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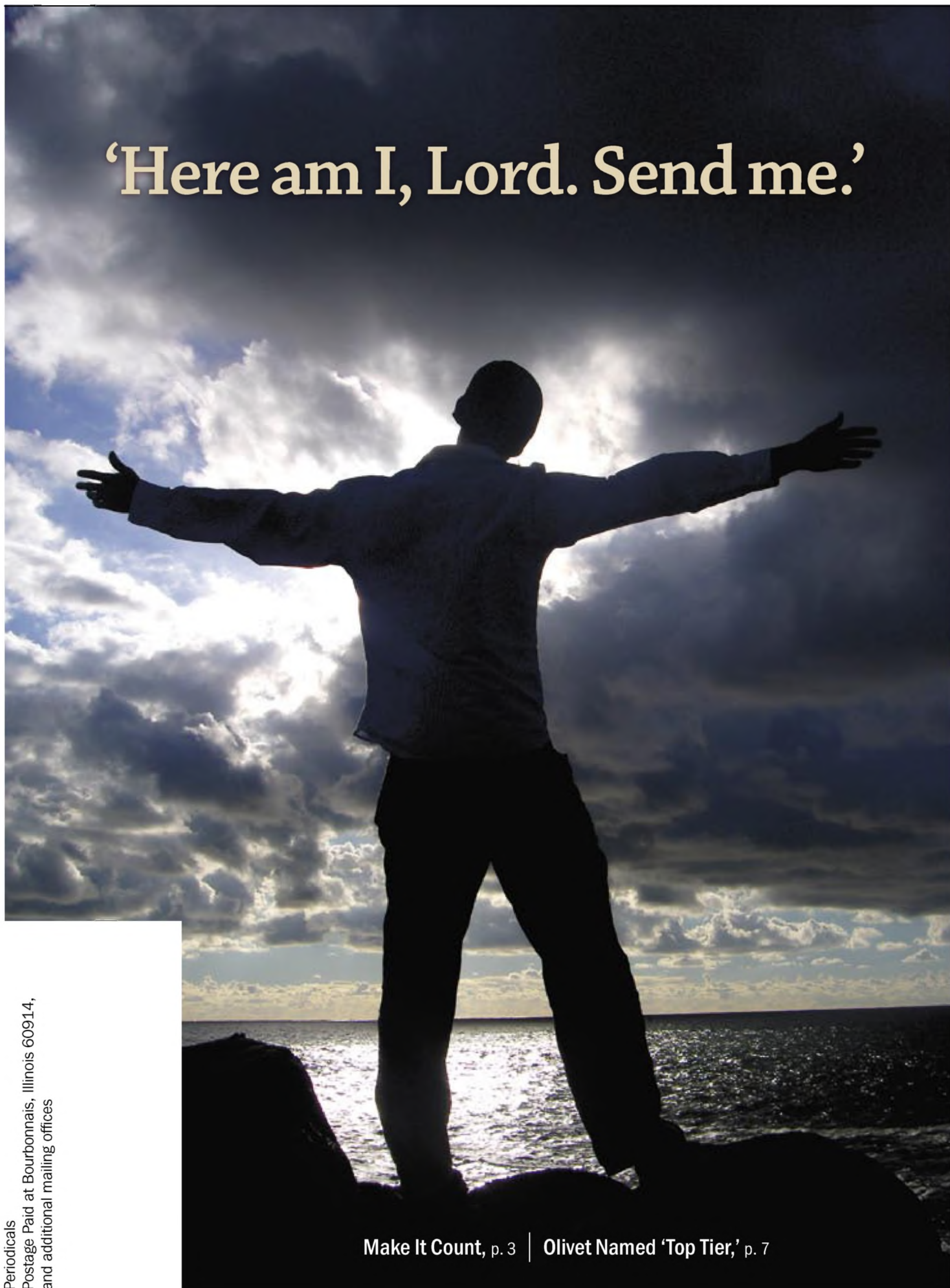
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## The Culture of Giving

A testimony from Dr. Michael Benson, Chaplain

There is a culture here at Olivet that has been fostered, both intentionally and otherwise, for all of our existence. It is “the Culture of Giving.” From the get-go of our history, the families who began Illinois Holiness University did so because they wanted to give their children something more than they were seeing happen at other institutions. Down through our days, we have had great leaders like Mary Nesbitt and C.S. McClain and T.W. Willingham, among others, who have given and given to enhance the Kingdom of God through the ministry of “Our Olivet.”

I received this note a few days ago from Keisha, a senior religion major from Michigan. Let me share a portion of it with you.

*This summer I worked at an inner-city daycare. My job was in the toddler and infant rooms. I had the opportunity to take care of, love, and play with the most beautiful children. Most of the children who came were from single-parent homes, and they spent all day, every day, in the daycare.*

*The children were my primary concern, but the people who I worked with were a different story. Most of them were older women who complained about everything, had no patience for anyone, and gossiped about all things under the sun. I didn't want to be part of that, but also I didn't want to judge them either.*

*So, I decided to be a servant to them and love them. I would take out their trash, clean for them, change extra diapers, and work extra shifts when no one else wanted to. It was only the grace and love of Christ that I survived, because some days, it just sucked everything out of me. I always wondered, in the back of my mind, if they even noticed.*

*On my last day, my boss told me that things were different there because of me — that I had something “different” about me and that it was contagious! She smiled and thanked me for being a “good Christian girl.” It was a conversation far more valuable than any money.*

It is always rewarding to be with a student who “gets it” — who understands that beyond the days and months spent at Olivet, there is a world in which to serve the living Christ in tangible ways; that beyond the receiving of a degree is a lifestyle of service and ministry for Christ's sake.

Her story is part of the culture here. Olivet Nazarene University began as a heart-felt gift from a handful of families. We've been blessed and impacted by the gifts of hundreds of personnel and thousands of generous supporters. We must continue to hone our skills in giving back to Christ so that the culture of giving will have abiding roots.

Dr. Michael Benson writes “Chaplain's Notebook,” published weekly online at [www.olivet.edu](http://www.olivet.edu), where you will also find downloadable audio of chapel services. Dr. Benson and his wife, Gwen, have three children: Emily '07, Andrew '09, and Katie '05.



### SNAPSHOTS

By David Moore '06



Student life. From a student's perspective.

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## Make It Count



This past summer I had the opportunity to leave Olivet and assume another position. It was a high honor and I was humbled by the invitation, but I did not feel clear to accept that new assignment. However, the experience of considering another job has set my mind to thinking.

What if I had said yes to that other job?

Jill and I would have thrown ourselves into that work with confidence and optimism. We would have packed our things and moved away from Olivet. The Board of Trustees would have come to campus to elect a new president, and God would have had the right person ready to step into this assignment.

I have been thinking during the past few weeks what it would be like for the new president of ONU.

A new president of Olivet would arrive with fresh eyes and new energies. A new president would not take anything for granted. He or she would survey the landscape, evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the University and listen carefully to the counsel of faculty, students, staff, alumni and the Board to determine the priorities and direction for his or her leadership.

A change of presidential leadership can be a traumatic time, but it can also be a time of renewal and refocus for an institution. So I have announced to the faculty, staff and trustees my desire to be the "new" president of Olivet Nazarene University.

It is my desire to start again, to begin anew, and to look at Olivet with fresh eyes as best I can. The last 14 years have been very productive, and the University has shown strong progress in nearly every aspect of our work; but I know that if Olivet is to be all that it can and ought to be in the days to come, our dreams for the future have to outweigh our memories of the past.

I, for one, want to do more than simply rewind the tape and assume that the next few years are to be a repeat, or even a continuation, of the past 14. I am not interested in business as usual, because I believe Olivet is an "unusual" place, and we have an unusual opportunity.

As a new president, I want to make these days count. The psalmist put it like this: "Teach us to number our days aright that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

We count many things on a university campus: credit hours, tuition dollars, student enrollment. We know the percentage of alumni who participate in the Annual Fund. We count the number of SMART classrooms and dormitory beds and so on.

But I am thinking of something beyond that kind of counting; I am talking about making each day count. Every encounter ought to count; for what we do each moment this year will either add to or take away from the value and the impact of Olivet.

I know folks are counting on Olivet to continue to provide, with excellence, an "Education With a Christian Purpose." Our mission transcends education alone. We believe higher education should have a higher purpose; therefore, our mission is transformation — academically, socially, individually, and most of all spiritually. That's what really counts.

I am committed to personal renewal in my work. I am so pleased to have the opportunity to begin this year as a "new" president. As I strive to make these days count, may I count on you as well? Olivet needs all of our alumni and friends to stand with us as we meet the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities that come our way.

Thanks for all you do for ONU!

## onu Insider



ONU professor **Rebecca (Harshman) Belcher '69** has been granted the prestigious Fulbright Scholar's award to teach English literature in Burkina Faso, West Africa, during the 2005–2006 school year. Qualified candidates must have teaching experience three years beyond the earned doctorate degree and apply a year in advance to the Council for International Exchange of Scholars in Washington, D.C.

Belcher earned her master's degree from the University of Kansas in 1975 and her doctorate from Middle Tennessee University in 2000. She has taught at Olivet since 1997 and is currently teaching at the state university of Ouagadougou.

**Sue (Myers) Williams '69/'87 M.A.E.** has been asked by Wiley Publishing to serve as technical editor for *Grammar Workbook for Dummies*. The book is intended for high school seniors who want to improve grammar skills before college, and adults who want to brush up on their grammar skills independently through this helpful guide. Sue has been a professor of English at Olivet for 19 years.



Shirlee McGuire (pictured above, left) and Brian Parker '93 (pictured below, right)



University President John Bowling '71/'72 M.A. recently honored **Brian Parker '93**, director of admissions, and **Shirlee McGuire**, professor of English, as the 2005 Staff Member of the Year and Faculty Member of the Year, respectively, at the annual President's Dinner for faculty and staff. The awards have been given by the University's president since 1954.

Parker, in his 12<sup>th</sup> year at Olivet, has held a variety of positions with the University and has been director of Admissions for the past six years. His ability to reach prospective students and relay how Olivet can enrich their lives — now and in the future — continues to improve upon admissions successes, as evidenced by nine straight years of record-breaking enrollment.

McGuire, in her 26<sup>th</sup> year at Olivet, is a professor of English for the department of English and modern languages. She is well-loved by her students for her ability to bring literature from all periods to life. An active part of the faculty community, she also sponsors Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, and serves as faculty representative for the China studies program.



SECOND FLOOR BURKE

## Campus receives summer facelift

By Kate Morgan

When alumni and friends of Olivet walk into Burke Administration Building this year, they may not recognize the place they once knew. Burke received several renovations this past summer, as one of a number of remodeling and updating projects.

In addition to ongoing improvements to Burke's main floor, the second floor now houses most of the Department of Institutional Advancement, including the Offices of Alumni Relations, Development, Marketing Communications, University Relations, and the vice president for Institutional Advancement. Also on the second floor is the newly-renovated E.W. Martin Board Room.

"The move to the renovated space in Burke creates a synergy that cannot be duplicated," says Brian Allen '82/'05 D.Litt., vice president for Institutional Advancement. "Bringing 25 members of the Institutional Advancement team together in this way is helping create new conversations that are leading to new initiatives."

The newly-renovated third floor accommodates the new School of Theology and Christian Ministry. "This is a great day for the School of Theology and Christian Ministry," says Dr. Carl Leth, dean. "The new accommodations provide better opportunities and a more conducive environment for learning and community for both faculty and students."

The renovation of Burke was made possible, in part, by a generous gift from Donna D. Reedy, class of 1962.

Burke's transformation was just one of many updates made on campus this summer.

- The University continues to update the campus electronic network, this year replacing all University telephones and nearly 400 computers.
- One biology lab and two chemistry labs in Reed Hall of Science were remodeled.
- The lower-level of the Weber Center was renovated to add a classroom and an advanced computer science lab.



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## ONU reports record-breaking enrollment for ninth consecutive year

By Heather (Quimby) Day '02

Olivet Nazarene University announces a record-breaking enrollment of 4,485 students. For the ninth consecutive year, Olivet's student body has exceeded previous records, and this fall's enrollment report surpasses last year's by nearly three percent.

Helping to contribute to the record-breaking student body are 161 transfer students (largest group of transfers in Olivet's history) and 671 first-time freshmen.

Also included are 2,083 students enrolled in adult and graduate courses. According to Dr. Carol Maxson '88/'90 M.A.E., dean of the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies, this is a low estimate of the students who will be enrolled in these programs for the 2005–2006 school year. She explains that the 10-day enrollment count hits the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies at "low tide," as the School graduated 463 students last month, up from 384 in August of last year. The total number of graduates for 2005 is a record 1,024, up from 826 last year. The School's "high tide" typically occurs in the spring.

Beyond quantity, the growth of Olivet's student body can be measured in quality. The average ACT score for this year's incoming freshman class is 22.83, well above the national average of 20.9. What's more, 47 of the incoming freshman achieved ACT composite scores of 30 or higher.

Dr. John C. Bowling '71/'72 M.A., president of the University says, "The fact that record enrollments have become a pattern, rather than the exception, underscores that more and more students are deeming Olivet a worthy investment. Olivet is providing a positive and life-changing experience for students who, in turn, are spreading the word to others."

Bowling is particularly encouraged by the increasing number of local students who are choosing to attend the University in their own backyard. Among the student body are 699 students from Kankakee County.

## Bears camp: Good news all around

For 25 days during the end of July and throughout much of August, Olivet Nazarene University and Bourbonnais are household words in the state of Illinois. Olivet's campus served as the host of the Chicago Bears Training Camp for the fourth consecutive year. There are two more years remaining on the current three-year deal.

More than 360,000 fans have passed through Olivet's gates since the Bears chose ONU to be their summer home over 14 other Illinois universities back in 2001. Every major television, radio and newspaper in Illinois converges on Bourbonnais and reports daily from Olivet's campus. Included is Chicago, the country's third largest media market, along with national coverage from cable super station WGN. Even ABC's Monday Night Football's John Madden visited the Bears at Olivet this past summer.

By hosting the Training Camp, Olivet has updated its outdoor athletic facilities through \$3.4 million provided by state grants and local donations. "The Chicago Bears have been wonderful guests of the University," said Gary Griffin '81, Olivet's director of university relations and director of the Bears Training Camp project.

## Board of Trustees unanimously grants Bowling five-year renewal

By Heather (Quimby) Day '02

Olivet Nazarene University's Board of Trustees unanimously voted for a five-year extension of the presidential appointment for Dr. John C. Bowling '71/'72 M.A. during their bi-annual meeting on October 5.

Dr. Ted Lee '68, chairman of the Board, reports the renewal was an easy decision for the voting members. He says of Bowling's presidency, "When I think what's taken place over the last 14 years, it's nothing less than a miracle." Since Bowling took office in July of 1991, enrollment has tripled, and financial aid available to students is at an all-time high. There are more local students enrolled than ever (699 from Kankakee County alone) and there are 220 more Nazarenes attending ONU than there were a decade ago.

The 55 trustees making up the Board were quick to express their resounding support for Dr. Bowling's leadership. As the secretary of the Board gave the president's report, the assembly rose for a spontaneous standing ovation. Lee explains, "Dr. Bowling has an incredible vision for Olivet Nazarene University, and he has been able to instill that vision in the administration, faculty, staff, student body, Board, and all of our constituents. The unity of the Board is at an all-time high."

Lee says Bowling's presidency is the "epitome of the outstanding leadership" Olivet has had since its founding in 1907. He continues, "With all of the growth we've had, we have never forgotten our roots, where we came from, our heritage. Our motto 'Education With a Christian Purpose' is more than just a statement on a piece of letterhead — it's who we are. We have honored God in this, His institution, and He has honored our faithfulness."

## Dr. Bowling seeks fresh perspective through new administrative structure

By Heather (Quimby) Day '02

Dr. John C. Bowling '71/'72 M.A. has announced an expansion of the administrative structure for the University. Bowling, who in a prior address told faculty and staff he could not be satisfied with "business as usual," is seeking to maintain a "fresh" perspective through the appointment of a President's Cabinet and University Leadership Council.

Helping to lead these initiatives will be Susan (Hendley) Wolff '94, who has been named executive assistant to the president, effective September 15. For the past six years, Wolff has served as director of alumni relations, and prior to that as admissions counselor for the University. Wolff received her Bachelor of Science in education from Olivet in 1994 and is currently finishing her M.B.A., also from Olivet. In her new position, Wolff is responsible for the implementation and supervision of various ongoing and key projects related to the work of the president.

In his annual address to faculty and staff at the President's Dinner in August, he said, "The last 14 years have been very productive, and the University has shown strong progress in nearly every aspect of our work. However, if Olivet Nazarene University is to be all that it can and ought to be in the days to come, our dreams for the future have to outweigh our memories of the past."

The President's Cabinet, which will meet on a monthly basis, will consist of 11 members, including Gary Streit, vice president for Academic Affairs; Doug Perry '68/'95 M.B.A. Litt.D., vice president for Finance; Walter "Woody" Webb '86/'89 M.A.R., vice president for Student Development; Brian Allen '82/'05 D.Litt., vice president for Institutional Advancement; Carol Maxson '88/'90 M.A.E., dean of the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies; Brian Parker '93, director of Admissions; Dennis Seymour '82, director of Information Technology; David Pickering '89/'94 M.B.A., director of Human Resources; Michael Benson, university chaplain; Susan Wolff; and Dr. Bowling.

The University Leadership Council meets quarterly for the purpose of communication, planning, prayer and problem-solving and is comprised of the deans of the University and the various departmental directors.

## Olivet introduces Watson Memorial Golf Series

With the overwhelming endorsement of Dr. John C. Bowling '71/'72 M.A., president of Olivet, the University has named a series of three annual golf outings in memory of longtime coach and athletic director, Larry Watson '65.

The Larry Watson Memorial Golf Series includes three separate events, beginning in mid-February with the Winter Golf Outing in Orlando, Fla. The series continues with the Olivet Open, an annual sold-out event coach Larry Watson started in 1970. The series concludes with the Training Camp Golf Outing, which coincides with the Chicago Bears Training Camp.

Larry Watson, who served as a coach, athletic director for 21 years, and faculty member for 36 years, fought a brave battle against a rare form of abdominal cancer, and passed away July 21, 2004. He has been greatly missed by the entire Olivet community. As a faithful friend and supporter of the University, Coach Watson shaped the mission statement of the department of athletics: To provide an opportunity for ministry through athletics.

Gary Griffin '81, director of the Watson Golf Series, and past student of Watson's, said, "Coach Watson was one of the single most influential people in my Christian walk. He taught us all how to make the most of every moment for our Heavenly Father, all the while teaching the craft of winning with integrity."

The Watson Golf Series is partially underwritten by Quality Concepts, owned by Greg Yates '81 and wife Vicki (Fry) Yates '82 of Bourbonnais. All proceeds will provide funds for student scholarships which recognize incoming freshmen who exemplify Christ-centered leadership. In 2004, incoming freshmen received over \$890,000 in scholarship awards.

For further information about the Larry Watson Memorial Golf Series, or to register for the February event, contact the office of University Relations at 1-800-648-1463.



Larry Watson '65

UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

## General superintendent visits campus

By Heather (Quimby) Day '02

J.K. Warrick, newly-elected general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, paid the Olivet community a special visit Sept. 27–28. Warrick served as the keynote speaker for Prime Time Day for senior adults on Tuesday, then inspired students, faculty and staff with his chapel address on Wednesday.

The University scheduled Warrick, who for the past 11 years has served as senior pastor for College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, Kan., for the two speaking engagements in October of last year. When he was elected as the international denomination's 36<sup>th</sup> general superintendent at the General Assembly in Indianapolis this summer, the planned visit took on even greater significance for the Olivet community.

Warrick, a seasoned pastor, well-loved by young and every generation alike, received a warm, congratulatory welcome from attendees of both events. As University Chaplain Michael Benson introduced Warrick during chapel, students from some of Warrick's former congregations voiced their approval.

A model of humility, Warrick encouraged his listeners to always keep Christ at the forefront — no matter where life might take them. Warrick explained during Wednesday's chapel that the cross can serve as the point of reference for knowing ourselves, interpreting the world around us, and understanding others. He said, "If we can find the cross, we know where we are and where we need to be."



J.K. Warrick

## Olivet recognized as 'Top-Tier' university

By Seth Hurd '06

*U.S. News and World Report* has selected Olivet as a Top-Tier University-Master's in its report, "America's Best Colleges." This category includes over 70 Midwest institutions that grant a full range of undergraduate and master's degrees.

The 2006 issue first breaks down colleges and universities by category, and then ranks them within each group. Olivet was chosen for the award on several criteria taken from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, including small class sizes, freshman retention, class rank of incoming students, and percentage of full-time faculty.

University President John C. Bowling '71/'72 M.A. responded to Olivet's most recent honor. "This recognition reflects the University's commitment to excellence in every area, which continues to attract some of the country's most outstanding young men and women. The uniqueness of the Olivet experience transcends books and papers, and results in well-lived lives of service to God and humanity."

Brian Parker '93, director of Admissions, commented on the credit Olivet has been given. "I'm delighted to see Olivet receiving the national recognition it deserves. Those acquainted with the programs and people of Olivet Nazarene University know full-well the breadth and depth of its offerings."

The annual report collects data from thousands of colleges and universities across the U.S., and then divides the institutions into four tiers. The University-Master's grouping includes 572 universities within four geographic regions. The complete rankings are available on the magazine's Web site ([www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com)). An abridged version of the college rankings was published in the magazine's August 29 edition. The full version of the rankings appears in the annual "America's Best Colleges" guidebook. "America's Best Colleges" is the oldest and most renowned system for ranking the nation's institutions of higher learning.



Michael Benson

## Benson's challenge: dive deeper

By Seth Hurd '06

Walter "Woody" Webb '86/'89 M.A.R., dean of students, once commented, "Chapel is an important expression of who we are as a community." With this being true, bold statements about Olivet were made during the fall revival services.

University Chaplain Michael Benson served as the evangelist for revival services Sept. 19–21. While each of the eight messages had its own unique focus, the theme of this year's revival was "Diving Deeper into Faith." According to Benson, "The very hunger for renewal rises and falls on our 'yes' to God."

Throughout the revival services, Benson's preaching was perhaps the most straightforward of his ONU tenure, leaving no room for lukewarm attitudes. For example, during Tuesday's chapel service, Benson challenged students, faculty and staff, "We must be committed to the way of God, even when it seems unpopular and illogical."

Revival, by definition, is a time of renewal and a springboard for the continuing maturity of faith. All too often, revival in the American church is a flash-in-the-pan event, failing to produce any true ripples that act as agents of change. Benson addressed this phenomenon with a challenge, the most gripping point of the revival services: "Most of us want an experience with God at the alter, and expect to gain what only discipline and training can give us."

Spring revival services will be held Feb. 5–8, 2006.

## ONU Students in the News

### Student coordinates national relief effort: Andrew Twibell '06

Recently used his position as Nazarene Student Leadership Association chairman to coordinate relief efforts for the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. The NSLA is comprised of the student body presidents of the nine Nazarene colleges and universities in the United States. Twibell is one of two students elected to chair this council.

After hearing about the wide-spread devastation, Twibell spoke with Gary Morsch, president and founder of Heart to Heart International, a global humanitarian organization, to learn how students could help. Morsch mentioned several basic supplies relief workers needed. Twibell then enlisted the help of schools across the country.

"The willingness of the schools and their students made this effort possible," says Twibell. "Without their heart for giving, the project would not have been such a success."

### Shine.fm DJ featured in national documentary: Seth 'Tower' Hurd '06

will be featured in the documentary "Holy Hip Hop," out early next year. The film, produced by acclaimed actor and director Christopher "Play" Martin, will be released through Maverick Entertainment, and will be available in Wal-Mart and Blockbuster video stores nationwide.

The footage, shot inside Olivet's own Shine.fm/WONU studio, features Hurd hosting a "freestyle" rapping contest with eight Christian Hip Hop artists from Chicago. The event was conceptualized, planned, and executed in only nine days.

"Play called me at the last minute. At that point, he was due to turn in the finished product in just two weeks," said Hurd. "When God puts something like that in front of you, the best thing is to just throw yourself into it, and let Him handle the rest."

Hurd is the host for the afternoon drive time on Shine.fm at 89.7 FM and online at [www.shine.fm](http://www.shine.fm).



Seth "Tower" Hurd '06

**Capitol Appointments:** Jessica Allison '06 spent the summer as an intern in Washington D.C. for the House Ways and Means subcommittee on Human Resources. Her duties included research, writing, preparation for subcommittee hearings, and attending the Congressional Intern Lecture Series. Notable speakers at the series included Newt Gingrich, Ralph Nader, Sam Donaldson, Jack Kemp and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

Tricia Miller '06 also spent her summer in Washington D.C. as a reporting intern at the *CongressDaily*, a publication produced by National Journal Group Inc. The position was filled through the Institute on Political Journalism at Georgetown University and included attending classes at Georgetown.

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# 'Here am I, Lord. Send me.'

"These trips won't be easy," he explained to the crowd. "There will be no sightseeing, and some of you may have to sleep in tents — or even outside."

It was with brutal honesty that Michael Benson, University chaplain, described the developing plans for missions trips to the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast. "You won't even get to pick where you're going; we'll assign you to a location based on the need and your individual skills."

The announcement was short, tucked snugly within a packed chapel agenda. It could have been easily overlooked, and based on the dismal description, many would surely disregard the idea of taking a less-than-glorious journey to the South.

So why is it, then, so many have already signed-up for the trips? Why in the world would dozens of college students choose to pay hundreds of dollars and forfeit their Christmas or Spring breaks to sleep in tents?

The answer is simple: because that's what God asked them to do.



## HONORING GOD

From the very birth of our institution, the Olivet community has resisted making decisions based on what was the most convenient way of doing things. We haven't sought out the easiest, or even the most logical, path. No, our method of operation has always been based on a much higher calling: "Education With a Christian Purpose." In every class, every chapel, every event, God is at the center, and we seek to honor Him with our very lives.

We honor God by giving our resources, when our finances are already stretched to the limit. We honor God by loving those people who may never take the time to say, "thank you." We honor God in our own backyards, but also by going to the darkest, dirtiest, smelliest places on earth when we could have taken vacations. We honor God when he asks us to go, and we simply say, "yes."

## BUSINESS AS USUAL

America and the rest of the world watched in horror as the Gulf Coast region was virtually obliterated by recent hurricanes. In what has proven to be one of the greatest modern-day tragedies, thousands of homes were demolished, major cities were destroyed, and hundreds of lives were suddenly cut short.

In the days preceding and immediately following the hurricanes, countless phone calls and e-mails inundated the Olivet campus. What are we going to do? How will we respond?

Again, the answer was simple: "We'll do what God has asked us to do."

Though the tragedy was of grander scale than anything addressed before, systems were already in place to reach out to our neighbors in their time of need. Hundreds of students were already involved in a ministry group of some kind, and each year, around 100 sign up for short-term missions trips. The Associated Student Council was already seeking opportunities for service. Students, faculty, and staff members already met regularly for intercessory prayer. Nearly 400 faculty and staff members had already dedicated their careers to God, and a strong, international network of support had already been established with alumni, churches,



friends, and business partners.

As if on cue, the Olivet community immediately banded together to provide assistance in any and every way we could to the devastated Gulf Coast region. It was nothing out of the ordinary — we just continued with business as usual.

## SERVANTS OF GOD

You see, whether it's through day-to-day activities, or in the midst of large-scale catastrophes, the Olivet community has always been,

*Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"  
Then said I, "Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:8 (KJV)*



## Neighbors in need

**In response to recent hurricanes, the Olivet community launched a series of short- and long-term relief efforts for the victims along the Gulf Coast.**

- Students, faculty, staff, and alumni have offered their time, resources and energy to restore demolished homes and communities. Short-term missions trips have been scheduled to take place over Christmas and Spring Breaks. So far, 15 nursing students have signed-up for a medical relief trip to New Orleans, and an additional 200 students have expressed interest in traveling to the region for clean-up and repair.
- Students, faculty and staff, with the help of alumni and local churches, have collected more than 5,500 crisis care kits (so far) filled with basic hygienic products, such as shampoo, toothbrushes and hand towels to be sent to the Gulf Coast.
- On Saturday, Sept. 17, volunteers packed and loaded crisis care kits into two RVs, donated by Brown and Brown Chevrolet Hyundai, Bradley, Ill. The RVs have served as lodging for Heart to Heart International Medical staff in the affected region.
- Andrew Twibell '06, associated student body president, organized the collection of medical supplies on the campuses of eight Nazarene colleges and universities in the United States. Olivet students, faculty, and staff collected ibuprofen and bandages. Supplies collected by the partnering universities included Tylenol, diapers, combs, brushes, sunscreen, razors, gauze, insect repellent, baby wipes, and antibiotic ointments.
- Sodexo food service offered students the opportunity to fast their cafeteria meals to raise money for relief. Through this effort, students designated \$2,800 that otherwise would have gone toward their food to instead provide much needed resources.
- Leo Swift, owner of Orthopedic Associates, Bradley, Ill., along with Brian McCaskey, owner of the Chicago Bears, drove the medical RV used for ONU football games to the Gulf Coast region, filled with medical supplies.
- Olivet welcomed students displaced by the hurricanes onto campus, and several alumni have opened their homes to families from the affected region.

and will always be, in the business of doing God's work.

We will strive to love our neighbors as ourselves. We will work to make disciples of all nations. We will clothe those who are naked and feed those who are hungry.

Above all else, we will be obedient to the One who gives our lives hope and purpose. And when God asks us to go, we will each simply say, "Here am I, Lord. Send me."



Students and other volunteers prepare crisis care kits to be sent to the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast.

## Class Notes

## '40s

**Jim '45 and Rosemary Green '49**, long-time song evangelists in the Church of the Nazarene, were recently honored by their hometown of Canton, Ill. They were chosen to be Parade Marshals for the 2005 Friendship Festival Parade.



Jim and Rosemary Green

## '50s

**Nancie (Davis) Purtil '57** was featured in the May 2005 issue of Gulfshore Life Magazine as a "best in client satisfaction" agent in Southwest Naples, Fla. Less than six percent of the 5,000 agents were selected for this honor.

## '70s

**Dan M. Geeding '71** was awarded the Waukesha Memorial Hospital Ford and Bobbe Titus Extraordinary Care Award, the highest recognition given by the CEO for exemplifying the hospital's mission with excellent service, respect and compassion. He serves as head chaplain for the hospital.

**Brenda (Foster) Edwards '73** recently graduated from the University of Phoenix with a master's in Nursing. She graduated with honors and is a member of the Omicron Chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society.

## '80s

**Joan (Yordy) '86 and Scott Brasher:** A boy, Jack Henry, Sept. 6, 2005. Joan is the editor-in-chief of the Vanderbilt Register, the faculty and staff newspaper for Vanderbilt University. Scott is a television/film composer. They reside in Nashville, Tenn.

**Brent '86 and Gwen Mitchell:** A girl, Chandra Grace, Aug. 31, 2005. She joins sisters Ashlynn and Alayna as well as brothers, Aaron, Collin, Bryce, and Spencer. Brent is an account manager for Smart Solutions in Madison, Wis., and Gwen is a stay-at-home mom and home educator. They reside in Milton, Wis.

**Lynnette (Powell) Harvey '87** received her master's of Education degree in Educational Leadership from St. Leo University in St. Leo, Fla. Lynnette teaches second grade at the Windermere Elementary School, and her husband, Fred '88, is a national product manager and sales consultant for Baker & Taylor. They reside in Ocoee, Fla.



Lynnette Harvey

## '90s

**John Catron '90** recently accepted the position of assistant manager for Classic Oak Designs, a new furniture store opening in Rockford, Ill.

**Leah (Stuzman) Miller '90** earned her master's in Nursing and completed a family nurse practitioner degree in July 2005 from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. She works at Goshen General Hospital with acute, chronic and cancer pain management patients. Leah resides in Goshen, Ind. with her husband, Tony, and children, Madison and Quinn.

**Toni Sue (McGuire) '90 and Joe Potter:** A girl Emily Noelle, June 28, 2005. She joins sister, Anne and brother, Noah. They reside in Shawnee, Kan.

**Shannyn (Hardy) '91 and Doug Galmines:** A girl, Kendyl Courtney, June 22, 2005. She joins big sister Jensyn, 2. Shannyn is a part-time office assistant for GuideOne Insurance, and Doug is an insurance agent for GuideOne Insurance in Homewood, Ill. They reside in Tinley Park, Ill.



Jensyn and Kendyl Galmines

**John '91 and Karen (Paulson) Grill '92:** A girl, Zoe Michelle, Dec. 11, 2004. John is the CFO for First National Bank of Grant Park, and Karen is now a stay-at-home mom. They reside in St. Anne, Ill.

**Gregory Hulliberger '91** recently earned his M.B.A. degree in Technology Management from the University of Phoenix. He works for Electronic Data Systems as a business planning consultant. He and his wife, Sheri (Duff) '91 reside in Beaver-creek, Ohio, with their two daughters Mickayla and Abbigayle.

**Matt '91 and Jennifer Lee:** A boy, Justus Avery, May 13, 2005. Matt is a Heavenly Ham franchise

owner in Paducah, Ky. and Jennifer is the regional director of the American Cancer Society in southern Illinois. They reside in Marion, Ill.

**Gary '92 and Jacquelyn Davis:** A boy, Carson Michael, June 17, 2005. He joins sister, Alexis, 6 and brother, Braden, 5. Gary works for Lamar Outdoor Advertising in Forsyth, Ill. and Jacquelyn works for the Land of Lincoln Credit Union in Decatur, Ill. They reside in Mt. Zion, Ill.

**Todd '92 and Michelle Suits:** A boy, Will Henry, Aug. 2, 2005. Todd and Michelle both work at Premiere Global Services, and Todd also works for the Kansas City Wizards of Major League Soccer. They reside in Kansas City, Mo.

**Brian '93 and Maria Garvin:** A boy, Benjamin Tucker, July 31, 2005. He joins sister, Sarah, 3. Brian is a director/producer for Purity Productions. They reside in Burbank, Calif.

**Brian Reed Garvin '93** screened his recent film *No Experience Necessary* at several film festivals. The film received Best Festival Short in a variety of categories at the International Family film festival in Valencia, Calif; Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival, Fla; 2005 Shockerfest in Modesto, Calif; and Westwood International Festival, Calif.

**Gene Kim '93** accepted a position as visiting administrator/professor at University of Washington. His wife is a professor of History at the University, and both hold Ph.D.s and Postdoctoral Fellowships from University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also was promoted in rank in Brazilian Jui-Jitsu.

**Beth (Schoenwetter) '93 and Jeffrey Zirgibel:** A boy, Riley Logan, Feb. 2, 2005. He joins brothers, Jake, 3 and Zachary, 2. Beth is a prosecutor in the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, and Jeff is an attorney at Karp, Karp & Zirgibel in Milwaukee, Wis. They reside in Merton, Wis.

**Kevin '94 and Julia Christopherson:** A girl, Carol Marie, Nov. 12, 2004. She joins brother, Jacob, 2. Kevin is the product line manager for commercial and consumer marketing at NEC Display Solutions, and Julia is a stay-at-home mom. They reside in Oswego, Ill.

**Sheri (Baker) '94 and Lee Smith:** A boy, Kaden John, Jan. 19, 2005. Their other son, Caleb Michael, born Dec. 9, 2003, was called home by Jesus on April, 12, 2004. Sheri is now a stay-at-home mom. They reside in St. John, Ind.

**Darci (Hippenhamer) Harland '95** graduated with a Ph.D. in Educational Technology from Walden University on July 16, 2005. She received her master's in Curriculum and Instruction from ISU in 2000 and has been a high school teacher for 10 years. She currently teaches Biology at El Paso-Gridley High School and also taught English and biology at Clinton High School for six years. She continues to provide professional development for educators on her Web site at [iloveteaching.com](http://iloveteaching.com).



Darci Harland

**Sarah (Fekete) '95 and Robert Leeke III:** A boy, Robert H Leeke IV, June 2, 2005. He joins sisters Lauryn and Madysen. Sarah is the president of Remington Evaluations and Rob is a wholesale parts manager for Daimler Chrysler's Mid-Atlantic Business Office. They reside in Odenton, Md.

**Ryan McCallum '95** recently earned his teaching certification and was hired to teach business education at Kamiakin High School, as well as coach football, wrestling and golf. Ryan and his wife Tina, along with his son, Jaxin, reside in Kennewick, Wash.

**Tricia (Polmounter) '95 and Ben Pollok '96:** A boy, Jackson Benjamin, Dec. 14, 2004. She joins sister Mallorie, 3. Ben is an annuity wholesaler, Tricia is a stay-at-home mom, and together they own an Internet company. They reside in Perry, Mich.



Jackson Pollok

**Brooke (Blight) '96 and Michael Amash** were married on July 2, 2005. Brooke is a probation officer working with pregnant, substance-abusing women, and Michael is a loan officer with Loan Star Financial.

**Susan (Skinner) '96 and Sean Henry:** A boy, Luke Riley, May 18, 2005. He joins brother, Thomas, 3. Susan is a stay-at-home mom, and Sean is a computer animator and co-owner of Calabash Animation. They reside in Morton Grove, Ill.



Tabitha Meyer

**Daniel '97 and Mary Ann (Cheney) Meyer '98:** A girl, Tabitha Joy, Sept. 14, 2004. Dan is a computer programmer for Ontario Systems, LLC, and Mary Ann is a stay-at-home mom. They reside in Muncie, Ind.

*From the Director...*

Dear Alumni and Friends,

*It is with some sadness that I write my last letter as director of Alumni Relations. Since 1999, I have awakened each day thinking about ways to keep our nearly 30,000 alumni and friends around the world connected to the mission and the moments of their "Olivet experience."*



By Susan (Hendley) Wolff '94  
Director, Alumni Relations

*In mid-September, I assumed a new position as executive assistant to the president. In my new capacity, I will have many opportunities to engage the internal and external audiences of the University in our president's initiatives. I am still coordinating many of the efforts for this Homecoming season, but will hand off those assignments in the near future.*

*Recently, I had a chance to talk to one alumnus who couldn't believe how many changes had taken place since his college days. As I spoke with him about our recent revival services, I noticed a gleam in his eye. He was so pleased that the important things of Olivet are still in place, fostering the same sense of spiritual awareness and cultivation.*

*That's exactly how I feel as I welcome David Caudle '79, your newly-appointed director of Alumni Relations. David has a mind for "all things Olivet" and a heart for His Savior.*

*David is a 1979 graduate of Olivet and served several years at the Church of the Nazarene Headquarters in Kansas City. I know he is already staying awake at nights thinking about ways to better connect our people to each other — and the University!*

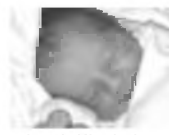
*Thank you so much for allowing me to lead such a great group of friends.*

Yours,

Susan (Hendley) Wolff '94  
Director of Alumni Relations

**Timothy '97 and Amy (Hill) VanSwol '97:** A boy, Caden Timothy, March 5, 2003. He joins brother, Preston. Both Tim and Amy teach in Manteno, Ill. They reside in Bourbonnais.

**Steve '98 and Rebecca (Field) Kincheloe '98:** A boy, Jacob Eric, Aug. 1, 2005. He joins brother Caleb Matthew, 2. Rebecca is a stay-at-home mom, and Steve is the finance manager at Salton. They reside in Columbia, Mo.



Jacob Kincheloe

**Dan '98 and Katie (Alderson) Lee '00:** A girl, Lily Anne, Aug. 3, 2005. She joins brother, Lincoln, 1. Katie is a stay-at-home mom, and Dan is a senior tax accountant at Ernst & Young. They reside in Indianapolis, Ind.



Lily Lee

**Sara Meinders '98** recently earned a Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in Accounting from Keller Graduate School of Management. Upon completion of her degree, Sara was accepted into the Business Leadership Development Program at Lockheed Martin Corporation and is working as a corporate internal auditor. Sara resides in Clifton, Va.



Carly Neumann

**Julie (Beauchamp) '98 and Jason Neumann:** A girl, Carly Jean, May 10, 2005. Julie is a registered nurse, and Jason is an electrician. They reside in Coopersville, Mich.

**Julie (Habegger) '98 and Brad Zehr '99:** A boy, Andrew Christian, May 28, 2005. Julie is a stay-at-home mom, and Brad is a band director for the Kankakee (Ill.) School District. They reside in Kankakee.

**Wes Garrison '99 and Jessica (Neely)** were married on April 9, 2005, in Lenexa, Kan. Wes works for Return Products Management, and Jessica works for the Johnson County Health Department. They reside in Olathe, Kan.

**Katie (Lewis) Heid '99** was crowned fourth runner-up in the Mrs. Michigan America Pageant in June 2005. Katie is an English and communications teacher at Baker College. She and her husband, Bryan, reside in Owosso, Mich.

**Tara (Hauer) '99 and Michael Lloyd:** A boy, Ethan Michael, May 12, 2005. He joins sisters Haley Grace and Madelyn Rose. Tara is a marketing and communications director in retirement communities, and Mike works in sports medicine with a local physical therapy company. They reside in Napoleon, Ohio.

**Annie (Duehning) '99 and Billy Parker** were married on June 4, 2005, in Naperville, Ill. Annie is employed as a nanny in Plainfield, Ill., and Dan is employed as a mailman in Aurora, Ill. They live in Gardner, Ill.

**Conrad Stanly '99** published an article in the Illinois Science Teachers Association magazine, *Spectrum*. The article detailed a pedagogical technology he's been working with for several years, called Geographic Information Systems (GIS), a powerful tool for teachers.



**Tara (Heflick) '99 and Dale Trump:** A boy, Jamin Thomas, Aug. 24, 2005. He joins brother, Justin, 2. Tara is a stay-at-home mom, and Dale works for Indiana Heat Transfer Co. They reside in Argos, Ind.



Jamin Trump

'00s

**Sam '00 and Joanna Hughes:** A girl, Zanna Lee, Jan. 21, 2005. Sam is the vice president of operations at Sterling Satellite, and Joanna is a stay-at-home mom. They reside in Milwaukee, Wis.

**Sarah (McGuire) '00 and Kevin Hutchins '01:** A boy, Payton Dean, May 6, 2005. Sarah is a medical sales rep, and Kevin is a teacher and head football coach at T.C. Howe Academy in Indianapolis. They reside in Fishers, Ind.



Payton Hutchins

**Jessica (Swindle) '00 and Brent Johnson:** A boy, Andrew Samuel, Jan. 3, 2005. He was adopted into his forever family. Brent works with Raytheon as a manufacturing program director, and Jessica was a pediatric dietitian but is now a stay-at-home mom.

**Jason Lee '00 and Emily Lake** were married May 7, 2005, in South Hero, Vt. Both Emily and Jason work for Eckerd Youth Alternatives in North Carolina. They reside in Henderson, N.C.

**Adam Asher '01 and Kristin Amato '05** were married on Aug. 13, 2005, in Medinah, Ill. Adam is the associate director of admissions at Olivet, and Kristin recently completed her B.S. in Criminal Justice from Olivet. They reside in Kankakee, Ill.



Heather and Gary Smith

**Heather (Nunnery) '01 and Gary Smith** were married on June 11, 2005, in Oklahoma City, Okla. at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral. Heather works for Heartland Hospice, and Gary is finishing his Ph.D. in Chemistry at the University of Oklahoma. They reside in Norman, Okla.

**Mark Hodge '02** was recently named second vice president in audit services at The Northern Trust Company, Chicago. He joined Northern Trust in 2005 from Oak Brook Bank where he was the director of Corporate Compliance. Prior to joining Oak Brook Bank, Mark was a compliance officer in the corporate compliance division of Harris Trust & Savings Bank.

**Sheryle Milton '02** has left Chicago, Ill., for missions work with Uncharted Waters and The Navigators. She will be directing sports camps across the U.S. and Thailand. She will join The Navigators for a year long mission training program in Colorado Springs, Colo. She discovered her passion for missions during her senior year at Olivet and says "God will not deprive us the passion that HE has put within us!"

**James '02 and Amy (Stoker) Netzel '02:** A boy, Aaron Caleb, Aug. 15, 2005. He joins brother, Thomas, 3. James is a crisis interventionist for a behavior disorder school and is a Tae Kwon Do instructor. Amy also works for the Tae Kwon Do school and a local Mom's Day Out program. They reside in Palatine, Ill.

**Charles '02 and Jennifer (Haschel) Porter '02:** A girl, Hattie Adele, April 15, 2005. Chip is an engineer in St. Joseph County, and Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom and part-time librarian. They reside in Argos, Ind.



Hattie Porter

**Daniel Rodriguez-Schlorff '02** recently graduated from Meadville/Lombard Theological School with a Master of Arts in Religion. He is ordained by the national Association of Congregational Christian Churches. Daniel now helps prepare his parish, Fourth Congregational Church of Chicago, for a total church re-start.

**Jeremy '02 and Heather (Rush) Shaul '03:** Twins, RayAnne Marie and Ryleigh Elisabeth, June 23, 2005. Jeremy works as a dispatcher for the Bourbonnais Police Department, and Heather works as a kitchen and bath designer for Heartland Cabinetry. They reside in Bourbonnais.



RayAnne and Ryleigh Shaul

**Michelle (Mears) '02 and Shaun Ward** were married Sept. 3, 2005. Shaun is an operator at an automobile manufacturing company, and Michelle is a financial analyst. They reside in Rantoul, Ill.

**Sarah (Mastroianni) '03 and Joshua Luff** were married on June 19, 2005, in Wheaton, Ill. Sarah is a self-employed developmental therapist, and Joshua is an account manager for CDW. They reside in Winfield, Ill.

**Jennifer (Dunbar) '03 and Josh Meo '03** recently moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where Josh has accepted a position as newsroom designer at *The Cincinnati Enquirer*. He is leaving *The Kansas City Star* after a year-and-a-half.

**Josh Thomas '03 and Miranda Bauer** were married on June 25, 2005, in Western Springs, Ill. Josh works as an elementary school teacher, and Miranda is an event manager at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel in Oak Brook, Ill. They reside in LaGrange, Ill.



Josh and Miranda Thomas

**Stephanie (Maish) '04 and Jeff Wade** were married on Oct. 8, 2005, in St. John, Ind. Stephanie works for The Learning Tree, and Jeff works for Blue Chip Casino. They reside in Chesterton, Ind.

**Megan (O'Connell) '04 and Jeremy Williamson '06** were married on June 11, 2005, in Bristol, Ind. Jeremy is a senior at Olivet majoring in Business Administration, and Megan works for M. Gingerich, Gereaux and Associates. They reside in Bourbonnais.

**Christina (Schroeder) Brown '05** was named head Volleyball Coach at NCAA Division III Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas. She was graduate assistant coach for Olivet's volleyball team for two years. She and her husband, Nathan, reside in Brownwood, Texas.

**Stephen Case '05 and Christine D. (Becker) '05** were married on May 21, 2005, in Lenexa, Kan. Stephen is pursuing his Ph.D. in physics at the University of Mississippi, and Christine teaches English at Lafayette High School. They reside in Oxford, Miss.

**Annie (Suderman) '05 and Jon Croft '05** were married on July 23, 2005, in Midland, Mich. Jon works at the Eastern Michigan District Nazarene Campground, and Annie is teaching at Livingston Christian School. They reside in Howell, Mich.

## Military Notes

'70s

**LTC Edward Jordan '77** and his 15-man Embedded Training Team of the Indiana Army National Guard returned from one year of deployment.

'90s

**Fred Bates '93** recently took a position at Murray State University teaching ROTC. He is the training officer and MS III instructor. Fred is on active duty with the Kentucky Army National Guard as a Captain. He and his wife **Beth (Patz) '94**, reside in Murray, Ky.

'00s

**1LT Andrew Chovancek '03** continues to serve in Iraq, however he has been relocated to Najaf, Iraq, which is closer to Bagdad than where he was previously serving.

**1LT Cory Tatom '03** continues to serve in Iraq.

**2LT Sean Tinklenberg '04** was deployed to Iraq on Sept. 27, 2005, with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division.

## In Memoriam

'40s

**Jean Olson (Taylor) Stephenson '43** died on Aug. 9, 2005 in Lenexa, Kan.

'50s

**Virginia Ritthaler '51** died on April 6, 2005 in Provena Convent Medical Center, Urbana, Ill. She was recently elected to the Women's Athletic Hall of Fame. After graduation, she taught elementary school for 37 years and also served as a camp counselor and cook at Nazarene Acres Camp grounds for 50 years. She was a faithful Sunday school teacher, secretary to the church board and missionary president for Monticello Church of the Nazarene. She is survived by a brother, Paul Ritthaler, and sisters, Mary Lou Birkey and Darlene Schimmelpfenning.

## Caudle to serve as Olivet's new director of alumni relations

By Heather (Quimby) Day '02

**D**avid Caudle, a 1979 graduate of Olivet Nazarene University, has been named as the University's new director of alumni relations. Caudle's appointment comes by recommendation of the executive committee of the Alumni Board and Dr. John C. Bowling '71/'72 M.A.

Caudle has been actively engaged in the work of the alumni board for quite some time, having served on the Board as an off-region representative for six years, and vice president of the board for two years. Caudle also brings a wealth of administrative experience to the position, honed during three pastoral assignments, 12 years of service at the Church of the Nazarene's Headquarters, and six years of leadership at Olivet.



David Caudle '79

**Brian Allen '82/'05 Litt.D.**, Olivet's vice president for Institutional Advancement, is pleased by Caudle's new appointment. He says, "There is no one I know who has a greater love and appreciation for Olivet than David. He consistently has gone the extra mile — both as a committed volunteer and full-time employee — to advance the University's interest and mission. He is a person of action, and I am confident he will prove to be an effective leader in this new and expanded role."

Caudle is also optimistic about this new direction in his career. He says, "What a privilege to serve the Lord here at Olivet in this new role! The good work done by my predecessor, Susan (Hendley) Wolff '94, makes it easy for me to continue helping our graduates stay connected with their alma mater and each other."

Caudle and his wife, Brenda (Harter) '79, reside in Bourbonnais. They have three children, Jessica Thompson '06, Allison '08, and David — who plans to enroll at the University next fall, following high school graduation.

**Violet (Culbertson) Simon '54** died Sept. 3, 2004. She was born in 1927 and was a music major and member of Orpheus Choir during her time at Olivet. She is survived by her son, Brent, and three grandchildren, Joy, Lisa and Mike Simon.

**David Welch '70** died April 9, 2005, in Bourbonnais. During his lifetime, he served as an insurance agent, car salesman and school teacher. He is survived by his wife, Patricia VanAusdall-Heisler, son Timothy Welch, daughter, Kay Welch, and step-daughter Brenda Heisler.

**Mary (Case) Sommer '78** died on June 28, 2005, after a four-month fight with cancer. She is survived by her husband, **Mike "Chumley" Sommer '78**, sons, Michael, 12, and Matthew, 9. They reside in Elkhart, Ind.

'90s

**Michelle (Fryman) Deutsch '90** died Aug. 26, 2005. She was born Feb. 20, 1968, and was a member of many musical groups during her time at Olivet. She worked at Saginaw St. Luke's Hospital for five years. She was devoted to helping people and was nominated to be included in Who's Who through the Covenant VNA. She is survived by her husband Brian, children Sydney and Sklyer, parents, Gary and Janet Fryman, sisters and brothers-in law Tracy and Dan Montgomery, Trina and Vince Ward, and Erin Fryman, father and mother-in-law Dave and Sheryl Deutsch.

'00s

**Wendy Carls '01** died July 25, 2005.

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR

from you!

**S**end us your news and pictures. Please submit alumni news, less than one year old, in the format printed in this section. Be sure to include all information, including class year. Due to space constraints, not all pictures will be used. Pictures will be accepted only via e-mail to [TheOlivetian@olivet.edu](mailto:TheOlivetian@olivet.edu). News should be sent via e-mail or through the mail to *The Olivetian*, Olivet Nazarene University, One University Avenue, Bourbonnais, IL 60914-2345.

Sports  
Shorts**Rucker, Gullickson take conference awards two straight weeks:**

Tiger volleyball swept the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Awards two weeks in a row, highlighting their 8-2 record during that time. **Cyndi Rucker '08** was named Libero of the Week on September 28 and October 5. During the two-week span, Rucker had a .921 passing percentage average. **Megan Gullickson '07**, with 390 assists in two weeks, was named Setter of the Week both weeks. September 28, **Emily Lindquist '06** was named Player of the Week after recording 69 kills and 43 blocks. The following week, **Michelle McFadden '09** earned Player of the Week honors with 56 kills, 19 blocks, 43 digs and six aces.

**Three coaches enter hall of fame:** Three current Olivet coaches were inducted into the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Hall of Fame on October 16, an indication of the recent success of Tiger Athletics.



**Brenda Williams** is in her 10<sup>th</sup> season at head volleyball coach. During that time, the Tigers have won four CCAC Championships, and appeared in four NAIA National Tournaments.



**Ritchie Richardson '93** has led the Olivet softball team for 10 seasons, winning five CCAC Championships and advancing to four NAIA World Series, with a third place finish in 2003. His overall record is 460-166.



Baseball coach **Elliot Johnson** was also inducted. In his six seasons, the Tigers have appeared in four CCAC Championships and two NAIA World Series. Johnson has a 250-78 record at Olivet.

**Senior named defensive player of week:**

Olivet Nazarene University senior free safety **Joey Lochner '06** (Upland, Ind.) was named the Mid-States Football Association's Midwest League Defensive Player of the Week for his five-tackle performance against fifth-ranked Saint Xavier University (Ill.) on Oct. 15. Lochner also had three interceptions, to help Olivet (4-3) to a 34-28 win. All three of Lochner's interceptions were inside the Olivet 10 yard line, with interceptions coming in the end zone. The final interception came with 2:08 remaining in the fourth quarter. For the season, Lochner has recorded 40 tackles (19 solos), two tackles for loss and three interceptions.

**Tigers achieve school's highest ranking ever:**

ONU women's cross country team moved up to third in the latest NAIA Top 25 Poll. This is the highest ranking by an Olivet Nazarene athletic team. Dominating the field at the Indiana Wesleyan University Invitational, the Tigers placed three runners in the top four, led by **Bethany McCoy '08** who won the meet. **Jenny Ellis '07** finished third and **Carmin Green '07** placed fourth. **Sara Batkiewicz '06** finished in the top 10, placing 10th. The Tigers were ranked 12th in the final poll last season.

**A Feat of Fleet Feet**

By Caleb Benoit '06

The 26<sup>th</sup> annual NAIA Cross Country National Championships take place in Louisville, Ky., Nov. 19.

Olivet's women's team probably should have its bags packed, tickets punched and bus warmed up now.

The Tigers have dominated their meets, taking four firsts and a second in their first five events, including first-place finishes at the 27-team Augustana (Ill.) Invitational and their own Tiger Invitational. The team, ranked sixth in the nation at the start of the season, steadily moved up the rankings and are now ranked second in the latest NAIA poll. This is the highest national ranking ever by any Olivet athletic team. They are looking for their fourth consecutive regional title.

"We have some high-caliber athletes who came in as high-caliber athletes, and we have some whom we've developed," said coach Michael McDowell, who has completely revamped the school's cross country and track programs in his five seasons at Olivet. "They train hard and they compete hard, and if you put that combination together, you're going to be successful."

A trio of women — junior Carman Green (Rock Island, Ill.), junior Jenny Ellis (Barrington, Ill.) and sophomore Bethany McCoy (Metamora, Ill.) — literally lead Olivet in each meet and will be among the top NAIA Region VII performers at Mount Mercy (Iowa) Nov. 5. Green finished 33<sup>rd</sup> overall at the 2004 National Meet.

"Our sport's a little different in the fact that we don't have a season record, but it's still very difficult to be ranked in that top 10," McDowell said. "We're fortunate to have a bunch of very solid athletes who would contribute at Division I schools."

The men's squad, which has won two of the last three Region VII crowns, hasn't been as successful in the early part of the season, but McDowell is confident the team will perform up to its potential at the most important part of the schedule.

Kacey Carr (Downs, Ill.), a junior transfer from the University of Illinois, and freshman Alex Gerber (Eureka, Ill.) have turned in the team's best times. Each finished in the top 50 at the Bradley University (Ill.) Open, which featured multiple Division I programs.

"On the men's side, we're not ranked yet, but we're probably one of those teams that is going to surprise some people," McDowell said. "I've been doing this a long time, and I think our team is underrated. We have a lot of experience for as young as we are. I think we're a better team than people see."

Alex Gerber '09



Pictured, from left: Sara Batkiewicz '06, Bethany McCoy '08, Carmin Green '07, and Jenny Ellis '07

Kacey Carr '07

**Court is in Session: ONU Basketball****Preview** By Caleb Benoit '06**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

While the men's basketball team will replace its two leading scorers from a season ago, coach Ralph Hodge '75/'97 M.A.E. is confident the pieces are in place for another run at the CCAC title.

"If we play the game the way it should be played as far as effort and fundamentals, that's what's going to take care of the wins and championships," Hodge said.

Seniors center Travis Meeke (Batavia, Ill.) and forward Zach Johnson (Greenville, Ill.) both averaged over 10 points per game last season, and CCAC Freshman of the Year Phil French (Richton Park, Ill.) provides the Tigers with a second dominant presence in the paint.

Minus games against St. Xavier (Ill.) and Robert Morris (Ill.), which both finished ranked in the final NAIA poll, Olivet closed the 2004-05 season with 12 straight victories.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**


A year after implementing a high-energy, run-and-gun style of play, women's basketball coach Doug Porter is hoping his team can continue the success it experienced over the second half of last season.

After working through the learning curve of the new system, the Tigers, who earned a share of the CCAC title, went 14-3 and averaged 106 points per game after Christmas, tearing down five NAIA Division I records in the process.

"We're going to be fast and shoot a lot," Porter said. "I think we'll be way ahead of where we were at this time last year."

Hilary Disch (Mattawan, Mich.), last year's CCAC Freshman of the Year, is the team's leading returning scorer.





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# 10 QUESTIONS

With

## Dr. Carol Maxson '88/'90 M.A.E.

DEAN, SCHOOL OF GRADUATE AND CONTINUING STUDIES



### 1 Tell us about your first connection with Olivet Nazarene University.

I grew up in a home where a college education was never discussed. It was assumed I would graduate from high school, work in a factory, get married, have children, and live happily ever after. In high school, my best friend talked about going to a place called Olivet Nazarene College, and God used her to plant that dream in me — my impossible dream. In July 1969 — six weeks before classes started — I finally relinquished it to God. If He wanted me at Olivet, He would have to open the doors. Two weeks later, I had a letter from Olivet awarding me a grant and loan that would pay for my first year. Following my freshman year I got married with the understanding my husband would finish at Olivet, and so would I. He did, and I didn't.

### 2 Your return trip to Olivet was a leap of faith. Tell us about it.

After 12 years of marriage and three sons, I was in Ohio facing my choices as a single parent: continue working for minimum wage, or complete my degree. In 1984, while visiting the Olivet bookstore, and through a series of events, God made it very clear I was to return to Olivet to complete my degree — my impossible dream. In August of 1985, I moved myself and three little boys to Bourbonnais to complete what I started back in 1969.

### 3 So, you're passionate about adult education?

It never occurred to me that I was changing the next generation. My home was a study hall where a mom and her three boys did homework together. In 1988, my impossible dream came true when I received my degree, but my dream was transcended the day my first-born walked across that stage and received his diploma from Olivet. Only God could send a mom to Olivet and multiply one degree into six — three for me and one for each of my boys.

### 4 How did you end up at the helm of Adult Studies?

I was the assistant to the registrar when Olivet was considering adult education, and, in a move very uncharacteristic for me, I went to Dr. Gary Streit, vice president for academic affairs, and said, "You're going to need someone who has been there, and I want to be that person." I often share my story with our students and encourage them to complete what they have started, and to leave a legacy. God can use this phenomenon called adult education to change this country and generations to come, and I want that to be Olivet's legacy through the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies.

### 5 Any "mountaintop moments" when you were a student?

Dr. LaVerne Jordan in the psychology department was a real mentor to me. She asked me to be her research assistant as she worked on her doctorate. One day, she looked at me and said, "You have no idea of your own potential, do you? Most of your work as an undergrad is doctoral-level work." I broke into tears. It still provokes deep emotion in me as I recall how healing were her words to a lonely, single parent not used to that kind of affirmation. She painted a vision of my future and gave me a sense of worth and blessing other faculty members and administrators would build upon. They saw what I could not see.

### 6 You have lived much of your life as a "working mom." Any advice?

I believe being a "working mom" provided a healthy impression for my boys. To working mothers everywhere, I would offer this advice: Use being a working mom as a teaching tool. I told my boys they should expect to share in household responsibilities. I taught Chad '99, Jayson '01, and Chip '02 how to cook, clean, iron, and wash. Keep relationships with your kids a top priority. If I had a choice between cleaning house and spending time with my boys, I chose my boys. Don't try to be Supermom. Let your kids bring their friends home, no matter how the house looks. Be the place to go — and always bake! Make time for creating traditions. My daughter-in-law tells me Chad insists on doing some things because it was tradition at home. Be sure your kids support one another. Whenever one of us was involved in something, we all went to cheer that one on. They do the same today. Lastly, take time to teach and share. Even though it appeared they were not listening at times, those key moments with my boys made a big difference.

### 7 You have three boys who graduated from Olivet. It seems they're doing some pretty impressive things. Care to brag a bit?

All three boys graduated from Olivet with honors. Chad's wife Aubry is a first grade teacher in Nashville while Chad is working on his Ph.D. at Vanderbilt. When he finishes, he wants to teach theology at the university level. Jayson works on the Windows team at Microsoft in Seattle, and after four years in the testing area, this fall he moved to development. Last spring Chip received his master's degree in Sports Management from Baylor University and is now a corporate marketing manager for the Frisco RoughRiders, a minor league baseball team for the Texas Rangers.

### 8 What are your dreams for the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies?

I want the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies to be known for taking Chicago for Jesus. Dr. Harold W. Reed's 1941 vision statement says, "I saw, and behold it was taller than the skyline of Chicago." Chicago is also a place for our School of Graduate and Continuing Studies to accomplish great things for the Church of the Nazarene. We are a small school in a large city, but little is much when God is in it. We will leave a legacy! My leadership team and I have set a goal to double our enrollment in three years, which would put us at 6,000.

### 9 Under your direction, the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies has moved into Rolling Meadows and Chicagoland. Any plans to go beyond?

It may not happen in my lifetime but I'd like to see a permanent site in the Chicago Loop. We have to go to our market. At some point I'd like to see an Olivet campus in downtown Chicago, as well as in other states. Of course, online programs will continue to extend us nationally.

### 10 TV or reading?

Until last year I mostly watched only news, weather, and sports. I will watch any football game, but my favorites, of course, are Ohio State games (being from Canton, Ohio). I'm also hooked on the television series "24." Books? Historical fiction and biographies are my favorite reading material, but I return to books on leadership for motivation and inspiration.





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