

Campus Connection

OLIVET COLLEGE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Letter From PAC Chairperson

Welcome to the Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

As I watched all of the incoming students checking in on move-in day, I couldn't help but think how young some of them looked compared to my own son who is a junior this year! It was an exciting start to the new school year and I am happy to be a part of it!

Olivet is a very special place. There is a sense of community here that is truly unique. There's a connection among students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends and parents that makes Olivet stand apart. This is why I am inviting you to be a part of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

As members of the PAC, parents are partners in the successful education of their student. We are:

- *Advisors:* To faculty and staff on various issues
- *Ambassadors:* For Olivet College
- *Fundraisers:* For our students

We meet as a group three times a year. We do most of our communicating through e-mail, teleconference and via the



Deb Marquette

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I look forward to meeting you and working together for our students.

Sincerely,
Deb Marquette, PAC Chairperson

Olivet College website, (www.olivetcollege.edu). You can find us by clicking on "Student Life" and scrolling down to "Parent Advisory Council". You can look there for information about future meetings and newsletters. Below is the preliminary information on the three meetings scheduled for the 2010-2011 academic year:

October 9, 2010, 11:00 a.m. Mott 305

- Faculty speaker: Dr. Linda Logan, Student Life

- Student Care Package project

- BBQ Pit Pavilions for Dole and Shipherd

- Other fundraising ideas

- Various volunteer opportunities

December 6, 2010, 9:30 a.m. Mott 109 –

Student Care Package assembly and delivery

April 21, 2011, 9:30 a.m. Mott 109 –

Student Care Package assembly and delivery

My Son Finds His Place at OC

By Kim Mette, *Olivet Parent*

Mike Mette is a junior this year at Olivet, majoring in Elementary Education/Social Studies. He is also on the Varsity Men's Swimming/Diving Team and a member of Phi Alpha Pi.

In high school, Mike swam and played water polo. He wanted to continue with one or both of those sports while in college. He was recruited for water polo at another school in Missouri and really was thinking that was the way he was going to go. Then he was called by OC's (former) assistant swim coach Adam Lyng, who knew Mike from working with him as a coach for the Rockford Riptide Community Swim Team and also assisting with the high school team.

Lyng asked Mike if he was interested in swimming for Olivet. Mike and his Dad then visited the campus (Dad is a 1978 Alumni.) He was met by both coaches and he and his Dad were given a tour by several other swimmers from the team.

Mike came home saying that he felt at home and really liked the campus, the coaches and the other team members he was introduced to. He also had decided that if he was to pursue a teaching degree, Olivet's program was what he was looking for.

He continues to tell us how he enjoys his professors, his advisor, and his coaches. Mike says that his professors are friendly, caring and show that they really enjoy teaching. He likes the smaller class sizes, and more individual attention from his teachers. He has also used the writing lab and some of the tutoring services and has been happy with their help too. One of his professors has even taken the time to come to several swim meets to cheer him on!

Mike has really settled in at Olivet. He enjoys being part of the swim team, the Greek life, his classes and professors, all his friends, and always says how much he enjoys just being on campus and how OC was the right place for him.

Patios Are Being Poured

First, it was the barbecue pits outside of each residence hall. Then, it was picnic tables, all donated by staff, parents and other donors.

Now, the Olivet Parent Advisory Council has completed the first pavilion at Blair Hall.

Deb Marquette, chairperson of the council, said fund-raising efforts will continue for the next pavilion, to be built at Shipherd or Dole.

The cost for each pavilion is about \$3,000. Parents interested in supporting this effort can go to the Olivet College Web site, Olivetcollege.edu, and click on "Make a Gift". Make sure you note that you would like your gift to go to the pavilion effort.

Students have used the pavilion at Blair, for personal and group outings.



A completed pavilion at Blair Hall. *Judith Tellez-Gonzales*

Coaches Corner

The golf teams finished another successful season with six student-athletes earning All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) honors. The women's team placed second in the final league standings, had four golfers earn all-league honors. Senior Amber Conrad, of Battle Creek, became the second female in school history to earn first-team honors four consecutive years. Junior Lauren Campbell, of Fenton, was also a first-team selection. Earning second-team honors were freshman Theresa Damico, of White Lake, and senior Abby Wheeler, of Grayling. For the men, sophomore Justin Ardelean, of Owosso, and freshman Nick Julian, of Clinton Twp., were second-team selections.

The women's soccer had one of the best starts in school history, and finished the season with a 13-5-2 overall record, including a 4-3-1 mark against MIAA foes, and the 13 wins are the third most in school history. Olivet was led by captains Katie Koralewski, senior, of Sterling Heights, Danielle Mellor, junior, of Macomb, and Justine Zachos, senior, of Charlotte. Junior Lizzy Julian, of Mattawan, who has twice been named the MIAA Offensive Player of the Week, led the Comets with 16 goals and five assists for 37 points.

The men's soccer team posted a 12-7-1 overall record, with a 7-6-1 mark against MIAA opponents. Earlier this season Olivet tied with then national No. 1, Calvin College, 0-0. The Comets were led by senior captains Ethan Felsing, of Mason, Matt Manning, of Charlotte, and Mike May, of Mason. Before suffering a possible season-ending injury, May scored six goals and four assists to become Olivet's all-time leading scorer with 82 points (30 goals and 22 assists).

The volleyball team has a 12-15 overall record. With the 12 victories, the Comets reached the double digit win plateau for the fourth time in school history and the first time in 25 years. Sophomore Sam Gibson, of Battle Creek, led Olivet with 215 kills, while senior setter and tri-captain Jenessa Hicks, of Union City, dished out 449 assists. Junior Mallory Schug, of Climax, recorded 272 digs.

The cross country teams continued to make improvements under first-year head coaches Jeff Kavalunas and Karen Lutzke. Earlier this season, Olivet hosted the 2010 MIAA Jamboree at the Olivet Golf Club.

Under first-year head coach Rich Hulkow, the football team has not won a game, but the Comets have continued to go out and play hard. A bright spot this season was junior quarterback Tony Phillips, of Lansing, connecting with junior James Williams, of Battle Creek, for a school-record 87-yard touchdown reception against Wheaton (Ill.) College Sept. 25.

Letter from Linda Logan, Dean of Students

Hello Comet Parents,

Olivet College provides a wide range of experiences to ensure our students' success and satisfaction throughout their academic journey. The college years are developmental, with numerous opportunities for growth and some challenges along the way. We are committed to providing resources to assist your student throughout this journey. The most valuable resource we have is you, the parent. Through the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) we extend our hand in partnership with you to ensure your student's success. The PAC is involved in every aspect of the Student Life Department. We welcome you to become an active part of the PAC.

Our most successful initiative Care Packages, has proven to be an effective way for parents to stay connected with their son or daughter and provide support during the most critical time of the semester: final exams. Each year the PAC has packaged and delivered over 60 care packages to students



Linda Logan.

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delivery on Monday, December 6 in the Student Life Conference Room, Mott 208.

Dr. Linda Logan

Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students

during final exams. It is an exciting time for the students and they are always happy to receive a care package and balloons while studying for exams. Enclosed you will have an order form. Please complete the form and return your order and check to the Student Life Department. All funds generated from the care packages are used to improve the quality of life for our students on campus.

Please consider joining the Parent Advisor Council. We need a few good parents to help us address the needs of the campus.

We look forward to delivering a care package to your son or daughter. I hope to see you at our next meeting which will be immediately following care package

FYI: Safety & Wellness Services

While your student is away from school, safety is our top priority. To help your student be safe while being a remind member of the campus community, you can remind them of these resources:

Student Handbook: The student handbook describes the rights and responsibilities of all students to ensure safety and a positive campus experience. The handbook is available at http://www.olivetcollege.edu/student_life/student_handbook.php

AlcoholEdu: Prior to the start of classes, your student was asked to complete the alcohol on-line educational program called AlcoholEdu. We believe alcohol education prevention intervention is important and essential to students making informed healthy choices about drinking.

Wellness Services: All medical services are provided by Oaklawn Medical Group (269-749-2131), and all mental health services are provided by Abbott Road Center for the Family (517-351-2590). Oaklawn is located 3 blocks north of campus on Main St, and Abbott Road Center for the Family has an office on campus in the lower level of the library.

AlertNow! is the emergency notification system designed to notify students by phone and email in the event of a campus emergency. Students may sign up one additional person to receive alerts. Your student may sign up for AlertNow! at my.olivetcollege.edu.

Campus Safety Services - Campus Safety provides a full range of campus services, including:

- Crime prevention and safety programs
- Parking and traffic enforcement

- Criminal and non-criminal investigation
- Securing of campus buildings
- Arranging student medical transportation
- 24-hour Campus Safety escorts on campus.

If using a campus phone call 7911. If using a cell phone or non-campus phone 269-231-6804.

- Assistance with minor motor vehicle problems
- After-hour admittance to campus buildings for authorized students

- Event security

Off-Campus Emergency Contact Information

Olivet City Police Department (269) 749-9961

Eaton County Sheriff (517) 543-3510

Eaton County Dispatcher On-campus extension 8911

Olivet Fire Department (269) 749-2371

Women's Resource Center: the mission of the Betsy Dole Women's Resource Center is to:

- Support, educate and empower women of all cultures, races, sexual orientations and ages
- Provide a safe environment while respecting all facets of women's abilities, spirituality and differences
- Celebrate women's achievements
- Engage men as allies
- Advocate for a climate that promotes social justice free of all barriers and discrimination
- Educate men on women's issues and the complexities of healthy masculinity
- Provide a supportive atmosphere that helps eradicate gender-based inequities and encourages and facilitates the evolution and development of personal and academic potential.

Homecoming Celebrates the Arts

By Ashley Mallo
Echo Staff Writer

The Olivet colors of crimson and white were joined by the rich colors of autumn during a sunny and mild Oct. 4-10 Homecoming Week.

Current staff, students, alumni, and friends explored the campus, discovering memories, events, and renewed friendships. Hundreds of students participated in Midnight Breakfast, Oct. 5, and students had the opportunity to nominate peers for the Homecoming Court.



The 2010 Olivet Homecoming Court.

Homecoming day, Oct. 9, kicked off with a parade, followed by the football game against Adrian College. At halftime, seniors Katie Koralewski and Serafin Llerena were crowned Homecoming King and Queen. Unfortunately the day ended with a loss of 41-0.

The theme of this year's Homecoming was "Celebrate the Arts," in special recognition of the dedication of the new \$3 million Reithmiller Blackman Art Building. Concerts and performances dotted the weekend, which was celebrated by Olivetians on and off campus.

Photos by Echo staff



The newly formed Olivet College dance team celebrates during the Homecoming parade.

Calling All Cooks!



The Parent Advisory Council will be adding to our fund-raising campaign by attempting to publish a cookbook. In order to be successful, we need a lot of recipes. If you have some tried and true family recipes you would be willing to share, please send them via e-mail to Suzanne Colvin, scolvin@olivetcollege.edu or to Deb Marquette djmarquette1@charter.net. Thank you for your help!

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TO: Parents or Guardians of Olivet College Students
FROM: Olivet College Parent Advisory Council
SUBJ: Final Exam Care Package

As final exams approach, wouldn't it be nice to give your student some support and encouragement? One easy way for you to do this is with a "Comet Care Package" filled with food and fun!

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) of Olivet College would be happy to deliver a Comet Care Package to your student during final exam week. Each will include snacks such as microwave popcorn, granola bars, crackers, hot chocolate and candy, as well as other fun items to help get them through the week. Receiving a package sent by someone from home will provide comfort and reassure your student that you are thinking of him or her.

While ordering a Comet Care Package will benefit your student, doing so also supports the work of the PAC. We strive to keep parents connected to the college and to each other to ensure the best possible experience for all of our students. All monies raised by the PAC go directly back to the students as evidenced by the new Blair Hall Pavilion. If you are interested in helping assemble and deliver care packages, please call the Office of Student Life at (269) 749-7607. We would love to have you join us Monday, Dec., 6, 2010 and/or Thursday, April 21, 2011.

Comet Care Packages are \$25 each or \$40 when you order for both semesters at once. To order a care package, please fill out, detach and return the form below with your payment. You can also include a personal message with your package. The deadline to place an order is Nov. 29 for the fall semester or the entire year, or April 14 for the spring semester.

I wish to purchase a care package for the: _____ fall semester (\$25) _____ spring semester (\$25) _____ both semesters (\$40)

Enclosed please find my check, payable to Olivet College Check No. _____

Mail to: Olivet College Office of Student Life, 320 S. Main St., Olivet, MI 49076

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COMET CARE PACKAGE

Your name: _____ Student name: _____

Dorm/room number: _____

Message: _____



Meeting Minutes

Parent Advisory Council
10-9-10

Present: Deb Marquette, chair; Kristin Kramer, Beth Hampsten, Linda Logan and Suzanne Colvin

- Deb Marquette welcomed everyone.
- Linda Logan spoke about student life at Olivet College. She spoke about ISC, pledging, and having information for parents of students regarding joining societies and what is involved. She indicated that this would be something PAC members might want to attend.

- The Care Package project is our main fundraiser. The care packages for Fall will be

assembled December 6th. The next meeting will take place immediately following the delivery of the care packages.

- The BBQ Pit Pavilion is complete for Blair. PAC will continue to raise money for pavilions at Dole and Shipherd Hall.

- Wine Tasting fund-raiser was suggested during the meeting and, will be looked into.

- The cookbook fundraiser is being looked into with the possibility of selling them at the bookstore where conference attendees might see them, as well as possibly having an order form on the Web like the care package form.

- Volunteer opportunities during the year include orientation, freshmen water hand out, Fall

care packages, spring care packages, baccalaureate, and graduation.

This is a reminder to everyone that if you are going to order a Care Package for your student, the deadline to place an order is November 29. You can also get an order form on the Olivet College Web site under Student Life, Parent Advisory Council, and then click on Care Package Order form.

We are going to try and go forward with a PAC Cookbook. We could make a profit of \$8-\$15 per book, depending on how many recipes we can collect. Our first step is to collect the recipes so we are asking that everyone contribute at least 5 recipes. Recipes can be sent to scolvin@olivetcollege.edu or to djmarquette1@charter.net.

Parent Advisory Council Mission Statement

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is designed to promote meaningful and active parent and guardian involvement in the college. All parents and guardians of Olivet students automatically become members of the PAC. We urge you to take an active role in your student's Olivet experience by encouraging and sharing participation in activities such as athletic, cultural and social events, guest speakers and more.

Parent Advisory Council Goals and Objectives

To involve parents/guardians in the Olivet College community and serve as a resource to the college and its students.

Involvement focuses on three different areas:

- **Advisory:** Parents/guardians give input to college faculty and staff on various issues and explore internship, job shadow, and career preparation options from other parents or guardians.

- **Ambassadorship:** Parents/guardians are asked to serve as ambassadors for the college and support Olivet in strategic and development initiatives in their local areas.

- **Fund-raising:** Parents/guardians assist with various Olivet College fund-raising programs and campaigns.

- To assist parents/guardians with support and tools as they adjust to their child's college transition.

- To build stronger communication between parents/guardians and the college.

- To identify and address college related needs and concerns involving their son/daughter.

- To inform parents/guardians of the college's programs and events and encourage participation.