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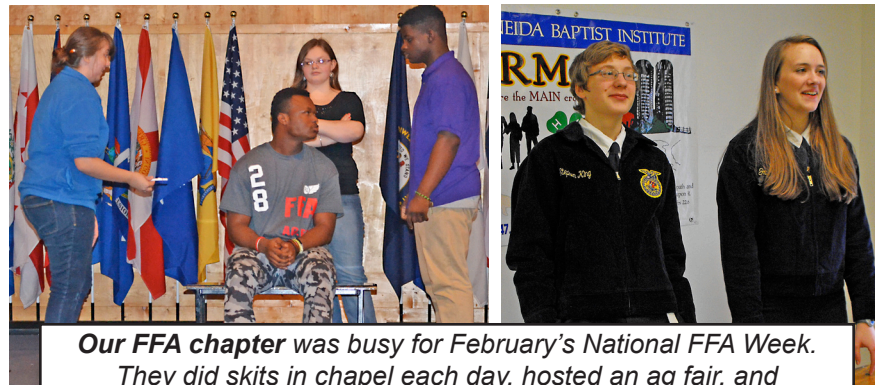
A bi-monthly newsletter of Oneida Baptist Institute

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See what we've been doing; the news in pictures



There are no "snow days" at OBI. We had a lot of snow this winter, but since most of our students are boarding, we simply bundled up and carried right on.



Our FFA chapter was busy for February's National FFA Week. They did skits in chapel each day, hosted an ag fair, and sponsored a "candle walk" for charity. They also enjoyed a pool party, a barn social, and a bonfire.



Let me call you "sweetheart." Student Council hosted a Valentine's Day lunch on February 14, and an International Week later that month that ended with an International Bazaar. Student Council also sponsored a Superbowl party and a coffeehouse in January.



Talent on display: In February the art department hosted their annual spring art show.



Going once, going twice... February was also the month of our Baptist Campus Ministry Silent Auction. BCM raised \$680 for Chad's Hope, a local ministry.

Chapel service honors memory of Dr. Barkley Moore



On January 29 we celebrated the life and ministry of **Dr. Barkley Moore** (OBI '58) with a special chapel service. Dr. Moore was President of Oneida Baptist Institute for 22 years. This January was the twentieth anniversary of his death.

Current OBI President, **Larry A. Gritton, Jr.** (OBI '93) spoke at the chapel remembrance. "I have had the privilege of personally knowing a few great men in my life, and Dr. Barkley Moore was most definitely one of those great

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Two Oneida students go to All-State Chorus, one participates in All-State Orchestra

2014 marked the third year in a row for Oneida Baptist Institute to be represented at the state level in both vocal and instrumental music.

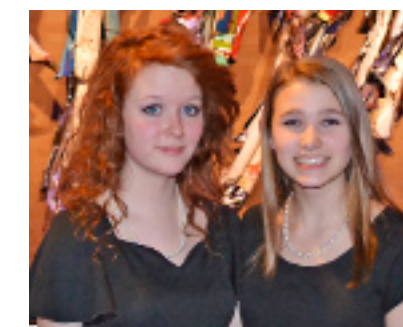
Junior **Grace Kim** made it to All-State for the third time in a row after competitive auditions last fall. Her first year, she was the Concert Master -- first chair violin -- for the All-State Commonwealth String Orchestra. Last year and this year, Grace advanced to eleventh chair in the first violin section of the All-State Symphony Orchestra. Grace is an international student from South Korea, and is in her fourth year at OBI. In addition to playing the violin, she is a gifted pianist, and accompanies our school choir.

Seniors **Savannah Fallis** and **Taylor Cochran** were selected for the All-State Women's Chorus. Savannah is one of our Kentucky students, and has been at Oneida for four and one-half years. Taylor is one of our faculty/staff children. Her father, **Tim**, is our band/choir director and her mother, **Tamara**, works in the publications department and is the drama coach.

The students traveled to Louisville, Kentucky for the event. They rehearsed with other top high school musicians from around the Commonwealth for 15 or more hours over several days. Taylor and Savannah then performed in the All-State Women's Chorus concert at the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts on February 7. Grace played in concert with the All-State Symphony Orchestra on February 8. All-State Symphony Orchestra, All-State Women's Chorus, and nine other groups are all part of the annual Kentucky Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference.

"It was very exciting to have three All-State participants this year," Cochran stated. "And it was especially nice for Taylor and Savannah after both missed out by fractions of a point last year. All three girls have worked hard to improve their musicianship this year, and their efforts have benefited both the girls as individuals and the OBI music program." □

Savannah and Taylor (below) sang in the Women's Chorus, while Grace (at right, far left) played in the Symphony Orchestra.



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men," he stated. Gritton described Dr. Moore as "an intimidating and passionate man," adding, "Even as a child, I knew whenever I was in the presence of Dr. Moore that I was indeed in the presence of greatness."

Glen Barkley Moore graduated as the valedictorian of the OBI class of 1958. He earned a bachelor's degree and completed one year of law school before returning to Oneida as Assistant to the President in 1963.

Two years later, Moore joined the Peace Corps. He served in Iran, earning recognition from the Shah and prime minister, plus U.S. **President Lyndon Johnson** and **President Richard Nixon**. Moore started one major public library and 31 smaller ones. He founded a kindergarten that grew into eight schools enrolling 1,000 students. When Moore left the Peace Corps, he had served longer than any other volunteer at that time.

In 1972, Moore returned to Oneida, this time as the school's ninth president. During his tenure, OBI added the middle school grades and greatly expanded the co-curricular program. Summer school began in 1974, and in 1976 Oneida opened a unique Tutoring Lab to give students help with remedial reading and math skills. The 1970's brought a tremendous increase in the student population. By 1979, young people were enrolled from 13 states and 13 different countries.

Dr. Moore believed in Christian education and he loved young people. He once referred to our students as "...immortal souls which we have the opportunity to minister to, to train, to influence for a life of, we pray, Christian living..." Another time he remarked that often when students arrive at OBI, "They have failed time after time, and they see themselves as a failure...This is one of the key things we can do through Christian education. We not only tell these young people that we care, but, more importantly, we show them that we care by the interaction that we have daily..."

Nearly all OBI faculty/staff attended the chapel service, along with the student body. Approximately 30 guests joined us, including one former OBI president and first lady, a former trustee and his wife, five former students, 13 former staff members, a future trustee, and Dr. Moore's sister and brother-in-law,

Gloria and Ronnie Bowling (both OBI '77).

In one of his last written columns, Dr. Moore asserted, "Surely every day of the past 94 years is proof that our Lord is the Rock on which Oneida is built."

Gritton spoke of Dr. Moore's dedication to the school and his impact on our ministry: "Dr. Barkley Moore lived, ate, breathed, and slept Oneida Baptist Institute. Now, two decades removed from his death, people still talk about the man known as 'Barkley.'" □



"We are still walking by faith, and we still need your help and prayers."



Moore served in the Peace Corps for over six years.



"God made them and we have a bed for them."

Plan now to join us for Homecoming



Our 2014 Homecoming celebration will be Saturday, June 28. We welcome alumni, former students, former faculty/staff, and all friends of the school. Come in time for the hymn sing. Visit with old friends. Tour the campus. And -- new this year -- a golf tournament! (see below)

Alumni and Friends of OBI Homecoming Golf Tournament

Friday, June 27
Crooked Creek Golf Club
London, Kentucky



Four-Person Scramble: Lunch included! \$55/individual, \$200/team

Hole prizes awarded! (longest drive, etc.)
Donations of hole prizes and drawing prizes appreciated!

Tee sponsorship available! 2x2 vinyl signs with your choice of text placed at tees for a donation of \$35 for one sign, \$60 for two, \$75 for three.

All proceeds will help purchase OBI golf team equipment.

For more information:
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Expanded outreach to local community "We want people to know they're welcome."

This school year the OBI administration is reaching out to the community in the hope of increasing our local student enrollment.

To that end, President **Larry A. Gritton, Jr.** (OBI '93) asked **Dr. Ed Lowdenback** to return to the campus as Minister of Advancement. Lowdenback was formerly our middle school principal, then high school principal.

James Anderson Burns founded OBI in 1899 as a school for children of the eastern Kentucky mountains. We have always honored that tradition by offering a free education to area students. "Over the last decade there have been rumors that we charge for the school year and/or for summer school," Lowdenback has discovered. "There are also rumors that we're not accredited, when we're actually accredited by the Kentucky Department of Education, the Kentucky Non-Public School Commission and the National Council for Private Schools." He has found that through the years "the community has felt less welcome here. We want people to know they're welcome."

Gritton shared his vision for this project: "The Lord has impressed upon my heart for Oneida to return to her roots. I love that our students come from all over the world, but I also want them to come from all over Clay County. Angie and I were Clay County kids, and now our three children are as well. There are wonderful people in Clay County. Their children need Oneida and Oneida needs and wants them."

Lowdenback visits churches, retail establishments, individuals, and the Oneida Friendship House used clothing ministry. He authored a flier designed for Clay County residents and wants to talk with families who have read the flier and are interested in enrolling their teenagers. "My goal for next year is to enroll 50 local students," Lowdenback stated. "Long-term, I'd like to see us get back to 100-plus." He hopes to target teens who need what OBI offers; "I'm looking for students who need Oneida because of our smaller classes, Tutoring Lab, etc."

"The feedback so far has been amazing," Lowdenback said. "I've met lots of people who attended Oneida themselves. They say, 'We're so glad you're doing this. We want our child/grandchild to go there.'"

Lowdenback has been asking if people would be interested in their child's riding a bus to OBI. We currently do not have a local bus route, but it could be a possibility if enough people are interested. □



Dr. Lowdenback gives fliers to **Amy King**, Friendship House director, to share with her customers.

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*.

OBI continues these programs:

Campbell's "Labels for Education"™

Send us the entire label. Look for "Labels for Education"™ not only on Campbell's foods, but also on their other products, such as Vlasic®, Franco-American®, Prego®, Swanson®, Pace® and Pepperidge Farm®. These labels earn points that we can redeem to get free educational equipment and other items.

Tyson's "Project A+"™

Send entire labels from specially marked Tyson chicken products. They are worth 24 cents each, and return to us as cash.

General Mills "Box Tops for Education"™

Send specially marked box tops. Each is worth 10 cents, and this program also turns points into cash.

A new way to support OBI!



Want an easy way to give?

Go to our web site and click the "Give/Volunteer" tab, then the "Donate now" button to give via credit card, debit card or PayPal: <http://www.oneidaschool.org/support.shtml>

Another way to help -- empty printer cartridges :

Please send OBI your empty cartridges. We can return them for reward points and store credit. An empty cartridge is money, sometimes as much as \$2.00 each. Name brand, store brand, and remanufactured are all acceptable. Inkjet and toner cartridges are also acceptable. Send them to the attention of Laura Stockton, Oneida Baptist Institute, 11 Mulberry St., Oneida, KY 40972.

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Summer 2014 dates



Monday, May 19
Friday, June 13
Monday, June 16
Saturday, June 28
Friday, July 25

Work program begins
Work program ends
Summer school begins
Homecoming
Summer school ends

