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## Andrew Goldman: Man with many titles



Andrew Goldman, at one of his concerts, next to his wife, Rebecca.

By Elizabeth Bolin  
Staff Writer

Andrew Goldman has many titles as a professor here at Oakland City University. He is the director of the Music Outreach program and SoulFest, as well as teacher of percussion and online music.

Goldman graduated from OCU with a degree in music education and vocal performance.

Goldman said that a big factor in why he came to OCU was the influence of his mother. She graduated from the university in 1995, the first year OCU had university status. Also, at the time, he was in a music ministry in

Evansville, Indiana, and it was close to home.

As a student, Goldman was in the music club, was Earthlight's manager and a member of the choir.

Goldman heard about Earthlight on his tour to the university, and his mentors Ernie Haase and Scott Fowler were involved.

When asked what he loved most about being a student here, he stated, "The Christian and family atmosphere along with all of the opportunities you have here on campus."

Goldman says there are two people that have greatly impacted him while he has been here.

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## Lindsay Shell: More than your average college student

By Carlie Nichols  
Assistant Editor  
Staff Writer

After living in the small town of Marble Hill, Missouri, for the majority of her life, one Oakland City University student decided to move four hours away from home to attend a small private Christian institution in Oakland City, Indiana.

Lindsay Shell, a 21-year-old Psychology major, decided to come to OCU in the fall of 2013 for religious purposes and the fact that several of her friends from her church camp attended the university.

Once Shell got into the swing of the daily college routine, she decided she no longer wanted to be classified as an average college student. So she got up, looked around and got involved in various activities around campus.

As of fall 2015, her junior year at OCU, Shell was involved in student ambassadors and women's basketball, along with being a Resident Assistant (RA) in Brokaw Hall and working a part-time work-study job in the campus library.

Besides being involved with many activities and sports around campus, there is one interesting fact a majority of OCU students may not know about Shell.

On July 26, Shell was inspired by the grace of God and decided to open up her own painting business called, *Inspired by Grace*, which she operates in her spare time.

"I just thought that it would

be a good way to spread the love of Christ and the Gospel," said Shell. "I thought maybe others would like some of my work."

For the many people who may want to know a little more about Shell's painting business, it is a business that does not require a purchase of a building or a license to operate. Instead, it is a business where Shell personally paints a masterpiece for someone on a canvas using acrylic paint in the comfort of her own home or dorm room.

After putting a few of her paintings on display in her dorm room and posting pictures of her paintings on Facebook, several OCU students, faculty and staff members were interested in buying a painting from Shell, including her best friend Ashley Yount.

Yount first received a painting from Shell around Christmas of 2014, about six months prior to Shell's painting business opening. The first painting she received from Shell was a fancy letter "A," and the second masterpiece was a picture of an old painting Shell tried to attempt of a willow tree and a lake that had a Bible verse on it from Lamentations.

"I like that her paintings are personal, especially with the Bible verses," said Yount. "If she knows who the painting is for, the Bible verse is more unique to that person; otherwise, her nature paintings are just breathtaking and leave me

with sense of calm," Yount said.

Shell tends to paint a variety of nature themes such as mountains, birds, rivers and valleys, but she also incorporates many other designs in her paintings as well, such as zig-zag lines, polka-dots and solid color backgrounds.

"Anything I feel like designing and painting is what ends up on the canvas," Shell said.

Along with her normal everyday designs, Shell has discovered a unique twist that she could easily add to one's painting by using nail and string art.

"Nail and string art is simple and also very fun to do," she said. "I have done a few things with the nail and string, one being a gift to my family with our last name and two shells on it," Shell said.

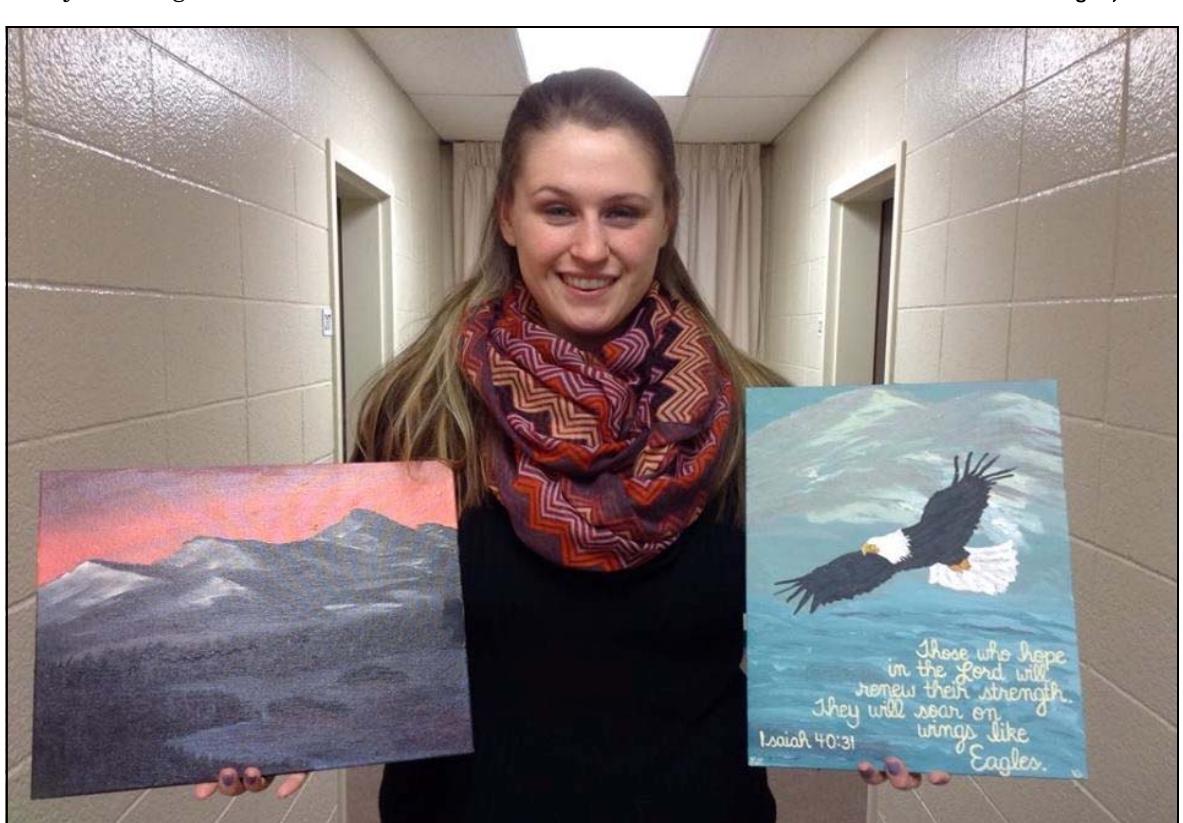
Besides the gift Shell gave to her family, she has recently used nail and string art in the past few months for a gift to her fiancé, Will Adams.

The painting she gave to Adams integrated nail and string art for a baseball and has the Bible verse of Colossians 3:17 written in white paint on a solid black background.

After Shell designed a broad variety of paintings in the past several months, she had a difficult time choosing which painting is her favorite.

"There are so many favorite that I have done," Shell said. "Some of my favorite paintings

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Pictured here is Lindsay Shell holding up her two favorite paintings.

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Lindsay Shell

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are actually the ones I can paint within an hour. I honestly do not know where they come from, but somehow something spectacular ends up on the canvas."

One painting, in particular, that Shell mentioned as one of her favorites derives from the Bible scripture, Matthew 21:22, "Have you prayed about it as much as you have talked about it?"

"I painted this one for many reasons," said Shell. "Specifically because I know God has great plans for my life, but I also need to pray about what He wills me to do. God has already ordained everything to happen in my life, and this verse is a

## WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

Oakland City University would like to announce the 2015-2016 students who have been nominated to the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges. To be nominated, the student must be a Senior with a GPA 3.5 or better. Each student will receive a certificate from Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges and have their name appear in the

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David Josiah Stroup  
Steven Douglas Toepfer  
Megan Lynn Wilson

## From the Archives

By Corabelle Tally  
Staff Writer

Located in OCU's (then OCC) 1928 yearbook known as the Mirror is an advertisement for Oakland City College. Listed are some very interesting facts such as that the tuition was

only \$40 per term and that the enrollment the previous year was over 1,000 students!

Things sure have changed over time, yet Oakland City College has still remained a fine institution that upholds the standards of the General Baptist denomination.

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Oakland City, Indiana

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Goldman does at OCU, he is also in a southern gospel group called The Perrys.

Goldman's background in southern gospel music started with his father who started singing it when he was six months old.

Up until 2001, he was on a bus traveling with his dad watching him sing and minister. He developed a love of gospel and Christian music in his heart. His dad instilled his knowledge and passion in him.

In high school, he started singing with a group called The Conquerors Quartet in Evansville, Indiana, for six years until he graduated college.

Goldman's junior year in college, he and his friend Ryan Seaton formed a group called Union Street, and they sang with them until June of 2013.

In June 2013, Goldman came back to OCU to be the director of Earthlight.

At this point in his life, he began to pray more about what God wanted for him and had in store for him. Two weeks after he and his wife began praying

for this, he received a call from Libbi Stuffle from The Perrys. They were in desperate need for a lead singer.

Goldman started on May 16, 2014, and he is still with them today.

The Perrys started in 1970 when Libbi and her family had two tragic losses when one of her brothers drowned and the other one was murdered. On Christmas morning, the whole town came to her house to celebrate. They all gathered around the piano to sing, and two years later they were on the road.

Goldman says The Perrys have never had a practice. They just show up, pray together and sing.

When asked how he and his wife Rebecca handle his busy schedule, he replied, "My wife and I see each other a maximum of about 10 hours a week. It's difficult, but we trust in the Lord, and we get our strength from him."

Goldman goes on to say that he would not be able to do what he does without her love and support.

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Photo by Ashley Yount

# Our Staff

## It's a pretty gritty life

By Jessica Eberhardt  
Staff Writer

Vintage clothing has a life and a story. Every piece has seen things, been a part of things before our time. That's what makes it exciting. That's one reason why Brittany Fulkerson is a teacher, mother and business owner. She has taken vintage on not only as her passion, but as a business venture.

The Pretty Gritty, Fulkerson's boutique, was formerly named "The Dressing Room."

"The change came," she says, "because when I really started getting into vintage, I wanted a name that really spoke to what my business was about, and it made sense."

The name has two meanings. "What I do is find the 'pretty' in the 'gritty', renewing past styles and pieces. On the flip side, the second meaning is about my personality.

"We know that women who own businesses are of the minority. I think my personality, my tenacity is indicative of being a fan of loveliness and loving fashion and pretty things, but also having the tenacity, the grit to

be a female in business. Especially being a working mom. It's a good mixture of guts and insanity. I think my personality lends itself to it. If I want something, I go get it; I don't let myself be limited. I wanted a career, I worked for it. I wanted a higher degree, I wanted a family. I wanted to own my own business. I've got a lot of grit, thus the last part of the name."

"One of the big things the business does, along with vintage, is 'eco-couture' – one of a kind custom orders we make. These things aren't made from scratch, but created out of an already-existing piece, often an originally vintage piece. Tons of clothing is thrown away on a daily basis. Not everyone will donate their old pieces to a thrift shop. Eco-couture prolongs the life of things already made. We have such a mass-produced market that people have no problem throwing it away instead of giving it to thrift shops. Thrift stores throw things away. Manufacturers throw things away. Even extra fabrics get thrown out. Fashion conscious companies are reaching out to manufacturers in order to become eco-friendly as well."

Not all eco-couture is made from second hand clothing."

Fulkerson is attached to vintage because of its history, "Vintage has a history of a different life. The clothing has a story and a life. Who wore it? What did they wear it to? It's exciting. Buying clothes is exciting, and when I buy a piece, I get really excited about it. It makes me happy knowing someone else was excited to buy the same piece. It adds to the story and the life of it. It adds inspiration."

"My interest in reworking," Fulkerson continued, "has been an interest since childhood. It's really that 'Pretty in Pink' theory. I had a quirky sense of style and I wore a lot of hand-me downs. Even as I got older, I had to rework and change my own stuff so I could have my own style. My intense love for vintage...I can't pin down. I had my mass-production phase. I bought anything I found that was interesting, but then I started thrifting more and noticing older styles. Then I started researching how to identify true vintage and the rest is history."

Every "advanced shopper" has his/her own ritual. Some need coffee, some have to go with a particular friend and others must



Fulkerson stands in front of her Airstream Mobile Boutique.

go it alone. Brittany gave us a little insight into her own.

"My shopping trips are so different now! I always go in with a game plan. Before I go, I get on Pinterest. I usually pick out about three different items I want to replicate. Like a way to upcycle a pair of jeans or some plaid."

"Owning my business is the most terrifying, emotional

self-doubting situation you could ever get yourself in. At the same time, it's the most liberating, because it's your passion. This is my passion, it's what I love. When it goes well, it's the ultimate high. It's that drastic either way, because you love it so much. It's like a rollercoaster, infatuated relationship. You love it, you hate it, but you can't leave it."

## Carolyn Spitler: 43 years and counting

By HarleeRay Bicknell  
Staff Writer

Oakland City University has changed quite a bit over the years. However, there have been consistencies within the university staff, one of which has been Carolyn Spitler in the music department. Having taught here for 43 years, she has experienced many of the

changes that have occurred over time.

Before she had her office in Cornwell-Reed, the music department was located in Cockrum Hall.

There she enjoyed the quiet atmosphere as well as the larger music organizations they had. Back then, the university had an instrumental band as well as an orchestra.

She also fondly reflected on how Cockrum Hall had become well known for their yearly haunted houses. Their Halloween presentations were known for striking fear into those who attended, drawing much attention from the local community.

Back in those days, they also made floats to participate in the local Fall Festival. Most of the campus organizations would make a float and join in, and she enjoyed the work that went into making them.

She took pleasure in the presence that the staff had on campus, noting that they often had variety shows for the students. In one recollection, she viewed a performance where the female professors dressed in a Western fashion and sang while the male professors played in a jug band.

During those years, the choir would take many trips. They performed in Flint, Michigan, and made a stop at Niagara Falls as well as New Orleans. Tours to different churches were not unheard of. She was always proud of the effort that the students put in to do all of the fundraising themselves.

Besides the work itself, her favorite aspect of teaching has been her students. She enjoys getting to see where her

students go in life, as well as the successes they have. By staying in touch with them, she is able to see their growth. She has students with a wide range of success and she loves to see what wonderful teachers they have become. She even has one student composing in Germany.

While not only being a teacher here at the university, she also plays the organ for Good Shepherd Methodist Church. Having played there for 43 years as well, she was

recently recognized for her dedication in playing for the church.

Her other activities include being Secretary-Treasurer of the Oakland City Women's Research Club and Treasurer of the United Methodist Women of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Oakland City.

We thank Carolyn Spitler for her many years of hard work and dedication to the school and students.



Carolyn Spitler today, sitting at a piano in one of her classrooms.



Carolyn Spitler in the 1970s at OCU.

## OCU Mission Statement

Oakland City University is a Christian faith-based learning community dedicated to the enhancement of intellectual, spiritual, physical and social development for positive leadership.

# Faith

## Local church went above and beyond at Christmas time



**By Kenzie Rudolph  
Staff Writer**

Friendship General Baptist Church has always found ways to help the community, especially around Christmas time. Rhonda Cox and her daughter, Megan Doerner, who is in her late twenties, were the masterminds behind a project that was a little different than the average holiday volunteer work.

Friendship General Baptist is a very small church on the outskirts of Oakland City. The church is pastored by Dwight Howe. Cox said that on a good Sunday church service there are around 30-35 people in attendance.

Cox started attending this church in 1976. Friendship GB had purchased brown paper sacks and decorated them with donated Christmas cards, coloring pages, fabric, glitter glues and much more before Cox ever started attending.

Cox said that they sent them to the Evansville State Hospital, where the mental health patients make Christmas lists. Other churches and organizations sponsored patients and bought things to put into their sacks so that the patients' wishes would come true.

This year, the church made over 200 sacks that were given to the patients at their annual Christmas party. Cox said that the project was started by a woman named Mildred Williams.

Cox and Doerner both said that the Evansville State Hospital was chosen because it was the only mental hospital in the area when this project was started.

Doerner said, "I think it's beneficial because most

charities and organizations collect toys for disadvantaged children around Christmas, which is great and much needed, but this is a group of people who might otherwise be overlooked around the holidays."

"We are told that the patients love the sacks, and some even keep them all year to store their belongings in," said Cox.

Doerner said that it was normally the women of the church who met once a week for about six weeks to decorate the sacks, and the ones who could not attend took supplies home to decorate them.

"It puts me in a Christmasy mood," said Doerner.

Doerner and Cox both found this project rewarding.

"I enjoy making them every year, and I like that they go to people who may not have many friends or family to spend the holidays with," said Doerner.

Members of Friendship GB have other ways that they volunteer during the holidays and the rest of the year as well. Cox's family took turns picking up USDA commodities in Evansville once a month, and she volunteered a few times a year at the pantry filling orders for clients. Friendship GB also collected food for the food bank, along with toys and food for the animal shelter each year.

Cox gave good advice on what others can do to volunteer if they do not know how to get started.

"If you are interested in helping others, keep your ears open to volunteer. Donating is another good way to help. Pick an established charity you can trust," said Cox.

### First General Baptist Church

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Happy Easter! We would like to invite you to a special Maundy Thursday service the evening of March 24th at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church and an Easter Celebration service during Morning Worship at First General Baptist Church on March 27th.

## A night to remember

**By Hannah Salo  
Staff Writer**

Many of you know Jennifer Brown as a member of Earthlight or a Student Ambassador. What you may not know about her is that she has always wanted to perform on stage, and, this past month, she got to live her dream out during Winter Jam 2016.

She had pre-jam passes and, while she was in line, the lead guitarist, Ben McDonald, from Sidewalk Prophets, came out to talk with her, and before he left, said he would come back later when it was time for them to come in.

When an attendee behind Brown said that they were asking someone everywhere they went to sing with them and that they were going to ask Jennifer, she was in shock.

Sure enough, when McDonald came back out with a video camera, he asked Jennifer if she would like to sing on stage with Sidewalk Prophets that evening. She screamed yes, called her dad, and went backstage with Ashley Yount as they waited for the moment when she would go onstage.

"I'm usually the one taking all of the pictures, but I didn't need to. I didn't even have the



Jennifer Brown performing in front of thousands of concert goers at the Ford Center in Evansville, Indiana.

desire to. I was at peace and taking it all in," Brown said.

Surprisingly, Brown wasn't nervous at being on stage in front of thousands of people.

"It felt really surreal...To have all of those people cheering was a little weird and to know they were cheering for

me..."

She couldn't believe that it was happening.

"I just feel so blessed to have had the opportunity. And I don't regret not taking pictures. It's something that I am never going to forget."

## Earthlight: Sharing Christ through music

**By HarleeRay Bicknell  
Staff Writer**

When first coming to Oakland City University, Cassidy Bogard heard of the gospel group Earthlight; an interest was quickly sparked. During her second year of attending OCU, the band reformed under the leadership of Andrew Goldman, and Bogard was at auditions. After making it into the gospel group, she then had to adjust to the schedule demands as well as the demands of performance.

The band consists of Roman Lambert, Cassidy Bogard, Jennifer Brown, April Scott and Kevin Pinnick.

The group travels to different churches to assist in leading worship.

Being in Earthlight has fed the passion in Bogard's daily life for witnessing inside and outside, making her bolder in sharing her testimony and inspiring her to be more selfless.

Through her interactions with Earthlight, she is encouraged to pray more and to read the Bible more.

"Others are looking at me, and you have to live what you preach," said Bogard. The members of Earthlight are able to support one another and offer group prayer.

Going onto a stage and

leading others in worship can be a nerve racking experience, but the singers of Earthlight have discovered alternate emotions when it comes to glorifying God through music.

Bogard reminisced on her performances, "There was nervousness before, and then I realized it wasn't about me. When I get on that stage now, I don't want them to see me; I want them to see Christ through me. It's not about Earthlight or Oakland City University, it's about Him."

Another member of the band, Kevin Pinnick, had similar feelings regarding performance, "The reason I'm

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## The Body of Christ

**By Heather Smith  
Staff Writer**

I Corinthians 12:1-26



THOUGHT FOR TODAY: "The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ." I Corinthians 12:12

As you're walking to class, you spot a huge, gelatinous orb rolling down the street. Once you spot the iris, it becomes clear that a giant eyeball is commuting—somewhere. Boom, boom—the earth is quaking underneath your feet. Upon turning around, a gargantuan foot struggles to make its way down the path. This may sound like the stuff of science-fiction B-movies, but, this is simply how the world would look if each member of the human body were unleashed to function on its own.

Thankfully, the human body comprises several members that work together. This is also true regarding the body of Christ. Each one of us is a member of the body of Christ. Also, each one of us is blessed with spiritual gifts. Just think of what we can accomplish if we combine our own God-given talents with those of fellow Christians!

College is a time to try new things, and, unless you are the ultimate Renaissance man—or woman—you probably perform at differing levels of excellence in different disciplines.

By trying new things and praying for guidance, we discover what our spiritual gifts are. And by working with other members of the body of Christ, our spiritual gifts join forces to serve God.

PRAAYER: Heavenly Father, please help me discover my spiritual gifts and guide me as I serve you with others. Amen.

# School of Education

## “Meaningful, manageable, and marketable:” Oakland City University’s educational leadership program

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OCU’s Educational Leadership Program offers a doctorate in Educational Leadership with three options: the superintendency, curriculum and instruction, (an option typically focusing on higher education), and organizational management. Since the programs beginnings in 2002, the program has graduated scores of highly successful superintendents and principals, college level administrators and instructors, financial personnel, including CEOs and CFOs, and even high ranking military personnel. The Ed. D. program tracks are designed to accomplish the following: (1) provide a catalyst for current educators to obtain continued professional development; (2) provide experienced educators with an opportunity to change careers by providing educational opportunities that allow them to demonstrate competency as a leader; and (3) provide an opportunity for all professionals already in high level positions to develop additional skills, knowledge and disposition.

Since the program is non-traditional in how it is delivered, it allows working students to graduate in a shorter period of time than

many traditional Ed. D. programs. The Ed. D. curriculum is designed to be delivered over a seven (7) term matriculation period. Each fall and spring semester is sixteen weeks long and is divided into two eight (8) week terms – Term 1 and Term 2. Each summer semester is divided into two terms and each term is one week long. During the first summer semester, a cohort group takes twelve (12) hours of graduate credit. During the fall and spring semesters, each graduate student takes six (6) to twelve (12) hours of credit depending on the program of study. Course delivery includes intensive classroom work, individual projects monitored by faculty mentors, and delivery of content and sharing of information among cohort members supported by various technological methods. Courses during the fall and spring semesters are held online using E-Learning Center (ELC) Moodle System.

The thrust of the doctoral programs is performance based. It provides an intensive, integrated curriculum that requires all graduate students to complete self-assessment, to design and evaluate curriculum from a field research base, and to

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## Dr. Gonzales: The importance of art in education



## Tori Flowers: A spark in children's lives

By Corabelle Tally  
Staff Writer

Hailing from Evansville, Indiana, this extraordinary girl, Tori Flowers came to OCU four years ago with the desire to be close to home, continue her education, play soccer, run cross country and make a difference in children's lives.

Majoring in elementary education with a minor in physical health, Flowers has very little time here left at OCU before earning her degree. When talking about her inspiration to be a teacher, Flowers states, “I wanted to make a difference in children's lives and help them discover the spark that leads them to what they want to do in life.”

Flowers praises OCU's very own when saying that the elementary education department, “does a wonderful job at getting to know you and understanding the way you learn in order to help you understand the content and then teach it to others.”

In order to get to this point in her degree, Flowers has had to attend numerous observations which she had to set up herself by calling or emailing teachers from lower level schools. After that, she had a practicum. A practicum is participating as a teacher's aide dealing with hands-on activities and working with kids one-on-one.

This is set up by OCU. Flowers was fortunate enough to be able to participate in a field experience with a small group of children in Princeton. She tells of how being able to



teach and experience a field trip from the teacher's point of view was a “wonderful experience.” The only thing left now for Flowers is student teaching.

One funny experience that Flowers recalls is when she was helping with a class that was learning about fractions. With this, the teacher had brought in cookie cake in order to give the children a visual experience with fractions of

cake. As soon as one child stuffed cookie cake into another's face, an icing fight erupted! While this was a hilarious experience for Flowers, it was not near as fun for the staff that had to clean it all up.

Advising the upcoming freshmen, Flowers says to make sure they pass the CASA by the appropriate time along

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By Tristan Nagelkirk  
Staff Writer

Dr. Catherine Gonzales is a teacher of education and fine arts and a strong advocate for integrating the arts into mainstream education.

She has been teaching the subjects of science, art and education since 1999, and has a Bachelor's in K-12 Art, 5-12 Biology, and K-6 Elementary, with a Master's and a Doctorate in Education. Of all the subjects she teaches, art is her favorite.

Dr. Gonzales advocates including art in every aspect of education. “I've always been an advocate of incorporating those arts in whatever curriculum we're doing,” Dr. Gonzales says. She supports the change that many schools are starting to make in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program to include the arts. Those who have included the arts into their education program refer to it as STEAM.

When it comes to helping others learn art, Dr. Gonzales insists that people shouldn't get discouraged and think that

they can't be artists. “Everyone starts somewhere,” Dr. Gonzales says, and she reinforces the need for students to work through the feeling of “I can't do this.”

Dr. Gonzales's love of the arts isn't confined to just teaching them in the classroom, though. It is also her hobby and a part of how she lives.

Dr. Gonzales plans to turn the porch of her house into an area for her to enjoy art and writing in her spare time.

Along with enjoying art, Dr. Gonzales has a great love for nature and the outdoors, and she fondly recounted the trips the biology club used to take to the Grand Canyon, Glacier National Park and Puget Sound.

Dr. Gonzales closed with words of advice to students to pursue their passions. “If you find a job that feels good to you, it's not really so much a job; it's your thing you do.”

Of her own passion for teaching, Dr. Gonzales says “If I wasn't teaching, I'd have to do something related to education. That is my passion, that is my commitment.”

  
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# Around Campus

## The band plays on

By HarleeRay Bicknell  
Staff Writer

When attending the Oakland City University men's basketball games this past season, one may have heard a new sound fill the gymnasium. The OCU pep band has been playing at the games since the beginning of the season and hopes to continue for many years to come.

The band is led under student director Daniel Waggoner, who also plays the trumpet, and its members are Emily Abel on



OCU pep band members playing with members from Bloomfield High School pep band.

percussion, Brittany Latham on saxophone, Tricia Doyle on piccolo and HarleeRay Bicknell on mellophone.

Though the band is small, they are never short in sound. Filing into one of the small practice rooms in Corwell-Reed, despite the room's sauna-like temperatures, the band practices every week to make sure that they are prepared for the coming games. Their musical selections range from "The Final Countdown" to Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance,"

as well as the songs specific to Oakland City University, such as "Onward Oakland" and "Go Oaks."

While the members of the band aim to have a clean, professional sound to their music, they always have fun making music and playing with others. Telling jokes and recounting tales from their marching band days, the instrumentalists are never short of entertaining one-another or those around them.

The band has had a wonderful support section this season, never being short of helping hands to carry stands, music and instruments. One supporter in particular never fails to stand out; Rachel Toepfer sits loud and proud with the band with her jar of mayonnaise, answering once and for all Patrick Star's question from the television show "Spongebob," "Is mayonnaise an instrument?"

Keep an eye and ear out for the OCU pep band at future games.

## Helping hands



Pictured are Elaine Pauw (left) and Rebecca Shapiro (right).

by Jena Jones  
Staff Writer

the work day in room 112 of the Student Life Center here on campus.

If a student would like help outside of lab hours, the student would need to make an appointment. That can be done with Mrs. Shapiro. Learning Lab hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"We also provide various workshops and seminars to enhance student learning and cover topics that instructors may not cover during class," Mrs. Shapiro states.

In other words, they offer chances to gain further information on a student's field of study or interest. Career Services is a helping hand with resumes, job applications, cover letters, etc.

## Dylan Johnson: Vigorously precarious

By Elizabeth Bolin  
Staff Writer

### Where are you from?

The dark and mysterious, far away land of Central City, Kentucky!

### Who was your childhood hero?

Intergalactic Bounty Hunter, Samus Aran! I've always been a big video game nerd, and I always loved the idea of zipping around space and saving the galaxy like good ol' Sammy.

### What did you want to be as a child?

I wanted to be a paleontologist. I always loved dinosaurs growing up (I sometimes even thought I was one), and I wanted to go out and find one of my own. Sadly, I got worried that we are running out of bones.

### What is something unique about you?

Whew. Well, pretty much everything? I'm kind of a weirdo! I guess something that really sticks out are my weird eating habits. Jelly biscuits with Ketchup, anyone?

### What was your favorite childhood memory?

I don't remember my childhood....literally.

### Why did you choose OCU?

I was part of the OCU academic challenge. High school academic teams competed for full tuition scholarships to Oakland city university. My team, due to no help from myself, won! Essentially, I'm here because of a game show.

### Do you like your decision?

Absolutely. It's been a huge blessing on my life, and I've been exposed to many great

people I would've never known if it weren't for the hard work of others (my team and family). I wouldn't be the person I am today if it weren't for what I've learned and who I've met at OCU.

### When were you introduced to Jesus Christ?

Well, I've always known about Christ. I didn't accept him as my Savior until my sophomore year of high school. I didn't really start following him though until I learned more about him through the

drama ministry group GNP, here at OCU!

### Why did you join GNP?

I wanted to learn more about and grow more in my faith! Plus, the fellowship was always amazing in the group. Some of my best friends and the most influential people in my life were or are part of the ministry.

### What is the main thing that stood out for you about OCU before you came here?

There isn't a McDonald's!

### What is your favorite thing about OCU?

Besides not having McDonald's, definitely the fellowship and open door environment. I've really felt at home!

### Who has most impacted you here? Why?

A couple of my closest friends and my boss, David Depoister. I don't wanna drop any names for the friends: Can't have 'em thinking I'm picking favorites! But with David, he's really shown me



what it means to lead through serving others. It's something I plan on valuing the rest of my life!

### What is your major?

Social Sciences (History Concentration)...

### Why?

I love all the social sciences? Ha ha!

### What do you want to do when you graduate?

I'm going get a Masters in Social Work!

### Do you like living on campus? Why?

I love it. I love being close to all the facilities and to my friends.

### Where do you work?

I work in the Holy Grounds coffee shop and as a Resident Director in Dearing Hall.

### Do you like it? Why?

Yup! Both are really rewarding jobs, and I get to meet and interact with some amazing (or at least interesting...) people. Plus, the shop has a habit of keeping me awake through those long days.

### Are you excited about graduating?

It is bittersweet. I'm excited to move on in my education and life, but I'll miss good ol' OCU.

### Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

I hope to be finished with my Master's in social work and pursuing a career in that field. Don't really care where I end up, as long as I'm on the job. Canada, anyone?

### One last fun one: what is your favorite dog?

UH. Corgis! Look at those little stubs! (Shout out to Nick Bauer, another resident corgi enthusiast.)



Earthlight

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driven to do it is because I feel the joy of the Lord on me and I want to express that to others. I want to tell more people about Christ and that is the reason I do this," said Pinnick.

Pinnick also says that his favorite part of leading in worship is getting to see other people worship and the joy that they get from receiving the Holy Spirit.

He is also a member of The Great Command, another worship band here on campus, and has performed alongside some of the bigger names in

worship music at the university's event, SoulFest.

He will be performing at this year's SoulFest along with the other members of The Great Command, including Earthlight member Roman Lambert.

SoulFest will be April 9 at 6:00 at the Johnson Center. Other bands that will be performing with The Great Command will be About A Mile, We Are Messengers, Cochren and Co. and Anonomus.

There is no charge to get into the concert to see this great worship experience.

## Procrastination Station



By Elizabeth Bolin  
Staff Writer

What is that room next to the coffee shop? Well it has a name: the Procrastination station. It was named by Tyler Rust.

Most students go into the room anticipating doing homework, but actually don't get much done. They get caught up in talking or

hanging out with friends.

Also, people like to go in there and play board games and just have fun.

GNP also holds practices in there from time to time.

Overall, if you just want to hang out with friends, play a game, and enjoy each other's company, or if you just want to take a nap, this is the room you need to be in.

## Getting your car ready before spring break

Jordan Davis  
Guest Writer

Spending a little time and money on preventative maintenance can save your next trip from becoming a nightmare. The fact is that most of us own a car, and require some special attention that, if not done, will eventually cause serious problems or even destroy your vehicle. Also, these steps, if not done in periodic fashion, could result in being left stranded.

For some people, the thought of looking under the hood of a car may seem rather daunting. There are so many wires, hoses and other funny looking shapes under the hood that one could easily become scared of what is really there. With a little training from someone who knows what he/she are looking for, preventive maintenance can be performed by almost anyone. For some people, that means feeling unsure of how to check, what to check or when to check it.

Most mechanics will check

your car for you, and, in some cases, they could do a better job because they have specialized equipment that helps them check the underside of the car.

When performing this type of maintenance check, an individual will check all the critical engine fluids under the hood. This includes engine oil; the antifreeze level and strength; the power steering fluid; and transmission fluid (if equipped). The reason for checking the antifreeze strength is to determine how effective it will be at freezing temperatures, and also to see at what point it will boil.

In addition to checking the fluids, you would also want to check the belts and hoses that are visible. With the belts, if you see a tear, a missing piece or excessive wear marks, it would be time to change the belt. Don't worry if you don't know how to change it. You are better off to let someone trained make this repair if you don't know how.

## One tour led to many more

By Maria Cottier  
Editor

Student Ambassadors are an important club on campus that has helped many students come to the university. It is a club that offers tours to prospective students. Among the many other things it does, it has impacted its members in ways that they will not forget.

Brandon Duncan is a junior at OCU. His major is Physical Education and Health. He hopes to be a teacher and a coach at a school when he graduates.

Apart from working in Career Services, mentoring in TRiO and being a member of SGA, he has been a Student Ambassador since he first attended OCU three years ago and is still enjoying it.

He loved his first tour so much that he decided to come here and be a member of Student Ambassadors. "It's helped me meet a lot of great people. Also, it gives me an opportunity to meet new students coming in," said Duncan.

Student Ambassadors give tours to groups and individuals. They are also involved with the SoulFest concert, help with the accepted student days and help the

admissions team whenever possible.

Duncan enjoys giving tours and especially is assigned to group ones. "I do about 3-5 group tours a semester. Some ambassadors are doing tours every other week. It's hard to find a day where a tour isn't happening," said Duncan.

Student Ambassadors are a friendly and enjoyable club to be a part of, "It's like a big family and you'll make a lot of great friends," said Duncan.

Being a member of the club also appeals to employers because it teaches skills, such as leadership. "When we have schools come in, sometimes you have 10 or more kids you've got to take on a tour and only one teacher who looks to you to take charge," said Duncan.

From what Duncan has learned as a Student Ambassador, he knows it will aid him in the future as a leader. "It's definitely fine-tuned my skills to be a teacher," said Duncan.

Students are encouraged to join the club; the only requirement is a

3.0 GPA or higher.

Duncan explains that being a Student Ambassador will help any student no matter their major. "I think it teaches them the importance of interpersonal relationships. No matter what career we are going into, people are a part of it, and being good with people is something that's important," said Duncan.

The club has activities and get togethers that are memorable. Duncan's favorite one was when the members were allowed to paint their portrayal of OCU, and it was very interesting what everyone put on it.

Student Ambassadors has impacted Duncan's life in skills, friendships and fun memories.

For questions on joining Student Ambassadors, visit the admissions department in the Murray Center for information.



and lock out service, and someone will bring you fuel if you run out.

When you have a breakdown out of your area, sometimes you can be at the mercy of the mechanic. There are some mechanics who want to charge enormous rates and fix things that are not even broken on your car. Just remember, it's your car and you have the right to get a second opinion. This even applies, too, before taking your trip. Some mechanics can be overzealous and want to repair more than what really needs repaired or looked at. It is okay to question why this or that needs to be repaired on a car, but if it seems odd for a mechanic to want to fix a lot of different things, a second opinion may be necessary.

This one is pretty obvious, but I would not leave on any long trip without making sure my wipers were in good shape. When they are in normal use, windshield wipers should not drag hard or make excessive noise. When they are examined by the eye, they should show no signs of weathering or tearing. The reasoning for wanting good wipers is that you never really know what type of weather you are going to be driving in. A good example of this is flying down the interstate not being able to see what is in front of you.

While making that trip, everyone hopes that nothing goes wrong, but, in case something does happen, there are a few things to keep in mind when looking for help. First of all, if you do have car problems, think safety first. Do not do anything unless you can have ample working room. Also, do you feel safe with a stranger helping you out? Nowadays, there are many insurance companies and even cell phone providers that offer roadside assistance. These programs offer a wide range of services. One I thought was really interesting was that Verizon Wireless offers roadside assistance for \$3 dollars a month. It offers tire repair, towing, jump starting

## TRiO is here to help you!

By Carlie Nichols  
Assistant Editor

Out of the several programs that Oakland City University offers students on campus, there is one program that some students may or may not be aware of. Located downstairs in the Student Life Center, slightly down the hallway past the Oaks, lies the Student Support Services center, otherwise known as TRiO.

TRiO is a federally funded program by the U.S. Department of Education that provides students with opportunities for academic development. TRiO is designed to assist students with their basic college needs. It serves to motivate them towards graduating and receiving their degree.

"One of the main goals of the program is to make sure students come back to school every year and that they are in good academic standing," said TRiO-SSS director, Tamara Miley. "Also, we want to make sure that every student is able to graduate."

In order to be eligible for the TRiO-SSS program, an applicant must be a United States citizen or permanent resident, possess an academic need and fulfill one or more of the following criteria: be a first generation college student, meet income guidelines that are established by the U.S. Department of Education, or have on file a written documented physical or learning disability.

For those students who are eligible for the program, TRiO provides a bevy of services that range from tutoring, resume help, test preparation and writing assistance. Even if one needs to print a research paper in the computer lab, TRiO provides his/her with the supplies to do so.

Besides understanding what services TRiO provides on campus, it is also important to understand what each TRiO-SSS staff member does to help the variety of students on campus.

Tamara Miley is the TRiO-SSS program director. Her responsibilities include securing the grant by the U.S. Department of Education, making sure all of the rules are set in stone. She is also in charge of making decisions with what supplies are needed for the upcoming academic year.

Besides being the director of



The TRiO staff outside the offices from left to right, Heather Smith, Tamara Miley, Stacy Schmitt, Kyle Hill and Emily Taylor.

the TRiO-SSS program, Miley is also a first generation college student who received a degree from the University of Evansville in Elementary Education. She is very knowledgeable of workforce demands, and she has a passion for curriculum and instruction. No matter what your academic needs are, Miley will always be happy to assist.

Despite all of the great efforts Miley puts forth into the TRiO-SSS program, there are a few other important staff members that many students at OCU should know about as well.

The next member of the TRiO-SSS staff that is important to know more about is Stacy Schmitt.

Schmitt is the program coordinator for TRiO-SSS. She has assisted a number of students with graduation plans, career processes, first-year transition skills and financial literacy instruction.

For those who are not sure where they want to go with their degree, they should see Schmitt in SLC room 101; she will be more than happy to help students out with all of their questions or concerns.

Besides all of the wonderful duties Schmitt is responsible for in the TRiO-SSS department, there is another staff member who plays a vital role in the program; this happens to be Emily Taylor.

Taylor is the TRiO-SSS retention specialist, academic coach coordinator and writing specialist. She helps to improve students' writing and reading comprehension skills.

"I help students in all stages of writing," said Taylor. "Most of the time I help students with research paper ideas, editing and citation styles like APA, MLA and Chicago," Taylor said.

As well as the duties Taylor must fulfill on a daily basis,

TRiO-SSS assistant, Kyle Hill performs similar tasks.

Hill is the TRiO-SSS retention specialist and mentoring coordinator. His main focus is on test preparation and graduate school.

Hill has guided many students through the Pearson CASA, Pearson Pedagogy, Pearson Content Area and PRAXIS exams. Besides helping several education majors through their tough examinations, Hill is also available to talk to about the graduate school process.

So, if anyone needs to prepare for a standardized test or talk about attending graduate school in the future, they should see Hill downstairs in the SLC.

Despite all of these wonderful full-time staff members, there is one final person that is important to the TRiO-SSS department. This is part-time program assistant, Heather Smith.

Smith works in the TRiO-SSS computer lab on a daily basis and is available to help students in any way she can.

"I usually help tutor students in music, English, and general math," Smith said. "Aside from tutoring, I am clerical assistant who helps file documents and enter data," Smith said.

Smith, like some students on campus, was not eligible for the program while attending OCU back in 2014-2015, but she has seen the significant impact that TRiO has made on other students.

"It is fun to talk to the students who are members of TRiO," Smith said. "I am glad to assist them in any way I can."

For those who are interested in learning more about the TRiO-SSS program, please contact one of the above staff members or check out [Trio4ocu.com](http://Trio4ocu.com) to learn more.

## Kitchen aide with Adelaide

By Adelaide Cutchin  
Staff Writer

Fruits are not only healthy and tasty, but you can also eat them on the go. On the other hand, sometimes a regular old apple is just a little too boring to snack on.

Luckily for you, here's a quick and simple dip recipe that will add a little pizazz to your simple apple or banana.

The ingredients are:

1 ½ cup of Greek vanilla yogurt  
½ cup of peanut butter  
Ground cinnamon

First, combine all the ingredients in to a bowl stirring, until everything is evenly blended together.

Then, place your bowl in the fridge for your dip to chill for about 30 minutes or however cool you want your dip to be.



This dip can be served with any fruit of your choosing or if you prefer something a little sweeter, animal crackers or vanilla wafers will work as well.

## Welcoming new Director of Admissions

By Kenzie Rudolph  
Staff Writer

Mariah McDaniel now holds the title of Director of Admissions at Oakland City University.

McDaniel is from Albion, Illinois, and graduated from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in management, which she is putting to good use now here at OCU.

Before coming to work at OCU, McDaniel worked at the Marriott in Louisville, Kentucky.

"I found OCU through my step-mother. I had been looking to move up in a position and to be closer to home. It was time to move up in life," said McDaniel.

McDaniel has many new responsibilities that came with accepting this job. She accepts or denies every student that is interested in attending OCU, manages five other people who work in the admissions office and manages recruitment.

McDaniel has been with the

university for over a year and a half, so she has received a warm welcome.

"The hardest part is not knowing the names of all of the students," said McDaniel.

McDaniel is making it a point to make her office feel and look comfortable enough for students to come in. She brought in a wooden cross to hang in her office. It is very special to her. She also made her office smell like cupcakes.

McDaniel has many ideas for admissions at OCU.

"I hope to personalize the campus visits. I want them to experience what OCU really stands for and not just go through the motions."

McDaniel hopes for a positive change within our school. She also wants people to have more of a positive attitude toward admissions.

McDaniel feels like OCU was a good choice for her. She enjoys the things we can do, like sharing our religion.

"It is enlightening to be able to go to chapel and pray. I feel like I can be successful here, and I want that to build OCU's reputation," said McDaniel.



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### EVERYDAY ADVENTURES BY HEATHER SMITH



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report their findings for publication. OCU's research has determined that this approach meets the needs of its constituents as it provides professional growth in (a) communicating with others, (b) assisting restructuring and reforming current instructional practices in the schools, (c) developing leadership skills necessary in working with students, parents/caregivers, and community leaders, and (d) providing hands-on opportunities for educators to conduct research and to assess the value of identified pedagogical strategies - multiple intelligences, learning styles, integrated instruction, and peer mentoring.

Dr. Nancy Miller, OCU's School of Education Graduate Studies Director, sees the educational leadership program as growing even stronger with a recently integrated a process of accountability and continuous improvement utilizing a newly implemented assessment program at the university called, Campus Labs. "This process allows instructors to collect specific data each semester on their classes so they can more realistically evaluate what is and is not working in the classroom. The process further allows each instructor to reflect on how they will use data to improve the class in the future." Dr. Miller, however, is especially adamant about the programs essential mission. "Our program prepares graduates to be the best servant leaders possible in their work places." At OCU Graduate programs, this mission is certainly more than just talk. Dr. Miller pointed out that "students are expected to complete a rigorous research project that infuses an importance of servant leadership in their field. She further believes that the doctoral program "exemplifies the mission of Oakland City University: *Oakland City University is a Christian faith-based learning community dedicated to the enhancement of intellectual, spiritual, physical and social development for positive leadership."*"

**Doctoral Candidate Classwork and Research**

At the heart of the program is its practical focus on a research problem within the candidate's own work environment and, under the guidance of OCU professors, the finding and using of real time data to address the problem. Past research problems studied include the examination of several important contemporary issues in the public and private schools and in higher education on such topics as school safety, testing and accountability, teacher training and leadership styles. Leadership style issues and other important topics have also been examined by OCU graduates in the business and military arenas. Many OCU Educational Leadership

dissertations, with the assistance of OCU professors, have been turned into professional presentations at academic conferences and professional journal articles. Published articles in academic journals by OCU graduates based on student dissertations run the spectrum from finding ways to better train the next generation of leaders to using a battlefield metaphor to better address the dire problems faced by many urban schools.

Doctoral work, especially concerning the high level of research and writing required while completing the dissertation, is a difficult process. Perhaps most essential to the OCU program is the assistance professors give to students in their classes and research. Unlike many doctoral programs, OCU professors are total advocates for their students' classroom and research successes. Graduates are typically quick to emphasize the advantages of the program. One recent graduate, Dr. Seth Clark, an Indiana high school principal, noted his great satisfaction with the program. "I found OCU's doctorate program in educational leadership to be meaningful, manageable, and marketable. The coursework, professors, and meeting times are compatible with working people looking to pursue an advanced degree." Clark also remarked that "candidates work on research that is impactful and of interest, creating new and important information that contribute to the larger knowledge base." Most importantly, perhaps, Clark added, "There is a definite feeling of family and support conveyed by the OCU faculty producing an experience and degree that is not only valuable but personal."

**Importance of Faculty Research**

Research leading to professional journal articles and presentation at conferences is an important touchstone of an academic program. The Educational Leadership Program at Oakland City University is committed to encouraging and supporting its faculty in pursuing a rigorous research and publications and presentation agendas. A strong rationale exist for developing such a strong department research plan. Carrying out research can serve to make instructors more aware of cutting edge ideas in their areas of expertise and thereby help bring these understandings into the classroom setting. Furthermore, the findings of OCU faculty research can contribute to the larger ongoing academic conversation. Finally, carrying out research and disseminating findings can serve as modeling to students in the Educational Leadership and other graduate programs.

Some of the most recent examples of OCU Educational Leadership faculty publishing successes include:

- Adjunct faculty member Dr. Michael Burch and full time faculty members

Dr. Pat Swails and Dr. Randy Mills: "Perceptions of Administrative Leadership Qualities at a Christian University: A Case Study." *Education*, 135(4): 399-404, 2015.

- Several articles concerning historical leadership studies by Dr. Mills: "A Restless, Roaring Crowd: The Unexplored Dynamics of the 1945 Bingo Riot in Evansville, Indiana." *Journal of the Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences*, 2016; "To Make War against the Whiskey Ring: Anti-Saloon Sentiment and Extralegal Violence in Southwest Indiana 1874-1875." *Indiana Magazine of History*, 111(3), 217-249, 2015; "By Axe and by Pen: The Element of Social Order in William M. Cockrum's History of the Underground Railroad." *Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History*, 26(3), 36-43, 2014; and, "A Christian Duty: Misadventures along the Indiana Underground Railroad. (co-authored) *Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History*, 25(2), 38-45, 2013.

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- Adjunct faculty member Dr. Bart McCandless: "The Use and Misuse of Metaphor in Education and Education Reform." *Education*, 132(3): 538-544, 2012.

- Adjunct faculty member Dr. Joel Munoz: "Literacy Skills Transfer in Heritage Spanish Speaking Students: A Seminal Study." *Journal for the Liberal Arts and Sciences*, 19(2): 84-90, 2015.

- Dr. Pat Swails continues to a sought after speaker at national education conferences with her most recent presentations concerning assessment in education.

Below are the some specific areas of research interest of full-time faculty in the Educational Leadership Program.

**Dr. Steve DeGeorge, Dean of the School of Education**

Dr. Steve DeGeorge came into higher education in 2000, after eighteen years as a P-12 school administrator. This experience greatly shaped his research interest, much of which has been focused upon the impact of teacher training on P-12 schools both in the U.S. and abroad. In the last eight years, Dr. DeGeorge's work has been international in scope, as he has traveled to Europe more than a dozen times, speaking at conferences for educators, consulting with school administrators, developing international student teaching opportunities, and writing curriculum for teacher training in Hungary. In addition, he has facilitated the use of online classes as continuing education for educators at an International School in Budapest, Hungary. Through

consulting opportunities, Dr. DeGeorge has also offered professional services to schools and boards of educational institutions by assisting them in key operational areas. In addition, he has provided faculty workshops in both private and public schools. Presently, Dr. DeGeorge is working on a research project for publication titled, "Do Student Teachers Add Value to Their Placement Schools: A Descriptive Study."

**Dr. Nancy Miller, Director of Graduate Studies of the School of Education**

Dr. Miller's primary research interests involves the retention of adult learners, adult education, and workforce economic development. Presently, Dr. Miller is working on a research project which examines how faculty's educational philosophies can influence the learning process and retention of adult learners.

**Dr. Patricia Swails, Full-time Faculty, Educational Leadership**

Dr. Swails' research interests include the effectiveness of data driven models in education and issues regarding assessment in higher education. She has developed a strong expertise in educational accreditation issues and is a highly sought after speaker at professional conferences. She presently serves as the chair of the Association of Teacher Educators' Publications and Research Committee. Dr.

Swails has also been recognized for her work in education by receiving the ATE-I region's Osburn Distinguished Service Award in 2014. Presently, Dr. Swails

continues to work on ongoing research ideas in several areas and in collaboration with other education scholars. These areas include diversity issues in rural educator preparation programs. And an exploration of formal leadership training at the undergraduate level.

**Dr. Randy Mills, Full-time Faculty, Educational Leadership**

Dr. Randy Mills comes to the Education Leadership program from a history and history education background and brings to the educational leadership program several research and publishing agendas. Earlier research publications of his have appeared in educational journals such as *Adolescence*, *American Secondary Education*, *College Student Journal*, *Education*, *Journal for Humanistic Education*, *Magazine of History* (a history education journal), *Scholar and Educator*, *Social Education*, *Social Studies Review*, *The Social Studies*, and *The Social Studies Teacher*. Dr. Mills' present research in leadership includes examining leadership as it has been demonstrated in combat situations and through historical biography. He has had three books on military history published by academic presses, and his biography of Indiana's first governor was a finalist for the Best Book in Indiana award in nonfiction in 2006. Also in 2006, Dr. Mills received the George C. Roberts

Academy of the Social Sciences for his scholarship. Presently, he is working on a research and writing project that touches upon leadership issues at the rifle company command level during the Vietnam War. He also continues in the role of editor of the *Journal for the Liberal Arts and Sciences*, a position he has served in for the last six years.

**Future Plans**  
Future plans are varied yet have an overarching theme of improvement. The School of Education will focus on improving licensure assessment scores as candidates finish their academic programs and enhance their career opportunities. The School of Education has invested time, talent, and resources to assist candidates in preparing to take State licensure assessments.

Additionally, the doctoral program has instituted the *Dissertation of the Year* Program. Only one deserving doctoral candidate will receive this honor each year. The completed dissertation manuscript must conform to the current edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA). Dissertation of the Year will be judged based on the following criteria:

- Significance.** The theoretical or practical significance to the field should be evident.

- Quality of Writing.** The dissertation should develop ideas cogently, organize components logically and connect elements with effective transition.

- Quality of Research.** The dissertation should reflect high quality research and should include theories, and are the research design is articulated concisely and logically.

- Quality of Research Analysis.** The dissertation should reflect high quality analysis of data.

Lastly, the School of Education would like to re-establish the *Celebration of Learning* event. This event will place emphasis on the theses and dissertation of recent graduates. It is truly an opportunity to celebrate learning! The Educational Leadership Program at Oakland City University is dedicated to continuing to offer classes, degrees, and events that is "meaningful, manageable, and marketable."

**Tori Flowers****Continued from Page 5**

with other assessments in order to be able to get into the School of Education and to be permitted to student teach.

Flowers thanks her family and friends, saying that they have "pushed me to do my best and made me stay positive" throughout the common struggles of earning a degree. With no regrets and a large experience of friendships forged in the fire of OCU, Flowers will be going into the world to spark fires in the hearts of our future generations.

# The power of art through tribulation

By Corabelle Tally  
Staff Writer

The art gallery here at Oakland City University, located in Cornwell-Reed, recently showed pieces by creators Jason Stockburger and Fred Robberts. The gallery displayed their pieces from Jan. 11 to Feb. 26.

The reception at which Stockburger's family and Robberts himself came to talk occurred Jan. 24.

Stockburger was very

creative from a young age and throughout high school.

Once he graduated, he participated in the Navy and tried out a few other career choices.

Soon after that, Stockburger was involved in an accident in 2007 that left him paralyzed from the neck down except for small movements in his arm and wrist.

A device was fashioned for him to be able to draw again.

This has become a way to escape his bed and once again

have some power over his life.

Roberts had been one of Stockburger's high school teachers.

Roberts has taught many age levels and is experienced in many different art forms.

He has had some influence in helping Stockburger recover and gain a creative interest once again.

Some of Roberts artwork was also on display in the gallery.



"No Idea in Sight"  
Fred Robberts  
Ink



"Mary and Baby Jesus"  
Jason Stockburger  
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7 "Our lives begin to end the day we become \_\_\_\_\_ about things that matter." -MLKJ  
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10 An American Baptist minister, activist, humanitarian, and leader in the African-American Civil Rights movement.  
12 "Float like a...." - M.A.

- 13 An African-American former professional boxer, generally considered among the greatest heavyweights in the sport  
14 A day to celebrate love, named after a third-century Roman saint

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- 1 A romantic fire-hazard  
2 February 13th, a day for girls to celebrate their friendship  
5 An African-American social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman (1818-1895)  
8 An American Muslim minister and human rights activist  
11 "Sting like a..." - M.A.

Answers on page 14.



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# Arts and Media

## Upcoming play: "The Tempest"



By HarleeRay Bicknell  
Staff Writer

For the 2016 Spring semester, the Oakland City University Drama Club will be presenting the play *The Tempest*, originally written by William Shakespeare and first performed in 1611.

This play, while one of his more fantastical works, is believed by many critics to be his last, as well as his most autobiographical.

The play begins in the midst

of a storm created by Prospero, with the intention to shipwreck the passengers - his brother who usurped him from his previous power as the Duke of Milan, the prince Ferdinand, the king Alonso, and other lords, jesters and crew.

Prospero inhabits the island he was cast away to with his daughter, Miranda, as well as other beings, such as spirits and Caliban, a most savage creature. As the shipwrecked men wander the island, many events begin to unfold,

revolving around acts of vengeance, murder plots, an eager romance and reconciliation.

With edits made to the script and characters to fit Oakland City University, the play is directed by Steven Toepper, HarleeRay Bicknell and Lindsay Prow.

The drama club supervisor is Chris Cook.

The cast list is posted below in alphabetical order by character.

Alonso- Justin Stienecker  
Antonia - Hannah Salo  
Ariel - Daniel Waggoner  
Caliban - Robert Fellows  
Ferdinand - Tristan Nagelkirk  
Gonzala - Suellen Head  
Miranda - Cassidy Bogard  
Prospero - Dylan Johnson  
Sebastiana - Emily Abel  
Stephanie - Brittany Latham  
Trinculo - Logan Lofland

## Star Wars: The Force Awakens review

By Steven Toepper  
Staff Writer

Clenched muscles and internal screaming. Though this sounds like a recipe for an unfortunate case of constipation, it more accurately defines my reaction to the opening scrawling text of *Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens*. Never before had I experienced the infamous yellow-font introduction nor the blasting brass of orchestrator John Williams in a visually and audibly immersive theater setting as that day, and I don't believe I shall soon forget it. And neither shall my girlfriend, as I elatedly held, squeezed and destroyed her hand like the late, planetary body of Alderaan.

Over the next two hours, I, mouth agape, watched the intrepid space odyssey that had been decades in the making and at least two years in the forefront of my mind. As blasters pew-pew-ed, lightsabers hummed and TIE Fighters screamed through the empty vacuum of space, I found myself enraptured by the universe and pop cultural references that had consumed a large portion of my childhood and that promised to ensnare the majority of my future and spending money.

Warning: The following synopsis contains minor spoilers, character biographies and plot details; if you haven't seen the film.... I advise you to do so. The opening scrawl provides the exposition of the long-awaited and theorized events surrounding the 30 year gap between *Episode VI: Return of the Jedi* and *VII: The Force Awakens*. As the story unfurls, confusion and instability are the bywords of both the Republic Resistance (once the Rebellion) and the First Order (originally the Empire), still locked in combat and tenuous power-grabbing since the Emperor's defeat in

*Return of the Jedi*. Things have become bleaker for our beleaguered protagonists due to the ill-timed disappearance of the past-Rebellion's most famous war hero, Luke Skywalker, rumored to be the last surviving Jedi. Equally concerned about Luke's whereabouts, for ulterior and malicious motives, are the newly introduced leaders of the First Order: Supreme Leader Snoke, his mysterious Force adept protégé, Kylo Ren, and General Hux.

Playing for the opposition comes other new characters, such as Rey, a young woman stranded as a scavenger on the desert planet of Jakku, with an origin story as equally mysterious as the masked Kylo Ren. When her path crosses with an energetic and strategically crucial BB-8 droid (whose appearance is vaguely reminiscent of a soccer ball combined with Google Chrome) and Finn, a First Order Stormtrooper turned Resistance member, her destiny takes a drastic turn towards the far off star systems in a series of altercations against the First Order and their fully functional Starkiller Base, which grants them the ability to destroy entire planetary systems.

Alongside this bevy of new personas are some friendly faces too. The legendary Han Solo and his walking carpet of a companion, Chewbacca, make a dynamic appearance and lasting impression in the *Star Wars* saga's infamous starship, the Millennium Falcon. Princess Leia returns as well, trading in her Honey Bun hairstyle for the war-worn wardrobe of a general of the newly reformed Republic. And with rumors of other popular characters resurfacing in later films, such as Billy Dee Williams as Lando Calrissian, one can only assume that the franchise will continue to make callbacks to the original trilogy. And since the film is

set 30 years following the events over Endor, this also accurately represents the same amount of time since *Return of the Jedi*'s release for the audience. Consequently, three generations of movie-goers are bridged together. The older generation will relate to the classic (and slightly more creaky) antics of the series' landmark character, Han Solo, the audience of the prequel trilogy will be provided an entirely new storyline so as to efficiently forget the poor storytelling of Episodes I-III, and the youngest generation will feel a strong connection to the isolated Rey, who, like they, are introduced to an entire universe in an overwhelming fashion.

With all of the references made in regard to both previous trilogies, there remains much speculation among the *Star Wars* fan base as to whether this new trilogy is a continuation of the last three films or a carbon copy of them. Undeniably, several thematic elements and plot details parallel that of *A New Hope* (e.g. The bad guys build a planet-size, laser-wielding genocide machine to obliterate the good guys. This plot point is a focus of Episodes IV, VI and VII), and the most quotable lines from previous installments ("I've got a bad feeling about this...") pop up as well.

Perspective will be the discriminating factor in regards to whether *The Force Awakens* is an unoriginal rehashing of pop culture riding on the back of the success of the previous trilogy or a clever re-introduction into a long-neglected franchise with a healthy amount of re-familiarity of the universe in which it resides and the fictional history that precedes it. Personally, I take the perspective of the latter, though I am undoubtedly biased. The universe of *Star Wars* has always been a

## 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.

### "A Single Pen"

A single pen with ink so wet can change the world.  
And with this pen a country can be united,  
Relationships can be made,  
Or families can be destroyed.

And with this ink emotions can be communicated,  
History can be recorded,  
Or civil wars can be started.

And with this paper education can be obtained,  
Love can be intensified,  
Or hearts can be broken.

Yet you oh reader are so much more than a pen with ink on paper  
You are so much more than these items that have wreaked havoc  
and chaos

And have produced structure and peace.  
You are much more powerful than these mundane objects.  
You have the ability to change the world.  
So what will you do?

By Corabelle Tally

### "Fear Not"

Fear not my child,  
For I am here,  
To drown the sounds,  
And dry your tears,  
Through thick and thin,  
For I will stay,  
Forever and now,  
Don't be afraid.

By Jena Jones

considerably sized part of my life, and I looked to the silver screen with an unhealthy degree of excitement and apprehension. What I witnessed filled the part of my heart in which my fandoms reside with a gleam of hope, replacing the despondence that had been lodged since the *Star Wars* Extended Universe had been declared non-canonical preceding the film's release.

The cacophony of new characters and pivotal events circumscribing the saga's seventh installment creates an enveloping atmosphere for the movie-goer and promises an enrapturing storyline in the coming years, branching far from the roots of the previous films that we all know, or think we know. Though I won't mention any of them here, the major secrets unfolded in this film, which will only continue to come to fruition in Episode VIII (slated for December 2017), will cause one to reconsider and reshape the events of this film's predecessors.

Honestly, my opinion as to the quality of this film is irrelevant as to whether you should see it. If this film were to become a blockbuster or a flop, it will nevertheless become a cornerstone for pop culture, either as a redeeming tribute to the original trilogy or the epitome of continued Jar-Jar-ism. It cannot be

# Sports

## OCU Volleyball competes in fourth consecutive NCCAA Tournament; Harmon named All-American

By Carlie Nichols  
Assistant Editor

The women's volleyball team came off a tough loss to the Indiana Wesleyan University Wildcats during the final round of the National Christian College Athletic Association Mid-West Regional Tournament on Nov. 21. The Oakland City University women's volleyball team thought that their season was over with no luck making it into the national tournament.

Several days after the second place finish at the NCCAA Mid-West Regional Tournament, OCU women's volleyball head coach, Patti Buchta, received confirmation that the Lady Oaks were awarded an at-large bid to the national tournament, allowing them to compete, despite their loss earlier in the week to Indiana Wesleyan.

This is the first time in OCU's history that the women's volleyball team has qualified for the national tournament four years in a row.

Once the volleyball team arrived in Kissimmee, Florida, for the NCCAA national tournament, the team not only enjoyed having fun by the pool, but they also enjoyed spending quality time with several teachers and students at a

nearby inner-city school for their annual community service project.

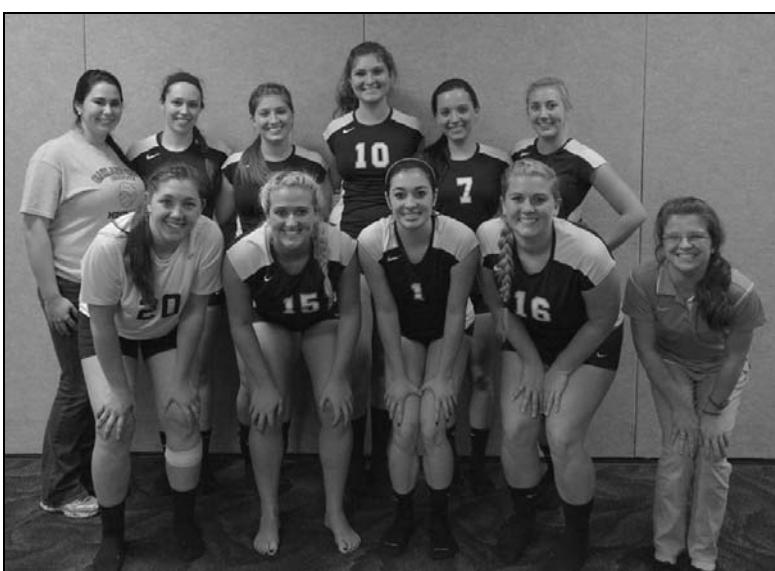
Minus all of the fun the Lady Oaks encountered during their Florida trip, it was finally time for the team to get serious and show off their talent on the volleyball court.

The Lady Oaks came into the tournament seeded seventh, but that did not stop them from playing their absolute best in every round of pool play.

After coming off a rough start to the tournament by losing two rounds of pool play against second seeded Southern Wesleyan University and third seeded Colorado Christian University, the Lady Oaks were able to tie for the fifth place spot in the national tournament after a 3-0 win over sixth seeded Judson University.

Despite the Lady Oaks not being able to bring home the national championship title, one OCU athlete was honored at the tournament for her impressive performance.

OCU senior, Tya Harmon, was awarded first team All-American honors along with being named to the 2015 All-Tournament Team. Harmon was the only player outside of the top four teams to receive the honor two seasons in a row.



The women's volleyball team getting ready for NCCAA tournament.

## Any time is tee time

By Madison Brooks  
Staff Writer

As the Oakland City University's men's Golf season gets under way, "The Collegian" spoke with some players to get their opinions on this year's team. The 2016 Spring Men's Golf team includes a number of hardworking individuals and great representatives for the university, including freshmen: Luke Taylor, Steven Coleman, Mitchell Frederick, and Ryan Crawford; sophomores: Joe Hinton, Todd Glickfield II, Brandon Long;

and Juniors: Kody Sloan and Ethan Sparks.

Hinton, majoring in Health and Physical Exercise, and Glickfield, majoring in Psychology, were two of the men that we chose to speak with. Hinton explains the team chemistry as "Unbelievable." Hinton went into further explanation saying, "We're one big dysfunctional family with Michael Breeden as our leader. We mess with each other, but we're also always there for each other." Being able to work as a team is an important aspect of every sport, including

## Slam dunk for Will: Lindsay said yes!



William Adams proposing to Lindsay Shell at one of her basketball games at OCU on Dec. 12, 2015.

## Mighty Oak senior basketball players honored

By Justin Stienecker  
Staff Writer

The Mighty Oaks men's basketball team has had an incredible year. A big part of this successful basketball season is the great leadership and talent of the Mighty Oak seniors.

Senior Tommie Bell came to Oakland City University from Warren, Michigan. He has been playing ball since his dad signed him up at the age of 5. Even with two other college offers from schools in Michigan, Bell decided that he wanted to see what it was like to play ball in Indiana.

Madison, Kentucky, native, senior Byron Dulin has loved the sport since the age of 6. Since his family was not big into basketball, he had to take the time to teach himself how to play. This was not time wasted due to the fact he has had a great deal of success in the sport.

Senior Matt Lucas comes to

golf. Glickfield had strong feelings about how his team will make out in their upcoming season saying, "I hope that we produce well and that next year we will have a chance to go to Regionals and win." Both men believe that their team is capable of winning a majority of the tournaments that they plan to compete in during their upcoming season.

Sloan and Sparks are also looking forward to the upcoming season for golf.

Sloan, majoring in Health, agreed with the rest of his teammates, saying that the team should win most of their matches. Sparks went into great detail explaining that the upcoming season should be a real treat for them: "We brought in two transfers (Frederick and Crawford) this year that are going to take us to the top and give us a chance to win regionals and compete in nationals." Sparks also



Left to right: Byron Dulin, Tommie Bell, Matt Lucas and John Sulak.

us from Seymour, Indiana. He comes to the Mighty Oaks with a family of basketball players. This has been a great encouragement since he has suffered a lot of injuries in high school, which kept him from playing at the beginning of his college career. Starting college at Ball State and not playing, he transferred to OCU to play with the successful Mighty Oaks.

describes the players as "unselfish" and is happy that they all encourage one-another in their games. "We do not get to take the entire team to every tournament we go to, which means some of us have to stay at school. The ones who don't get to go don't sit and pout about it, they congratulate the other guys," Sparks said.

Senior Jonathan Sulak comes from Temple, Texas, where he played basketball since he was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. He also played college ball for Northwood University in Texas. After the college cut basketball from their program, Sulak was searching for a new place to play ball. That's when he found the Mighty Oaks and has played for OCU ever since.

After speaking with these gentlemen, it is clear that Oakland City University has a dedicated group of men on the golf team.

The team will play in Montgomery at Country Oaks Golf Club on April 1 at 11:00 A.M. Go out and support our Mighty Oaks!



# Fall Sports Banquet: Success through coattails

By Maria Cottier  
Editor

The Oakland City University Fall Sports Banquet was recently held on Thursday, Feb. 4, at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. The teams that attended the event were Women's Volleyball, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, and Men's and Women's Cross Country. Each team was honored by their coaches and given letters of participation as varsity players.

The coaches took turns speaking about how their season went. Coach Cassidy Nalley of the cross country team thanked the coaches, staff, the parents and her athletes. "All of my players are special to me," said Nalley, as she reflected how each of them had overcome many obstacles this last season.

Emmanuel Awotula, coach of the Women's Soccer team, thanked his athletes for how hard they worked for the team and spoke of their talents and how much he appreciated every one of his players.

Coach Stephen Peck explained the ups and downs that came with his fall season with the Men's Soccer team. "Things started off this year very encouraging, then the nightmare hit." Reflected Peck, "We started losing one goal

games. But then we played the team that was number 13 in the country, and we won, and we played games in the post season. We learned the importance of improving as the season continued," said Peck.

The men's coach smiled as he informed the audience that his team is required to perform in the classroom as well as on the field. The Men's Soccer team stayed out of study hall by keeping a 3.0 or higher. "They have done what none of my other teams has been able to do," said Peck.

Coach Patti Buchta spoke of the great joy her Women's Volleyball team had brought her this year. "We didn't have a large team this year, but no other teams in the country had made it four years in a row to nationals," said Buchta.

"I've never seen a group that worked as hard or celebrates as hard as they did," Buchta said proudly. She thanked the ladies for their efforts and wished them all well. She announced she will officially be retiring from coaching the team.

Mike Sandifar, the director of athletics, thanked everyone that attended for their hard work. He explained that the words "enter to learn, go forth to serve," is to train servant leaders for a desperate world.

President Dr. Ray Barber was

the last to honor the student athletes with a speech as he informed them that he appreciated all the athletes' hard work. "Sometimes I wonder how much they do for us, then I see them running on the streets around campus," said Dr. Barber.

Dr. Barber reflected that he stood on coattails in order to be where he is today. He explained that there was not a person in the room who was not standing on the coattails of someone else, such as their parents, donors and grandparents.

"There is nothing wrong with standing on each other's coattails," said Dr. Barber. "It's alright to have a friend to help you."

Dr. Barber looked over the crowd and said, "I challenge you to live your lives in such a way that others can stand on your coattails, too. Most of these sports are team sports, and you have to stand on each-other's coattails. Someday when you graduate at our university, I hope you will allow others to stand on your coattails in business or ministry or anywhere else."

"I encourage and thank you for being who you are and what you are, to be grateful for coattails and to ask yourself what kind of coattails you will leave behind," said Dr. Barber.



students commit after giving them a tour," said Forbes.

Forbes's favorite memory from the team involves an insect. "Getting a cricket thrown on me and having the video go viral is my favorite memory," laughed Forbes. "Kelsey threw it on me, and Kristiana and Lucy were the ones recording it. I fell in the doorway flat on my back when I realized it was on me. I'm not afraid of crickets, so I don't know why I freaked out!" exclaimed Forbes.

Jones-Murphy's favorite memory involved pranking Forbes. "Someone sent out a chain message to the team. It was a very long message so when people sent it to Forbes's Android phone, the message came in pieces and took longer to get, so everyone on the team kept texting Forbes the chain message and her phone just kept going off," said Jones-Murphy, laughing with Forbes.

By the time she stopped getting the message, Forbes had received 208 messages. Her phone kept going off, but she wouldn't turn it off because she wanted her teammates to hear it.

Jones-Murphy and Forbes hope to be a part of basketball in the future after they have received their degrees. "It's helped me stay active and I wouldn't mind coaching," said Jones-Murphy.

Forbes has found basketball to be an important aspect in lives when it is played. "I wouldn't be against helping

with basketball at an elementary level someday. I've enjoyed playing because I've made a lot of memories and friendships. It helps you grow as a person and a team player. It has taught me to persevere, especially this year," said Forbes

They are both excited to graduate and start a new chapter in their lives. Forbes hopes to use her education to work on the campus and later open a daycare in Oakland City. Jones-Murphy hopes to work for the NCAA in their Indianapolis headquarters.

"I'm excited to graduate and be in the world doing something I love and enjoying life," said Jones-Murphy.

For Jones-Murphy, being a part of a team and making lasting friendships is what has impacted her the most from playing on the team.

By playing on the team, Forbes has fulfilled a goal in her life. "It has always been a childhood dream for me, and I couldn't imagine giving it up right after high school, so I came to play at OCU," said Forbes.

Forbes has always loved the sport. "I enjoy being a part of a team where I can make memories and friends. It has always pushed me and been a part of my life I can turn to; you don't have to play with someone. You can always just go out and play the sport. It has always brought me joy, but being on a team has made it even better," said Forbes.

## Seniors, friends and basketball teammates

By Maria Cottier  
Editor

Ashley Lynn Forbes and Monique Jones-Murphy have been members of the women's basketball team at Oakland City University. Forbes is originally from Paoli, Indiana. Jones-Murphy is a transfer student from Vincennes University who originated from Seattle, Washington, but now lives in Columbus, Ohio, when she is not at OCU. They are both soon to graduate from the college this May.

The two have been playing basketball for most of their lives. Forbes has been playing for 18 years, and Jones-Murphy has been playing for 10.

Forbes saw the opportunity to attend a small university that was close to her home that contained a Christian atmosphere.

Before Jones-Murphy attended OCU, she had never heard of it until her teammate Chelsea Jellison mentioned it to her, and Jones-Murphy found it a good fit.

Forbes and Jones-Murphy are happy that they chose to play basketball for so long. They are both thankful for the memories and friendships.

Jones-Murphy has always enjoyed the sport because it is the one she has always played and she was not ready to let go of it. "I didn't want to quit it just yet because I didn't know if I could go to school and not

just do a sport, and the money I received from playing has helped me further my education," said Jones-Murphy.

There are different aspects that the players enjoy about OCU. Jones-Murphy enjoys the smaller classrooms because it offers better one-on-one learning. Her favorite thing about OCU is the TRIO program where she spends a lot of her time. "I also love the Flex points and the exchange meals, along with the coffee shop and the little stoop out on the front of the SLC to chill and talk," said Jones-Murphy.

Forbes has two main reasons why she loves OCU. "The first reason is the Christian atmosphere. I got baptized the summer before my freshman year of college, so I was new to everything. It was important to me to be surrounded by people who I could trust to hold me accountable," said Forbes. The second is being a Student Ambassador. "I have been a Student Ambassador since my freshman year, and it has really helped me grow as a person. I have learned more and more about the university I am very passionate about, and I met some great admission counselors. I have committed a lot of my time to Admissions because I love showing prospective students the campus and telling them how fun and great we are. It is very rewarding when I hear



# OCU's team pictures

## 2015-2016 Men's Basketball Team



Front Row L-R: Manager Kody Sloan, Joe Hinton, Andre Bearden, Matt Lucas, Tommie Bell, Carlos Avina, Alex Wittmer, Manager Diontez Williams  
Back Row L-R: Assistant Coach Charlie Brauser, Andrew Scott, Addison Wagler, Kinzer Havill, Head Coach Dr. Mike Sandifar, Byron Dulin, Jonathan Sulak, Tad Thompson, Assistant Coach Mikel Breedon

## 2015-2016 Women's Basketball Team



Front Row: Hannah Render, Samantha Beatty, Chelsea Jellison, Monique Jones-Murphy, Head Coach Brad Zellner, Aricka Prentice, Ashley Forbes, Raven Greer, Christiana Purvis  
Back Row: D'Nell Greenwell, Olivia Carroll, Lucy Berlanga, Emily Pitkin, Manager Sydney Tedrow, Lindsay Shell, Kelsey Pilant, Aubrey Carter

## 2015 Women's Volleyball Team



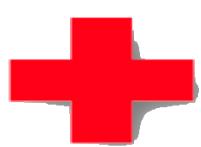
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## Senior with ten years of tennis under his belt

By Kenzie Rudolph  
Staff Writer

Preston Browning is a senior here at Oakland City University who has been playing tennis for around ten years. He is majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. It is safe to say that tennis has been a huge part of his life. This spring will be his last year playing, and it is a bittersweet feeling for him.

Browning got his start with tennis because there was not a baseball league for his age group at the time. He said that he has played a lot of sports, but none of them touch the level of emotional and physical stress that tennis gives you.

"My favorite thing about tennis is probably the feeling of winning a long match," said Browning.

Browning is no longer as competitive as he once was and just wants to relax and enjoy his last semester of college. His goal for this semester is to

have fun.

Browning struggled with the transition between high school and college tennis because he went from constantly winning, to only winning about half of his matches. Every college match is hard on him both mentally and physically.

Browning has always looked up to his old tennis coach, Beau Sparks.

"Without him, I would have never been any good at tennis, and he really wanted to help me get better," said Browning.

Browning also looks up to his dad because he knows the game of tennis well, and he was always there to support him as well as his mom.

After graduation, Browning plans to move back home to get out in the workforce and start his life.

Browning especially misses the bond that he had with his high school tennis team. He said that they were a unit.

"That is what I will miss most about tennis," said Browning.



Preston Browning putting in practice time before the upcoming tennis season.

Answers to crossword puzzle on page 10.

Across

3. February
4. Leslie Knope
6. Education
7. Silent
8. Michelle Obama
9. Rosa Parks
10. Martin Luther King Jr.

12. Butterfly
13. Muhammad Ali
14. Valentines Day

Down

1. Candles
2. Galentines Day
5. Frederick Douglass
8. Malcolm X
11. Bee

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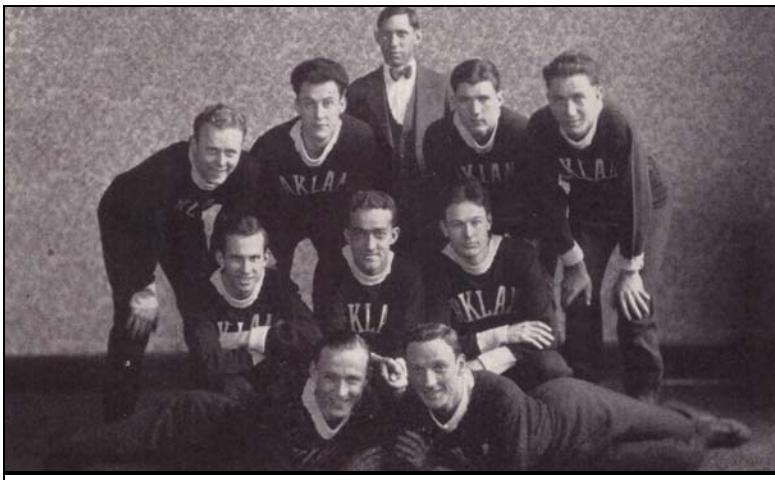


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## From the Archives

# Remembering the 1928 men's basketball team



Decker, Keller, Coach Pinnick, Patberg, Dunn, Bass, Smith, Sanders, Wilder and Kell.

Compiled from the *Mirror 1928 Yearbook* by Corabelle Tally Staff Writer

Coming from Oakland City University's (formally known as Oakland City College) 1928 yearbook known as the *Mirror*, we have some stats from the basketball team. The men had a tough year but played their hearts out and ended up just under breaking even with 6 wins and 8 losses. The teams that OCC beat included: Muncie Normal, Vincennes, Hanover (twice), Southern Illinois Normal and Central Normal. Now, here is a little bit about each of our all star players as listed in the 1928 *Mirror*.

### Patberg-Center

"Pat" was back after missing one season because of teaching. He was a consistent scorer and hard fighter. He alternated with Keller at the pivot position and the opposing center found it hard to get the tip. He has another year.

### Keller-Center

Herman bid fair to make his fourth season of Basketball the most outstanding, only to have it brought to an abrupt close when he suffered a leg injury shortly after mid-season. However, his work was great in the games he played. He was a hard fighter, good scorer and leader. We are sorry to lose him by graduation.

### Smith-Forward

"Smittie" was a hard driving little forward. He was a consistent floor man and ranked second for individual scoring honors. He is but a freshman and we expect much from him these next three years.

### Sanders-Guard

"Sandy" completed his third year as regular floor guard. He was like a streak on the floor, time and again dribbling down only to sacrifice a shot to pass

a waiting forward. He could always find some way to get the ball down the floor. He also graduates and will be missed greatly.

### Decker-Guard

"Casey" has been three years a regular back-guard. He always fights hard and usually finds the basket for points each game. He has one more year to wear the Blue and White.

### Kell-Forward

"Red" after being out of athletics a year came back and showed much of his old skill. He is fast and a very heady player. He can also shift to guard when called upon. "Red" has two more years.

### Bass-Forward

Bill was the smallest member of our squad. He made up for his size in speed and ability to hit the hoop. He improved all season and graduation is all that prevents him from troubling regular forwards next year.

### Stone-Guard

"Brick" was the big boy so often called upon to go in and take the tip-off. He could get the tip whether our center or the opposing center tipped it. He improved all season and he will be in there fighting next year.

### Dunn-Forward

Dunn entered school at Christmas and soon proved his worth as a running-mate for Smith. His ability to hit the basket gave him the honor of being high scorer for the team. He has three more years also.

### Wilder-Guard

"Birdie" could play either floor or back-guard. He is a good guard, a hard fighter and knows his basket-ball. He has two more years to fight for O. C.

# Spring sports schedule

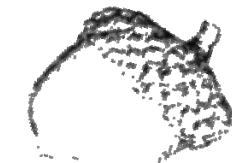
## 2016 Men's Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Feb. 19	Grace College (2)	Nashville, TN	2:00 pm
Feb. 20	Grace College (2)	Nashville, TN	12:00 pm
Feb. 27	University of Indianapolis (2)	Oakland City, IN	12:00 pm
Feb. 28	University of Indianapolis	Oakland City, IN	1:00 pm
Mar. 2	Indiana University-Southeast	Oakland City, IN	2:00 pm
Mar. 5	Indiana University-South Bend (2)	Oakland City, IN	12:00 pm
Mar. 6	Indiana University-South Bend	Oakland City, IN	1:00 pm
Mar. 9	St. Catharine College (2)	St. Catharine, KY	12:00 pm
Mar. 12	Goshen College (2)	Oakland City, IN	12:00 pm
Mar. 13	Goshen College	Oakland City, IN	1:00 pm
Mar. 15	Lindenwood University-Belleville (2)	Belleville, IL	12:00 pm
Mar. 21	Johnson University	Knoxville, TN	1:00 pm
Mar. 22	Covenant College	Lookout Mt., GA	2:00 pm
Mar. 23	Hiwassee College (2)	Madisonville, TN	11:00 am
Mar. 25	Brescia University	Owensboro, KY	5:00 pm
Mar. 26	Brescia University (2)	Oakland City, IN	12:00 pm
Mar. 29	St. Catharine College (2)	Oakland City, IN	12:00 pm
Apr. 1	Cedarville University	Cedarville, OH	1:00 pm
Apr. 2	Cedarville University (2)	Cedarville, OH	11:00 am
Apr. 5	St. Joseph's College	Rensselaer, IN	12:00 pm
Apr. 9	Berea College (2)	Berea, KY	12:00 pm
Apr. 10	Berea College (2)	Berea, KY	12:00 pm
Apr. 13	Lindenwood University-Belleville (2)	Oakland City, IN	12:00 pm
Apr. 16	Kentucky Wesleyan College (2)	Oakland City, IN	12:00 pm
Apr. 17	Kentucky Wesleyan College (2)	Owensboro, KY	12:00 pm
Apr. 20	University of Southern Indiana	Evansville, IN	6:00 pm
Apr. 23	Morthland College (2)	Oakland City, IN	12:00 pm
Apr. 24	Morthland College	Oakland City, IN	2:00 pm
Apr. 27	Indiana University-Southeast	New Albany, IN	5:00 pm
Apr. 30	University of Cincinnati-Clermont (2)	Oakland City, IN	12:00 pm
May 1	University of Cincinnati-Clermont (2)	Oakland City, IN	1:00 pm
May 18-21	NCCAA Mid-West Regional Tournament	Oakland City, IN	TBA
May 25-28	NCCAA National Tournament	Mason, OH	TBA
All games CST			

## 2016 Women's Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Feb. 26	Spring Arbor University (2)	Oakland City, IN	2:00 pm
Feb. 27	Spring Arbor University (2)	Oakland City, IN	12:00 pm
Mar. 5	University of Illinois-Springfield (2)	Oakland City, IN	12:00 pm
Mar. 7	Midway College (2)	Oakland City, IN	3:30 pm
Mar. 9	Lindenwood University-Belleville (2)	Belleville, IL	3:00 pm
Mar. 12	Brescia University (2)	Oakland City, IN	1:00 pm
Mar. 15	Kentucky Wesleyan College (2)	Owensboro, KY	12:00 pm
Mar. 17	Mothland College (2)	Oakland City, IN	3:30 pm
Mar. 19	Berea College (2)	Berea, KY	1:00 pm
Mar. 21	Trevecca Nazarene University (2)	Nashville, TN	2:00 pm
Mar. 28	Brescia University (2)	Owensboro, KY	3:00 pm
Mar. 31	St. Mary of the Woods College (2)	Oakland City, IN	3:30 pm
Apr. 2	Robert Morris University-Springfield (2)	Springfield, IL	2:00 pm
Apr. 3	Berea College (2)	Oakland City, IN	2:00 pm
Apr. 6	University of Southern Indiana (2)	Evansville, IN	5:00 pm
Apr. 7	Indiana University-Southeast (2)	New Albany, IN	2:00 pm
Apr. 9	St. Mary of the Woods College (2)	Terre Haute, IN	12:00 pm
Apr. 11	Lindenwood University-Belleville	Oakland City, IN	3:30 pm
Apr. 11	Indiana University-Southeast	Oakland City, IN	5:30 pm
Apr. 14	Kentucky Wesleyan College (2)	Oakland City, IN	3:30 pm
Apr. 16	Robert Morris University-Springfield (2)	Oakland City, IN	1:00 pm
Apr. 18	Morthland College (2)	West Frankfort, IL	2:00 pm
Apr. 20	Bellarmine University (2)	Oakland City, IN	3:30 pm
Apr. 23	University of Cincinnati-Clermont (2)	Batavia, OH	1:00 pm
Apr. 26	Midway College (2)	Midway, KY	3:00 pm
Apr. 30	Crowley's Rige College (2)	Oakland City, IN	12:00 pm
May 8-10	NCCAA Mid-West Regional Tournament	Marion, IN	TBA
May 12-16	NCCAA National Tournament	Roanoke, VA	TBA
All games CST			

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# Basketball season closes out for OCU athletes

