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Reflecting the life and people of Olivet Nazarene University since 1940

And then there was one: Queen Amy Stipp

TRICIA MILLER

News editor

Following a long pause and the long-awaited ripping of an envelope, only one name was read at Thursday night's coronation ceremony in Chalfant Hall. Amy Stipp, an elementary education major from Olathe, Kan., was crowned Olivet's 2003 Homecoming Queen.

Stipp was honored along with the rest of the senior class's top five choices, which included Erin Hara, Tara Beth Moore, Kara Scammahorn and Sarah Windholz. The girls' escorts were Nate Clark, Kris Dunlop, Wes Hall, Matt Heincker, Kevin Hughes and Brett Tescher.

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of Homecoming coronations at Olivet, Women's Residential Life themed the evening A Royal Legacy. WRL, led by President Sarah Windholz and faculty sponsor Donna Hollandsworth, was responsible for the festivities.

Senior Brittany Jackson, a WRL representative from University

Place, began the ceremony by welcoming the audience, a crowd that filled much of Chalfant Hall. Drs. Gary and Marla Streit served as emcees for the evening.

Dressed in black formal wear, seven past queens from as far back as 1954 and as recent as 2000 were introduced and walked down the aisle as the Sreits read about each former queen's Olivet memories and how those memories have affected life since graduation.

Next, each member of the court was escorted to the front of the stage. As each girl walked the aisle, a tape played with family members telling their memories of the girls when they were little and as they grew up.

Before the presentation of last year's queen, the mixed trio of Marcus Cleveland, Beth Demmin and Beth MacKay sang "He Leadeth Me."

Then Candace Hatchett, Olivet's 2002 Homecoming Queen, walked the aisle, telling of how life has been since graduation. Hatchett moved to Champaign, Ill., in July to begin working as an elementary



Senior Amy Stipp, an elementary education major from Olathe, Kan., receives the homecoming crown from her predecessor, 2003 graduate Candace Hatchett.

teacher.

Stipp was crowned and walked the aisle again as seniors Erica Hudson and Stacie Knefelkamp performed "He's Always Been Faithful."

Other musicians performing throughout the evening were harpist Becky Lyle and pianist Jen Gates.

Homecoming Court is selected by a vote of the senior class and then the student body that first narrows eligible girls to 10 and later to five.

Other candidates included in the top 10 were Kristina Cloud, Lynnee Mills, Kristin Roy, Kim Tochess and Megan Zendian.

The 2003 Homecoming Court glams it up for pictures after Thursday night's ceremony. Pictured to the left are Erin Hara, Tara Beth Moore, Queen Amy Stipp, Kara Scammahorn and Sarah Windholz.



Past queens who participated in the ceremony in Chalfant Hall were (from left to right): Ruth Wegforth (1954), Jo Anne Soulia (1978), Cynthia Jan Foiles (1956), Jill Wing (1991), Cherilyn Woodruff (1996), Allison Krock (2000) and Denise Smith (1974).



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State treasurer speaks at the Weber Center

TRICIA MILLER

News editor

"You will find any and all of these programs worthwhile," State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka told members of the community and select Olivet students Monday morning.

The head of the Illinois Republican Party visited Olivet to take part in Weber Leadership Center's Economic Opportunity Conference. Members of the community, as well as students chosen from the Business, Social Work

and Political Science majors, were chosen to attend the conference.

At the conference Topinka announced that her office is allocating \$20 million for business loans at a lower interest rate for businesses in Kankakee and Iroquois Counties.

The state's first three-term treasurer, Topinka spoke about the opportunities her office offers.

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GlimmerGlass photo by Erin Ouwenga

State Treasurer Judy Barr Topinka, Illinois' highest-ranking Republican, addressed community members and Olivet students in Weber Center last Monday morning.

Task force updating gen ed requirements

NOAH HANSEN

News writer

Olivet is in the process of looking at a possible change to the current General Education requirements. Jim Knight, Olivet's Registrar, along with the Academic Affairs Commission and a special faculty task force, have been hard at work looking to make some changes.

This is not news for Olivet.

The Academic Affairs Commission declared in the fall of 2001 that a review needed to be done on the requirements. A task force, chaired by Dr. LaVerne Jordan, was appointed shortly after the review was initiated. Following that, the special task force, comprising of Dr. Jordan, Dr. David Van Heemst, Dr. Randy Johnson, Dr. Rebecca Belcher, Dr. Jeff Bell, Craig Keen, and the Academic

Affairs Commission, proceeded to conduct a study on the overall effectiveness of the current general education requirements. The group also consists of three student representatives. If any changes are proposed, they must then be passed with the entire faculty's approval, and then it will become official.

However, such a proposal has not yet been stated. Over the past month, Academic Affairs, the special task force, and three student representatives have been involved in four lengthy five-hour meetings regarding the subject. The Registrar would not comment on what changes have been considered, but he does anticipate some changes.

Dr. Gary Streit, Vice President for Academic Affairs, is in the midst of the process. He states that the process's main goal is to ask, "Is this [current] general education program best serving our students and our graduates?" This has been the overall theme in everyone's mind as they are diligently working on completing the process. Streit himself wants the student body to know that he "feels very strongly about the general education program," and that "the process has been healthy and dynamic."

Erin Ouwenga, one of the student representatives on the Academic Affairs Commission, said that "the students on the commis-

sion have the same weight of vote as, say, Dr. Streit."

Streit concurs. "Our goal is to work with current students to assure that there will be no hardships made," he said.

The last time Olivet went through this overhaul process and review was during the years of 1988-1989. Since then, a few minor changes have been made, but not any major changes. Some critics have said that these reviews should be made more often, but it is something that needs to be done periodically. While the Registrar did not know when the process would be fully completed, he did say that it should be soon. In order for the changes to be ready for the 2004 catalog, the entire process must be complete by early December of this year.

Since any changes that may occur will not go into effect until the fall of 2004, this year's graduating class will not be affected by the changes. However, they will affect everyone else. Knight said that the Gen Ed requirements that need to be met must be completed at the time of graduation, not the requirements that were stated at the time of entrance into the school. "It depends on where you are in the sequence of gen ed requirements, so if you have met the old requirements, you will not be required to meet the new ones," Streit said.

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ONU education faculty and students reach out to Pembroke school district

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News writer

To fulfill Olivet's goal of providing education with a Christian purpose both for undergraduate and graduate students, the ONU Education department has started a new master's degree program this semester. In addition, the department will be consulting with the Pembroke school district teaching staff to develop the schools of the community during the 2003-04 school year.

The School Improvement Leadership (SIL) master's program will provide students who have two years of teaching experience, an opportunity to develop leadership skills and prepare them to serve as school administrators. Candidates for the program will complete a total of 33 credit-hours, which meets all current Illinois state requirements for General Administrative Type 75 endorsement and qualifies them to serve as school administrators.

The program is overseen by Dr. Bill Summers, director of graduate programs in education, and Dr. Karen Lea, chair of the Division of Education and director of teacher education. Through surveys and critical examination of current school administration demographics, the department heads realized that a need existed for a program that would prepare the next generation of principals and superintendents.

"Large numbers of administrators are retiring," Summers said, "and we have created SIL to help fill the void."

The first SIL program began on Sept. 11, with one night per week classes organized as a cohort, lock-step model. This means that a group of students can begin SIL at any time throughout the year once a class, with a maximum of 25 students, has registered for the program. This same group of students will then enroll consecutively in courses that lead to the completion of the SIL program within 21-22 months.

While the education department further develops the leadership abilities of experienced teachers, it also seek to serve others and influence the lives of those living near the university.

"Our department theme is professionals influencing lives,"

Lea said, and the department is seeking to demonstrate its commitment to that theme is welcoming the opportunity to meet the needs of nearby Pembroke school district.

"The ONU education faculty will be doing consultant work with the teaching staff at Pembroke as part of the professional development for the Pembroke School District staff this year," Dr. Darcel

Brady said.

Brady, an associate professor of education, is leading the concerted consulting efforts which will include Dr. Dale Oswalt's assistance in setting up the science lab and Dr. Marla Streit working with the school librarian.

Though ONU students are not involved in Olivet's Pembroke development effort at this time, the Student Education Association is

planning to begin one-on-one tutoring with eighth graders at the school. SEA is also considering the possibility of organizing a "shadowing" day that would allow the eighth graders to spend the day with an SEA member and observe what a college student's life is like.

"I think it would be fun," SEA member Alissa Porritt said. "I am excited about being able to help."

Fleetwood wins Olivet speech tournament



Katie Fleetwood's speech on messages in a bottle proved to be the best among about 150 speeches presented at the communication department's speech tournament on Oct. 27. Fleetwood, a freshman from Indianapolis, chose her topic after watching the movie "Message in a Bottle."

ELISABETH MAY

News writer

How much do you really know about messages in bottles, cadaver research, toilet paper, Costa Rica or the history of rock-n-roll? Probably not as much as the individuals in the Public Speaking COMM 101 class do now. On Oct. 27 from 3-10 p.m., each of them delivered their seven- to nine-minute informative speeches about topics relatively new to their listeners.

This was the nineteenth speech tournament held by the Department of Communication at Olivet. About 150 students were involved.

As a requirement for the class, students in COMM 101 had to participate in the tournament.

The speeches were judged on content, originality, delivery and effectiveness, the four parts of a good speech.

The speech tournament has four rounds. All of the participants give their speeches in the first two rounds. Then the field was narrowed down to 24 students and finally to the top six. The top six finishers were, respectively, Katie Fleetwood, Kevin Sandell, Joanna Mingus, Kari Roland, Casey Coffey and Lauren Kehl. The class with the highest score was the Professor Beth Patrick-Trippel's 10:30 Tuesday-Thursday class.

According to Patrick-Trippel, the purpose of the tournament is to give students an interesting way practice to become

a better speaker. Did it work? There are mixed feelings about it.

Freshman Kevin Sandell said, "The competition was long and it wasn't cool sitting for a lot of it, but it really was a huge confidence builder for me."

Sophomore Joanna Mingus felt a bit differently. "It was too stressful," she said. "But that is just me. It is a cool idea though."

The majority of students felt that it was neat to see the culmination of the work of their peers.

"I was very impressed with a lot of the speeches," said freshman Casey Coffey. "There were so many creative topics and ideas. I kept thinking to myself, 'Why couldn't I have thought of that?'"

Registration for classes to be online in 2004

DON CANTON

News writer

Long lines have always been some of the many complications that come up for students during registration process, until this year. The registrar's office has come up with some new ways to reduce the amount of lines that students will wait in.

This semester the registrar's office has worked with the computer services department to create the opportunity for students to register for classes online through the student Oasis. All students will be able to register in this way, unless there is a hold on their registration.

Before registration begins each student will receive the normal course schedule for the spring 2004 semester. Included in this packet are all the courses that will be offered, the times courses are offered, and the name of the professor teaching the course. A new addition to this information is called a synonym number, which can be used once students get to the registration page.

Just as with normal registration, students will need to plan out what courses they intend to take for the next semester and go to their faculty advisor to have the schedule approved. Once the advisor has approved a student's schedule he or she will go into Oasis and clear the student's name for registration. No one will be able

to register unless their advisor has cleared their name.

Once the student has been cleared they may go to the student Oasis through Blackboard at home.olivet.edu. Once they have gotten to the registration part of Oasis students will have two options.

If they have all of the courses that they plan to take they may choose the express registration option. This will take them straight to the data sheet where they can enter the course name, number, section, and term, or they may just use the synonym number for that course. Each class has a different identifying synonym number that can be used instead of manually entering all of the information in the data sheet.

However, if students aren't quite sure of what courses they will be taking they may choose to search for courses and then register for them. This can be convenient if a student is looking to fill a specific time slot. The student can enter the time and Oasis will bring up a list of all courses being offered at that time.

Unfortunately, the online registration process won't be easy for all students. Those with holds may have to go into the registrar's office and register that way. Also, you may need to go into the registrar's office if there is a schedule conflict or a class is full. However, provided that everything is

in order for a student, the online process shouldn't take more than 10 minutes.

Seniors and juniors will be able to begin registering online starting at 8:00 am on Nov. 17. Sophomores can begin on Nov. 19, and freshmen can register on the 21st.

Assistant registrar Tony Grimm said, "We're trying to make

[the registration process] easier and more efficient for students so they don't have to wait in long lines."

This isn't the registrar's office's first attempt to reduce the lengthy lines during registration. Some students may remember that last year freshmen were given the opportunity to register for classes the evening before open registration began for all freshmen.

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Among those she explained were e-pay, disaster recovery, agriculture loans, tourism development loans, State Treasurer's Economic Program (STEP), ready access, daycare initiatives, Our Own Home program for those with "slightly tarnished credit," and Operation Protect and Provide for military personnel.

One program Topinka did not list was Bright Start, a college savings program she started. Bright Start was designed as a state program in which a child's friends and relatives can invest money that will be used for their tuition and is tax-deferred. Topinka noted that over 90,000 families are enrolled, and just under \$800 million is invested in it.

She encouraged Olivet students who want to go into politics to get involved now by contacting their precinct committeeman. Tie into campaigns by running for office or working with an office, she said. Switching from journalism to politics, as Topinka did when she ran for state representative in 1980, is an unusual way to establish his kind of career, she said.

Dr. Don Daake, director of Weber Leadership Center, said that having the conference at Olivet came about because of some work Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) students did with representatives from Topinka's office at Hopkins Park last year.

"SIFE provided students to assist the area business people in finding where they needed to go. We assisted the presenters with anything they needed to distribute or to remind them of the time constraints," said SIFE co-president Sarah Crum. "We basically did the hands on work that needed to be done during the session."

Daake noted that through the Weber Center, Olivet is "very much interested in helping serve as a partner for economic devel-

opment."

Students learned about how things happen in the real world at the conference, according to Daake.

"The economic development workshop was not exactly what I expected it to be," said Jason Savage, a sophomore political science-psychology double major. "It was a lot less formal than I imagined it, but at the same time it was informative."

"We want people to see at the grassroots level how things really get done," he said, adding that this was a very "practical" experience.

Among organizations represented at the conference were the U.S. Small Business Administration, Kankakee Community College, University of Illinois Extension and area chambers of commerce.

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Tony Grimm, assistant registrar, agrees. "If it causes a hardship to meet the requirements, then one will petition to graduate under the old requirements."

As far as adding major numbers of hours to the requirements, Ouwenga said that "we are configuring what we have now, and we're trying to set aside a number of hours we have total, and we're trying to make it fit within that block."

The administration is making its best effort to be sure that no one is ineligible for graduation because of a change in the curriculum. There is always the possibility that there will be no changes made at all. Though this process is in its final stages, it is far from being completed.

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One huge God thing: From China to the Bruners

ERIN RUMBLEY

Executive editor

"It's been one huge God thing," Tina Bruner, Secretary of the Natural Science Division, says to sum up the experience of adopting a baby girl from China. Bruner and her husband, Greg, Olivet's Director of Financial Aid, are expecting to receive a referral from China sometime in the first part of December, along with their first pictures of baby Lily. Four to eight weeks after the referral, the Bruners will be traveling to China to bring their new daughter home.

While the process seems to be moving more quickly now (the referral date is four months earlier than expected), the adoption has been a long process for the Bruners. It started about a year ago when Dr. Jay and Jeanette Martinson made the decision to adopt a baby from China and

asked if the Bruners would be interested in adoption as well.

Although the Bruners had never thought of adoption, they had been trying unsuccessfully for several years to have a third child. After thinking and praying about the idea, the Bruners attended an orientation meeting and left "knowing this is what we're going to do, but having no idea how we are going to afford it!" Bruner says.

In September of 2002, the Bruners and Martinsons began a series of background checks, physicals and other inspections to complete their dossier, which they logged in China last April. "Now it's just the hard wait," Bruner says. "We're praying and trying to raise money."

To help finance the adoptions, Greg and Dr. Martinson began Home Front Studio - Archi-



The Bruner family will soon be welcoming a baby girl into their home.

tectural Art. Martinson, who studied architecture at the graduate level, creates drawings of area homes and business, while Bruner handles the matting, framing, and business end.

Tina has also been working to raise money for the adoption by creating and selling a line of handmade bath and body items, called "Lily's Garden" after her new daughter. She makes bath salts, bath bombs, hand lotion, and other items, usually selling them in

small gift baskets. The idea began as a way to make inexpensive Christmas presents and is now growing into a business. Bruner has sold her products not only to people in the Olivet community, but at several craft fairs in the area and at Nature's Garden Candle Co. in Kankakee.

Lily will be between eight and ten weeks old when she becomes part of the Bruner's family early next year, and the couple's sons, Marcus, 15, and Joshua, 11, are excited to meet her.

Editor's Note: If you are interested in purchasing a product from Lily's Garden, you can contact Tina Bruner at ext. 5395, or visit Nature's Candle Co., located at 1926 W. Station in Kankakee.

When literary glory is blocked

DAN AUMILLER

Features writer

It is 12:58 a.m. on an early Monday morning, and I am staring at my computer screen watching the pixels glow. As my hand reaches up to rub the sleep out of my bloodshot eyes, I begin to ponder as to how on earth I'm ever going to escape this peril that I am in. Oh, and believe me, I am in peril. My article deadline was Saturday before midnight and not a word has been written. My beloved editor has already sent an e-mail inquiring as to why nothing has been sent to her, yet I do not write because some foul force has seized my hands and stopped their typing. Some wretched parasite is draining the juices from my brain and halting its creativity. By some cruel twist of nature, I have writer's block.

Writer's block is perhaps the greatest foe that ever assaulted the mind of the journalist. When a person has a profession in the fast lane of world thought, writer's block stops being a mere nuisance and becomes a fearsome black knight that forbids all from passing into glory. There are some who

say that writer's block can be defeated by simply coming back to the writing later, but the time for distraction has long since passed. Legends also exist of a man who defeated writer's block by simply writing whatever came into his mind until the foe lay dead at his feet. While this legend may be true, I have my doubts as to whether or not it will work in

modern times.

Yes, indeed, I think that defeating my writer's block will prove to be impossible, and I'll never be able to complete this article. Oh, woe is me! Why must writer's block only come on the days when important writing must be done? How can I entertain and educate my fellow Olivetians through writing if even the sim-

plest of words evade my grasp? Wait, I think I've got an idea that's crazy enough to work. Maybe if I blot out all of the distractions and focus only on my assignment I can get a foothold that will propel me over the wall of writer's block. I think...I think...YES!!! My writer's block lies dead at my feet and I am now ready to write.

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Fresh faces...

Matt Odom

BECCA BEUSHAUSEN

Features writer

I opened the door to Nesbitt Hall and walked in towards the lobby area. In front of me was a room full of students talking and laughing, finishing up decorating the place with streamers and balloons as a few hurried up to add their signatures to a large homemade birthday card. What I saw was a group of students only minutes away from surprising their friend for his 20th birthday. It was a party, complete with decorations and even a cake. Although not a normal scene for my eyes, a resident director might not take a second look. For this year's new Resident Director of Nesbitt Hall, Matt Odom, it is just part of the everyday job.

Odom grew up about two hours north of Olivet's campus, in DeKalb, Illinois. For 13 years he attended First Christian Academy in Genoa, Illinois. After that he chose to attend Olivet. It was "close to home, yet far enough away," some of his relatives attended, and he also had an uncle who at one time even taught here. For Odom, the decision to come to ONU was an easy one.

While a student, Odom double-majored in Political Science and History. He was a regular participant in intramurals nearly every season and was an R.A. in Chapman his senior year. Never in his wildest dreams did he think that he would one day be a resident director. Obviously, God had different plans.

Odom graduated from ONU in the spring of 2002 and wasn't sure what to do, but he did have faith. Hebrews 11:1, his favorite verse, says, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." These have become words for him to live by, and even in his uncertainty of what to do after college, God remained faithful in opening up a door of opportunity for him.

After graduation Odom took up more of an interest in the area of residential life and began looking and applying for R.D. positions. Having a background with ONU and different contacts here on campus was a major plus,

and soon Odom was being interviewed for a position. In the end, Tommy Middendorf left his position to work more closely with Student Development as the Associate Dean, leaving the R.D. position in Nesbitt Hall available.

This past summer, on the day before Odom was to marry Holly Foster (Odom), class of 2003, he got the news that the position was his. Odom's life was about to change in more ways than one. Not only was he just a day away from his wedding; he was just a few months away from beginning a new job that would prove to be life-changing for him as well as the guys he comes in contact with daily.

Odom says one of the greatest things about being an R.D. is that he basically gets to shape his own hours. He has a lot of flexibility and said that some days he is able to sleep in until 10:00 or even 11:00 a.m. One of the hardest things Odom has to deal with is handling different disciplinary actions, like alcohol incidents. He commented on how, like most things in life, this comes with experience. Right now Odom, being only 23 years old, is just learning as he goes, and enjoying every minute of it.

In addition to being an R.D. he is also the assistant to Kathy Jewell, the Dean for Community Life. Odom helps with much of the behind the scenes work for social events and deals with different contacts and resources. Odom's involvements on campus are such that he has much influence over people that he comes into contact with, especially his day-to-day interactions with the residents of Nesbitt Hall.

The most influential person here at ONU for Odom is Dr. Van Heemst. Odom learned much about politics and religion from Dr. Van Heemst. There were times when the two of them would just talk and hang out in his office. "He influenced the way I see life," Odom said. Odom has a desire to likewise influence lives, and he has been given the perfect job to do just that.

Although he is new to this position, Odom is obviously no newcomer to this campus and isn't going anywhere soon. His future



R.D. of Nesbitt Hall Matt Odom is no stranger to Olivet. Before graduating from ONU in 2002, Odom was an R.A. in Chapman.

plans include getting into Olivet's master's program within the next few years. He is unsure of exactly what he wants to study, but he is currently leaning towards something related to education. Ideally he would like to further pursue a career in Student Development, but another option would be to teach government or history in a high school.

The best piece of advice

that Odom has for college students is to just enjoy your time here at Olivet, and get involved. "These 4 or 5 years will probably be the best years of your life looking back," he said. What about the best advice someone has ever given to him? "My parents always told me to put God first. It sounds really corny but it is probably the best advice I have ever been given."

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Punk rock angels in disguise

MARIAH SECREST

Features writer

Encouragement can come from the least likely of places. I have to admit I was feeling pretty low on one particular day. Overall, things were good. I was in the middle of a six-week mission trip in Australia, traveling in a band that performed Christian music in Australian high-schools. But that day I just didn't feel like setting up sound equipment again. I was exhausted, in a bad mood, and had forgotten my earlier offer to give my testimony at Kepnaugh High School in Bundaberg, Australia. Waiting for sound-check, I plopped down at a picnic table in our outdoor venue and sighed.

"Mike, " I said to one of the guitarists, "Do you ever feel like you shouldn't give your testimony if you're not in a good mood?"

He thought about it for a minute, then replied, "No. We've had to go through some not-so-happy stuff to get to where we are. It's good, but not always happy."

If I was expecting his answer to lift my spirits, it didn't. But it did give me a sense of freedom to be real with what I was feeling: discouragement.

By that time students had started sauntering up to the concert site. It was during their lunch hour and they seemed curious to see who the funny American musicians were without wanting to appear too interested.

The music started and our concert began. I was aware that my stage presence was probably different from normal. I didn't want to completely blow off this ministry opportunity, but still, I didn't want to be fake, either. So I didn't pretend to be something I wasn't but tried instead to make eye contact with the teens, hoping that they'd be able to relate to the realness of my message. My plan backfired. This was one tough crowd!

If they weren't staring back blankly, they were making fun of us. Ouch!

After a few songs, we performed a short drama to Third Day's song "Thief"—a modern re-enactment of the

agony of the crucifixion. The drama was always a chilling reminder to me of the reality of Christ's sacrificial love. Apparently the students didn't see it the same way. In the skit, the character I play gets shot early on. As I lay crumpled in a heap on the concrete floor, trying to pretend that I was dead, I listened to the mocking and jeering of students' voices. My heart pounded as I realized that I had to follow the skit by talking about my testimony. I brushed myself off, breathed a prayer, and

I nodded. We sat down and he told me his story. He'd just recently become a Christian and was learning to move away from an old, destructive lifestyle. Despite his newness to Christianity and the open hostility surrounding him, he and his small core group of Christian friends had such a passion to share Christ with the students at their school! His friend Brendan joined us and I sat in awe as they shared, with burning hope, the vision they had for their school. Sure, I had to face ridicule at this



Mariah traveled with CTI in Australia last summer.

place for part of an afternoon. They faced it all the time! And yet they were so full of hope, so confident in what the power of God can do in a person's life. Shane and Brendan wouldn't let me leave until they had prayed for me, and I went away wondering who was supposed to be ministering to whom. Later that night I wrote in my journal, "Today was a day on the battlefield. We met the opposition face to face, and we received help from the Commander of nations." As I waved goodbye to Brendan and Shane, I marveled at the way God had chosen to encourage me, at one of the toughest times to endure, through two undercover angels disguised as a couple of punk-rocker Australian teens.



Sophomore Mariah Secrest met two unexpected encouragers, Brendan and Shane, during her missions trip to Australia.

began to share. Half the students got up and left, uninterested. The more hostile ones remained, yelling sarcastic responses as I entrusted my life story to them. It was during this height of ridicule that I realized I was going through a tiny bit of what Christ went through on the earth. God suddenly gave me a determination to continue, and I preached more passionately than I had the whole trip. I found out later that my whole band had been praying for me, sensing the pressing need for God's help.

We finished out the concert, occasionally dodging our own flyers that students had crumpled up and thrown at us, and began to tear down the equipment. We were all aware that God wanted to teach us through this otherwise disheartening experience. As the crowd thinned out, a lanky student with shaggy blonde hair approached me. His name was Shane.

"Today was probably kind of hard for you, wasn't it?" he asked.

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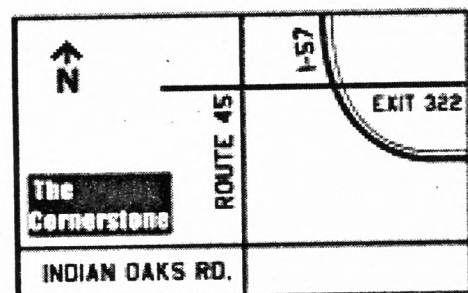
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Has anyone seen Jesus?

MARIAH SECREST

Spiritual Life writer

When people visit Olivet, is there proof that Jesus goes to school here with us?

I once had a friend explain to me a term called "incarnational ministry." At first I thought it was just a fancy way of saying things. But the more I think about it, the more sense it makes. "Incarnate" isn't a word we use much now, except maybe in Christmas carols ("Hail Incarnate Deity..."). Though it sounds theological, the word really refers to a simple idea. It means God made flesh. God became a man. Jesus lived and breathed His God-ness as He wandered the earth. He took the divine into the marketplace and into the company of drunks and prostitutes, into the bustling metropolis and into remote areas.

God didn't just turn human for a few days to save the world. He lived for three decades alongside the rest of society. The people needed a physical, tangible example of God at work.

So now, Jesus is in heaven and our theology is based on what we cannot see. However, I don't think that is entirely the way it's meant to be. Who will now be the incarnate expression of God's love? That's where "incarnational ministry" becomes a modern term.

We're a very physical culture, aware of our senses. People can relate to what they see or hear. An idea is just an idea until it has a high-gloss illustration splashed with a caption. Then we understand it. It becomes real to us. In a fast-paced, material world, the concept of God is far too abstract for many. Sure, it's something

that'd be nice to think about, but the reality of the here and now and what people can see, hear, and feel is just too imminent. They need us to show Jesus to them in physical ways. We are the "high-gloss image and caption" that illustrates who God is. We need to be the ones to take divinity into the shopping malls and the dorms, the streets of Chicago and the classrooms.

Morality seems like a good idea but only becomes real when physically lived out.

Do someone's laundry. Play with a child. Pick up a friend's groceries when you get yours. Speak words of comfort to the person who's discouraged. Wrap your arms around one who's frustrated. This is incarnational minis-

try. This is, as I've heard some say, being "Jesus with skin on."

Another word we hear a lot around Christmas is "Emmanuel." A lot of us probably know that this literally means "God with us." For Christians, God is still with us in the form of the Holy Spirit. But it doesn't stop there. Jesus said we would do even greater things on the earth than He did. We are to be God among the people. We are to be the physical expression of Jesus to those who don't know God and also to those who are already His.

Does Jesus go to this school? Can you see Him walking across campus? Can you see Him in the faces of the students and faculty? If not, try looking one more place. Can you see Jesus in the mirror?

Best Buddies makes a difference

DENISE KNEE

Spiritual Life editor

Olivet's chapter of Best Buddies held their annual pumpkin painting party at the Shapiro Center for adults with developmental disabilities on Oct. 25, 2003.

At the party the Olivet students assisted their buddies with painting a pumpkin and spent time chatting and eating snacks with their buddies.

"My favorite part of pumpkin painting was definitely seeing the smiles of some of the buddies and getting another chance to meet more buddies,"

Andy Wald said.

According to Best Buddies leader Christie Becker the buddies get excited about the littlest things. Becker also said that sometimes their Olivet buddies are the only people to ever visit them.

Best Buddies also held an ice cream social earlier this year. At the ice cream social, each Olivet student met the adult they would be paired with from Shapiro for the first time. They also played games with their buddies and got to know them a little bit.

This year there are 31 Olivet students paired with a buddy. As a member of Best Bud-

dies the Olivet, students are requested to visit their buddy on an individual basis twice a month. They are also supposed to contact their buddy once a week through a note or a phone call just to brighten their buddy's day.

The adults at Shapiro are not the only ones to benefit from Best Buddies though. The Olivet students involved enjoy the program just as much as their buddies do.

"Best Buddies is a great organization to be a part of. By just being a friend and treating the individuals as you would any other person, is like getting a Christmas gift. Being able to see the smile on my buddies face is what matters the most," Melissa Vasquez said.

If you are interested in joining Best Buddies it isn't too late. For more information you can contact leader, Christie Becker at ext. 6790.



Aubrey Marks and Crystal Gilbert helping with the annual Best Buddies pumpkin painting event.



Best Buddies members who participated in the pumpkin painting party were: Abee Beaty, Christie Becker, Lea Corzine, Miranda Flanar, Crystal Gilbert, Lindsay Goodner, Erin Hall, Amanda Hernandez, Aubrey Marks, Dennette Munson, Patrick Roberts, Lindsay Rose, Shelly Sheets, Andrea Suderman, Malanna Tressler, Melissa Vasquez, Andy Wald and Paula Williams.

Leading their classes closer to Christ

JENNY GRAVES

Spiritual Life writer

Class chaplains are looking forward to discovering how God will work in each class chapel service, which will take place Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 9:35 a.m. For these events, seniors will worship in McHie Arena, juniors in Kresge Auditorium, sophomores in College Church and freshmen in Chalfant Hall. Each chaplain has let his or her identity in Christ shape the vision for their class's chapel.

Senior Chaplain, Bryant Cawley, is an outgoing, 21-year-old youth ministry major from Eureka, Ill. "I grew up in the church, even though I really still haven't grown up," he said.

Cawley claims to be close to his friends and family, but above all, he values his relationship with God. "I really do not have a testimony other than God is always at work in my life, and my journey is really just beginning," he said.

Cawley uniquely designed a relaxed, laid-back service, which will include music and a message specifically designed to encourage the senior class.

"I will not be speaking, but I will be leading the music portion of the service. I thought it would be nice to switch it up a little bit," Cawley said.

Although Cawley made plans and arrangements for this event, he still said, "I am not out to accomplish anything. I have no agenda but to wait for the Lord and His Spirit falling on us. It is my prayer that the class really sees the moving of God in the service."

Junior chaplain, Montague Williams, is a religion major from Joliet, Ill. Williams claims to love

people and worshipping God.

"I see worshipping God as a celebration," he said.

Considering that everyone seems to get busy and go their separate ways during this portion of the school year, Williams said, "I just look forward to the togetherness of the class."

Williams wants to integrate a school spirit theme that may possibly involve Toby the Tiger. On a more serious note, Williams hopes to have communion during the service.

"The focus will be on us being the body of Christ," Williams said.

Williams claimed to value his junior classmates greatly, yet feels that all the classes as one make up the body of Christ. "There's just something in me that wants to help the classes come together," he said.

Sophomore Chaplain, Kiesha Henry, is a 20-year-old religion major from Linden, Michigan. She claims to be a unique individual with "big and crazy" hair. She loves to act funny and be the center of attention. Above all, Henry has a heart to serve the Lord.

"My goal in life is to come to the point where Christ inhabits my very being. I want Him to be my all. My eyes have been opened to the truth that is in the Word and life has this new meaning...Christ is everything and my life should exemplify that," she said.

Henry has planned a service that will focus on worship. She will be speaking on Romans 12 in hopes to inform the sophomore class that worshipping is much more than singing songs. Through this service and other

upcoming events, Henry hopes to reach lost souls in her class.

"God has really burdened my heart that there are so many students that don't know the love of Christ. I am guilty of assuming that everyone knows the love that I know, and that is not the case. Olivet is a mission field, and I have the opportunity to love these hurting people. My prayer is that everyone would know the love of Christ and His joy."

Freshman Chaplain, Julia Bridges, is an 18-year-old religion major, born and raised in the Kankakee area. Bridges claims to be a shy, quiet person who loves to laugh and is progressively becoming more and more outgoing. Above all, Bridges values her relationship with Christ.

"My relationship with Jesus is the one priority of my life.

He teaches me daily about love, truth, humility, and service; and he fills me with peace and inexpressible joy. I'm so lost that it's not funny... but his grace is enough, even for me!" she said passionately.

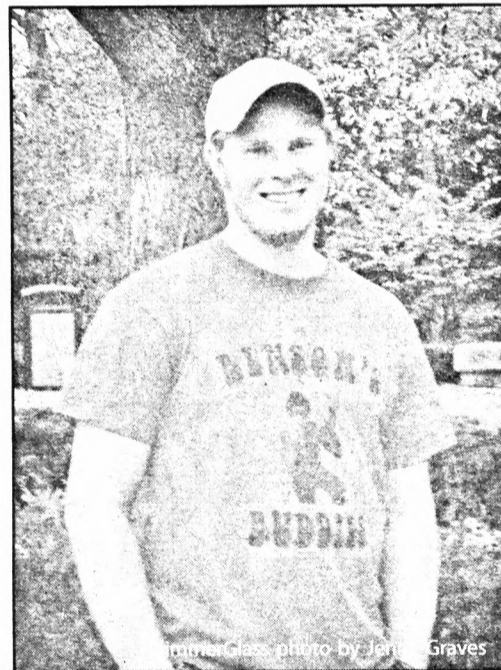


Freshman class chaplain Julia Bridges speaking to her class in FirstWords.

Bridges is hoping to become closer to her classmates and is looking forward to worshipping together with them. Bridges plans on sharing her testimony and speaking on "Christian self-esteem." She also plans to celebrate God's love through song.

Her goal is for freshmen to become united as a class and as a body in Christ. "I know there are many of us who don't know Christ, but they will be impacted

by his love if we live it out. And all of us have room for growth. God has called us to live a very high standard—a life of holiness," she said.



Senior class chaplain Bryant Cawley.



Junior class chaplain Montague Williams and sophomore class chaplain Kiesha Henry.

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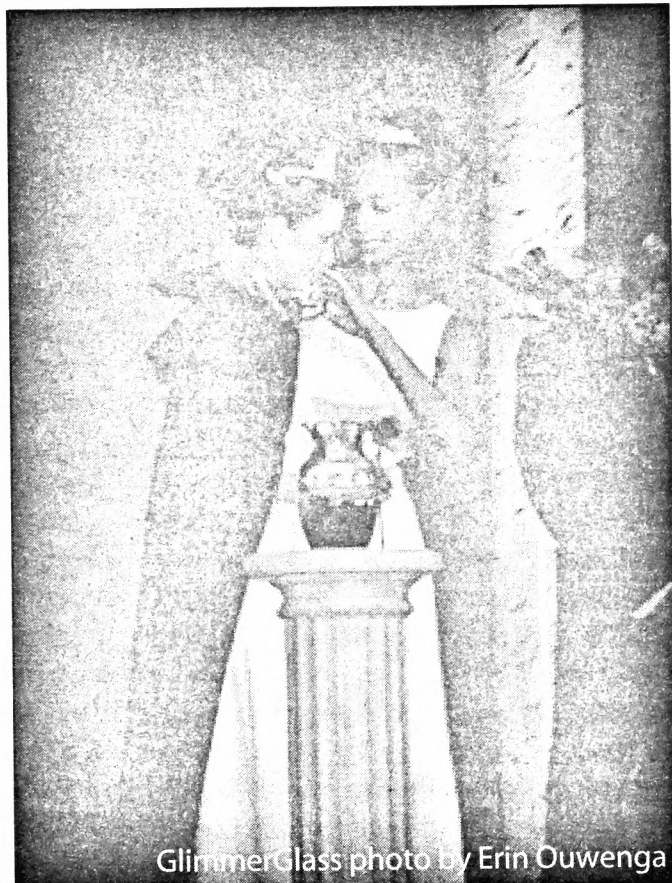
Things you have been involved in at ONU: WRL and Psi Chi

Future plans: Join AmeriCorps for the year after graduation and then hopefully decide, if, when, where, and what subject to study in grad school.

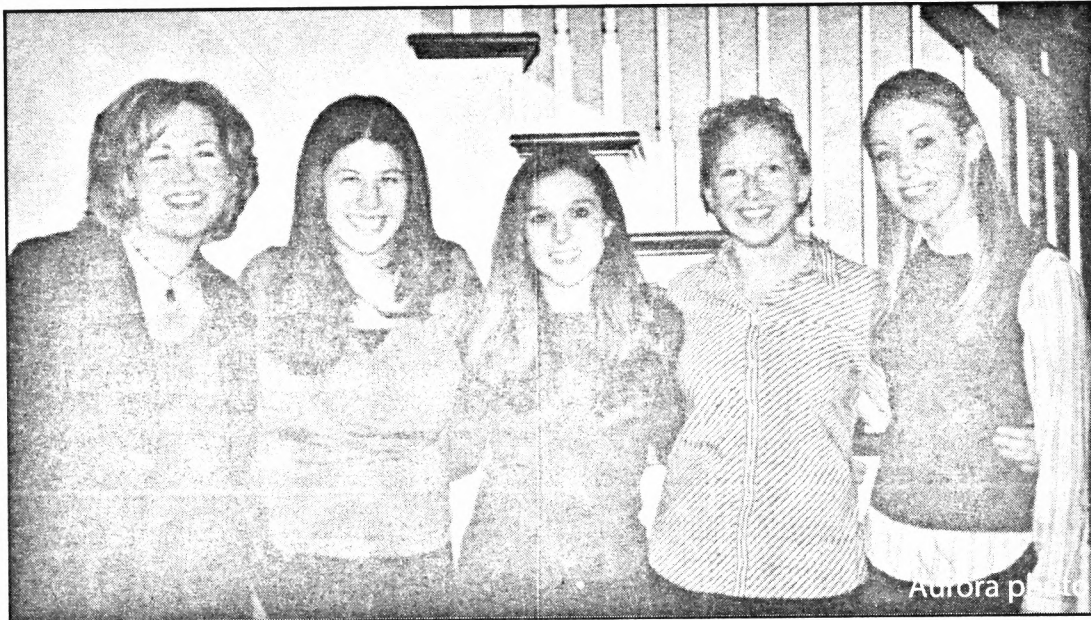
Favorite quote or Bible verse:
Psalm 94:18-19,
Philippians 2:1-2

Thoughts on being nominated to Homecoming Court: I think it is an honor that my peers have such a respect for me, thank you. However, there are so many beautiful and wonderful women that should be recognized for their accomplishments and lives.

Favorite/craziest Olivet memory: Climbing out on our roof on Williams in the snow, with shorts and coats on, and kidnapping my roommate Jess for her birthday and taking her out to Perry Farm... ha, it was fun.



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Aurora photo



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Name: Tara Beth Moore
Hometown: Bourbonnais, IL
Major: Youth Ministry

Things you have been involved in at ONU: Associated Student Council, Class Council, VP of Spiritual Life, Theology Club, Youth For Christ, Freshman and

Sophomore class Chaplain, Spiritual Life Council, Student Morale Committee, internship with Jeremiah Bolich, Youth in Mission, and other Spiritual Life Ministries.

Future plans: To Graduate Olivet and go on to Nazarene Theological Seminary, and then go into full time ministry.

Favorite quote or Bible verse:
John 7:37-38

Thoughts on being nominated to Homecoming Court: It's crazy...I never would have thought something like this would happen to me...but I am excited and honored.

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Groups, and Student Education Association.

Future plans: I plan to teach inner city 7th or 8th graders in the subject areas of science, social science, and/or language arts.

Favorite quote or Bible verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

Favorite/craziest Olivet memory: The last week of school freshmen year, my roommate and I, Jennifer Anderson, took the train up to Chicago. Neither of us really knew where we were going, nor did we have much money. It was a gorgeous day. We walked around, sat by late Michigan and read, and looked around in expensive stores all day. Later that night we met up with our friends at the Cheesecake Factory for dessert/dinner. It was great!

Name: *Amy Stipp*
Hometown: Olathe, Kansas
Major: Elementary Education

Things you have been involved in at ONU: "Save Our Streets" club, Orpheus Choir, Resident Assistant in freshman dorm, "Campus Life" leader, College Church Jr. High Sunday School Teacher and worship team leader, Home



Name: *Erin Hara*
Hometown: Lombard, Illinois
Major: Elementary Education

Things you have been involved in at ONU: Student Education Association council, Youth for Christ, Resident Assistant

Future plans: not sure...teach 5th, 6th or 7th grade...maybe?!

Favorite quote or Bible verse: Romans 8:38-39

Thoughts on being nominated to Homecoming Court: Well, I'm still surprised...I definitely didn't expect this. I'm honored, but I'm also pretty nervous about falling on my face in front of everyone or tearing my dress or just doing something else dumb...because I tend to do things like that sometimes.

Favorite/craziest Olivet memory: One time last year Nikki, Ryan, Dwight and I were fairly bored. So we decided to break into Donna Hollandsworth's apartment. I told her what we did and she thought it was pretty funny. She called up Nikki, Ryan and Dwight and "yelled" at them. She made them all come over so that she could yell at them more. Once we were all in her living room, she asked whose idea it was, and we all blamed Brian Schafer.



Aurora photo



Name: *Kara Seammahorn*
Hometown: East Alton, IL
Major: Spanish and International Business

Things you have been involved in at ONU: Youth for Christ, Junior Class VP, Senior Class Secretary

Favorite quote or Bible verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Thoughts on being nominated to Homecoming Court: I was honored, excited, and happy to be nominated alongside four wonderful girls.

Favorite/craziest Olivet memory: Late, late nights in Williams Hall putting together visual aids for Public Speaking class.

Right: Stipp is all smiles when she hears her name announced as the 2003 Homecoming Queen.



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Facing the music

THOMAS SMITH

Arts and entertainment editor

I would like to explain the position I took in the article "Chamber concert marks the progress of music department", printed in the Oct. 24 issue of *GlimmerGlass*. Many comments, questions, and letters have arisen in reaction to the article, which are responses that *GlimmerGlass* has always supported and encouraged. Thank you for your different opinions and challenging arguments which have advanced the discussion of the topics in the article.

I offer my apologies for the first several sentences of the critique, which wrongly portrayed the department as amateur and unqualified in past years. My plan was not to attack the Department of Music or degrade the efforts of our excellent faculty and musician students. Rather, my purpose was to compliment the growth of the department from what I have witnessed as Arts and Entertainment editor of *GlimmerGlass* for five semesters. During this time, I have seen a transformation from a body of musicians with great talents to a united group of individuals with the potential to shine in the world outside of this university. All of this growth from what was already good is due to the hard work of our accomplished faculty and the determination of many students with a serious devotion to the study of music.

I have attended many recitals, concerts, and other musical events during my time at Olivet and consider my opinion of the music department to be unbiased, as I am not a music major or mi-

nor, yet dependable from my experience in 8 years of musical studies, both instrumental and vocal. When reviewing Olivet performances, I often listen to the pieces as played by professional musicians for an idea of what I should be hearing from our students. To say that I do not know enough to review a concert or recital is speaking from absolute assumption.

In past years, critical reviews of the music department have expressed only the good to be found in our music events. While it would be easy to continue this trend, I feel that overlooking errors in a performance is an injustice to readers, who are not hearing the real story, and an injustice to performers, who have no outside advice from which to grow. There is an honesty of journalistic opinion which must be expressed *responsibly* and not be swept under the rug. Again, I offer my apologies for not writing with the greatest responsibility in the opening sentences of the Oct. 24 article.

As for the article's mention of errors in the Chamber Concert performances, however, there should be no debate. The arts are based in emotion and perspective on the public stage, and to say that Olivet, or any other institution, has found perfection in any of its courses of study would be tremendously deceiving. Criticism is a natural aspect of a career in the arts and must not be taken as an insult, but as a challenge to improve and expand one's strengths.

Shine.fm intern brings edge to morning show

JENNY GRAVES

Arts and entertainment writer

Mischievous blood runs thick through veins of freshman Elizabeth Hollenberg, who works for the new Shine.fm morning show, "Livin' the Knight Life." As a part of the new station format, this edgy and often hilarious program showcases music, talk radio, and gags of all sorts. Hollenberg, as the "missionary" of the segment called "Torture the Missionary Monday," has pulled some bizarre stunts to satisfy her listeners' appetite for entertainment.

"I have a very mischievous streak in me," Hollenberg said. "I was born in Africa and they named me 'Maganga' which means 'mischievous.'"

Local drivers noticed this characteristic of Hollenberg as she recently stood outside Dairy Queen with a road sign that said, "Honk for the Missionary." According to Hollenberg, over 40 cars honked at the strange sight. Hollenberg later admitted her fear that she was going to cause an accident, for baffled drivers fixed their eyes on her instead of the road.

"That wouldn't have been good," Hollenberg said.

Also, musical artist KJ-52 taped Hollenberg to a wall. Hollenberg claimed to be experienced in the field of 'wall-taping;' and after showing KJ-52 how it was done, she became wall décor herself.

"Unfortunately, they didn't use enough tape and I was only up for about 10 seconds," Hollenberg said.

In addition to asking for roadside attractions and human wall decorating, some callers have dared her to engage in some downright disgusting tasks. Although she has been reluctant at

times, Hollenberg has refused to let any opportunity to face a challenge slip through her fingers.

For example, considering Hollenberg is a missionary kid who grew up in Africa and New Guinea, she was forced to drink a "Welcome to America Shake," consisting of a blended pizza with olives. Hollenberg had to reassure herself, "Well, it all gets mixed up in your stomach anyways right?"

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Sodexo schedules online

MyASC.info has the potential to become the Holy Grail of Olivet websites. With the recent addition of Sodexo meal schedules for each week, the site rivals the handiness of Blackboard and Webmail. Thanks to Kris Dunlop and staff for making the University increasingly accessible to students.

OASIS midterms and registration

No more tear-off tabs will litter Ludwig halls. Better yet, less wasted paper and ink means that more of our tuition dollars will go toward things we really want. But if you forgot your password, kiss convenience goodbye.

Homecoming ticket costs

Any other time of the year, we get into athletic events free. Why is it that we have to pay when alumni migrate back? And even worse, why should these venerable past Olivetians have to shell out cash for tickets when they once dealt with tuition headaches, too?

