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Olivet continues conserving its financial resources

Nathan DiCamillo
News Editor

Olivet has saved approximately \$3 million out of the \$7 million it plans to save by the end of this two-year-long financial freeze, according to Dr. Doug Perry, Vice President of Finance.

The university is still on track with the president's ten-step plan of "multiplication and subtraction" to return the university to the "sweet spot" that it has been in for most of the past 25 years, and Perry believes that the university will return to a stable point by 2018.

"We're not in trouble," Perry said. "This is just a state of imbalance."

Bowling introduced his plan in February during his annual State of the University address. He's given such an address every spring since the 2008 recession hit.

Last November, Bowling told the GlimmerGlass, "What started on Wall Street and moved to main street has come to University Avenue."

Bowling wants to ensure that the university stays financially secure "when we start to get a little hint that the dynamics are changing."

The weight that tipped the scale

Nationally, education is in a decline, according to Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Houston Thompson. During Thompson's assessment of Olivet's undergraduate programs, he looked for opportunities for growth in departments and ways of running the academic side of the university more efficiently.

"We have a lean and tight academic program," Thompson said. "Departments across campus are doing a really good job with managing our resources. Some of our programs have a lot of students and the faculty are carrying full loads with full classes."

Over the past two to three years, Olivet hired over a 100 new employees. This was "a lot of people" for Olivet to bring in during this period of time, Perry said.

The school has also been "very generous" with student scholarships with "very few" students paying the full price of tuition. The university gives over \$50 million in scholarships. It plans to reign in scholarships in the future.

Bowling's ten-step plan is temporary

Bowling described the tenets of the plan as "short term commitments" that are preemptive. The main goal of this plan is for each of Olivet's vice president's to cut spending by approximately 10.2 percent.

"I'm saying basically in effect to my staff that we're not in a crisis mode, and, if we act now, we can avoid financial hardships," Bowling said.

Bowling's plan includes, among other things, freezing "all new hiring." This means that if an Olivet faculty member retires, the university will review whether or not the department affected can do without the position for a year.

"We have our library director, Kathy Boyens, who worked for several years, retired," Bowling said. "Rather than replacing her this year, we have appointed an interim librarian one of the staff, very capable. That will save us a year."

Other parts of Bowling's plan include increasing revenue. The president and his A-team are focused on growing their graduate studies programs which have a high return.

Layoffs were unavoidable

With the elimination of one faculty position, the university did not succeed in the president's goal of avoiding layoffs during this financially difficult time—a goal that he set in the fall of 2015. According to Bowling, over half of the operating budget goes to faculty salaries and benefits, and the decision to eliminate the position was made by assessing the need of each department by credit hours. Overall, Olivet has lost over 50 employees in retirements and layoffs.

"It's funny because in some ways those are the kind of decisions from a stewardship standpoint—managing God's resources here—that you should make whether you have a lot of resources or not," he said.

The cost of an employee is not only in salary, but also in benefits such as health insurance, the president noted. In the past, certain positions have been eliminated because of the university outsourcing the services provided by those positions.

"We used to have a full complement of employees that would photograph," he said. "But we outsourced that. We now bring in a company."

Record enrollment and donations

Olivet did, however, hit its goal enrollment of anywhere between 700-750 incoming freshmen.

The numbers for enrollment in ONU Global and Olivet's Graduate School program are "the best they've ever been." Olivet is also talking more with major donors. Hosted over the summer, the "President's Gathering" sought to bring in 50 couples who were "high capacity folks." In one weekend, over \$6 million was raised.

Bowling is optimistic about the total

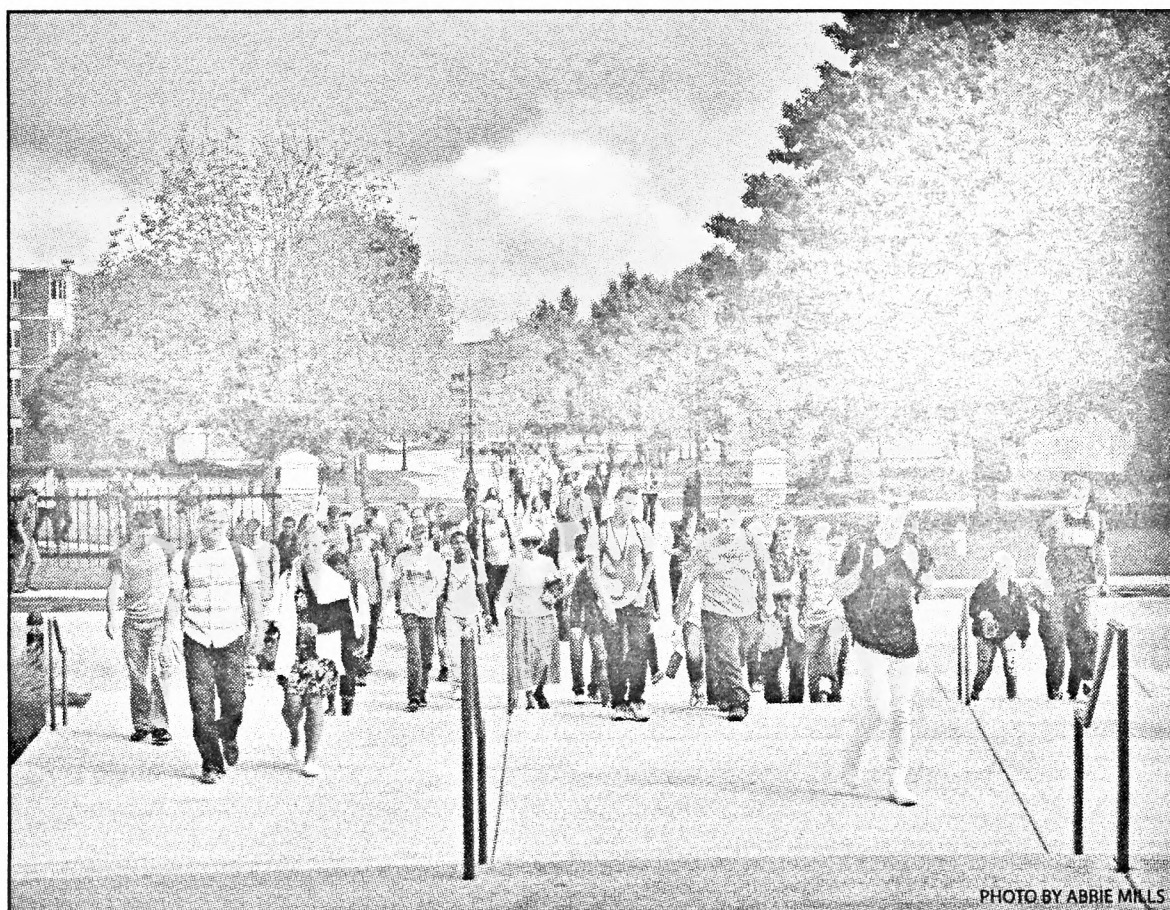


PHOTO BY ABBIE MILLS

Olivet students walk into chapel this past fall. As the A-team continues introducing efforts to keep itself financially stable, President Dr. John Bowling says these decisions don't affect the core work of the university.

number of donations that have come into the school in the past year giving the school a record total amount raised in donations: over \$12.5 million. This is twice that of what any of Olivet's peer institutions have raised.

"The last count I heard ... last year, we had 7,000 or 8,000 different people who made some level of contributions," he said. "We're really trying to continue that side of our work, and that's always the case with private institutions. You always have to raise money."

Tuition may freeze

Apart from Bowling's plan, the university is researching whether or not it has reached the "maximum level of [tuition] pricing." Administrators are studying the effects of freezing or possibly cutting tuition.

"I think students won't feel any decrease in program or quality," he said. "That's what we're working on, to keep those things strong. If you cut that, you really cut off your future."

Bowling and administrators fear getting "priced out" by other universities.

"Someone says well why would I go there if I could go somewhere else for \$5,000 less," he said. "Now the net cost of attendance might be the same, but that's not the first thing you think about"

Christian schools

looking into creating a financial association

Bowling also indicated that Nazarene schools as well as other Christian colleges are looking into the idea of creating a consortium in the case of losing federal funding. The consortium would work with banks or financial institutions that could provide them with loans.

"So say students can't get MAP grants ever. They can't get Stanford loans. They can't get federal funds. If that goes off the table, we're very vulnerable because lots of students depend on that," he said. "It doesn't pay the whole bill, but it's enough to make a difference."

Not the first mountain Bowling has climbed

When the president gave his address in February, it was the tenth anniversary of his climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

"I remember thinking 'Here's this mountain, this problem,'" Bowling said. "That's not the first mountain I've tackled. One of the things the mountain experience teaches you, is you just keep going. Little by little you get to a plateau you get another view, you catch your breath and you just keep going."

In the State of the University address last February, Dr. John Bowling outlined the following ten step plan for subtracting the Olivet's expenses and multiplying its revenue:

- Freeze all new hiring
- Freeze salaries for next year to avoid added expenses
- Continue to reduce operational expenses where possible
- Defer capital expenditures to help preserve cash reserves
- Review our medical insurance coverage to evaluate any possible cost saving options
- Reduce the overall salary and benefit costs by reducing the total number of employees
- Continue our strong emphasis on undergraduate enrollment
- Seek to increase the net student revenue by re-evaluating our current scholarship programs
- Grow our nontraditional programs through ONU Global and the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies
- Accelerate our fundraising through such efforts as the Hope Project, the President's Gathering and an enhanced emphasis on major gifts

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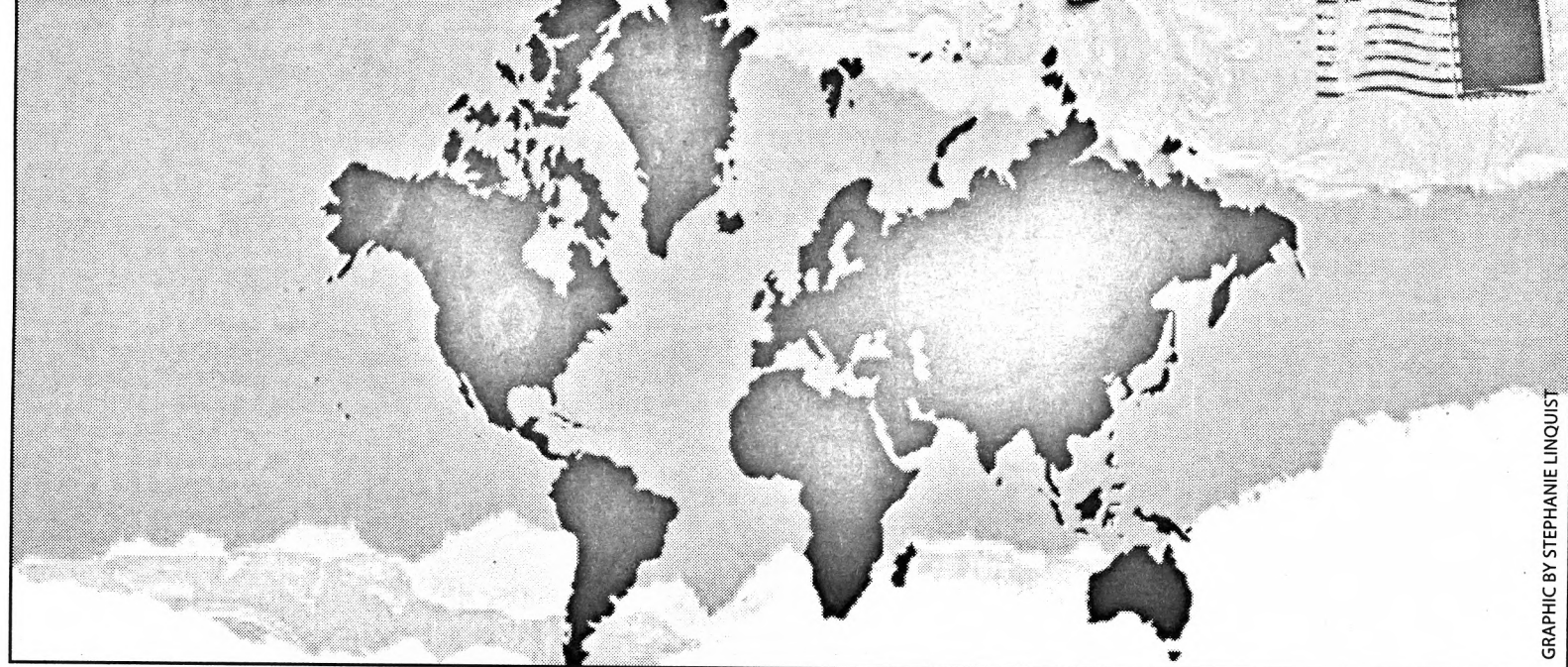
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Until 1941, the university newspaper was known simply as *Olivet News*. Former adviser Bertha Supplee proposed the name *GlimmerGlass* after visiting upstate New York, where she discovered a lake with the same name. The lake was as clear as glass and "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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A Global Glimpse



GRAPHIC BY STEPHANIE LINQUIST

Mosul liberated from Islamic State control

IRAQ — Mosul, Iraq's second largest city is being liberated from Islamic State control. Isis has moved hundreds of civilians to use as shields to keep the army out.

The United Nations reports that around 200 people have been killed by Isis, including the execution of 15 civilians in an attempt to terrify other residents.

"ISIS has lost hundreds of its members from airstrikes when they withdraw, so now they are forcibly displacing the residents of villages they are leaving and using them as human shields," said Abdul Satar, a military expert and former Iraqi Army general.

Aid workers are preparing for hundreds of thousands of refugees, with 9,000 already reaching aid camps. Liberation attempts are being diverted to nearby cities as the Islamic State has attempted in an effort to retain control of Mosul.

Source: New York Times

Letters from 'Dirty War' released by Vatican

ARGENTINA — Pope Francis, a former Buenos Aires archbishop, ordered the declassification of 3,000 letters connecting the Catholic Church to Argentina's 1976-83 "Dirty War," according to a joint statement from the Vatican and Argentina's Church hierarchy.

The archives include 3,000 letters between the Roman Catholic Church and family members of the victims, including the 30,000 murdered in the military dictatorship.

"We are not afraid of the archives. They contain historical truth," Buenos Aires Archbishop Mario Poli told reporters at a news conference; however, the archives will only be available to victims or their families.

Critics of Pope Francis claim he did not do enough to challenge the dictatorship while he was archbishop.

In August, the United States released a new batch of declassified documents regarding the dictatorship, which the U.S. initially supported.

Source: Reuters

12 people killed in attack on Kenyan hotel

KENYA — A hotel in northern Kenya was attacked, killing 12 people and injuring four others, according to a Kenyan official.

The Boshari Hotel in Mandera was targeted as all the people killed were non-locals. While no group has claimed responsibility for the attack, officials believe the jihadist group Al-Shabaab is responsible.

In recent years, the group has been responsible for some of the worst attacks in and around Somalia. This is the third attack in less than a month that targeted non-locals in the region.

According to a Mandera senior administrator, the attackers used a hand grenade to open the security gate and then opened fire on the people inside the hotel.

Eyewitnesses claim there were eight to 10 attackers. Located in the center of town, it took an hour for security services to arrive at the scene.

Source: CNN

Cubs shutout in 1st World Series game since 1945

CHICAGO — The Cleveland Indians won the first World Series game 6-0 against the Chicago Cubs.

"They score runs a lot of ways. Analyzing that and putting all that together, this is definitely a different ball club than we've been facing. We have to come with our 'A' game every single game," Cubs shortstop Addison Russell said.

Cubs pitcher Jon Lester gave more free bases in the first inning than he did in the National League playoff starts combined. Indian pitcher Corey Kluber struck out eight in the first three innings, setting a World Series record, and ended the game with nine strikeouts in six innings.

"You've got to get a lead," Cubs catcher David Ross said. "They've got a pretty good bullpen. Their record in the playoffs is pretty dominant, and we understand how good they are. Everybody may take them a little lightly, but we don't."

Source: New York Times

Homecoming and Family Weekend Oct. 28-30

Thursday, Oct. 27

Powder Puff Football
7 p.m., Fortin Villa

Student Pancake Feed
9:30-11 p.m., Ludwig Center

Friday, Oct. 28

Campus Tours
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Bowling Admissions Center (Tours start at the top of every hour)

Homecoming Chapel
10-11 a.m., Centennial Chapel (Balcony seating for visitors)

Shine.FM Open House
2-4 p.m., Foyer, Shine.FM

Planetarium Show
3-4 p.m., Stricker Planetarium

Biology Open House & Photo Winners
3-4:30 p.m., Reed Hall of Science, Atrium

Organ Recital featuring Jane Holstein
3:30-4 p.m., Centennial Chapel

Powder Puff Football
4 p.m., Fortin Villa

Phi Delta Lambda Open House
4:30-6 p.m., Warming House

Planetarium Show
5-6 p.m., Strickler Planetarium

Football Game
7 p.m., Ward Field

Chemistry Reunion Reception
7-9 p.m., Reed Hall of Science, Room 204

Geology Reunion Reception
7-9 p.m., Reed Hall of Science, Room 204

Women's Basketball Game
7 p.m., McHie Arena

Fall Play: A Piece of My Heart
7:30-9:30 p.m., Kresge Auditorium, Larsen Fine Arts Center

Women's Basketball Reception
9 p.m., Birchard Gymnasium

Spoons 4 Forks Comedy Improv
9:30-11 p.m., Wisner Auditorium

Taste of Olivet
9:30-11 p.m., Ludwig Center Dining Room

Saturday, Oct. 29

Department of Mathematics Alumni Gathering
8:30-9:30 a.m., Burke Administration Building, Lower level, Room 001

Undergraduate Class Reunions
9:30-11:30 a.m., Various locations

Classes of 2011, 2006, 2001, 1996, 1991, 1986, 1981, 1976, 1971, 1966 and Purple & Gold Grads (Those who graduated before 1965)

O.N.You! Homecoming for Kids
9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., College Church of the Nazarene, Lower Level

Women's Soccer Game
1 p.m., Snowbarger Athletic Complex

Men's Basketball Game
1 p.m., McHie Arena

University Archives Open House
2-4 p.m., Benner Library, First floor, Archives

Planetarium Show
3-4 p.m., Strickler Planetarium

Men's Soccer Game
3:30 p.m., Snowbarger Athletic Complex

The Center for Law and Culture Open House
3:30-5:30 p.m., The Center for Law and Culture offices (387 S. Main Street, across from main campus entrance)

Planetarium Show 5-6 p.m., Strickler Planetarium

Missionary Reunion Dinner
5-7 p.m., Ludwig Center Conference Rooms B & C

Chemistry & Geosciences Poster Contest
5:30 p.m., Reed Hall of Science, Hallways

President's Dinner and School of Music Concert
6-8:30 p.m., Chalfant Hall

Shine.FM Presents MercyMe
7-10 p.m., Centennial Chapel

Sunday, Oct. 30

President's Prayer Breakfast
8-9:30 a.m., Chalfant Hall

Double minority breaks double standard

Rebecca Dembkowski

Staff Writer

Senior Alynn Franklin isn't afraid to ask questions because her parents gave her the most important life answers.

"My parents have always encouraged us," Alyn's sister, Alyssa, said, "to go above and beyond."

When Alyn came into Olivet as a math major, she was one of the few women in the field. When she switched to engineering, she became the only black female engineering major on campus.

While the percentage of black women in America pursuing degrees in engineering is rising faster than the same rate of white men and women, engineering is still a male- and white-dominated field, according to the National Society of Black Engineers.

Alyn's parents were the most influential in her life because of how they empowered her long before she began studying engineering.

"My parents were always like 'Alyn is smart,'" Franklin said. "They noticed that I was capable of understanding math and some things people struggle with, teaching me that my ability to understand complex studies, is a gift from God."

Coming to Olivet as a math major, her parents' words of affirmation helped give her the courage to push through her studies.

"Our parents listened to us and recognized what we were good at," Alyssa said.

Alyn's parents proposed the idea of switching to engineering, and after approaching the late Dr. Ken Johnson about the switch, he gave Alyn the encouragement and affirmation to go

through with it.

"You can do whatever you set your mind to," Alyn said. "Given my experience here, I know that that is true."

Franklin came from a high school with diverse classrooms to the white male dominated classrooms at Olivet. Not only the only African-American woman, she is the only African-American in her engineering courses.

One time a professor jokingly addressed the class with "gentlemen... and lady." Although being the only woman, she never felt intimidated by being the minority in the class. From freshman to senior year, she has seen an increase of women in these classes.

A professor of one of her courses introduced her to the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) on campus. In that group, she got encouragement to do well in school and to get to know other women in the department.

"SWE came along and I was able to connect with fellow women classmates that were upperclasswomen who could show me the ropes of what happens in classes such as design," Alyn said.

Alyn is planning to graduate in May of 2017. She believes that encouragement from her family and friends, help from professors and God's faithfulness helped her throughout her journey.

"Ask questions. Don't be afraid to reach out for help. Don't be too proud. It's okay to not know something. Just ask," she said. "Yes, I know I am black. And yes, I know I am a woman, but I do not feel like that is a hindrance to the plans and purposes God has for my life and where God has calling me."

You can do whatever you set your mind to. Given my experience, I know that that is true. --Alyn Franklin

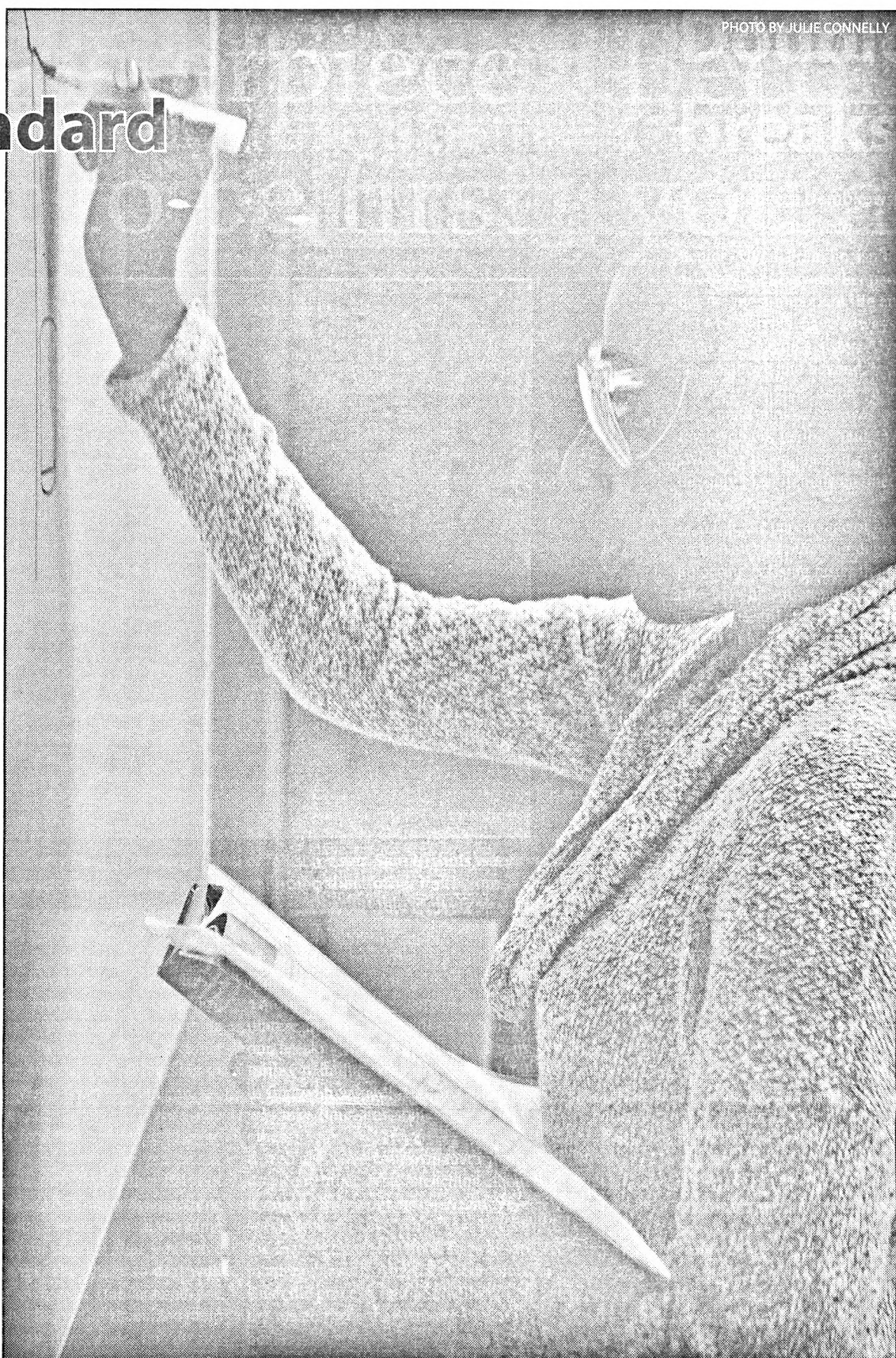


PHOTO BY JULIE CONNELLY

Book signing spreads story of late Dr. Ken Johnson

Danielle Snuckel

Assistant Life & Culture Editor

"What an incredible life lived for Christ," adjunct math professor at Olivet Dr. David Johnson said about his late son, Kenneth Johnson, who was the chair of the Department of Engineering.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, David and his wife, Jerri Johnson, signed copies of their book, "An Unexpected Finish Line Leaves a Unique Legacy," at Love Christian Center in Kankakee. The book is a biography of Kenneth, from birth to death.

David and Jerri were pleased with the success of the book signing. They sold all of the copies that they had brought, as well as all of the copies that were in stock at Love Christian Center.

"It was a pleasure to meet them and see what their book was all about," owner of Love Christian Center Bob Cross said. "There is no better way to promote a book than by telling the story yourself."

Many people have described the book as "inspiring" and "compelling." Even people who did not know Kenneth have come to know him better after reading it.

David and Jerri hope that after reading their book, people will want to take action in their own lives, just as Kenneth did. Under his leadership, Olivet's Engineering Department experienced an increase in student enrollment. In 2013, he led a team of students to Swaziland to build a water irrigation system for a community in need.

"I hope that people see that anyone

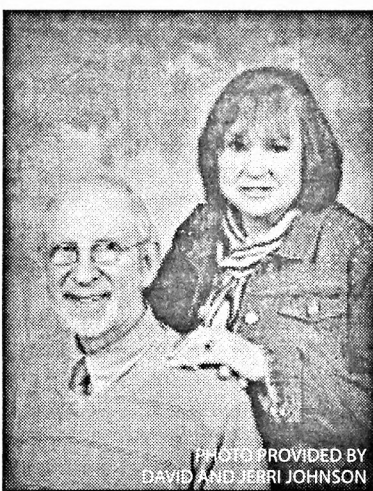


PHOTO PROVIDED BY DAVID AND JERRI JOHNSON

can lead a great legacy and be influential to others," Jerri said. "Ken was a real giver."

David and Jerri made appearances at seven different family camps over

David and Jerri Johnson have been working on a book about their late son Dr. Ken Johnson since his passing in 2013. The book was released this past year. There will be a signing Oct. 28 and 29 outside of Hammes Bookstore in Ludwig.

the summer, signing copies of their book. They brought 70 copies with them and sold around a half dozen to a dozen copies at each stop. They traveled to Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

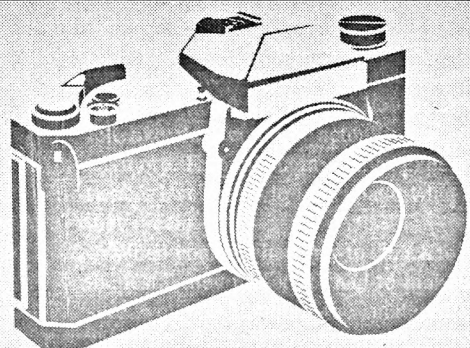
On Nov. 4, they will travel to Traverse City, Michigan, for a special book signing at the Ice Cycle Expo where 5,000 people are expected to attend. The Expo is scheduled the day before the Bell's Iceman Cometh Challenge that their son participated

in 2013. The mountain bike race starts in downtown Kalkaska, Michigan, and finishes thirty miles later in Traverse City, Michigan.

"The gentleman who rode with [Kenneth], wrote about what happened during the race," Jerri said. "That was an excellent chapter."

The community of ONU will get a chance to meet David and Jerri and get a copy of their book signed during Homecoming Weekend on Friday, Oct. 28 and Saturday, Oct. 29. The signing will take place in the Ludwig Center, right outside of Hammes Bookstore.

"We hope to put the money towards mission trips for engineering students," David said. "We can do things that our son would have done if he were here."



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CarShare helps the car-less

Sam Nichols
Staff Writer

For \$7 an hour, Olivet students without a car can have a set-of-wheels.

In August, Olivet joined the Enterprise CarShare program. Enterprise created the program for members to use a car for a few hours at a time. Anyone with a valid driver's license and a credit or debit card are able to use an Enterprise CarShare vehicle.

Olivet students can become members as well. The recommended plan for students is "Keep it Simple." It allows students to travel up to 200 miles in a day and includes a credit card for fuel, insurance for physical damage and 24/7 member services and roadside assistance.

Students can apply for membership at enterprisecarshare.com by selecting Olivet from the universities page on the site. The vehicle on campus is for student and faculty use only.

After filling out the application, students will receive a membership card in their campus mailbox. To keep the car available to all Olivet members, you must reserve a time slot and bring the car back before the time slot ends or pay an overtime fee. However, if you know that you will be going over your reserved time and you have more than 30 minutes left in your time slot, you can add more time to your reservation without an additional fee.

Once you have the card, you will be able to access Olivet's on-campus car, a white Nissan Rogue. You press the card to the window of the car and



PHOTO BY ABBIE MILLS

Students in need of flexible transportation can sign up for CarShare and easily and quickly rent a car hourly.

it will unlock itself. On the inside you will find the keys in the glove box and the credit card for fuel. Enterprise requests that members fill up the tank if it is down to its last quarter of fuel.

Craig Manes, Associate Director of Admissions for Church Relations, thinks the car represents a great opportunity for new students. "Students who don't have a car, or who want to

sell their car and make some money, don't want the insurance payment, or are looking for some flexible transportation, this Enterprise CarShare program is a great opportunity for them," Manes said.

The Enterprise car on campus is already being used by students. Primarily, it is being utilized by the Preaching Ambassadors program, a traveling

ministry program which allows ministry students to preach at churches. The students use the car to travel to and from the churches they are serving. In addition, the ministry pays for the car whenever its students are using it.

"The program is far more cost effective than renting a car for a full day," junior preaching ambassador Matt Meldrum said.

Trash talk: Less food waste with trayless initiative

Elisabeth Garratt
Contributing Writer

In a presentation to Dr. Woody Webb on Oct. 21, Olivet Dining Services Dietetic Intern Jamie Neben illustrated how Olivet is using two and half times less food since the implementation of Sodexo's trayless initiative.

During a portion of dinnertime on Sept. 28, a follow-up study was conducted to determine the difference in food waste post-removal. Olivet Dining Services Manager Brice Grudzien told The GlimmerGlass about this study earlier this semester; he explained that it would take place on the same day and same time as the food waste study conducted last semester which was a catalyst for the initiative.

According to Neben, the original study found that 116 pounds of food were wasted with 756 students in the dining room, while in the follow-up study, only 56.8 pounds of food were wasted for 964 students—a 258 percent decrease in waste.

The search for sustainable solutions for food waste is ongoing. Removing the trays was the first step—"Prevention"—in a "Hierarchy of Solutions" described by Neben. Prevention "reduces surplus at the source," which Sodexo has been actively committed to in more than one way. One of the strategies set to accomplish this is batch cooking, producing food to order as students file through the dining room.

Neben recommends recovery, also called reuse, as Sodexo's next step. She believes the best way to accomplish recovery is through donation to food charities. An option that Sodexo has looked into is a partnership with the Campus Kitchen Project, which works to "recover food from cafeterias

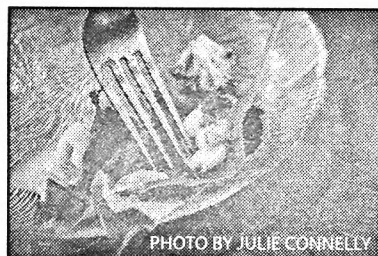


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and engage students as volunteers," according to the Project's website. While there are often issues of legality that come into play with such initiatives, Grudzien wants to "investigate the possibility more."

Reducing food waste is one aspect of Olivet's active conservation efforts. Student Development Vice President Woody Webb describes it as "a part of the ongoing initiatives to conserve." Webb points to other environmentally-sustainable measures that are in place on campus, such as climate control units regulating room temperatures based on usage and the geothermal heating of the Perry Center through underground water. He believes that conservation issues such as the removal of trays are made possible with the support of the Associated Student Council.

ASC Student Body President Kaleb Miller believes that such efforts are reflective of Olivet's culture and campus. "We're called to be good stewards," he said.

Miller is especially glad that many students are on board with the trayless initiative. Brice Grudzien agreed and noted the value of the communication of the initiative's goals to students.

"It's all about working together," Grudzien said.



Students gave 130 units of blood during the blood drive on Sept. 21.

Over 150 students participate in nursing association blood drive

Alyssa Franklin
Staff Writer

Giving blood is like voting, according to sophomore Katie Harnisch.

"It's like a civil duty," Harnisch said. "Everyone that can give blood should because it's very needed ... it's an honor that I got to save somebody and it's an honor that I was even allowed to do it."

At The Nursing Student Association's blood drive in Birchard Gymnasium, 155 Olivet students gave 130 units of blood. In conjunction with the American Red Cross (ARC), the event is held once a semester.

"I work alongside an executive

council and representatives from each nursing class," said Kati Agan, Nursing Student Association President. "We put on the blood drive that reaches the whole Olivet community and then we have events specific to the nursing department students."

The event is made possible by the NSA club sponsor Dr. Yvette Rose publicizing it and local pizza shops supplying food for the event, senior nursing student Grace Amponsah-Ayewa said.

Amponsah-Ayewa has been a part of the drive for as long as she has been a nursing student. Now a level five representative, she has been a part of NSA since level one of the nursing

program. For Amponsah-Ayewa and other nursing students, the event doubles as charity and a learning experience.

"Every year I wish I was able to practice my 'vein stick' techniques but the legalities get in the way and invasive procedures are left to those who are part of ARC," Amponsah-Ayewa said.

Amponsah-Ayewa is graduating in May and will not be participating in the spring blood drive.

"This semester is my last semester participating in the NSA blood drive," she said. "As bittersweet as it was I would not have wanted to end it any other way."

From the archives:

'This striped cat's fur, growl really for real'

By Marcia Morgan
As Told by Bob Sloan

The junior class got together and had a live tiger attend Homecoming activities in 1966, the first year intercollegiate sports began at Olivet. This is the original story that ran in the October edition of *The GlimmerGlass* in 1966.

The tiger attended the first intercollegiate basketball game that was played against Bethany Nazarene College (now Southern Nazarene University). Information obtained from University Archives.

Last year, a great mind, now faded into anonymity, conceived the sensational idea of importing a live tiger for the initiation of Olivet's first basketball game of her newly, officially condoned, intercollegiate season, which also happened to coincide with Homecoming.

Since the great mind chose, or rather faded, into anonymity, Penny Wilson was left, or rather appointed, to the task of contacting various zoos. All through the summer she wrote at least a dozen zoos throughout Chicagoland. Among the replies were: "Crazy idea!" "Forget it!" and most frequently, "We can't help you, but good luck!" However, probably the most noteworthy of the replies came in the form of "It's bad to have a tiger with a live audi-

ence." (More apropos might be a live tiger with a dead audience.)

Finally Penny received three favorable replies. These were given to Natalie Whitis so she could get more information on prices. Price quotes ran as high as \$900 a day! Sequentially, under the wise council of the executive council of the junior class, Natalie notified the Animal Kingdom in Chicago that they were to send a tiger to Olivet College this Saturday.

Once the news was out about the live tiger coming to Olivet, the rumors flew fast and furious. One such rumor said something to effect that the tiger was an eight-week-old cub, he cost the junior class \$600 and he'd probably sleep all day anyway. Of course junior class president, Robert Lee Sloan, dispelled the rumor by stating profoundly, "The tiger is from India and it is large."

In October Bob and Penny traveled to Chicago to make the final arrangements. The tiger will arrive Saturday morning in time to appear in the parade and he'll be on display in the Quadrangle all day Saturday.

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A live tiger was ordered by the junior class of 1966 for the first intercollegiate basketball game during Homecoming that year. The tiger was delivered from the Animal Kingdom in Chicago.

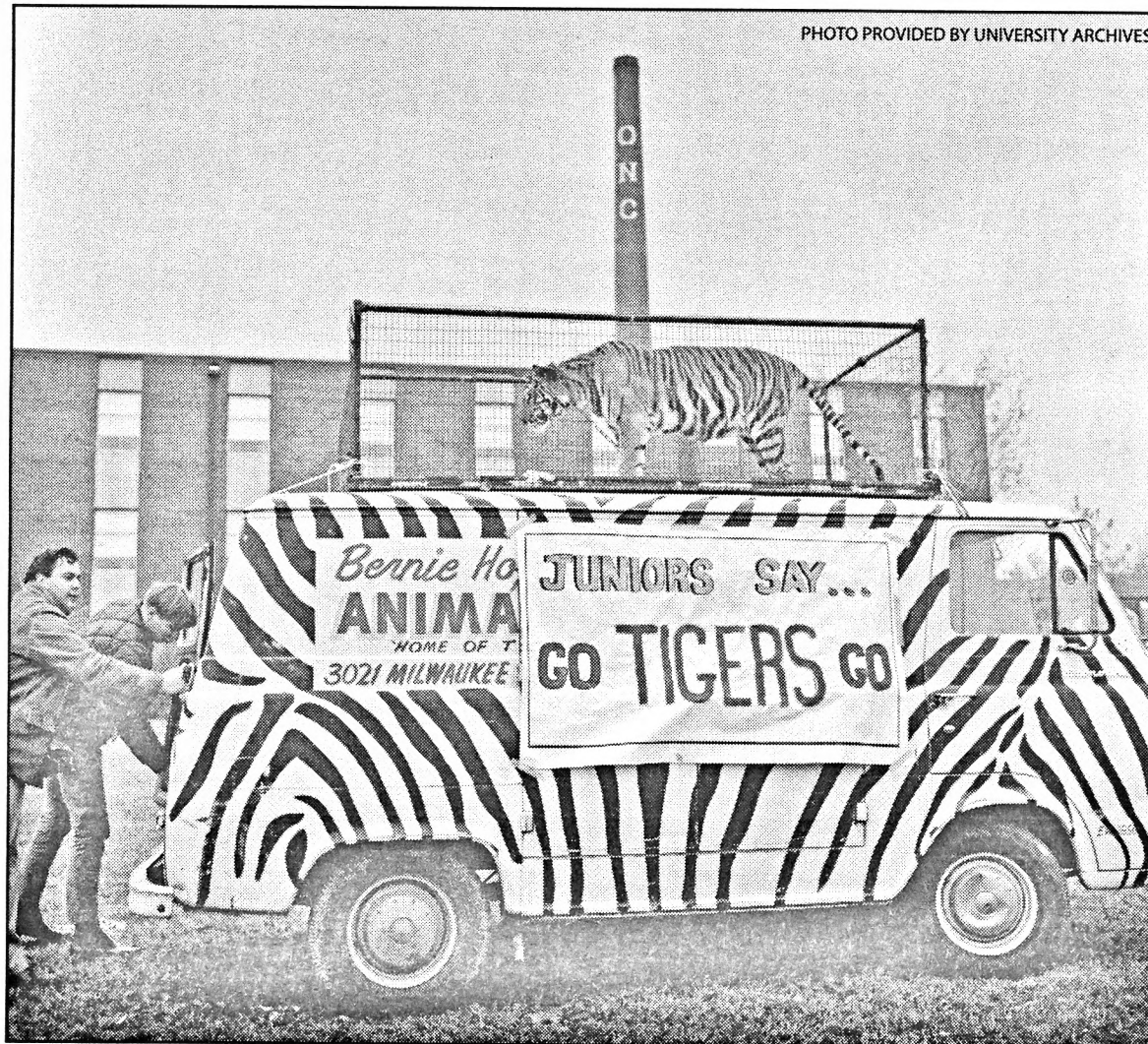


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Professional midwest area art exhibit held in Brandenburg Gallery

Sarah Ortman
Staff Writer

Olivet Nazarene University is hosting its second biennial Regional Juried Exhibition: *Expanding Borders*. This exhibition is taking place in the lower level of the Larson Fine Arts center in the Brandenburg Gallery.

Expanding Borders is a collection of work from artists all over the Midwest area. Any upcoming or established artist in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri or Kentucky is able to submit their work to be judged. Artists are able to submit up to two two-dimensional or three-dimensional pieces of art for consideration. The entries may include paintings, drawings, ceramics, sculptures or digital media.

"At the exhibit, we are able to see all the mediums," senior art student Ellie Jenkins said. "Everything is together in one place and you are able to see how hard people had to work to get here."

In order to be eligible for submission, the piece must have been created within the last three years. There were over 100 entries submitted this year to the competition, with only 24 pieces selected by this year's guest juror, Joanne Aono, for the exhibition. All of the artwork is judged subjectively through a scoring system. Levels of craftsmanship and creativity are very important factors.

"This is an opportunity for us to see professional artists and to know that we can in fact do this for a living," junior Brianna Rose said.

This exhibit was brought to Olivet through the Art and Digital Media Department. The staff thought it would be a great way for Olivet students to get exposure to diverse works of art.

"Expanding Borders came about

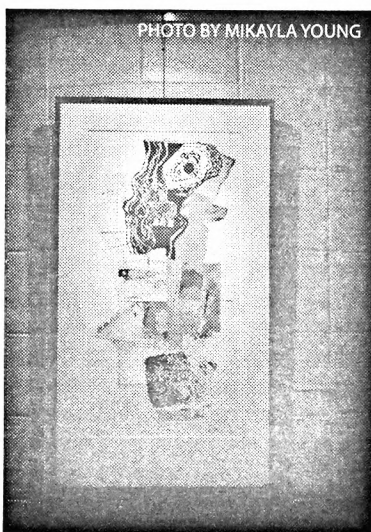


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because we wanted to bring attention to art at ONU plus have a juried exhibit for our current students to see what artists do and the quality in their works of art," Bill Greiner, the head of the Art and Digital Media department, said. "This is a great opportunity for our majors."

The Art Department is not only looking to focus on their students, but let this exhibit be a creative event for all students and people in the community.

"Having this exhibit brings together a diverse group of work that is excellent for art students to draw inspiration from," Exhibit Director Sherri Denault said. "It is a wonderful opportunity to share this beautiful exhibit not only with the art students, but also with the Olivet family and the community."

The exhibit began on Oct. 5 and will run through Nov. 4. There is no entry fee and the exhibit is open to the public. Winners in each category were selected on Oct. 14.

Zoology class collects insects for biology department

Jeremy McGrath
Contributing Writer

When Dr. Derek Rosenberger was hired to Olivet's biology department, he realized that the school hadn't done an insect collection since the 1940s—a fact that bugged him.

Rosenberger's class assignments in his invertebrate zoology class include updating the Olivet's campus insect collection and the butterfly and bumblebee collection for the Kankakee Park District.

"He is a great teacher, I love his teaching methods ... I enjoy his hands on approach," senior Kassey Trahanas said.

The students' first assignment is to collect 30 different species from the area by the end of October. These insects will then be added to the university's collection. The students are simultaneously creating either a butterfly or bumblebee collection, depending on which they were assigned, for the use of the Park District.

Nets in hand, students have been searching for bugs all over campus, Perry Farm and Willohaven Nature Center.

After catching insects, students place them in a jar, commonly referred to as the "kill jar," filled with ethyl acetate ending the bug's life. They then identify the specimen's species and add it to the collection. Their collection displays the insects in neat rows, pinned down at different sections of the insects body, with a tag showing when the bug was caught and its species.

Concerning the bumblebee and butterfly collections, students were assigned groups and each group was responsible for doing either a survey of the different species or creating a collection to be used by the Park District.



PHOTO BY ABBIE MILLS

Senior Kassey Trahanas shows off the insects she has found. Zoology students are searching for bugs in the Kankakee area for the collection.

Those groups assigned to the butterflies only caught those that could be found at Willohaven Nature Center. Those assigned to the bumblebees could catch them at both Willohaven and Perry Farms. All of the information the students gather about the diversity and concentration of species in the area will aid the Park District in further developing Willohaven.

The liaison for the park district and manager of Willohaven, Nicole Jenkins, is working with Rosenberger as the students go about their projects. She is waiting in great anticipation for the collection to come in, and what the students' studies will reveal, especially about Willohaven's insect species.

"Sixty of the 120 acres of [Willohaven] is undeveloped agriculture," Jenkins said. "As we develop the park into a more natural area [we want to know] what will happen to our insect population."

Jenkins is on track to have major construction on Willohaven into a "true nature center," by Oct. 2017.

Jenkins goal of remodeling and adding to Willohaven will depend on the information students' collections provide. The students themselves are excited by the fact that they are not only learning, but also contributing to something that will heavily impact the community for generations to come.

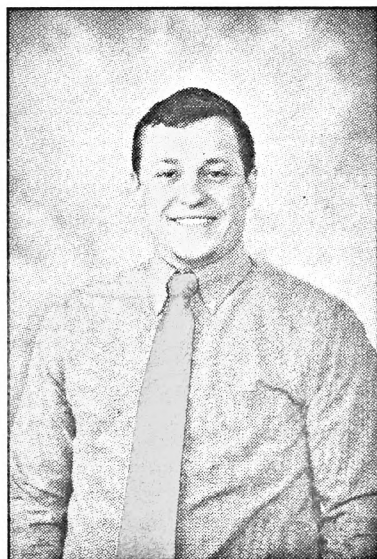
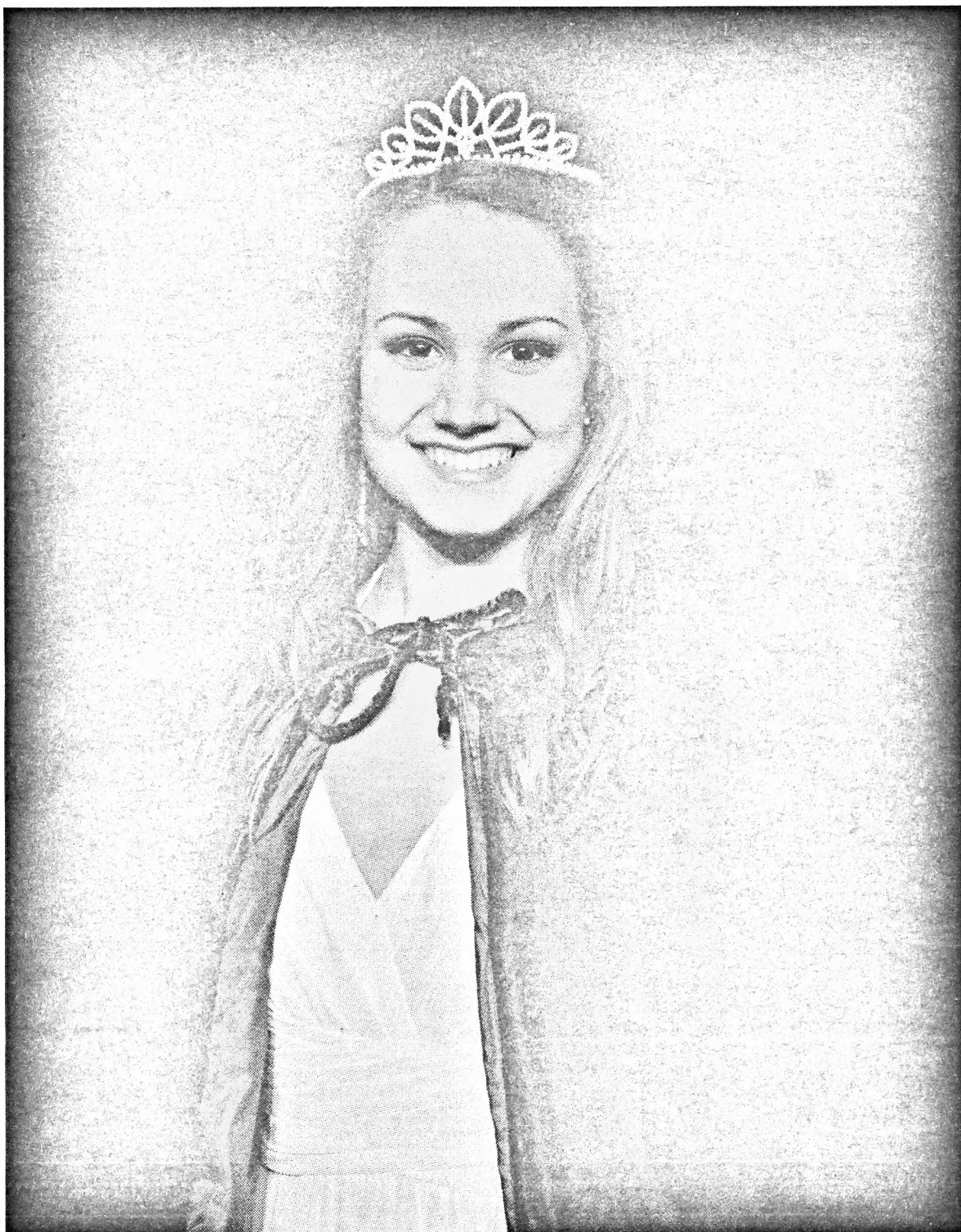
"We aren't just conducting research for our own benefit, but Willohaven Nature Center will be able to use our study as a base of the diversity of insects in their nature preserve," junior Emily McCann said.

Rosenberger feels strongly that Olivet needs to be a resource for the community, and this class is one of the ways he sees them contributing.

"[Willohaven needs to know] How many different kinds of species are here, what are the abundance of these species, because ... by having it they have a baseline. If they want to increase the quality of this park, they know which plants to have to draw certain insects in." Rosenberger said.

Emily Mills crowned queen

“And when
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Seth Peachey

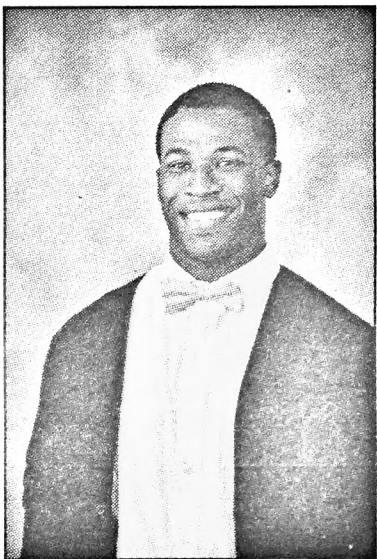
For Seth, Olivet has been about fostering his relationship with Christ and others on a deeper level.

Peachey has been a resident assistant (RA) for three years. He sought out the RA position because he wanted to connect with people wanted to get to know them on a personal level.

Peachey encourages students to get involved with things they think they might enjoy.

“Develop your own beliefs because once you get outside of Olivet, they will be challenged,” Peachey said.

Peachey is from Galesburg, Ill. He is majoring in Business Administration and Management Information Systems.



Courtney McGee

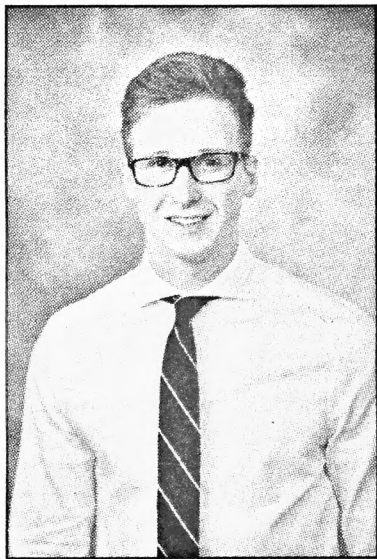
“Live as Jesus calls you to live,” Courtney McGee said.

Olivet has influenced McGee by surrounding him with a wide range of people who share the same faith. His advice for students is to work hard, not just in their studies, but also work hard to live biblically.

McGee leads the Spiritual Life ministry Mission Possible, a jail ministry at Olivet.

“Being involved in the jail ministry helped me share my faith in a secular environment,” McGee said.

McGee is from Skokie, Ill. He is majoring in Recreation and Sports Fitness. Working out with his dad, who is a personal trainer, made him want to pursue a career in this field.



Nate Allen

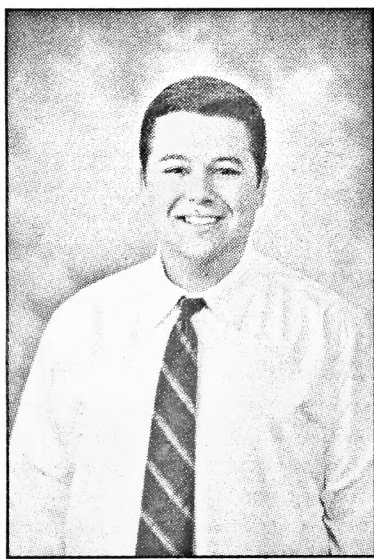
Olivet has shaped Nate Allen’s entire life. He loves the community and how ONU has shown him how to be a professional and a Christian.

Allen has a heart for music ministry. He is currently the Programming Manager for “At the Well,” a band that travels to summer camps to perform.

Allen’s advice for students is to get involved because the potentials are all around. He encourages students to take advantage of those opportunities.

“I believe that joy in contrast to happiness is a choice, regardless of the situation that you’re in,” Allen said.

Allen is from Cincinnati, Ohio. He majors in Business Management with a legal studies minor.



Kaleb Miller

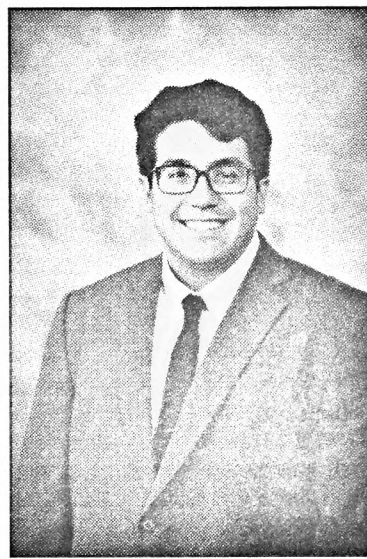
“I’ve always known that I thrive when I’m around other people,” Kaleb Miller said.

Being Olivet’s student body president, Kaleb is heavily involved at ONU. He is a part of Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) and Enactus. He has even gone on a MIA trip to Mexico.

“Olivet has been the biggest blessing in my life,” Miller said.

Miller is from Canton, Ill. He is studying marketing major with a public relations concentration. He believes that his major helps him combine his interests of business and people.

He plans on going into health care marketing when he graduates from Olivet.



Paul Dasilva

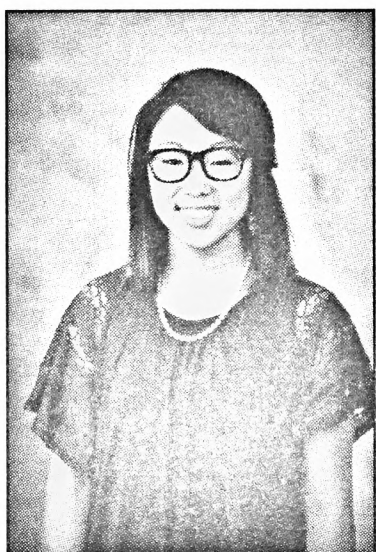
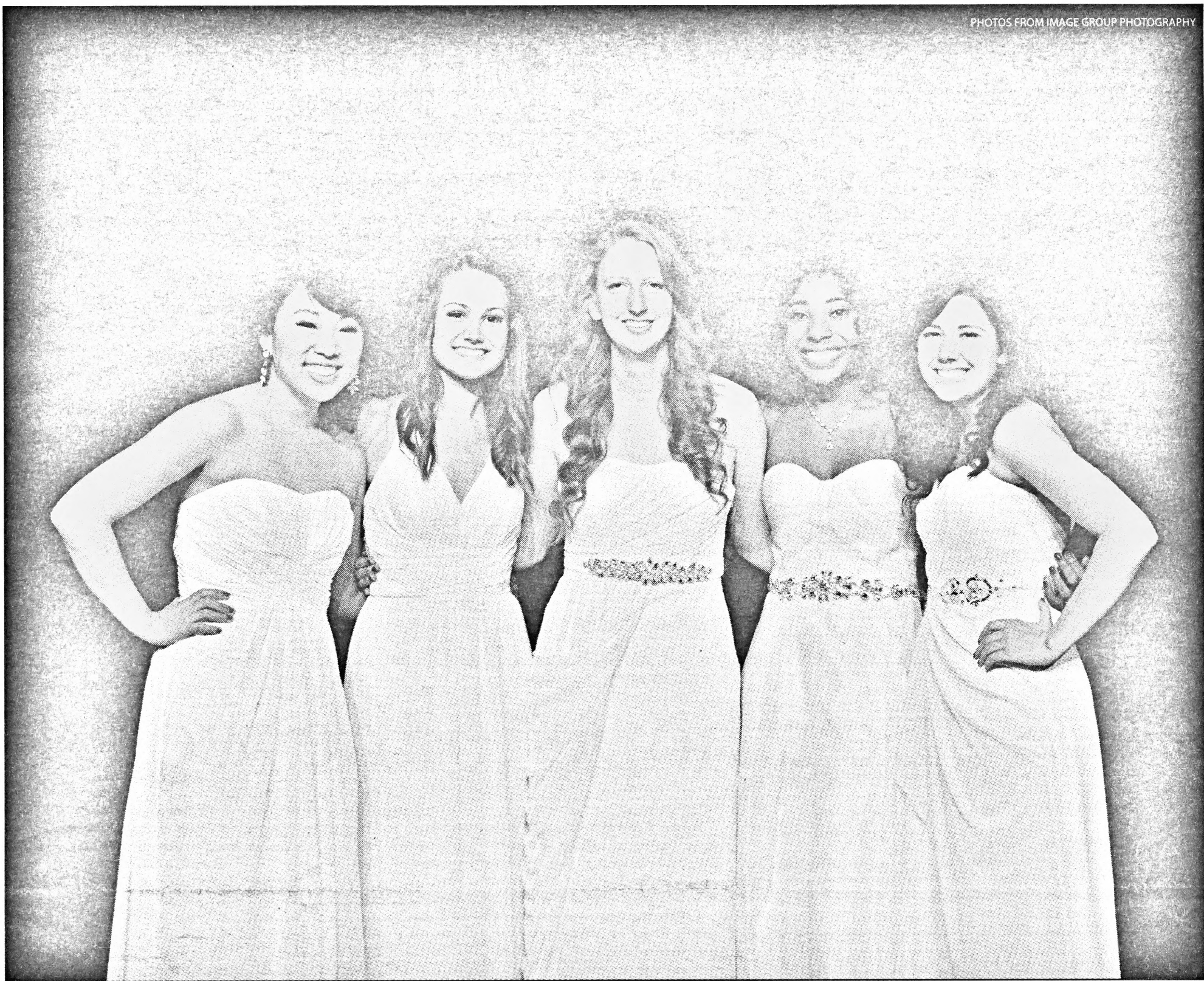
Being at ONU has allowed Paul Dasilva to learn how to better position him self to make the world a better place.

He encourages students to get involved with campus life. Dasilva has gone on a MIA trip to Chicago and went on the same trip a second time as a student leader. He has been a technician for “The Olivetians” and is currently a technician for “City on a Hill.”

“Stick with those commitments,” Dasilva said. “Even though they may be tough, it will be worthwhile in the long run.”

Dasilva is from Bourbonnais, Ill. and is studying marketing.

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Esther Paek

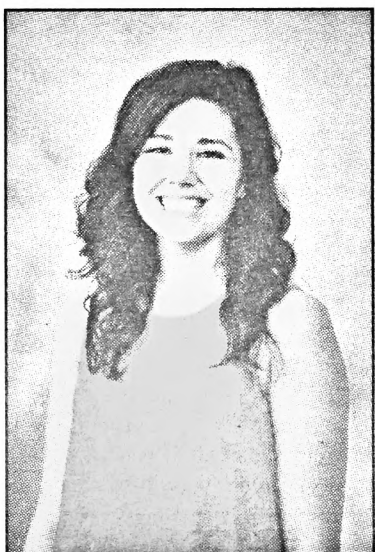
"The most important thing Olivet has taught me is that my life is not my own," Esther Paek said.

She believes in giving back to the people who have encouraged her and invested in her.

Paek is currently the Vice President of Spiritual Life and is involved in youth ministry at College Church. She was class chaplain during her sophomore and junior years, and has served as a resident assistant (RA) and a mentor for Youth For Christ.

"I see the love that God has shown me and I need to show that to others," Paek said. "Always have grace for other people. You have no idea what is going on in a person's life."

Paek is from Richmond, Virginia. She is majoring in Computer Science and Religious Studies. She plans to pursue master's work in Philosophy or Theology.



Maddie Buseth

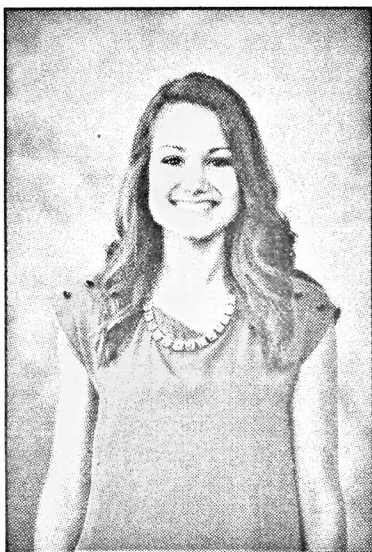
"[Olivet has] showed me the importance of a Christ-centered community," Maddie Buseth said. "It also taught me the value of being intentional with people."

Her experiences have challenged her as a person and has taught her to think about things in different ways. Buseth encourages students to go out of their comfort zone and do something that challenges themselves in any way.

"Be thankful for the times you have here," Buseth said.

Buseth was a resident assistant (RA) in Williams Hall for two years. Her experience as an RA has been especially influential for her because some of her closest friends have been involved in Residential Life as well.

Buseth is from Mankato, Minn. She majors in Math and Intercultural Studies.



Emily Mills

"Ever since I was little, I have loved to go into a space to make it better," Emily Mills said.

She hopes to pursue a career in commercial interior design, which is designing public places such as restaurants and offices.

Emily is the President of Student Unit of Family and Consumer Sciences (SuFACS), a club for FACS majors. She enjoys planning events like the FACS fashion show and the Christmas Bazaar.

Being at ONU has influenced Mills in so many ways. She loves all of the opportunities that students get at ONU and she believes that it has matured her faith.

"It has helped me become a more well-rounded person," Mills said.

Emily Mills is from Milan, Illinois. She is majoring in Interior Design.



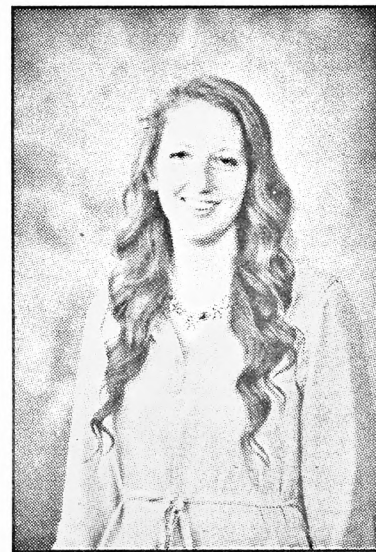
Alynn Franklin

"I love to use the gift of singing to glorify God," Alynn Franklin said.

Franklin was a part of the The Olivetians last year and was involved in gospel choir and Broadway Revue. Her experiences at Olivet have encouraged her to step out of her comfort zone.

She loves that faith is the overall mission and focus of ONU, and that it is a healthy community where one can grow in their relationship with God. She encourages students to be open to what God has in store for them and to be engaged in what God is doing on campus.

Alynn Franklin is from Country Club Hills, Ill. She is majoring in Electrical Engineering with a minor in math.



Jessica Emmons

"It has made me more confident with who I am with Christ," Jessica Emmons said.

Throughout her time at Olivet, she has learned to put God above all else by learning to become more spiritually disciplined.

Emmons has been involved in a lot of activities at Olivet, but being a resident assistant (RA) has shaped her the most.

"Each of us has their own strengths and weaknesses," Emmons said. "Vulnerability is the birthplace of growth."

Jessica Emmons is from Wentzville, Mo. She is pursuing a career in art therapy. Through this major, she hopes to help those who have been affected by human trafficking.

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Gaining grounds at Life Compass

Emma Vandermark
Contributing Writer

The Rec Room Café is a “no-cost alternative” for students to fellowship, according to junior Rachel Schramm.

“We are trying to create a space that is helpful with relieving the stress of the week and a space that is a safe place for people to come and have a good time, free of worries and commitment and to come talk about God, community and life together,” said Sabrina Flemming, head volunteer for the café.

Last January, Life Compass Church, in Kankakee, started the café in the church basement as a ministry and outreach to the Kankakee community—specifically college students.

Since their launch, Life Compass has hosted coffee night monthly with about 200 students coming and going on average. The Rec Room Café provides free coffee and live music performed by Olivet students. Life Compass purchases all the supplies necessary to support The Rec Room Café: machinery, coffee beans and syrups. Because of this, drinks and food are free.

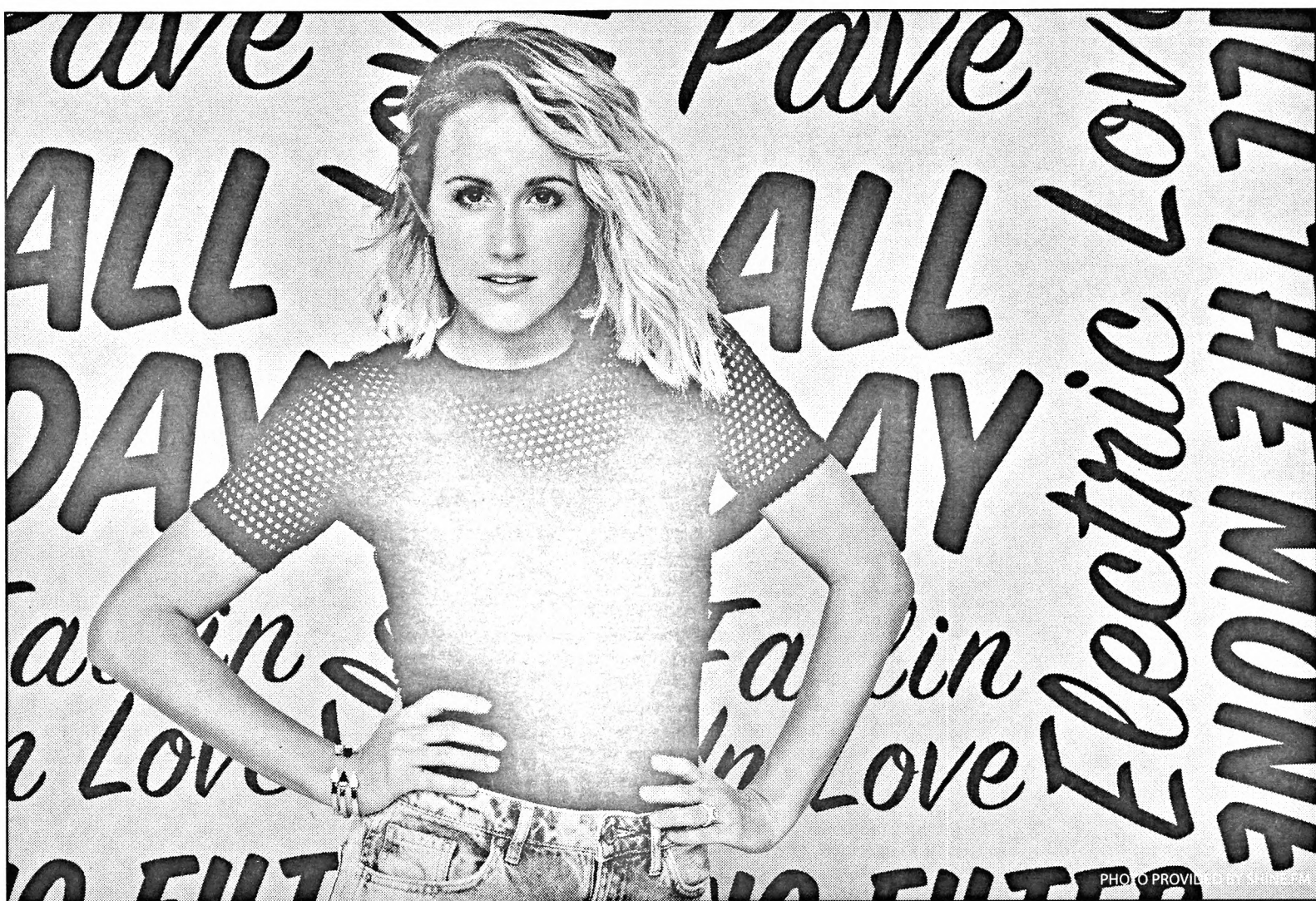
Sophomore Alyssa Engel always looks forward to coffee night at the café.

“It’s a great place to hang out with friends, meet new ones and just have a chill Friday night,” Engel said. “It has a huge appeal because there are no cute, privately owned coffee places in the area. The live, acoustic music and aesthetics of the place all create an awesome and inviting atmosphere to hang out.”

The café is working towards acquiring the licensing needed to become an official coffee shop.

“For now, we are focusing on our vision and how we want to create the right atmosphere for this to happen. Like every business, we experienced setbacks and struggles, but we’re getting there,” Flemming said. “At the moment, we are trying to make the events happen more often than once a month before we talk about creating a permanent shop.”

The next coffee night will be held Friday, Nov. 18, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.



‘Be a hope to the world’

Grace King
Executive Editor

Songwriter and recording artist Britt Nicole released her fourth album “Britt Nicole” on Oct. 7. She sat down with Shine.FM and The GlimmerGlass for a studio interview to talk new music, inspiration and what it’s like to be a mother.

The GlimmerGlass: The new album that came out earlier this month is self-titled. You’re a few albums into this. What was the decision behind making it self-titled?

Britt Nicole: It’s been four years since new music came out, so it kind of felt like it was a fresh start. A lot of life has happened. As I was looking at all the songs, there wasn’t a song I felt represented the whole record. The more I thought about it, the more I felt like every song on the record represents my heart and who I am in some way.

GG: What was the inspiration behind the new single from this album

“Through Your Eyes?”

Nicole: I feel like “Through Your Eyes” was similar to the “Gold” message. As I was writing, I was like, haven’t I already said this? That day, I was getting my kids ready and I was heading to the studio and I remember getting in the car saying, Britt, you need to be a better mom and a better wife and a better artist.

I was sitting in my garage, hands on the steering wheel, head down, and I just felt God meet me in that moment and lift up my head and remind me of the truth of who I was in him.

GG: Is there another story that brought about a certain song on this new record?

Nicole: There’s a song called “Heart of Stone,” and that song is about myself. It’s been cool to see fans immediately connect with that song. I think people connect with messages that are really raw and very real and that song came from a place of me feeling like I’d walked through some things in my life that had hurt me.

I started to put up some walls and I noticed that—I’m such a people per-

son. I love people—but I would notice that when I would hug people, I would push away and over time I felt like my heart felt really hard.

That song is a prayer to God, “God, I need you to come in and help me to tear down these walls. Break this heart of stone and give me a heart of flesh that can love and can receive love.”

GG: Talk about the cross over success. “Gold” was a mainstream hit and you’ve had some of your songs used in Hollywood. Was it a surprise to you? Was it something you hoped for?

Nicole: I never set out as an artist to make anything like that happen. When I sit down to write a song, my goal is that I’m honest and real and I write things people can connect to and I share my heart. If we write from our hearts people are going to connect with that. I’m excited about the doors God’s opened. He’s called us to be a light and to love people and to be a hope to the world.

GG: You are planning on touring with Winter Jam this year. Do you have plans to headline your own tour?

Nicole: I think we will eventually do

a headlining tour for this record. But it’s really exciting because Winter Jam was my very first tour I was ever on as an artist. It was before my first record even came out. I was the “lights-up” slot, which means all the lights are on, everyone is walking in, and honestly not paying attention a ton.

I remember doing that tour and it was a lot of fun, such a great learning time for me. And now to be back on the tour and have my full band and my dancers and my whole team with me, it’s kind of cool to see God do that.

GG: Your music is geared towards young women and young girls, and now with a three-year-old daughter, how has that influenced what you’ve written?

Nicole: Even more, I see the importance of having role models for young women and young girls that they can look up to. It’s important to have someone they can relate to and maybe they feel like understands them. I really feel connected to young women and I love seeing young women do what they love and go after their dreams.

Visionary: Demographics of the class of 2020

Erica Browning
Staff Writer

Freshman class representative Ashleigh Godby decided to join the “Visionary” class of 2020 because of Olivet’s community vibe.

“To be Visionary is to have my sights set on my future that will inevitably be shaped by this amazing atmosphere, but at the same time, allowing God to reveal his vision for my life and being flexible enough to have my goals and dreams shaped or changed to what God would have me do,” Godby said.

There are 704 freshmen on campus this fall which is exactly where Olivet admissions was hoping enrollment numbers would be. “Our freshman enrollment target has typically been between 700-750 the last couple of years,” Director of Admissions Susan Wolff said. Their average high school grade point average came out over 3.5.

Wolff has had hands on experience

with this class since last fall and said, “I’ve been impressed with the Class of 2020 ever since we started hosting Purple and Gold Days last fall. The engagement and enthusiasm of the individuals we encountered was extremely promising.” Wolff shares a special connection with this class because her son Britten Wolff was among the incoming freshman this fall.

In record breaking numbers, 77 freshmen declared engineering as their major making it the most popular major among freshman. This beat out nursing which has historically held the most students with 72 declared majors. Over 70 freshmen have decided to come into this fall without declaring a major. Within Management Information Systems and

Corporate Communications a few singular freshman have ventured out as the only students in their selected

majors.

These freshmen represent a wide variety of backgrounds and beliefs. Only 200 people in the freshman class identify as Nazarene, with 138 identifying as just Christian and 86 identifying as Non-denominational. Collectively they boast of over 30 different faith backgrounds including Jewish and Mormon.

Over 79 percent of the student body self-reports as Caucasian, with around 7% representation for both Hispanic and Black or African American students. 3% of the student body is multi-racial, and 1.5% are of Asian descent.

“[Their enthusiasm] continued to play out as we witnessed their involvement collectively at Orientation and throughout the spring and summer months on their class Facebook page,” said Wolff. “The way they support and

encourage each other is amazing—I do anticipate some great things from this class.”

This class has the next 4 years to explore the world at Olivet and according to Godby they are well on their way.

“I’ve seen my class work together to support their classmates and cheer them on during Ollies Follies,” said Godby. “I also feel like the majority of the freshman class took time to vote and that’s a great sign of people coming together to support their classmates.”

“As for our new student transfer goal we were shooting toward 175. We made great strides as last year we enrolled 152 and this year 169,” said Wolff. This brought the year’s new traditional undergraduate total to 373 students.

Innocent until proven guilty

Do we really have the right to a fair and speedy trial?

Grace King
Executive Editor

Adnan Syed continues to maintain his innocence after spending the past 15 years in prison with a life sentence plus thirty years stretching out ahead of him.

It was 1999 when Syed was a senior in high school that he was charged with the murder of his ex-girlfriend Hae Min Lee. In an interview, Syed said, "I could never describe the pain of how it felt to believe that everyone thought I was a murderer."

Because he was seen as a murderer even before his first trial, classmate and acquaintance Asia McClain didn't step forward as an alibi until almost two decades later. She believed that the police knew what they were talking about when they claimed Syed killed Lee. She believed she must be mistaken that she had seen him in the library on the day and at the time they claimed Lee had been murdered. She believed the police would get the right guy.

This is a small part of the greater tragedy of our criminal justice system. Innocent until proven guilty has become just a saying when we label

An exponential increase in exonerations has replaced stories of how horrific crimes are solved with how horrific practices by some law enforcement...ensure convictions at all cost. --Rabia Chaudry

people as "suspects," "defendants," and "inmates."

Since Syed's conviction, a family friend Rabia Chaudry fought to exonerate him by not only digging into the facts of the case, but by giving him back his humanity by telling his story.

Syed's case isn't unfamiliar in the U.S. There was a record number of people exonerated in 2015 after being wrongly convicted of crimes, according to a report by the National Registry of Exonerations, a project of the University of Michigan Law School and the Northwestern University School of Law.

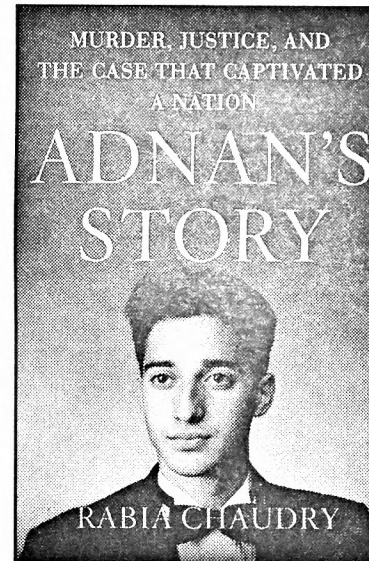
"We have hundreds of instances where someone's innocence was proven," said expert on police interrogation and false confessions Richard Leo in the Criminal (In)Justice podcast.

"The tactics [of interrogation] are meant to break people down by making them think the situation is hopeless, there's no way out, they're going to be convicted no matter what and the only way to minimize the damage or escape is to agree to the accusation," Leo said.

In other words, it takes away their humanity.

Tactics like this are what cause hundreds and hundreds of cases of proven false confessions, according to The Innocence Project, an organization founded in 1992 that works to exonerate those who were wrongly convicted through DNA testing and works to reform the criminal justice system to prevent future injustice.

As of Oct. 2016, The Innocence Project reported 344 DNA exonerations.



A recent exoneration was of Teshome Campbell of Illinois who was released Jan. 29, 2016 after being wrongly convicted and imprisoned for 18 years for a murder he didn't commit.

"Human bias even affects the outcomes of DNA analysis and the application of 'scientific evidence' in trial," wrote Chaudry in her 2016 book "Adnan's Story: The Search for Truth and

Justice After Serial."

"An exponential increase in exonerations has replaced stories of how horrific crimes are solved with stories of how horrific practices by some law enforcement and prosecutors ensure convictions at all costs," she wrote.

Chaudry remains firm in her belief in Syed's innocence—and after following her investigation into his case, so do I. But beyond this, Chaudry has begun the Undisclosed podcast, which is researching cases through The Innocence Project beyond Syed's story. Because you see, Syed is only one of thousands of innocent prisoners convicted because of human bias and ineffective police-work.

As for Syed, he continues to fight his wrongful conviction. With the victory of retrial granted this past June, in a statement read by his lawyer Justin Brown, Syed said he was grateful for the opportunity to present new evidence to the court and that he continues to keep fighting to prove his innocence—innocence that he has maintained since day one.

Because one innocent person in prison is one too many.

A tale of two dinners

Critique of political etiquette in 2016

Brandon Grossi
Sports Editor

I can imagine my grandchildren gathering around me to ask what it was like to live in the year of Trump and Clinton, to which I'd reply, while staring blankly off into the distance, "We don't speak of such things."

The level of toxic language, constant accusations and personal attacks in this presidential election has gotten out of control. Case study: The 2016 Alfred E. Smith Foundation Dinner.

The Al Smith Dinner is an annual fundraiser held on the third Thursday in October in New York City. All proceeds of the dinner go to Catholic charities benefiting children, and it has become a tradition for both Republican and Democratic presidential nominees to speak at the event while wearing fancy white ties during election years. The dinner also serves as a chance for both campaigns to relax for a night and remember that they're all still human.

The atmosphere of previous Al Smith Dinners have been cordial, if not pleasant.

The 2012 race between incumbent President Barack Obama and then-Governor Mitt Romney was a close one. Tensions were high, opinions clashed and Obama and Romney fought tirelessly for their campaign and political ideologies to succeed, but at the Al Smith dinner all that was set aside.

Like nominees in the past, Romney and Obama kept it light, poking fun at each other, at themselves and at members of the audience. Romney joked that Obama was using any tiny uptick in the economy as a new campaigning point, while also lambasting himself for his controversial "binders full of women" statement. Obama in turn roasted his competitor on his lack

of endorsements from Hollywood and joked about his own poor performance during the first presidential debate.

The audience laughed, the nominees smiled and the world started to realize that maybe the other side wasn't so bad after all. Near the end of his speech, Mitt Romney took a moment to convey the respect he had for President Obama and all he had done for our country.

In 2008, then-Senator Obama said that few people had ever served our nation with as much honor and distinction as his opponent, Senator John McCain.

During the 2000 Al Smith Dinner, then-Governor George W. Bush saluted then-Vice President Al Gore weeks before the closest election in American history and said:

"Mr. Vice President, I can't wish you success, but I do wish you well."

...You know where I'm going with this, don't you?

The 2016 Al Smith Dinner lacked the gentle jabs and mutual respect of previous election years. Donald Trump did begin his speech with some jokes, poking fun at his wife's "plagiarized" speech, but as the event went on his attacks on Clinton became harsh and personal. Calling her corrupt and claiming that she secretly hates Catholics, Trump was booed by the audience, at a fundraiser for needy children.

Clinton, for her part, slammed Trump for his controversial comments about women and landed increasingly sharp insults on Trump supporters like Rudy Giuliani, sometimes to crickets from the audience.

The mood during the 2016 Al Smith dinner could only be described as awkward and tense. Breaking tradition, neither candidate managed to say anything to praise their competitor.

I know how tiring this presidential

season has become and that the stakes are higher than ever before. Yet it breaks my heart to see what was once an oasis of common ground and mutual respect has become yet another broken battleground of the ongoing Trump-Clinton war.

Too often we forget that the issues we disagree on do not define us, no matter how passionate our opinions may be. Democrats and Republicans are still Americans and human beings underneath all of that red and blue paint. Too often we forget that we all have more in common than we do not.

Hillary Clinton is not perfect, but she has many admirable qualities: perseverance, extensive knowledge of foreign policy, and resilience in the face of enormous pressure. She has become the first woman in our history to earn the nomination of a major political party and through that she has proven to girls everywhere that they can do anything they set their minds to.

Last year I wrote an opinion piece criticizing Donald Trump. Despite this, I still believe I can find some kind words to say about him. Trump has become a voice to the disenfranchised; those who are fed up with our current system of government and feel as though they are being forgotten. The anger within Trump's electorate is real and deserves to be addressed. Trump's brash attitude and blunt approach to our political system shook Washington to its core. Perhaps that wasn't such a bad thing.

No matter who wins the election on Nov. 8, I will give them the respect that befits the office. If the other side wins, it won't be the end of the world. There are serious issues to be addressed in the next four years. As Romney said during his speech at the Al Smith Dinner,

"There's more to life than politics."

The problem with apathy

An argument against ignorance

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"I just don't care."
That's the problem with apathy.

Okay, so maybe I truly don't care about Pokémon Go or what Beyoncé did last night. However, when it comes to topics of injustice you need to care.

You need to care that 4 billion people live outside the protection of the law. You need to care that over 45 million people are held as slaves, more than any other time in history. You need to care that over two million children are exploited in the commercial sex industry. You need to care that the things you wear (including make-up and shoes) have literally cost lives.

J.K. Rowling said in her 2008 Harvard commencement speech, "Many prefer not to exercise their imaginations at all. They choose to remain comfortably within the bounds of their own experience, never troubling to wonder how it would feel to have been born other than they are."

"They can refuse to hear screams or to peer inside cages; they can close their minds and hearts to any suffering that does not touch them personally; they can refuse to know.... What is more, those who choose not to empathize enable real monsters. For without ever committing an act of outright evil ourselves, we collude with it, through our own apathy," Rowling said.

You may think that has nothing to do with me. It does. By choosing not

to take a stance, you are. By choosing to remain "ignorant," you are voting for the world you want to live in. Whether it be forced labor at a nail salon or sex trafficking at the gas station down the street, injustice is all around you.

It may be through the food you decide to indulge in or the clothes you choose to spend all your money on. No matter the topic, you are willfully choosing to enable the injustice by ignoring your part in it.

Don't think I'm saying you need to drop everything and become an activist. I am saying you need to care. I am saying that the choices you make matter. I am saying that you need to have empathy with those suffering under the weight of injustice.

You need to be able to step in to the horrors of the reality of some people's lives and empathize with them instead of saying you "don't care."

Rowling, after working with Amnesty International, had nightmares from the stories she had heard and experienced, although she said she preferred the nightmares to the fear that comes from not caring. "Choosing to live in narrow spaces leads to a form of mental agoraphobia, and that brings its own terrors," Rowling said. "I think the willfully unimaginative see more monsters. They are often more afraid."

I believe William Wilberforce said it best: "You may choose to look the other way but you can never say again that you did not know."

Guys and dolls: In the media

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Thinking it's a shortcut, I walk through the magazine aisle at the supermarket. I'm stopped as my eyes scan the racks of color and headlines. Two specific covers catch my eye.

There goes my shortcut, I think as I inspect the covers that caused me to stop dead in my tracks—one addressed to boys and the other to girls. For boys—cars, spacecrafts, ships and equations. For girls—a stereotypical female modeling pose, headlines addressing how to wake up pretty, how to dress for the first day of school and pink.

Why are they so different? Why are we expecting women and young girls to be comfortable in their own skin when they're given tips on how to dress and wake up already beautiful? Let's be honest, I wake up similar to Anna in *Frozen* before the coronation.

I'm honestly befuddled with how our society is twisting the views of children. Already conforming their thoughts into thinking women can only be pretty and men can only be intelligent and creative. This is not something good to teach kids.

Their minds are malleable and easy to cloud with judgment. Why not fill it with thoughts of equality and how they change the norm of life? Show them that boys can wear pink and girls can build a rocket.

I know many girls who would rather build a rocket and fly it to the moon than be a model in an advertisement. Heck, I am one. I'm an engineering student who doesn't prefer pumpkin spice everything with Uggs and a Michael Kors bag.

I understand that's considered the "basic" hashtag, and sometimes I do that, but I run my life how I'm comfortable. Reading magazines about cars and space crafts appeals to me more than waking up pretty. I've accepted looking like Anna.

I also know many boys who would rather wear pink and go to a Disney movie than sit and learn math all day. One of my best friends prefers pumpkin spice and everything nice over anything else in the world because that's his personal preference when deciding what to order in the Starbucks drive-thru.

Target recently made the decision to remove signs distinguishing which toys are for boys or girls. This led to complaints from many customers. The major flaw I have found in the arguments going against their actions is this: anyone can play with whatever Barbie doll or action figure set they want to.

I, again, fought the stereotypes girls are limited by and impressed my brother with the house I built for my Barbie's. It was made with K'nex, a toy advertised specifically toward boys.

Gender stereotypes are completely negligible nowadays. Too many parents are letting cultural standards delegate how they should raise their child and what toys to buy for them. More parents need to let their kids choose what color shirt to buy, how to dress and what to play with.

If we have free will, why don't we give our kids that same choice? Equality works for all generations. Not just those who can read the debates about it online.

Become the masterpiece you are meant to be first

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A boy walks through a field at springtime, looking all around at the growth and change that is happening. Movement in the corner of his eye causes him to swing his head to the side. Swinging from side to side, a butterfly is trying to push its way out of a cocoon. He moves towards it and sits to watch. The small butterfly continues to fight, but it is making no progress. The boy's pity for the beautiful creature grows as it struggles on and on. I could help it, he thinks, I can cut open the cocoon.

Pulling out a pocket knife, he slices through the cocoon slowly as he pulls the butterfly from its bondage. He holds in his hand, careful not to make any sudden movements. It spreads its wings to fly, but it slumps on to its side. Rising, it falls again and again and again. The boy looks closer and sees that the wings are too small. It is not strong enough to fly yet.

We are made to live in relationship. When God saw that none of the animals bonded with Adam in a deeper way, He made Eve so Adam would not be alone. That's the way men and women are meant to live. Together.

There is a longing in each of us for that sense of deeper connection. Someone who completes us. Everyone is looking for their complement, including Olivet students. We think that when we find this person, that yearning inside will be wiped away.

That yearning can hit a peak during freshman year of college when students first arrive on their campuses. The rush of starting a new chapter of life plus meeting so many other equally excited freshmen tends to lead people towards the thought that this is

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Olivet students gather together during the Block Party held at the beginning of fall semester. Sam Nichols wants to remind students to take their time in college to discover who they are before finding their "other half."

the right time to start looking for that "other half."

Yet here is the thing about college: it changes you. I have only been going to Olivet for a little over a year and I already know that I am not the same person I was when I first moved into Chapman Hall. During my time here, God has opened my eyes to weaknesses I never saw in myself before. He revealed to me how much I love writing, how much I want to coach basketball someday, even how much I can listen to someone when they are in pain.

It also showed me things I did not want to see. I can be too headstrong when I am faced with confrontation. I can speak too freely instead of thinking my words through. I can be too concerned with how others will per-

ceive me instead of doing the right thing.

This year will expose you, freshmen. If you have not faced some form of adversity that reveals something about you, trust me, it is coming. That is the misunderstood blessing of freshman year. You are going to see yourself in a different light. How you choose to face that challenge is up to you.

But know this: that "other half" of yours, they are dealing with something too. They have been hit with the same shockwave of change that you have been hit with. They have to deal with it in their own way. I understand you want to be there for them and help them through their trials, but do not see that as a chance to jump in and be-

come their savior.

Like the butterfly, we all need time to become strong enough to fly. Throughout college, we will grow and mature in ways that will stretch us to our breaking points and then take us further than that. We must turn to God to find who we are. And that maturity will take time. For some, longer than others.

You also have your own maturing to do. Remember Jesus' teaching about trying to help your brother remove a speck from his eye when you have a log in your own eye? Look for ways to mature yourself. And take your time. Rush the process, and you will not get the masterpiece that you are meant to be.

On Education:

'No Child Left Behind' leaves us all behind

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Education is important. Growing up, maybe this resonates for some of you, the prevailing opinion of school was that "it sucks." School was that thing you *had* to go to because Mom and Dad told you that you had to. It seemed like school did nothing for you except stand in the way of playing soccer at recess. Yet, in spite of how you felt about it, your education was one of the most important things to ever happen to you.

With the passing of a bill called the No Child Left Behind Act in 2001, the education you likely received from kindergarten onward was based on standardized tests. You probably felt in a very real way the negative effects of "teaching to the test." Although this bill was intended to make your education better, many experts in the field today would say that it has completely destroyed real education.

I remember a few of my older teachers lamenting the terrible effects of standardized testing and how they felt like they couldn't actually teach anymore. Throughout my Olivet experience, I've begun to understand what they meant.

When your teachers had to "teach to the test," they no longer had to make sure you understood the material. Their job became to make sure you

could remember the correct answers long enough to pass the test. Teaching became less about showing students what happens when two chemicals are combined in a test tube and more about making them memorize the Periodic Table.

As a result, school became something of a prison. Rather than put effort into understanding literature and algebra, the role of the student became to "memorize" standards. We would stack data on the surface of our brains rather than let it sink into the very fabric of our minds. "Text anxiety" became the norm, as the balancing act of not letting the stacks fall off of our brains until we were done with the test became the only definition we had for "studying."

The purpose of saying all of this is two-fold. First, the pastoral heart buried somewhere inside of me wants to encourage you to not give up on pursuing your education because of the emotional turmoil caused by this crazy, messed-up system. Frederic Douglass once said, "Education can make a child unfit for slavery." The way for you to break free from the slavery of school is to continue to be educated. So don't quit! Your education is important. You are important!

Second, I want to propose a couple

solutions. One very important thing to remember is that education legislation is handled at the state level. The President has no real control over education, so when you vote, vote down the ballot for governors, state representatives, and school board members who will make good decisions about education in your state. If you don't know anything about any of these candidates, ask teachers.

Another solution is to change how you think about your education. Don't waste your time trying to make grades if you don't understand the material. That isn't helping anyone! You're paying thousands of dollars to get an education, and if you come away with a 4.0 but still don't understand your field, then you wasted your time and money. Don't do assignments for points. Do them to actually learn.

Education is important. Education can truly be a force for change in the world. Being exposed to new ideas can increase our appreciation for each other. When we learn from each other, we're no longer fighting with each other. It's worth more than all the points money can buy, and you deserve the best education possible. Education makes you a better person, and the world a better world.

Olivet football receiver earns 2 player of the week honors

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Senior Rashaan Gaymon already broke one record this season when he went 95 yards for the longest touchdown in school history. He nearly broke this record the next week with a 98-yard return, but was stopped 2-yards short of the end-zone.

Gaymon was named as the Special Teams Player of the Week by the Mid-States Football Association. He earned this title after a game against Robert Morris University in Chicago, Ill. on Oct. 1.

Gaymon also received the Offensive Player of the Week in the Tigers' victory over Lindenwood University in Belleville, Ill. on Sept. 10. Gaymon is the number one receiver for Olivet and the kickoff return specialist, after spending most of his freshman year on the sideline due to an early knee injury.

"Kick return was something that was emphasized when I was being recruited," Gaymon said. "But I enjoy and focus on being a receiver a lot more."

Gaymon leads the Tigers in receiving, with 29 receptions for 577 yards and four touchdowns through the first eight games of the season, proving this focus effective. He has

four games left to break the Olivet all-time single season receiving record of 1,038 yards, which was set by Mark Harmon in 1984. This record is at the top of Gaymon's to-do list before graduating.

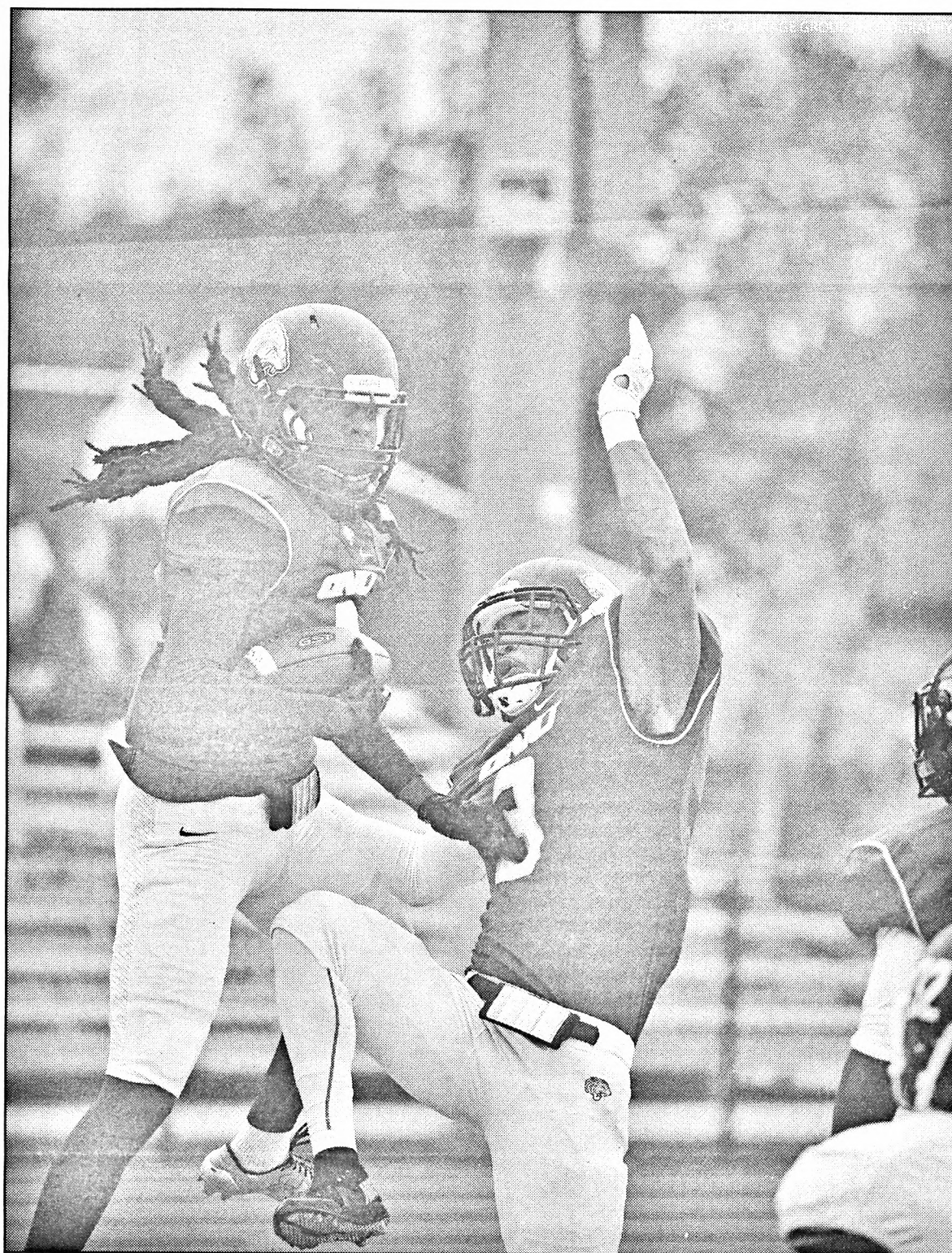
"As we grow as an offense and he becomes more of a veteran, I could absolutely see him breaking the record," head football coach Eric Hehman said. Gaymon is versatile and has "the ability to make plays" in both of his positions.

Despite this, the season is not playing out exactly as Rashaan expected after being able to train with the team again for spring ball and through the summer.

"Personally, I look to average about 100 yards receiving and about 30 [yards] a return," Gaymon said. His current average is roughly 80 reception yards per game, and a little over 20 per return.

Gaymon had hoped for a better overall record at this point in the season, but continues to take every opportunity to better himself and his teammates.

"Really, the sky is the limit for him," Hehman said. He believes Gaymon has the potential to leave a serious, permanent mark on Olivet football before he graduates.



Senior Rashaan Gaymon receives the ball against sophomore Yusuf Haddad in a practice.

Despite loss, Tiger volleyball plays to support teammate

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Olivet's Volleyball team took a loss against St. Francis Tuesday night, but scored a victory in their efforts to raise awareness of lymphoma.

On Oct. 25, ONU Volleyball held a Lymphoma Awareness night in honor of junior varsity (JV) volleyball player and cancer survivor sophomore Mason LeMay. The Varsity team played a regular conference match against University of St. Francis while many members of the JV team sold T-shirts, passed around buckets, and held a silent auction to raise money for their teammate and her family's transportation and medical expenses.

LeMay was diagnosed in September 2015 with Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma, a rare non-Hodgkin lymphoma. She spent the remainder of the year undergoing treatment. This summer she was declared cancer free and is now back on Olivet's JV team.

"It still blows my mind how upbeat and positive she was the whole time," senior Joeclyn LeSage said.

LeSage is LeMay's roommate and also a member of the JV team. LeSage went on to describe LeMay as hard-working, determined and fun to be around both on and off the court.

"I think it's so great to see all the support," LeSage said. "[LeMay and her family] really deserve it."

While the JV team worked on the



Sophomore Mason LeMay poses with teammates before the start of the fall 2016 season. LeMay was diagnosed with a rare lymphoma last September and is now cancer free. This past Tuesday, the Tigers raised money for her and her families medical bills at the game against University of St. Francis.

fundraiser, ONU's Varsity Volleyball team was facing a tough opponent in St. Francis University.

The first set of the night was neck and neck until Olivet and St. Francis were tied at 18. At this point, St. Francis began to pull away and took

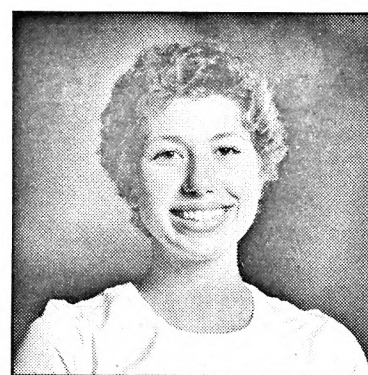
the game 25-20.

Likewise, the second set was close, until Olivet gained the upper hand, winning 29-27.

During the final two sets of the night, St. Francis wore down the Tigers, defeating them 25-18 and

25-14, respectively. It was only the second loss.

Olivet had already defeated St. Francis in a match earlier in the season, something that Head Coach Brenda Williams thinks contributed to the loss.



"We didn't play well. We were hitting the same shots that they saw from us last time," Williams said. "St. Francis has definitely been playing very well."

Despite this defeat, Olivet's volleyball team won a victory for one of their own.

"It means a lot to me," LeMay said. LeMay remembers how the team came up to visit her during her treatments and showered her with support through texts.

"We were going to bring her back as a student coach if she couldn't play, but she's all good to play," Williams said. "It was nice to see all the girls gather around to support Mason and the sisterhood they've formed together."

This weekend, Olivet will compete in the CCAC Cross Over Tournament at Indiana South Bend and their regular volleyball season will come to a close on Nov. 3 at home vs. Trinity Christian College.

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Commentary:

The challenge no one dares face Golden State Warriors change the face of professional basketball

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Staff Writer

The Golden State Warriors are bad for basketball.

Do not get me wrong when I say that. The NBA has a grand opportunity to make money off this move by Kevin Durant to the Warriors. With ticket sales, endorsement deals, jersey numbers, and TV ratings, the NBA could stand to make a pretty penny because of this newly-formed "super team." Particularly for basketball fans, this represents an opportunity to see high-quality basketball played between some high quality players.

Back to my point, the Golden States are bad for basketball because the take away the competition of the event. Look at how good they were last season. During the regular season, the Warriors were near indestructible. They opened the season with a 24-game-winning streak, scored almost 115 points per game, won 39 of their 41 home games, and set an all-time record for most wins in an NBA regular season with 73. Although they would ultimately lose the championship to the Cleveland Cavaliers in the Finals due to a number of suspensions and injuries to key players, the Warriors still accomplished so much.

Over the summer, the Warriors got busy restructuring and improving their roster. Most notably they signed former-MVP Durant to their star-studded roster. Between all the members of the Golden State Warriors there are three Most Valuable Player awards, sixteen All-Star Game appearances, five NBA scoring championships, and five Olympic gold medals. The amount of star power on their team is unprecedented. No other team in the league has even close to this amount of talent.

In addition, if one looks at their competition for the title, the field has weakened. Western conference teams are suffering from a lack of talent (the Oklahoma City Thunder), aging stars (the San Antonio Spurs), internal problems (the Los Angeles Clippers), or lack of experience (the Portland Trail Blazers). In the eastern conference, LeBron James and his Cleveland Cavaliers are still a formidable threat, but James will turn thirty-two in December and has played more than 46,000 minutes including both regular season games and the playoffs. While the Cavaliers are talented with all-stars such as Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love, neither of them had ever made the playoffs until they joined forces with James.

"The league is so drained of quality teams...that no one has a good chance of winning the championship except the Warriors."

Do you see my point by now? The league is so drained of quality teams at this point that no one has a good chance of winning the championship except the Warriors. Even if the Warriors were to suffer injuries and suspensions like the previous postseason, they still have such a high amount of talent over the other contenders that it makes the idea of even trying to beat them pointless.

"There's no way, with hindsight, I would've ever called up Larry [Bird], called up Magic [Johnson] and said, 'Hey, look, let's get together and play on one team. But that's... things are different. I can't say that's a bad thing. It's an opportunity these kids have today. In all honesty, I was trying to beat those guys,'" Michael Jordan said in a 2010 interview with NBC, after James left Cleveland to join Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh on the Miami Heat.

Even though that happened six years ago, the principle of his statement holds true regarding Durant's

departure for the Warriors. The league has shifted from having its talent spread out amongst its teams to a place where top-tier players are stockpiled on a few teams. Because of the weakening of the field, we see the same teams winning championships and making the playoffs again and again and again, while teams without the draw that these stars want suffer.

Look at the Philadelphia 76ers. They have not made the playoffs since 2012 and will continue to fail because no star wants to join a team full of losers. They would rather join a squad where their chances of winning greatly increase. This hurts them in more than ways than one. Because no veteran or star player is willing to lead teams like the 76ers, the young players on these teams have no older players on their teams to point them in the direction and correct their path when they go astray. Because of that, these teams will continue to lose and pick up younger players in the draft, never acquiring the type of leadership

they need to climb out of the hole they are in. Then fans will not want to go to the games or watch the games on TV because they know that their team will probably lose.

So what will happen next? Think about all of those teams out there with only one all-star on their team who sees the type of success that the Warriors have. They realize that they have no chance of consistently competing with these super teams, so they try to join forces with other stars who can help them. It has already happened once with Derrick Rose and Joakim Noah joining Carmelo Anthony in New York.

Well at least you'll get to see high level basketball from a few teams and that will be nice, right? And when two of these teams collide it'll make for must see TV? Sure. Those few games a year will be fun, but it will become boring so fast because the games we want to watch will involve the same three to four teams. I want to be able to watch a game any given night and see high quality teams led by one star or two fighting tooth and nail with each other for a win. I do not want to see domination. Domination bores.

But competition? Competition excites me.