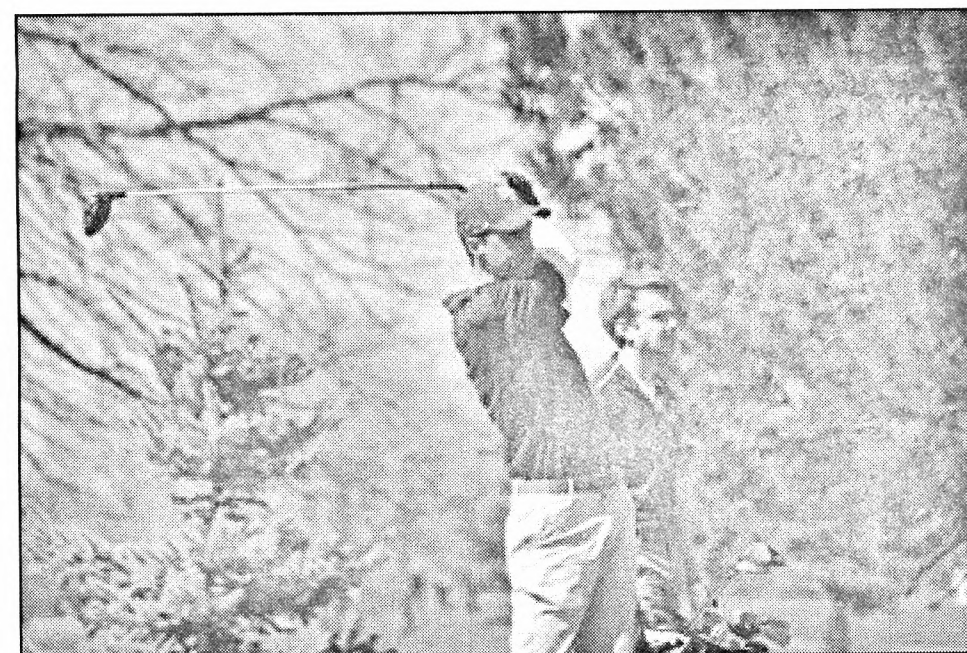
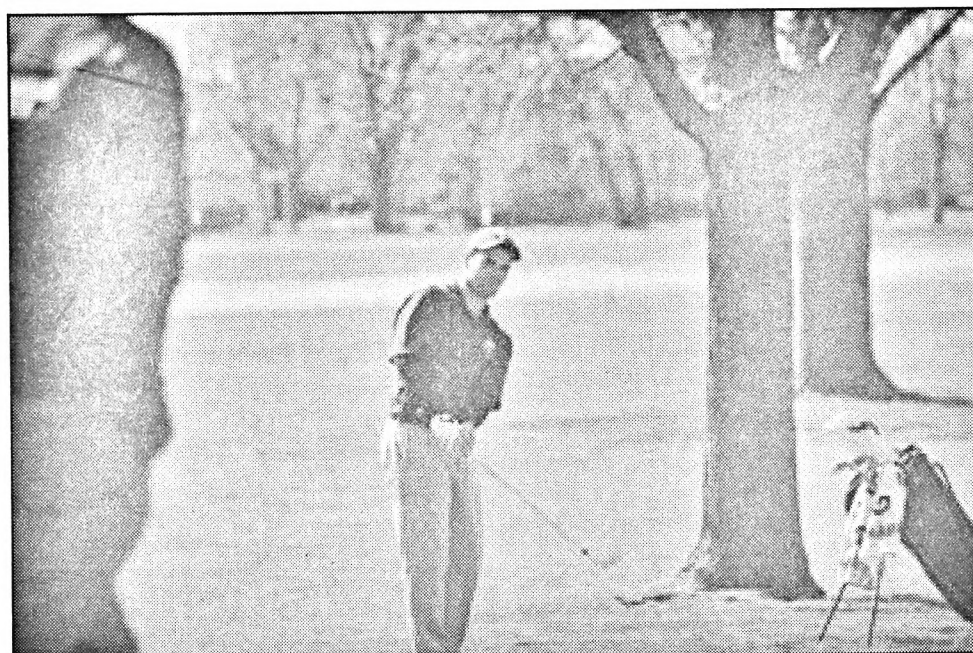
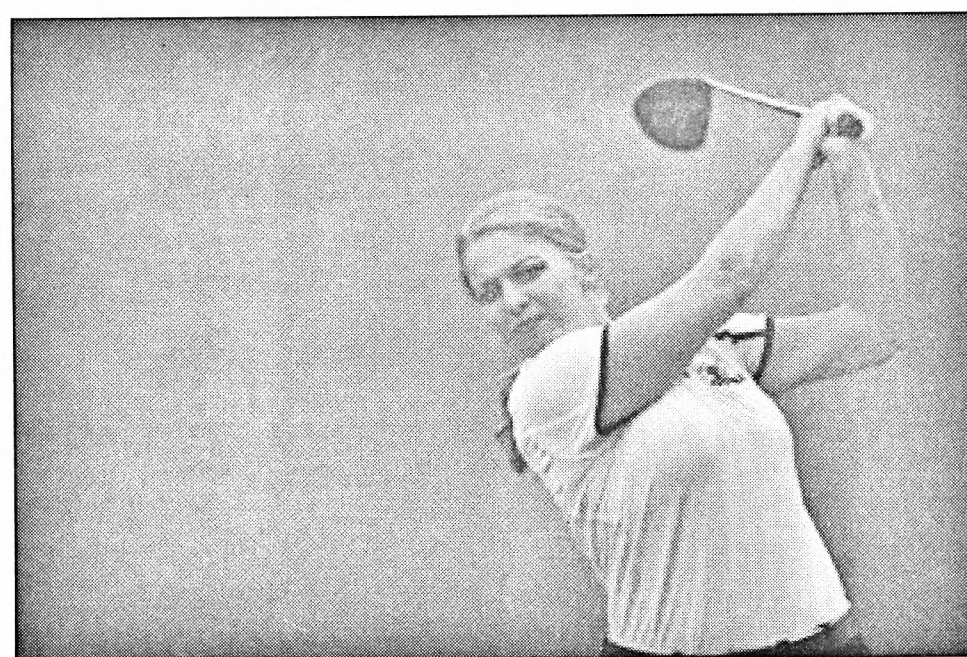
commemorating the event. Strasser completed a goal of being a part of the Buddy Ranger Challenge all 4 years. His freshman year marked the first time Olivet attended the competition, and he helped establish the Olivet tradition of playing handball in the hotel parking lot the night before the competition. The tradition serves as a way to blow off steam and relax before the race, and participants claim that the victors of the annual handball game are the real winners of the Buddy Ranger Challenge.

According to Strasser, this year had the smallest amount of Olivet participants yet. This is due to the new qualifying round that takes place before the competition. In years past, Olivet would bring at least 4 or 5 teams down. Strasser, a religious studies major here at Olivet, is glad he participated all 4 years.

"It's a little bittersweet," said Strasser, "But it was satisfying crossing the finish line for the last time."



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The men and women's golf team are both off to a good start this season, focusing on improving their game and looking towards conference titles.

Swinging into spring season

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The men and women's golf teams are on a quest for a conference title.

The Olivet men's golf team started their season with a dual match against conference competitor Purdue University-Calumet. This was the first match of the season, with four remaining tournaments this spring. In the off-season, the Tigers focused on improving their game.

"As a team, our focus for this spring season is to remain positive," freshman Jacob Tuttle said. "In golf, it is very easy to become negative and get down on yourself. So, we have been trying to be more positive by closing every practice with prayer and simply enjoying ourselves on the course."

In the men's golf team's first multiple-team tournament, ONU hosted 12 other teams for the ONU Spring Invite Wed., April 6. The Tigers played well placing four of 10 players in the top third. There were a total of 61 golfers at this one-day event. ONU finished second with a team score of 328 behind the University of St. Francis (Ill.).

Ten golfers from Olivet played the course the following day. The Tigers first five were freshmen, Matt Winklemann, who led the tigers with a 79, placing fourth overall; junior Cole Evenson, who was three strokes behind Winklemann with a 82; sophomore Kyle Dwyer, shot a score of 84; junior Luke Lambert, shot an 83; and senior Ryan Muzjakovich, with a score of 89, finishing team one.

The second team for the Tigers was

led by freshman Jake Tuttle, who shot an 85; junior Jordan Spay, shot an 86 who tied with teammate sophomore Zack Thorson; senior Robert Wagner shot an 86; and sophomore Stephen Lowe finished with a 92. The Tigers will be back on the course on Tuesday, April 12 for the University of St. Francis (Ill.) Spring invite.

"I feel like this season has had a lot of positives," Tuttle said. "We have a lot of guys who can contribute and who will be returning next year. There is still room for improvement, and I feel we are making strides to perform at an even higher level."

The Olivet Nazarene University Lady Tigers opened their 2016 season with a two-day Spring invite at the University of St. Francis (Ind.). The Tigers fought through the pouring rain

and came out on top the first day with all five players finishing in the top ten.

Freshman, Mackenzie Mehaffey was a medalist, finishing in a three way tie for first place. On day two, the Tigers faced high winds and snow, but finished ahead of the pack, holding a 14-stroke lead.

"Despite the less than ideal conditions, this is a great start for our quest to capture the conference title and advance to nationals," Head Coach Bill Johnson said.

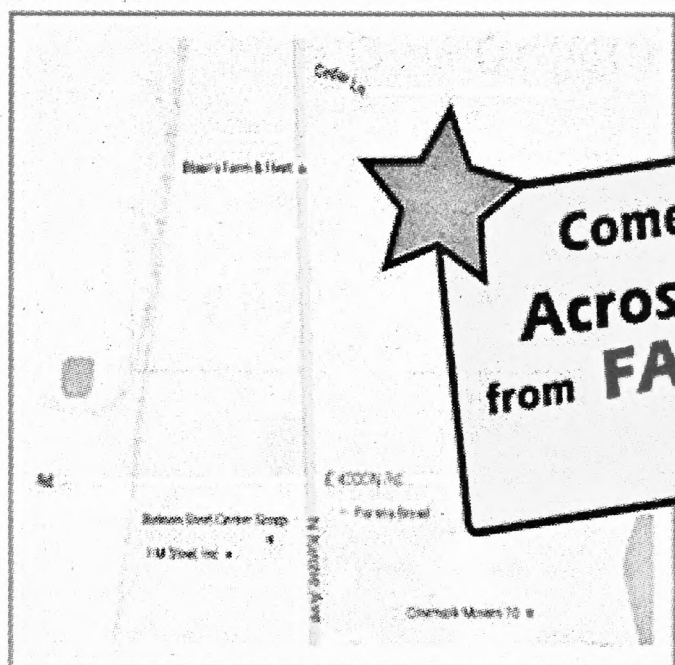
At the University of Saint Francis (Ind.) Spring invitational, Mehaffey gained a share in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Women's Golfer of the Week for her performance at the tournament.

"It's an honor," Mehaffey said. "I'm really happy to have played well and

helped the team with our first tournament of the year. We worked really hard during the winter, and I think that is going to pay off this spring."

The Lady Tigers were back at it again, placing third out of ten teams at the Marian Spring Invitational. The weather, again, was anything but nice for these girls as they went through below average temperatures and strong winds, but that did not stop them.

Olivet was led by senior Bridget Wolff, who shot an 82, finishing fifth out of 54 players at the tournament. Her finish earned her All-Tournament Team honors. Marian University, the host, won the overall tournament. Olivet finished with a score of 683. The Lady Tigers will be traveling to South Bend, Indiana, for the Pilot Invitational hosted by Bethel College.



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