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The future is bright at OCU

By Claire Slomski
Staff Writer

As you walk about the Oakland City University campus, you will see students and teachers hurrying to class, athletes on their way to practice, and squirrels climbing up their trees. OCU is a busy place and is changing every day. One person who knows about these changes is our president, Dr. Ray Barber.

Dr. Barber first came to OCU in 1982, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1985, his master's degree in 1988, and then received his doctorate in 1999, from Asbury Theological Seminary.

Dr. Barber served the university in multiple capacities until he was chosen president in 2008.

He understands OCU's history and helped the transition to what we are today. Now, he and the administration are working to change it for the future. When he first stepped into office, Dr. Barber's main focus was to internally upgrade and lay the groundwork for future innovations. Recent changes include the opening of Holy Grounds, the communications degree, a new student orientation program, among others.

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You may be wondering what is next. Dr. Barber shared some new projects and visions coming to OCU.

You may have heard a new dorm is in the works. Well, it's true! A new, multipurpose building is scheduled to begin construction around the 2018-2019 school year. The structure will include a dorm for lowerclassmen males, rooms for visiting parents and guests needing to stay overnight, as well as retail space. We can look forward to location and building design information soon.

The university is looking to enhance educational programs that have the potential for growth. Dr. Barber stated that programs, such as Christian studies, criminal justice and psychology have been a good starting point. He expects all to perform well in the future. He is hoping to provide programs that will appeal to high school seniors deciding on which major to pursue.

Dr. Barber began his own journey in ministry when he was 16 years old and recognizes that the scene has changed since then. He is hoping to ensure the program adapts to the current needs of today's students.

SarahJane Fendrich: An RA going above and beyond duty



By Carlie Nichols
Editor

Sarahjane Fendrich, a 22-year-old elementary education major, has been attending Oakland City University since the fall of 2013.

Fendrich, a Mt. Vernon, Indiana, native, decided to attend OCU because she wanted the small, quiet atmosphere of a private Christian institution and a university that offered a good education program. Since OCU had both of those qualities, Fendrich believed that the campus was a perfect fit for her, so she immediately applied and was accepted.

Throughout the past three years Fendrich has attended the university, she has been involved in a number of clubs and organizations on campus.

This school year, she is currently involved in Student Government

Association, where she currently serves as the club's vice-president. Along with being an active member of this club, she is a current student athlete for the OCU women's cross country team.

Besides these two campus activities that Fendrich is associated with, there is one other job/duty that several students on campus may not know that she fulfills on a daily basis.

Fendrich is a current Resident Assistant in Cox Hall, where she performs a number of important tasks to assist the residents living there. She tends to enforce campus rules, fills out maintenance request forms if something is broken, helps residents with their personal problems and unlocks doors for students who may lock themselves out of their room on occasion.

Despite performing these tasks on a daily basis, Fendrich

is an RA who cares a lot for her residents and wants them to enjoy their time living on campus. Every so often, she and a few of the other RA's and RD's who live in the same dorm put together a party where the girls can have fun and hang out with their friends.

One of the dorm parties that Fendrich remembers as one of her favorites out of the past few years she has been an RA in Cox Hall is the waffle bar party that she hosted in the RD apartment.

"Last semester was the second time I was able to host the waffle bar party," she said, "The residents LOVED it just because we had gift cards and a whole lot of fun."

In addition to having a blast at dorm parties, Fendrich has had several fond memories



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From the Archives

Now is the time for all good men to be bearded

By Glenn Martin
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Compiled by Hannah Salo

Now is the time to grow a beard. Othello has already bearded several young men on the campus of OCC. But 1966 is also Indiana's sesquicentennial celebration. If men gladly grow beards honoring the birthday of their hometown, how much more should the male populace pay homage to the state!

We can also attribute the revival of beards to the impact of the Lincoln centennial observance recently celebrated. Lincoln beards still grace many communities throughout the United States.

Other great men have worn beards also. Some of the faces we would not recognize without a beard include Freud, Darwin, Shakespeare, Chaucer, Dickens, Pasteur, Rasputin, and Hemingway to name only a few.

Sir Thomas Moore placed his head upon the block, carefully tucked aside his whiskers and said to the headsman, "stay, friend, until I have put aside my beard, for that hath never committed treason."

One of the most famous international figures, who for ages has been loved by all, always appears with his beard. Santa Claus would be nothing without white whiskers. And what other single personality has done more to preserve the dignity of beards?

A wise Basque proverb states, "Beware of women with beards and men without them."

If you still aren't convinced you should grow a beard, perhaps listing the advantages and disadvantages of whiskers will make the decision for you.

Since the disadvantages are trivial, we will list them first.

- To the careless individual the beard might prove to be a fire hazard.

- A remote possibility that domestic difficulties might develop exists. One historian reports that for some strange reason the prehistoric men in one particular area of Europe suddenly began shaving, according to archeological evidence. One suggested solution to this mystery is that the women had begun carrying the clubs around their caves, but no concrete proof of this speculation has been found.

- Beards once presented a danger of pestilence. In the days of bug-borne plagues in Europe, conscientious physicians with populous beards went from house to house solicitously bending over patients, unwittingly making certain the plague was spread.

- A law of Queen Elizabeth's reign penalized wearers of beards at Lincoln Inn, London. It defined the beard as more than two week's stubble.

- In hand-to-hand combat with a sword, it is easy for the opponent to grab one's beard,

uplift the head, and bare the throat for a slash. "Alexander the Great pondered this problem, ordered all of his troops to shave before they went into combat, and conquered the world." (Wallace, Life.)

Today, however, the disadvantages of beards aren't weighed so heavily. Not a single life insurance company in the United States charges higher rates for bearded men.

The advantages of beards far exceed their failings.

- A man does not need to shave. According to Mr. Karlen of *Holiday* magazine, the average man, if he starts shaving when he is fifteen years old, will shave away twenty-seven and one-half feet of beard in his life time. Three thousand three hundred and fifty hours or one hundred and thirty-nine days of work will be wasted shaving even with modern equipment. Thomas Campbell said that in the time he spent shaving he could have learned seven languages.

An ecclesiastical council in Moscow once stated that "to shave the beard is a sin which even the blood of martyrs cannot expiate."

Theologus, in 1860, was so strongly against the razor that he published his moving thesis

entitled *Shaving, A Breach of the Sabbath and a Hindrance to the Spread of the Gospel.*

- Beards can also be helpful in sports. Wallace relates the story of a chess game once played between Alfred Kreymborg, the American poet, and a rabbi. "The encounter took place in a small room crowded with kibitzers, all furiously smoking and muttering advice. The action was hot, the air almost impenetrable. Kreymborg attacked the rabbi with spirit, bringing the weight of several pieces to bear on the rabbi's exposed king. 'Checkmate!' cried he in triumph. 'Nu?' said the rabbi, parting his great beard, which strategically overhung a corner of the board. Out sallied a rook which captured Kreymborg's queen."

The philosopher Socrates is said to have relished a contest in which he stood beard to beard with an opponent, betting on the distance a flea could jump between them. Winner kept the flea.

- Beards also serve as mufflers in the winter.

- As late as the nineteenth century physicians recommended beards to patients with delicate throats and a tendency to rheums.

For years the Greek philosophers were called pogonotrophos or bearded men.

A few years ago, New York psychoanalyst Werner Muensterberger said, "Women who were ambivalent about men showed an aversion to the beard because of its masculine implications." Most women questioned by this researcher giggled and said they couldn't stand beards. One dared admit most girls do not like to reveal that they are attracted to something society does not approve.

All of the eminent evidence is for the beard. As a matter of fact, man cannot even find a good reason why he should shave. As George Bernard Shaw demonstrates: "I was about five at the time, and I was standing at my father's knees whilst he was shaving. I said to him, 'Daddy, why do you shave?' He looked at me in silence, for a full minute, before throwing the razor out of the window, saying, 'Why the hell do I?' He never did again."

So, be patriotic to your state, and be true to that inner drive which demands you assert your masculinity. Start your beard today!

School spirit

By Claire Slomski
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An important aspect of your collegiate experience is to join a community and be proud of your membership. One way to show your school pride is by cheering on our athletes, but you cannot do that all alone.

One acorn is ready and waiting to help you get your school spirit going. The Mighty Oak, Oakland City University's new mascot, our favorite nut, debuted last spring at The Bash and had been a work in progress for some time.

The Student Government Association, in partnership with Administration, worked to make the idea a reality. The concept, design, financing, and ordering the mascot were all steps of the process. Now we have our very own mascot!

You also may have noticed the new logo on T-shirts and other items. Both the mascot and the logo are aesthetic rejuvenations to always look our best!

You can say "hi" to the Mighty Oak at athletic senior nights and pep rallies. He will be joining the pep band and cheerleaders at the men's basketball games this upcoming season. For the complete athletic schedule, visit athletics.oak.edu.



Our favorite nut stepping out on campus.



Photo by Scarlett Osment

Our Staff

Sheila Bryant's transition to OCU

By Bekah Busler
Staff Writer
and Madison Brooks
Assistant Editor

Sheila Bryant, Retention Specialist for Student Support Services, is currently a doctoral student as well as a new employee at Oakland City University. She works to prevent students from slipping through the cracks and to ensure their academic success by assisting them with writing and reading comprehensive skills. Her other responsibilities include teaching Freshman Foundations, hiring tutors, and assigning academic coaches to assist students in succeeding in their classes.

Before coming to Oakland City University, Bryant worked in Indianapolis, Indiana, as a public school teacher. She became interested in OCU after seeing promotional material and



decided to enter the Transition to Teaching program where she earned her Master's degree in Education.

In Bryant's opinion, Oakland City University is a great school, "It's on the cutting edge of current trends of education," she said. Bryant believes that OCU is well rounded and trustworthy.

"OCU does a good job out front where people can see, but it is the same behind the scenes," she explained. Since she was a SSS student in her undergrad work, Bryant wants to "help students in every way possible."

So far, she is happy here at Oakland City University, and she is looking forward to see

Around the world with Dr. Saltzman

By Madison Brooks
Assistant Editor

Dr. Dawn Saltzman, history, government and education professor at Oakland City University, has spent a lot of her time traveling and studying. She has traveled to 32 states and 26 countries so far.

"I have been to most of the Caribbean, Mexico, Canada, most of Western Europe, including the Baltic Sea area and the Mediterranean area from Morocco and Portugal to Turkey," she said.

Dr. Saltzman also explained that the trips with her kids were her favorite vacations because she let them choose the activities.

"We rafted in Jamaica and North Carolina, walked on the ocean floor in Mexico, went parasailing in the Cayman Islands and rode the train through the Smokies after a morning horseback ride," she said.

On their many vacations, the Saltzman family was able to see the Athena statue in Nashville, Tennessee; and the King tut exhibit in Atlanta, Georgia, after going to the aquarium to see whale sharks and a Titanic exhibit.

When traveling, Dr. Saltzman encourages her children to tag along because she enjoys spending time with them.

"I've had the opportunity to take them all over the US and abroad," she said.

Another reason why Dr. Saltzman enjoys traveling with her children is because it influences them.

"It [traveling] changes them as people. We didn't just stay at a nice beach resort; we would take a tour bus to visit areas hit by storms or see the poverty issues," she said.

Her fourteen-year-old son, Gary, has been to four Caribbean countries, Mexico and about 14 states, while her 21-year-old daughter, Kimberly, has been to the same places as her brother, plus five more states, Germany and Austria.

When sharing memories about her children, Dr. Saltzman said, "My kids used to love traveling with me. They loved to buy souvenirs and share their stories."

Aside from her travels, Dr. Saltzman was a college student for a total of 23 years; she started at Ivy Tech for accounting, attended USI for social studies and French education, La Sorbonne-Université de Paris to complete her French degree, Oakland City for her masters of arts in teaching, and the University of Phoenix for her doctor of educational leadership specializing in curriculum and instruction.

"I loved all of them, but the Sorbonne was an experience of a lifetime. I wish everyone could study abroad," Dr. Saltzman exclaimed.

During her education in France, Dr. Saltzman studied

French grammar and phonetics.

"I was trying to get rid of my southern twang," she said. Although her study in France was the experience of a lifetime, Dr. Saltzman went on to explain that it was substantially different than studying in the United States.

"My table included a woman from Japan and a man from Germany. It was more than just attending the classes; it was an experience of the country and culture."

Dr. Saltzman wanted to become a history teacher because of a past experience she encountered.

"I had a horrible history teacher and a great French teacher. I wanted to be that teacher who makes people want to come to class," she explained. "There is so much great stuff to share!"

Her favorite area of history to study is the Renaissance period because she loves castles and art.

"Europe was flourishing during this time, Dr. Saltzman said. "It's great to see what people can do when they are given the opportunity."

Dr. Saltzman expressed her feelings about the importance of history by saying, "We are supposed to learn from our past. I like to make connections. My lesson last week showed students that the important issues in the US in 1945 are still issues we deal with today."

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BY HEATHER SMITH**



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Faith

Summer Mission

By Hannah Salo
Staff Writer

This summer, I was accepted to travel with the Academy of Arts Ministries, which is based in South Carolina and has been around since 1971.

Their mission is to bring the Bible to life through drama.

I was on Team East, and we challenged churches in the eastern states to stand up for Christ with the play, "Dare to Stand."

We travelled to New York, through Pennsylvania, to the Carolinas, and everywhere in between.

We had two weeks of training in the beginning of June and then travelled for seven weeks in a twelve passenger van (full of twelve people plus luggage with our trailer behind us). We got to know each other pretty well over the course of the summer, to say the least.

"Dare to Stand" looks at the life of Joshua, Caleb, David and Amy Carmichael and how they took a stand for what they believed, even when it was not the most popular idea and there was a possibility they could die for doing what they felt God was calling them to do.

So often, we can become so comfortable and even prefer our life of ease, rather than face conflict or sacrifice. We expect someone else to come along and do what we think is too difficult to manage, even if we have not tried, because we do not see the urgency of reaching people. We expect people like those in the play to come forward and think we will not have to do anything because they are more equipped as missionaries. But the thing is, you have something in common with these "special missionaries," something very important. You ready? You are human; you are not perfect. You see, God is not looking for perfection because no one would qualify. These

men and women of faith were people like you and me who had given their whole life over to God. They were not perfect; they sinned, but God still used them. We in the church today have to grasp this because things are only going to get harder. Look back in time when something horrible was happening (Nazi Germany, slavery...) and think about what you would have done. Would you have put your life on the line to help the Jews or the slaves? I am sure you would like to think you would be on their side, but would you really? How do you know? What about today, when issues come up that go against your beliefs? If you would have stood for the Jews and the slaves, why won't you stand now? What about when more things happen that are harder to stand for? If we as the church cannot take a stand now when it is relatively easy, how are we going to take a stand when it gets harder? When persecution comes?

You have to stand up for your God. Do not become a nominal Christian. We are called to be the salt of the earth, made to stand out from the world and not blend in so much that no one can tell if you are a little Christ. These are things that God has taught me all summer long, and it is a battle every day to continue the good fight. But I know I have to stand up and that others will join me. I cannot grow numb to the fact that people are dying every day and are not going to heaven. It is not something we like to say, but we need to face the facts. We have to get back our sense of urgency. Like Amy, we need to burn out rather than rust out.

Now, if you want to talk about more that happened this summer, please come find me. I would love to talk with you!



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Beautiful music

By Claire Slomski
Staff Writer

Do you hear that, the melodious sound wafting through the halls of Cornwell Reed on a Monday night? The closer you get to the door, the clearer it becomes. On the other side of that door is one of two student-led bands on campus. It could be *Earthlight*, a southern gospel group that enriches those familiar songs and takes you to church, or it could be the Great Command, a contemporary Christian band that presents worship in a fresh new way.

You may not have known that Oakland City University has two talented music groups that travel to four or five states every year to play at venues, such as churches, conferences, and Soulfest. And in the near future, manager Andrew Goldman is hoping to record both groups.

This year, *Earthlight* has seven talented students. Four



singers: Cassidy Bogard, an education major and 2nd year member; Joshua Brown, a new face to OCU that brings four years of gospel band experience with him; Ashlynn Douglas, a freshmen who charms with a sweet but strong voice; and Suellen Head, a worship arts major with a beautiful voice and a heart for God. The band also consists of three musicians: Jon Boling, a guitarist and violinist; Jordan Davis, a bass player with varied band experience; and Daniel Waggoner, the percussionist with many musical talents. Last, but not least, Scarlett Osmend is the sound technician.

The Great Command is also stacked with musical ability. There are three singers: Roman Lambert, who plays guitar; Austin Loveless, a senior business major; and Tracon Brown, a sophomore who leads worship at the Chapel and 812 services. Jonathan Smith is a freshman majoring in worship arts, who plays the guitar, and Alex Stewart is the sound technician.

Brown, Lambert and Loveless are all returning, with Smith and Stewart beginning their Great



Command careers. The returning members remember the chemistry they achieved last year, and cannot wait to create the same atmosphere this year.

Performances usually take the group a few hours away, but you can see them Nov. 13 at the Princeton, Indiana, First General Baptist Church.

Both groups practice long hours and spend many weekends on the road. However, they are all eager to share God's love through music and to be a positive influence for others. Each group was carefully chosen, not just for musical ability, but also for the desire to minister through music. Each member of both bands wishes to bring others closer to God and to grow closer together. This desire, coupled with outstanding musical ability, is perfect harmony.

Alumnus of OCU



Being You

By Heather Smith
Guest Writer

Psalm 139:14-16



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2 (NIV) The following is one of my favorite quotations by Theodor Seuss Geisel: "Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You."

Dr. Seuss, the beloved children's book author, was, in fact, not really a doctor. Yes, this cartoonist who lauded the virtues of authenticity had pursued a PhD in Literature at Oxford, but he dropped out and married his classmate Helen Palmer. Eventually, Seuss did receive an honorary doctorate from Dartmouth, his alma mater.

Knowing that Seuss tacked "Dr." onto his penname does not lessen my love for *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* or for *The Cat in the Hat*. What stands out is his unique, vibrant art and his knack for tucking nuggets of philosophy into his stories.

So the next time you think, "I'm too quiet and introverted to make a difference in others' lives," or "I can't memorize enough Scripture to be a witness for Christ," just remember that God chose you to serve, flaws and shortcomings included, because no one else can be you.

School of Education

Dr. Camy Davis: A true education leader

By Carlie Nichols
Editor

Dr. Camy Davis, originally from Snake Run, Indiana, has been teaching at Oakland City University for the past 17 years in the School of Education.

Dr. Davis, who completed her doctoral degree in education at OCU in 2009, has made a significant impact on a number of students who are planning on majoring in a teaching-related field. Before she could make this impact on these students, Dr. Davis had to have a little bit of inspiration and encouragement to become a true educational leader. "I was born to be a teacher," replied Dr. Davis. "I have a way with people and I am a creative person."

As a child, Dr. Davis was always around several teachers, whether it was just seeing them in the hallway at school or babysitting their kids with her mother. Whatever it was, Dr. Davis was truly inspired by all of them during her lifetime, so she decided that she wanted to receive an education in the teaching field.

Dr. Davis first attended the University of Southern Indiana, where she received



her Bachelor's degree in the year of 1992. Shortly after graduating from there, she decided to further her education at Indiana Wesleyan University, where she received her Master's in 1998.

Once Dr. Davis finished her education, she decided to look for a teaching job. After seeing an advertisement in a local newspaper about a teaching position at OCU, Dr. Davis applied and received a job as coordinator of the elementary education program.

Besides being the coordinator of the elementary education program, Dr. Davis is also an associate professor. She teaches a variety of classes such as Introduction to Education, Infants and Toddlers and Math Concepts and Manipulatives.

Out of all of the classes that Dr. Davis currently teaches at OCU, the 101 class, Introduction to Education, is her favorite to teach.

"I really love teaching Intro to Education," said Dr. Davis. "I believe this class is the most critical one because it is the first step toward being a real professional teacher."

Even though this may be Dr. Davis' favorite class to teach, it is also one of the most difficult ones for her to conduct.

"I have to cover the good, bad and ugly of the profession," Dr. Davis replied in a firm voice. "This is hard for some people because they want to change their majors and that is fine."

One piece of motivational advice that Dr. Davis would like to give to future education majors is to be very flexible with everything.

"Be ready to work hard," Dr. Davis stated. "It is not an easy profession, but the rewards are better than the struggle."

Princeton Theater internship opportunity

By Madison Brooks
Assistant Editor

Logan Vickers, Princeton Theater's Facilities Manager, is in search of an intern. The paid internship duties consist of running the social media pages, working as a go between with other organizations, generating events for the organization and more. Vickers is looking for someone who is motivated, creative and has good ideas.

Last semester, Stephanie Herndon did an internship for Vickers at the theater. Herndon received a varied amount of experience in office work, marketing and creating events. When asked how Herndon did overall during her time at the theater, Vickers stated that he had a "wonderful experience" with her and that she "helped out a lot."

Vickers has a lot of responsibilities during his work days at the theater. Those duties include booking events, handling maintenance, generating events, working with other organizations in the community and making sure everything runs smoothly over all. He has had a passion for theater most of his life. "My drama teacher, Leslie Morgan, gave me the inspiration to participate in theater," said Vickers. When the opportunity of employment with the Broadways Players came about, Vickers was graduating from USI with a degree in theater.

Vickers is always in search of volunteers at the theater. Volunteers help on and off stage with costumes, taking tickets and being ushers for the shows.

Vickers is looking for young adults to help at the theater. "I enjoy building relationships with young people because

they have more of a passion for what they are doing," he stated.

Upcoming shows consist of *Blithe Spirit*, playing Oct. 21-23 and Oct. 28-30, and *The Gift of the Magi*, playing Dec. 1-4. All other information about upcoming shows, the internship position and volunteering can be found at www.broadwayplayers.org or by contacting Logan Vickers directly at ptccfacilitiesmanager@outlook.com.



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Internships to clarify your life

By Corabelle Tally
Assistant Editor

Many internships are offered through Oakland City University, and this summer before the 2016 fall semester, Dakota Jobes was able to participate in an internship. As a soon-to-be senior who is majoring in criminal justice and minoring in psychology, Jobes took the wonderful opportunity to intern at the corrections facility in Putnamville, Indiana.

Growing up near Bloomington, Indiana, Jobes was always fascinated with criminal justice. Her mother works at the Department of Children Services and would come home talking about work. Pretty soon, Jobes would go to work with her mother. Therefore, classifying

offenders has always been something that she wanted to do. Her inspiration has always been her mother, along with Dr. Counsil, who used to be a professor here at OCU.

The decision to come to OCU was determined by the campus's small, interactive atmosphere. Over the years, however, she has grown to love the athletics. Going to any of the games is her absolute favorite.

Jobes got involved with the internship through Ms. Elaine Pauw, who works in Career Services. During her internship, Jobes was able to work in the file room. She also shadowed case workers as they dealt with offenders. The internship was very similar to the future job Jobes will be working. The only changes will be that Jobes will be at the

starting point of being a corrections officer as well as being on a different payroll. Her job description will be to make sure offenders are safe in their environment as well obeying the officers.

One thing that was hard for Jobes to get used to at the internship facility was not being allowed to offer offenders any items in a personal way. She experienced this when an offender was cleaning out an office, and Jobes wanted to give him some of her M&Ms, but was unable to.

A crazy story that Jobes shared was of the corrections facility a long time ago. The facility used to be located on a farm. So offenders would have jobs such as taking care of the cows by milking them. Offenders also got the opportunity to

train greyhounds and thoroughbreds.

As a result of the time spent in the Putnamville Facility, Jobes knows that when she graduates she will apply to be a corrections officer before moving up the chain of command. She wants to stay in Indiana, because she is more familiar with the departments here. Other than that, Jobes is "pretty much up for anything."

For students interested in internships, Jobes highly recommends it. The internship "clarified" her career path. It helped her to know that, "yes, I can do this." Jobes loved her internship and thought it was great. Students that desire to get involved simply need to head down to student career services.

For what she would have done differently, Jobes says, "I would have asked more questions. People are a wealth of knowledge. Even if it sounds like a dumb question, chances

are, someone else has asked something worse."

Even without asking all the questions in the world, Jobes picked up a bit of knowledge from Dr. Counsil that she will keep forever throughout her future job, family and life, "Know what you believe in, know why you believe it and always be able to defend it."



Around Campus

Live at Ellis Park

By McKenzie Moore
Staff Writer

Madison Brooks has been singing since she was three years old and proves that passion and hard work does pay off. Madison is a sophomore majoring in English secondary education. She is originally from Pennsville, New Jersey, and now lives in Princeton, Indiana, with her family.

Growing up, Brooks loved singing and began taking singing lessons when she was three-years-old. The first song she learned to sing was the National Anthem, and, since then, she has delivered numerous performances.

This summer, she got the opportunity to sing at Ellis Park, the thoroughbred racetrack in Henderson, Kentucky. She and her parents heard about Ellis Park and wanted to check it out, so they drove to Henderson and watched the races. Later in the week, Brooks' mother called the park without her knowing; "She came into my room and told me I had an audition in forty-five minutes at the park." She auditioned and sang the National Anthem the next race day.

Since her first audition, Madison has sung at Ellis Park a total of three times. She admits that singing at Ellis Park was pretty terrifying for her. "I had to stand in the winner's circle in front of the grand stands with a huge camera in my face, while the



performance was nationally broadcasted all over the country at other horse tracks."

Getting to sing at Ellis Park was a blessing for Brooks; she admits singing helps her share her thoughts and feelings in a creative way. Singing is the one thing she is very proud of,

and she loves to show off her voice. "I was congratulated by many bystanders, and the applause was uplifting; the experience was amazing; and it was truly a blessing to be doing something I love for so many people," said Brooks.

Notable alumni

Wilbur Kitchener Jordan - President (1943-1960) of Radcliffe College, a constituent of Harvard University, and former general editor of the University of Chicago Press

Lindel Hume - Indiana State Senate

Gary Barrett - Chair of Odum

School of Ecology at University of Georgia

Jerry Reynolds - Head Coach, Broadcaster for the Sacramento Kings; Head Coach, Rockhurst University (MO) and Pittsburg St. (KS)

Gil Hodges - two time World Series Champion as player

with the Brooklyn Dodgers, one time World Series Champion as manager of the New York Mets

Melba Phillips - American physicist and educator, and Professor Emeritus of the University of Chicago

Jamie Teachenor - Platinum selling singer-songwriter

Chez, Allie Chae

By Allie McMinn
Staff Writer

Apple Crumble

Hi, friends! It is that time of year again for cool weather, turning leaves and, most importantly, good food! While most people are getting their fix of all things flavored pumpkin, those of us who prefer the flavor of a crisp apple, or warm apple cider in the fall, are left to scavenge for this treat. Luckily for you, I am here to "teach" you how to make an apple crumble in the comfort of your sweet dorm. You will need a mug, two small

bowls, a knife, and something to stir with. Let's get started!

First, you will mix 4 tablespoons of oats, 2 tablespoons of brown sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of cinnamon, a pinch of salt, and 3 tablespoons of melted butter in one of your small bowls to create the crumble topping. Next, chop one apple into small pieces and toss them in your other small bowl, with $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoon of all-purpose flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoon of brown sugar and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of cinnamon. Once the apples are covered in the mixture, place them in your mug. It is alright to fill your mug to the top because, once cooked, the apples will shrink. Pour your crumble on top of the apples,

and then place in the microwave for about two minutes. As it is cooking, the crumble should bubble. Be sure to watch for overflowing! If this begins to happen, just pause the microwave, and use something to poke air pockets into the top of your crumble so that the dish can settle down again. Once settled, let it continue to cook.

When the two minutes is up, carefully pull the mug out of the microwave to cool for a few minutes, and voila! I topped mine with whipped cream, but it could also be paired with ice cream, or left by itself. How simple is that? I hope you all enjoy it as much as I did!

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Take it into the streets: Street performing for Christ in Hong Kong

By Rachel Toepfer
Guest Writer

Three years ago, I set out to Hong Kong with English Language Institute China (ELIC) to teach English for five weeks to several middle school

students. While I was there, I also was able to share the love of Christ. This adventure opened my eyes to the many issues going on in the world and the desperate need for Christ as the cure. Since coming back from that trip, I

have felt very compelled to return to this beautiful and complex land to try and reach others with the "Good News" of Christ. So finally in the summer of 2016, I did.

My goal in life is to be active in using my passion and the

performing arts to proclaim the Gospel. So I decided to use performing as a ministry in Hong Kong for ten days in June and July. While my original plan was changed drastically, the outcome, I believe, was still God-gloryifying.

In a land of variety, known as "Asia's World City," the mountainous islands were filled with people from all walks of life and religions, where one could see Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Muslims and Hindus, all shifting in and out amongst each other throughout their days. I was blessed with opportunities to grab the attention of all these different kinds of people using my voice, guitar and dancing. I played my guitar and sang worship songs founded on the Gospel, and, by plugging my iPod into a small portable speaker, performed my special mixture of American Sign Language and dance to contemporary Christian music. Despite the Hong Kongers' general attempts to be distracted by everyone else around them, several people stopped, stared and listened. It was probably very strange to see a random, small white girl dancing on the sidewalk, but I believe God used this "strangeness" to reach some of these people in His name.

I had not originally planned on street performing, but, due to repeated changes in plans, this ended up being what I did. I was terrified at first because I had never done anything like this before, and I was performing solo. But I believe God helped me use faith to overcome my fears to do what I needed to do, which was to spread His word.

Along with performing, my friend and I also helped fellow

ministers move into a different apartment (very difficult to do in Hong Kong), prayed and worshiped with a ministry team before they went to reach out to the prostitutes in the red light district, assisted in an inner city ministry with their kids' program and met and fellowshiped with other believers from Hong Kong. I also was blessed with the opportunity to spend some time with a couple of my students that I had taught three years ago. While we hadn't seen each other for three years and only were able to talk on Facebook every now and then, the bond between us had been so strongly formed and founded on God's love that it was almost as if I had never left them.

My prayers are continually with the country of Hong Kong and the struggles I know they face. I pray for my students, because I want God to continue to grow the seeds that were planted when I taught them. I look forward to the next time I get to go back and see them once again and continue to press on to share God's love through the performing arts.



Toepfer performing on the streets of Hong Kong.

Freshman orientation ends on a high note

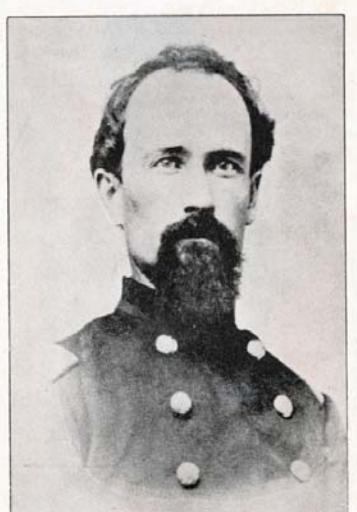


Oakland City University's Cockrum Hall:

Dr. Randy Mills
Guest Writer

The former home of the William Cockrum family, presently known to the Oakland City University community as Cockrum Hall, has long carried two unusual historical traditions. The most popular tales concern the building being haunted. Specific stories of Cockrum Hall's haunting are even featured in books and, more recently, on websites dedicated to paranormal activities. One book narrative in *More Haunted Hoosier Trails: Folklore from Indiana's Spookiest Places*, reviewed the two most common explanations regarding what ghosts might supposedly roam through Cockrum Hall. One legend claims it is William Cockrum's wife Lucretia, who "climbed to the tower and was later found hanging from a rafter." In another version found in the book, the ghost is said to be that of William Cockrum, "killed by his wife." Both stories are incorrect; newspaper obituaries indicate Lucretia died in old age of a combination of asthma and pneumonia. Colonel Cockrum died seven years after his wife's passing, a victim of several strokes.

Yet another tradition about Cockrum Hall revolves around the Cockrum family's work in Oakland City with the Underground Railroad in the 1850s. Even today it is believed by many that the William Cockrum house was the site of the Cockrum family's Underground Railroad efforts. People who visit Cockrum Hall, for example, will often ask about secret passageways they have heard existed to hide and move the Africa-Americans through Oakland City on their way north prior to the Civil War. There are no such tunnels. The tradition is incorrect. William Cockrum was a teenager during this time, and it was his father, James Cockrum, who was primarily involved in this work. The Underground Railroad activities in Oakland City occurred mostly in the cellar of James Cockrum's barn, a block or so east of where the building we know as Cockrum Hall today would come to be built in 1876, many years after the Underground Railroad activity.



Lieut. Col. William M. Cockrum.

While the stories of haunting and derring-do adventures involving the Underground Railroad and Cockrum Hall are not true, the impressive edifice, nevertheless, has an interesting and important story. Indeed, unknown to most, Cockrum Hall does possess a dark past of sorts, one quietly forgotten some years ago. It was only while researching for another writing project that I chanced to stumble across the story in several old newspapers from the 1870s. Also discovered in this research was the oldest known photo of the Cockrum house, one not yet seen by the public.

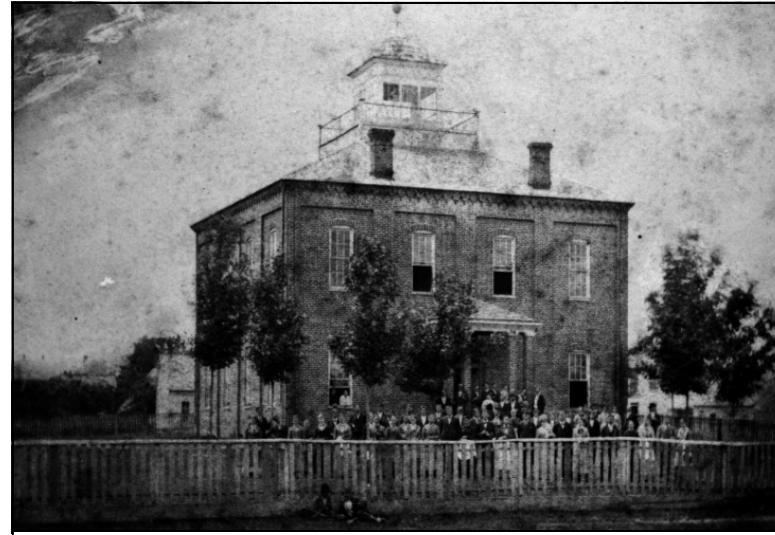
Following is the true story of Cockrum Hall.

We have unfurled our banners

Indiana, in 1874 and 1875, was a state in turmoil. Much of the nation struggled with the same occurrence that caused the uproar in Hoosierdom—the Women's Crusade against alcohol. (This effort soon morphed into the Women's Christian Temperance Union.) Throughout this time, town after town in Indiana would come to witness lively demonstrations by women's groups to shut down or limit alcohol sales. The *Western Christian Advocate* reported that in Mt. Vernon, Indiana, women's temperance efforts had reduced the number of saloons from twenty-nine to nine. Similar reports were given for other Hoosier towns in the southwest corner of the state such as New Harmony, Poseyville, Princeton, and Evansville.

Despite the *Western Christian Advocate*'s positive spin about the efforts of the Women's Crusade, the struggle to stop alcohol sales and close down or limit saloons was much more complicated. Strong forces, for example, were also working from the other side of the issue. Perhaps in no other community did the coming together of these forces stir up passions more than in Princeton, Indiana, the county seat of Gibson County. The pages of Princeton's local newspaper during this time, the *Princeton Clarion*, which took a fierce anti-saloon position, gives witness to the tensions raised by the Women's Crusade. Every issue would come to carry more than one emotion-laden, anti-alcohol article.

In a June 4, 1874 article, the paper reported, "Our ladies feel much encouraged that their labors and prayers have not been in vain and are strengthened to persevere in their work. Rumors had been circulated that our pickets were to be withdrawn from the saloon doors as the heat of the summer advanced. This is not true." One steadfast Princeton woman proclaimed, "We have unfurled our banners to the breeze and mean to march till victory crowns our efforts." Occasionally, these persevering women even took more drastic action. A week after the above report, the



The Oakland Institute

paper related, "Last Thursday the crusaders had a couple of railroad hands arrested for buying liquor for a man who could not get it himself." The men were fined fifteen dollars each and cost. "In default of money and bail, they were taken to jail."

Throughout 1874 and 1875, *Clarion* articles continued to detail gruesome attacks, murders, suicides and robberies in the area brought about by intoxication. A more colorful and creative article, published in April of 1875, was in the form of a letter from the devil to saloon keepers. In this piece, Satan advised Princeton tavern owners to "Curse all temperance laws and temperance movements and temperance people and never rest until you have free whiskey, and to obtain the same, use every unlawful means in your power."

As strong as the anti-alcohol forces were, those in favor of saloons were equally as strong. The pro-drinking crowd sometimes fought back in the region. The *Clarion* reported on June 11, 1874, that near-by Evansville witnessed a "riot" at a commissioners meeting. A large number of women crusaders had shown up to fight any new licenses being issued, and three hundred or so saloon supporters harassed the women as they left the meeting.

As various groups fought fiercely over the temperance question and its interrelated issues, 1874 and 1875 would mark difficult years in Princeton, Indiana, in the state, and in the nation. It was a rare community that remained untouched by these forces. One such town did exist, however, just east of Princeton, on the eastern edge of Gibson County.

The most moral place in Gibson County

While the rest of the Indiana seemed to be falling apart, the correspondent to the *Clarion* from the little hamlet of Oakland offered nothing but quaint accounts of idyllic conditions rendered primarily by the lack of alcohol sales in the community. (The town would later be renamed Oakland City when it incorporated in the 1880s.) The town's correspondent bragged, in a letter published on June 18, 1874, about Oakland's normal college, the Oakland Institute. The writer encouraged potential students

to "come to Oakland and you will find it, with the additional advantage of good churches and Sabbath Schools, to be free from the curse of the Devil's recruiting shop (the whiskey saloon), for we have none in this town." The letter was signed "Columbia." Given the style and the themes in these letters to the *Clarion*, the writer of these pieces was likely a local Civil War hero named William M. Cockrum.

The Oakland Institute was the work of the town's founder, James W. Cockrum. In the late 1860s, he donated the land and the majority of the money to construct the building that housed the teacher preparation school. One of the features of the college building was a large meeting room for the community called Cockrum's Hall. James and his son, William M. Cockrum, were also instrumental in bringing a denominational newspaper, the *General Baptist Herald*, to the town. The *Clarion* reported on this development, "James W. Cockrum, and W. M. Cockrum of Oakland City agreed to guarantee that thirty-five hundred dollars . . . would be raised at Oakland, provided the paper was located there." William Cockrum was made editor of the agricultural and temperance sections of the *Herald*.

The booming saloon free town soon became the center of Sabbath School conventions and temperance meetings. Regarding the latter, the *Clarion* reported that in Oakland, "The subject of temperance has been made a prominent theme. The Sabbath Schools are making war against King Alcohol." Temperance meetings in Oakland were as abundant as well, taking place every Monday night at the General Baptist church, supported primarily by the Cockrum clan. Here, "the interests of temperance" were discussed and "the evils of intemperance" were "portrayed." All of these factors apparently blended to create a large degree of hubris.

In a correspondence to the Princeton newspaper, the town presented itself as an especially outstanding community.

This little town assumes the manners and customs of a place of larger dimensions—The prospects for the Evansville, Washington, and Chicago R. R. are

good—The Baptist Herald, an organ of the General Baptist, has thrown down its third [issue]. It is neatly printed and respectable in dimensions, and is an honor to our place—These two influences have infused new life and energy into its citizens. Oakland is already considered the most moral and healthiest place in Gibson County.

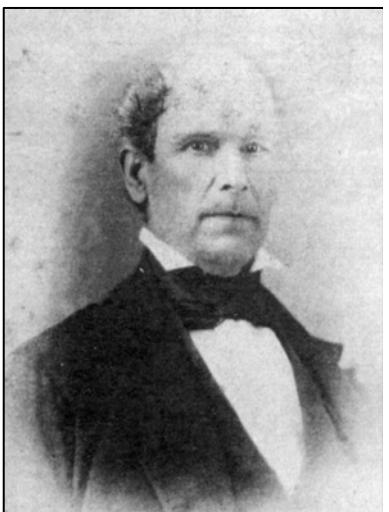
The article went on to describe the town's father, James Cockrum, in especially glowing terms. "Old Col. Cockrum, one of its respectable and time honored citizens, has hugged the bear and sent the whizzing bullet through the panting deer on the very spot where now stands the celebrated city of Oakland."

Other correspondents to the *Clarion* from other towns and small communities soon began to make fun of these wildly proud presentations. "Where is Oakland," wrote one detractor, "that delightful city where nobody ever dies . . . And [where] Col Cockrum, with his unerring rifle, will keep the city secure from the depredations of furious animals."

Unfortunately for Oakland and for the Cockrums, untroubled times were not always going to be the norm.

A low-down dirty doggery

The first month of 1875 in the town of Oakland began on an



Oakland City's founder, James Washington Cockrum. His crusade against the first saloon in Oakland City led to a tragic episode.

upbeat note. The new president of "Oakland College" arrived in town. His presence, the *Clarion* reported, was hoped to mean "success to Oakland College and to the *General Baptist Herald*." The happy community, however, was about to receive a shock. For all its claims of moral superiority, based in large part on the town being saloon-free, the Oakland town leaders would soon discover that they could not keep eager entrepreneurs from carrying out legal liquor sales in the town's limits. In early 1875, Andrew Evans came from nearby Winslow, Indiana, in Pike County, and began selling whiskey out of a rented house right on Oakland's main street, a few blocks from the Cockrum family's church. Gone suddenly with the appearance of the saloon was Oakland's claim of being the most moral town in Gibson County. In mid January of 1875, the *Clarion*

The Untold Story



The oldest known photo of the rebuilt Cockrum house, taken in 1877. Today this building houses offices as a part of the Oakland City University campus.

carried correspondence from the "ideal" town of Oakland, lamenting this unexpected turn of events.

Pike County has spewed out one of its contemptible demons in human shape upon us, and he has started a low down dirty doggery in our little town, to sell [alcohol] by the quart, and he is being visited by the scum of society here to spend whatever change they may have for poison to benumb their already deadened and brutish sensibilities, whilst their poor families (God be merciful to them) at home are shivering for want of sufficient clothing and food to sustain them.

Even the aging James Cockrum now threw himself into the temperance fight. He joined a newly formed Oakland City Temperance Union where he was quickly elected treasurer. It was reported to the *Clarion*, "The objects of the society are to further the interest of temperance and to make it lively for the dirty dog who has invaded the quiet of our peaceful village." Oakland's correspondent wrote to the Princeton paper soon afterwards, telling how town leaders dealt with one whiskey buyer's choice. "One fellow who has more voice than brains got to cutting a whiskey man's 'highland fling' last week, which caused him to be arrested and tried for taking the name of God in vain. Fine and cost in two cases, \$12, with a ring left in his nose to be pulled if he don't walk straight hereafter." The brutal story likely served as a warning to those visiting the new whiskey shop in Oakland.

The Cockrum family's despising of alcohol sales and use is understandable. James Washington Cockrum had experienced the power of alcoholic addiction first hand. His father, James Wallace Cockrum, suffered from alcoholism. The most obvious clue to the family's hardship with James Wallace Cockrum's drinking is found in the business minutes of the Providence Baptist Church, an early Gibson County congregation.

It must be pointed out that while Baptist churches on the frontier frowned upon public intoxication, they more than tolerated alcohol usage. Records show some frontier

churches paid their minister in whiskey and some Baptists groups on the frontier were referred to as "forty-gallon Baptists. The reference denoted the size of the whiskey barrels used to hold the locally made whiskey. It would be several years before Baptist churches moved to a position of abstinence regarding alcohol use. But they did take strong actions when anyone exhibited long-term drinking problems. The pattern of behavior carried out by the elder Cockrum with drinking, as witnessed by the Providence church records, is typical of those actions repeated again and again by those who struggle with alcohol. August church minutes in 1823, for example, revealed Cockrum's personal problems with anger issues, a symptom of alcoholism. The minutes relate how he got angry and threatening toward two members of his family. In the late winter of 1824, "the church took up a charge against bro James Cockrum for getting intoxicated and striking a man in Princeton."

After another bout of heavy drinking, Cockrum was declared "no more a member of the church" in March of 1824. The Providence Church, however, like most frontier churches, was quick to forgive. Cockrum was back in the fold by September of 1825. Soon, however, the former drinking and fighting pattern reemerged. The minutes show that in December of 1826 "the church say they are grieved with Bro James Cockrum from information [received by the church]." A more detailed story emerges in the March 1827 minutes and involved the practice of taking dram shots of whiskey, a common practice on the frontier.

It appears of record that the church is and has been hurt with brother James Cockrum on account of an unfavorable report that has reached the church about his conduct in Princeton on the last Saturday in December 1826. The church say they are hurt with said brother for being intoxicated and for being riotous and quarrelous in Princeton on said day. Brother Cockrum acknowledged he quarreled in a riotous manner and that his conduct was like that of a drunken man that he possibly

told some of the brethren that he had drunk but one dram on that day in Princeton but if he did meant no such thing that he always intended to be understood that he drank three or four drams on said day.

Remorseful, Cockrum threw himself once more on the mercy of the church, telling the members that he had "pierced his own soul through with many sorrows. . . . That he believes God has been gracious to him and has forgiven his sins. . . ." The church heard his confession but responded negatively. "A vote being taken there was a majority opposed to him being restored he therefore lies under censure of the church (at present). Sister Cockrum applied for a letter of dismissal."

These accounts clearly demonstrate the sad but typical destructive patterns of the alcoholic's behavior. It also suggests the kinds of sufferings the family of an alcoholic often endures. In James Wallace Cockrum's case, he moved after the debacle at the Providence Church, this time to the Mississippi frontier, to try and escape his affliction, taking the bulk of his family with him. One of his sons James Washington Cockrum would come to stay in Indiana.

By the 1850s, James Washington Cockrum had platted the land for the town of Oakland and was one of the primary leaders, along with his son, William, in the Oakland General Baptist congregation in town. In the late 1840s and early 1850s, he served in the Indiana state legislature, in the senate. His prominence can also be seen in his commission as a Lt. Colonel in the 4th Indiana militia. By the early 1870s, Cockrum had gained much stature in the region. He was involved in real estate, church work, and was a successful farmer and politician.

A quarter mile or so south of the James Cockrum homestead sat the large wood framed house of William Cockrum, James' oldest son by his second wife. One can almost imagine a kingdom of sorts in the sleepy town of Oakland build up

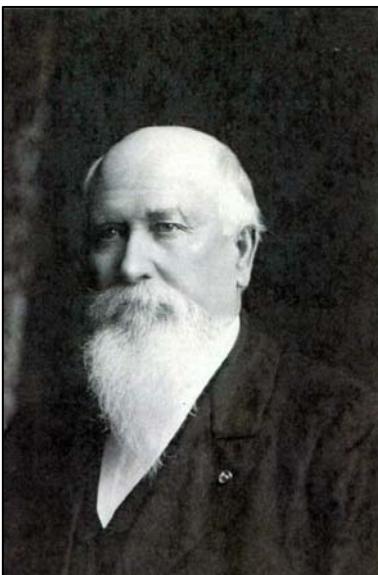


Photo of an aging James Cockrum.

by the father and son Cockrums—the leading church in town under the influence of the family and a religious newspaper and college also in

the small town due to the generosity of the Cockrum family. Now that world was suddenly rocked by the appearance of a lone saloon in the midst of the kingdom in January of 1875. Oakland citizens anxiously waited to see how the Cockrums would respond.

Lively times in our midst

The saloon which opened so unexpectedly in Oakland got its start in a devious fashion. Andrew Evans, a Winslow, Indiana native, rented a house on Main Street from an unsuspecting Oakland citizen under the pretensions of opening a family grocery store. Evans soon set up a saloon and gambling establishment instead, operated by a rough looking bar keeper named Lafayette Gibson. The good people of Oakland were stunned, none more than James and William Cockrum.

The Cockrums quickly organized an effort to rid the town of the operation through aggressive but peaceful means. A writer to the *Clarion* explained, "The citizens went to these parties and tried by every means possible to get them to move their dirty den away from here. The owner of the house even offered to pay them back the money paid him and the money for the license; also that he would move their things back to Winslow."

In truth, Evans and his bartender had the law on their side. They possessed a liquor license and broke no laws. Interestingly, despite what previous correspondence to the Princeton paper had related about Oakland's purity, Evans and company soon found themselves doing a lively business.

The frustrated city leaders, under the direction of William Cockrum, pushed harder to rid the town of the Evans saloon. They found the barkeeper, Lafayette Gibson, had outstanding legal charges against him, and reported this to the authorities. Gibson fled the town.

The stubborn Evans was not ready to admit defeat, however. He replaced the run-away Gibson with a relative, George Evans, and informed the locals "that if interfered with they would burn the town." The stage was set for a dramatic confrontation.

James Cockrum was no stranger to violence or to the taking of the law into his own hands when he believed a higher law should prevail. Growing up on the Indiana frontier, where the idea of rugged manliness was essential to survival, Cockrum learned how to fight to protect what was his, what was right, and what was honorable. Joseph Lane, the first governor of Oregon, told a story of how he once witnessed Cockrum, while running a flatboat down the Mississippi River in the 1830s, protect his property by threatening to kill a brutish powerful man with a shotgun. During the 1850s, the elder Cockrum had been a

participant with a secret group in the Underground Railroad in Southwest Indiana. Helping runaway slaves was an illegal activity which broke the Federal Fugitive Slave Act. The acts Cockrum and others performed against those seeking to regain their slaves or those trying to kidnap free blacks and sell them into slavery included savage beatings and death threats. These violent vigilante acts were revealed by William Cockrum in 1907 in his book on the Underground Railroad.

William Cockrum could be as tough as his father. During the Civil War, he had been severely wounded leading his men in a charge during the battle of Chickamauga. He was left for dead for two days on the battlefield then put in a prisoner of war camp for several months. His bravery and leadership would earn him the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Perhaps the fervor created by the Women's Crusade in nearby Princeton, coupled with the Cockrum family's strict religious beliefs, their participation in the illegal activities of the Underground Railroad era, and the family's experiences with alcoholism, brought together an unfortunate combination of forces. Oakland had long bragged about being a steadfastly law-abiding town. That reputation was about to end. An 1875 February issue of the *Princeton Clarion* reported a violent vigilante attack on the Oakland Saloon in great detail, noting the community had just experienced some "lively times in our midst." That Thursday evening, the article went on to explain, "Some 25 or 30 masked men . . . literally demolished the [saloon] and its contents by cutting the house down and spilling the liquors, and then . . . suddenly disappearing." The bartender, George Evans, as the masked crowd advanced on him, hollered he would "shoot and drag out every man that came near." He was soon overpowered, however, tied "head to foot" and brought outside, where he was forced to watch the house destroyed. The writer of the narrative to the *Clarion* claimed, "The people here that are of any interest to the country, approve the act, and indeed in town there is but one or two that oppose it."

The next day members of the Evans family came to Oakland from Winslow to seek out the men who tied up George Evans and to regain what property they could find. They retreated from Oakland carrying "two headless whiskey barrels and left for the classic banks of the Patoka [River]." That William Cockrum was understood to be the force behind the vigilante episode was made clear the next day. On Saturday Andrew Evans and Lafayette Gibson returned to the ruins of their saloon, "pulled out a bottle of liquor and drank a toast: 'Here's to the doggery and Col. Bill Cockrum, G-damn him.'"

Several papers reported the disturbing vigilante episode. The *Evansville Journal*, on February 9, 1875, speculated the gang who tore down the Oakland saloon were "regulators" inspired by the Princeton, Indiana Women's Crusade group. The *Princeton Clarion* responded, "The *Journal* was either misinformed, or committed a mistake through gross carelessness, for we have no organized band of regulators here.... The [Oakland] job was evidently monopolized by home talent and muscle."

As complaints about the illegal action grew in the region, the main correspondent from Oakland to the Princeton paper continued to defend the violent illegal deed. A February 8, 1875 piece pointed out, "The citizens of this community cause as little trouble as those living in any other section of the county; nor are they in favor of mob law or violence in any way." But the saloon problem in Oakland, the writer claimed, "Couldn't be got at by law." That the trouble makers came from another county, Pike, only intensified the bitterness of the typically law-abiding folks of Oakland, declared the Oakland correspondent. "We have 800 inhabitants in our town," he wrote, "and out of that number you can't find five men in favor of a [saloon] being here," he claimed.

The argument the Oakland man made for the illegal action was strongly reminiscent of William Cockrum's later justification of James Cockrum, his father's Underground Railroad activities in the 1850s. In his book, written in 1907, *The History of the Underground Railroad*, William Cockrum noted such efforts were "in direct opposition to the laws of the United States" and that those helping escaping slaves "fully understood the severe penalties which would be meted out if they were caught in the act of violating the law." Nevertheless, there were men such as James Cockrum who were "willing to engage" in such activities, noted Cockrum, in order to serve a higher law.

The vigilante work did not stop with the destruction of the saloon in Oakland. Later that same month, a "doggery" in nearby Dongola, a small village much influenced by the Cockrum family, was burnt to the ground. Columbia wrote happily to the Princeton paper, "I don't know whether any of its ashes were bottled up for a keepsake or not, but no doubt the owner of some old toppers shed many bitter tears because they could not get the usual bloom from their noses during the cold weather of last week." Such hubris certainly invited payback.

To make war on whiskey as long as he has breath

The evening of April 13, 1875, found William Cockrum unwell and restless, unable to sleep. He would be up and down all that night and was awake early on the morning of April 14 when a blinding flash and "crackling of flames" lit up the darkness. Cockrum quickly

realized "an incendiary" had been hurled against his wood-framed house. The *Clarion*, on April 22, reported Cockrum "rushed to the [room] of his two sleeping eldest daughters and only in time saved them from a horrible death, for the flames had reached their room and in a moment more would have rendered their rescue impossible." Cockrum's family was saved, but the house and most of its contents were lost. Savage retribution by one of the parties attacked by the Cockrum vigilantes had been rendered.

The *Clarion* quickly spoke their thoughts regarding the Cockrum fire. "Col. Cockrum, who lost his house last week, is such an earnest outspoken opponent of the whiskey traffic that [it] is thought his house was spotted to be burned soon after the destruction of the saloon at Oakland City last winter. It may be, for whiskey argument is not always of the most kind and conciliatory character. He affirms, however, that he is determined to make war with the whiskey ring as long as he has breath, [even] if they burn him out every year."

Cockrum and his wife, Lucretia, reported to the Princeton paper that they would move quickly to build another dwelling place, to which the *Clarion* responded, "We trust that the Colonel and his excellent family may enjoy their new dwelling without the fear of being again burned out by the whiskey dealing incendiary." The newspaper continued reporting on the progress of the construction throughout the year of 1875. These reports indicated the process was extremely slow. William Cockrum, however, could at least bask in the knowledge that the town was still saloon free.

While William Cockrum labored to rebuild his home, life went on in Oakland. The elder Cockrum, James, began writing memoir pieces about frontier life for the *Herald* and *Clarion*. The Oakland Institute gained more teachers and students. More exciting events soon followed. The General Baptists held their yearly Association meeting at the Cockrum's church in Oakland in November of 1875. During this meeting electrifying news was announced. William Cockrum would give ten acres for a new college site in the town for the creation of a school to be directed by the General Baptist denomination. James Cockrum was to buy up the debt of the Oakland Institute, then give the school to the denomination. James' financial support also enabled the *Herald* to continue to operate in Oakland. The town rejoiced in this good news.

It is impossible to say to what extent the turmoil of the saloon fight in Oakland in early 1875, along with the burning down of William Cockrum's house and the close call of losing two granddaughters, affected the health of the aging James Cockrum. During the summer of the same year, the elder Cockrum had also suffered great financial losses in the



Present day Cockrum Hall.

heavy flooding of his fields near Oakland. In early November, the *Clarion* reported the old settler "lying low with lung fever." James Cockrum died suddenly on November 11, 1875, followed a few days later by his wife. His death caused a great negative ripple effect to occur. Money that the elder Cockrum gave to the school, the paper, and the denomination now went to the heirs. A. D. Williams, in his history of the General Baptists, lamented that these were "dark days for the paper—dark days for the Oakland Institute—dark days for the General Baptists." Without Cockrum's support, in short order, both the Oakland Institute and the *Herald* would fold.

The town of Oakland would suffer as well with the eventual loss of the paper and its school of higher education. The *Clarion* reported upon the elder Cockrum's death, "The sad occurrence of the death of Col. J. W. Cockrum and his wife Judah P. Cockrum, has cast a deep gloom over the town." James Cockrum's life had been deeply shaped by his father's alcoholism, his drinking, as the old Providence church minutes showed, of drams of whiskey. An obituary in the *Herald* noted the elder Cockrum's ever present hatred of alcohol use. "The only enemy that our aged brother ever had . . . were men who desired to demoralize [their] neighbors." To his dying day, the old frontiersman had been bitterly opposed "to dram-shops."

That much of the fight had left William Cockrum because of these events may be evident in his turning down a run for a state office seat. After being endorsed by the Princeton paper in July of 1876, Cockrum wrote back. "A few weeks back you suggested me as a suitable one for the nomination of representative for this county. I have received a number of letters from over the county asking me to head the ticket this year. I cannot get the consent of my mind to become a candidate."

Perhaps because of these same losses, the town of Oakland became more focused upon William Cockrum's new home construction. Residents

often milled around to watch it slowly take shape. It was a unique two-story brick structure, complete with a three-story watch tower, constructed after the fashion of an Italian villa. The watch tower, while never really functional, may have served as a statement that the Civil War veteran would be forever on alert to protect his family and property.

On February 10, 1876, the *Clarion* announced the Cockrum house had been completed. "Col. Wm. Cockrum has finished his superb brick residence. It is located in a commanding eminence and can be seen a long way in the distance. The architecture and style of the building evince considerable taste. We must say the Col. is a gentleman of rare intellectual endowment and may he live long to enjoy unalloyed happiness with his interesting family." The family would indeed soon note happier times. The first celebration in the picturesque structure was the wedding of William Cockrum's daughter, Ella. The *General Baptist Herald* reported, "After the usual ceremony, the guests were ushered into the dining-room where one hundred and three people partook of a sumptuous repast."

The fight carried on by William Cockrum, joined after 1876 by his brother James, to keep alcohol sales out of the town of Oakland would continue. Eventually, however, the battle would be lost. William Cockrum, and his brother James, were only able to keep saloons out of Oakland until 1886. Of course, the story does not end here. William Cockrum would live to help create a new school of higher education in his beloved town—Oakland City College. He would also write two important books on Indiana history. Today, standing at the edge of the Oakland City University campus, resting in a pleasant wooded setting, Cockrum Hall offers a testimony to one family's unflinching commitment to helping its community.

For generations, two false traditions have swirled around Oakland City University's Cockrum Hall. One concerns

the building's haunting by either William Cockrum or his wife, Lucretia. The other false tale stresses Underground Railroad activities in the building. It has been said that truth is stranger than fiction. While it is impossible to calculate this notion, it is safe to say that the information given here about the actual story behind the existence of Cockrum Hall demonstrates that the truth about a particular historical place is at least as interesting and exciting as are colorful but false traditions.

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Arts and Media

Just keep swimming: Part 2

By Madison Brooks
Assistant Editor

Several of you might have seen the popular 2003 animated comedy-drama film, "Finding Nemo." Children fell in love with the young clownfish, Nemo (voice of Alexander Gould), who was taken from his father, Marlin (voice of Albert Brooks). During his frantic search for his son, Marlin ran into a fish named Dory (voice of Ellen Degeneres), who had short term memory loss and was curious about where her family was. Dory joined Marlin in order to help him find his son. In the end, Nemo was found and Dory began living with them in the amnemone. Over a decade later, Pixar Animation Studios and Walt Disney Pictures released the sequel, "Finding Dory."

When Dory suddenly remembers that she lost her family, she decides to go on a thrilling adventure to California's Marine Life Institute, which is an aquarium and rehabilitation center, in search for her family. Remembering what she did for them in the previous film, Marlin and Nemo could not allow Dory to take on this

journey alone. Once the trio arrived at the Marine Life Institute, Dory receives help from three residents of the institute, Hank (voice of Ed O'Neill); a cranky octopus; Bailey (voice of Ty Burrell), a beluga whale and Destiny (voice of Kaitlin Olson), who is a nearsighted whale-shark. The three residents help Dory in the frantic search of her family.

Degeneres, who is the voice of Dory, did not fail to impress the audience with her clever humor. Although Degeneres created a hilarious atmosphere during "Finding Dory," she also taught children and parents an important motto: "Just Keep Swimming." "Finding Dory" is not just a sequel, it is Dory's story about how she overcomes challenges in her life. During one scene, Dory's new friends attempt to get her to her parents by going through pipes that connect throughout the entire institute, but Dory cannot remember the directions that Destiny gives her. Though she is nervous and terrified to go through the pipes alone, Dory reminds herself of her famous line, "Just Keep Swimming." Degeneres spoke about adults and children having this attitude while dealing with



everyday issues and obstacles.

"Finding Dory" has an inspiring message to people of all ages because everyone deals with obstacles at some point in life and remembering these three simple words could make a substantial difference.

"Finding Dory" is rated PG but is honestly a movie that everyone can enjoy. Not only does this movie keep children fully entertained, it also keeps the attention of adults with the life lessons that are being taught throughout the majority of the film. The movie has been positively reviewed and has grossed over \$945 million worldwide. "Finding Dory" is set to come out on Blu-ray and DVD on Nov. 15, 2016.

So, do not forget to pop that DVD in the player, grab some popcorn, embrace your inner child, and remember to JUST KEEP SWIMMING!

Following your passion

By Corabelle Tally
Assistant Editor

Dunn Art Gallery held the showing of Fanciful Florals. All art pieces were created by Oakland City University's professor Dr. Donna Hazelwood. The pieces represented the culmination of Dr. Hazelwood's life, as flowers were a reoccurring theme throughout the exhibition.

When Dr. Hazelwood was five years old, her family began the business of a flower shop in their town in Arkansas. Her sister and she worked there throughout their lives. It was through the flower shop that Dr. Hazelwood was able to obtain many of the values and passions that she still has today. Without being involved with the flower shop, "I don't know if I would have pursued art," Dr. Hazelwood admitted.

Throughout her youth, Dr. Hazelwood would go with her mom to floral design classes. The concepts of three and five, balance, and contrast created a very natural bridge to art. Flowers connected her to art, and, even today, she paints flowers from the backyard and tries to capture their shapes, colors and structural designs. She continues to love their beauty, color and detail.

By being involved in the family business from such a young age, Dr. Hazelwood learned some very good values. She "learned how to work," and was given responsibility at a very early age. She had to

learn to organize her time as well.

Dr. Hazelwood's family ended up closing the flower shop when she was 18. At that point in time she had only taken one art class in high school, and even though she was pretty good at math, she knew that art was what she wanted to pursue. She wanted ideas, and she found art far more interesting than math, even though the logic appealed to her.

When Dr. Hazelwood got to college, she knew that she wanted to study art but didn't know what she wanted to do with it. It was a "leap of faith" sort of thing." The choice to pursue her passion has ultimately led her to be teaching at Oakland City University.

The classes that Dr. Hazelwood currently teaches continue to influence her and her work. Over the past 30 years, there have been three major themes, which were entrapment, flowers, and

Fall play preview

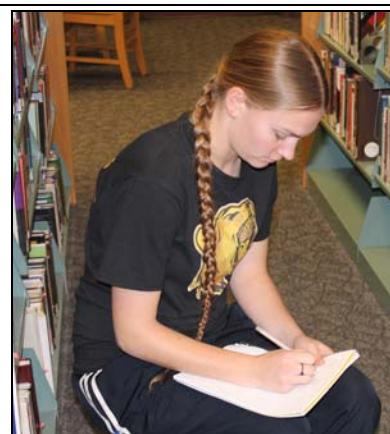
Fall Play Preview
By Bekah Busler
and Claire Slomski
Staff Writers

The OCU Drama Department will be presenting "Sherlock Holmes and the Invisible Hangman" as this year's fall play.

In this tale, Holmes and Watson attempt to solve the mystery behind the hanging of an unexpected victim, which leads to an encounter with the devious mastermind, Moriarty, which will forever alter the course of Holmes's life.

The play will feature:

Corabelle's poetry corner



Editor's Notes: Everyone is invited to submit their poetry for possible inclusion in the next issue of "The Collegian." Submit your entries to Corabelle at: tallycorabelle@myocu.oak.edu.

My Fairy Tale

Beauty fell in love with a terrible beast,
He had scars on his heart that only would bleed,
With a little love and pixy dust, he was able to heal,
Now they're living in a fairy tale up on a hill,
It's perfect irresistible pure as light,
Love is in the air and stars are alive,
How did it all come to this at once upon a time?

By Jena Jones

Look to the Light

Look to the sun, look to the light
For soon you shall see
All shadows will fall behind and to your feet
The stars will guide your way as you stumble through the night
Look to the light, oh look to the light

By Corabelle Tally



- Jon Thomas Boling as Sherlock Holmes

- Tristan Nagelkirk as Dr. John Watson

- Dylan Arthurlee Johnson as Mycroft Holmes

- Brittany Latham as Moriarty

- Aimee Clodfelter as Irene Adler

- Maria Perez as Mary Morstan

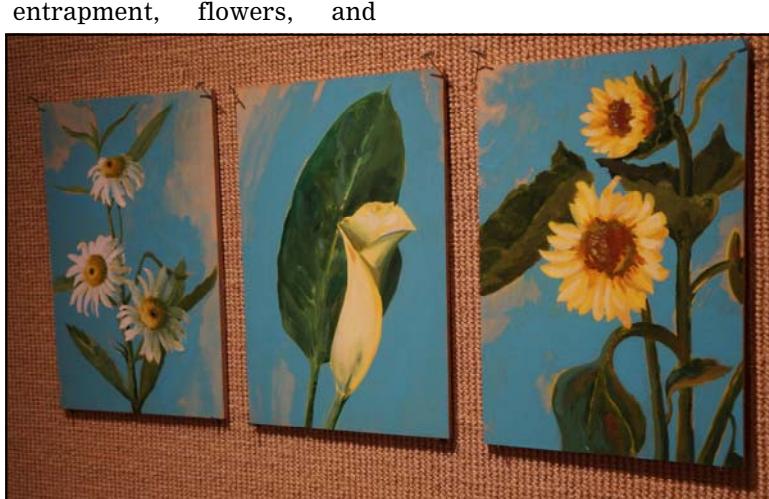
- Haley Ellis as Mrs. Hudson

- Hannah Salo as Lt. Lestrade

- Brittany Miles as Debra the Dodger
- Logan Lofland as Sebastian Moran

Expect comedy and drama when you catch the production on Nov. 10, 11 and 12.

This year, the play will be a dinner theater in the dining hall; seating and pricing options will be coming soon.



Tidings of comfort and joy?: *Facing the holidays after bereavement*

By Tristan Nagelkirk
Staff Writer
Assisted by Barbara Watson

When you're grieving the death of a family member or friend, you may dread the holiday season. Thoughts of social gatherings, family traditions and obligations leave you anxious and overwhelmed. Your sadness can seem unbearable. You may wish you could skip these next two months and go straight to the routine of the next year—but you can't. What *can* you do to lessen your stress and loneliness?

Holidays trigger tough emotions

You can start by learning what emotions are normal and to be expected when facing the holidays without your loved one. "If you're feeling overwhelmed as this holiday season approaches, that's very normal," advised psychologist Dr. Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge, whose husband died. "You're probably wondering how you're going to handle this and are unsure of what course to take. I want to assure you that you can get through these holidays, and hopefully you can even find moments of joy."

When you know what to expect, you won't be rendered helpless as holiday events trigger unexpected emotions. Make a point to spend time talking with people who have experienced a past loss and have already been through a holiday season without their loved one. They can help you have an idea of typical emotions and emotional triggers to expect. These people can also provide much-needed comfort and support.

Creating a holiday plan will help

Another important step in surviving the holidays is to create a healthy plan for the coming season. "Planning does help you to have a little

control, even when you feel totally out of control," said Dr. Zonnebelt-Smeenge. A healthy plan involves making decisions in advance about traditions, meals, time spent with others, holiday decorating, gift-giving and commitments.

You will likely not have the energy or the interest in doing as much as you have in past years. Decide ahead of time which invitations you'll accept, and let the host or family member know that you might leave early. Consider whether your decorating will be different this year: perhaps a smaller tree or simpler ornaments. If you cook or bake, cut back.

Make a list of every holiday tradition you can think of, from music to presents to outings. Then decide which traditions will be too difficult without your deceased loved one, which traditions you'd like to maintain, and what new traditions you can start this year.

Communicating with family and friends

What's also helpful in facing the holidays is to communicate your specific concerns and needs with your family and friends. People in grief are often tempted to put on a mask and pretend things are fine, especially over the holidays. "I didn't want to put on a damper on anyone else's joy," shared Mardie. "So I put on a happy face and tried to be the sister, the daughter, the aunt, that everybody wanted to see. Putting on that happy face was a heavier burden than I was emotionally able to carry at the time."

Your friends may want you to "cheer up" and "have fun," when that's the last thing you want. Others will avoid you because they don't know what to say and don't want to make you feel worse. Some family members will give you wrong advice in a misguided attempt to help. All of these people likely mean well, but will only

end up hurting you if you don't communicate what you truly need from them.

As difficult as this may be, it's important to tell people what they can do to help and what they are doing that isn't helping. And if you don't have the energy or inclination to talk to people face-to-face, then write your thoughts, concerns and needs in a letter or email. What's important is that you are being honest and gracious in your communication.



Pictured here is Barb and Scott Watson. They will be presenting the GriefShare Surviving the Holidays seminar on Nov. 16.

Grieving?

Know someone who is?



When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our ***Surviving the Holidays*** seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- What to do about traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to find hope for the future

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Please join us for this encouraging seminar.



www.griefshare.org/holidays

Sunday, Nov 15; 3:30-5:30 CST
Oakland City First General Baptist Church
Registration appreciated, not required
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In describing the first holiday dinner after she was widowed, Dr. Zonnebelt-Smeenge said, "It seemed like no one wanted to talk about my husband. I kept waiting for somebody to bring up [his name]. After a while I couldn't stand it anymore. I excused myself and left and bawled all the way home. Later I decided maybe they were waiting for me to decide if it was okay to talk about him; maybe they were afraid if they said anything, they'd make me feel worse. From that time on when I went to an event, I found a way to let people know I wanted to talk about him and I wanted to hear their stories."

So where can you find out what emotions to expect over the holidays, how to create a healthy plan and how to communicate with family and friends these coming weeks?

"Surviving the Holidays" seminar on December 15, 2016.

A GriefShare Surviving the Holidays seminar, will be held on Nov. 16 at the Oakland City First General Baptist Church from 3:30 to 5:30 PM, CST. This seminar offers practical, actionable strategies for making it through the holiday season. At this two-hour seminar, you will view a video

featuring advice from people in grief who have faced the holidays after their loss. You will hear insights from respected Christian counselors, pastors and psychologists. You will receive a Holiday Survival Guide with over 30 encouraging readings, helpful charts and tips to manage the holiday season during this difficult time.

At GriefShare Surviving the Holidays, you will meet with other grieving people who have an understanding of what you're going through. They won't judge you or force you to share, but will accept you where you are and will offer comfort and support. "When I went to GriefShare," said Marion, "I realized there are different ways to grieve."

Your holiday season will not be easy; your emotions may ambush you and suck you under at times. But you can choose to walk through this season in a way that honors your loved one and puts you on the path of health and healing.

To register or find out more about GriefShare Surviving the Holidays, call the church office at 812-749-3724 or email fgbchurch@yahoo.com.

Source: GriefShare/First General Baptist Church of Oakland City

Orientation revamped

By McKenzie Moore
Staff Writer

Change can be scary at times, but sometimes it is for the greater good. Orientation is something that every college freshman has to attend. Orientation is good for a number of reasons; anything from registering for classes to meeting other students, but for some, orientation means the start of being away from home. When Brad Knotts came to Oakland City University last year to become the Director of Student Life, he had a lot of questions, and one of those questions was, "How can we make things better for you and all the other students?" He learned that there was a welcome week and that new students were involved in a few events throughout the week.

Having worked in higher education, he explains that he was used to a lot more activities on orientation days. He pointed out that research showed that the more the new students were involved, the more successful they became. He approached Dr. Barber and Dr. Yeager about putting together a new orientation for students, and, once they realized how effective this would be for incoming students, they were on board. A few of the new events that took place during orientation included fall kick-off that was similar to a back-to-school bash. The bash included games and prizes and was a way to transition the new students in with the upper classman. There was also a family day where the new students were honored in the Johnson Center as a new class. It was a way for Dr. Barber to introduce them

to the school and into the OCU family. All the new students got to walk across the stage and shake Dr. Barber's hand, were given a gift and got to sign a booklet to show that they were officially apart of the OCU Family. The changes made to orientation had a positive effect on new students. Many faculty and staff have expressed the change in the new students; many have said that they are very talkative in class, and it helped them better understand the culture around them. Many students have expressed their gratitude towards Knotts and explained that the orientation really helped them out. Knotts explained that the goal of the new orientation was to help these new students understand that they have people around them who support and care about them.

Heather Smith celebrates the publishing of her first Amazon book

By Carlie Nichols
Editor

Heather Smith, a 2015 Oakland City University graduate and current program assistant at TRIO Student Support Services, recently published her first novel, called *Echoes: A Midwestern Girl's Stories*, on July 24, 2016.

"My grandmother was my primary inspiration for *Echoes*," said Smith, "She used to entertain me, as a child, for hours on end with her storytelling. Shortly after her death in 2014, I decided to dedicate the book in her memory."

Besides dedicating her novel to her beloved grandmother, Smith said that she would like to give special credit to Dr. Roxanne Mills, Mrs. Sharen Buyher and Mr. Stan Coy, who are exceptional members of the Communications and English department here at OCU.

"I would like to thank them for imparting wisdom and encouragement throughout the years," said Smith.

Since these professors here at OCU made a heavy impact on Smith's writing, there was one professor, in particular, who helped her start *Echoes*.

"I began my novel a couple years ago when I took Dr. Mills' Advanced Composition Novel class," said Smith. "Even after the class had ended, I continued on writing bits and pieces over the next year or so."

Despite the hundreds of thoughts occurring in her mind about procrastination, Smith was determined to finish her novel in the summer months, no matter the circumstance.

Once Smith finished writing her book, she began the editing and publication process.

"I formatted my book on Microsoft Word following the guidelines in Michael Thomas' book, *Crush It on the Kindle*,"

said Smith. "Remembering to insert page breaks and making a clickable table of contents was the most challenging part of the formatting process."

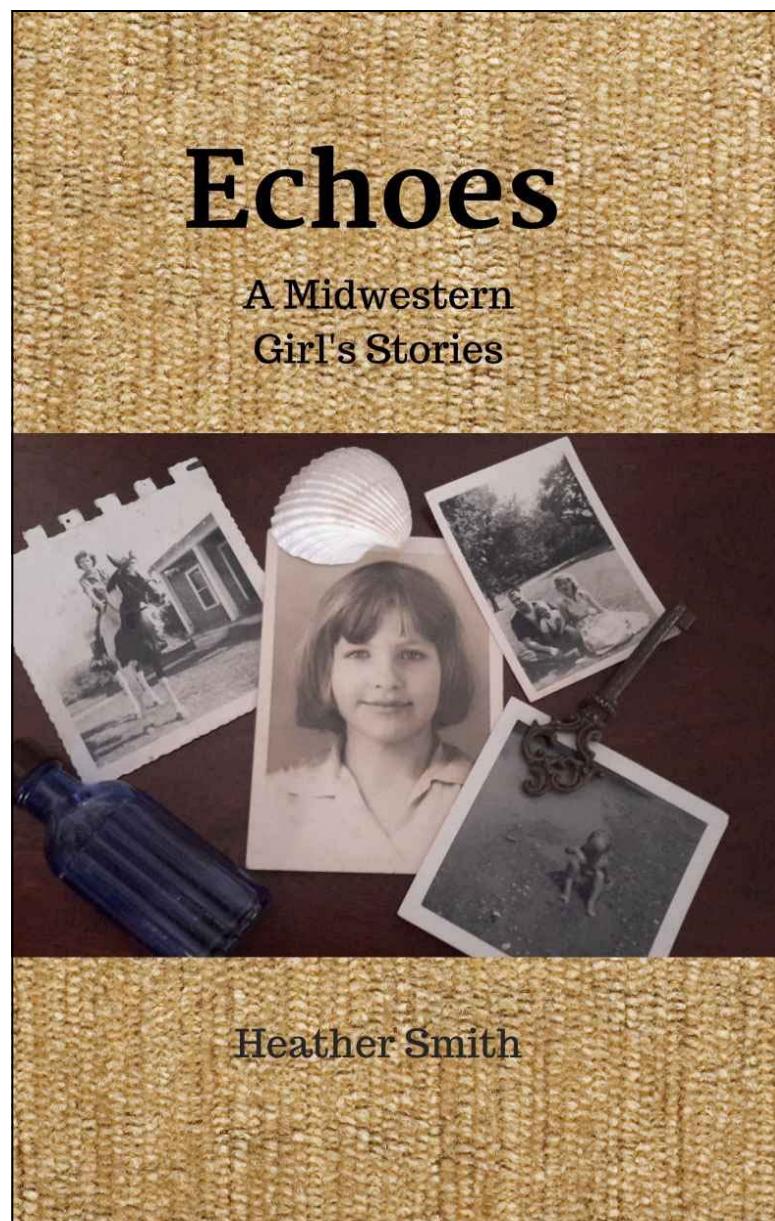
In addition to Smith's statement above, she also mentioned that she had someone else read through her manuscript after she went through and edited several typos and grammatical errors.

"One great thing about Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP) is that the author is allowed to edit after publication," Smith said.

Echoes, according to Smith, is a coming of age story about a young woman named Peggy Poe. Poe was a very adventurous Midwestern girl who was growing up on a farm in Southern Indiana during the 1940's. Many of the joys and sorrows she and her family experienced were as timeless and universal as storytelling itself.

"The book is a series of vignettes rather than chapters," said Smith.

Echoes: A Midwestern Girl's Stories is currently available on Amazon.com and Kindle.



Dr. Barber

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A high priority on Dr. Barber's agenda is student life.

He hopes that new programs and encouragement from staff and faculty can improve student's intergroup relationships.

He wants students to enjoy their college years and to create connections that will last a lifetime. The best way to make that happen is get out there and meet people, step into new experiences, broaden your horizons and leave your comfort zone far behind.

Dr. Barber believes the staff and faculty here at OCU "bleed blue" and are committed to their students. This is part of what makes OCU so unique.

He encourages all employees to continue to be a positive influence for their students and coworkers.

Improvements and changes are always a priority. Whether they be minor tweaks or major overhauls, the university is aiming to enrich every student's educational and personal experience.

It is Dr. Barber's responsibility to be concerned with each student's education; however, he also cares about each student's personal life. He urges students to make good decisions, set priorities, make the most of college and pursue a relationship with God.

As you look forward to the changes at OCU, we all look forward to your success here and beyond.

Fundraiser time

By McKenzie Moore
Staff Writer

Do you enjoy pizza? If so, you're in luck!

"The Collegian" will be hosting a fundraiser with Sandy's Pizza from Oct. 10 through the 24.

If you are interested in ordering some delicious pizza, contact a member of the newspaper staff or Mr. Coy.

All pizzas are freezable, and there will be several selections to choose from.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will be used in funding "The Collegian" and future projects.

Don't miss out on the pizza goodness!



Fun on campus

By McKenzie Moore
Staff Writer

Many activities are popping up throughout the school year on campus, but do you ever wonder who is behind them?

Meet the members of the Student Government Association.

SGA is a group of students made up of senators and officers. This year's officers are President Claire Slomski, Vice President SarahJane Fendrich, Treasurer Austin Loveless and Secretary Brittany Latham. Each one of these students work hard to make our school a better place.

Slomski has been President of SGA for the past two years and is the voice of the student body. She speaks in many meetings to help change things on campus.

Also, SGA volunteers in several community service and student improvement projects throughout the year, and they are the brains behind most of Oakland City University's

campus activities, including the famous "dorm wars," bon fires and spring formal. They also run CAB which is the campus activity board.

Since the beginning of the semester, SGA has been in full swing planning campus activities and events. The next dorm wars event begin Oct. 25 with the second round of capture the flag. Commuters are always welcome.

Oaktober Fest dates are Oct. 27, 28 and 29, starting with "trick the halls," where dorms will be open and decorated for community children to trick or treat. There will be inflatables and games on the grassy knoll and a costume contest ending out the night.

From popular demand, Mr. and Miss OCU has been brought back and will take place on the 28th in Cornwell-Reed Hall. Ending out Oaktober Fest is Humans vs. Zombies on the 29th, following the bon-fire at New Lake.



Sports

A dream turned reality

By Corabelle Tally
Assistant Editor

With the beginning of the school semester came the start of Katie Harrison's career as a head soccer coach. Previously the assistant coach for OCU, Harrison was able to interview and gain the position of head coach to welcome the newest soccer team to OCU at the start of pre-season. She thanks Dr. Sandifar and the administration for this opportunity.

For the last seven years, Harrison has been in the United States and involved with OCU. When Harrison was eight, she moved from England to North Wales, and when considering colleges to attend, she was given the opportunity to play in the United States.

When asked, "Why America?" Harrison responded, "It was a great opportunity. It is a dream to be asked to play soccer in the States. Soccer led me here." Harrison ended up choosing Oakland City University because they gave her the best offer, and it was close to an airport, which meant closer to home.

Upon getting the job, Harrison said that she was "Excited, elated, and didn't expect it. It has always been a dream. Everything happens for

a reason. It was a blessing in disguise." It has always been Harrison's dream to be a soccer coach. "Don't give up on your dream; Work hard, it pays off," Harrison encourages other potential coaches in current student form.

After the first day of practice, Harrison panicked a little as the truth set in that this was her responsibility. It was really happening. Harrison realized that "If I don't put my heart and soul into it, how can you guys, the players?"

Last year, she was more involved with only recruitment that was local as well as helping prospective student athletes with their campus visits. This year, she is much more involved in the total program.

Not only has Harrison reached out to all surrounding high schools, but she has also attended a soccer tournament in Bloomington, Indiana. The tournament was an all weekend event that hosted 25 high schools. Through this, Harrison was able to talk to parents, coaches, and get OCU and her own name out.

For the current season, Harrison told "The Collegian," "The team has the best chemistry I've seen on this soccer field. I haven't seen a team that has respect like they do this year. Everyone can get

help from their teammates. There is lots of potential and, overall, they are the most talented."

For the future, Harrison plans on staying with OCU for as long as they will have her. It has become her home now. The people are Harrison's favorite part of OCU, and she loves the family atmosphere. Thus far in her coaching career, Harrison's favorite part has been "Coaching student athletes to be the best they can be on the field and in life, as well as teaching respect and responsibility."

Looking ahead to the end of the season, Harrison believes that her team has the ability to make regionals. Harrison stated, "We have the potential and drive. In a game, it is all up to the team. The strength comes from the captains and the seniors, which starts with respect. The more you play together, the better you get. I'm learning, my team is learning, and we are all learning together."



Senior girls reflect on their cross country experience

By Tanner Mason
Staff Writer

Oakland City University has five graduating seniors on the cross country team this year. These seniors are Whitney Holder, Lucy Berlanga, Lauryn Davis, SarahJane Fendrich and Tori Flowers.

Each of these ladies has had her own take on her past experiences. They all have had their ups and downs, but they seemed to agree that they would not have had it any other way.

Berlanga said that in her time on the team, she has had fun in the sense of constant team bonding, opposed to her other teams, but, also, more specifically, she enjoyed her time in New York last year for nationals. This year, she plans to qualify for nationals again and to take down her current personal best time. After college, she plans to intern as a biotech and hopefully land a position at the company where she interns.

Fendrich said that her time on the team has been challenging, but rewarding. One of her personal goals for this season is to improve her endurance and stay healthy. After she graduates, she plans on teaching elementary

education but is not sure which grade level.

Holder said that her experience has been great, but often somewhat traumatic from the very first meet, when our bus broke down, to nearly running out of gas on some backroads in Georgia. Her main goal for this season is to put one foot in front of the other. After college, she wants to join AmeriCorps and teach.

Davis, who is graduating a year early, says that her time on the team has given her lifelong friends. Also, she has learned to push herself. Her plan during this season is to beat her own personal records and to run faster than she did in high school. After college, she plans on teaching elementary education.

Flowers mentioned that her experience on the cross country team has been constantly challenging her to run and stay in shape. This is the first year that running is her only sport. One of her goals this season is to contribute more to the team since she is no longer playing soccer. After college, she plans on getting married, buy

a house, get a good job, buy or adopt a golden retriever and, hopefully, one day travel to Greece with her family.

These ladies could all agree that their time running for Oakland City has been a memorable experience, and they wouldn't have it any other way.



Picture left to right: Tori Flowers, Whitney Holder, Lucy Berlanga, and Lauryn Davis. Not pictured is SarahJane Fendrich.

Jacob Frantz: Coach and Pastor

By Madison Brooks
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Like many other sports at Oakland City University this year, the men and women tennis teams acquired a new coach. Jacob Frantz, originally from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, attended Clarks Summit University, where he played three singles in their tennis program.

Frantz chose to play tennis because "Tennis is a sport that you can play when you're old, and it's a sport that I can play with my wife," he explained.

Other than coaching at OCU, Frantz is a pastor at McCullough Grove Baptist Church here in Oakland City, Indiana. "My goal as a pastor is to provide good teaching, disciplining, mentoring and exemplifying, so that people who want to serve and walk closer to God can grow. If people don't want that, they would probably be unhappy in my church," said Frantz.

Oakland City University's tennis teams do not consist of many players this year; therefore, Frantz's number one expectation is to slowly build a solid tennis program. Particularly for this season, the coach has four goals in mind for his team: improvement, comradery and fun, recruiting for next year and at least one win, which the women's team achieved this season against Kentucky Wesleyan College.

The women's tennis team this year consists of seniors Lucy Berlanga and Kayley Main, sophomores: Madison Brooks and Kenzie Rudolph and freshman: Chelsea Doty.

Coach Frantz has already begun to build relationships with most of his players so far this year. He says, "Lucy is a very solid and athletic player, Kayley is athletic enough to make up for her lack of tennis background, Madison is competitive and hardworking, Kenzie works hard to improve and wants to learn."

The men's tennis team consists of seniors: Josh Frankham, Louis Ross, and Alec Sandefer, junior: Jordan Helfert, sophomores: Ryan Blair and Zach Robinson and freshmen: Trent Bowman and Grant Holder. Although Coach Frantz has not been able to bond as much with the men's team as the women's team, he commented about each player,

"If Alec had more time to work on tennis (he is a dual sport athlete), he could compete for our number one spot, but he needs more consistency; Zach is a very solid, all-around player and has great work ethic; Trent is improving faster than anyone else on the team; and Grant is a very talented player; all he needs is a little more consistency." Frantz mentioned that he has not had a chance to connect much with Blair, Frankham and Ross since they are all dual sport athletes, but he plans to bond with them more in the spring.

Lastly, Coach Frantz mentioned, "Pray for Jordan [Helfert], we're waiting to hear whether or not he needs surgery on his shoulder."

The OCU tennis team is working hard and looking forward to getting more wins with Coach Frantz leading them.



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OCU's team pictures

Men's 2016 Golf Team



Left to right: Back Row - Todd Glickfield, Nick Virden, Brandon Long, Mitchell Fredenick, Steven Coleman, Coach Milel Breeden, Luke Taylor, and Ryan Crawford.
Front Row - Ethan Sparks, Kody Sloan, and Joseph Hinton.

Girl's 2016 Tennis Team



Left to right: Lucy Berlanga, Kenzie Rudolph, Chelsea Doty, Madison Brooks, Kayley Main and Coach Jacob Frantz.

Women's 2016 Soccer Team



Pictured, L-R: Front Row - Gracecyn Nuhring, Sidney West, Corabelle Tally, Ashley Gallo, Lauren Rapp, Braelyn Cargal, Mikayla Wargel, Mikayla Wilkins, Aubree Miller, Kylee Miller and Brittany Miles.

Back Row - Rachel Hanold, Lauren Wuerth, Breanna Cundiff, Hannah Devine, Sarah Wagner, Kansas Carpenter, Hannah Tupman, Kennedy Folse, Madison Bleska, Kristiana Pumpure and Coach Katie Harrison.

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Emily Pitkin reading to first and second graders as part of OCU's service project



Women's 2016 Volleyball Team



Left to right: Cassia Weaver, Jenna Knepp, Bethany Hyndman, Courtney Pruett, Cori Cummins, Jailyn Brantley, Ellen Williamson, Madison Ralph, Courtney Root and Mary Wehmeyer.

Coming events

Oct. 11 - Dorm Wars: second round of capture the flag (dorm war points)

Oct. 27, 28 and 29 - Oaktober Fest

27 - Trick the halls (7-8 p.m.) inflatables & games (7-9 p.m.) costume contest (9 p.m.)

28 - Mr. and Miss. OCU; located in Cornwell Reed (7 p.m.)

29 - Humans vs. Zombies; check in is at 5 p.m.

29 - Bon-Fire; 9 p.m. including food & games

**Lucy Berlanga
heading to
Nationals!**

SarahJane Fendrich

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with her closest friends at OCU. Most of these memories sparked from crazy adventures she encountered with the people around her. "I really enjoy going to New Lake and looking at the stars," Fendrich replied, "That is sort of one of

my favorite things to do besides sitting down and reading a good book."

After Fendrich graduates in the spring of 2017, her future plans consist of going to Africa and being involved in a teaching program called Rafiki, but if that plan does not work out, she would like to teach at an elementary school somewhere in Indiana.



Fall soccer at Oakland City University

