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Second new dormitory in the planning stages

As our new boys' dormitory, Carnahan-Daugherty Hall, nears completion, we are planning the construction of a second new dorm -- this time for our girls.

The current girls' dormitory, Burns Hall, was built in 1960. OBI president, **Larry A. Gritton, Jr.** (OBI '93) explained, "As a boarding school, we are tasked with being not only a school, but also a home for our students. We have faithfully maintained our dormitories for many decades now, but both I and our Board of Trustees believe we must make improvements to our student facilities that will provide a comfortable place to live for the next 50-60 years."

As was the case with Carnahan-Daugherty Hall, the girls' dorm project began with a generous benefactor -- **Mr. Jensen Huang**. As a nine-year-old boy in the mid-1970's, Huang and his brother were allowed to live at OBI, though Oneida at that time was only a high school. Then-president **Dr. Barkley Moore** (OBI '58) let the boys live, eat, and work on our campus while they attended classes at Oneida Elementary School.

Huang went on to great success, founding a company called Nvidia. He has now graciously agreed to help us with this new facility. Huang will give \$1 for every \$2 we raise, up to \$2 million. The projected cost for the new dorm is \$6 million. Like Carnahan-Daugherty Hall, Huang Hall will be a combination dormitory and classroom building.

The new boys' dorm will contain 50 rooms for a capacity of 200 young men, as well as seven classrooms that will accommodate our middle

school students. The girls' dormitory will have 38 rooms to house 152 young ladies, plus 16 classrooms for 320 students.

Gritton stated, "I believe now is the time to begin working toward a new facility that will match the dorm where our boys will soon reside. This new dormitory, much like Carnahan-Daugherty Hall, will be a nice place for our kids to live, but won't be granite, marble, and top-of-the-line accommodations. It will, however, be a place we can be proud of and a place that will reinforce with our students what we strive to instill in them every day - 'You are somebody and God loves and cares for you.'"

We are asking our supporters and other friends of the school to prayerfully consider this campaign. If God leads you to give financially, can your gift be a love offering in addition to your usual giving? If you would like to be a part of this project, please make out your check to Oneida Baptist Institute and write "Huang Hall Building Campaign" on your check's memo line. □



from the faculty,
support staff and students of
Oneida Baptist Institute!

Thank you for your prayers
and your support.

Lower school co-curriculars growing



Alex Gritton (front L) and **Micah Baker** (front R) represented the lower school in cross country.

OBI's athletic program is growing in a new direction, reaching into the lower school (grades K-5) for participants. So far, elementary pupils have joined cross country and cheerleading.

Fifth-grader **Alex Gritton** and second-grader **Micah Baker** ran cross country in the elementary division. Alex also participated in some middle school meets. They trained with the older boys, which gave the older boys an opportunity (See **Lower School**, p. 2)

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Homecoming 2016



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Our fall play and Alumni & Friends Dinner entertained Homecoming guests.

Patty Siler Wells (OBI '79) and **Robert Halcomb** (OBI '54) were inducted into the Oneida Athletic Hall of Fame.

Our Lower School children performed a musical in honor of the 1966 fiftieth anniversary class.

The Fall Festival was Homecoming day, and the corn maze was a popular attraction.

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to do some mentoring. In return, "Their energy, effort and enthusiasm was great for the team," according to coach **Stephen Grant** (pictured, p. 1). He noted, "Their hard work resulted in some great improvements. At the end of the season, both boys were able to win some races and they did so convincingly."

Angela Case (center, above) coaches the lower school cheerleaders, and has had 12 girls on the squad. The elementary cheerleaders cheer for the middle school boys' basketball games.

Athletic Director **Frank Stratton** (OBI '01) explained that offering athletics for our youngest students can result in a "feeder program" for the upper grades. "Every team we compete against has a feeder program," he said. "That can mean a lot to a varsity program." He has gotten a positive response so far from both children and parents. "They're excited about it," he stated.

In the spring, lower school students will be invited to join the track and field team. Stratton anticipates a good amount of interest; "I expect to have 10 to 20 in track/field." As for the future of lower school athletics, "I hope it grows," he said. □

Milking Maybelle



Moriah Bevil milks by hand.

For years, farm staff member, **Christa Bevil**, had wanted a milk cow. Now a Holstein named "Maybelle" has made that dream a reality.

Mrs. Bevil wanted our ag students to experience milking a cow and making products from the milk. "We want them to learn where things come from," added **Marty Bevil**, OBI Farm Manager. So far, students have

used Maybelle's milk to make butter and ice cream. Future goals may include yogurt and buttermilk.

Mrs. Bevil milks Maybelle each morning. In the afternoon, two Career Placement students do the chore. Other students have milked on occasion, too. Mrs. Bevil explained, "I teach them how to milk by hand, but we usually use a pump that was donated by a lady who volunteered once on the farm. She drove six hours, dropped off the pump, and then drove six hours home."

The farm has also been offering fresh milk to faculty/staff members who want it. "It's so much easier to digest," Mrs. Bevil noted. □

Weather-ready team

OBI is now an official National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Weather Radio Emergency Preparedness representative for our region of southeastern Kentucky. Through partnership with NOAA and the National Weather Radio Network, OBI will be working to provide education and resources for our school and community.

The first meeting of our new student organization, A.C.T.S. (Awareness Communication Teamwork Results) Weather and Emergency preparedness club was November 4. Students in attendance participated in a 90-minute certification course led by the director of the National Weather Service's Jackson, Kentucky District Office. Our team leader is OBI science teacher **Chuck Mullenix**.

Mullenix explained why he wanted to start A.C.T.S. "Having grown up in the 'Tornado Belt,' I have seen firsthand how the weather can have a detrimental impact on a community. By partnering with NOAA, we are able to teach using the largest classroom available -- the earth! Combining that knowledge with the tools to be prepared for any external disaster gives our students and campus a chance to truly be a 'beacon in the darkness.' Besides that, weather is just fun!"

Here is a link to the story on the National Weather Service web site: <http://www.weather.gov/jkl/obiambassador> □



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OneidaPastors'Conference
Oneida Baptist Institute
July 24-26, 2017
Cost: FREE!
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Sound booth addition boosts media production class



Abu Jalloh, Miller's Career Placement student, poses in the booth. He helped with its construction.

Media production has been one of our high school electives for two and a half years. Students learn the basics of camera operation, video editing, special effects, and 3-D animation. Soon they will add another skill -- audio recording and editing.

This fall a sound booth has been built into the media production classroom. Teacher **Joel Miller** did most of the framing and building himself, and is grateful for the assistance he received from volunteers. "They were very helpful," he said, "and that was a huge relief for me."

The addition of the booth will enable the media classes to record our students, many of whom are musically talented vocally and/or instrumentally. They will also be able to do voice-overs for video projects.

The media production classes have done several projects for the school. They have filmed newscasts for the journalism class, and last year they produced a "Yearbook in Motion." "For the 'Yearbook in Motion,' we covered -- with one exception -- every single thing that happened on campus, anything you would see in a yearbook," Miller explained. The video yearbook was shown in chapel and posted on YouTube. "We've had 700 views on YouTube since the end of the 2015-16 school year," Miller said.

Plans for the future include a media production Facebook page and podcasts. The media production classes are currently recording a music video for the Facebook page. As for a long-term goal, Miller dreams big; he stated he would love to someday have a cinematic quality camera and be able to produce a full-length feature film. □

Stay tuned to our OBI Facebook page for news of the media production Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/OBI.KY>

Our 2016-17 Oneidian Yearbook Queen



On November 12, **Talia Geerlings** was crowned Yearbook Queen (center). **Serenity Littlejohn** (second from R) was runner-up. Other participants (L-R) were **Makenzie Decker**, **Mardorie Flahn**, and **Megan Stiles**. Talia was also Miss Congeniality. □

Bits and tidbits

Our 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*.

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