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ONEIDA MOUNTAINEER

Education for Time and Eternity

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FFA receipts nearly double goal at second annual "Support Our Troops" fundraiser

OBI FFA members thought they set a generous goal for their second annual "Support Our Troops" bake sale on October 15. The \$1,000 goal was nearly doubled by proceeds that totaled \$1,879.

The "Support Our Troops" campaign is a statewide fund-raiser promoted by the Kentucky State FFA Association. Money raised will benefit the second Agricultural Development Team of the Kentucky National Guard, currently stationed in Afghanistan. The unit works toward developing agricultural education, technological support, agronomic assistance and irrigation implementation with Afghan farmers. The funds will purchase support items, tools and educational materials.

Last year Kentucky FFA chapters raised a total of \$3,600 for the first "Support Our Troops" campaign, and ours was the highest-raising chapter in the state with \$836. FFA advisor **Jennifer Griebenow** (OBI '02) hopes we will again be first in proceeds.

Houseparent **Pat Pratt** and Griebenow did much of the baking, freezing breads and cakes ahead of time. Other faculty/staff members contrib-

uted baked goodies, as did a few volunteers. Many FFA members went to Griebenow's home in the evenings to participate in the baking. For example, the students frosted and decorated over 300 seasonal cupcakes.

In addition to treats such as cookies, coffeecakes and cheesecake slices, several faculty ladies brought other foods: chicken and rice, "dirty rice," potato soup and sweet tea. Two staff members had recently volunteered at the Worldwide Equestrian Games, and they donated their Equestrian Games polo shirts to be auctioned off.

Because our chapter was first among the fund-raisers last year, they were recognized at the state FFA convention in June. "When the Major General presented the award, he said our chapter was the driving force behind this fund-raiser and that other chapters should look to the OBI FFA for guidance for future fund-raisers," Griebenow recalled.

She shared that one of her dreams has been for our chapter as a whole to receive more state-wide recognition, and this was definitely an important step toward meeting that goal. □



Supportive sweets: Above are just some of the many treats at the bake sale. Below: An FFA cake with an edible paper emblem. They sold the cake by the slice.



The gift of life: Our annual fall blood drive was September 1. Participants included faculty, staff and students 17 years of age or older. We registered 47 people who gave a total of 37 units of blood, and 20 of the donors were giving for the first time. OBI now sponsors three blood drives each school year.

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A closer



Focus on academics at OBI

Oneida Baptist Institute is, first and foremost, a school. When OBI was founded in 1899 many Kentucky mountain children did not have access to education. They flocked to the new school on foot, in wagons and on muleback. Our academic program has seen many changes through the years, and we'd like to let you take a look at academics at Oneida.

Meeting the needs of the college-bound



At Oneida Baptist Institute, it is our desire to see each student attain his or her highest intellectual potential. Our curriculum is designed to meet the needs of students with ability levels ranging from below-average to exceptional. We provide English as a Second Language for international students and advanced placement courses for students with above-average ability. In high school, students are required to take four years of English and math; three years of science and social studies; one year of health/physical education, Bible and fine arts; and two quarters of computer literacy. The balance of required credits may be earned from academic or vocational classes and fine arts. Middle school pupils study language arts, literature, Bible, history, math and science. Our younger students also take an enrichment course each quarter.

OBI students graduate with a standard or advanced diploma. Some 65% of our graduates go on to institutions of higher learning. The ACT is given on campus three times a year. Transportation is provided to area colleges so students may take the SAT or the TOEFL. Our guidance counselor is available to assist students with applications for colleges and scholarships.

Seniors earning a standard diploma participate in a field placement program up to four hours a day for up to four credits. They may choose an on-campus supervised job in which they can gain experience in areas such as office work, print shop, agriculture, tutoring, auto maintenance, child care or food service.

At Oneida, we stress good study habits and reward academic success. A one-hour evening study hall is required Monday through Thursday for students who are not on the academic honor roll. Many young people express gratitude for this part of our program, as it helps them learn self-discipline and study skills. Each quarter, the names of students earning A or B averages are announced in chapel. Being publicly honored helps motivate teens to do their best. □

Helping those who struggle

OBI has always reached out to students who struggle academically. Some simply need a chance to catch up. Others cannot concentrate in a large classroom environment. Many do not retain information as easily as their peers and are two or three years behind.

Most students come to OBI with low grades and improve quickly. Our 1:11 faculty-to-student ratio allows youngsters to better get the attention they need, and build a closer rapport with the teachers. Discipline may be more easily handled in a smaller class, which promotes an atmosphere of concentration and learning.

Students with low reading or math skills find help in our Tutoring Lab. Staff tutors work with one or two students at a time, doing their best to individualize the work to meet the needs of their particular pupils. The lab also offers a supervised study hall for up to four students each hour. The length of time a young person remains in the Tutoring Lab depends on his or her own learning pace. □



Mission Statement: *The mission of Oneida Baptist Institute is to provide a Christian living, learning and working environment in which each of its students, Christian or non-Christian, is diligently challenged to grow mentally, physically, socially and spiritually in order to acquire an "Education for Time and Eternity."*

An evening fit for a queen

Our Yearbook Queen Pageant was in October.

A panel of 12 staff and students served as judges.

Contestants submitted written resumes ahead of time and had dinner with the judges. Each girl chose an escort. Julia Harmon was second runner-up. Her escort was Michael Geddes Skelding.



Jenny Peters won the talent competition by singing Beyonce's "Ave Maria."



Contestants were also judged by the appropriateness of their evening gowns. Above: Heren Sequar and her escort, Evan Bracewell.



Each girl answered a final question. Pictured: Sharon Fleming.



Our 2010-11 Yearbook Queen is Shelby Lynch from Nashville, Tennessee. She has attended OBI for four years. Congratulations, Shelby!

Bits and tidbits

Do you know of a candidate for our Athletic Hall of Fame?

The criteria and a nomination form will be in the January/February *Oneida Mountaineer*. Be watching for details.

Remember to clip and save for Oneida

OBI is still participating in three special promotions:

- Campbell's "Labels for Education"™
Give us the entire label and we'll clip it to the program's specifications.
- Tyson's "Project A+"™
Send entire labels from specially marked Tyson chicken products, worth 24¢ each.
- General Mills "Box Tops for Education"™
Specially marked General Mills box tops are worth 10¢.

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BCM takes to the streets: Baptist Campus Ministry started the 2010-11 school year off the right way -- with prayer. In September they sponsored a prayer walk (right). BCM members and co-sponsors **Clark and Teresa Bunch** walked the campus, praying for different aspects of our ministry as they went. That month Oneida's BCM also joined other schools across the nation in "See You At The Pole," (right) an early morning time of prayer in which they were joined by several faculty and staff families.



The faculty, staff and students of Oneida Baptist Institute wish you a most joyous holiday season.



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Spring 2011 OBI choir schedule

Our school choir is busy traveling to Kentucky Baptist churches. Check out the dates we've scheduled so far. Are any of these locations near you? Come and hear them sing!

1-23-11
TBA

1-30-11
Ephesus Baptist Church
7093 Ky. Highway 643
Crab Orchard, KY 40419
Service: 11:00 A.M. EST

2-6-11
No choir

2-13-11
Providence Baptist Church
Marydell Road
London, KY 40741
11:00 A.M. EST

2-20-11
No choir

2-27-11
Ell's Branch Church
Manchester, KY 40962
Service: 10:30 A.M. EST

3-6-11
No choir

3-13-11
No choir

3-20-11
New Barren Springs
Baptist Church
5012 Dogwood-Kelly Road
Hopkinsville, KY 42240
Service: 10:30 A.M. CT

3-27-11
Grants Lick Baptist Church
941 Clay Ridge Road
Alexandria, KY 41001 **11:00 A.M.**

4-3-11
Hawk Creek Baptist Church
London, KY 40741 **6:00 P.M. EST**

4-10-11
Elkton Baptist Church
301 E. Main Street
Elkton, KY 42220 **10:00 A.M. CT**

4-17-11
No choir

4-24-11
Easter

5-1-11
Worthville Baptist Church
53 Jackson Ridge Rd.
Worthville, KY 41098 **11:00 A.M. EST**

"Volunteer season" stretches into autumn: Cooler temperatures didn't slow down our volunteers. They came from Illinois, Alabama and Kentucky to do a host of projects, including...

...painting, clipping soup labels, farm work, print shop work and sorting donated items...



...sewing tote bags to give away at the Kentucky Baptist Convention...

...continuing work on the remodeling of our historic Anderson Hall, both inside and out.



Did you know that Oneida Baptist Institute is one of the agencies and institutions of the Kentucky Baptist Convention? Nine percent of our funding comes from the KBC Cooperative Program. Another 30 percent is from student fees, while the remaining 61 percent comes from individual people, churches and other groups who support our ministry.