New popcorn sizes, but is it worth it?

by Evan Garcia

This year the concession stand in Sparks Gym is selling megaphones for two dollars at home volleyball and basketball games. A bonus to this souvenir is that you can fill the megaphone with popcorn for a quarter, however the small popcorn cup is also 25 cents. The question arose that popcorn buyers could be getting ripped off if they purchase the megaphone rather than the small bag because they are relatively the same size. When we filled the megaphone with popcorn, we then transferred the popcorn into an empty small cup. We found that the megaphone does, in fact, hold slightly more popcorn when filled above and beyond the brim. Consumers can decide for themselves which is the better investment.

So are buyers getting ripped off? We asked athletic director Mr. Frank Stratton about this, and he commented, “I feel like buying the megaphone is a better deal because you get a souvenir as well as the popcorn. Even my kids have their own megaphones.” Whether one agrees or not, the concession workers insist that people should buy their megaphones and cheer on for the Oneida Mountaineers.

Under ONE Sky event held during soccer game

by Fre Bentz

ONE is a new organization OBI has added. Last year Aisha Biyo and Tolu Sola-Adeyemi had the opportunity to be a part of it and go to Washington D.C. This year Mr. Jonathan Barnes is in charge of the organization along with the help of Mrs. Michelle Barnes and Mr. Ryan Cordle. So far the organization has done an event on September 24 during the boys’ soccer game. It was called, “Under ONE Sky.” It was held on the midfield of the boys’ soccer game against Corbin at half time because that marks halfway through the Millennium Goal. The Millennium Goal started in the year 2000 and it’s going to carry on until the year 2030. The year 2015 makes a halfway mark, and that’s why the organization chose to do this activity.

ONE held a meeting on Sunday to discuss and plan their “Under ONE Sky” event for Thursday. This was held during halftime of the soccer game.
The staff who watch over our little Mountaineers

by Talia Geerlings

Daycare Director Mrs. Linda Clark likes to work in the daycare because she loves children and wants to help them prepare for kindergarten. She says her strength is that she cares about her job and wants to do it well. Mrs. Linda says, “I want our children to have the best possible experience in daycare. She admits that her weakness is that she still has to learn about management and communication. She will be working in the daycare as long as she can, but she would like more teachers to be hired, so that the children can have more learning opportunities.

Ashley Gay decided to work in the daycare because she loves babies and she loves being able to work on the baby side. The youngest baby that she watches over is eleven months old, and the oldest one is twenty two months old. She says her strength in this job is her patience, and her weakness is getting up every morning to be on time. Ashley’s plan is to finish this year, and then she’ll be involved in a dental hygienist program. She says, “In the future I would like see a change between the staff to child ratios.”

Drama prepares for upcoming fall production

by Fre Bentz

Drama is doing their annual play for the fall. The play is called The Family Man by Benjamin Bernard and Carl Leo. The play is about Bill Cahill, an accident-prone former athlete who breaks his leg playing baseball with his children. His wife, Ellen, chooses to go back to work to support the family while Bill recovers and takes over management of the household in the 1960’s. He is not happy about it, but he is good at staying home and doing the job of a wife, and everything is going well. Eventually he becomes better and wants to go back to work, but the wife likes the job she has, so they have to see how that is going to work out.

Director Mrs. Tamara Cochran commented that her cast is, “Awesome! [We had a] whole pile of new auditions. I was worried at first. I didn’t think it was going to work.” She is expecting that people will hopefully understand the story and laugh at the humor and think about the issues that are still relevant today.
Senior Profile: Travis Combs

by Kirsten Frazier

Travis Combs is a senior from Oneida, Kentucky. He decided to come to OBI because his other school wasn’t working for him, and OBI had better opportunities. When asked what he liked best about OBI he commented, “Getting to interact with new people.” He states that “being a senior has a lot of responsibilities, but the skills that are learned will really help out in the future.” When asked what is one quote he would give to underclassmen he replied, “Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise. – Benjamin Franklin.”

Travis plans on attending college at Berea in the fall. He plans to become a teacher. His plans to end his senior year at OBI are to complete his hours for his Child Development Associate (CDA), get 40 hours of community service, graduate top of his class, and make a huge difference in the children he works with.

Staff Profile: Mr. Frank Stratton

by Aisha Biyo

Mr. Frank Stratton, OBI’s athletic director, was a student at Oneida for four years. He was involved in golf, baseball, drama, student council, and was the statistician for the basketball team. Mr. Stratton recalls his favorite memory at OBI being his senior year baseball season, saying, “Our stats were 24 wins and 6 losses.”

Being an Oneida graduate of 2001, not very many major changes have been made since that time. One change, however, was the girls’ freedom. ‘The girls have more freedom [now],” Mr. Stratton stated. “When I was a student here, they couldn’t leave the dorm except if they were going to free time.” While at Oneida, he made many friendships. Mr. Stratton said that he is still friends with some of his friends from Oneida. His least favorite memory would be having friends get sent home.

Being at Oneida, Mr. Stratton has learned importance of hard-work as both a student and a staff member. “As a student [Oneida] taught me the importance of self-sacrifice as I watched people serve for the Lord and not a worldly game,” he commented. Most Oneida graduates always say that they’re never going come back, and Mr. Stratton was among them. “I left here stating that I would never step foot on this campus ever again,” he related.

Local senior Travis Combs wants to be a teacher. He plans on attending Berea College.
OBI boys outclass Lincoln

by Ola Onitiri

The boys put in a determined and excellent display, as they completely dominated Lincoln. Goals from Alex Assa, Daniel Fonseca, and Steven Collins ensured OBI got the victory. The game started with Lincoln controlling possession until the ball got turned over, and it led to a swift counter attack. Alex, out of sheer persistence, bullied his way to the 18 yard box, and he unleashed a powerful strike to make it 1 – 0. One then became two, when Lincoln conceded a free kick and Steven scored. Lincoln conceded a penalty, and Daniel slotted it in to make 3 – 0. Lincoln pulled one back from a free kick that deflected off an OBI player. Alex scored his second and a fourth to make it 4 – 1. Lincoln scored a consolation goal through a penalty.

The season so far has been a success for the Oneida cross country team. With 12 runners and just over five weeks left in the season, they continue to push themselves and each other. This year elementary students were given the opportunity to run cross country. Fifth-grader Sara Sink says, “I’ve always wanted to join.” Sixth-grader Josiah Baker says he joined the team so that he could have fun. The team came together and thought of one word that describes their season and their team, and all replied saying, “Speed.”

Senior Sam Kelsey has run on the team for two years and has made huge improvements. Already this season he’s reduced his 5k time by 10 minutes. Sam comments, “The season is good so far; the support is great. My first race was very encouraging. All the elementary kids were cheering me on saying, ‘Sam! Sam! He’s our man!’” Sam has grown to love being a part of the cross country team which has also helped him grow to love the school. He states, “Even though I’ve only been here for two years, I’ve made so many friends, and I just love being here. I give God the glory for putting me here at this school and a part of this team.” Mr. Steve Grant is head coach and is working towards steady progress and perseverance for his runners. He also jokingly says, “I want to see sweat.” With Regionals on October 31 and State the following weekend, the team practices to the max and strives to improve as much as they can in hopes to end the season knowing they have accomplished something.
A letter to the Volunteers

Dear Volunteers,

Thank you so much for all you do around campus. Sometimes you may feel as if we don’t notice you or the amazing jobs you do around school. Truth is, we do notice. You guys do so much around here, and we couldn’t be more grateful for you. Though there are times that I may not get the chance to say it, I really appreciate you all for everything you do. The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the life of others. Each day you all make an extraordinary difference in all our lives.

“Changing the world always needs volunteers”

Thank you for being the volunteers that change our campus tremendously.

Yours Truly,

Aisha Biyo

What Fre has to say...

by Fre Bentz

The other day I was walking to class, and I saw a folded up note. Being nosy, I picked it up. Come to find out, it was a note between two people. I went back to my 5th period and told them about it. We read the note and laughed about it. It was funny, and towards the end we ended up guessing who the people were because they put their initials on the note. This leads me to tell you guys about my advice on how to write notes.

Word of advice: never put your initials on a note. Always make nicknames or just don’t put your name on the note because when somebody else finds it they will know it’s yours. Another thing is when I write notes to others I try to change my handwriting, which never works, but if you can make it possible please do so, especially if it’s private and you don’t want others to find it. Always hide the note or throw it away after wards. In general just be careful as to who you are writing the note to. See if they are responsible so they won’t let others read it.
What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

Carrie Ledet: Chocolate Chip Cookie-dough
Mardorie Eblen: Vanilla
Ms. Monroe: Coffee
Chloe Monday: Double Chocolate
Charmaine Lutz: Vanilla
Mrs. Belscher: Strawberry
Amy Simbi: Rainbow
Dotun Sola-Adeyemi: Superman
Mrs. Scull: Vanilla
Austin Gatza: Butter Pecan
Matthew Wolff: Cookies and Cream
Mr. King: Rocky Road
Will Barnes: Vanilla

Moriah Bevil: Strawberry Sorbet
Leanna Root: Sherbet
Kaleab Atnafie: Caramel
Madison Kobler: Strawberry
Danga Depasa: Vanilla
Mr. Monday: Heavenly Hash
Amy Decker: Chocolate
Victor Nunes: Strawberry
Deseray Grubb: Cookie-dough
Erin Cushman: Mint Chocolate Chip
Makenzie Decker: Strawberry

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