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Guitar-playing quad boys: male sirens

Jada Fisher
Staff Writer

On Monday around 2:30 p.m. displaced strums lured women on campus to scruffy, fiancée'-less, quad guitar players like flies to a porch light in mid-July. Researchers attribute this to spring weather.

"Recent studies have shown that scruffy facial hair, beanies and thrifted flannel shirts bring all the girls to the quad," reported ABCD News. As warmer temperatures settle in, so have these musically-inclined fellows.

A lone lad with an acoustic attached chooses wisely his hunting grounds in the quad area. He takes his place and then it begins. A "strum, strum" here, a "strum, strum, strum" there, as he aims to put the guy on the bass in chapel to shame. A group of freshman girls are near and look his way; the lad glances and knows in his heart that they won't



Sophomore Hank Schuler breaks out his guitar to woo the female population at Olivet.

be able to resist.

Sophomore Todd Barrington is one of the aforementioned lads. There are about five of his kind. Barrington has long-awaited for warmer weather to get back to his true purpose for attending Olivet. "I really missed the sparkle in a girl's eye as she walks up to me, and forgetting her name the next day," he said. Last week was their debut of the semester for what the lads call "marital outreach."

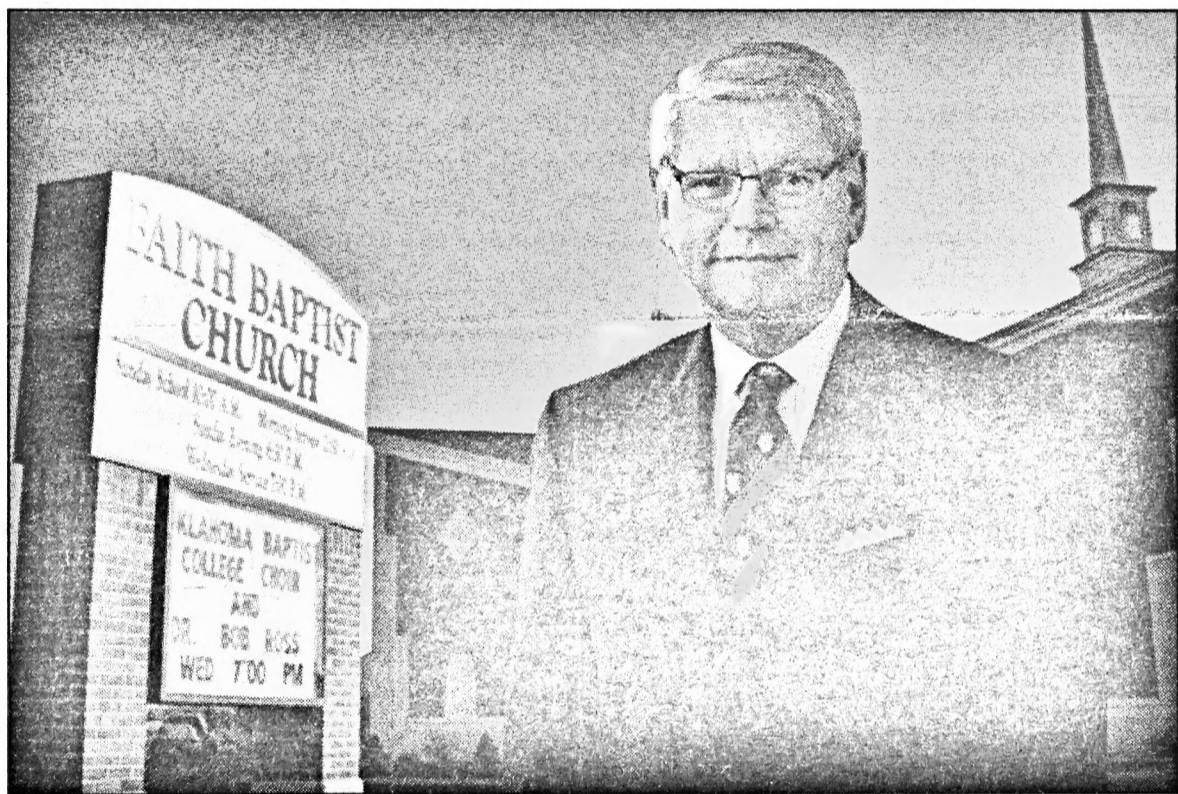
Though it may look as though all they're doing is fishing for women, according to Barrington it runs deeper. Each guy in their group has a monthly quota to reach and a set number of hours to play, Barrington said. "It's like a job, but I couldn't see myself doing anything else."

Junior Alejandro Ewerson has spent intensive time practicing his strum patterns. He said he's excited to get back in the swing of playing in the

quad again. He spent spring break memorizing the cords to Sam Smith's "Stay with Me." He hopes to really get to know someone this semester. "It's junior year, so of course I want to settle down," he said.

Through his years with the group, he has mastered the tricks of his trade. Acting coy is one of them. "You can't act like you care if they don't notice you," said Ewerson. Sometimes the group has competition days where two to three members compete for the most numbers and smiles from girls. Ewerson is the defending champ.

For Barrington, playing in the quad is more than just winning the affections of women; he aims to be the soundtrack of their lives at Olivet. "[The group's board] tells us to act like we just do it for fun, but really, it's the highlight of my day," said Barrington.



After a long and hard spiritual journey, Dr. John Bowling announces his switch to the Baptist belief.

Dr. Bowling comes out as Baptist

Claire Schmidt
Staff Writer

"With the support of my wife, Jill, and other supportive friends and family, I have made the decision to convert to being a Baptist," Dr. Bowling opened in his ten minute speech in front of the faculty last night. "It has been a long and hard spiritual journey for me, but in the end, I have finally reached peace."

Bowling said the first feeling he got that the Nazarene faith was not for him began in 1973 when he graduated from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary School of Religious Education in Fort Worth, Texas. Graduating with a degree of Master of Religious Education, he said the school

had "really just struck a chord inside of me that I couldn't ignore."

Although he continued with the Nazarene faith after he graduated from Southwestern, Bowling said he didn't forget the Baptist denomination. Even when he became President of Olivet, Bowling said that he still "struggled with the feelings inside" dealing with his denomination of choice.

"Staring at that Southwestern degree hanging up in the office across from the desk, day in and day out just seemed to reinforce my feelings that I needed to change," he said.

Bowling thanked his wife during the speech for being by his side "through this difficult time" and for going with him to all of the meetings with the Baptist preacher while he was trying

to sort out his feelings. He likewise thanked all of his friends and family who had equally supported him.

"Don't get me wrong," he added at the end of the speech. "I like the Nazarene faith, but Baptist is more my style, you know?"

In response to a question about what this means for the future of Olivet Nazarene University, Bowling quickly responded that "life will go on as it did before; the only difference would be the change of my 'Religious Views' status on Facebook."

In addition, Bowling also announced that he would be hosting weekly Baptist fellowship meetings at his house for anyone to attend. Snacks will be provided by Mrs. Bowling.

'We believe you'll find love here'

Destiny Mitchell
Trap Queen

Springs out, rings out – just as infectious as the warm weather, the love bug is set to strike the Olivet campus yet again.

But for some students, no matter how hard they try to stay infected, they keep on sweating out the fever. Those days are soon to be gone, as Life at Olivet has formulated a plan to get the singles to mingle – Enter: Olivet's very own dating website, Love at Olivet.

The site uses "a custom tailored 360 degree love evaluation which is time tested and 100 percent accurate," as is explained by the site's "about" page. "We're so confident that our system will find you a potential spouse [that] we're willing to put money in!"

Created by Juniors Max Shaw and Ian Lopshire, the site is run mostly under the expertise of fellow Olivetians. Shaw doubles as creator and general life specialist for the site. Senior Wes Taylor and Sophomore Kaleb Miller (aka "Killa Milla") operate as the social media advice specialist and emotional advice specialist respectively.

Miller feels that he was the best pick for the job. "As a die-hard Kansas University fan, I know all about the emotional aspect of love," he said before creating a hashtag with his hands

and shouting "Rock chalk Jayhawk!"

"Can't buy me love," may have been a popular movie in the 80s but Olivet students are going to come out of pocket if they're looking for that special one – but not to worry, Tiger Dollars are also accepted!

Love at Olivet offers options for the loaded lover and the bachelor(ette) on a budget, with pricings ranging from 15 to 50 dollars. With these options, a client could be matched with anywhere from one to an infinite amount of prospective partners.

Sophomore Grace King is excited about the new service. "After watching [the Executive Editor and Sports Editor] tie the knot I realized that I need a love in my life outside of pumpkin spice lattes and morning runs," King said.

"I'm 100 percent willing to forfeit the dough I usually spend in Common Grounds for a chance to find my 'Lobster' a la Rachel and Ross."

Senior JT Cummings is upset that no one thought of the genius idea any sooner. "For four years I've been dating the worst of the worst when I could have just been letting someone do the work for me!?" he exclaimed in a seething rage.

It is unknown as to whether or not the site will be available to Olivet alum, but if not Cummings promises to write "a formal letter of complaint."

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Until 1941, the university newspaper was known simply as *Olivet News*. Former adviser Bertha Supplee proposed the name *GlimmerGlass* after visiting upstate New York, where she discovered a lake with the same name. The lake was as clear as glass and "glimmered" in the breeze. The newspaper staff adopted the name in spring of 1941, with the vision that it would symbolize the paper's mission to reflect the truth and the values of Olivet Nazarene University.

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Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior, will be speaking in chapel Wednesday, Apr. 8.

Next chapel speaker: Jesus Christ Himself

A.J.W. Ewers
the Pope

Jesus Christ of Nazareth will be speaking in chapel Wednesday, Apr. 8, according to the Office of Spiritual Life.

At a recent press conference, Christ addressed the details of His upcoming Coming (not his second, just a routine visit). "When [Chaplain Holcomb] asked me to come and speak to the students, I didn't know what to say. I'm used to speaking from hilltops—not air-conditioned pulpits," He chuckled.

While Centennial Chapel might be quite grand for Christ, the rules also caught him off-guard. "What do you mean I can't wear my tunic? I've been wearing this since the B.C.s," Christ scoffed.

Like, did you not understand that when I turned water into wine I was saying it was a good thing?
-Jesus Christ, Lord

Wearing a tunic might draw the ire of Olivet's administration, but perhaps a bigger issue is Christ's kippah. "I can't wear my tunic-fine. But I can't wear my kippah? I've barely taken this off since my Bar Mitzvah!" Christ said.

Although clothing options are trou-

blesome for Christ, finding a topic to speak on that he hasn't already talked about could prove even harder. "I am really trying to find something good. You know I like to be controversial—I might address the whole 'wine' issue. Like, did you not understand that when I turned water into wine I was saying it was a good thing?"

"I cannot believe Jesus Christ himself is going to be coming here to our school to talk to us," said junior Tailer Prevest, self-proclaimed fangirl and JesusFreak. "Like, this is just the greatest thing to have ever happened to me. It's even better than when my boyfriend told me he was getting me a cat."

While students look forward to Christ's arrival on Olivet's campus, the Administration is reevaluating

their invitation after Christ's off-the-cuff comments.

"[The Administration] isn't sure if inviting Jesus Christ of Nazareth to address the entire student body in one of the most important spiritual forums we have on campus is the best idea," Vice President of Student Development Hoodie Gebb said. "We are evaluating all of our options at the moment."

Olivetians4Jesus club leader Mario Bergoglio said the group is publicly protesting in the quad to discourage the Administration from deciding to uninvite Christ.

"What do we want? Jesus! When do we want him? Now!" could be heard from the protestors across Bourbonnais.

White dudes keep winning – new grant offered fall 2015

Taylor Provost
Crazy Cat Lady

Last weekend Olivet's Financial Aid announced a new grant being offered in fall 2015 – the Olivet Caucasian Male Opportunity Grant. The grant will cover the total cost of tuition.

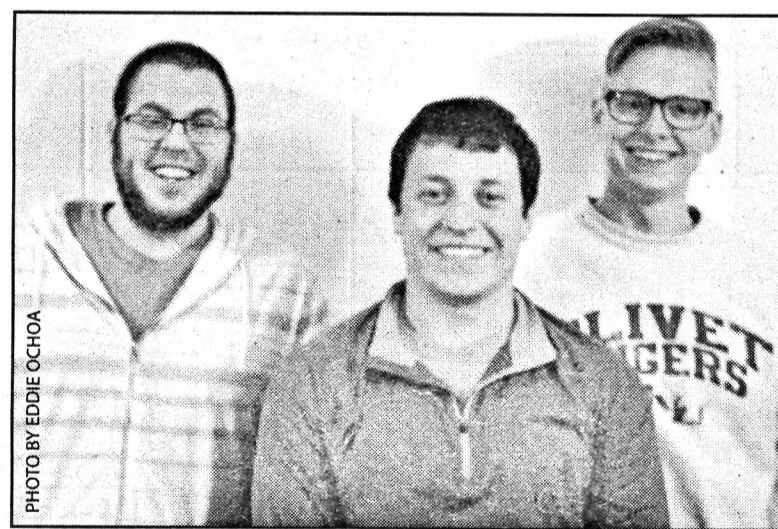
"At first, we were going to offer it as a scholarship, something that had to be applied to and worked for," Avril Fules in Financial Aid said. "But we figured with how underprivileged the demographic is already, it'd be unfair to ask anything of them. The struggles that they have faced as a minority have earned every one of them this grant," she added, wiping away a tear from her eye.

Olivet junior who has never worked even a part-time job a day in his life Brantley Henderson said that the grant "could not be coming at a better time, brah."

"I've been drawing up this sick tribal tat; I'm thinking about getting it right here," Henderson said, pointing to his underdeveloped bicep. Now that Henderson's "parental units" don't have to cover the costs of his tuition, which they have both slaved away at their fulltime jobs year-round for, they can afford to finance his "rad new ink."

However, not every student is as grateful as Henderson is for the grant.

Olivet sophomore and eligible grant recipient Chad O'Malley III could barely be interrupted during his CrossFit sesh' to comment on the award. "I mean, yeah, it's decent I guess," O'Malley said after chugging



Getting even more opportunities, Olivet Caucasian Male Opportunity Grant is offered fall 2015 for white males and will cover the total cost of tuition.

a protein shake in 30 seconds flat. "But do you mind? I'm kind of in the middle of gettin' gains."

Those who already receive full tuition remission due to athletic scholarship will be awarded the money in the form of Mountain Dew and Cool Ranch Doritos instead. Sophomore and basketball team point guard Ned "Neddie B" Blanchette falls under this category.

"So pumped that Olivet can still give me the grant money in some other way. #Blessed that I get so much money already for being on the team #BallsLife," Blanchette posted on Facebook Sunday night.

Some students being awarded are choosing to completely ignore their privilege and withdraw from their studies entirely.

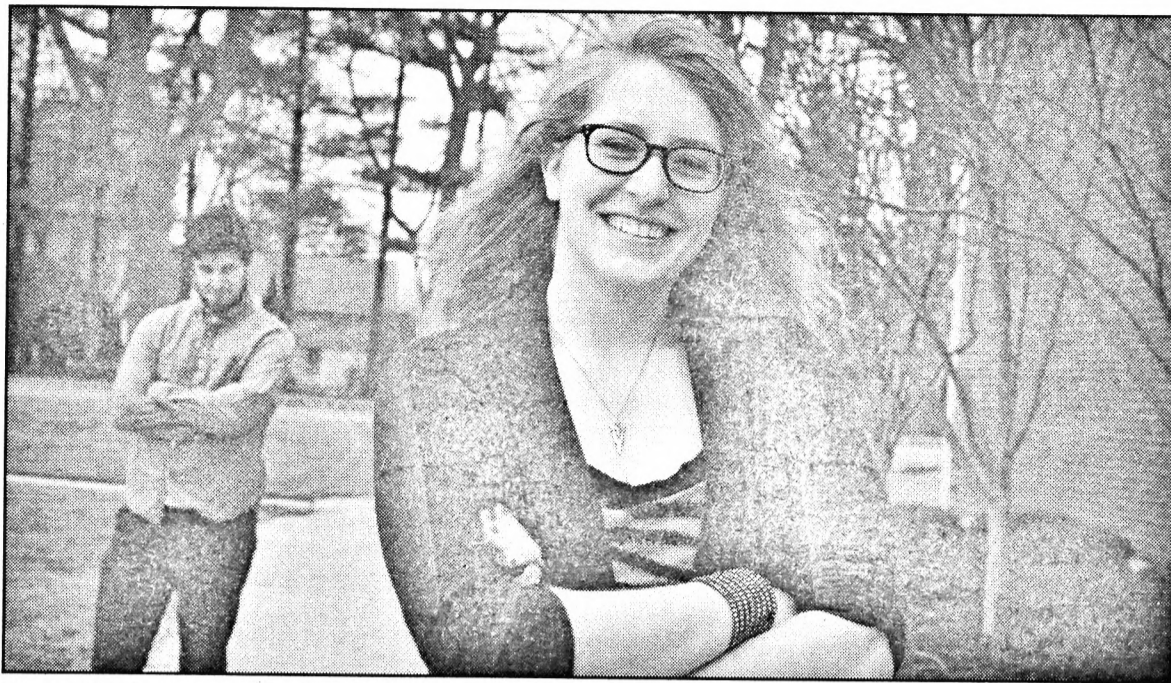
Sophomore and ladies' man Todd Barrington said that although the grant is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, he does not plan on returning to Olivet in the fall to take advantage of the award. Barrington plans on becoming a one-man acoustic guitar band instead of pursuing his studies. "Classes just got in the way of tryin' to pick up chicks with my chord progressions anyway," he said.

Olivet to offer two new degrees in Fall 2015

Erica Browning
Staff Writer

Early this month, Registrar announced two new degrees that will be coming to campus in the Fall 2015 semester. Students will now have the ability to graduate with a bachelor's degree in Marriage, Relationships, and Sexuality (MRS) for females, or Marriage and Relationships (MR) for males. These degrees will be open to any students who plan to graduate starting in Spring 2016.

These degrees will be considered a behavioral science and will be run through the Sociology Department. Professor of sociology, social theory, marriage and family, Dr. Kant Goldney will be leading the charge with these new majors. When asked about the different degrees for both genders Goldney said, "We felt that the men on this campus have had a significantly larger amount of sexual education than the women. While some of the sexuality classes may be beneficial for young women, frankly the guys just don't need any more sex." This will mean a slightly smaller course load for the men in this program, which will be



The couple in photos are Jon Harmon and Ellie Jenkins, both Sophomores at Olivet.

beneficial to many who do not want to settle down with a major their first few years.

Along with the degrees, some new courses have also been added to this fall's schedule. A new professor has

been hired by the Department of English and Modern Languages to teach classes in the Five Love Languages. These courses will fulfill the general education foreign language requirement and help students find more

ways of showing love than merely lobby PDA. Other courses under degree requirements will include Freshman Speed Dating Orientation, Transcending Platonic Relationships, and Settling Marital Conflict.

The department will offer internship credit for students getting married while in the program. Date nights will be included in a minimum hour requirement, and time spent with in-laws will be considered for extra credit.

Freshman Sabrina Flemming plans to switch her major to an MRS degree in the fall. When asked what attracted her to the major Flemming said, "Ring by Spring was one of the things that attracted me to Olivet, but with my current major I don't have a lot of time to meet anyone. Learning how to help others and myself get out of the friend-zone is exactly what I feel I'm being called to."

The admissions campaign for these new programs has already started and, according to Goldney, early move-in for a special Freshman Mating seminar is being discussed by the administration. The overall goal of this program is to give students a creative option to pursue their goals of early matrimony and to help reduce the student body's general fear of always being alone. Olivet wants everyone to know that they believe marriages belong here.

Editorial romance: Exec., Sports Editor elope

Grace King
Basic

After four months of dating, senior GlimmerGlass Executive Editor Destiny Mitchell and sophomore Sports Editor Nathan DiCamillo tied the knot in Las Vegas over spring break.

The couple eloped and drove to "Sin City" in an old, beat up car, which replaced Mitchell's ring as an engagement present from her now-husband.

DiCamillo bought Mitchell a car instead of a fancy diamond ring because, "She can't drive to work in a ring," he said.

On their road trip to Las Vegas, the couple stopped to pick up GlimmerGlass Photo Editor Abbie Mills as a witness and to take wedding-day photos. "I'm so relieved another Olivet couple achieved ring by spring. After months of watching their love grow stronger in GlimmerGlass meetings, it was wonderful to be able to witness their wedding," Mills said.

The newly weds first met at a GlimmerGlass staff party at former journalism professor Thalyta Swanepoel's house. DiCamillo spotted a trampoline in Swanepoel's backyard and decided to start up a game of "logs," a trampoline game that requires two people to lie next to each other and link arms while others jump around them, trying to break them up. Mitchell and DiCamillo were partnered — a partnership that has yet to be broken.

"It was the moment I knew I never wanted to leave his side," Mitchell said.

Mitchell decided it was okay to skip an engagement period because "engagement is a fad."

"I think everyone is super into the idea of a proposal and a big drawn-out time of planning a wedding and they're so tied up in the idea of getting married rather than being married," Mitchell said.

The wedding was officiated by Justine Espersen, former News Editor at the GlimmerGlass and Queen of Las Vegas. They walked up the aisle as husband and wife to the song Trap Queen by Fetty Wap.



Executive Editor Destiny Mitchell and Sports Editor Nathan DiCamillo got married over spring break.

"When that beat dropped, we were dancing like a 'zillion bucks, just like Fetty Wap," DiCamillo said.

The couple is enjoying the early stages of marriage. Mitchell's favorite thing about being married to DiCamillo is that he brings her Nesbitt-to-go.

Patricia Mitchell, Mitchell's mother, was upset by the impromptu union because she was hoping her daughter would marry a rich man so she could take an early retirement.

DiCamillo's mother Jennifer, however, was ecstatic. "Because he was such a player in high school, I was worried that he would never settle down and get a wife," she said.

Because DiCamillo has two years left of college, Mitchell will be living in the GlimmerGlass office until he graduates. Even with the tight living quarters, the couple wants to have twin boys by next year.

"Nathan will make a great stay-at-home dad," Mitchell said.

In a separate interview, DiCamillo said, "Destiny will make a great stay-at-home mom."

The newlyweds are accepting wedding gifts. These can be dropped off at the GlimmerGlass office.

Mitchell is not taking DiCamillo's name.

Matt Smith to open Perry Center to 'literally anyone'

Sarah Anderson
Staff Writer

Within a few months, Olivet students can kick the pesky habit of needing to check in with an ID card every time you want to use the new, state of the art recreation center. After this spring semester, the Perry Center will allow anyone and everyone in, no identification necessary.

"We just don't feel like we are showing the purpose of a recreation center," Director of Recreation Services Matt Smith said. "Olivet students are too busy studying or writing their exegesis to have any recreational fun. With everyone in the rec center together, it will be a party!"

This new initiative was proposed and accepted instantly by the Board of Directors, whose new focus on community outreach has now pierced the Olivet Bubble for good. The Perry center will soon no longer be the Student Life and Recreation Center, but instead a rec center for all people from all walks of life.

No longer will you only rock climb with your buddies, or play ping pong with your roommates. Instead, you could be climbing with the neighborhood soccer mom, or running track with someone from Riverside Senior Living.

"It's my understanding that we have a great group of retired folks in town who rock the Zumba," Smith said. All fitness classes are included in this initiative, leaving some consistent attendees worried. "Zumba is our thing," a student was overheard saying. "If our parents and grandparents get involved, they'll definitely ruin everything!"

Regardless of reservations about the new users of the rec center, the doors will open officially in May and stay open for the veritable flood of people expected. This time next year, you might be running on a treadmill next to a homeless man.

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- Matt Smith, Director of Recreation Services

The opening of the rec center to the public is a huge opportunity for the normally insular students of Olivet to interact with and witness to the surrounding community. The costs for the initiative will be taken directly from students' tuition to provide effective witnessing.

Another benefit of the rec center's new all-inclusive policy is the need for students to carefully plan their workout schedules. It is expected that the rec center will be enormously busy during the early morning hours and after the usual work day. As such, students will be encouraged to plan accordingly, so the wait for an open treadmill is minimal.

Classes are expected to fill up just as quickly; Smith advises getting to your early morning workout class at least an hour before it starts so you can secure your place.

"I'm excited for our student body to get to rub shoulders and sweat with some new guests," Smith said. Smith was one of the fiercest proponents for the new plan, wanting to bring in a "different atmosphere" to the rec center.

Starting May, do not be alarmed when people you don't know begin flooding the rec center. Instead, look at this as the great opportunity it is.

Fashion trends to welcome spring

Allie Alexy

Hipster Queen

Unless you live under a rock you've probably realized that fashion is no longer original. Sadly the same trends recycle year after year. That is great news for all of you broke college "fashionistas" though. You can rest easy knowing that the outfit you'll wear today will probably be an outfit you'll wear next year. Here are the ten best fashion trends of all time.

10. Denim on Denim – We can thank Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears for wearing the best outfit ever seen at the VMAs. This trend has transcended the streets with denim pant suits, denim book bags and denim Keds. Bonus points for different shades of denim.

9. Furry Costumes – Someone way smarter than the rest of us made the dream of being our favorite stuffed animal into a reality. Instead of spending time brushing your hair, showering or investing in your hygiene at all you can just hide in a costume.

8. Duct Tape Prom Dress – I can't imagine anyone on campus walking around in a prom dress anytime soon because it is a mortal sin to dance. This trend made the list because of how creative and smart it is. How many of you spent three hundred plus dollars on a prom dress? Do you know how much it would've cost to make a one-of-a-kind duct tape dress? I gave up my first child just to afford my prom dress.

7. Mom Jeans – Mom jeans are seriously underrated. Not only do you get to live out your FRIENDS fantasy, but you don't have to worry about sucking in your tummy. Mom jeans are like a kangaroo pouch for the mid-section.

6. All of Lady Gaga's outfits – Words cannot accurately do her justice. Her fashion sense puts Coco Chanel to shame.

5. Morph Suits – Morph suits were made to conservatively show off your figure. Not to mention they hold heat in so you can save money on winter coats. Morph suits come in several different colors, making it easy to express your mood. Monday morning blues? There's a morph suit for that.

4. Ponchos – Props to the show Ugly Betty for being brave enough to rock the poncho.

3. Crocs – Crocs are everything. They are easy to clean. The holes make them breathable. The list goes on and on.

2. Camo – Putting on camo is like wearing Harry Potter's cloak of invisibility. This trend is perfect for bad hair days, the casual deer hunt before class or those days when you would rather not exist.

1. Skirts and UGGS – How does one dress for this crazy weather? Skirts and UGGS. UGGS are perfect 'feet warmers for cold morning walks to class while skirts are lightweight, allowing airflow to the legs. Combine them together and you get a perfect marriage.

Don't be afraid to combine these trends together for a show stopping look! Go enjoy the beautiful weather. Plant a tree, do some spring cleaning, sip a Valencia orange refresher, but remember: I'm always watching.

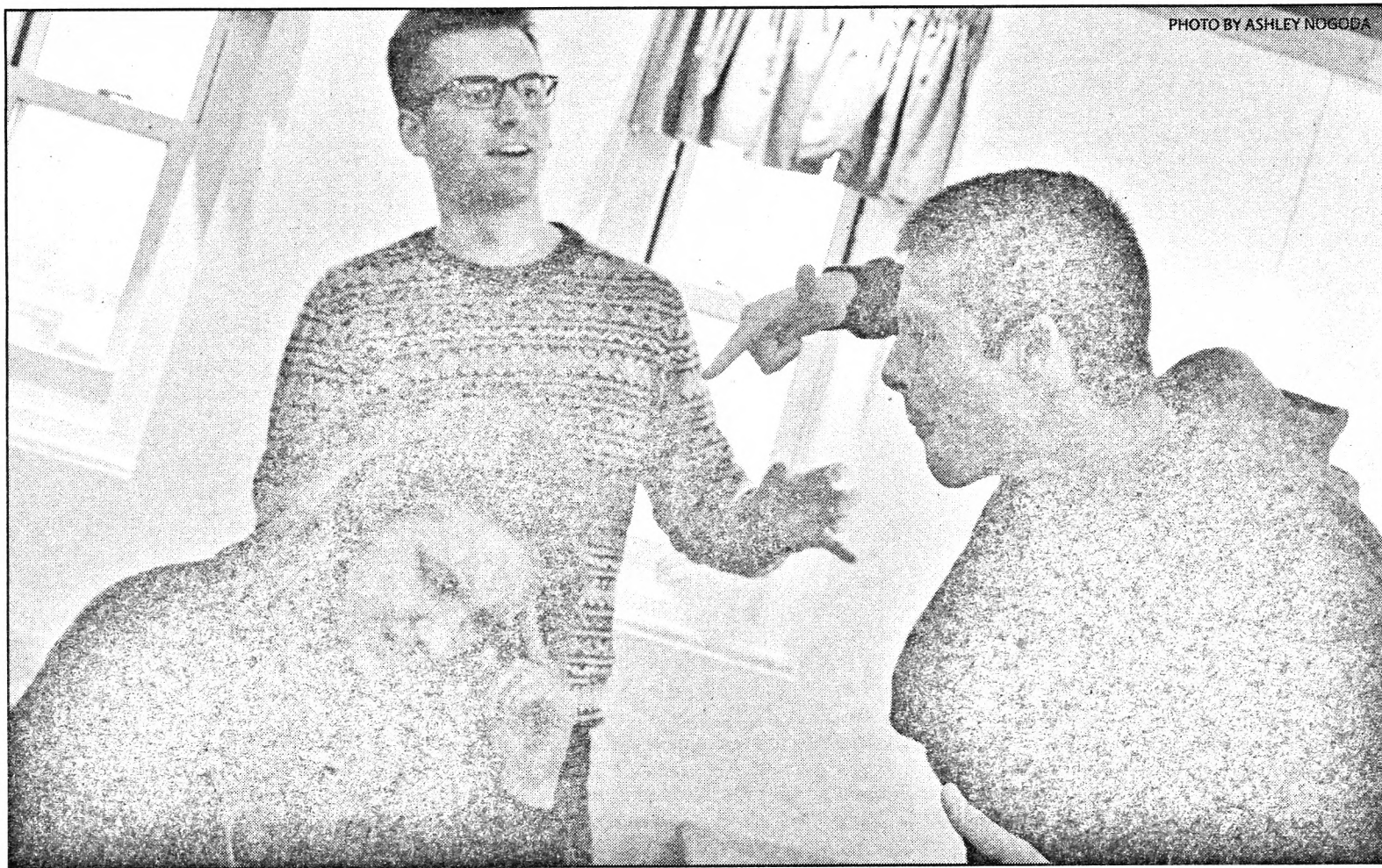


PHOTO BY ASHLEY NOGODA

This couple is currently deciding they should break up because of "Break-Up-A-Couple's" tireless efforts to find couples just like them who aren't meant to be.

Marriage counseling partners with 'Break-Up-A-Couple' to prevent divorce

Grace King

Basic

Olivet graduate Tara Soar had it all. She was graduating with the degree of her dreams with honors, a job offer in a much warmer climate, but most importantly, she would be graduating with a sparkly stone on the fourth finger of her left hand.

That was ten months ago. Now, Soar lives in a two-bedroom apartment with five roommates, six cats and a broken fridge in Michigan, working a menial job, and no wedding band.

"It might not look like much, but I thank God 'Break-Up-A-Couple' stepped in. Daniel and me, we would never have made it even six months. I see that now," Soar said.

"Break-Up-A-Couple" is a program in its trial stages at Olivet. The leaders at "Break-Up-A-Couple" are partnering with Mentor-A-Couple to find those couples that just don't quite seem compatible in the long run.

Assistant director of "Break-Up-A-Couple" Melanie Hamilton said that

even though the program may sound harsh, it is set in place for the best interest of the couples.

"Yes, people get angry when we split them up months—days even—before their wedding day, but youngsters like Tara end up understanding this is the best thing that could ever happen to them," Hamilton said.

Mentor-A-Couple decided to work with "Break-Up-A-Couple" because they believe the new program is making strides and changing the dating game at Olivet. The two programs work together by the mentors of Mentor-A-Couple raising a "red flag" if a couple seems unsuitable for marriage. That is when "Break-Up-A-Couple" steps in to convince the couple how wrong they are for each other.

Since "Break-Up-A-Couple" began a year and a half ago, 12 couples have been split up. That's 12 divorces that didn't get the chance to happen, said John Charles, researcher and chairman of "Break-Up-A-Couple."

According to administrative assistant for Mentor-A-Couple, Kathi

Heiss, even though "Break-Up-A-Couple" may seem unorthodox, it is a progressive program that stops students from going through with what may be the worst decision of their lives.

"It's all about preventative action," Heiss said.

Even though Mentor-A-Couple is incorporating this new program that seems anti-marriage, they think overall, it will make Mentor-A-Couple a stronger, more stable program in itself. Heiss said that if the couples who's marriage would end in divorce anyway don't get married, the statistics that Mentor-A-Couple works increase.

Because of their successful action in removing unwanted and future unsuccessful relationships, "Break-Up-A-Couple" is facing two lawsuits regarding "unnecessary, unwarranted, and unwanted action," according to their lawyer Grayson Kent.

"The suit simply won't hold up in court. Once the jury sees the ex-couples interacting, they will know and understand that 'Break-Up-A-Couple'

works in the best interest of the students at Olivet," Kent said.

"We had our lives completely figured out before "Break-Up-A-Couple" set out to sabotage what were previously perfectly good, working relationships," newly single and not-so-ready-to-mingle Olivet junior Don Coper said. "My almost-wife is just as lost as I now am, and although we will never ever ever get back together after the torture "Break-Up-A-Couple" put us through, we seek revenge," he said, near hysterics.

Soar disagrees with the lawsuit, citing that the fact that the couple won't consider getting back together even though they are now collaborating together seems "fishy" and makes them look "desperate for a life they can now never have thanks to 'Break-Up-A-Couple,'" she said.

If you are approached by "Break-Up-A-Couple," don't fight it, Hamilton suggests. "We know what's best for you," she said.

Soar's ex-fiance David Smith declined to comment.

Gays adjust daily agenda to make sure gay enough

Taylor Provost

Crazy Cat Lady

In a city council meeting held Monday night, local bigot and homophobe Stanly Manly, 57, said that every member of the LGBT community has a "gay agenda," with which they plan on brainwashing society.

"[The gays] have a secret agenda they're plotting every day," Manly said in the meeting while standing on an overturned soap box. "I'm not entirely sure what [their agenda] entails—I'm not gay. But we ought to do something about it at once, I reckon."

Manly's comments in the meeting came as an unpleasant surprise to local gay man Jerome Faux, 24, who said that his only concern when coming out was the response of his friends and family—not his daily agenda. "Now

that I'm out I have to make sure I have a gay agenda every day?" Faux said. "I'm not even organized enough to form a regular daily agenda, and what does a gay agenda even look like?"

Homosexual Aficionado and lifelong gay man Ronny Hoax, 35, admitted that no one in the LGBT community really knows what "gay agenda" means, or seems to have one. But Hoax added that one can attempt to make their daily agenda gayer "by incorporating rainbows into their existing agenda in any way possible, I guess?"

"I know it isn't a great suggestion, but I don't know how else we could make our agenda 'gay,'" Hoax said. "It's not like we want to take over the world; I'm just a normal dude wanting to pay my bills and get my laundry done."

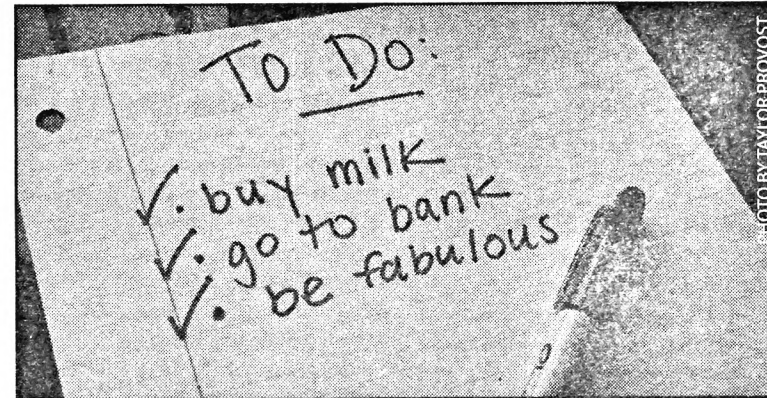


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Faux noted his frustration with the new gay agenda he apparently now has to concoct. "It seems pretty freakin' ridiculous to suggest that the entire gay community must have a gay agenda. Almost as ridiculous as that hideous shirt-and-tie color combo Mr. Manly

was wearing in that city council meeting the other night," Faux laughed. "Burn," he added.

Manly refused to comment further on the statements he made at the meeting Monday night. "I only interview with Fox News," Manly said.



Dr. Bowling's Hair releases autobiography

Allie Alexy
Hipster Queen

After much anticipation, the announcement we've all been waiting for is here. Dr. John Bowling's Hair will be releasing its autobiography this coming fall.

The Glimmer Glass was able to receive an exclusive interview with the author of "The Hair: An Autobiography of the Illustrious Adventures".

GlimmerGlass: It's fairly unusual for hair to publish a book of any kind, so what made you decide to publish an autobiography?

Dr. Bowling's Hair: With more than 4,000 followers, it was inevitable that my autobiography would be released. I believe it was John Green that wrote, "The worse the haircut, the better the man." I whole-heartedly disagree. If it weren't for me, John Bowling wouldn't be nearly as popular as he is.

GG: Can you give us a glimpse at

what is it like to be the most famous feature of such a popular man?

DBH: I could; however, that would ruin my book.

GG: Is it a lot of pressure to be such a prominent feature?

DBH: Yes and No. I never have a bad day, so that takes away a lot of the pressure. Yet, it would be nice to go a day without being in such a spotlight, it can be very tiring.

GG: How do you keep yourself looking so lustrous?

DBH: Well, I don't like to divulge all my secrets, because if I did everyone's hair would look this good. What I can tell you is that a weekly coconut mask does wonders.

GG: What kind of things can we expect to read in your book?

DBH: I'll give you more secrets to get yourself into this good of shape. There will be stories about my many adventures, including the time I saved John Bowling from falling into a ra-

vine during our climb to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro. I'll also tell you about my rise to fame.

GG: It has been said that earlier this year, when Dr. Bowling spoke in chapel, you were a little out of place, yet earlier you said you never had a bad day. Was there a reason behind that?

DBH: Oh yes, I remember that day. There was an awful wind outside, which makes my life much harder than usual. Yet, I don't let such trivial things as wind stand in my way. I decided a coiffed tousled look would be best for such a day. It was, perhaps, not my best day but I would never call it a bad day.

GG: Can we expect to see you on social media any time soon?

DBH: It's a distinct possibility, but it will be some time in the future. As of now, I am focusing on the publicity for my book.

Student Judicial Council's to start issuing jail time

Erica Browning
Staff Writer

A new trend rising in colleges and universities around the nation is the ability of campus judicial processes to end with short-term prison sentences. According to the Vice President of Student Development, Hoodie Gebb, Olivet will be the latest institution to enact such policies.

"The rising amount of disciplinary issues is a problem," Gebb said. "Many students have stopped taking university policies seriously."

Major infractions such as possession of illegal substances and theft of anthropomorphic food franchise property will still be handed directly to the authorities. The student judicial council, however, will handle smaller violations and appropriate prison sentences will be issued. The new prison will be housed in the basement of Chapman Hall, according to the Department of Student Supervision.

Some students have complained that the new policy violates their rights within the American legal system. These disgruntled few have been pointed to the university handbook, which states, "The University also retains the discretion to fashion other sanctions or corrective actions that it deems appropriate in a particular case." This will allow students to bypass the court system and start to serve their time immediately after sentencing.

Edits to next year's handbook have been leaked out of the Development office and have made their way through campus. The leak revealed examples of prison times that will be given as punishment.

For students above the age of 21

"The rising amount of disciplinary issues is a problem. Many students have stopped taking university policies seriously."

-Hoodie Gebb

who are found with alcohol, they will be given a sentence of that equal to one semester or about a hundred days in prison. Student joyriding university golf carts can expect a thirty-day sentence and a small fine for recharging the golf cart. Couples who are caught having inappropriate encounters will spend nine months quarantined in gender exclusive prisons.

Minor infractions, such as leggings and missing curfew will have the option to receive community service hours and enter into preventative counseling. The Center for Student Suppression recently released a statement stating they hoped students struggling with the temptation to break dress code and problems with tardiness would enter into preventative counseling to help avoid these destructive behaviors.

Olivet's administration hopes that these new disciplinary measures will drastically decrease the number of incidents that have been occurring in the past months. The university wants their students to feel safe knowing that they take dangerous and illegal activities seriously and will always assume guilt until proven innocent.

Fourth floor Chapman DJ strikes again

J.T. Cummings
Staff Writer

Student Mark Halcomb, Chapman 4th floor, seeks to inspire and brighten people's days by blasting music from his window for all to hear.

"I really love the classics. You know... classic divas like Shakira, Madonna, Beyoncé, The Spice Girls. Only the Olivet appropriate songs of course," Halcomb said.

Halcomb chose the fourth floor during freshman orientation strategically so he could play music for all to hear.

"I just want the students to dance though life. My mission is to inspire people loaded with tons of stress to just 'shake it off' like T-Swift"

There are times when this music is disruptive to others, but Halcomb sees the overall benefit for the Olivet community.

"Sometimes when I am in my office in Reed grading papers, or consulting a student I can hear the music. It is very distracting," Olivet professor Willow Herder said.

The songs students are most likely to hear are Shakira's "Hips Don't Lie," Madonna's "Like A Virgin," and The Spice Girl's

"Wanna Be."

"These are my favorite three songs. Sometimes I just put these three on repeat. I think all of my fellow students really like them too," Halcomb said.

Halcomb's personal role model is Richard Simmons. Him or Glen CoCo—he has yet to decide.

"Every once in a while I'll have a throw back to the 80s day. My friends seem to like that one. I used to play jazz on weekends, but due to unpopular demand, I was forced to abandon that playlist for good. It seems the students couldn't handle me getting jazzy."

My mission is to inspire people loaded with tons of stress to just 'shake it off.'

*-Mark Halcomb,
Chapman DJ*

Freshman Mark Halcomb chose to live in Chapman so he could enlighten students with the classic songs of our generation while they walk to class.

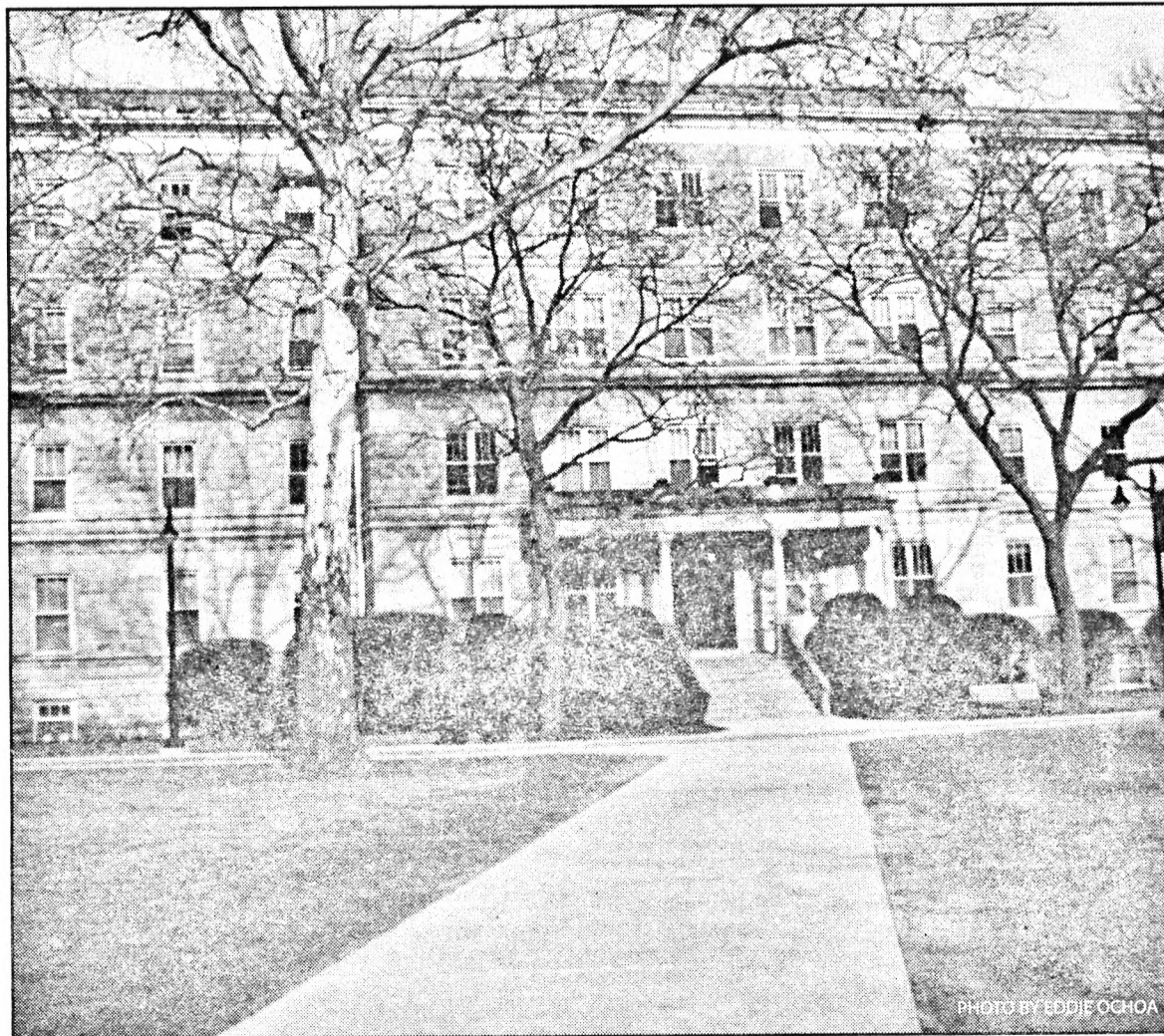


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OPINION

Test criminals not animals

Kelli Poole
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There is an imminent problem plaguing our society. And it is getting worse, not better. According to a recent report given out by the Center for Economic and Policy Research, over \$75 billion is spent each year in corrections. That's a lot of dough. And a lot of prisoners.

The solution to this problem is as obvious as Santa's existence. Imagine how much money could be saved by coming up with solutions that cut back on both the number of prisoners to support and the amount of money being spent on corrections each year. I have come up with a solution that won't only do both of those things, but also solve another problem that faces our society: the controversy surrounding animal testing.

Why do horribly terrifying tests on

innocent animals when we have dangerous criminals just sitting around waiting to die? These poor animals have their whole lives ahead of them, but these criminals are being paid for with our tax dollars when they're probably going to die in jail anyway.

I propose that we do away with animal testing. Besides, how much does testing animals really help us figure out what will and won't work on us, anyway? We will have much better luck with testing humans, and what better candidates than those (whose lives that we pay for) who are wasting away behind bars?

There are multiple benefits to this besides what I've already mentioned. Instead of using a giant portion of our tax dollars to keep prisoners alive, our government can use the money on more important things, like contributing towards the debt payment to other nations, and giving more funding to programs like the VA, Social Security,

and Medicare.

The solution would also help unemployment rates go down. Scientist Don Craig, with the University of Medicine, said, "Because we would have more test subjects- and more accurate ones, at that- the field of medical research would be expected to grow by twenty percent. It makes me giddy with excitement to think of all the breakthroughs we would be able to make in medical science. We might find a cure for cancer! The thought is absolutely exhilarating!"

I can think of no better solution to both of these problems. It is a sad thought when I think of all those animals being mutilated and being forced to partake in experiments such as growing ears on their backs. And then when I think about all those prisoners relaxing in their cells watching T.V, getting yard time, and receiving visitors, it makes me cringe. I mean, I don't know of many prisoners who

would enjoy being engineered to grow ears out of their backs. I think research testing on prisoners would be a much more effective punishment than life behind bars.

"I'm stoked for this idea," Harvard Med student Teresa Black said. "After all, if I wanted to work with animals, I would have gone to veterinary school. Besides, the current test animals and prisoners have about the same amount of rights. So it's a fair exchange in my book!"

How would I go about doing this, you ask? Well, it really is quite simple. Half of the prisoners in the country will be transferred to research facilities to serve out the rest of their sentences. For prisoners that come after that, they will either be sentenced to prison (for minor crimes) or to testing facilities (for major crimes) by a court of law. There is absolutely no controversy here, for the accused still gets a jury of his peers.

To summarize my genius idea, over \$75 billion. That's what we spend per year on prisoners. It's cheaper to sustain the animals. Imagine how our economy would flourish if that number was cut by half- or more. We would have less money going towards keeping prisoners alive and more towards more important things for the welfare of the nation. Also, animals wouldn't be suffering punishment that they don't deserve, and unemployment rates would plummet, providing many jobs for people.

I have spent long hours deriving this solution- almost to the point of exhaustion- and I hope that no one sees it in them to criticize it. I have other ideas regarding other imminent problems in our society, but I fear that writing of them will bring controversy, as making white people experience slavery does not seem like an eloquent solution to end racism.

Editorial



The accomplishments of the Olivet student body don't stop at having the campus with third most attractive girls and guys in Illinois, along with being the number 13 friendliest college in the state. Olivet has made way onto another list comprised by niche.com. On March 31, we were officially dubbed the campus with the most annoying couples in the nation. For this title, Olivet beat out over 36 thousand other schools that were surveyed.

Trailing behind Olivet on the leader board were other schools of Nazarene roots, such as Point Loma, Trevecca and MidAmerica respectively.

According to niche, an "annoying couple" is defined as one who takes up space "on walkways, in fitness centers, in cafeterias and even on social media - cluttering news feeds with couples' selfies, engagements, and anniversary posts." Additionally, annoying couple behavior is exhibited by those who share "astronomically weird" amounts of physical touch.

C.E.O. Kan D. Hamm said he noticed an upward trend in public displays of affections between college couples - specifically ones that were obnoxious and caused physical or mental disturbances for those who fell victim to witnessing them.

Junior Dee Nyle has attended four colleges in the past three years and says that Olivet definitely outshines the rest when it comes to annoying couples.

"I never realized how much I could know about perfect strangers," said Nyle. "There are people [that I am friends with on Facebook] that I have never had a conversation with in person, but for some reason I know when their boyfriend Billy's next test is, when they blew a tire, and what they ate for lunch."

Senior Dessa Prate and Freshman Stew Pett are a self-proclaimed obnoxious couple.

"It's really hard work," said Pett. "I always have to surprise [Prate] with flowers or tickets to the theatre, or a surprise note 'just to show that I care' to make sure she had something to put on her Instagram everyday."

Prate agrees that their public image is difficult to maintain. "Coming up with several photo captions a day almost everyday is super time consuming and also really challenging," she said. "You have to find that right mix of 'I am so completely, hopelessly in love' and 'You wish you were us, don't you?'"

The couple has a team meeting every Wednesday to decide what new and exciting things are happening in their relationship. From promise rings, to "impromptu" dates in the city, everything must be planned to the letter. They also have a couples twitter under the handle @Stessa, which is the "couples name" the two claim they received from friends.

Close friend, Ima stan, calls the pair the "Beyonce and Jay-z, the Brad and Angelina of Olivet. I just hope that one day I could find a boyfriend who will do things that I can post about on social media then forget about immediately afterwards."

Nyle use to be friends with the couple on several social platforms, but things got "too weird" for the Independent film student, and he ended up blocking them on all accounts.

Not every annoying couple puts this much strategic thinking into the status of their relationship, however.

Sophomore Lo N. Lee, is a member of an on-again off-again couple and says that the ever-changing status of their relationship comes "effortlessly."

"I am actually jealous of those couples who don't have to try so hard sometimes," said Pett. "We both hope that, one day, being obnoxious will come more naturally to us."

Honey, we need to talk:

By Destiny Mitchell
Trap Queen

Today's youth has been officially dubbed generation Y, but we might be more aptly named Generation Do, as in do something. We are all obsessed with the next fight, the next social or political justice movement to seize hold of our hearts and minds.

The movements mostly concern minority or marginalized groups - especially people of color. Yet, in our frenzy to protect the rights of these groups, we have blinded ourselves to the suffering of others. In our heat, we have given off the lack of regard that we accuse others of.

Yes, this country was built on the backs of blacks, Asians and natives. Yes, there has been systematic oppression that boasts white people and white culture as the victor of societies all around the world - even ones where they are the racial minority, such as South Korea and South Africa. Eurocentric beauty standards permeate the western world, and many areas that lie beyond it, leaving people of different ethnic backgrounds to feel detested and genetically inferior.

It is true that, a USA Today showed that top universities turn out black and Hispanic computer science and computer engineering graduates at twice the rate that leading technology companies hire them. There was a study conducted in 2003 by University of Chicago's Devah Pager that sent young white and black "testers" with randomly assigned "felony convictions" to apply for low-wage jobs, and found that whites with felonies were more likely to be called for interviews than black applicants without criminal records. Every 24 hours a black man is killed by the police force.

All of these are staunch injustices that people the world over are fighting, rioting, protesting and preaching against but what the system is, essentially, set up to serve the majority (whites) while degrading, oppressing and suppressing racial minorities but for goodness sakes is it not annoying to hear about all of these things when you are not the person who is being directly affected by them?

If social activists truly want to fight for peace and for equality, then it is

time to take into consideration how these movements compromise the majority. Not only are those who participate in these movements annoying in their persistent complaints, but also the spaces that they create for healthy dialogue amongst minorities is naturally exclusive rather than inclusive. Shouldn't the free majority get a say in what happens in limited minority communities?

This is the same exact thing! Like, completely the same. There is no difference between these particular incidents at all. At. All

Though diversity is preached by the pro-black and pro-racial equality communities what they are actually doing is setting the stage for white genocide. The White Genocide project aims to expose the ethnic cleansing that is being thrust upon the black community.

Whitegenocideproject.com says that white genocide is characterized by: 1. Moving millions on non-white immigrants into traditionally white countries over a period of years. 2. Legally chasing down and forcing white areas to accept diversity. This is known as "Forced assimilation." 3. Government refusal to remove genocidal policies that are in place today.

The project argues that there is an agenda to wipe out the white race gradually, then entirely. Rumors of white genocide first began when the 2010 U.S. census determined that the white majority population in the U.S. would have disappeared by the year 2043, with Hispanics becoming the majority by that time. We are undergoing a historic shift where over half of young children are a racial minority. From this census, it was determined that by 2012 white babies would have fallen into the minority.

Remember the holocaust? The event that was responsible for the murder between five and six million Jews? Or how about when Spanish settlers

White Genocide

landed in America bringing with them small pox, gonorrhea, and a host of other diseases that wiped out hundreds of thousands of Native Americans in the two centuries that followed? This is the same exact thing! Like, completely the same. There is no difference between these particular incidents at all. At. All.

This means that in a few short decades, the U.S. will be mostly comprised of people of color, leaving white people outnumbered. This is an issue of great concern because, according to whitegenocideproject.com, white people will no longer dominate the population in many countries. White children will have to grow up in classrooms where there aren't only two or three kids that don't look like them. They will be forced to have interactions with people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds and, perhaps worst of all, might even have to learn about their culture.

But it isn't the sheer number that is becoming the problem, but the rise of interracial couples is also serving to destroy the purity of the white race. National Geographic released a photo project that predicted what the average American would look like in the year 2050. It featured a number of men and women of mixed ethnic and racial backgrounds, many of which had an olive, tan, or brown skin tone.

Once again, this means that schools, workplaces, and other areas will become more ethnically diverse. This could mean that white culture will lose its place as the dominant culture in society, meaning white people (what are left of them ☹) will have to assimilate to mixed raced culture or that there will be no "dominant" culture in society at all.

Have you ever held a leadership position where you were able to set the standard for what was good, and anybody who didn't do things as you did them, wear clothes as you wore them or speak the way that you spoke was punished for it? Ever get demoted from that job in lieu of a system that was more equal, fair and valued multiplicity? Sucked didn't it? Just remember that that's what the fight for equality, especially racial equality, is doing to the white community.

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Squirrel-hunting season to come to Olivet next fall

Kelli Poole
Staff Writer

You see them all the time. Jumping from tree to tree. Playing with and chasing each other around campus. Scurrying across the street in front of your car. The daredevils: squirrels. They're everywhere. And they're overpopulated on Olivet's campus.

But the Olivet Board of Education is finally doing something about it. The students have asked and the board has listened. Starting next fall, 2015, squirrel hunting season will officially be coming to campus.

Junior Hunter Forlyfe expressed his excitement about this new change: "I'm always on campus during hunting season and so I can't go with my dad like I used to before I came here. But now I'm going to be eating good. No more Ludwig for me! At least, not during squirrel-hunting season."

Sophomore Notralia Fann's friend once got attacked by a squirrel on campus, so news of hunting season excites her mood for revenge. "This stupid squirrel clawed my friend's

eyes out," Fann said. "So I'm going to blow its head off!"

While most of the students on campus are looking forward to getting in on the action, animals' rights activists are protesting the change.

Professor Giselle Forest-Hall, leader of the Squirrels are Friends Not Food movement, is adamant on her position. "Think about it this way. If you allow kids to start killing off the squirrels, every time they kill a squirrel, a squirrel family cries out in agony." She adds as an afterthought, "Not to mention the hunting accidents that could happen to the students."

"Squirrels are going to take over the campus," Fann said. "I'm telling you. One already attacked my friend. If we don't control this over-population problem, this place will become Squirrelivet. They're plotting to take over! Squirrel hunting-season is probably the best thing the board has ever done for this school."

Forlyfe gives would-be hunters some tips for squirrel hunting. "I'll give you some tips that have worked

for me in the past. First, you've got to be the squirrel. If you don't think like the squirrel, you won't get one. You also have to make sure everyone is very, very quiet, because you're hunting squirrels. Then, you've got to shoot the squirrel!"

The Department of Campus Activities gave a more detailed list on how to hunt for squirrels:

Not finding any squirrels? Try using food as bait to lure them out.

If you can't find one around campus, go to a busy section of street. You're sure to find dozens of squirrels who are about to attempt to cross the road.

Stand near a trashcan and wait for one to jump on top of it. It will happen. Trust us.

Always wear protective gear.

Always remember: Killing two squirrels with one bullet will earn you free tuition for a year (one squirrel for each semester) if you provide proof that it happened. (Hint: bring a witness and a video recorder).



Squirrel hunting is now allowed on Olivet's campus.

Sodexo installs food troughs for athletes

Grace King
Basic

When freshman Johnny Manza signed with Olivet to play football, he never imagined he would be groveling for his dinner in a makeshift human food trough. Because of the magnitude of food consumed by athletes like Manza, Sodexo needed to find an inexpensive and easily accessible way

to fill bottomless stomachs.

"At first glance, the food trough looks really gross," Manza said. "You just have to close your eyes and take a bite. It kind of reminds me of that episode of Friends when Rachel makes a trifle with jam and custard and adds in beef, peas, and onions."

The human food trough is in a separate dining hall only accessible to athletes. There, silverware goes

unused, with athletes too famished to bother with the modern utensils. Athletes are no longer allowed in the regular dining hall.

Human food troughs were invented by Sir Alexander Banquet in 2007 and started in community colleges around the United States. Unlike animal food troughs that are low to the ground and a combination of leftover food unable to be consumed by humans, human food troughs are more like buffet bars. Unlike buffet bars, however, food troughs are not separated by food buckets but are more of a separated mixture, similar to a Thanksgiving dinner plate.

Each day, that mixture of food changes – and there is always a theme. From Mexican, to Italian, to Chinese, to your all-American hamburgers and hotdogs mixed with coleslaw and potato salad, these athletes get to taste all four corners of the world thanks to food troughs.

"My favorite day was the tastes of the South. Fried chicken, heavy gravy, potatoes... It made it kind of difficult to run track that afternoon though," junior Zach Ryan said.

"It's really messy and once the food starts to settle together, a stench worse than the athletes' combined body odor rises out of the troughs," said an anonymous Sodexo employee who has been working at Olivet for four years.

This anonymous employee isn't the only one complaining. Athletes of all sports are complaining that they are unable to receive proper nutrition from the conglomerate of food served in the troughs.

It's all junk food, according to soccer star and dietitian major Stephanie Morgan. She said athletes can't judge how many servings of fruits, vegetables, and how many carbohydrates are consumed when the food is mixed.

"It's simple. Athletes eat more food than they pay for with their meal plan. A separate dining hall is a simple way to solve the problem," manager Ralph Collar said in a statement. He declined to give any more comments.

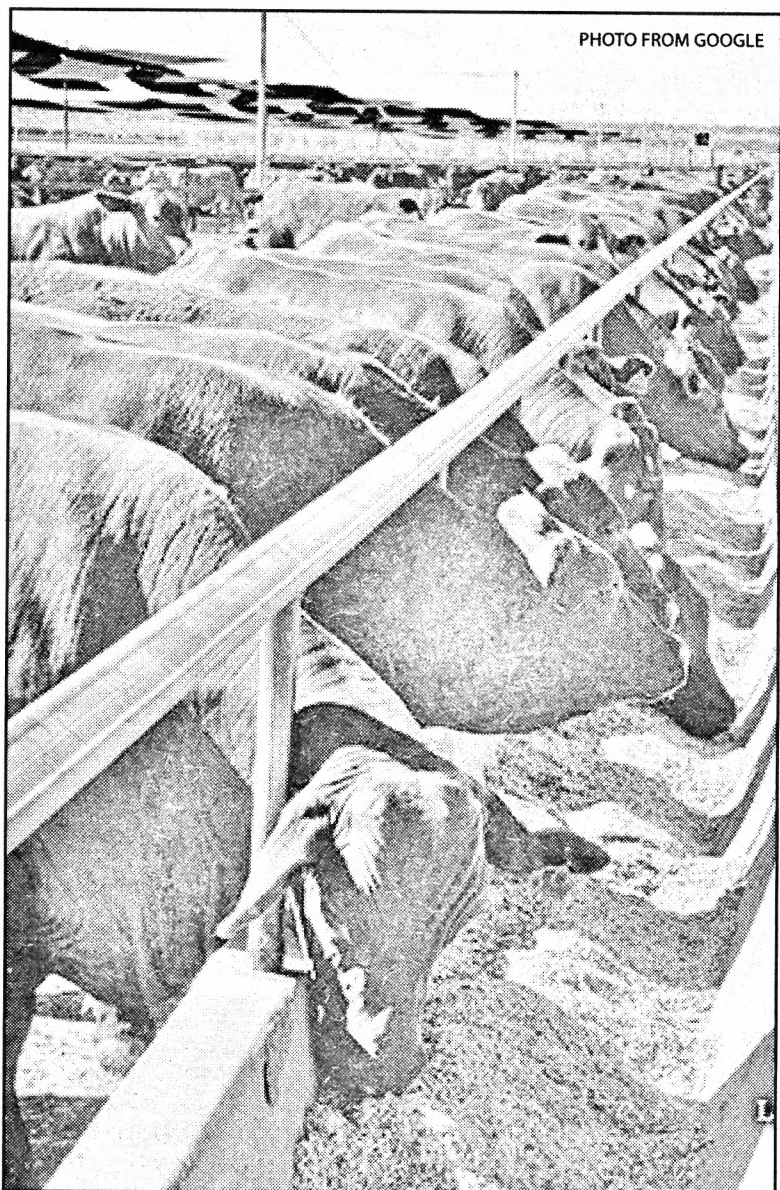


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The food troughs created for athletes are modeled after food troughs for large herds of cattle.

Shake off the weight with protein shakes

Andrew Fischer
South African Fugitive

Although protein shakes are commonly perceived as helping consumers build up muscle, they may actually result in the loss of body mass.

A new study released by the Institute for Daily Food Analysis reveals how protein shakes help to increase the body's metabolism, resulting in a decrease of percentage muscle mass, and thus, body weight.

The comprehensive study included 829 participants, over the course of 18 months. The participants were of varying ages between 18 and 52. About half of the partakers in the study were required to consume a daily protein shake, while the only half were given a "placebo" protein shake.

The weight, level of exercise, nutritional intake and body fat percentage of the participants was carefully monitored.

The study determined that participants consuming the "placebo" gained an average of 4% body weight; whereas, the individuals consuming the daily protein shake lost an average of 7% body weight.

Researchers raised their eyebrows at this loss of body mass, because the percentage body fat of the participants remained stable, meaning muscle mass must have been lost.

According head researcher and widely acclaimed nutritionist Christina Avianti, this is ground breaking research. "Although protein shakes have long been rumored to be the cause of muscle mass loss, this study is the first piece of definitive research on the matter."

Avianti believe protein shakes result in an increased metabolism, hindering the absorption of protein molecules into the bloodstream. "The minuscule finger-like hairs known as villi that cover the small intestine need time to absorb large molecular substances like

...And this ultimately resulted in us breaking up. It was sad and embarrassing. It was only after we broke up that I noticed that he started getting thinner.
- Christina Avianti, nutritionist

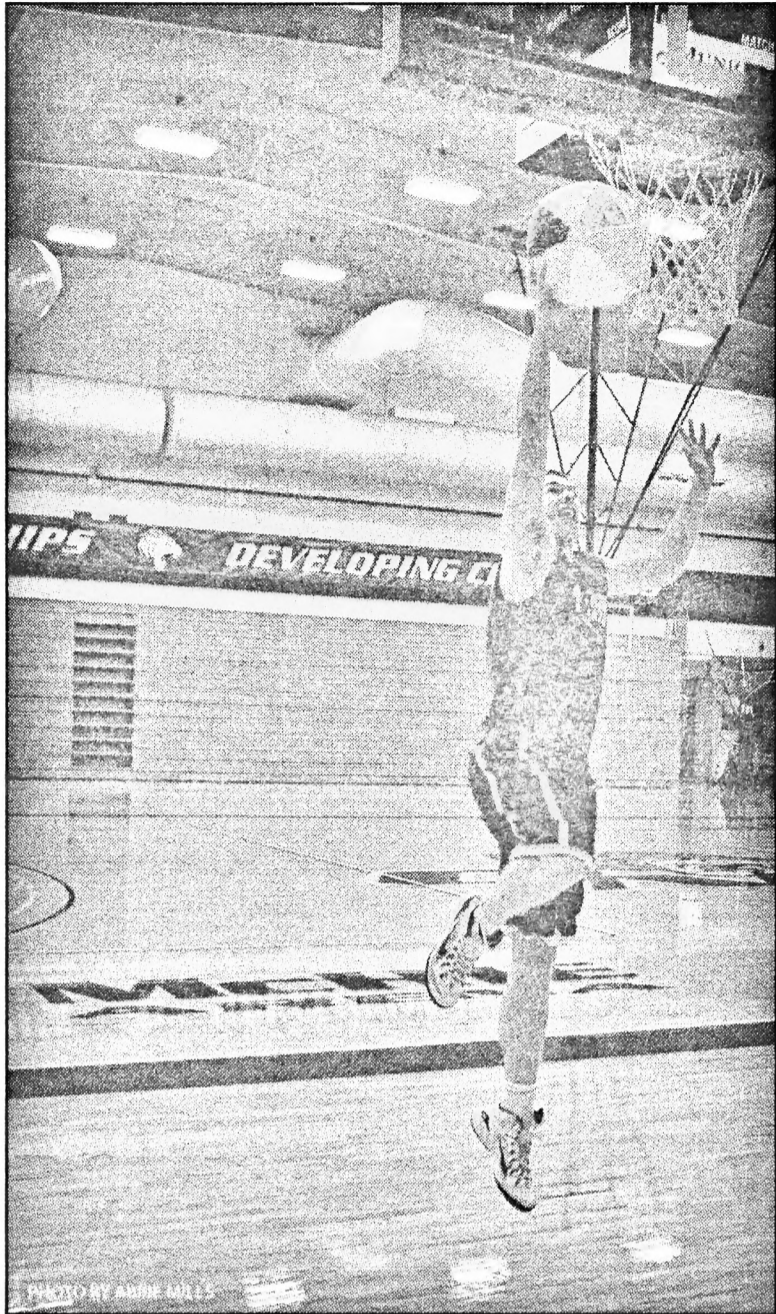
protein," Avianti said. "When protein shakes are consumed, they speed up the formation of metabolite and excretion."

Avianti first noticed a correlation between the consumption of protein shakes and weight loss when she was at university dating her boyfriend. "My boyfriend was on the college football team, and he began to regularly drink protein shakes," Avianti said.

"His bowel irritability increased, along with his daily excretion experiences. He seemed to have lost control over his daily defecation pattern, and his level of flatulence was unbelievable," said Avianti, "And this ultimately resulted in us breaking up. It was sad and embarrassing. It was only after we broke up that I noticed that he started getting thinner."

Avianti realizes that her study will be disputed and disregarded by certain parties that may be implicated in the research. "This study has been thoroughly and comprehensively completed," said Avianti. "I am proud to have been a part of a team that has worked meticulously in researching this topic."

Basketball uses 'inflate' gate strategy



Freshman basketball player Ethan Chitty goes for layup with an overinflated ball.

Jada Fisher and Nathan DiCamillo
Staff Writer and Male Model

After a season record of 25 wins, this past season for men's Tiger basketball was a success. Some may have wondered exactly, how did they do it? The answer is shocking. The use of over-inflated basketballs is the culprit.

Fans gathered in McHie arena on Wednesday and Friday nights to cheer the team to victory, but may have never suspected the team could be hiding such a secret. Each week they watched as players racked up the points, leaving opposing teams in disbelief.

Head coach Randy Hedge, spearheaded the idea mid-season, calling it his best idea yet. "There comes a time when you have to do the unthinkable, we really wanted to make a statement," he said. Hedge knew the team needed something extra to really pull out the best in them.

It was initially an accident when the team's manager, Larry Tudjman over filled a ball for practice. The team played with the overinflated ball, every pass was caught and every shot when through the hoop, said Tudjman. "When I told coach Hedge, he actually thanked me for making the mistake," he said.

"Of course it felt strange at first but we played so well, it was like why not? No one *has* to know," said junior guard, Taylor Tucker. He was shocked that the guest teams didn't seem to realize the difference in their balls.

There in fact was a major difference. The official size requirement for National Collegiate Athletic Association men's basketballs are 22 ounces, according to the Livestrong site. The balls the men's team used weighed al-

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- Randy Hedge, head basketball coach

most 27 ounces, said Tudjman. "They almost reminded me of medicine balls," said Tucker.

The change in ball size required that all players focus more on their upper body to maintain strength to play with the heavier balls, said Senior, Dustin Amos. "We had to do Zumba and yoga twice a week, it was rough," he said.

According to a press release by Sports and Balls Journal of Science, teams who practice with basketballs that are overinflated and then play with those balls in games have an 85 percent better chance at winning.

Athletic Director Jerry Gruesome declined comment.

English majors encouraged to train for tryouts for new Olympic game in 2016

Kelli Poole
Staff Writer

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has just announced their plans to add a new game to the line-up for the 2016 summer Olympics. Competitive stair climbing is coming, and Olivet is encouraging its English majors to train for tryouts.

"It'll be easy for them, I think, to make the Olympic team," English Department Head of Chair Dr. Mushama Kalamba said. "After all, they have to take the stairs to fourth floor Burke at least three times a day." The laugh he gave after this almost seemed sinister. "I always take the elevator."

Junior English major Curley Queue is ready to accept the call to arms. "I think we can get a great team together to represent not only the U.S. but also Olivet," Queue said. "I've already started training. I've been taking the steps two at a time."

Professor Imlovinit teaches Elementary Greek II on fourth floor Burke, and even though the classroom is only one floor above his office, he is planning on trying out for the Olympic team. "I know I only go up two flights of stairs, but I work out in the gym every night and I always make sure I get my time in on the stair stepper." Imlovinit says that he is confident he will make the team and even proclaims that he will carry the team to victory in the games.

But not all English majors met the announcement with the same enthusiasm. Sophomore Graham Moore had this to say: "Is this some kind of sick joke? They're making fun of us because they know that we practically kill ourselves walking up those stairs. I'm not training for tryouts. In fact, I'm going to boycott the stairs."

Chine Eezakrobat, a consultant for the IOC says that competitive stair climbing will be placed in the track and field category. "There will actually be different events within the stair climbing section. There will be the ten-by-ten flight relay, the twenty-by-twenty flight relay, and up-flight-down-flight relay." He went on to say that the up-flight-down-flight relay is the most rigorous, as competitors are asked to race up and down thirty flights of stairs.

"I'm training for the up-flight-down-flight relay," Dr. Imlovinit said while he was doing his pre-stair-climbing stretches. "I have no doubt that I'll excel."

To promote school-wide support and participation, Olivet will also offer stair-climbing classes in the fall and the spring in order to help students prepare for tryouts. The classes will count as a physical education credit. According to the registrar, these classes are for all students who are interested in possibly trying out, not just for English majors.

Eezakrobat said that the Olympics is also looking into adding snow shoveling to the winter games in 2018. All students at Olivet who have experience digging their car out of the snow are encouraged to think about trying out for that sport. Eezakrobat has promised to keep University President Bo Ling in the loop with any new developments.

Behind the mask: Toby the Tiger

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No *ONU* sport's event is complete without Toby the Tiger. But students may not realize the heavy weight that the man behind the mask carries. Hulu's *Behind the Mask* featured Toby in their latest episode and has given Olivet students an in-depth look into the life of the tirelessly tormented Tiger.

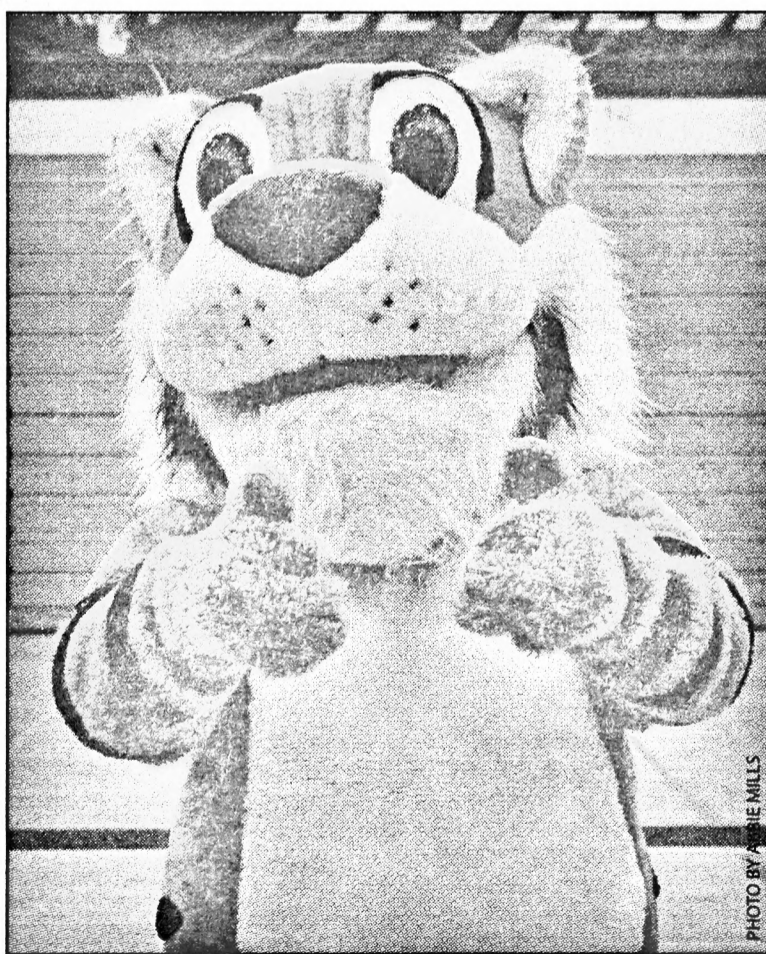
Toby the Tiger is a very busy person. He is constantly going back and forth between sports games and school work. "I can't forget any part of the mascot or I will get yelled at and forced to clean up after the game like Cinderella before she found her prince," Toby said.

Dr. Joe Bo Ling even likes to show him off to the big wigs. "This is the worst part of being the school mascot because I get to watch them eat their dinner while I stand there in a pose the entire time without being fed because I am not allowed to take the mask off," said Toby the Tiger. "Even Tigers at the circus get to be fed after their performance."

Toby admits that he hates showing up at games. "Everyone wants to get a picture with me and I have to practically beat the little children off with a stick." He does not get a moment alone when wearing the mascot.

Everyone has high expectations for Toby the Tiger. "They want me work myself to death," he said after being asked how he feels about his job as the mascot. "The higher ups are always wanting me to do crazy stunts like the big shots in the pro league."

The most he ever does is flips at a football game. He can barely do that so he wonders how he is supposed to do a ladder dunk. It is a daily occurrence for him to turn down the crazy



ideas that he thinks will be too much for him.

"I have no life. I wake up to 5 a.m. practices until my 8 a.m., then I have class until 2:50 and after another practice I am doing homework before and after I make appearances at games," he said. "My girlfriend dumped me because I never had time to hang out with her and my friends barely talk to me anymore, I don't even know who

I'm sharing an apartment with anymore."

Like his social life, his grades have also slipped. "Of course my grades won't be great when I'm working like a slave 24/7."

Toby claimed, while looking spitefully at his ever-smiling mask, that this is the "worst job in the history of jobs" and that he would rather muck stalls.

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