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News beyond ONU

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International

Soldiers charged with killing Afghans for sport

A hearing for five U.S. soldiers charged with premeditated murder and conspiracy to commit premeditated murder began on Sept. 27, according to Fox News.

According to Cpl. Jeremy Morlock, he and other soldiers followed a plot led by Staff Sgt. Calvin Gibbs that randomly selected civilians to kill them for sport while they were on patrol.

National

Flood forces hundreds to evacuate homes

Southwest Wisconsin and southern Minnesota faced flooding after the area was hit by several thunderstorms last week, CNN reported on Sept. 27.

Hundreds of people were evacuated from their homes and thousands more lost power as river levels rose. A major Wisconsin sand levee threatened to fail as well, which could affect as many as 100 homes.

Local

White House employee considers running for mayor of Chicago

White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel is close to making a decision to leave the White House and run for mayor in Chicago, a source close to Emanuel told the Chicago Tribune on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

An announcement is expected to come soon, and many in the White House expect Emanuel to leave and start his campaign sometime in October.

Naperville man gets jail time for throwing egg at judge

Agim Demiri, age 40, received a 90-day jail sentence on Sept. 27 after he threw a raw egg at a DuPage County judge in March, according to the Arlington Heights Daily Herald.

Judge Timothy J. McJoynt was not hit in the attack, but the toss caused over \$600 in damage to the courtroom. Demiri had been in court multiple times for child support issues.

Organ arrives

The second biggest pipe organ in Illinois finds a home in Centennial Chapel

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Walking into Centennial Chapel for the debut service will be overwhelming, to say the least. There will be about 4,500 metal and wooden pipes on stage, which will definitely make the experience unforgettable.

Olivet is the new home of the second largest pipe organ in Illinois. The organ arrived at Olivet from Padua, Italy, about four weeks ago.

A gift

The pipe organ that now resides in Centennial Chapel was a gift from the same couple that donated the principle gift for the chapel itself, Betty and Kenneth Hawkins, of Clearwater, Fl.

"They thought that a big, important building such as this at Olivet deserved to have a major musical instrument," said Dr. Ovid Young, Olivet's Artist in Residence and one of two in-house organ consultants. "It's one of the things that makes a major statement about a university."

According to University President Dr. John Bowling, the gift cost about \$1.25 million, though this figure is not yet final.

A "King of Instruments"

This organ has a total of 4,575 pipes fill the pipe chamber. These are only the wind-blown pipes – there are even more digital pipes not seen.

Young described the instrument as 125-rank. Each rank has 61 pipes. In addition to the visible pipes onstage, there are 50 ranks – or 3,050 pipes – for digital enhancement, bringing the total to 7,625 pipes.

The benefits of a digitally enhanced organ include not having to add to the organ in the future. That being said, another benefit will be not having to "knock down walls" in order to make room for more pipes, Young said.

With digital capabilities, the range of the organ becomes more advanced as well.

"The sounds that will come from this organ will be so low that it'll be beyond the range of

our ability to discern pitch," he said. "Nobody will be able to say 'Oh, that's a B flat.' What they will experience is more of a physical sensation. It will be the kind of sound and effect that makes a magnificent pipe organ sound like a magnificent pipe organ."

Obviously, this organ is not like any other instrument Olivet has ever had.

"We have made it a hybrid instrument," Young said, meaning that the digital and wind-blown pipes will work together to produce a unique sound.

Each pipe in the chamber varies in size so different sounds will be heard. The smallest pipe on stage is the size of a pencil, according to Young. The largest is 16 feet tall.

An Italian creation

When it was decided that Olivet was going to receive an organ such as this, many decisions had to be made. First, an organ-manufacturing company needed to be chosen.

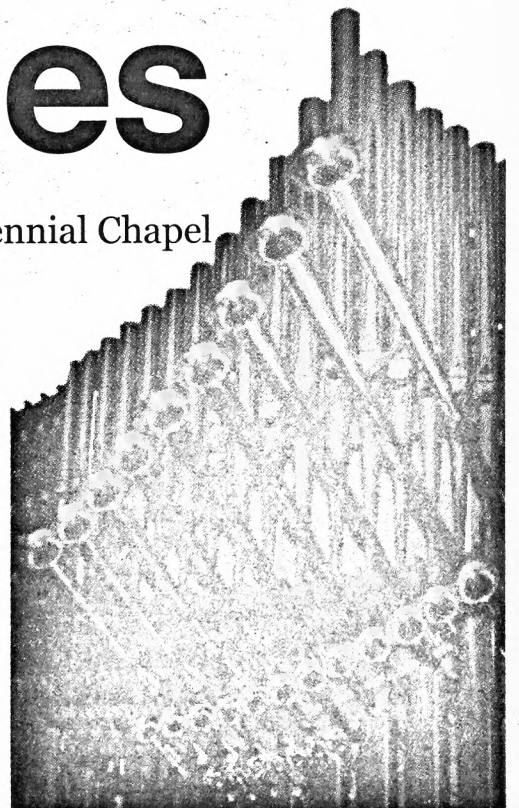
The instrument was made by the Fratelli Ruffatti, a well-known pipe organ construction team in Padua. Translated, "fratelli Ruffatti" means "the brothers Ruffatti," or "the Ruffatti brothers," according to Young. These brothers are known all over the world and are very well respected in the organ community.

"Nobody was going out on a limb here. We knew that they could produce a glorious sounding instrument," Young said. "Anyone who knows anything about pipe organs knows the name Ruffatti."

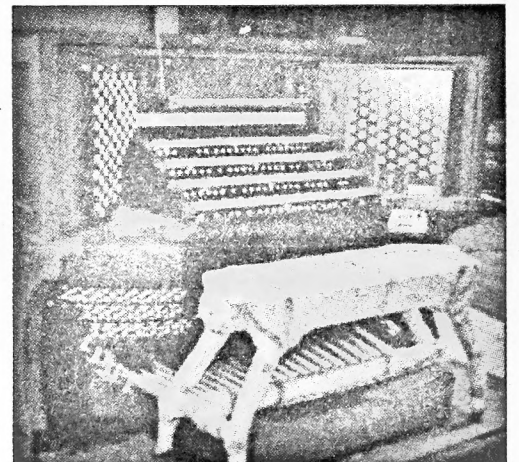
Olivet's organ has been in the works for a little over four years now, a longer amount of time than construction on the chapel itself. Keep in mind, though, that this organ was not the only organ being made during this time.

A second decision that needed to be made was its size, magnitude and capabilities.

Young and various others sat down with a Ruffatti representative with a "wish list" to map out the needs and wants for this organ. They told the representative what sounds they wanted to come from the organ and what time periods throughout history they wanted to play from. To be more specific, they added what occasions it would be used for and what they



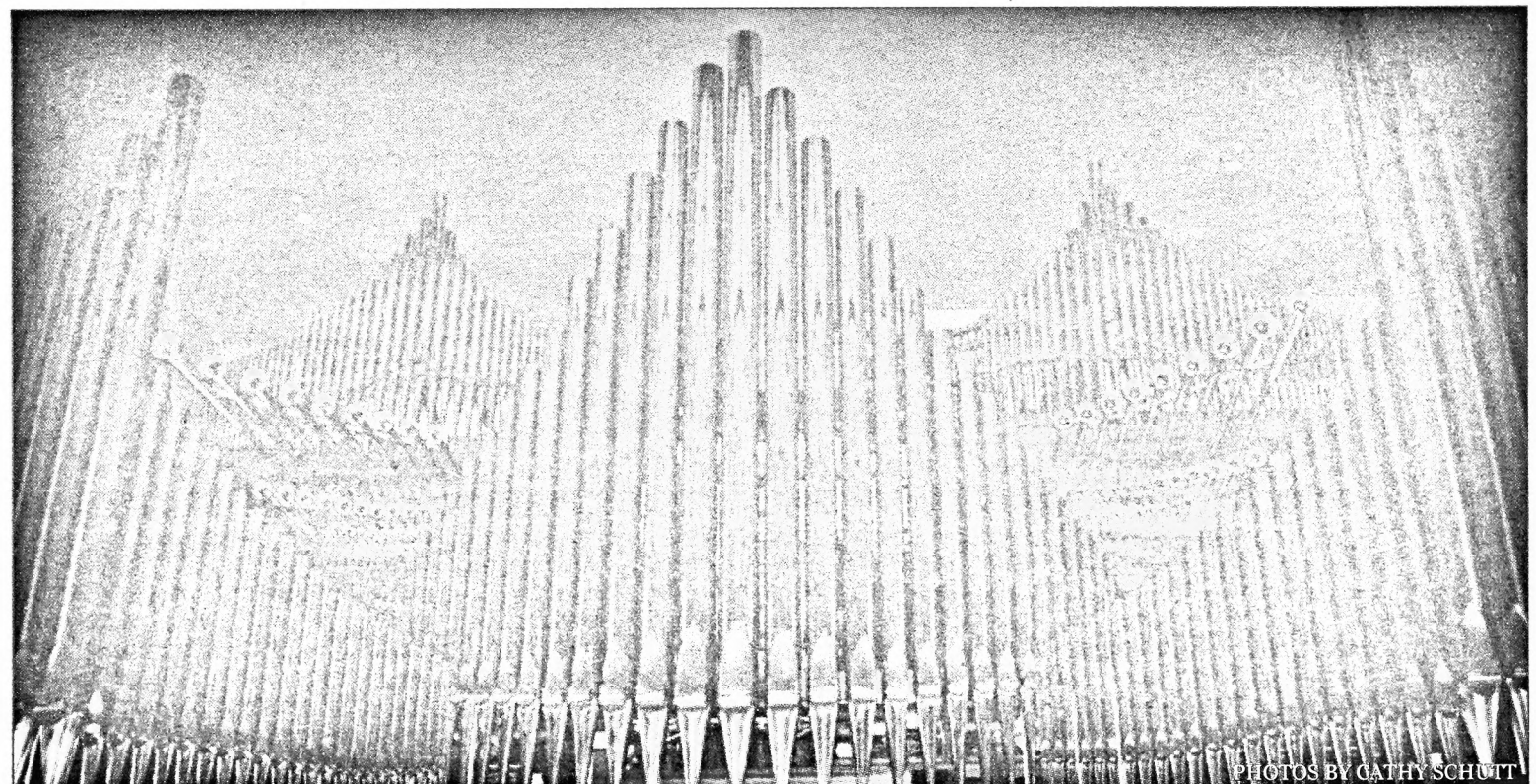
The organ has solid brass trumpets (above) that point into the house. Dr. Timothy Nelson will be the first to sit at the console (below) taking the organ for its maiden voyage.



plan to do with the organ during those times. This group of people essentially designed it from scratch.

"This instrument can play, authentically and authoritatively, anything that has ever been made for the organ," Young said. "That's centuries and centuries [of music]. This is what we call a complete pipe organ."

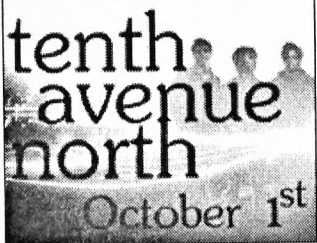
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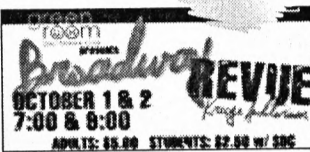
This Italian masterpiece contains 7,625 pipes, including 3,050 digital pipes that are not seen onstage.

Glimmer Glances

Oct. 1-Oct. 15



Tenth Avenue North concert & Broadway Revue Oct. 1



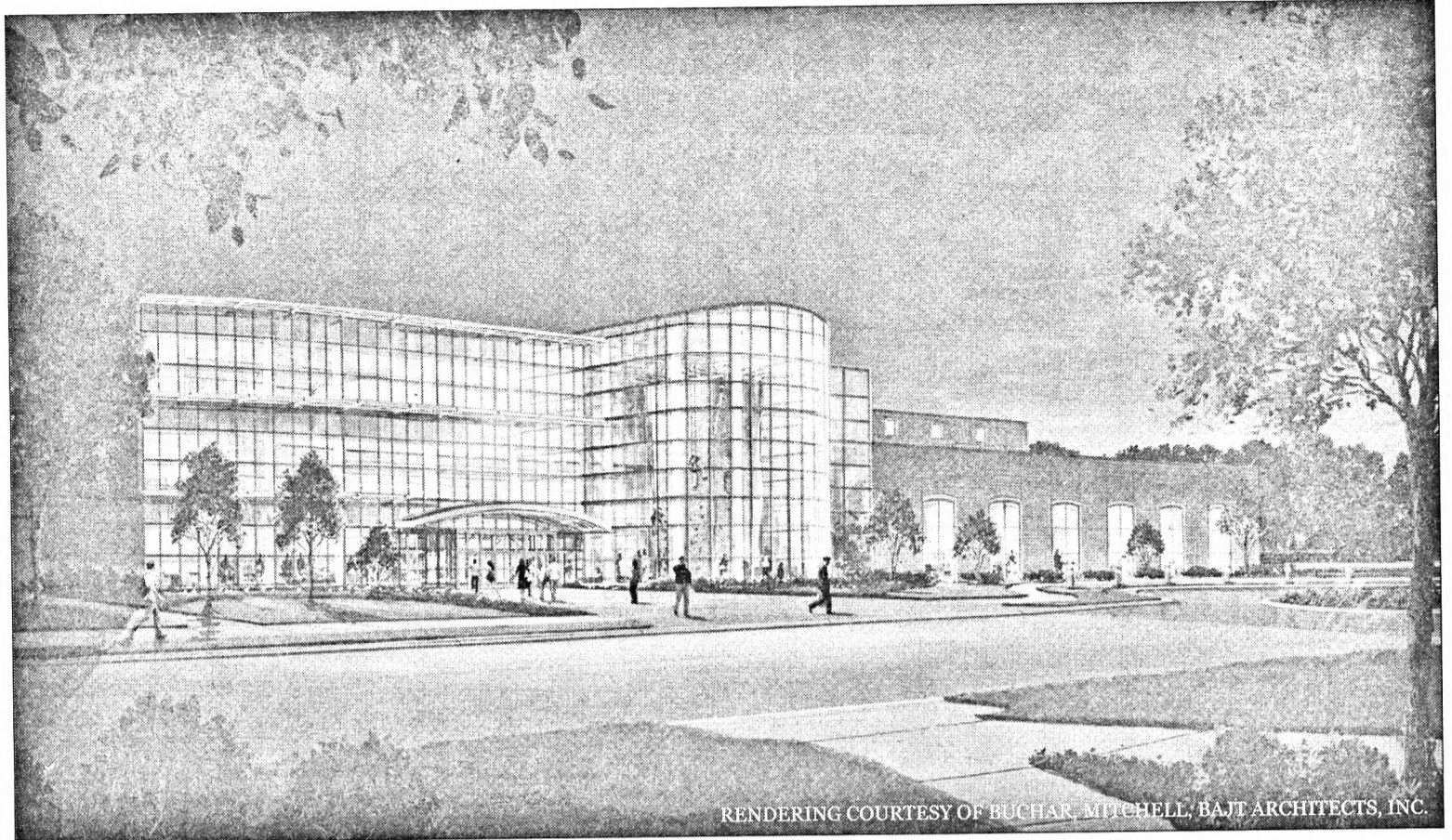
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The Recreational Center will be the new home of the athletic department as well as indoor intramurals. Exercise classes and other activities such as water aerobics will also be available to students in fall 2012.

Rec Center will soon replace McHie lot

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"The goal behind this building is to bring community life back to campus."

- Matt Smith,
Director of Campus Recreation

By Aug. 2012, the eastern side of campus will look a lot different from the way it does now.

According to Director of Campus Recreation Matt Smith, a new recreational center will stand where the McHie parking lot is today. The rec center will be connected to McHie Arena and Chalfant Hall.

Besides being a great area for students to hang out, Smith said the rec center will be the first "green" building on campus.

A geothermal system will control the building's temperature through a system of pipes located 300 feet underground. The pipes will store warm air in the summer and use it to heat the building in the winter and vice versa. The glass front is also designed to decrease the solar load so the building will not overheat in the sun.

"It's an enormous building," Smith said. "McHie, Chalfant and Birchard can fit inside the building with room to spare."

However, to house such a large structure, every space in the McHie parking lot will be used.

To curb the effect this lack of parking will have on students, Director of Public Safety Craig Bishop said 316 new spaces will be added just north of the girls' softball diamond. He and VP for Student Development Woody Webb are still discussing how to best use the spaces in the new Centennial Chapel lot for the students' benefit.

Junior Clara Stone, a regular participant in campus intramurals, is excited for the opportunities that will come with the new building.

"This new rec center is going to open so many doors to making new friends on campus," Stone

said. "I feel that more people will participate because the courts for different sports will be right here on campus. And since the gaming will be so close... more people will go watch and that will excite them to [participate]."

Smith has stressed that there is a need for this new facility. Donations will ensure this need is met.

"We're a cold campus six out of the nine months that we're here," Smith said. "Right now we don't have the facilities to match the level of participation that we have in our campus rec program. The goal behind this building is to bring community life back to campus."

Bishop said construction on the rec center will begin when the ground thaws in spring of 2011.

Center highlights

Smith said the rec center will be the "hub for student life on campus." Its facilities will include:

- a large student lounge with comfortable seating, TVs and a concession stand
- a main arena with an indoor track and four courts for basketball, volleyball and soccer games
- an aquatics area with a hot tub and pools for competitive swimming and recreational classes
- an outdoor patio area
- a four-story rock climbing wall
- an eight-lane jogging track on the third floor
- a large fitness center with all-new cardio equipment and weights
- an area with table tennis, foosball and billiards
- classrooms for both academic use and Zumba classes

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Corrections from Sept. 17
Sports: The article "Tally cards and Ozone shirts lift school spirit" was not written by Geoff Fuller. It was written by Rachel Kearney, rkearney@live.olivet.edu.
Arts: In the article, "Professor showcases personal graphic art show," we said that Professor Patrick Kirk used small slides to project his pieces to an audience. He actually had the pieces at Higher Grounds.

Pipe organ installed in new chapel

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An honor to have on campus

Centennial Chapel will open for the first time during Homecoming, but the pipe organ will not be ready by that time.

"It will be camera ready," Young said.

The reason for the delay is that two "voicers" from Fratelli Ruffatti will still be tuning the organ at that time. The tuning will take several weeks to complete, according to Young, because each pipe needs to be tuned and voiced individually.

In order for each pipe to be tuned correctly, the two individuals need to be able to hear the organ, and nothing but the organ. "There can't be people talking

or somebody hammering or running a drill," Young said. While they are at work, the chapel will be sealed off.

By Nov. 13, the organ will be ready for its first public performance.

"There is a good chance that Dr. Timothy Nelson [professor of organ at Olivet] will be the first to play it in public," Young said. "He will take it on its maiden voyage."

The arrival of this instrument has been anticipated for quite some time by the Olivet community. Everyone involved with its production is very proud of what has been accomplished.

The organ will be more than a sound enhancement or a shiny new toy for chapel. It will be "a feast for the eyes," Young said.

Enrollment reaches third highest in Olivet history

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According to Dr. Jim Knight, Registrar and Associate Dean of Instruction at ONU, Olivet is seeing its third highest headcount since the university began in 1907.

The highest enrollment was last year with 4,682 students. Fall 2007 scored the second highest with 4,652 students.

This semester, 4,612 students are attending ONU, including 2,680 traditional undergrads, which is a record high for Olivet. 888 of these are first-year students.

Knight said 75% of students who attended Olivet last semester returned this semester, which matches the highest retention level the university has ever had.

Retention Alert

The high number of students returning to ONU may be attributed to a new university program.

According to Tony Grimm, Director of Institutional Research and Associate Registrar, the Datatel® Retention Alert™ program has been set in place this year to “head off problems that students face that usually cause them to withdraw.” These may include financial, familial or personal problems.

The Retention Alert database allows a school to keep a confidential record of a student’s history in a centralized location, Grimm added.

Through this new system, professors, resident directors and school officials can communicate with each other as to which students are falling behind or consistently missing classes. This way, they can work together to help the student stay at ONU, if possible.

“Retention Alert sends people [to seek out students] putting them in contact with campus professionals... who might be able to help their situation,” said Beth Olney, Director of the Center for Student Success, who works closely with the new program.

Grimm said the Registrar’s Office, the Office of Student Development and several professors tested the program last year before they adopted it this semester.

Ultimately, the Retention Alert program has been set in place to help students, Olney said.

“Initially, students might not perceive the system as being a benefit to them,” she admitted. “But I can assure you, students who have been flagged and helped by the system will eventually be able to say it was a benefit to them.”



PHOTOS BY ALY GIBSON

Construction on Armour Road and I-57 is making some students late for class.

Construction delays students

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Since students arrived on campus for the fall semester, getting around town has been a challenge because of all of the work being done on and off campus. One of the bigger projects that students are dealing with off campus is Armour Road.

Construction on Armour Road began in June in order to widen and resurface the street. The project is estimated to be completed in November, according to Laurie Cyr, Community Development Coordinator for Bourbonnais.

The road will be widened from U.S. Route 45 to the viaduct east of Kroger and resurfaced from the viaduct to U.S. Route 50. The widening will make the road five lanes: two lanes heading east, two lanes heading west and one turn lane in the middle.

When it is completed, the road will be more efficient for traveling. However, students are not happy for now.

“I think it’s really inefficient timing because of school. I understand that it is the time of year for construction, though,” said senior Amy Farber. “It’s just really annoying to know that I have to go past it to get to all of the stores.”

Armour Road is just one of the projects that is being funded by the Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. According to recovery.gov, Congress passed the Act last year with three main goals: to

create new jobs and save existing ones, to spur economic activity and invest in long-term growth, and to foster unprecedented levels of accountability and transparency in government spending.

This project was not established just to create jobs.

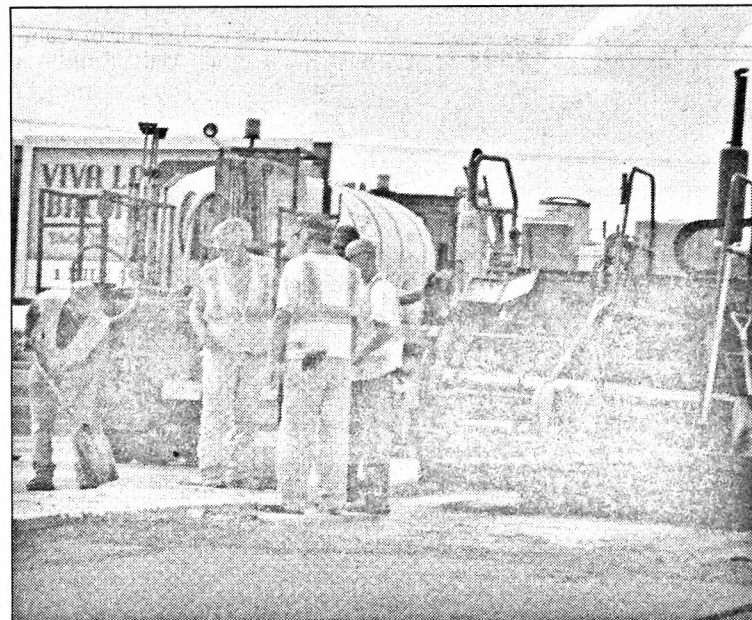
“There is a need for the construction because of the high traffic on that road,” Cyr said.

Another big project students can watch out for in the next year is the reconstruction of the Bradley interchange on Interstate 57.

This strip of highway is go-

ing to be receiving a \$49 million transformation that will be completed within two years, according to an article from The Daily Journal on Aug. 25. The Interstate will be widened from four lanes to six starting just north of Larry Power Road and ending just south of Armour Road.

“What is it Hawk Harrelson says, ‘Don’t stop now boys.’ This will be an inconvenience for sure, but a necessary one,” said Kankakee County engineer Jim Piekarczyk, according to The Daily Journal.



The widening and resurfacing of Armour Road is scheduled to be completed by November 2010. Construction to widen the Bradley interchange on I-57 has not yet begun.

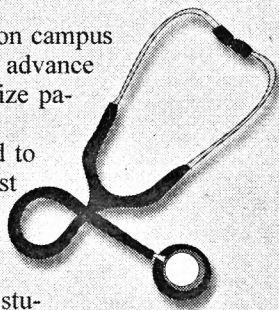
Healthcare visits now arranged online

Students in need of health services on campus will need to make an appointment in advance since a new structure to help organize patients has been put in place.

In the past, students were allowed to walk into Health Services and request to be seen by a nurse or doctor.

According to Bethany Mills, Director of Counseling Services, this new structure is aimed at increasing student satisfaction.

Walk-ins may still be seen on a case by case basis. — Geoff Fuller, gfuller@live.olivet.edu



GRAPHIC BY PAUL CONZEN

ONU emails going to ‘Junk’ folder

Information Technology is working on finding a solution

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Many students are having trouble with their Live Mail accounts as a number of Olivet emails have been sent to the “Junk” folder. Information Technology attempting to handle the situation.

According to an email from Scott Knudson, Technical Support Manager in IT, the problem is that the receiving service does not always trust the sending service or the route of the email. Another factor is that the email system doesn’t always recognize messages sent from systems such as Blackboard or OASIS.

IT has been working with Microsoft on this situation as both

faculty and staff email (Exchange/Outlook) and student email (Live Mail) are hosted by Microsoft.

IT believes they are more than halfway through the process of resolving the problem.

“Messages generated from Blackboard appear to be flowing properly and most email that crosses from one system to the other seems to be working okay,” Knudson said. “We are still working with Microsoft to ensure that the route an email message takes will also be recognized properly as long as the message originates from an Olivet system.”

Any email could still be flagged as junk, so students are encouraged to check their “Junk” folders periodically.



GRAPHIC BY PAUL CONZEN

Freshmen elect class officers

Freshmen have officially joined the ranks of student leaders on campus. On Sept. 13 and 14, students chose seven of their peers to represent the freshman class in the Associated Student Council (ASC). The new officeholders are as follows:
President: Ryan Page
Chaplain: Hannah Rowen
Representatives:
Bre Bambrick
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Simple ideas



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How to keep "Freshman 15" off while eating Sodexo

A new school year is here, and the challenges of keeping off the much dreaded and anticipated "freshman 15" are back. Knowing which foods to eat in Sodexo, and learning how to make your own "recipes" when necessary can solve this unfortunate, but avoidable, dilemma.

Personally, I highly enjoy Sodexo. But no matter what college campus you are eating on, eating in the same dining hall day after day will become rather boring and mundane.

The most efficient way to avoid consuming extra calories in the cafeteria is to simply cut off your tray usage. Along with saving water and helping the environment, you will also be saving yourself the extra pounds by avoiding the mountain of food that can so easily be piled up on a tray.

There are several ways to "mix and match" the food choices at Sodexo to create your own combinations. My favorite combo is the freshly sautéed stir-fry over one scoop of rice and a bed of fresh spinach. But what do you drink with a meal like that? Water is always the best answer. Many college students are just too busy to think about their water consumption. My solution: always drink two glasses of water for every glass of soda or juice consumed.

One last suggestion: I know the desserts are irresistible here at Sodexo because everything is made from scratch, however, it would be a healthful decision to take just one.

More to come. Bon Appetite!

Debate continues over university rules

Faculty and staff make case for policies

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The rules at ONU are here for a reason. The administration has given us these policies to live by because they care. It is important for us to understand the intentions behind them.

The rules at ONU generally fall under three categories: spiritual values, tradition, and community, according to Dr. Woody Webb, VP for Student Development. These categories come from a variety of needs, meaning that more than one organization or group on campus must create and reinforce them.

The rules are put in place "by various departments with the input of faculty, staff, and students," said University President, Dr. John Bowling. "The academic rules are set by the faculty, the traffic rules by the Department of Public Safety, and community life rules come from the Office of Student Development."

These groups are comprised of people who have a direct influence on our lives. They have established a set of rules because they care. They care about our futures and Christian image.

The guidelines are, "an important expression as a distinguishing mark of a Christian community," Webb said.

We are set apart as students because we attend a Christian university.

"I enjoy the rules, that is why I came here," said alumna and new Resident Director in Williams Hall, Callie Ivey.

To be totally honest, I think we all enjoy the rules in one way or another because they hold us accountable and they set a standard for us to live by. Most importantly they let us know that there are people in the world that care about us other than our parents.

"The rules at Olivet Nazarene University are put into place to enable us to live life the way life was intended to be lived under the Lordship of Jesus Christ," said psychology professor Dr. Ray Bower.

Isn't that what we all strive for: to live the life that Christ intended?

Overall, we must understand that we are loved and the faculty is here because they do care, not just because they could not find jobs elsewhere. The rules are here to keep us safe.

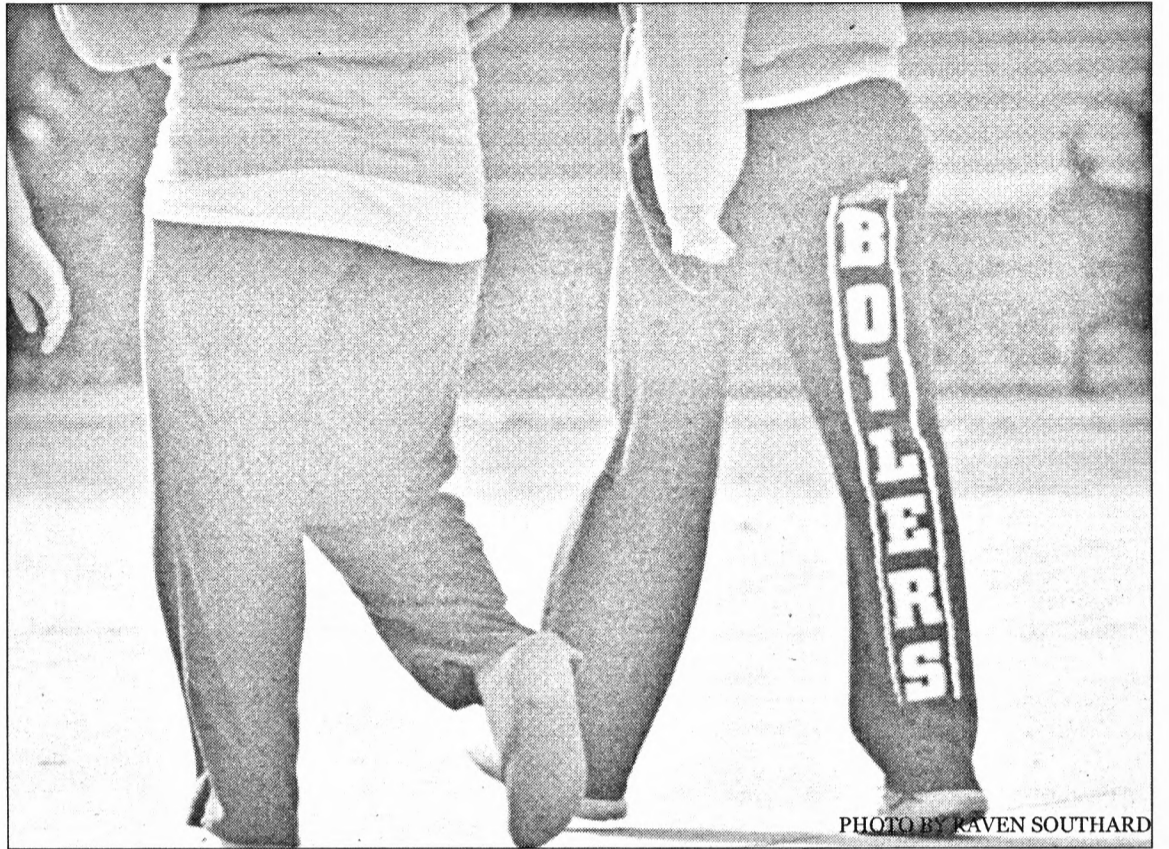


PHOTO BY RAVEN SOUTHARD

There has always been a little tension between faculty and students about the dress code and other university policies. This year, students are wondering why shorts are not allowed, but sweatpants and sweatshirts are.

Treat students like the adults they are

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How old are you? I am 20 years-old, thank you for asking.

Sometimes, I doubt my own age. I am told what to wear; I am told what time I need to be home; and I am told when I can or cannot have people in my apartment. To a transfer student who held a full-time job, full-time class schedule, his own business and his own house, these rules can be very overwhelming.

I like to think that I am a reasonable person. I do not simply dislike the majority of the rules just because I am rebellious by nature. I just cannot stand to be talked down to. Personally, I love that Olivet is a dry campus. I never have to worry about some drunk damaging my property. Never will I come home to a passed-out stranger on my couch. And I certainly will never have to deal with a class full of hung-over luses.

One rule that gets me though is the open house/open dorms rule. I moved in early, about two weeks before the actual semester started and before the apartment rules truly set in.

The night I picked my girlfriend up from the airport, she came over to play Mario Kart. Half way through the first race we both began to feel like we were doing something wrong. We felt guilty. First of all, I should not feel guilty for having any of the

feelings I have for my girlfriend. They are God-given. The worst part was, in this particular scenario, we felt guilty for playing a video game designed for 10-year-olds. This guilty feeling is ridiculous. I hate not being able to have her over when I'm sick, in need of a nap or just bored when my roommates are gone. When she can come over, we have to have a babysitter. This is no exaggeration. We are all fully aware of how "monitors" work.

To say it simply, I will never have sex in my apartment. I am saving myself for marriage.

Further still, my roommate had his parents over on a Sunday afternoon. So, we had our friends and girlfriends over as well. We were all enjoying a lovely lunch when our RA knocked on the door. He informed us that he had forgotten to send the email saying that our open house was cancelled and that everybody had to leave. Personally, I do not see anything wrong with having a mixed company lunch, especially when parents are involved.

On a different note, the one rule that haunts me every fall and every spring has to do with shorts. I simply cannot grasp the purpose of enforcing this. I have friends who attend Lipscomb, Liberty and Indiana Wesleyan Universities, all different forms of Christian schools. They all looked at me in amazement when I told them that, before 4:30 p.m., shorts are not allowed. This rule may apply to men and women; however, men cannot wear dresses, skirts

or capris (which can be similar to shorts). I should not have to wish that I am wearing a dress to remain cool. It is just plain wrong (on several levels). I hear the purpose for this rule stems from the appearance of professionalism. This is especially true when they are paired with Chuck Taylors and a T-shirt that says "I Don't Skinny Dip, I Chunky Dunk." There is no good reason to keep me sweating, please let me wear my shorts.

I do not want to get drunk and I do not want to have pre-marital sex. I just want to be able to spend more time with my friends, male and female alike, in the comfort of my own apartment. I want to be able to wear shorts when it is 90 degrees outside. And I want to be able to make my own decisions like the big boy that I am.

I want to leave you with this thought. I read an excerpt from a textbook required by one of the professors here. The author was interviewing potential teachers. Note that he is a Christian man. When he asked one woman in particular about her witnessing "abilities" she gave a very straightforward answer. She always invites her friend to church and her friend always invites the woman to lunch at a bar that her husband owns. When the author asked why the woman refused to go to the bar she simply answered "I will not be seen in a place like that". She would not take the time to eat lunch with her friend because the woman was too concerned about what other people might think.

We should not indulge in desires of the flesh; however, we should remember that we are all adults.

By the way, she was not hired.

"We should not indulge in desires of the flesh; however, we should remember that we are all adults."

- Brent Brooks

Longboards become popular method of transportation

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The newest craze at Olivet is longboarding. Students all over campus are trading in the long walks to class for a quick ride on the longboard.

"When you experience longboarding, you experience life," sophomore Landon Stark said. "You feel a sense of freedom that you had never felt before."

The longboard is similar to the skateboard, except they are bigger and are better for transportation, according to sophomore Ashton Davey.

"[Longboards are] better for just cruising around, where skateboards are more used for tricks and stuff," he said.

Longboards have more stability, speed and are easier to use than skateboards, according to longboardempire.com.

One longboarder described the difference another way. "Skateboarding is the toddler who goes down stairs one at a time. Longboarding is the cool kid sliding down the handrail," sophomore Chase Cohagan said.

Whether a student longboards or skateboards simply depends on what they prefer.

"In my opinion longboarding is better," senior Matt Groves said. "You can get more

speed and for those of us who are clumsy like myself, it is much more balanced than a skateboard."

The guys on campus are not the only ones stricken by the craze.

Sophomore Nora Durkin uses her longboard as transportation and entertainment.

"I usually longboard at some point every day," she said. "Sometimes for transportation, sometimes just for leisure."

Different students longboard for different reasons. Stark likes longboarding because he loves "not feeling fat." Sophomore Alex Swickard likes "bombing down hills." Other students just feel the breeze.

"Longboarding is just a chill ride," junior Alexandria Lord said.

Though it may be enjoyable, longboarding can also be difficult.

Freshman Molli Konst said that stopping is hard to learn, but Durkin believes that learning to fall is even more difficult.

"If you don't know how to fall you could get pretty hurt," she said.

When interviewed, Davey had a face injury from a bad boarding accident.

The dangers of longboarding, like any other sport, have not discouraged people though. In fact, longboarding has become a friend-finder and match-maker.

"If a cute girl wants to get a longboard but needs a knowledgeable shopping part-

ner . . . instant date," Cohagan said.

On top of everything else, it is free; at least after you pay for the board of course.

"If you get together with other longboarders it's a pretty sweet thing," Durkin said. "You can just go out and [board] together without worrying about open house or spending money."

The boards themselves can cost \$100 to \$650 on Amazon.com. Some fellow boarders may be willing to share their boards though.

"My good friend had an extra board that he gave me and taught me all the basics," Durkin said. "I practiced in a parking lot by my house until I [was] comfortable enough to take it to the street."

Longboarding may be similar to skateboarding, but the two hobbies are quite distinct.

"Longboarding is popular because it's different," Groves said. "I've seen anyone from male and female students, to admissions counselors, to friends visiting campus, riding longboards."

Groves has seen so many different kinds of people longboarding that he has a challenge for the president of Olivet.

"I'm just waiting for the day I see Dr. Bowling cruising into campus on one," Groves said. "And he can consider that a challenge."

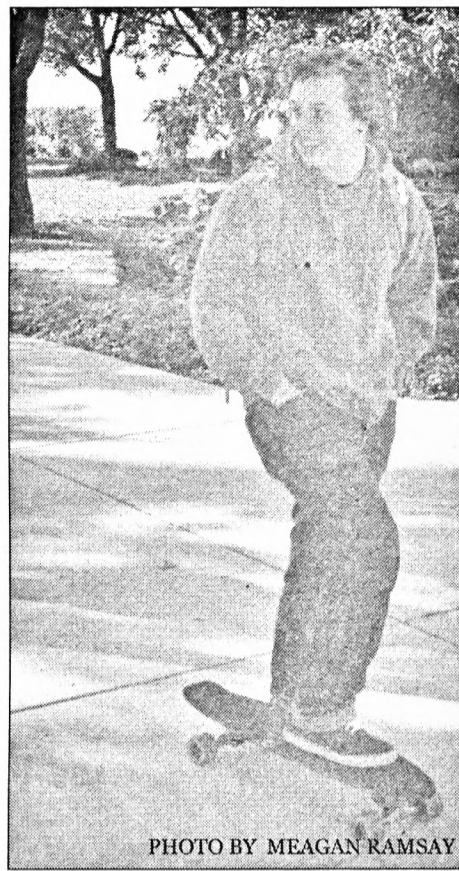


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The longboard has become a popular hobby with students at ONU.

Student writes novel

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Marie and Jesse are fairies and they have to get to the Silver Flower before the Dark Fairy does. The Silver Flower has powers to give eternal life on Earth and the Dark Fairy wants it to rule the country of Favola.

Nicole DeVries, a sophomore Elementary Education major, is currently writing this novel called "The Silver Flower," and that was how she described the plot.

"It started about ten years ago when my cousin drew a map to an imaginary country. I thought it was great and I wrote a story about it," DeVries said.

Marie is the princess of Favola and Jesse is the prince of the neighboring country Longland. DeVries chose the name Favola because it means "fairy story" in Italian.

"The Silver Flower" is an actual flower in the book. The flower looks lifeless but the irony of the novel is that it gives the person eternal life on Earth or heals them from an immortal wound," DeVries said.

Most writers use an outline to organize their work but DeVries chose a different path.

"I didn't write an outline. The climax is about halfway into the book, but because I don't have an outline, I just keep adding more to the plot," DeVries said.

DeVries' family is very encouraging as she pursues this novel on top of focusing on her studies.

"My youngest sister is very supportive. She loves everything I write so it's very encouraging. I have lots of cousins who write but no one has published anything. We do story swaps and edit each other's stories," DeVries said.

Although "The Silver Flower" is not quite finished, DeVries is already working on the sequel, this time using an outline. She explains that "The Silver Flower" is part of a three-charm set, which happens to be the name of the next book. "The Three Charms" focuses on the battle to capture the Dark Fairy and place him in jail. The other charms, "Bronze Bush" and "Golden Tree,"



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DeVries' youngest sister, Colleen, is one of her biggest supporters. "My youngest sister is very supportive. She loves everything I write so it's very encouraging."

are able to provide wealth and wisdom, allowing the fairy to escape.

The next step, she says, is to get her books published and have readers write to her and tell her what they thought. DeVries aims to submit her manuscripts to a publisher or an editor in about a year's time. Until then, she is trying to juggle her school work, writing and her social life.

"I try to write only one page per day and not too much more because I get carried away and I won't get anything else done," DeVries said.

DeVries likes the opinion of C.S. Lewis when it comes to writing novels.

"To paraphrase C.S. Lewis, we need more Christians to write fiction that isn't labeled Christian fiction so that other people who don't consider themselves Christians will pick it up too."

"I don't want to make it a Christian book or allegorical story but my Christian worldview will shine through the narrative," DeVries said.

SlipOnU OliWet cancelled

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One afternoon. 300 feet of tarp. 50 gallons of jell-o. 130 confirmed guests.

SlipOnU OliWet was an event scheduled for Sept. 19 that would have featured a 300 feet by 20 feet slip 'n slide down the hill in Helgeson Park or "Poop Hill" in Bradley, Ill. Seniors Billy Rathhahao and Nick Klomstad organized the event and were told by the mayor of Bradley that it was too risky.

"He came out of his office and told us he consulted with the lawyers and we just couldn't do it," Rathhahao said.

After encountering numerous problems, the guys were lucky to even make it to a meeting with the mayor. The three-week battle to get the slide approved was doomed from the start.

Over the summer, Klomstad received a call from Rathhahao, saying, "I'm thinking we need to throw a big event. It should be a slip 'n slide. There needs to be jell-o."

They found a website selling 50 gallons of jell-o with no boiling or refrigeration required for only 50 dollars. Klomstad said he was not thinking many people would get involved, but Rathhahao told him, "I'm thinking the whole school."

The original spot they chose was Riverfront Park in Bourbonnais, Ill., but they were denied because a large sum of money had recently been put into sprucing up the park. Riverfront Park recommended "Poop Hill." After a long battle to find the owner of the hill, they discovered that the hill rests in the limits of the Village of Bradley.

Klomstad met with Mayor of Bradley, Bruce Adams, who told him they needed a million dollar insurance minimum for an event with such liability.

"Every time we got something right, we hit four more walls," Rathhahao said.

They made a Facebook group for

the slip 'n slide and invited all of their friends from Olivet. 130 people had confirmed their attendance, 78 were maybe attending, and 80 had yet to confirm.

Rathhahao said the purpose of the slide was to be a community builder, joining all social groups of Olivet. He pointed out that the same students go to all the events on campus and this would bring everyone together without excuses.

They searched for a sponsor to provide the \$300 to \$400 needed for the insurance policy. It was important to them that the event was free for students so more would be able to go. They went to local businesses without any luck and were turned down by Olivet because they needed a student group's support.

Mayor Adams finally rejected the plan, stating, "After speaking with our legal counsel and our insurance company, it was determined that the liability would be too great. We are living in such a litigious society that people are always looking to sue someone. So I had no other option than to say no."

"It just goes to show how people take the easy way out and how sue-happy our society is," Klomstad said.

Mayor Adams said the risks involved were possible bodily injury to the participants, the possibility of someone ending up in the river and the village having to deal with the residual liquid used to create the slippery surface.

Klomstad said the river is at least 100 feet from the end of the tarp, plus a sidewalk lies between the two.

Students were very disappointed with the cancellation. Junior Michael Hileman said, "I thought it was going to be one of the highlights of the semester."

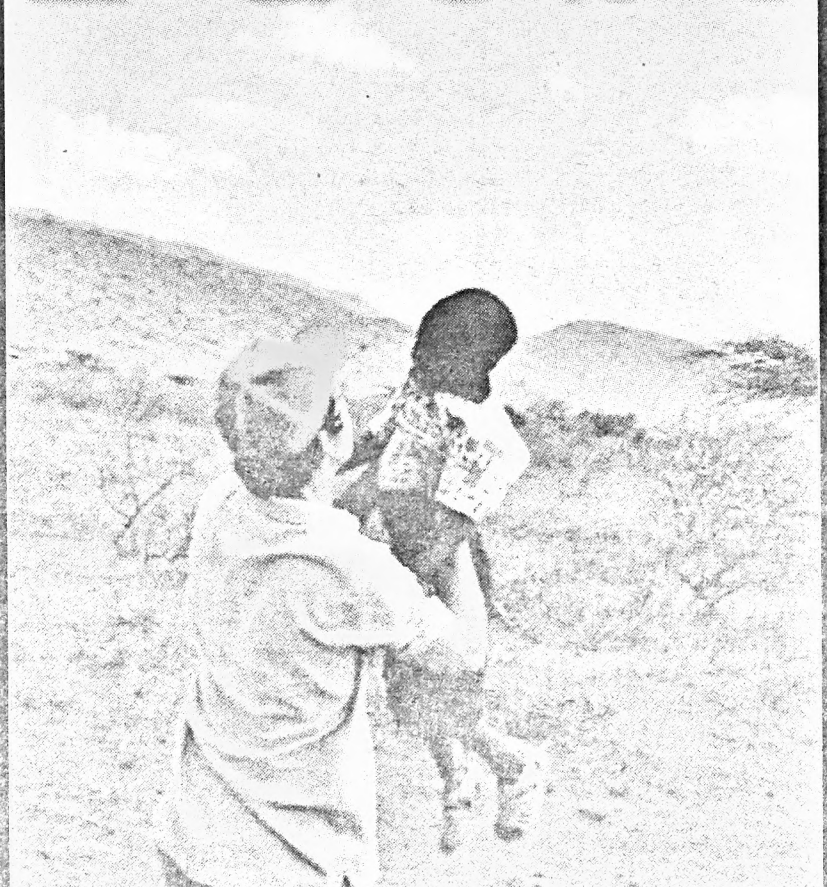
Rathhahao wants to professionally present the idea to the village board in the spring. He plans on countering their reasons for rejecting the event.

Klomstad and Rathhahao took away a valuable lesson from the three-week ordeal; "If we want to do something big, we can do it. It just takes drive."



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Isaiah Peachey, currently a sophomore at Olivet Nazarene University, left the United States and began his 3-month journey to Kijabe, Kenya on Sept. 8, 2009.

With lots of support from his home church, friends, and family, Peachey was able to make a life-changing journey.

The group Peachey traveled with was called Adventure in Missions. His mother discovered the program through an online search and when he learned that Olivet supported and promoted their mission programs, he made the final decision to join their team and travel to Africa to do God's work.

His first year at Olivet, Peachey didn't have a fulfilling freshman experience.

"I didn't know what I wanted to do or what God wanted me to do" Peachey said.

There was no doubt though that he felt the mission trip was something God was calling him to do. He felt "God's direction" on his life.

Peachey and his 13 teammates came together for a training camp in Atlanta, Ga. only one week before departing.

Once they arrived in Africa, the team slept in tents on the floor of the local church in Kijabe. They were hosted by Pastor Simon and wife "Mama" Margaret. They were treated very well by them the whole trip.

Peachey experienced hardship and rough living conditions, but he was also able to see the Spirit of God working in action.

One of their assignments was to travel door-to-door spreading the gospel. They traveled until they found a house with people to

minister to, and after walking for two hours, the team met a goat herder. They began talking with him and trying to spread the word of God.

The man explained through the translator that he felt he had committed too many sins for God to truly love him.

Peachey remembers the moment best when thinking of the translator's reply.

"God is like the wind. We can't see him but we can feel his presence," said the translator to the goat herder.

The translator shared the Bible story about the lost sheep and Peachey felt God's presence. He knew a man was saved.

Peachey experienced many new and exciting things. He climbed a dormant volcano, jumped onto a moving train, and met a myriad of new people to whom the group ministered. Peachey reflected on meeting people as one of his favorite parts. He was able to talk to many people and get a true authentic taste of the culture.

The locals in Kijabe were grateful and hospitable.

"The Christians there act like it," Peachey notes.

They set good examples and were extremely friendly.

Being from a country where clean drinking water comes out of the faucet with the turn of a handle, it is difficult to fathom having to walk two miles to get water. That is precisely what the group had to do each day. The trip to the river was two miles, and you could only take as much water as you could carry back with you. After making the long trip, they would have to boil the water for sanitization and would often drink tea because the water did not taste good and was already warm.

Peachey was not able to contact home much over the three months. Although the team had limited Internet access, the main contact they had with home was the Web

and Facebook. They were allotted one hour on the Internet time every two weeks. Only one phone call was made the entire three months and it was on Thanksgiving.

Even after returning home, Peachey still keeps in contact with some of the people he met in Africa. He talks to them mostly through Facebook and the Internet.

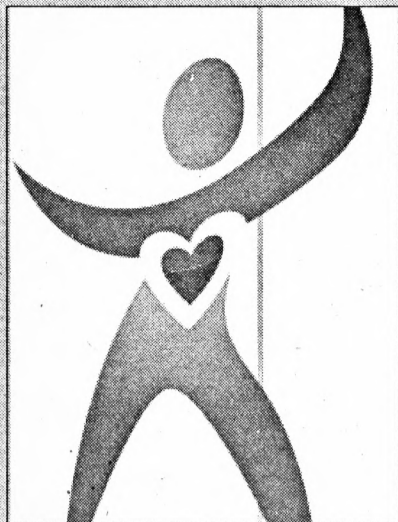
There is no doubt this mission trip changed Peachey's life. He went from being a sports marketing major to a social science education major.

"That was something God laid on my heart," Peachey said.

After going to hundreds of people to spread God's word, only two refused to listen. In America, if someone knocked on your door to talk to you about God, would you have the time?

"Don't wait until you are in some other country... there are people in town that need God's love," said Peachey.

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Devotional Thought

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In every revival there is an overwhelming sense of restoration and admiration for the way in which God chooses to manifest Himself among the midst of His people. Altars fill with supplications to the Father, hearts broken before the throne with lives in position to receive the life-giving manna from heaven. Many times, unfortunately, just as quickly as His glory appears, it dissipates as if it were just a mirage in the desert of life.

When we come together as a campus to lift up the name of Jesus, God so gracefully supplies everything we need for the rebuilding and strengthening of His sons and daughters. Fall Revival was nothing short of an experience in which the windows of heaven were opened for our campus, and we obediently received. What happens when the lights are out, the stage isn't set, and there is no preacher in the pulpit? This is the real test of whether each seed sown in the cultivation of worship will produce a harvest or be scorched by the sun.

The Bible declares that various seasons of life will inevitably come; some to destroy the seeds that God has planted within you, and others to attribute to the manifestation of the harvest. Regardless of whatever season of life you're in, remember that though the enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy, in Christ there is life and life abundantly. So if your seasonal conditions - pain, depression, doubt, and fear - are not adequate to produce a harvest, remember that in Christ is the light to protect and grow the seed of God within you. Remember that in Christ is living water to nurture and feed the seed of God within you. Never doubt that He who began the good work in you will see it to completion.

Faith is needed to receive the Word of God, but more importantly faith is needed to bring forth its manifestation and harvest. Hebrews 11:11 (KJV) says that through faith Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and delivered a child when she was past age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

Revival emotions may come and go. But, reestablishing yourself on the life and light that is in Christ will assure you that the power of God will overtake whatever darkness the enemy brings your way. He's promised.

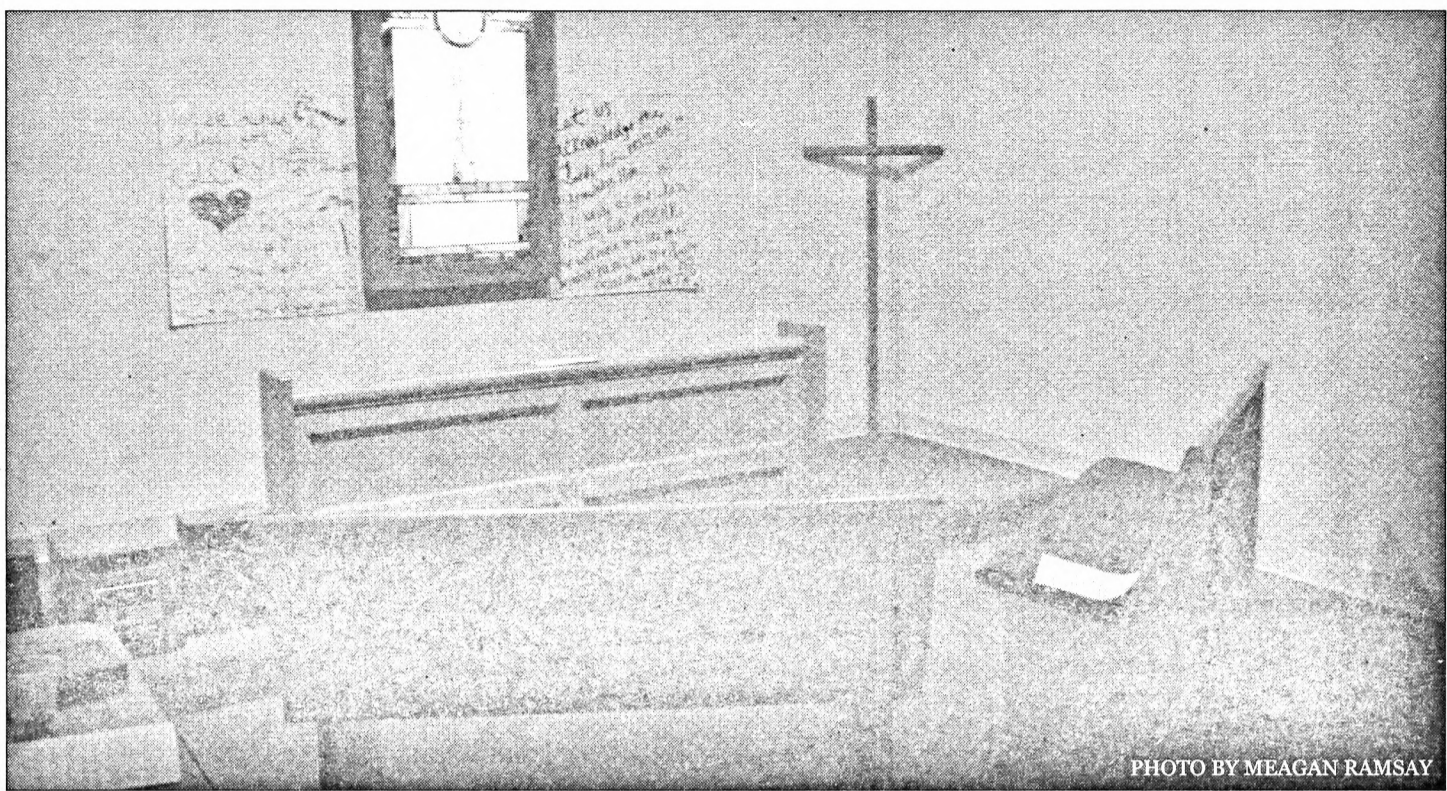


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The Rose Prayer Chapel is open to both College Church attendees and Olivet students alike. The room features prayer stations to help keep prayer time focused.

Prayer room opens to students and community in College Church

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The idea for a prayer room on campus has been stirring in the hearts of students for a while now. This year, juniors Jordan Bergren, VP of Spiritual Life, Sarah Di Monte and senior Cara Sunberg are making dreams come true.

"It's not just some idea. It tracks back to freshmen year when God put it on my heart," Bergren said.

He explained that a prayer room is different than Kelly Prayer Chapel because the chapel is a place to get away from life and to spend time with God. Alternatively, the prayer room would be specifically devoted to prayer.

Bergren and Di Monte base the idea on Psalm 132:3-5, which states, "Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, or go up to the comfort of my bed; I will not give

sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids until I find a place of the Lord, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

Sunberg put the idea into action after she read "Red Moon Rising" by Pete Greig. She says the book follows the story of how 24/7 prayer began in Europe and has spread all over the world.

The book proved the necessity of a room of 24-hour prayer on campus. She presented the idea to Pastor Kendall Franklin of College Church, who she says was excited by the idea because it came from students.

He met with the College Church board to ask about available space for a prayer room. The Rose Prayer Room was already in use at College Church and Bergren, Di Monte and Sunberg were given permission to give the room a new look catering to the needs of a house of prayer.

"The prayer room is associated with College Church so that we can be part of a greater community than just Olivet. We

can pray with all ages, young and old, in order to keep the flame burning night and day," Sunberg said.

Di Monte has helped set up the room with stations. She said they are to be guides for people who come in and do not know where to start. There is a station for painting or drawing, a reading station with books on prayer and revival and maps to pinpoint specific locations of prayer. There is also an altar and two pews plus a stereo to encourage worship through music.

Bergren said the room is entirely set up and ready for students, but a schedule is coming soon for people from groups such as Prayer Warriors and the Spiritual Life Council to be there for scheduled corporate prayer.

"This is an awesome place for students, administration and people from college church to come pray together. Prayer unites us through the Holy Spirit," said Di Monte.

Changes to come for Sister 2 Sister

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As Vice President of Women's Residential Life, Kayla Rolling has new ideas for Sister 2 Sister, an organization where underclassmen girls can meet and hang out with an upperclassman mentor. Her first decision was to lead Sister 2 Sister instead of assigning leaders or co-leaders.

"I wanted to revamp the program and pump more fuel into it. By leading it I felt that I could get the program back on its feet," Rolling said.

She feels this is a great way underclassmen women can get to know the upperclassmen women, and to really learn the ropes of Olivet.

In her opinion, fellowship with other women is critical in a woman's walk with Christ, and both the little sister and big sister can impact and challenge each other spiritually.

Another change that has been made to Sister 2 Sister is the logo for this year. Jerry Scheller, Vice President of Publicity, sat down

with Rolling and designed the new logo that she hopes will be used for years to come.

Rolling's theme this year is "Looking to the Inner Spiritual Beauty Within Themselves."

"I want girls to see each other for who they really are and to be challenged outside of the social norms and appreciate who they really are," she said.

Rolling now plans to create events that can foster fellowship and community but be able to connect them as women and as a community together. She is working with her council to plan a cooking party near the

Thanksgiving season.

"The cooking party is where the big sister cooks for the little sister from the entrée to the dessert in the Food Lab in Weber. We will discuss what we are grateful for," Rolling said.

The group is also planning an ugly sweater contest between the sisters and a service project where the Sister 2 Sister women will be reaching out to women in the community.

"I have a passion for women and that's where I'm most in my element. I feel that's where I'm most alive and that's my calling," Rolling said.

Another major change is an accountability group for the big sisters.

"Someone from the WRL council will be an accountability person to check and make sure that everything is running smoothly, that the big sisters are meeting with their younger sisters enough and make sure they are having no problems," Rolling said.

Her goal was to help the mindset of campus to focus more on inner beauty rather than the outer beauty that society looks at.



ONU showcases Broadway



Senior Tony Allen helps direct some of the actors and dancers during a rehearsal for this year's production of Broadway Revue. The show will feature pieces from 17 popular Broadway plays.

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Broadway Revue is showing this year on Oct. 1 at 7 and 9 p.m. and again Oct. 2 at 2 and 7 p.m. This year features three senior directors, 17 different songs, a faculty pianist and a student cast.

Senior directors Tony Allen, Merrick Robison, and Brad Sytsma have been involved onstage in Broadway Revue in previous years as actors and singers. Robison recognizes the differences and realizes where the hard work comes in now that he is helping run the show. "You have to organize and multitask to bring it together," Robison said.

Although there is a lot of work involved, the previously successful actors and singers really do enjoy directing and putting together a show that they hope will entertain the students, faculty and staff.

The directors are not the only one's having fun though.

"The show affords me an opportunity to play a variety of styles," said Dr. Karen Ball, the show's pianist. "It's like dancing with my fingers. It's a great way to augment my playing styles, and I can think of nothing better to do with my time than to play music."

Broadway Revue this year also strives to be different in other areas, such as format, the featured music and even the costumes. One point of interest is how much more formal this year's show will be in relation to the past.

Both the music and theater departments are working together for this production.

"The show is a collaborative project," Allen said. "You can expect to see artistic beauty at its best because there are a variety of people with different passions."

Hannah Jacobsen, who trained in various dance styles before coming to ONU, choreographed some of the show.

"Bringing dance in a way that is pleasing to God is great to me, and I'm having a great time," she said. "That seems to be the theme this year for Broadway Revue."

Freshman Andrew Nielson, a music performance cello major, is no stranger to the stage. He performed in shows such as "Les Miserables" and "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." Even with his prior experience in the performing arts and music, Nielson still has some difficulties.

"This is my first cabaret-style show," he said. "You usually have the whole show to develop your character."

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Chicagoland Art Events

► Billy Elliot the Musical, Ford Oriental Theatre

- 24 W. Randolph Street, tickets starting at \$28, running through Jan. 2011

- From the hit movie comes the funny and heartwarming story of a young man with a dream of dancing classical ballet, instead of pursuing boxing like everyone thinks he should. Taking place during the 1980's British miner's strike, the story follows Billy's journey into the world of ballet and also about his struggle to rise against the odds.

► A Night in Sleepy Hollow, Perry Farms

- 459 N. Kennedy Dr., Oct. 8-9, 15-16, and 22-23

- Each year, Perry Farms has been host to a night of thrilling historical fun. Based off of the popular short story by Washington Irving about a headless horseman who haunts a small Dutch settlement called Sleepy Hollow, this audience-interactive production showcases the story as well as some of ONU's very own theater department actors. Check out the GlimmerGlass' next issue for a full story inside the making of A Night in Sleepy Hollow.

► Three of a Kind Art Show, Chicago Art Source

- 1871 N. Clybourn Ave, Chicago, running through Oct. 22, 2010

- This art gallery exhibit features three distinct artists; Elise Morris, Karl Pilato, and Joel Urruty. The Chicago Art Source gallery showcases many mediums of art, such as painting, photography, as well as sculpture. This particular exhibit pulls together three artists whose collections overlap in theme, medium or both. *Three of a Kind* is like getting three times the art, all at once.



Students rehearse dance moves with choreographer Hannah Jacobsen for one of the musical numbers in the show, debuting Oct. 1 in Kresge Auditorium.

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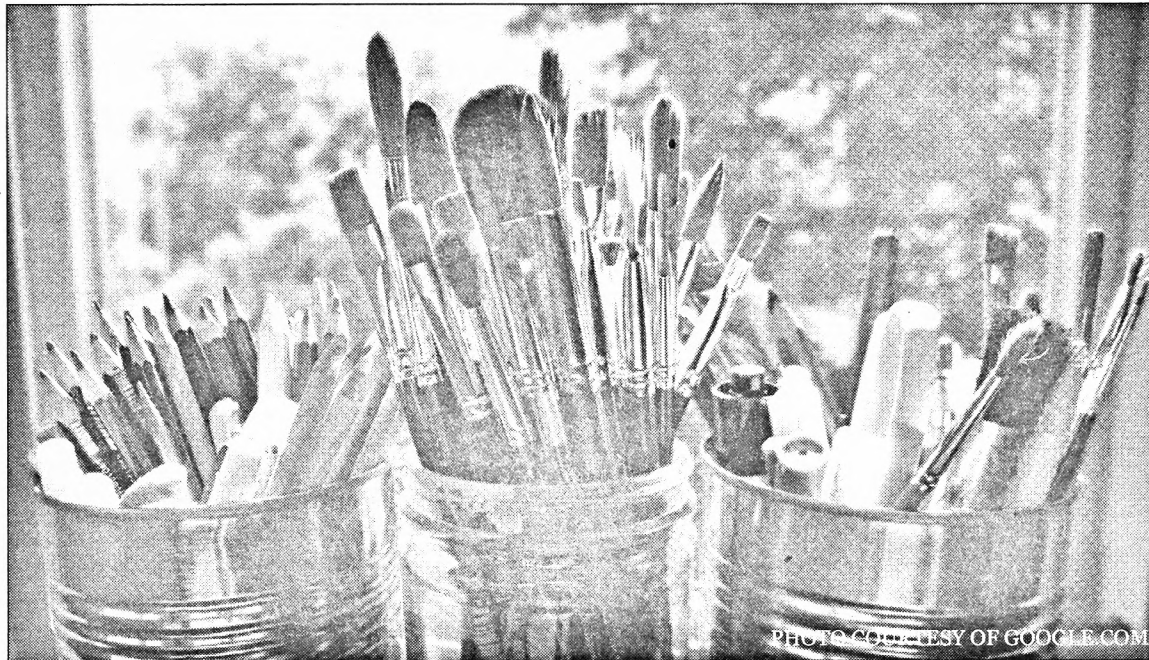
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Students began the art stress therapy program "Art Works" on Sept. 28, using the outlet of amateur artistry to help relieve stress.

Art therapy begins

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Olivet's counseling department and Student Health Services now offers a way to de-stress this fall: art stress therapy sessions called "Art Works."

Therapist Susan Ferris and staff intern therapist Kelly Shaw facil-

itate the weekly meetings, each consisting of about five students working individually on a project using step-by-step instructions with the option of personal creativity along the way.

"The program is eight weeks long, and we have a plan for each week," Ferris said. "[Shaw] created four and I created four."

The first week's assignment was a mask which students hand-made. Each week's art piece pro-

vides some kind of solace to the events that each attendee may be struggling with.

"[The program] focuses on the stress in general," Ferris said. "Whatever stress you bring in, this will help clear your mind."

But while this program promises to help relieve stress, its planning does not come without a hard work.

"It's a lot to put together, organizing the projects and getting

and preparing all the supplies needed," Ferris said. "But it's also really exciting, and free to join."

Ferris and her colleague Shaw hope to provide each participant with a peace of mind and a venue to express emotions.

"You should be able to have a clear head afterward," Ferris said. "But this also leaves a chance for them to communicate. They process their project and can open up about those emotions to the group."

With a few successful semesters under her belt, Ferris has seen the demand for this program grow exponentially since its beginning. Though the weekly evening sessions only allow five students at a time, there is a waiting list for this semester ranging from 27 to 30 students. If one of the group members cannot make it one night, or decides to leave the program, then the next person on the waiting list is notified and allowed to join.

Ferris also hopes to see more people attend the group in the future eventually leading to growth and expansion of the program.

"It would be nice for people to use this as a form of therapy," she said.

While the use of art stress therapy is meant to provide a tangible outlet for managing everyday life, Ferris also hopes that it gives others a better understanding and respect for what art can accomplish for someone.

For more information or to get on the waiting list, email counseling@olivet.edu.

Spoons 4 Forks seeks new cast

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The Spoons 4 Forks season is already in full swing this school year.

Those who were looking to join the hilarious and exciting group attended tryouts on Sept. 26.

According to Alex Green, a current S4F member, three or more new members were needed to replace those who graduated.

The team needed actors and comedians who were witty and could come up with impromptu comedy gold, which is how the Spoons 4 Forks show thrives.

"All the material is created on the spot, so anything can happen," Green said. "We take a prompt from the audience and base our scene off of it, much like the television show 'Whose Line Is It Anyway?'"

Spoons 4 Forks has become extremely popular and each performance draws many patrons looking to kick back and laugh with their friends. All members of the team are looking forward to what this year will bring in terms of comedy.

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Volleyball bumps up in popularity

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Eat. Sleep. Play.

That's what college students care about most outside the classroom, according to Matt Smith, Director of Campus Recreation at Olivet.

Enter intramurals.

Although flag football proved to be the most popular intramural sport in fall 2009 with 519 participants, sand volleyball came in a close second with 450. This year, the number of players has dipped to 362.

"The Office of Student Development is charged with making sure a student's experienced outside of the classroom is top-notch," he said. "Students care about where they eat, where they sleep and where they play."

Smith is in his third year as Director of Campus Recreation at Olivet and during that short span of time, he has seen immense growth in the intramural program.

Because volleyball is a skilled sport, Smith said intramurals is played in three different leagues - A, B and C. This way, students can have fun competing with other students at their skill level.

Senior Lindsey Pals has been playing sand volleyball at ONU

for three years and has witnessed the sport's growth firsthand.

"There are a lot more teams than when it first started because now there are multiple leagues within leagues," she said. (The B league is broken into two brackets - purple and gold.)

Three new sand volleyball courts were put in near Fortin Villa, complete with powerful floodlights that are designed for nighttime use," Smith said.

Smith added that students in general seem to be pleased with the new set up. "I've noticed that people just seem happier out there."

Some students, however, miss the old courts, which were located where the new chapel parking lot now stands, north of Grand.

"Playing at the old spot was nice because it was on campus and more people would come to watch," sophomore Kyle Henning said.

Regardless of where the sport is played, students are jumping into the sand with both feet.

"Sand volleyball is really fun," said sophomore Kellee Cousins, "You don't have to be awesome at volleyball to play sand because it is more laidback than indoor volleyball."

Freshman Ryan Page was also excited.

"It's like going to the beach without the sunburn," he said.



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Teams take to the new sand volleyball courts as they tip the ball over the net.

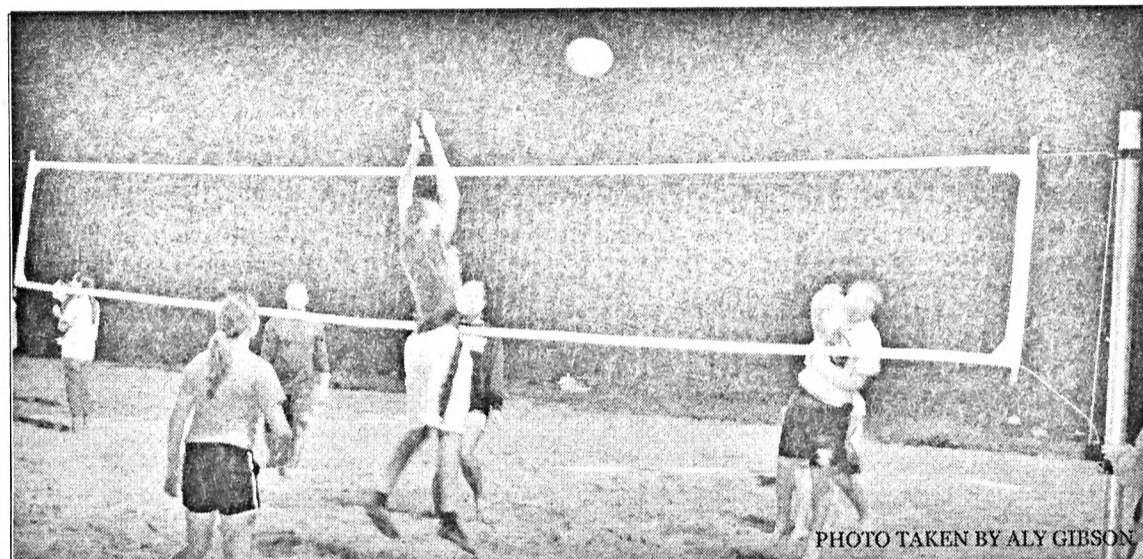


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Defenses stretch to block powerful slams sent by the opposition.

Coach sees team as champions in the making

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Last year the men's tennis team won the regional tournament, made it to the semifinals of the National Christian College Athletic Association national tournament and was 23 in the national rankings. Despite last year's achievements, Head Coach David Vance believes they can do better.

"I expect to go to the NAIA National Championship," said Vance. "I want to win it."

The tennis team hopes to outperform previous seasons, in spite of graduating four starting players last year.

"I assumed this would be a building year," said Vance, "but recruiting for men went extremely well. We are more powerful than last year."

The team has also gained some strong players, said Vance.

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- David Vance,

Head Coach, Men's Tennis

ing freshman from Pennsylvania who was number 2 or 3 in the state," Vance said.

"A new transfer, is Julian. He is our number 1 player and he is very strong."

Vance is happy with how the team has competed so far.

"We took on Davenport last weekend," said Vance. "We only played seven courts before the rain came in, but we won all those courts. The scores were very lopsided."

The coach believes the match against Davenport is only the beginning.

"I expect we will win our regional championship," said Vance. "I expect to be invited

back to the NCCAA Tournament. With the power we have now we can be champions."

Despite high expectations, being a part of the men's tennis team is not all about winning. Freshman Landon Williams noted his excitement to travel.

"I'm looking forward to traveling with the team, especially on our Spring Break trip to Orlando," said Williams. "I feel like a valued part of Olivet, and I've made some good friends."

Team captain Hugo Moriya believes that the players will do well because of their friendship and camaraderie.

"Our team's main strengths is unity," Moriya said.

Men's Tennis 2010-2011 home matches:

Oct. 1- Indiana Wesleyan University	3 p.m.
Oct. 15- Roosevelt University	TBA
Oct. 16- Prairie State College	Ppd.
Oct. 16- Purdue-Calumet	6 p.m.
Feb. 19 Wheaton College	TBA
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- Men's and Women's Soccer, 4 & 7 p.m.
- Oct. 8 - Volleyball, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 9 - Football, 6 p.m.
- Men's and Women's Soccer, 5 & 7:30 p.m.



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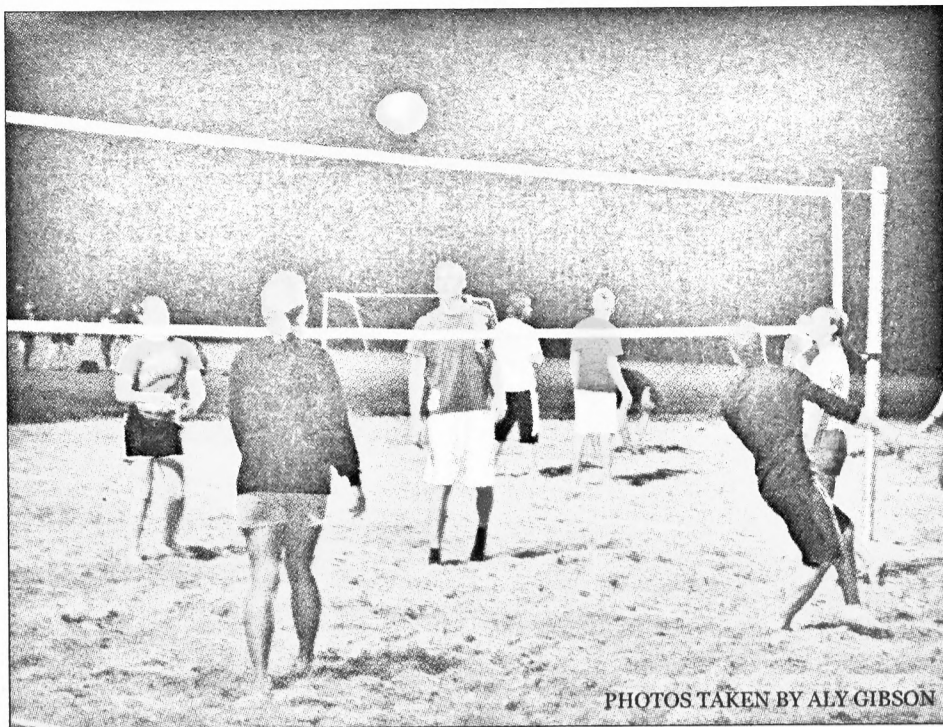
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The new floodlights at the intramural fields allow for later schedules. Students are able experience nighttime games for the first time.

New lights accommodate night games at Fortin Villa

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This past spring Olivet installed lights at Fortin Villa to aid in night games and practices for intramurals. Soccer, flag football, sand volleyball, softball, and Ultimate Frisbee are experiencing new benefits with this addition.

The lights have been put around the perimeter of the soccer and sand volleyball fields. They are used to illuminate the fields and the surrounding space. This allows players to know what lies beyond the boundaries to help them with any obstacles.

Since the installation of the lights, many sports have their

games at night. This makes it easier to fit all of the games in with tight class schedules and is easier on the students in general.

"Playing at night is so much better. It's so much cooler out so you aren't trying to battle the heat along with your opponent," said Jesse Mezera, sophomore. "It also helps work into my schedule since I am free at night."

Before the installation of the lights, games would start as early as late afternoon or early evening when classes were ending and students were sitting down to dinner.

"There's no sun blinding me [during games] anymore," said Bri Johnson, sophomore.

The night hours relieve participants including the referees,

scorekeepers and players.

"This will allow more time to play sports," said Matt Bowman, Olivet Admissions Counselor. Over-time, competition between teams and playoffs will all be positively impacted.

Since the installation of the lights, intramurals have taken another step forward in creating a student-oriented schedule.

Students no longer have to battle the sun in their eyes, the late summer heat, the humidity, or the tight, class-filled schedules. Students can also eat dinner at a normal time and not have to make the fast food run later on.

Now the stress of packing games into waning daylight hours can be forgotten so the fun can be remembered.

More men and women interested in track than ever before



PHOTO TAKEN BY JANET MCDOWELL

Olivet's track team doubled their numbers this fall. With 59 men and 57 women on the team, members expect to grow and refine their skills.

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The track program signed nearly sixty athletes this fall, doubling their roster from last year.

According to Head Coach Mike McDowell, the current roster has 59 men and 57 women on it.

McDowell said that he purposefully set out to get more athletes.

"For one, it's good for the health of the school [to get more student athletes]," he said. "Second, with quantity comes quality.

The more we grow, the [easier] we can get to the best athletes."

Members of the track team also see the large size of the team as a good thing.

"Bigger is better," junior thrower Michael Bishop said. "It'll be more fun to talk to more people."

Bishop is also a member of the football team, which is almost the same size as the track team. He said that with large teams comes more talent.

"I think it can only improve the team," he said.

New freshmen members held similar views.

"It's so much more fun," said distance runner Janalis Roche, who competed on a small track team in high school. "We'll have so much more support."

"I had been expecting around 40 girls to be on the team," high jumper and sprinter Rachel Carman said. "I thought it was cool when I came and there were a lot more."

Though there are some track teams Olivet faces with as many

or even more athletes, McDowell said most teams they compete against have forty to sixty on their rosters. He also said that they are able to take two charter buses, so getting everyone to the meets should not be a problem.

"We do limit the number of athletes we take to high quality meets," McDowell said, "but we give all our athletes the opportunity to compete in most meets."

McDowell also said that there is always the possibility of injuries as well as athletes deciding they

do not want to participate, which would cut back on the number of members traveling to meets.

The track team had several qualifiers to the national meet last season, including junior Joe Reisinger, who placed seventh in shot put, and senior Lauren Verweyvel, who placed third in the 10,000 meter run. The Tigers are looking to do even better this year, with official practice starting the first week of December and their first indoor meet taking place in mid-January.