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"God is showing me that I just can't anymore."

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# Matchmakers hired

By Emily Lohr  
Staff Writer

Student Development has hired a matchmaker. The move comes just after a decision to reinstate married couples housing in Bresee, Grand 415 and 435.

Student Development says this is all part of their new push to encourage men and women on campus to engage in married life.

"So often, pursuing an education and a career can seem incompatible with pursuing a spouse," recently hired Dean of Marriage Dr. Demetri Eros said. "We are simply trying to show our students that isn't the case."

So far, only one matchmaker has been hired, but depending on the success of the program and student interest, Student Development foresees having as many as 5 designated matchmakers on the payroll.

Emma Woodhouse, a recent graduate of Verona University with a degree in Couples Studies, is the first to take on this auspicious mantle.

"I'm so excited to begin working with the Olivet students," Woodhouse said. She describes herself as a jack-of-all-trades. "As a matchmaker, or Duologist, I will be in charge of profiling, matching, and introducing potential couples. I also serve as a couples' counselor during courting and even a potential wedding consultant when the time comes."

When asked if she was worried about overcoming potential negative stigmas associated with matchmak-

ing, she said she was not too concerned.

"One of my jobs as a duologist is to educate the general public on duology, or matchmaking," Woodhouse said. "It is a very ancient and noble profession with roots in every time and culture. One day, I hope going to see the campus duologist is no stranger than seeing your academic advisor or counselor."

According to some eager students, this move couldn't come soon enough.

"I'm so relieved to finally have access to the sort of resources I need. And just in time too, what with it already being April... Maybe I will get that ring after all," junior Helen Troy said.

Some seniors, however, feel the move by Student Life comes a little too late.

"Why is it the underclassmen get all the good stuff? I want a matchmaker," senior Buddy Griffith said. "I'm considering flunking a few classes just so I can stick around here another year and get my money's worth out this service."

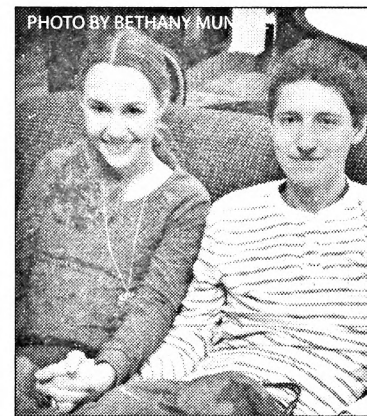
When asked if he was worried about perpetuating Christian College stereotypes like 'MRS. Degree' and 'bridal college', Eros replied, "Olivet is simply keeping up with the times. Many other Christian campuses around the country have already made similar services available to students.

We want to remain as marketable as possible."

The move seems to be working. A recent Purple and Gold Days tour was stopped and asked what they think of having a matchmaker on campus.

"I think it's great," future student Tristen Isolde said. "Finding a girlfriend is so time consuming that without this service, I might have had to choose between getting good grades and pursuing a girl. Now, I can let the matchmaker do all the leg work for me."

Counseling services also supports the move to hire a matchmaker. They anticipate the move will bring about a marked decrease in the amount of loneliness and opposite gender anxiety that they treat on campus.



Unknown Parrott lobby couple met through the new university matchmaker.

# Pets now allowed in campus housing

By Taylor Provost  
Staff Writer

Effective starting fall 2014, Olivet will be allowing pets less than 12 pounds to live in campus housing. Students will now have the freedom to bring their guinea pigs, bunnies, small cats and dogs to school with them for an additional fee of \$500 per semester - included in their room and board payments, if they so choose.

Student-pet cohabitation on campus is expected to bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars per year to Olivet, which appears to be the reason for the new allowance, according to newly hired Campus Animal Physician Amy Neuter, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

"I have two kids in college who each have cats themselves, and I know for a fact that they were dying to take them to school with them last fall," Neuter said. "No doubt there's [going to be] a high demand for pets on cam-

pus; Olivet's come up with the perfect plan to make more money."

A few students who heard the news rumored recently expressed their excitement.

"Oh my goodness, it would be worth every single extra penny paid," freshman Kat Bawks squealed at the thought of bringing her kitten back to school with her next year. "This totally makes the fact there's nothing to do in Bourbonnais more bearable. I'll never be bored if Milo's at school with me."

Bawks' roommate, Shelly Leash, said, "I'm really excited for Kat to get to bring Milo to school next year. I've never had a pet, so living with Kat's kitten will be like having my first pet."

Senior Matt Blazit was excited to not be returning to Olivet in the fall until he heard about the new pet policy.

"Of course they start allowing pets the moment I graduate," Blazit said. Blazit has a Chihuahua puppy that he rescued from an animal shelter in his hometown over spring break.

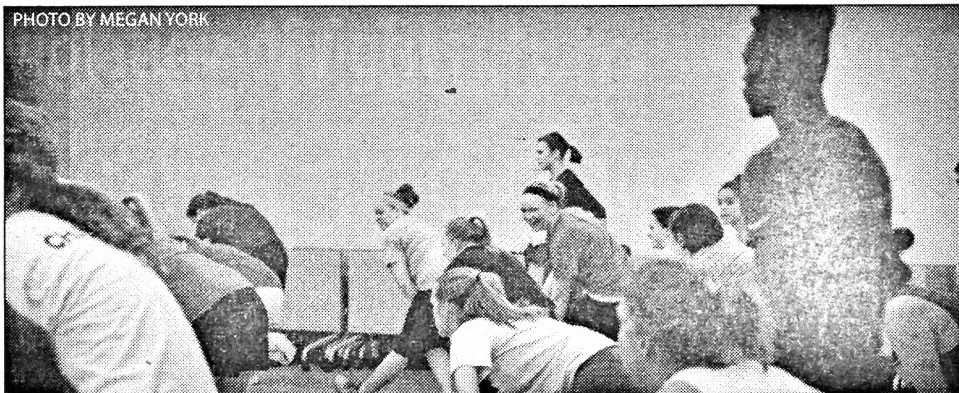
"I wish they'd make the new rule more immediate," Blazit said. "I could've brought my puppy back to my apartment and kept him there until graduation. Now I'm missing all the days that he's the smallest and cutest."

Come fall semester, no student will have to share Blazit's concern; students will no longer have to miss out on the kitten and puppy phases of their pets.

"It's perfect; I actually specialize in baby animal care," Neuter said. "I can't wait for this fall. Olivet apartments and dorms filled with little furry creatures, and Olivet making extra cash - I can't picture this going wrong."

As of Apr. 1, Zumba classes will no longer hold coed sessions due to an increasing sense of threatened "moral conduct."

PHOTO BY MEGAN YORK



## Zumba classes no longer coed

By Emily Rush  
Staff Writer

There will now be separate men and women's Zumba classes in the Perry Center to help prevent moments of "promiscuity."

The student handbook clearly states on page 36, "We hold that all forms of dancing that detract from spiritual growth and break down proper moral inhibitions and reserve should be avoided."

The University is under the impression that Zumba breaks this rule. After all, it is dancing and sometimes in a very provocative manner.

"I was surprised it ever was allowed to take place," Junior Abby Jones said. "I have always thought it was slightly inappropriate."

The issue was first raised when some students came forward about wanting to go to Zumba but feeling awkward when attending because of the presence of the opposite sex.

"I always felt like the male attendees were watching me, and it made me feel uncomfortable," an anonymous student said.

For now Zumba will take place at the same times, however the Monday and Wednesday classes will be reserved for male students only. Likewise, the Tuesday and Thursday classes will only permit female students to attend.

"Olivet always tries to uphold a good moral conduct and would not want anything like an exercise class to prohibit that goal," Perry Center Director Mathias Smithsonian said. "While the university wants to be clear that they support students being physically active, they still want to go by the book and avoid detracting students from their walk with God."

## George W. Bush to speak at graduation

By Cody Stuart  
Staff Writer

Former President George W. Bush will be speaking at the commencement ceremony May 10 for this year's graduates.

"It was difficult to secure someone as busy as Mr. Bush for the ceremony," Bowling said. "However, I feel that in the end it's worth all that hassle to provide the students with such an experience at graduation."

Bowling went on to explain the process behind securing the former president to speak at the ceremony, saying that it took "countless hours on the phone" along with "dozens of emails" just to get in touch with Bush, much less convince him to make his way to Olivet.

Bush, affectionately known as "Dubya," served as the president of the United States from 2001 until 2009, and before that was governor of Texas from 1995 to 2000. He was a rather controversial figure in politics, with many praising his strong com-

mitment to eliminating terrorism and levelheaded economic policies, with just as many fuming over his international policy and his attempts to fix the educational system. However, one thing may be said above all others: Bush was a strong Christian.

The former president accepted Christ during a summer spent with his family in Texas when they were visited by the legendary minister Billy Graham. Bush said the strength of Graham's example as a Christian truly touched him. That night, he accepted Christ into his heart, and now prays daily. As the former president said in his statement of faith, "I pray for guidance. I do not pray for earthly things, but for heavenly things, for wisdom and patience and understanding. My faith gives me focus and perspective. It teaches humility."

"I believe Former President Bush is a very strong man spiritually," Bowling said. "I look forward to welcoming him here to Olivet, and I hope that the students are as excited as I am for his arrival."

## Chipotle to spice up Olivet

By Destiny Mitchell  
Assistant News Editor

Many students' wish of a Mexican mariachi band in their stomachs is about to be granted as plans to build a Chipotle Mexican Grill in the unoccupied lot near the local Jewel Osco are underway.

Sophomore Eryn Casey is the daughter of Anita Casey, the Chief Executive Officer of Chipotle organizations in the Midwest region, working under founder Steve Ells.

Anita says that Chipotle has been looking to expand its franchise into smaller towns with less food diversity.

"Looking at the Kankakee and Bourbonnais area, I notice a lot of the more long-running, top-tier chain restaurants like McDonald's, Burger Kings and Taco Bells," Anita said. "[Chipotle] recognizes that there is a high demand for new and popular chains like Chipotle, and so we want to be able to meet those needs."

She also explained that the restaurant wants to cater to travelers passing through more rural areas, as well as other visitors.

"It's been hard to keep this secret to myself," Eryn admitted. "But now that this plan is much more finite, I'm really excited for the impact that this is going to have on our campus, in the community, and in my home."

Eryn also shared that she has been talking and working with her mother on arranging a special treat specific to ONU students.

"I've thrown several ideas at [my mother]," Eryn said.

"We were thinking about having a special Olivet student discount, or getting set up so that [Chipotle] could accept Tiger dollars. Or even giving away 'Free Burrito's for Life' cards periodically."

Though those ideas are still in the rough as the organization is just getting past the preliminary stage of planning and resourcing to start con-

struction, Eryn believes that some sort of arrangement will be made in order to service the student body.

"I'm her daughter so what I say and suggest holds a lot of weight. She listens to me," she laughed.

Construction for the Chipotle Mexican Grill is set to start in May and conclude in early December. The chain hopes to be open for business in time for the Spring 2015 semester for students.

Freshman and self-proclaimed burrito aficionado Ben Steele believes that the outcome is worth the wait.

"I would have to say that one of the hardest transitions of graduating high school and starting college is the sudden shortage of quality Mexican food in my life," he said.

"Sure we have Taco Bell and Taco Johns but those are only good for if you're really broke at the moment and happen to be craving beans and rice, so getting a nearby Chipotle is like a dream come true for me."

## Glimmer Glances

### Athletics

4/2 - Ferret Legging Tournament - 7 pm - SLRC

4/3 - Women's Yak Races vs. Calumet College of St. Joe - 5:30 pm - Snowbarger

4/3 - Men's Yak Races vs. Calumet College of St. Joe - 7:30 pm - Snowbarger

4/10 - Chess Boxing Tournament - 7 pm - SLRC

4/16 - Women's Hurling vs. Indiana University South Bend - 1 pm - McHie

4/16 - Men's Hurling vs. Indiana University South Bend - 3 pm - McHie

### Fine Arts

4/14 - Aeolian Harp Concert - 7 pm - Law of Weber

4/17 - Orchestra Theremin Tour

### Campus Rec

4/7 - Mrs. ONU Rehearsal - 7 pm - Chalfant

4/8 - Mrs. ONU - 7 pm - Chalfant

### Campus Rec

4/11 - Planetarium Show: Magic Mike - 6 pm & 9 pm

4/14-15 - Registration for IM Season 17 Open - SLRC

4/16 - Intramural Captain's Meeting - 9 pm - SLRC

4/17 - Intramural Season 17 starts

### Spiritual Development

4/2 - Parlour - 7 pm - Ludwig Cafeteria

4/7 - Party with The Trinity - 9 pm - Chalfant

4/9 - Parlour - 7 pm - Ludwig Cafeteria

4/14 - Party with The Trinity - 9 pm - Chalfant

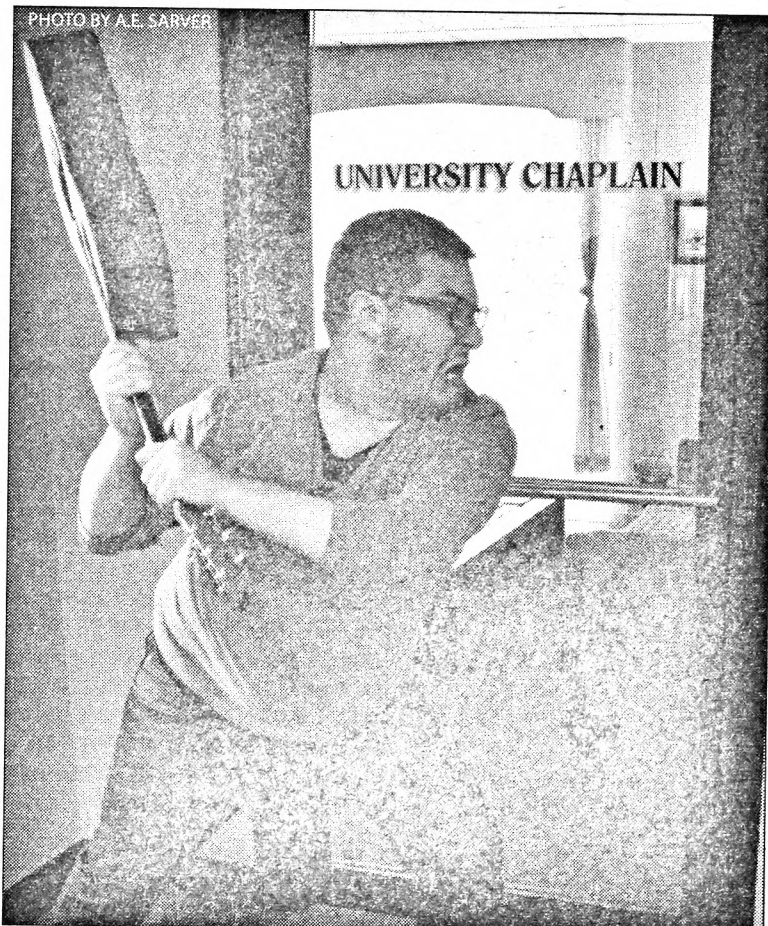
4/16 - Parlour - 7 pm - Ludwig Cafeteria

### Student Success

4/4 - National Bring Your Pet to College Classes Day

4/11 - Matchmaker Service Information Meeting - 7pm - Chalfant

# Chapel worship leader steps down



Chapel worship leader Joey Ramirez expresses his disdain for the past two years by smashing his once-loved guitar in front of the Chaplain's office. The Olivetians will be taking his position as chapel worship leaders.

By A.E. Sarver  
Campus Life Editor

He's brought us original worship songs, but now it's time to say farewell to Olivet's chapel worship leader, Joey Ramirez.

After a couple of years, Ramirez has decided that this position is no longer for him. He feels that God is calling him in a different direction.

"I've definitely grown being in this position and I've learned a lot about myself," Ramirez said. "God is showing me that I just can't anymore."

Ramirez is heading back to Chicago to live with his parents.

Future plans have not been decided yet. He only knows that he needs to leave Olivet. He says that on top of the pressure #onuchapel brings, his living arrangements are not the best.

"It's been two of the most horrible years of my life. I'm going back home to my bed. The beds here are awful," Ramirez said.

Rumors are going around suggesting Ramirez was offered a recording contract, but when asked, Ramirez refused to comment.

Not only will Ramirez's life look different, but chapel services will be transformed as well.

Administration has decided to put Olivet's vocal group, The Olivetians, in charge of worship. The group of ten students will be coordinating the music and sing every chapel service.

"Even though I will not be in the group next year, I know that the oncoming group has the strength of sensitivity to the Spirit to lead the chapel in worshipping through urban gospel music," Current Olivetian, Amber Leffel said.

Though some students are excited about hearing The Olivetians sing more often, there are some who will miss the style of worship Ramirez brought.

"I'm going to miss Joey," Technical Director of this year's Olivetian group, Lauren Leidahl said.

Leidahl teared up thinking of Ramirez leaving.

*"One thing we in The Olivetians hope to bring to chapel is a new dress code because we simply don't wear jeans."*

"I am very upset at this news. I am tempted to tamper with the tracks The Olivetians sing

so that they will be forced to call Ramirez back," Leidahl said.

The Olivetians begin at the beginning of next semester. The theme of the semester is "The Lord is Holy" with The Olivetians singing "Lord, You're Holy" at the beginning of each service.

"One thing we in The Olivetians hope to bring to chapel is a new dress code, because we simply don't wear jeans," Current Olivetian member, Emily Fernette said.

Another new asset to the chapel will be a singing of the Alma Mater.

Students will be expected to know the song by heart and can get extra chapel skips if they know it by the first day of classes in the fall semester.

Though chapel will look different, the overall sentiment from students and faculty is, "Good luck Joey."

## Scholarships to come for married students

By Staci Bradbury  
Staff Unicorn Wrangler

The administration at Olivet Nazarene University announced today a new initiative towards student marriage, which will include offering scholarships on a sliding scale to undergraduates who commit to engagement and marriage within their first three years at Olivet.

Freshmen who are engaged by the end of spring semester will receive a full tuition waiver for their next three years. Sophomores will receive a 50 percent waiver, and juniors will receive a 25 percent discount on their education.

"The idea is that it's not enough just to tell students this in chapel services and classes," Chaplain Marcus

Holycomb said. "We really want to put hands and feet to this message and offer a satisfying incentive for them to get married."

Students have had an overwhelmingly positive reaction to the news. "I have been praying about how I would pay for college, and I really feel like this is God's answer," freshman Grace Johnson said. "A lifelong commitment really isn't that much when you consider that the alternative is death—I mean, debt."

Others, such as sophomore Julia Jilly, have embraced the message on religious grounds. "It just makes sense to me, that we would be spiritually obligated to get married," she said. "The family is the basic unit of society, it's not like single people are. I mean, what would Jesus do?"

The initiative will also include mandatory speed dating events once a week. "We're thinking that instead of swiping in for chapel, you could swipe in for speed dating," Holycomb explained. "This is something that has been on our hearts and minds for a long time now, and it's time that we make it real in our lives."

Also under consideration is the idea that single students might wear compulsory yellow stars, for clear identification of their status.

"We are at the point now where we can't just wait for 'Ring by Spring' anymore. Senior year is too late to be considering these things. That process needs to start sooner. It's time for us as leaders to set a new standard, a new timeline for students to follow," Holycomb said.

## #onuchapel hashtag now censored by RAs

By Nicole Lafond  
Executive Diva

"Think before you tweet" has officially been added to the University Handbook.

To be enacted starting in the fall of 2014, students can now be penalized for their tweets. Residential Assistants are now responsible for not only their resident's real life behavior, but student's virtual behavior as well.

"We want students to realize there are consequences for the things they post online," Dean of Residential Life Filipe Stewardess said. "Some #onuchapel tweets have been really hurtful to speakers and chapel coordinators in the past. We are looking to

eliminate those kinds of sentiments."

Many students are outraged by the university's decision and some have even developed alternative hashtags such as #trollinguchapel and #censoredonu.

"No institution has the right to take away our freedom of speech, especially not our Twitter freedom," senior Tabitha Bauls said. "I would probably just laugh if I was written up for a tweet."

Some residential assistants are excited about the new rule.

"Sometimes I see really inappropriate and offensive tweets during chapel and I wish I could do something about it," junior RA Jessica Brownose said. "Now I can."

# A Global Glimpse



GRAPHIC BY STEPHANIE LINQUIST

## Dallas, TEXAS

George W. Bush may become the first President of the U.S. to serve more than two terms since the days of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The former president of the United States plans to run in the 2016 National election under his new name, Ezekiel Bush.

"The 22nd amendment states that 'No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice,'" commented Bush.

"However, George W. Bush and Ezekiel Bush are not the same person. I am no longer the man I once was. I have had a spiritual makeover," he said.

Bush says that he is inspired to take on the presidency again so that "Ezekiel" may rectify the mistakes of George W.

Citizens of Dallas are largely in support of the politician.

"I think this is a great opportunity for America to see who the greatest President of all time truly was," said native Texan Amy Growler.

"Now that he's of even stronger intellect than before I think he's really going to turn this nation on its head."

-The Dallas Surveyor

## Bogota, COLOMBIA

A couple recently tried to return their child to the Grace International Adoption Agency in Colombia, sixteen years after the adoption took place.

Mr. and Mrs. Loving have told reporters that the child they adopted, now 17, has behavioral problems, temper issues, and difficulty with following directions.

"I feel that the agency was negligent and did not disclose all of the pertinent information to us," Mrs. Loving said.

"I've looked at the adoption papers over and over again and no where does it say that children may become difficult after reaching adolescence."

Kevin Anderson, a representative from Grace International, says that this is not the first time a couple has tried to return a child after so many years.

"Every now and again we get a couple who didn't realize that they wanted a baby, and not a toddler, pre-teen, or a teen," he said.

The Lovings plan to sue the agency for \$300,000 the cost of raising the child for the past sixteen years if they do not allow them to return him.

-The Colombian Collander

## Jerusalem, ISRAEL

People of Jerusalem are petitioning to make the Necronomicon the official book of Israel.

The Necronomicon is known to be the Satanic bible, that contains spells, rituals and demonic enchantments.

Though the book is the fictional work of horror story writer, H.P. Lovecraft, it has come to be a much admired text by the Israelites.

"There is a lot of truth within its pages," reader Maya Demsky said.

"Just the other day I did an enchantment from the book and I swear I saw the shadow of Satan," she said.

Some believe that this book is the answer to the questions left by the Hebrew Bible.

"It's like when you read them together, you get the full spectrum: Heaven and Hell. The Kingdom and the underworld," Demsky said.

The petitioners feel that making the Necronomicon the national book will heavily persuade all of Israel's people to read the book.

"It's too good to ignore," petitioner Noam Barak commented. "We have not heard a solid word from officials yet, but we won't stop petitioning until they hear us," he said.

-Judaism Daily

## Damascus, SYRIA

A famous Damascene baker is selling something near and dear to her in attempts to keep her legacy alive: her heart.

Fannie Daye of Happy Dayes bakery centered in Damascus said that her love of baking is contained in her heart and must be shared with the world even after her passing.

The 89-year-old expects to be knocking on death's door any day now, and wants to be prepared when it happens.

"I'm auctioning off my heart to the highest bidder," she said. "I believe that whoever buys it will also receive my passions, talents, and skills."

Her son, Billy Daye, is skeptical of her decision.

"I don't know why she doesn't just pass down the recipes to the rest of the family," he commented.

"I have a passion for baking and I have always planned on carrying out my mother's business for her," he said. "But the closest I've come to a recipe is licking batter off a spoon."

Mrs. Dayes says she wants someone else to carry on with her legacy, "someone who's salted caramel isn't so salty," she said.

-The Damascene Demolition

## Beijing, CHINA

China just got a taste of Italy after President Xi Jinping threw a pizza party that fed all of Beijing.

Jinping told reporters that he knows that not all of China has the luxury of eating a full meal, so he decided to feed the many that filled the country's capital.

To feed the 11.51 million citizens, it cost the Chinese government 357,190,000 yuan.

"There was enough for everyone to have a whole half of a pie," said pizza eater, Dao Li, while rubbing his belly in remembrance.

"It was the best pizza I have ever had in my life," he said.

Mei Cheng, however, feels that the president could have done more.

"After four slices of pizza you tend to get very thirsty," she said.

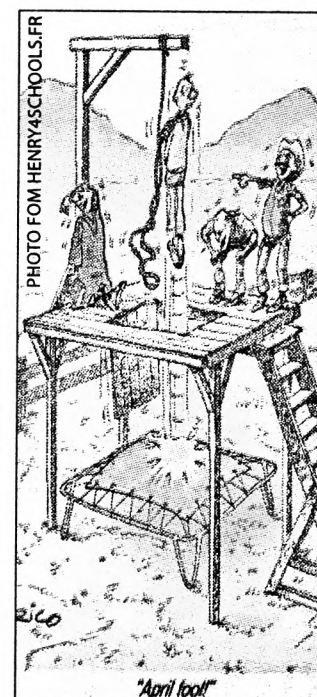
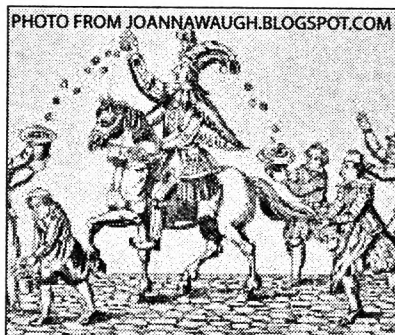
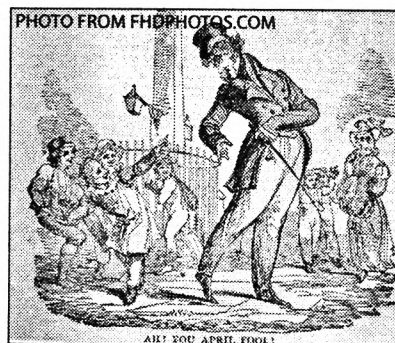
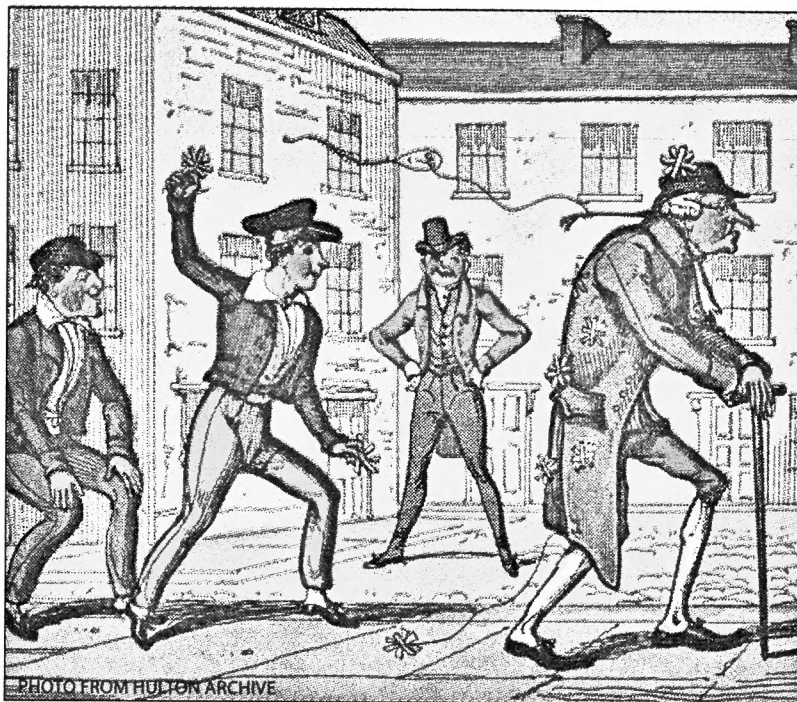
"I only wish that there might have been some drinks to accompany the meal."

Not everyone was feeling the love, as some critics felt that the pizza party was a ploy to win their obedience.

"We cannot be bought with Italian dishes," proclaimed Nicolas Andretti, originally from Italy himself. "We aren't that cheap."

-The Chinese Expositor

# CAMPUS LIFE



These are some historical illustrations and cartoons of April Fools' Day celebrations in years past. It is said that Dr. Bowling has ancestors that were very much into April Fools' Day celebrations. They were so famous for their April Fools' shenanigans that some of his ancestors even appear in several of these drawings. Can you notice the family resemblance in the illustrations above?

## April Fools' Day lacks solid origin

A.J.W. Ewers

Assistant Life Editor

As is the case with many other issues, if you do not understand April Fools' Day or why there is an entire day set aside to play foolish pranks on one another — blame the French.

The story goes like this: In 1564, the French government reformed its calendar and decided to change New Years Day from being celebrated on Apr 1, as it in the old Julian calendar, to Jan 1. It took time for many of those who not in urban areas to catch onto the change in tradition. Some individuals chose to simply reject the change and continue to celebrate New Years Day on Apr. 1. To make fun of the 'fools' that rejected the change, pranksters would stick paper fishes to the peoples' backs. To this day, April Fools' Day is known as 'Poisson d'Avril,' or rather 'April Fish' in French, according to the Museum of Hoaxes.

While the French claim to be April Fools' Day originators, there is no shortage of theories saying where the comedic day came from. Apr. 1 might just be a day that some people let come and go without a second thought, but the day was celebrated with much more hoopla in ages past.

Professor emeritus of American humor (yes, that really is a field of study) at Boston University, Joseph Boskin gave his own view on how the holiday began to an Associated Press reporter in 1983. Boskin said that the tradition began in the third and fourth centuries A.D. during the reign of Constantine I, according to National Geographic. Supposedly, several jesters from Constantine's court came to him and asked if he would allow them to rule the Roman Empire for a day. Constantine agreed and the first jester king to be installed was King Kugel. King Kugel ruled that Apr. 1, the day he came to power, would forever be a day of absurdity.

Yet, what is the most accepted story about the origins of April Fools' Day? Sure, there is a lot of guessing about the day's origin, but April Fools' Day is actually a completely American tradition, only picked up by Europeans several decades after Americans invented it.

Many people know the story of the first pilgrims and the Native Americans coming together for the first Thanksgiving. April Fools' Day is like that — just a bit more interesting.

It all began in the settlements of the Massachusetts Bay Colonies. The local Mohegan tribe was a spirited tribe, often looking for ways to bring joy to their work.

Every year on Apr. 1, the tribesmen would go out and trick the colonists. They would try to convince the colonists that their towns were haunted. Much like today's TPing of trees, the tribesmen would run around the towns at night and hang ghost-like images to scare the colonists. They would run around beating drums and screaming like ghouls trying to frighten the colonists.

Eventually, the colonists caught on to what was occurring. Rather than letting the Mohegans know that they knew what they were doing, the colonists decided to return the favor. One known way that they got the Mohegans back was by dyeing the river that the tribe used for food and water red with the rotting berries from the year's harvest. This terrified the Mohegans because they thought that the gods were cursing them by turning the river to blood.

This back-and-forth pranking went on between the colonists and Native

Americans every year until the last of the Mohegans died. This is the most widely accepted origin for the day that we now know as April Fools' Day.

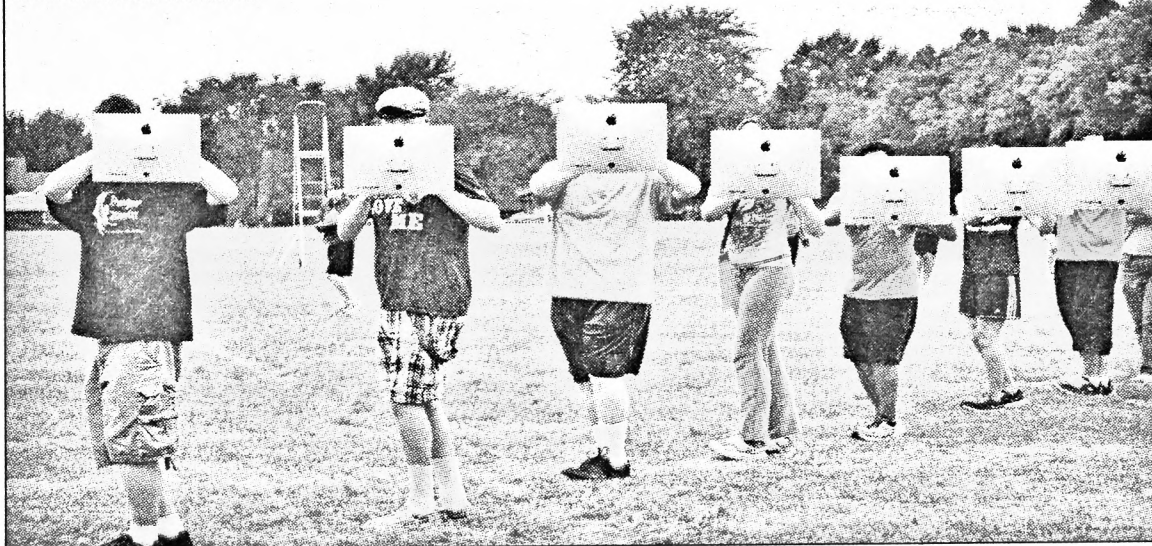
Regardless of how we celebrate April Fools' Day today, the origins of the holiday make it interesting enough to call for a lovely prank or two. What is the most interesting fact about the history? All of these stories are made up. Boskin was lying. There was no jester takeover of the Roman throne. There wasn't even a jester known as King Kugel. Kugel is an Eastern European dish, according to National Geographic. While the Mohegan tribe did exist, they didn't prank the colonists. While the French did put paper fish on the backs of people who refused to accept the change in New Year's Day, a day of pranking was occurring long before that.

No one actually knows exactly when the day of pranking began, but does it really matter? We have a day on which we can ruthlessly prank one another for the heck of it. Rather than trying to figure the origins of the day, go prank your roommate. It's the one day of the year they can't be mad at you for it.

## CAMPUS LIFE

Band students practicing with the new iMacs that the Music department is now requiring all students within the department to buy – only one year after the department made students purchase iPads.

PHOTO BY LINDSAY HATHAWAY



## Out with the iPads, in with iMacs

By Emily Rush  
Staff Writer

The Music Department is planning on switching to iMacs for the upcoming year, even though they just required students to purchase iPads this year. Department leaders think carrying an iMac would be more beneficial to the students than an iPad in the long run because they would have a full size keyboard and a bigger screen to read music from.

The iMacs will come equipped with programs such as Finale and Garage Band, something that is not available for the iPads. These programs are very beneficial to music majors, as they aid in composing music, department chair Dr. Don Reddick said.

"The music students have all said that the iPads have been more trouble than they have been useful," Reddick said. "So we wanted to try to fix that by creating an alternate technology that every music student has to switch

to for more efficiency."

The music department will not be buying the iPads back from their students, as the music department simply does not have the funds to do so.

"As much as we wish we could do a trade-in, it just is not possible. The students will have to keep the iPads," Reddick said.

For some students this new upgrade is an exciting advancement, while others are not too sure about the switch.

"iMacs are much larger than iPads. I always have trouble reading my music on the small iPad screen. It will be much easier with an iMac," sophomore Orpheus member, Richard Givens said.

Many of the music students agree with Givens in the fact that the iPads are just too small to read music on, and that a larger screen would be appreciated. Other students are reason-

ably skeptical of the switch.

"I'm not sure how convenient it will be to carry an iMac around," freshman band and Orpheus member, Karah Lain said.

Despite the skeptics the music department will pursue on with its plan. Music students will be getting more detailed information about how to order their new iMacs by the end of April. Reddick said the cost will be approximately \$1,000. This is a deal considering the retail price of an iMac is around \$1,500. The cost can be split up between two semesters, or paid all at once depending on the students' preference.

"The department is very excited to make this switch, and we hope that students get on board with our decision. They either get on board, or we make them get on board," Reddick said.

## Cripple Creek claims another

By A.E. Sarver  
Campus Life  
Editor



Caren Fork of the Cripple Creek March Census Bureau died at 96.

PHOTO BY A.E. SARVER

The Spoons for Fork show on March 28 revealed the death of a beloved member of their group, Caren Fork.

Caren Fork worked as a receptionist at the Cripple Creek March Census Bureau. She fell in love often, but didn't settle down until she found out her true love, Alexander Kingsley, was a robot.

After fighting off penguins and surviving a tragedy, she ended up retiring from the Cripple Creek March Census Bureau. She settled down with the boss of the bureau.

Caren ended up having six children even even though they were very old. Unfortunately she died in childbirth with her 7th child at the ripe age of 96.

They named the child Alexander Kingsley in honor of the late great Alexander Kingsley.

"She will be missed. Every year, another one always seems to bite the dust, and this last show, it was at Cripple Creek," Matthew Jones, member of Spoons for Forks said.

RIP Caren.

## Music-less musicals to be performed

Stacy Knoderer  
Staff Writer

Olivet's theater company has decided to perform the Music Man again, in a special rendition called 'The Man.' The time it will be performed without the music. Yes, you read it right. Without the music. Since the Music Man was such a hit, the cast, crew, and director, decided that they want to perform the show again.

"We had so much fun performing in the show, it only seemed natural to do a second set of performances" said extra Sally McDonald.

Deciding to do the show again was the easy part, the hard part was coming up with a way to make it interesting enough to draw in another large audience. What better way, then to leave out the music, leaving a certain intrigue. How can a musical be performed without music? Especially one with music in the title? Well that is a good question, the performances will speak for themselves.

The actors will be focusing more on their acting abilities as opposed to their singing abilities, and the pit will no longer be needed. However, many of them will appear as extras on the stage, making their acting debuts. For those who do not like music, they have a lot to look forward to. There will not be even one note of music throughout the entire show.

Upon hearing about these new set of performances, English education student Lindsay Miller called the idea, "a wonderful artistic experiment."

This is something that has never been done before. A musical being performed without the music is a new concept, and Olivet Nazarene University hopes to start a new trend. If the second round of shows is a success who knows how many colleges will latch on to this idea?

Matt Jones also seems to have high hopes for the new set of performances. Matt played the Mayor in the original showing.

"I could not be more pleased to be a part of this breakthrough production. My hopes are that through removing the music from this American classic we can lift the weight off its shoulders to unearth a draw dropping play: The Man. I was thrilled when they asked me to reprise the role of Mayor Shinn. The audience is in for the music-less experience of a lifetime," Jones said.

Jones also stated that the idea behind this new set of performances, had been thrown around for a while. The cast, crew, and director put a lot of careful consideration into going through with these performances. This was by no means a snap decision.

All of the original cast members have agreed to return to grace the stage with their talent. They will begin practices shortly.

The show is set to perform on April 24, 25, 26, and 27. Tickets go on sale March 24.



# CAMPUS LIFE

## Drum Beats:

Have you ever seen that girl in the Quad that is always hula-hooping? Have you ever wanted to walk up to her and bluntly ask, "Why in the world are you doing that?" Don't worry, the GlimmerGlass has taken the chance to get to know hula-hoop girl, Bethany Isley.



### Why in the world do you hula-hoop so much?

I hula-hoop so much because it is a hobby I picked up freshman year. I learned that I was good at it and just kept going. I started hula hooping on campus freshman year during my fitness lab. Hoop twirling is just way more fun than running on a treadmill.

### Since you are a commuter, do you just keep a collapsible hula-hoop in your backpack?

I had a collapsible hoop, but when I studied abroad in Ecuador last semester I left it with some of my Ecuadorian friends. They don't have much access to collapsible hoops there so I left it as a gift. Now if I am going to hula-hoop on campus I have to lug around one of my non-collapsible hoops, which is really awkward because I get a lot of stares.

### What is your favorite hula-hoop move?

I prefer on-body hoop moves like the Vortex, which is lifting the hula hoop above your head and dropping it down to your body multiple times. Right now I am trying to learn how to hula hoop around one leg. It is fun, but I am not very good at it yet.

### If hula-hooping were an Olympic sport, would you try to qualify for it?

I would not qualify. I have seen some legendary hula-hoopers and I am not nearly as good as they are.

### What does hula-hooping mean to you?

I guess the hula-hoop is really just a good way to bust stress. I feel more focused after a good hooping session.

### Why do you hula-hoop in the Quad and not elsewhere?

I choose the quad over preference. I really like hula-hooping on a level surface and the quad is just the best open level surface on campus. If I have the opportunity to hula-hoop, I will take it, but I really like level surfaces the most.

### Don't you ever worry about what people think about you when you're hula-hooping so boldly?

Every once in a while I get self conscious, but I know that I am just having fun. I try not to worry about what people think of me. It is important to have good self confidence and go for whatever makes you happy, even if it is whacking yourself with a hula-hoop because you can't quite get the feel for a move.

### How do you like your eggs cooked?

Over easy.

### What is your favorite milkshake flavor?

I work at Steak N' Shake so Double Chocolate Fudge.

### What is in your fridge right now?

I just bought groceries and I like to cook so there is a lot. There is a lot of cheese, milk, bread, water, mushrooms, veggies, and eggs.

### If you could hula-hoop with any person in the world, who would it be?

I would probably choose Brecken. She is a famous hula hooper and she rocks! I think I could learn a lot from her.

### Dr. Bowling invites you for a hula-hoop party, what kind of hula-hoop do you bring?

It depends on the time of the party, but if it were nighttime I would bring my LED hula-hoop. It doesn't get much action. Or if it were a day party, I might go on a shopping spree and get a new one.

**Do you know an interesting person who marches to their own beat? Submit their name to the GlimmerGlass for our Next Drum Beats profile.**

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# GG moves to Marketing dept

By A.E. Sarver  
Campus Life Editor

The university's newspaper is in the process of moving to the Office of Marketing and Communications and will now be under their management.

With the increasing amount of quotes being used out of context and unfortunate events being covered, the world is realizing how much the media influences society. Recent studies show that bad news is causing more crime.

"The numbers say it all; seven out of ten people are put in jail because of the content they are reading in the newspapers," Dr. Lee Remedy said.

Remedy has his own practice in downtown Chicago and teamed up with members of universities in the Chicago area to conduct this study. They call it "Mission: Bad News."

They realized after seeing the results of their study that the world needed to know these statistics.

Those who conducted the study decided the easiest way to get the word out was to contact the newspapers and have them report the story.

"I could not believe what I read. If newspapers are really causing this much strife in America, then I'm going to cancel my subscription," Linda Farr, Chicago resident said.

Like Farr, many Chicago residents have canceled their subscriptions to The Chicago Tribune. Their subscriptions have gone down 50 percent. The Chicago Tribune has now resorted to hiring newsies to get their paper back on the street.

"The press is getting out of hand. We have to do something to keep them in check," said Edward Nook,

President of the International Press and Public Relations Association.

Nook has ordered all newspapers to move their newspapers to public relations companies and offices. The news will now be under the control of advertisers.

Olivet's own paper, The GlimmerGlass, will be doing the same. They are moving to the Office of Marketing and Communications and discussions are being made about merging the paper with Olivet the Magazine.

Because of this, the entire editorial staff of The GlimmerGlass has quit. They were seen standing in front of Burke administration building with signs that said, "Now is the time to seize the day."

The future of newspapers is unclear, but for now, the public relations world will continue to thrive.

# GlimmerGlass game corner

## Gigi's Scavenger Hunt

Have you ever wanted to take part in an Olivet scavenger hunt? Now is your chance! How many of the following can you find around campus?

1. One black squirrel
2. Five couples praying together
3. Three engagement rings
4. One Ludwig engagement
5. Two parking tickets
6. One bike in a tree
7. Six boys outside of Parrot
8. Four longboarders
9. Two Mark Holcomb sweatervests
10. Four singing Olivetians
11. One hula-hoop girl
12. Two couples in Williams' "Passion Pit"
13. One Dr. Bowling
14. One Red Room wait line
15. Nine frisbee players
16. Five women wearing yoga pants
17. Five men wearing yoga pants
18. Six hands raised during chapel

## Sudoku

Can you solve what is known to be the world's hardest Sudoku puzzle, created only for the world's sharpest minds?

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Notes from

Jonny B. Swift



Foolish readers,

If you're anything like me, I'm so sorry. Let's hope it's a just a phase.

In any case, if you're anything like me, you have a love/hate relationship with April Fools' Day. You love the idea of pranks and shenanigans, but lack the courage and friends to enact these hijinks.

Well today is your lucky day! I, the self-proclaimed and unchallenged king of pranks, am here to equip you for this festival of foolery with the top 10 best pranks of all time. Unless, of course, you don't have friends. In which case, I guess your on your own. Again. Wanna grab a coffee?

1) Replace all of your friend's .5mm mechanical pencils with .7mm mechanical pencils. Laugh as their letters are 40% thicker!

2) Switch places with your twin for a day! If you don't have a twin, try using a mirror.

3) Become a Free Methodist! Then, you can keep most all of your Nazarene beliefs but love Wesley just a little more.

4) Get cultural on a fool! Draw a fish and stick it on somebody's back. C'est le jour du poisson!

6) Major in something important, like philosophy!

7) When was the last time you called home? Take a minute to call your parents and tell them how much you love them.

8) Scoop out the filling of Oreos. Crush over ice cream. Enjoy.

9) Tap your friend on the left shoulder, but from their right side. Then, when they go to look for you, nobody will be there! Take their wallet.

10) Tell your readers that you'll write a list of the top 10 pranks, but really only write 9 by cleverly eliminating number 5! Man, you should see the looks on your faces right now! Classic Logan!

5) Feel guilty about tricking your readers and give them back their number 5. Watch House of Cards alone. Eat an entire tub of Ben and Jerry's. Wonder what you're doing with your life.

Shenaniganing,

-Logan Long

# Matchmaker risks outweigh benefits

## Lonely Olivetians brought together through nothing short of fate

By Melissa Luby

Assistant Opinion Editor

When you attend the same college as your older sister, chances are good that your college experience starts before your years on campus. Everyone is familiar with Olivet's popular slogan: We believe you belong here. Less people are familiar with the student version of Olivet's elevator pitch, the one my sister taught me while I was still a tender high school sophomore: Marrying off Midwestern Nazarenes since 1907.

Judging from the ring-by-spring culture on campus, Olivet is already doing a great job in the marriage department. But there's always room for improvement, right?

We all knew this day would come. All of the not-so-subtle marriage-is-your-chief-end hints that the administration constantly leaks finally culminated in the announcement so many

have longed for: Olivet will now offer students matchmaker services.

No longer will the timid, quiet guys on campus have to worry about approaching a girl. No longer will the homely, unnoticed females re-

consider what this actually means in practice, and I noticed with alarm how horrific the consequences could be.

Ladies, this is huge: Chivalry will die. If men no longer have to pluck up their courage to chase the girl of their dreams, will they be able to protect you from the scary real world, where doors don't open themselves and people dance?

And what about our male-to-female ratio? Unless serious action is taken to bring more men to our campus, the

poor ladies at our school will resort to desperate measures. The matchmaker may have to pair them with heathens from the Bourbonnais community outside our bubble, or even (gasp) with the same guy as their best friend, which would either result in mass cat fighting or the adoption of polygamy as an acceptable

action within the Nazarene church.

Imagine how enrollment would change if we could promise prospective students not just an education but a spouse and children to boot. That is the hope that the matchmaker brings to not only future Olivetians but present ones as well. In the wake of the matchmaker's announcement, don't be surprised to see grades plummet among seniors desperate to buy themselves enough time on campus, another whole semester, even, for the matchmaker to do what he or she does best.

In short, the matchmaker stands as a buffer between us and facing our fears - fears of loneliness and rejection. Relationships take courage, and letting a matchmaker do the legwork for us builds a foundation of cowardice for our relationships, a foundation that will not weather life's storms. Olivetians, we don't need a matchmaker. That's what the Secret Admirer's forum is for.

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main invisible. Brought together by the deft hand of Olivet matchmaker, the lonely hearts of this campus will lose their loneliness.

On the surface, it sounds like a great idea. Initially, I thought it was great too. No more lonely Valentines Days or third-wheel outings with friends. But then I stopped to

## New organization offers support for workaholics

### Oasis secretly stands for Olivetians Against Sustaining In Slumber; ASC and administration stumped

By Meg Dowell

Staff Writer

Wake up! No, seriously, wake up. You have to hear this. What? You've already heard? You spend way too much time on Twitter. #getalife

Rumors around campus hint at a new student organization on the horizon. (Sssh - don't tell Dr. Bowling.) Whispers tell us OASIS - Olivetians Against Sustaining In Slumber - has ASC and administration stumped, raising the question of whether college students really need as much sleep as experts claim.

"It wouldn't be college without sleep deprivation and venti lattes," said OASIS founder and junior Alexia Hamilton. "I get anywhere between two and four hours a night and I'm fine. I get more done before six a.m. than most people accomplish in a whole day."

An anonymous survey given out by ONU Health Services gives almost solid evidence that students on campus who get fewer hours of sleep than recommended are more likely to master time management skills, learn at least one new foreign language, and graduate with honors.

"We [OASIS] strive to promote academic

excellence, ethical decision-making, and insomnia," Hamilton said.

"Our mission is to form a group of people who understand you don't need sleep to be successful. God didn't put us here to sleep our lives away."

While healthcare professionals recommend young adults get between six and eight hours of sleep nightly, OASIS seeks to prove anywhere between zero and three hours of sleep per night is not only enough to meet the demands of higher education, but also worth the sacrifice.

"I'm a quadruple major," senior Lance Henders told the GlimmerGlass. "I'm involved in athletics and now I'm part of this new club called OASIS. It's made up of people like me who get that there just isn't time to sleep. And then there's the whole

God thing. We need time to spend with Him too. I don't know about you, but I can't pray in my sleep. I'm not superman."

If you're a night owl, or just an insomniac, there may finally be a student-led support group just for you and your anti-slumbering needs.

"Anyone can join," Hamilton said. "All you have to do is sign a waiver promising you won't report us to Student Development if you suffer physiological or psychological complications from chronic sleep deprivation, and you're all set."

OASIS meetings are held at 2 a.m. every Wednesday in the basement of Weber and are free of charge.

All members must bring their own coffee, black tea, or energy drinks for permission to attend.

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# OPINION

## #ONUchapel censorship a violation of rights

by Grace King  
Opinion Editor

The #onuchapel hashtag will be forever known for its touching God moments that reach deep into our souls as well as its rude hilarity that makes us literally laugh out loud during the “dryer” chapel services. May it rest in peace.

Ending soon, not only will chapel wifi no longer be available, but #onuchapel will be censored for explicit, rude, inappropriate, or just plain sassy tweets.

As a regular reader, fan, and occasional #onuchapel user, I am appalled at the administration’s decision to censor our beloved Twitter entertainment. Twitter is a public forum. Where’s the freedom of speech here? Are we going to stand idle while our First Amendment rights are slowly stripped from us? I say no!

According to Cornell University Law School’s Legal Information Institute webpage, “The most basic component of freedom of expression is the right of freedom of speech. The right to freedom of speech allows individuals to express themselves without interference or constraint by the government.” In the past, the Supreme Court has

recognized that the government may prohibit speech that could cause unrest or violence for the protection of citizens.

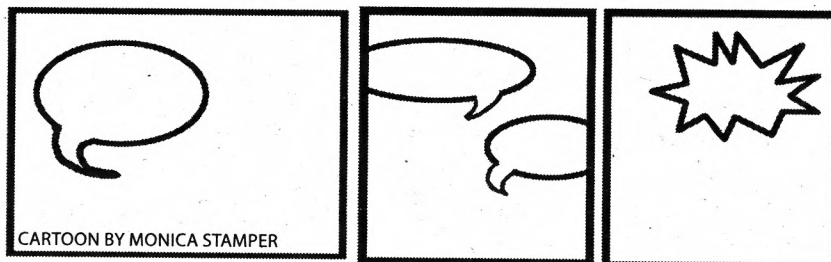
We have a right to post our ideas, thoughts, opinions, and even snarky comments. Although there are past circumstances where these comments may have been said in bad taste (Gospel Choir incident, anyone?), the whole should not be punished for the few. While it is reasonable to censor at a government level to avoid World War III, I don’t see how an innocent #onuchapel tweet is going to disrupt the overall peace of our Olivet bubble.

Even College Church UC uses Twitter during their services. During our Winter Revival, #revival2014 was trending on the screen before services.

Using hashtags allows chapel listeners to join together, get other students responses and opinions on topics discussed, and worship together in a way that is becoming increasingly relevant to our generation.

Twitter is here to stay (at least until something better comes along). Fellow students, it is important for us to take responsibility for our words and actions. Be smart when you tweet. Administration, it isn’t your job to decide what opinions we can or cannot share with our peers.

Shine under  
blacklight  
for hidden  
comic!



CARTOON BY MONICA STAMPER

### GiGi's Corner:

## Coordinate teeth and dress color

Dear Gigi,

*I'm going to be a junior next year. I chose my major before beginning college, stuck with it for two years because I was brainwashed into thinking I liked it, and have just now decided to take a different path. How do I break the news to my parents that they have to pay for a few more semesters of college?*

Dear spoiled rotten, I would not break the news to mom and dad. Whether you are a boy or a girl, I would man up and be willing to pay for those extra semesters myself. If the comfort of your privilege blinded you for two years, perhaps the harsh reality of paying for something on your own will help you see your future more clearly. You've got to want it, and if you aren't firmly invested in your life choices, you are less likely

to make something of yourself. I suggest you foot the bill, not mommy and daddy.

Dear Gigi,

*I'm getting married in June, and I will be wearing a white wedding dress for the occasion. The only problem is I'm really self conscious about my yellow teeth. I'm worried that they are going to clash with my dress. However, I've been taught that permanently altering your appearance is a deviation from God's plan and a sin. What should I do? Sincerely, bride to be*

Dear Bride of Chucky, If those people who advised you ever wear makeup or exercise, they are liars and sinners in their own right. Furthermore, unless they plan on wedding in their sweats, they are similarly hypo-

critical. It's time to ignore haughty, self-righteous Christians who mask their pompous attitudes for rooted piety. You do you. If you want a whiter smile, buy some peroxide and swish to your heart's content. Another option is to wear a slightly off-white dress. That, however, means your groom views you as slightly impure, so... It's your call. Cosmetics can certainly feed into vanity, but they don't have to.

Need some advice? Scan the QR code to submit a question! Or go to the website below.



<http://goo.gl/drmUj0>

## Editorial



Bill Nye has recently adopted a new title- “Bill Nye the Ricin Guy.”

Nye, an evolutionist best known for his science videos in the early 2000’s, recently participated in a debate with creationist, Ken Ham. After an utterly devastating defeat at the hands of Ham, Nye solemnly shed his heart-warming moniker “Science Guy” in favor of many evangelicals’ suggestion, “Bill Nye the Ricin Guy.”

Millions of Millennials are now clutching the Lisa Frank folders of their souls with the hum of science class videos echoing in their minds, leaving them with a simple imploration, “Why Bill Nye, why?”

While the secular science community, headed by Darth Dawkins, seeks to portray Nye’s descent as a simple psychotic break down resulting from toxic inhalation from years of lab room volcanoes, a closer look reveals secular science has been eating away at Nye’s soul for decades.

Nye was raised in a Christian home. His mother knew at a young age that he would do great things for Christian Science, claiming he experimented with Easter egg dyes “until they were just the right composition,” his mother Judith said. But Nye’s future quickly went downhill.

“I began to worry when Bill decided he wanted to go to a state school for college,” Judith said. “I knew I had lost him when he told me he wanted to study secular science and moved out to Hollywood to begin making those video tapes.”

After a month in Hollywood, Nye abandoned his Christian background and picked up the agnostic evolutionist title he now claims. In a recent interview with Christianity Today, Nye told reporters he’s no longer interested in simplistically explaining science to the general public for the “greater good,” and has since decided to reverse his research tactics.

The GlimmerGlass was able to attain exclusive evidence from Nye’s journal, which has brought us to the conclusion that Nye’s downfall is a result of a borderline obsessive interest in bettering young minds of the secular world.

After his embarrassing defeat against Ham, Nye initially attempted

to mollify his woes through his time-tested remedy: a quart Ziploc bag of fresh homemade shaken ice cream, My Chemical Romance’s “I’m Not Ok- I Promise” on repeat and Facebook browsing. Nye quickly found the Internet was exploding with myriad critiques of his debate performance.

Nye came across a particularly pointed BuzzFeed article, which showcased the overwhelming support his opponent received from viewers across the world. The article featured photos of creationists posed in front of posters with hand-written critiques of Nye’s points. “If God isn’t real, why is the sunset so beautiful every evening?” one Ham supporter implored.

Nye was taken aback by the scientific nature of the creationists’ questions.

“The creationists critiques were just too much,” he later told Christianity Today. “I’m abandoning ship. You won’t see me wasting time on bettering humanity any longer. I’d rather get more into experimenting with poison.”

Since then, Nye has been seen wearing shorts not one, but two ID card lengths above the knee, sporting a freshly pierced septum ring and has quit trimming his hair.

“I would predict his hair will be longer than shoulder length within the next week,” Nye’s barber told the GlimmerGlass.

We believe Nye’s story is a classic example of the slippery downhill slope many individuals experience when venturing out into the wide-open spaces of the secular world. While Nye was born and raised in a Christian home, he quickly became interested in educating children through a secular platform. If Nye had stayed within the confines of the Christian culture, he could have saved Millennials across the country from experiencing an existential crisis at the hands of Bill Nye the Ricin Guy.

**What’s an editorial?**

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## SPORTS

# ONU track and field gains new member

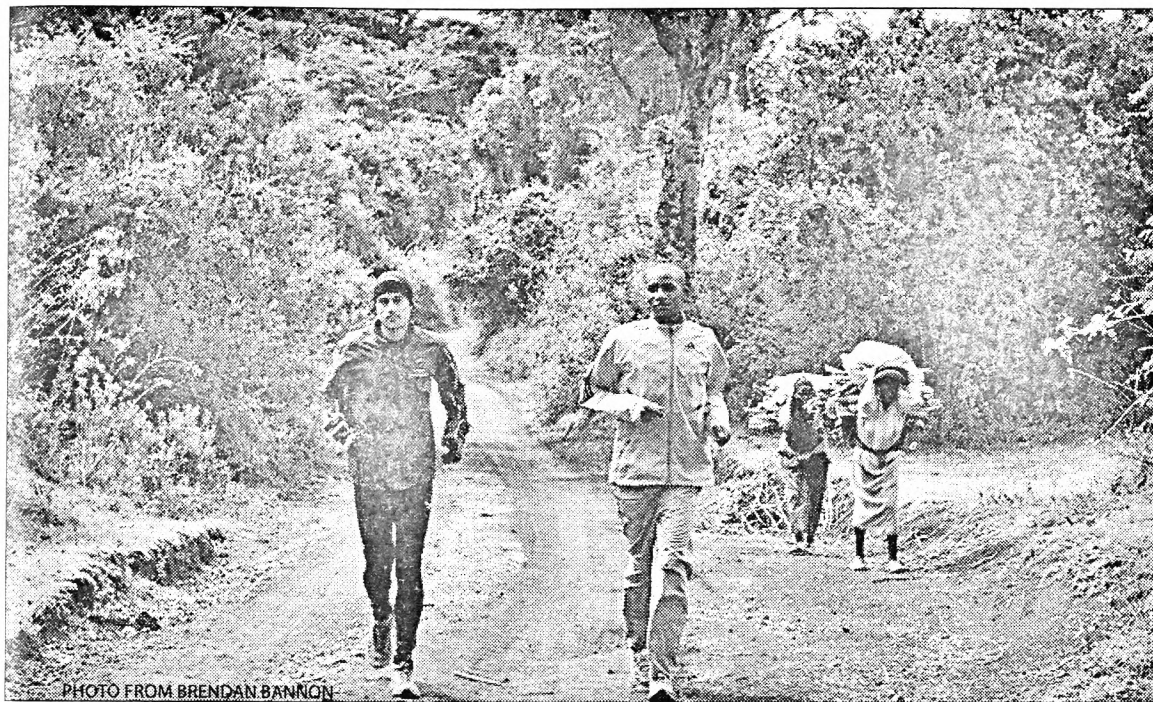


PHOTO FROM BRENDAN BANNON

Abubakarr Chinedu and his friends often race to far off water sources in his homeland of Sierra Leone in Africa.

By **Destiny Mitchell**  
Assistant News Editor

ONU's track and field team is being invaded by a foreigner with a passion for teamwork.

Abubakarr Chinedu, from Sierra Leone in Africa, will go from running in the open grasslands of his mother country to running with the Tigers of Olivet by next fall.

"Sports are really important in my homeland," said Chinedu. "Any activity that will bring people together and allows us to celebrate life is essential to us."

Though Africa is a quickly developing continent, there are still countries struggling within their borders. Despite being major producers in gold and diamonds and having the third largest natural harbor in the world, over 70 percent of Sierra Leone's people live in poverty.

Chinedu explained that the near-

est source of water was miles away from his home. He and his friends would make the trek more bearable by turning it into a race, with the river's brown waters marking the finish line.

Chinedu will help Head Track and Field Coach Mike McDowell to get his runners to run again. After runners found out that running was bad for the body, most of the track team went on strike.

Runners who have not gone on strike have made some hefty demands. Junior runner Brittany Booth, who is demanding her own "go-cart and chauffeur in-between classes," is encouraging runners to sign a petition demanding that the university give them whatever they need to keep their bodies from breaking down.

"Everything is too convenient here in America," Chinedu said. "I will help Coach McDowell discipline these spoiled athletes."

## Synchronized swim team set to compete

By **Nathan DiCamillo**  
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The athletic department has announced plans to form a synchronized swimming team.

Looking to show off their graceful skills, the synchronized swimming team will perform before every swim meet with hopes of wowing every ONU student with their impressive ability to contort their bodies in perfect orchestration.

"To be sure, our program will not feature any inappropriate contortions of the body," incoming Head Coach of synchronized swimming Harmony Phelps said.

ONU marketing has assured the student body in a press release today that the sport by no means breaks any of the rules in the university's handbook.

Since the swimmers will be inside a pool with giant glass windows, people may choose whether or not they want

to see the event.

"I look forward to it! I know Olivet produces a big turnout for their swimming events—it'll be great to show off what I can do," synchro swimmer Ariel Schweman said.

The team will have its debut event at exactly 7 p.m. on Apr. 4.

In order to build hype for the event and ensure students arrive on time, ONU marketing encourages students to synchronize their watches with the clock in Olivet's pool arena.

Olivet synchronized swimmers practice their new routine before competing Apr. 4.

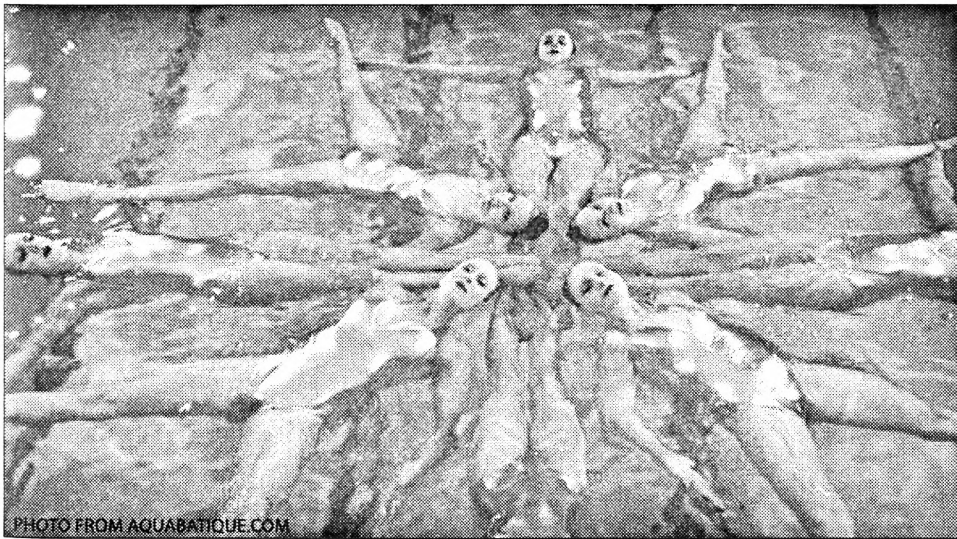


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## Swim team dives in

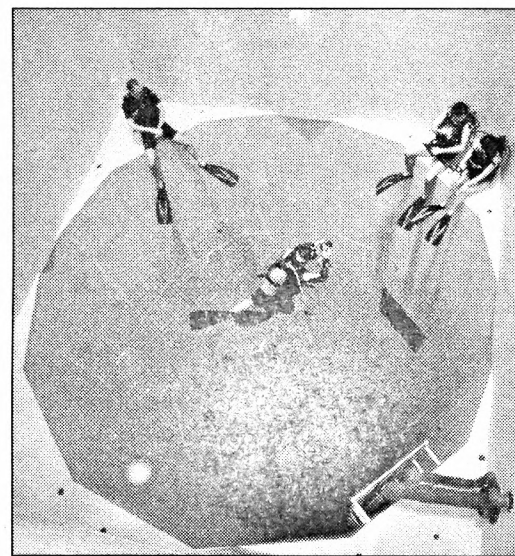


PHOTO FROM LAUGHING SQUID.COM

By **Nathan DiCamillo**  
Assistant Sports Editor

"I'm not sure why we needed that lazy river. I pretty sure it encourages students to avoid physical activity," Sport's Information Director Windy Reed said.

After reviewing a poll by Pew Research Center revealing that whirl pools cannot be used for professional diving, Olivet has decided to replace

its whirlpool with a diving pool. ONU Swimmers and Divers are rejoicing.

"Now, I can dive whenever I want too," sophomore diver Abigail Songer said. ONU divers previously had to travel to a local high school to dive.

Some students, however, are sad to see the whirlpool go.

"A guy could take his girlfriend to the whirl pool or throw a swim party. You could have a whirl of

a time," freshman Brendan Shea said.

Shea has spent several hours window sun tanning next to the whirl pool, playing Marco Polo in the pool, and "party rocking" against the current with friends.

The whirl pool was useful to other dry sports, but the swim team is glad to have the new diving pool.

"The whirl pool was good for resistance training, if swimming with resistance buckets doesn't meet your fancy," junior swimmer Cat Lugo said.

# SPORTS

## Ozone overhaul: Program renamed 'C-Section'

By Jimmy Phillips  
Staff Midwife

In their fourth effort in as many years to make the student section at home athletic events an appreciable group, Olivet's athletic department has decided once again to change the name of their incentivized student program.

"We will be renaming it from the 'Ozone' to the 'Cheering Section,' said Windy Reed, Women's Sports Information Director and coordinator of the Ozone program.

"We are hoping this name change more accurately reflects the purpose of this student section. Before, it was named after an atmospheric gas whose levels have been decreasing. That sent the wrong message. We want the section to be increasing. Because of this, we felt a name change was integral in revamping the program."

According to Gerry Newman, Di-

rector of the Athletic Department, student sections can "make all the difference in a close contest."

He continued to say, "Our various sports teams are good, but they need all the help they can get. Having a healthy C-Section could really breathe new life into some of our more torpid programs."

Attending Olivet sporting events can be a little laborious. Sometimes, there are as many fans from the visiting schools as there are from our own. Oftentimes, attendance is worse than a church on Thursday.

A good C-Section could do a lot to boost the adrenalin levels of our players, helping them play better and win, which would be a change of pace for most of our teams (except for swimming and things played by girls).

As of right now, Olivet's worst performing sport is the one drawing the largest crowd. Newman would like to

see that trend inverted.

"It's time the well-played sports have the biggest C-Section. If you don't win, you don't deserve the support of the student body. The Cheering Section program is an incentive for students, but it should also serve as an incentive for athletes as well," he said.

When asked, many students seemed to be excited about this change. Senior Taylor Westrate said, "If I weren't graduating, I would definitely be more interested in participating after the name was changed. It's a cooler name."

"I'm sure some jokes will be made about the name, but would you rather jokes about giving birth or jokes about a toxic, bad-smelling gas formed by electrical discharge in the atmosphere? Definitely the birth jokes," added junior Shana Reidlinger, who was similarly thrilled about the program overhaul.

## New research calls exercise harmful



Students at Olivet run outside last semester. More and more students are leaving this exercise due to the release of new research that calls running bad for the body.

By Jada Fisher  
Staff Writer

If you had to choose between running for an hour and making a run to Wal-Mart with friends, make the Wal-Mart run but drive there. There is no reason to run or perform any form of exercise. Exercise is bad for the body, according to a recent study conducted by global wellness professional and specialist David Smith.

Exercising is not only a waste of time, but has several negative effects on the body.

"It puts pressure on your joints, tears down your muscles and gradually weakens the immune system," Dr. William Chizophraugmn, Kankakee general practitioner, said.

Researchers found that exercise can cause not only physical problems, but emotional woes as well. Chizophraugmn adds that chronic depression, sporadic mood swings, fits of rage and demotivation are linked to consistent exercise, especially in young adults. As a result, Olivet will soon prohibit all on-campus exercise activity.

Due to the exercise activity in Wellness Fitness Lab, that course will not be required for students, according to Professor Aaron Thompson.

Sophomore Charity Shonamon is in favor of the change.

"I've seen the negative effects exercise has had on friends, so I'm glad it's something that people won't have to subject themselves to anymore," she said.

The Perry Center will soon make many changes. The field house will be renovated into a food court, which will include Burger King, Chick-fil-A, Connie's Pizza, Gloria Jeans, Auntie Anne's Pretzels and Panda Express.

"I'm pumped for this food court, I hope they accept Tiger dollars," junior Stephen Carmichael said.

Students won't be able to swim in the pool either. Only standing, floating and walking will be permitted. All stairs will be demolished and replaced with elevators. The rock wall will also be deconstructed and replaced with 150-foot palm trees and artificial sand.

The popular fitness classes like Spinning, Zumba and Step Aerobics will also be cut. There will be relaxation and leisure based groups like, Nazarene Nappers, Instagram/Snapchat Club and #TeamLazy which may or may not ever meet.

## Student athletes demand personal theme songs, chauffeurs, world

By Matt Dahlberg  
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While certain groups are lobbying for the unionization of NCAA athletes, Olivet's athletes have their own demands.

Most of the athletes on campus wanted simple things like financial help if they are injured during a season, or even just a little spending money for food and other college necessities. Still, some other student athletes had higher expectations when it came to Olivet investing in the players.

Junior soccer player Tyler Gill wanted more casual fans to recognize his importance to the team.

"When I'm introduced at the start of a game, I want more than just my name called. I should have my own theme song playing. It shouldn't be some recording of a song, the Olivet marching band should come up with an original song to match my play style and personality."

Brittany Booth, a junior on the track team, listed her grievances and what the university should do to appease her.

"Some classes are really far away from my dorm and I don't have a lot of time to get to class, I should have my own personal go-cart and chauffeur in-between classes." Booth didn't stop there. "My time is precious so I don't think

it would be a big deal if I had the right to be at the front of any food line in Ludwig, in fact I should have that right for all lines on campus."

Edward Shilka, a sophomore swimmer, may not have seniority, but that doesn't limit his long list of expectations for Olivet.

"The first thing that needs to happen is, I need to be added to the mural in Ludwig's dining hall. I don't ask for much, just my face as the center and most prominent point of the piece," Shilka said. "Along with that I shouldn't be required to pay for anything on campus. Events, supplies, food, you name it: I should get it, otherwise what's the point? I think I may transfer if Olivet doesn't come through."

Along with Shilka, Gill and Booth both agreed that if Olivet doesn't meet their demands the university may lose out on their talent.

"Olivet needs to realize just how important we are. I've already heard from a few other colleges that are dying to have me." Booth said. Gill assured that "we aren't holding Olivet ransom, we just want what is rightfully ours."

The NCAA athletes may have started this movement for student athlete benefits, but Olivet athletes have taken it to the next level.