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Girls on the green: golf makes a comeback--now for girls, too



Oneida girls warming up before their first golf match in school history

a physical education program which allows students to learn fundamentals with special mats and balls that can be used indoors. Our first annual Alumni and Friends of OBI Homecoming Golf Tournament generated enough monies to purchase equipment and accessories. **Ms. Mary Sparks** of Somerset, along with other golfers from that area, donated much-needed shoes and equipment. "Only two of our kids had their own equipment," explained **Todd Parkhouse**, head coach.

Golf is a challenge at OBI, since the campus does not have a course. We used Crooked Creek Golf Course in London as our home course. To keep from having to drive to every practice, beginning sessions were held on the athletic field as players learned how to stand, grip the club, putt and swing.

Tim Cochran was assistant coach for the boys. **Amanda Roberts** (OBI '62) assistant coach for the girls, put seven golf holes into family property a mere two miles from campus. She hopes to add two more holes for the completion of a nine-hole course. This allows our young golfers to practice by traveling a tiny fraction of the distance to London. "That was a real blessing," Parkhouse stated.

He continued, "We're so grateful to have golf again. It opened the door for several students to do a sport for the first time." They ended the season with seven girls and 10 boys, only three of whom had any prior experience at all.

The golf pro at Crooked Creek, **Ron Roberts**, was another source of assistance to the fledgling team. "He really helped our program," Parkhouse stated. "He gave of his own time to teach our kids."

Ms. Roberts was very pleased with the students' progress. "They've done really well," she said, "especially considering the fact that most of them had never even held a club before." She is looking forward to next year, stating, "They show a lot of promise." Parkhouse agreed; "We have a lot of young kids. If they'll stick with it, they'll continue to get better." □



(Above) Vinland Energy gave OBI \$1,500 to help us re-start our golf program.

(Below) Golfers waited at their carts for the start of the first annual Oneida Homecoming Golf Scramble in June. The tournament raised enough funds to purchase all of the equipment and accessories needed for our brand, new boys' and girls' golf teams.



Offerings and miracles Two new books with ties to Oneida



dency, so the reader watches history unfold one step at a time.

The Offering is available from CrossBooks.com, LifeWayBooks.com, and Oneida Baptist Institute. All proceeds from the book benefit OBI.

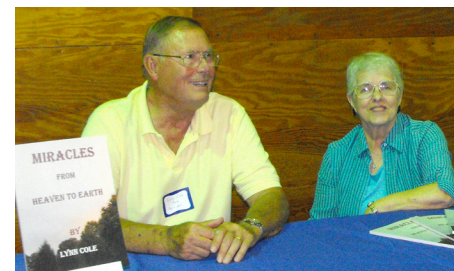
If you want to help the school even more, you may want to participate in our "Buy one, give one" promotion. Purchase two books, but allow Oneida to keep one to give away or use in the classroom. Call us at (606) 847-4111. Hardback copies are \$43.00. The paperback version is \$27.00, and e-books are \$3.99.

Lynn Cole is another new author with strong ties to Oneida. Cole worked at OBI from 1996-2011, first as Assistant Farm Manager, then as Farm Manager. *His book is Miracles From Heaven to Earth.*

Miracles From Heaven to Earth takes an autobiographical approach as Cole shares background material, then miracles he has personally witnessed. Each miracle is accompanied by a corresponding associated miracle

from scripture. Eighteen chapters detail events that happened at Oneida.

Cole's book is illustrated with photos from his years at OBI plus artwork by his wife, **Carol**, who served the school as Food Service Manager and later as Craft Shop Manager. Buy the book for \$17.95 (postage paid) by mailing lynncarolcole@yahoo.com or Lynn Cole, 150 Buff Ave., Morganton, NC 28605, or call 828-455-7105 or 828-403-2999. It is also available from Amazon (price variable). Proceeds go to missions of the Coles' choice. □



Lynn Cole (above with wife, Carol) and Judy Powell (left) were both on hand at Homecoming to sign their books.

The Offering: Barkley Moore -- A Life for Time and Eternity is a labor of love by **Judy Ratliff Powell** (OBI '62). She announced at Oneida's Homecoming 2012 that she was compiling a book about **Dr. Barkley Moore** and his years as OBI President 1972-94.

Drawing largely from Moore's correspondence and articles, Powell tells the story of this remarkable man mostly in his own words. Each chapter covers a successive year of his presi-

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Brad Dorough Friendship Award “I tried to be a great friend to everyone.”



Senior **D. K. Kiawu** is attending OBI on a full scholarship as a result of being given the Brad Dorough Friendship Award in the spring. This award is the only major honor given to a student that is voted on by his/her peers. President **Larry A. Gritton, Jr.** (OBI '93) instructed the student body, “Vote for someone who’s been a great friend to you.”

D. K. is from New York, and enrolled with us as a sophomore. “[My neighborhood] was getting crazy,” he said. “My mom wanted me in a Christian school with structure, a good education, and values.” He stated, “I love it here. It’s a vacation from the environment at home and it gives me a state of mind.”

While admitting to being “kind of surprised” at receiving the scholarship, D. K. said, “I tried to be a great friend to everyone and to welcome everyone new.” He denied that it took any special effort on his part; “It’s just my nature to be friendly.” He added, “If someone wasn’t feeling good, I’d ask them what was going on.”

Junior **Alex Quarshie** observed, “D. K. is a good leader in the dorm. He helps keep everyone straight; he helps them stay out of trouble.” He noted that D. K. “was a role model to the younger boys in basketball last year, too. He helped them play better and focus.”

Jordan Wisdom is a senior who believed D. K. was deserving of the award; “He really is a nice guy.” Jordan shared, “He’s always there to give advice or a smile or a hug if someone’s feeling down.”

Houseparent **Jason Santmier** agreed, saying, “I’ve been very impressed by how D. K. takes the younger students under his wing and encourages them in sports and in their relationships with other students...D. K. goes ‘above and beyond’ in these particular areas.”

The Brad Dorough Friendship Award was established in 1990 by the family of **Brad Dorough**. Brad attended Oneida for three years. He was killed in a motor vehicle accident in 1989. Brad’s parents recalled how he had always appreciated his OBI friends, and wanted to recognize a student each year for being a good friend to others. The first recipient of the award was our current First Lady, **Angie Berry Gritton** (OBI '91). □

OBI president **Larry A. Gritton, Jr.** (OBI '93) with **Pat Callan** (left) and **Louise Roberts** (center). Ms. Callan is WMU Director of the Ten Mile Baptist Association. The WMU gave OBI a gift in honor of 94-year-old Ms. Roberts’ long-time service to her association.



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 “Labels for Education”™ labels of Campbell’s foods and others, like Vlasic®, Franco-American®, Prego®, Swanson®, Pace® & Pepperidge Farm®. Points earn 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 worth 10 cents with points-to-cash.

It’s easy 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: Office Depot

“Back to Schools” Program -- OBI can earn 5% back on purchases if the customer gives them our school name and/or ID #. Our ID# is 70040770.

Need to contact us?

Phone: 606-847-4111 Fax: 606-847-4496

Does your church have a web site?

If so, ask them to link to OBI:

Web: www.oneidaschool.org

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/OBI.KY>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/Oneida_Baptist

Know a teenager who needs to be at OBI? Tell the family about Oneida.

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Meet two of our Most Improved students



Tristan: “They had faith in me.”

Erica: “At first, I didn’t really try.”



Each spring, our faculty, school administrators, and houseparents vote to decide which students have made the most improvement during the school year. The improvement may be in one or more areas, including academics, behavior, maturity, or social skills. Two of our award winners were

Erica Metzger and **Tristan Davidson**. Erica is a seventh-grader this year, and Tristan is in the eighth grade. Both are students from the local community.

Sheryl Baker was one of Erica’s teachers last year. Baker recalled, “She struggled with self-esteem and would occasionally shut down when learning new concepts.” A turning point came when Baker threatened to fill out a discipline report for Erica’s negative attitude. “She and I had a serious talk after class,” Baker said. “She evidently decided to change her outlook and became quite pleasant and compliant when asked to try new things.”

Erica shared that at one point last school year, “I had a bunch of C’s,” but she brought those grades up to B’s and A’s. She admitted, “At first, I didn’t really try.” Erica needed to improve academically in order to play basketball, however, and that made all the difference. So far this year, she has A’s and B’s. “I’d like to make all A’s this year,” she said.

Tristan has been in our Tutoring Lab most of his time at OBI. “We saw marked improvement in his academic performance,” remarked Tutoring Lab Director, **Sharon Grant**. “Tristan persevered through work that was very challenging for him. Though some assignments were a struggle, he didn’t let frustration get in his way. I think he even surprised himself by what he was able to accomplish last year.”

“The Tutoring Lab helped me a lot; they motivated me,” Tristan stated. “They had faith in me,” he concluded with a smile. □

Catching a ride to OBI

This year we are doing something we’ve not done since at least 1980 -- busing our local students to and from school. It is part of our effort to enroll more day students. “Last year we only had nine local students,” said **Dr. Ed Lowdenback**, Minister of Advancement. “Now we have 30. I think most of that increase is because we’re running the buses.”



Riding the bus in 1959.....and today



Each weekday morning and afternoon, drivers **Jerry Worcester** and **Jorge Valdeperas** head out in different directions on 15-passenger buses. They make a total of eight stops to transport 21 students. Busing coordinators are **Tim Cochran** and **Jerry Crowe**, with **Laura Stockton** as our alternate driver.

Lowdenback is hoping we can continue to expand our outreach to teens and families in our community. □

OBI Drama
presents...

No Signs of
INTELLIGENT
LIFE

a comedy
by Bryan Storchman

November 6-8
7:00 PM
OBI Chapel

All are invited, admission is free!



Fall is a lovely time of year to visit OBI!

