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Olivet introduces Mr....and Mrs. ONU?

By Rodger Doss
News writer

Five men entered Kresge auditorium on Friday, March 28, each in hopes of taking home the coveted, jewel studded crown that would declare him Mr. ONU. Stephen Foxworthy, Wes Hall, Dave Tabbert, Marcus Cleveland and Scott Hughes all came that night ready to tough it out through the long, trying contest. All five attempted to win the hearts of the crowd that nearly filled the auditorium. However, in the end, only one man could be proclaimed the champion and Mr. ONU.

Sophomore Wes Hall threw his bid for the crown into the fray by using his friends and father to win the affection of those in attendance, although he admitted repeatedly that his video was not funny. Before he finished, the stage became a parade of friends locked arm in arm, singing "Friends are friends forever."

Stephen Foxworthy, sophomore, put up a valiant effort with his hilarious mix of comic and singing talents, centering on the theme, "Big is beautiful." Junior Marcus Cleveland also fought the good fight, with the aid of his "Burpo" brothers, while senior Dave Tabbert charged forward with his blend of male cheerleader

charisma and shoot-from-the-hip humor.

Senior Scott Hughes concluded the competition with an armament of amazingly edited video and great stage presence to vie for the crown. His presentation was a ridiculously funny film where "The Matrix" and "Lord of the Rings" met Dr. Bowling in a mock Mountain Dew commercial. Cory T. Wilson, 2002 Mr. ONU, came to take part in Hughes' video and endorse his friend.

When the smoke cleared and the injured were pulled away, one man stood tall among those left, and that man was Scott Hughes. However, Mr. ONU's victories wouldn't be simply about winning this year. Indeed, the crown was only the icing on the cake for him. He took advantage of the opportunity, with most of Olivet watching, to invite his significant other, Alisha Crosariol, on the stage in a mock "The Bachelor" skit.

When the time came for Hughes to choose his bride, he dropped to one knee and asked her to be Mrs. ONU. Amongst the riotous cheers, she accepted, and Olivet got its first chance to see the future Mr. and Mrs. Scott



Scott Hughes and Alisha Crosariol embrace following their engagement on the stage of Mr. ONU. For more pictures of the event, see page 10. (GlimmerGlass photo by Erin Ouwenga)

and Alisha Hughes.

Hughes said, "One of the highlights of the evening was when I came back out and all the girls were scream-

ing and squealing. Also, afterwards when everyone from Olivet and all over were coming up to shake hands and congratulate us."

Olivet students pick up trash at Perry Farms

By Jennifer Francis
News writer

Despite freezing weather, education majors took a break to clean up Perry Farms last Saturday April 5. Matt Coaty, Erin Hara, Jen Rantz, Jackie Niebor and Jamie Bowman were those that participated in a project for Environmental Science for Elementary Education Teachers.

Hara and Rantz picked up garbage along the edges of Kennedy Road.

Coaty was assisted by a park ranger and given a tour of the park before he began

planting sod.

"It was interesting to find out what the workers do during the weekends to prepare for summer months," said Coaty.

Neibor and Bowman assisted by picking up trash inside of the park. They also raked leaves and placed them in garbage containers to burn at a future time.

Following their experience, they were assigned to write a three-page reflection paper.

SSFACS sponsors "My Big Fat Olivet Wedding"

By Tricia Miller
News writer

Casual clothes as well as wedding dresses and tuxedos will be seen on the runway in Wisner Auditorium on Saturday. The Student Section of Family and Consumer Sciences (SSFACS) is hosting its annual fashion show at 7:30 p.m. This year's theme is My Big Fat Olivet Wedding.

The show will feature fashions from Express, Maurice's and The Wedding Center, plus flowers from Country Floral and Gifts. Eighteen girls and 14 guys, all Olivet students who volunteered

to take part in the show, will model.

Cost for the event is \$4, and those funds will go to SSFACS, which will use them for service projects and other events throughout the year.

"People should come to get some ideas on this year's fashions if they're planning to get married or going into the work world," explained Lisa Grochola, who is coordinating the show with Christina Loukas. "It's also a good way to support SSFACS."

Olivet student elected to serve Bourbonnais

By Andrea Van Der Steeg
News editor

An Olivet student recently made history by being one of the youngest people to be elected as a public official in Kankakee County.

Nick Allen, a freshman Political Science major and Economics minor, was elected to the Bourbonnais Township Park District Board of Commissioners in the local April 2 election.

Allen was elected to fill one of two available seats for the position. He received the second highest amount of votes, with 1,417 votes.

In order to obtain votes,

Allen campaigned extensively, by going door-to-door in much of the district. "I think people knew that I wanted this and I was ready," Allen said.

One of Allen's goals in his new position is to possibly put further spending on hold and possibly cut the park district budget. He also believes that land purchased outside of Bourbonnais should be excluded from commercial development. Instead, it should be used for wildlife preservation until population growth warrants an expansion.

Allen is looking forward to his new position because he feels that he can bring new ideas and perspectives into the park district. His campaign was based on the idea of giving the park district "back to the people," and this is exactly what Allen intends to do.

Allen was encouraged by the number of people who voted for him and is excited about his opportunity to serve in the position. Allen appreciates the voter's confidence in him and his future political career.

"I think this shows voters are ready for younger people to



Nick Allen was recently elected to Bourbonnais township office. (Submitted photo)
be involved," Allen said. "I'm looking forward to getting in there and working with the entire board."

Iraqi reconstruction contract awarded; Israel reduces terrorist threat

By Adam Smith
News writer

Stevedoring Services has been awarded a \$4.8 million contract to rebuild and operate the Iraqi seaport of Umm Qasr. Umm Qasr is Iraq's only deepwater port, and will receive deliveries of humanitarian aid and construction materials. The British company P&O had put in an unsuccessful

bid for the project, adding to complaints about U.K. companies being denied the opportunity to bid on Iraqi reconstruction projects.

The U.S. engineering firm Kellogg Brown and Root — a subsidiary of Haliburton, the company formerly headed by Vice President Dick Cheney — has al-

ready won a contract to put out oil fires. Five other U.S. companies have been invited to submit bids for more than \$900 million in Iraq reconstruction contracts.

Israel says the United States has offered \$10 billion in aid to bail it out of its economic crisis. Israel's Finance Ministry said the package consisted of \$1 billion in direct military aid and \$9 billion in loan guarantees. But, several hours after Israel announced the deal, the U.S. said it had not made a decision about the aid package.

U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher told reporters at a briefing: "We don't have any new decisions on that. The request has been made by the Israelis. The status today is the same as yesterday. We are looking at it. We are considering it."

Global economic slowdown and the 30-month long Palestinian *intifada* have kept Israel in three years of recession. The country is the biggest recipient of U.S. aid worldwide and initially asked for \$4 billion in military aid and \$8 billion in loan guarantees. The United States would deduct from the loan guarantees any Israeli expenditure on settlement activities in Palestinian areas. The package is part of President George W. Bush's war budget, and even if it is approved by the President, it will still need approval

by the U.S. Congress.

The U.S. military has confirmed that a bus carrying Syrian civilians was hit by an American missile, killing five people and wounding at least 10. A statement from a US spokesman at the coalition's Central Command headquarters in Qatar said that the US-led forces "regretted" the loss of life, saying the bus was destroyed while coalition forces were targeting a bridge in Rutba, a western Iraqi town near the Syrian border. "The bus stopped on the bridge and was hit by munitions already released prior to the bus approaching the bridge," the statement said. The Syrians were said to be fleeing the fighting in Iraq when a missile hit the bus in which they were travelling.

Israeli troops have dismantled an illegal Jewish outpost in the West Bank, in the first such move since Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's new government took office last month. Bulldozers demolished the encampment which formed the outpost, known as Hilltop 26, near Hebron.

Israel's High Court ordered the outpost removed, saying it had been built on private Palestinian land. The Israeli Government says only settlements built without permits are illegal, while the Palestinians say the presence of all Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza violate international law.

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Where is the Church?

By Kandice Arwood, Katie Morris & Laura Paul
Opinions Writers

I remember it vividly—the day after the war in Iraq had started: my heart was broken. We had each barely slept the night before after hearing on the news that our country had declared war on the other side of the world. We went into Chapel with a heavy heart, hoping to be met with the same somberness we felt. The night before, we had heard Jeff Crosno at College Church pray a desperate prayer to God, simply saying there were no words in a situation like this, but knowing at the same time that Jesus himself was interceding, groaning our requests to God for us.

"How, as Christians living in America, have we loved those living in Iraq?"

In chapel however, the prayer was different. It concentrated on the American soldiers who would be fighting the war. Before going on, we must say that we pray daily for the safety of the soldiers involved in this conflict—on both sides. That Thursday morning it seemed that people were asking God to bless this war and our decision to fight it rather than seeking God's guidance and plan in the situation. It was probably asked that God would guide the decisions of the administration of our country, but I don't think it was *once* questioned if this war was the appropriate thing for us to do. We were surprised, but perhaps we shouldn't have been.

Since the attack in New York City on September 11, 2001, there has been an extreme uprising of patriotism in our country. And because George Bush has so conveniently called this fight a war of *good vs. evil*, many Christians have accepted it to be completely right and just. Bush uses religious rhetoric in justifying this war against terrorism, and it has carried over to the war in Iraq. This is not good for Christians though, because all of a sudden it has become easy to confuse Christianity with America.

It doesn't help that since we entered elementary school we were taught to say the pledge of allegiance to our *country*, taught that *America* is good and can do no wrong, and that it is right to take *pride* in our country. Patriotism has been esteemed as one of the greatest

of all virtues, and in these times, to be unpatriotic is simply to be un-Christian. Stanley Hauerwas, a theologian at Duke Divinity School says, "The identification of Cross and flag after September 11 needs to be called what it is: *idolatry*."

The great theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "Who stands firm? Only the one for whom the final standard is not his reason, his principles, his conscience, his freedom, his virtue, but who is ready to sacrifice all these, when in faith and sole allegiance to God he is called to obedient and responsible action: the responsible person, whose life will be nothing but an answer to God's question and call." As followers of Jesus and the way of the Cross (*not the flag*), we have to be willing to sacrifice all we hold dear as Americans—our devotion to the nation, our freedom (that comes at the expense of others' lives) and our wealth (which also comes at the expense of others' lives)—to be faithful and obedient to God.

And what has God commanded us—simply this: to love God with our whole lives and to love our neighbor *as ourselves*. My question is this: how, as Christians living in America, have we loved those living in Iraq? Were we concerned with the suffering of the Iraqi people before it directly affected us or gave us a reason to pursue our own interests? Now that the war has started, we use their oppression as justification. Since Saddam Hussein has been in power, have we loved the Iraqi people and given to them the way we have

loved ourselves? The clear answer is no. Why then should we be surprised that this war is happening? As the body of Christ we have the awesome responsibility to offer an alternative lifestyle in this world—to be a body that offers hope to those around us. But quite obviously we have not done that—nor are we doing it now. In our name, America is dropping bombs on these Iraqi people that we have neglected for too long.

"As a church dedicated to seeking a deeper sense of peace and justice for those in this world, we must stop identifying our mission with that of America's."

We heard on the news recently that nine families were killed in one building from one of our bombs. This isn't rare—people are dying every day. The news calls it collateral damage, but as the church, can we see a lost life simply as collateral damage? Not if we believe in the God that loves each of us the same and died for us *all*. Did we see the lives lost on September 11,

2001 as simply "collateral damage"? As the church, we must stop weighing the life of an American as worth more than the life of an Iraqi. As a church dedicated to seeking a deeper sense of peace and justice for those in this world, we must stop identifying our mission with that of America's. Simply put, *the church must start being the church*.

In the last issue of the *GlimmerGlass* there was an article that spoke about Olivet students doing their part in the war effort. As we read it, we couldn't help but feel that the author was making the general assumption that all of the Olivet population supported the war. The fact is that we do not, and neither do many of our friends. And we question the blind support of many people on this campus because of the confusion between the flag and the Cross. With the Cross leading the Church, and not the flag, we must finally begin fulfilling our mission—to actively love *unconditionally everyone* as Jesus commanded us again and again. In other words, as Hauerwas says, "The Church doesn't have to offer an alternative to war, the church is the alternative to war."

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The racial status of Olivet: Improving or discouraging?

By Olivia Leigh Hodges
Features writer

Since the day the young African-American child Ruby Bridges made her defiant march through a thick field of protestors toward the opportunity for an equal education, race has been a hot-button issue throughout the school system. In fact, although decades have passed since the civil rights era, marked by passionate speeches and cries for justice from renowned leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr., the issue of race is still currently one of the most hotly contested.

Recently, the greatest amount of controversy came from the University of Michigan. In the admissions process, the university implements an affirmative action policy. Under the policy, belonging to a minority group enhances a candidate's application status. According to "World News Digest" (16 Jan, 2003), "the undergraduate college, which used a 150 point scale to assess applicants' qualifications, awarded 20 extra points to black, Hispanic and American Indian students." In contrast, applicants with perfect standardized test scores received only 12 points, and all academic factors could only account for 110 points total. Although at first glance the points awarded to the minority students may appear to be fair and just, a questionable ethical tone emanates when the practice is placed in the proper context.

With the affirmative action guidelines in place, some white students claim they are at a significant disadvantage in the applications process. Therefore, some, like law student Barbara Grutter, have elected to file suit. The litigants in the cases contend that with the current policy, a black student may be given precedence over a white student, even if they score lower on aptitude tests.

Throughout the educational system's history, Americans have been taking different schools and groups to court over policies aimed at achieving a higher racial balance in an attempt to deem what is legal and constitutional. For example, in a 1978 ruling, the Supreme Court as-

serted schools could not require and lay out a specific number of students of a certain race to be admitted. However, they did allow race to be used as a factor schools could consider in their admissions decisions.

The University of Michigan said they considered the race factor in order to help obtain a "critical mass" of minorities, which they feel is necessary in order to have a number students "sufficient to enable under-represented minority students to contribute to classroom dialogue without feeling isolated." They also feel a racially and ethnically diverse student body creates more educational benefits and a "compelling governmental interest."

The President has urged the Supreme Court to reject court rulings upholding the University of Michigan's policies and deem them unconstitutional. Last week, the Supreme Court began hearings concerning the issue, and a final decision is expected by the summer.

The Racial State of Olivet

Olivet Nazarene University is open and accepting of any students regardless of their racial background; however, they do not have a policy guaranteeing or allowing priority to be placed on a student due to their ethnic background. According to the University Catalog, "Olivet Nazarene University policy prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin or ethnic origin, marital status, or disability in the recruitment and admission of students." (p.36)

When examining the actual data, Olivet still lags behind compared to national averages. According to a study done by the American Council on Education in 1999, African-Americans account for 11 percent of all college students, with Hispanics representing 9 percent. According to Dr. Jim Knight of the Registrar's Office, the Olivet student body is comprised of 5.9 percent of black students, 1.8 percent Hispanics, and an overwhelming 89.7 percent of white students (the remaining 2.6 percent is made up of Asians, Native Americans, Non-Resident Aliens or Unknown).

Not surprisingly, some students say they feel "singled out," or at the very least, that they comprise a very small segment of the student body.

When asked if he ever felt singled out, senior Toussaint Whetstone said, "Yes, this is not unusual when you are considered to be the 'minority'."

Annika Bellinger also expressed the same sentiment, but in the same turn, said she felt more welcomed by the Olivet community than in other settings, like her high school, where black students comprised almost fifty percent of the student body. At Olivet, she claimed she does not feel "the line dividing the students down the middle," like she did in high school.

Both Whetstone and Bellinger said the best way to fight against any stereotypes is by letting their true colors and personality shine through—not allowing other's perceptions to influence their behavior.

For example, Bellinger said the level of exclusion is completely dependent on your level of paranoia: "If you think you're going to be singled out, then you will be."

Whetstone echoed her remark by saying, "The only way to combat [perceptions of being a 'minority'] is to show yourself for what you really are and not what others falsely perceive you to be."

Although both students strongly feel ethnic representation should strongly increase, they are both against a implementing a policy similar to the one at the University of Michigan—Whetstone because "it breeds disunity," and Bellinger because she feels she could be admitted for the wrong reasons.

"Although I think the program certainly has good intentions," she said, "If I were in that position, I would feel like they were giving me points to help me out when I could have easily done it on my own. I mean, if I'm going to get into college, it should be based solely on my academic merit."

Based on Olivet's admissions policy and the feelings of students, an affirmative action admissions program will not be starting anytime soon. However, based on the statistics, Olivet

should make strides to recruit students of various ethnic backgrounds, and implement programs to build a sense of unity and community that encourages diversity. According to Bellinger, one of the biggest problems at Olivet in the racial community is getting the students to stay.

"Some students may feel there's not enough black students here, and so they leave. But that's just a vicious cycle, because when they leave, then it just makes the situation worse for incoming black students," she said.

According to Brian Parker in the Office of Admissions, Olivet is making significant steps to make sure students from all backgrounds will become part of the Olivet alumni.

"We are making strides to attract and recruit students of diverse ethnicities, especially in the large urban areas on the Olivet Region; and we look forward to enrolling a diverse group of new students this year," he said. "Students from around the world are expressing interest in an Olivet education in large numbers."

Hopefully, with the new wave of expected ethnic students, Olivet will prove to be a welcoming climate and accepting community and initiate further efforts and steps to improve diversity on campus.

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If you have a story to tell, you only have one more chance to tell the world (or at least Olivet's bubble world) this year. Deadline is quickly approaching, so be sure to contact Erin Laning at elaning@olivet.edu if you want to take the chance.

I want to be cute

By Tracy Edwards
Features writer

I want to be cute because that's the first thing people see. It's not what I want to be known for. I want to be cute because I want people to want to get to know me. I want people to get to know me so that they can say, "There's a lot more to her than cute." I want them to know my thoughts, my beliefs, my feelings. When I stop being cute, maybe they will still want to know me. I'm not going to be cute forever. Hey, I may not be cute tomorrow. Today is kind of a cute day, but yesterday, I just didn't have the time. Does that mean no one noticed me yesterday? Did people see my undone hair and baggy eyes and think, "Wow, I certainly would not like to get to know her"? Or did they simply not see me at all? Did they move on to the next girl who *had* curled her hair and CoverGirled her face and decide they wanted to get to know her?

I would like to say that people who are superficial enough to make decisions on wanting to get to know other people based solely on their looks are not people worth getting to know. But then who would want to get to know me? Because I *am* one of

those people who is superficial enough. Although it may be subconscious, I admit that I do make decisions on wanting to get to know other people based solely on their looks. And when I don't, I pride myself on my good deed. What is that? Is it such a good deed that the ever-transcendent I should stoop down low enough to want to get to know someone who is not that cute? I suppose I should be rewarded. I mean, that type of selfless generosity is not something that is seen every day.

But what is seen every day is a person's looks. Every day, we see hundreds of people and every day, we see what they look like. For those of us who have eyes, we have little choice but to see. So is it our fault that we judge? Is it our fault that the majority of our friendships start with, "Hey, cute shirt," or "I have those same shoes"? We want to relate to people, and looks are the first thing we see. So we use them. We use necklaces, earrings, makeup, exercise, hair products, nail polish, tanning, skirts, maybe even socks to get people to notice us. But what does any of that stuff mean? *I have a lot of money. I read Glamour magazine. I'm tiny enough to fit into this. I'm daring enough to pierce this.* What is that?

What if instead we each

got to wear one word? One word that would represent us. One word written in a Sharpie marker of our personal color choice onto a moderately large rectangular shaped white poster board attached to a thin yellow string around our necks. That way, we could express who we truly are—or what we want other people to see us as—and see who other people truly are or how they would like themselves to be seen. You wouldn't have to be the same word every day. You could change it every hour. Maybe your obstinate self would want to be the same word for ten years, and you would finally change it to make a statement about your sudden evolution. (And when I say evolution, I don't mean in the sense that Darwin did with his idea of random mutations and natural selection.) I mean the evolution of ideas, the changing of your personality, the growth of your mind based on experiences and learning and observation. We are human beings. We change. And with this new system, other people could see—but only if we wanted them to, of course. It would give us more to talk about, more reasons to get to know more people. More reasons to ask questions, more reasons to learn, more reasons to listen. We would be less restricted, less apprehensive, less

hesitant to start a conversation.

For example, what happens when you're sitting next to someone in the doctor's office with nothing to read? What if he was wearing "terrified"? Or let's say you're standing next to someone in an elevator waiting to get to the fourteenth floor? What if he was wearing "miserable"? Brushing your teeth next to someone in the community bathroom of your dorm floor? What if she was wearing "anxious"? Would any of these words give you a reason to talk to or at least feel for any one of these people in any of these situations? Maybe you wouldn't have to. Maybe you could just wear "happy" or "content" or "hopeful" and they would come to you. Would you have a good enough reason to explain your word? Would you have enough selflessness and attentiveness to listen to their story and then enough honesty and concern to provide them yours in response?

Life is about people and who we really are, not just what we look like. So we shouldn't judge other people by their looks; we do, and it's okay because it's not our fault. We're just trapped in a faulty system. But it's no big deal. I'm thinking the worst that could happen is that your best friend might have the same shoes as you.

Truth, justice and the American mouth

By Dan Aumiller
Features writer

Have you ever been trapped in a social scenario with some overzealous motormouth who can't seem to keep his mouth shut? The kind of person who has an opinion on everything from the war with Iraq to whether Monte Cristo sandwiches taste better with or without hot sauce and feels the need to broadcast these realizations to everyone within the sound of his voice? While this rude jerk behind you may not seem like the kind of guy you want representing your faith and country, the bold expression of opinions is an important factor to being both a Christian and an American.

Confused yet? Hold on to your hat while I explain. I'm not advocating a complete lack of tact in your daily communications, but

rather a much-needed injection of courage in our convictions. Our nation was founded not only on the principle that all men are created equal but also on the democratic principle that each citizen has a voice in the government. Unfortunately, the emphasis in American society has shifted to focus more on unconditional tolerance than on standing up for what you believe in, and that is a shame. Imagine where our nation would be now if our founding fathers had decided to be tolerant of taxation without representation. Imagine where we'd be if Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr. had decided to be tolerant of racism.

Like it or not, we are a nation of loud-mouthed freedom fighters, and people should never

be afraid to speak their minds no matter what their opinion is. Contrary to popular belief, this outcry of different beliefs would not limit freedom but enhance the quality of our democracy. If you're against the war, speak up! If you're for the war speak up! Whether you're a Jew, Gentile, Christian or Muslim, your voice is a vital part of our nation's success, and you should never compromise your beliefs.

So kudos to the overzealous kid ranting and raving in the Sodexo line, obnoxious though he may be. America is a country with a foundation of beliefs and convictions, and this motormouth is doing his best to add his verbal concrete to the mix. What's your contribution?

What's your favorite part about spring?

Seeing the tulips-Erin Laning

Being able to go outside to play football-Larry Allen

It's the end of winter-Rodger Doss

Going to Perry Farms and puddle jumping-Jennifer Francis

Not having to wear my coat-Erin Rumbley

Seeing all of the Olivet couples enjoying the warmer weather by making out-Average ONU student

Fresh faces...Donna Hollandsworth

By Stephanie McNelly
Features writer

In her tiny, four-room apartment, Donna Hollandsworth is curled up in the corner of one of her beloved oversized brown couches. She has just finished watching *Where Are They Now*, a follow up to the bachelor programs, with a bunch of her girls. Dressed in her comfy clothes of a t-shirt and sweat pants, she excitedly looks forward to being interviewed "by a real journalist." Behind her, the television quietly murmurs up-to-date information on the newly-declared war. The laughter and excitement of two current RA's preparing for new RA initiation trickles in from the dining room.

On any given night, a number of activities can be occurring in her apartment. Her door is constantly open to the 200 plus residents of Williams Hall. She invites them to come in to talk. To vent. To laugh. To cry. To watch TV. To play games. In fact, there are a number of residents who now refuse to play the *Friends* game with her because her knowledge of her absolute favorite show is sickening. The whole dorm could be a team against her alone, and she would still whip their butts.

Whatever her girls need her to do or be, she does. She prays with them and for them. Checks on them when they are sick. Walks the halls and sits in their rooms just because she wants to hang out and get to know them. She asks them the tough questions, holding them accountable.

Her love and compassion extends beyond the walls of Williams. Frequently found in her apartment are upperclassman who have returned to the freshman dorm because they have found a compassionate, loving, Christ-like woman who truly cares about them and what they are going through.

Her deepest passion right now is to love and care for the girls God has planted in her life, but Donna had other plans while she was growing up. At first she wanted to be the president of the United States. She then moved on to being a lawyer.

"Anyway you look at it, I was going to be crooked," she said laughing.

Her parents, Gilbert and Pansy, did everything they could to make sure Donna and her three siblings, Alan, Cheryl and

Carla, did not turn out crooked. Raising four kids on a pastor's salary in small, rural Montgomery City, Mo. was not easy. The family never had much money to spare, so dinners at McDonald's were a treat.



Donna Hollandsworth, RD for Williams Hall, has a contagious excitement for life. (Submitted photo)

Along with being the first woman president, Donna wanted to be a preacher's wife just like her hero: her mother. "She handled situations perfectly," Donna said. "She knew when to speak and when not to speak. She was the most patient person. I admired everything about her."

Her mother's death when Donna was 24 was one of the major defining points of her life. During that difficult time, she came to rely more on God. "It took me to a whole 'nother level. I realized that God has a plan in everything."

Her college years at Mid-America were another defining moment in her life. She was able to get away from her parents' Christianity and decide for herself if her faith was going to be her own. In addition, she became more comfortable, confident and outgoing while in college.

She fondly recalls her days at MANC, especially the fun times she had just hanging out with friends on the dorm floor.

"My freshman year, my roommate had a strobe light. We put contact paper on the walls and painted it black and red. We would then close the doors, turn the strobe on and dance," she recalled.

It was during her sophomore year that Donna met one of her closest friends: associate dean of students Wendi Santee. Because of a mutual interest in basketball, Donna asked Wendi, who had been hired as a new RD, to coach her intramural team. A

friendship formed, and over the years it has just grown stronger. In fact, Donna is now godmother to Wendi's son, Parker.

When Wendi and her husband Bob were thinking of whom they would want to raise their son if something should happen to both of them, the person they were most comfortable with was Donna, despite the fact she is single.

"She has all the qualities that we were looking for. ... I knew that she would raise my son the way that I would want him to be raised," Wendi said.

After graduating in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration, Donna worked at Woodland Studio Shutters, a manufacturing facility for window treatments. There she was the Director of Operations in charge of staff of 35. She learned how to deal with conflict, how to discipline effectively and how to deal with different types of people. Her job there prepared her for the things she would have to deal with as an RD.

In the spring of 2002, God led Donna down a new path—one that led to Olivet and Williams. This path required she pack up and move away from the place she had called home for the past nine years. It also required that she move away from her best friend and little sister, Carla.

Carla is eighteen months younger than Donna and the two were extremely close growing up.

That bond has only deepened as they've aged. "We can read each other's mind," Donna said. "We finish each other's sentences." In Olathe, Kan., Donna shared an apartment with her "other arm," and the two could frequently be found lounging around watching re-runs of *Friends*.

Donna is such a big fan of *Friends* that her own friends know that if they were to plan the ultimate surprise for her it would have to have something to do with *Friends* and more importantly Matthew Perry, whom Donna has a huge crush on.

Dropping the box is just a symbol of the excitement and passion and enthusiasm Donna has for life and this job. In fact, her enthusiasm can at times be overwhelming.

Junior Sarah Ross, another current RA in Williams, recalls the first time she met Donna.

"I was actually overwhelmed by her enthusiasm. I'm still overwhelmed by her enthusiasm ... but now I see it as her passion for people."

Her passion for her girls has not waned. In fact, she has embraced her new role as dorm mom. The best part she says is "just getting to know awesome young ladies...loving them and showing them they are special."

If Donna has her way, young ladies for years to come will know they are special because she plans to stick around for some time.

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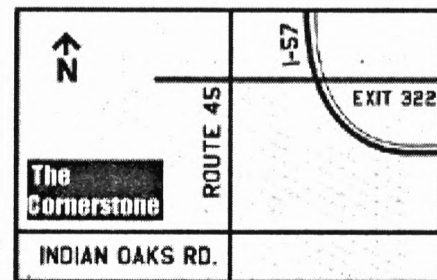
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Valentina Bohner, Noelle Sefton, Holly Stultz, Phil Smith and Montague Williams leading a worship service at a food drive during the San Francisco M.I.A. trip. (Submitted photo)

"There really wasn't just one thing or event in the San Francisco trip that I liked the best, because all of it sticks out in my mind! It was just the opportunity to interact with people every day who were so grateful just to be looked at in the eyes, smiled at, and listened to that really made this trip have the impact that it did on my life."

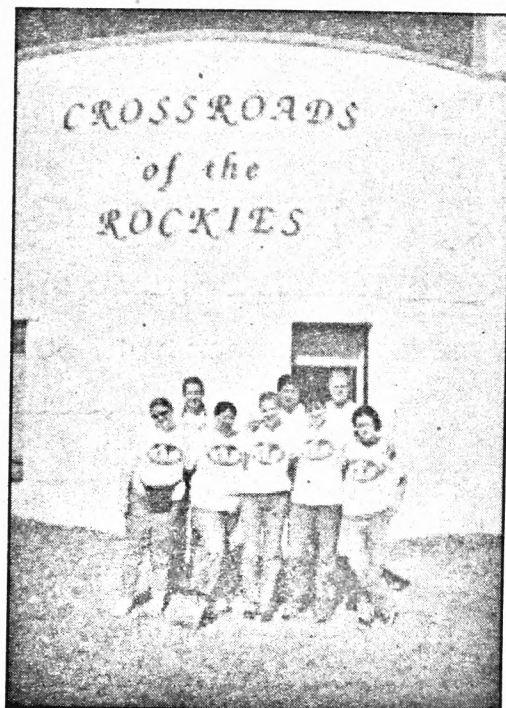
-- Noelle Sefton, Junior



Scot Kraemer and Erik Milton with local women in Guyana. (Submitted photo)



San Francisco M.I.A. team, Dave Anderson, Matt Trembly, Coach Jay Bohner, Kelli McNamara, Montague Williams, Carli Nelson, Holly Stultz, Noelle Sefton, Phil Smith and Maher Sandouka standing on the Golden Gate Bridge. (Submitted photo)



Denver M.I.A. team, Kim Milner, Mallori Lesh, Angie Miramontez, Emily Jones, Oz Lopez, Lindsey Bellmer, Brian Hyma, and Mary Cary standing in front of Crossroads of the Rockies. (Submitted photo)



Aimee Rutnicki, Kristina Cloud, Megan O'Connell and Katie Flippo after a hard day's work on the Guyana M.I.A. trip. (Submitted photo)

"I think the best part of the week was the relationships that were formed between our team members and with other people we met in Denver. Being stretched and growing closer to God and then returning as a different person was also a high point of the week for me."

-- Emily Jones, Junior



Emily Jones and Lindsey Bellmer teaching children in an after school program on the Denver M.I.A. trip. (Submitted photo)

Dreaming of Mexico

By Laura Meyer
Spiritual Life writer

"Do you know where Mexico is?" My 12-year-old host brother looked up at me with profoundly hopeful eyes. He explained that his dream for the future was to live in Mexico, have a good job and raise a family there. He directed me to the old, sun-faded map hung on the back wall of the house.

He said, "I have looked and looked, but I can't find it anywhere. The United States either," his eyebrows showing his frustration. As my eyes fell on the map, my heart sank. The map was only of Nicaragua, barely showing thin strips of neighboring countries Honduras and Costa Rica. My thoughts quickly left the momentary challenge of explaining the situation to my brother, and I began to search for answers to the very disturbing questions on my mind. How is it

that in the twenty-first century, in the age of information, a boy can live for 12 years and never develop an understanding of the world outside his home country; without ever realizing that perhaps there is more world out there, beyond the borders of Nicaragua?

I have been aware of poverty for a long time. I knew that people were hungry, people were struggling to feed their children, people were even dying, unable to satisfy their most basic, physical needs. I knew that this was going on...somewhere. But quite frankly, I was never very concerned about it. There have always been needy people in the world. The problems will never go away. And what could I actually do about it anyway?

A month ago, I spent a week living with a Nicaraguan family, experiencing just a taste

of the day-to-day life of people in one of the 20 poorest nations in the world. I saw kids in the street, unable to pay the few dollars of tuition to go to school. I met men and women in their 40's and 50's who had never been outside the town of their birth. I lived with a woman in her 60's who had never learned to read a sentence...or a clock. I made friends with people who had nothing to do all day, not because they were on vacation, but because school was too expensive, and jobs simply weren't available. I met people that lived one day at a time, one meal at a time, simply *living*.

I still am aware of poverty. I have met the hungry people struggling to feed their hungry children, people even dying, unable to meet their most basic, physical needs. I made friends in a town where this is going

on...Juigalpa. These people have lived there all their lives. The problems aren't going away. So why don't I forget about it like I always have, telling myself there is nothing I can do about it? Besides, I still don't know what I can do about it. But now, pushing this problem aside is difficult for me. These people are my friends. When I hear about poverty, hunger, malnourishment, there are faces in my mind. Faces in my photo album. Faces of people I know, people I have shared with—people who are my friends.

How is it that in the twenty-first century, in the age of information, a girl can live for 20 years and never develop an understanding of the world outside her home country; without ever realizing that perhaps there are real people out there, beyond the borders of the United States?

Spiritual Renewal Week approaching

By Denise Knee
Spiritual Life editor

This year's Spiritual Renewal Week is fast approaching. Included in this will be service projects, prayer breakfasts, prayer and fasting, evening services with a guest speaker and a worship band, afterglows and prayer walks through campus.

Signs posted all over campus tell of this upcoming event. These signs all say "makom" which is a Hebrew word from Job

36:16 where it refers to a "spacious place free from restriction." Makom was a word used for God in the Old Testament referring to the fact that God is everywhere and is completely free from restrictions.

The service projects that go along with Spiritual Renewal Week will take place Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13. On

Saturday, students will help with a canned food drive and on Sunday at a local soup kitchen.

The other events for the week will take place Mon., April 14 through Wed., April 16. Men's Residential Life is sponsoring a prayer breakfast on Monday and Women's Residential Life is sponsoring Tuesday's prayer breakfast. There will also be opportunities for students to participate in prayer and

fasting times in Kelly prayer chapel. On Tuesday and Wednesday, this time will also include worship music.

Each evening there will be a nightly worship service at 7 p.m. in Chalfant which students are encouraged to participate in. Lori Salierno will be the guest speaker and Pool Boys will lead worship. Salierno and the Pool Boys are

also the speaker and worship leaders for chapel on Wednesday.

Salierno, a nationally recognized public speaker, is an author and the Founder and CEO

of Celebrate Life International, Inc. Salierno will be speaking on prayer and relationship with the Lord among other topics.



Spiritual Renewal Week special speaker Lori Salierno. (Submitted photo)

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"Ready to Fly" Tour to visit Olivet



FFH last appeared before an Olivet crowd during the Spring of 2002 in Chalfant Hall. (Submitted photo)

By Jennifer Francis
Arts and Entertainment writer

Dove-Award-winning artists FFH will perform at Olivet Nazarene University on Tuesday, April 29, at 7 p.m. in Chalfant Hall.

The concert is part of their Ready To Fly Tour with artist's Paul Colman Trio and Go Fish as opening acts. The Ready to Fly album will be released on April 15.

FFH is an adult contemporary band that originated in 1991. Since then they have recorded ten albums and performed at 2,000 concerts. Their music has been used during

a national Coca-Cola campaign, aired several No. 1 singles, received several Dove Award nominations and even was taken to space during the Space Shuttle Endeavor Mission.

Tickets for this concert are \$12 in advance, \$10 group, \$15 door or \$17 Gold Circle. Tickets can be purchased at the Shine 89.7/WONU office or at local family bookstores. To purchase by phone, call 1-800-965-9324.

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Wisner Auditorium

Wistful comedy "The Curious Savage" plays well to Olivet community

By Thomas Smith
Arts and entertainment editor

A casting mix of veteran Olivet comedians and Kresge novices made for a unique and charming production of this year's Spring Play, "The Curious Savage," presented April 3-5. Focusing around the antics of Mrs. Ethel Savage (Courtney Brown), the play examines the possibilities of revenge and restitution when the three conniving stepchildren of an eccentric and tremendously wealthy benefactor send their mother to a mental institution in order to gain control of her estate.

Mrs. Savage, while extraordinarily unconventional, has always dreamed of helping people achieve their odd dreams and goals with the wealth left by her late husband. While married, she never acted on her wild urges for fear that they would shock and confuse her highly conservative husband. However, after his death, Mrs. Savage took the liberty to dye her hair blue, wear feather boas, and indulge in the

ridiculous that she had always missed. When she began to set up funds to start giving money away for others to live out their impractical dreams, however, the three greedy stepchildren, Titus

(David McNeely), Samuel (Dan Aumiller) and Lily Belle (Gretchen Schmidt) committed her to a sanitarium, "The Cloisters", to stop her.

Upon arriving to "The Cloisters",

Ethel meets four quirky, yet endearing, mental patients. Among them are Hannibal (Stephen Foxworthy), a violinist

of great passion but no real talent; Jeffery (Rodney Kilgore), whose deep facial scars are only of his imagination, but have cut through to his soul; Florence (Amy Brooks), who still imagines her



Mrs. Savage (Courtney Brown) excitedly reads the news of her stepchildren's fates to Dr. Emmett (Jarrett Chaney). (GlimmerGlass photo by Phil Smith)

dead son John Thomas as being among the living in the form of a baby doll; Fairy Mae (Nicole Classen), a noticeably plain, but highly imaginative and romantic girl; and Mrs. Paddy (Erin

Mages) who paints rudimentary seascapes, but has nothing to say beyond lists of things she most hates. Over time, these characters become dearer to Mrs. Savage than those outside roaming freely in the world.

Ethel brings out the best in these neglected characters, and eventually, the institution psychiatrist, Dr. Emmett (Jarrett Chaney) and his assistant Miss Wilhelmina (Kate Zarko) realize that Mrs. Savage is not as scatterbrained as her children have claimed she is. In her children's schemes to find her fortune, Mrs. Savage sends them on a rat race, ending in their

humiliation and public dishonor. The play culminates as the bonds are found in an upper room, reduced to a pile of smoking ashes. The frustrated and defeated stepchildren leave their mother to decide whether to stay in the sanitarium, or return to the outside world once more. Alone with Dr. Emmett, Mrs. Savage is convinced to return to her dreams and leave her newfound friends where they belong. Miss Wilhelmina gives Mrs. Savage the real bonds, informing her that the others were decoys to get rid of Titus, Samuel and Lily Belle. As Mrs. Savage heads out the door, she sees her friends one last time in their perfect forms; Hannibal plays a beautiful solo on his violin, while Jeff confidently accompanies on piano, no longer ashamed of his non-existent scars; Fairy Mae, dressed exquisitely, listens intently with Florence, who holds her real-life son John Thomas; and Mrs. Paddy paints a gorgeous, rolling seascape in the background.

The rich scenery, excellent acting, humorous lines, and zany costumes all made "The Curious Savage" an excellent comedy, but the true impact of the work was its poignant sentiment that all people are of great worth and have the capacity to bring light to the lives of others, despite their imperfections. A stunning production in every aspect, "The Curious Savage" has raised the level of excellence in Olivet drama.

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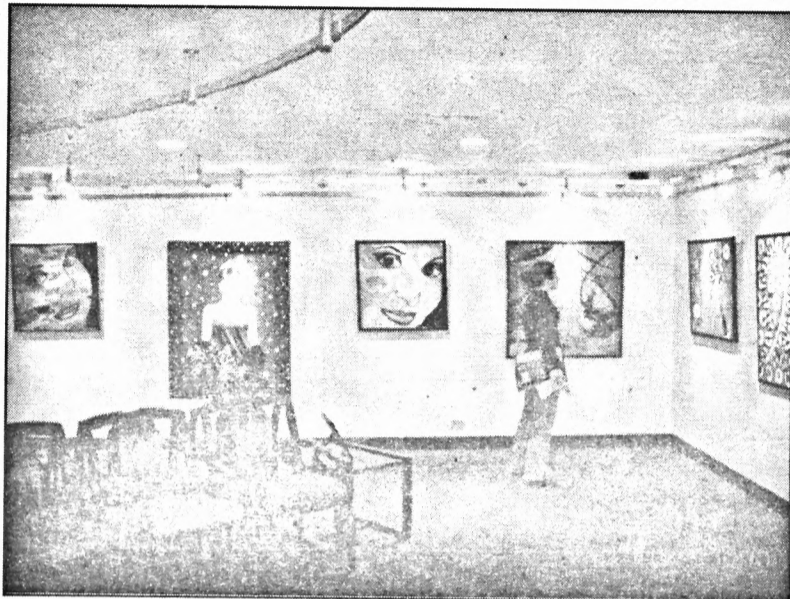
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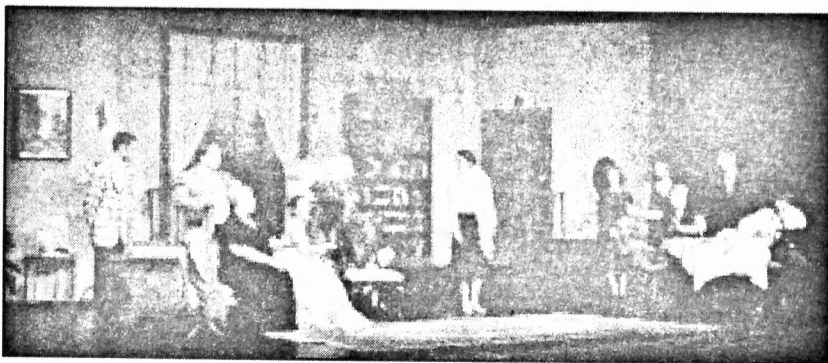
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Meghan Casey, sophomore, takes a moment out of her day to admire the work of Tamara Jarvis in the Brandenburg Art Gallery. (GlimmerGlass photo by Thomas Smith)



Tamara Jarvis' reception will be held on Friday, April 11 from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. (GlimmerGlass photo by Thomas Smith)



The cast freezes in horror as Erin Mages runs to the corner of the stage to turn the lights out and plunge the set into darkness. (GlimmerGlass photo by Phil Smith)

: Mr. ONU 2003, Scott Hughes

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Scott Hughes waves to the audience during his introduction at "Bachelors of ONU," the theme of the 2003 Mr. ONU competition. (GlimmerGlass photo by Erin Ouwenga)

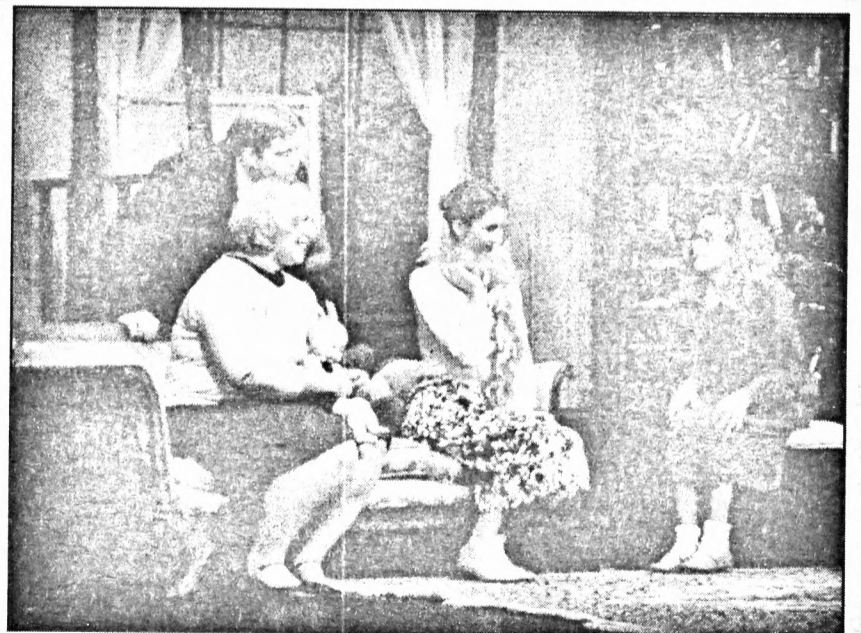


Scott battles Mr. ONU 2002, Corey T. Wilson, for the coveted crown and title. (Submitted photo)

(For more on the Mr. ONU competition, see page 1.)

: Spring Play, "The Curious Savage"

APRIL 3-5, 2003



Stephen Foxworthy, Amy Brooks and Courtney Brown listen intently as Nicole Classen shares a story. (GlimmerGlass photo by Phil Smith)

"It is only right to fill a play about a mental institution with actors who are a little crazy themselves—maybe that is why we all became such good friends!" - Laura Herbert, senior, on directing "The Curious Savage"

(Curious about "The Curious Savage"? Look to page 10 for more on this story.)

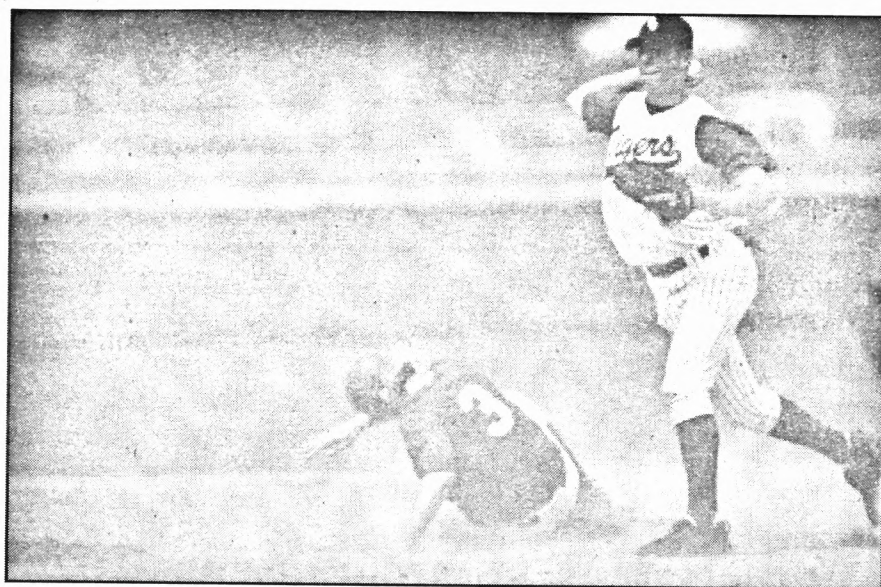
Baseball team continues winning streak

By Andy Maynard
Sports Editor

Through an extremely strong starting record of 24-2, the Baseball team has showed some extreme poise and skill. Their year started out with a phenomenally successful spring break trip to Florida. Though their only two losses of the year came from that trip, the Tigers had consistent starts from their pitching staff, allowing one run in five games and with a shutout in sophomore John Palinski's first start of the season. Olivet also showed strength on the other side of the ball scoring into double digits in seven games.

Since returning from their spring break excursion, the team has been undefeated despite the few rained out games. They've extended their winning streak to 19 games. As a result of the outstanding play the Tiger's have shown, they have been ranked ninth in the nation. Their record has also shot them to the number one spot among Region VII teams.

Of the other teams in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference, the only other team that remains undefeated is the University of St. Francis. Over the next few weeks of baseball,



Ben Zobrist, junior, tags the base and goes for the double play. (GlimmerGlass photo by Johnathan Tran)

the Tigers will play St. Frances two more times. Another threat to the Tiger's dominance is St. Xavier. As of the April 2 ranking, St. Xavier had just missed the top 25, but their recent win streak will surely advance their spot in the rankings. St. Xavier is also ranked right below Olivet in the Region.

The rest of the Tiger's season will be a tough battle, but with an experienced group of players, the NAIA World Series is in their

sight. With their very successful trip into the playoffs last year, the team members are confident they can return. When asked about the team's confidence on this matter, Coach Johnson said, "we don't just believe that we can go to the World Series, we know that we can go."

The baseball team still has at least four weeks of games left, so when the weather turns in their favor, the team will be ready for action.

Despite weather, Softball team battles into national rankings

By Andy Maynard
Sports Editor

After an extremely momentous trip to Florida for the Softball team, bad weather was waiting for them here in the north.

"We've played seven games in the last three weeks. Not a good way to keep a team sharp," Coach Richardson said.

While in Florida, the team had a record of 15-4 and managed to win one of the tournaments. The University of West Florida Spring Fling Tournament was a gathering of several nationally ranked teams that provided tough competition for the Tigers.

The Tigers lost a game in the middle of the tournament to Spring Hill University. But they fought their way back up to the final game, where Liz Bierre, junior, pitched a shutout to win the tournament.

The Tigers have been extremely strong on the defensive side of the ball. Liz Bierre, the team's number one pitcher, has accumulated an outstanding record of 12-3, and Emily Johnson, freshman, has also performed well. Though pitching has not dominated the games, the infield and outfield play has kept the

other teams from even getting into scoring position. Notably, Alison Konsoer, freshman, provides great support for the rest of the teams as catcher.

The softball team is looking forward to the playoff. "I'm always disappointed when we don't get to the playoffs," Coach Richardson said. Because of their ranking right now and their numerous appearances in the past, the team has gotten used to going deep into the playoffs.

As of April 8, the Tigers were ranked twelfth in the nation. St. Xavier, the team's conference rival and primary competitor, moved up to being ranked tenth in the nation after winning seven games in a tournament in St. Louis, Mo. St. Xavier has also

The Skinny

Basketball (Men)

NAIA National Tournament

Faulkner	W 63-58
John Brown	W 83-78
McKendree	L 64-63

Baseball (24-2, 6-0)

Goshen College	W 9-3
	W 10-0
Calumet - St. Joe	W 6-3
	W 15-4
Calumet-St. Joe	W 19-4
	W 10-3
St. Xavier	W 11-8
Trinity Int.	W 8-0
Eureka Col.	Cancel
Trinity Christian	Rain out
	Rain out

Softball (24-6)

Missouri Baptist	W 10-3
U. of St. Francis Invitational	both games cancelled

Track (Men)

Wheaton Invitational	12th - 37 points
Eastern Illinois Classic	

Track (Women)

Wheaton Invitational	12th - 31 points
Eastern Illinois Classic	

Tennis (Men) (13-5)

St. Joseph Col.	W 7-2
Eureka Col.	W 9-0
Huntington Col.	Cancel
U. of Ill.-Springfield	Cancel
North Park U.	W 9-0
Lewis U.	W 9-0

Greenville Tournament
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Tennis (Women)

Wheaton College Invite	
Wheaton Col.	L 7-2
Calvin	W 5-4

All scores are courtesy of Olivet's athletics web site located at www.olivet.edu/athletics.

played three times as many conference games as Olivet has.

In the final three weeks of the season, the Tigers will play at least fourteen conference games. This is a crucial point in the season and the Softball team is prepared for the challenge.

Gotcha! sweeps Olivet in a frenzy of paranoia, stalkings

By Adam Netzel
Sports writer

The Quad, 5:30. Target emerges from Ludwig. The assassin slowly tightens his grip on the trigger, and as soon as the target is within firing range, a stream of...water...hits the target? Is this some twisted, alter-

War is Hell.
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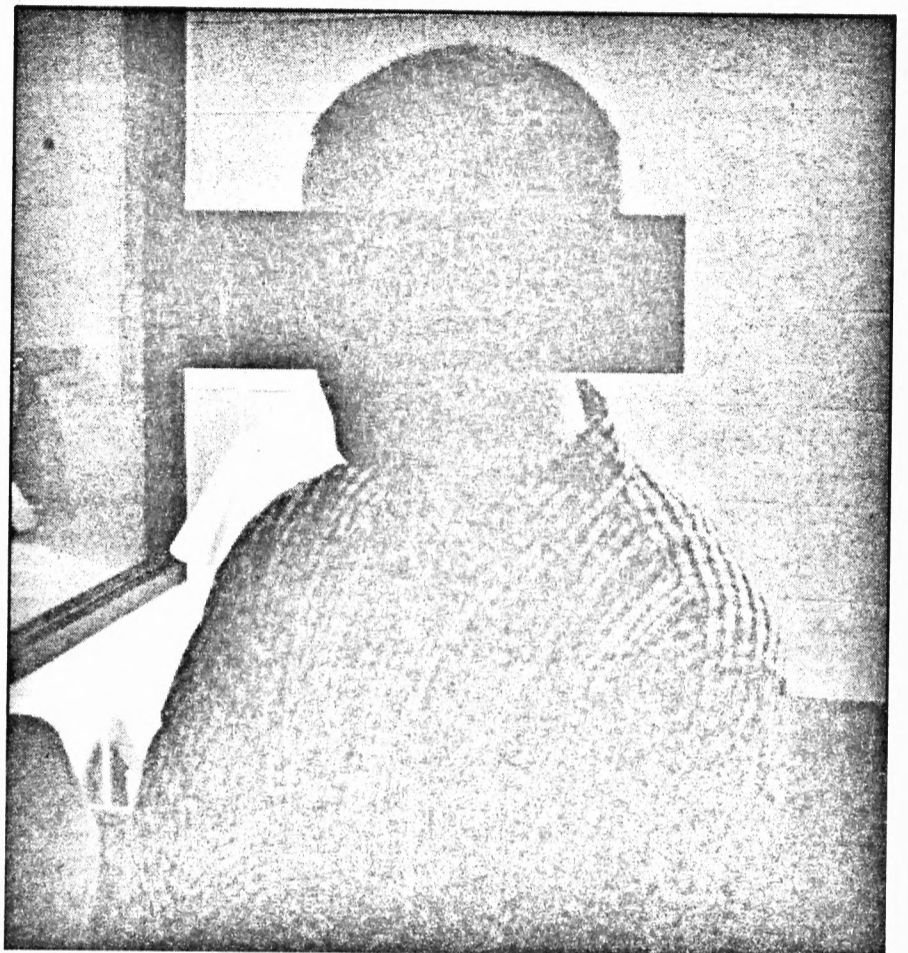
nate dimension's idea of war? No, it's Gotcha!, the annual campus event similar to games such as Assassin and Killer.

Participants are given a target's name, a sheet of rules, and with their own personal weapon of choice - a water gun - they set out to assassinate their prey. Once this is accomplished, the predator acquires the target of their victim and starts the hunt over. The game continues in this

way until nearly everyone has been eliminated and only a few hunters remain locked in their rooms for fear of being squirted, or when the game time ends at 5:00pm, Thursday, April 10th.

The best part of Gotcha! is that anyone can play. With just a dollar and a squirt gun, both students and staff get in on the action. Notably, Intramurals Director Bob Kring and Dean Woody Webb signed up to try their hand at hosing other involved members of the Olivet community. Luke Wadsworth, last year's champion, said, "Gotcha is a fun game for anybody, but it's really fun if you're paranoid." He later continued, "Gotcha brings out the stalker in everybody."

How it will end, nobody knows. The body count will be made known this Thursday when the game ends. Right now, it's anybody's game.

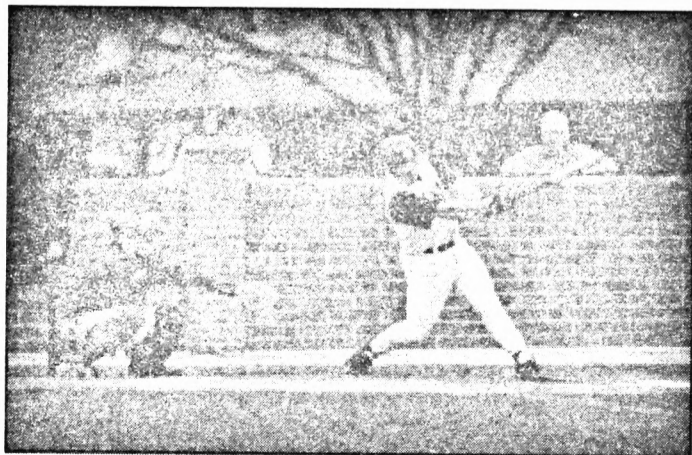


This Gotcha participant is serious about not letting his identity out. This game has cause students like him to cower in their rooms for the entire week. (GlimmerGlass photo by Andy Greetings)

Catcher/Outfielder Ben Colling recognized by conference, region

By Andy Maynard
Sports Editor

Off-Campus student Ben Colling was recently named not only player of the week for the conference, but also for Region VII. The week ending April 2, the junior criminal justice major played in four of the five games accumulating five RBI's and five runs scored. He also hit a home run in the March 24 game against the University of Purdue-North Central.



In addition to his outstanding offensive

Ben Colling has been named player of the week for the CCAC and the NAIA Region VII. (GlimmerGlass photo by Johnathan Tran)

play, he showed his versatility as by playing catcher for two games and right fielder for the other two games.


Because of outstanding play from Colling and other players, the Tigers were able to jump

in the national ranking from number twelve to number nine.

When asked about what makes Colling such a great player, Coach Johnson said, "Ben is being himself. He's doing

what he does best...he's a gap hitter and he's hitting a lot of balls to the gaps." Johnson also commented on Colling's speed and how effectively he uses that speed.

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