



Founded in 1899

# ONEIDA MOUNTAINEER

Education for Time and Eternity

A bi-monthly newsletter of Oneida Baptist Institute

January/February 2009

## Two run for OBI at state cross country meet



Two OBI athletes ran in the state cross country meet on November 15 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. Senior **Andrew Weidlich** and freshman **Adam Stockton** competed against some 230 other boys at the

state level.

Coach **Lance Nutter** was proud of both young men. "They tried their hardest and really enjoyed it," he said.

Adam and Andrew's performances at the regional meet earned them an invitation to the state contest. Adam came in thirteenth at regionals and Andrew was eleventh. "They did a great job," Nutter said. "They did what they needed to do."

Nutter acknowledged that it was a strange season this year. "We didn't actually have a cross country team except for the middle school girls," he explained. "In high school they were all individual runners. We had one high school girl and three boys who finished the season. They all did great."

Cross country is one of several after-school options available to our students in the fall, including volleyball,

soccer, drama and the student work program. More students might have gone out for the team but chose to participate in other activities instead.

The middle school girls won first or second place in almost every meet of the season. "They were a joy," Nutter stated. "They worked very well together. I'm excited about having them on the team in the future."

Though three of his high school runners will graduate this year, Nutter is hoping the younger girls will stay with the team. "And Adam's just a freshman this year," he said. "He'll continue to do better."

Andrew has been at OBI for four years and has run cross country since he was a sophomore. This was his first year to go to the state competition, though he missed it last year by only two places.

What was it like to run at the state contest? "Exhilarating!" Andrew said. "I first thought I would do horribly because there were so many people there. When I saw them all lined up, my heart really started pumping!"

It was surprising that Andrew earned a spot at state this year, since playing on the soccer team kept him from attending cross country practices. Still, he improved his time this season by an impressive four minutes. ■

## New sign marks entrance to Oneida campus

Visitors to OBI are now greeted with a brand new sign at the entrance to our campus. Oneida president, **Dr. W. F. Underwood** ('63) had wanted to erect a new sign for several years. He described the structure: "The lettering, 'Oneida Baptist Institute' sits in a backdrop of what looks like several mountain peaks. The sign is a big improvement in the appearance of our campus."



The sign marks the "new" location as the entrance to the school. Several years ago OBI obtained ownership of Mulberry Street for security reasons, and Underwood had a gate placed at the former campus entrance. "This meant that traffic entering and exiting the campus had to use a narrow secondary street," he explained. Last summer the street was widened and the blacktop replaced.

We hope these improvements will make our guests feel more welcome than ever before. ■

### Also in this issue...

- Choir honors ..... pg. 2
- Spring play invitation ..... pg. 2
- Donations in reverse..... pg. 3
- Athletic Hall of Fame ... pgs. 3-4
- Photo news..... pg. 4

## Choir receives double honors

### Group sings for KBC meeting

The Oneida Baptist Institute choir traveled to Lexington in November to sing for the annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention at Immanuel Baptist Church.

Our 42-member choir sang three songs under the direction of **Tim Cochran** and accompanied by **Tammy Pile**. All of the Kentucky Baptist schools are invited to bring their choirs to the convention in a rotation. This was the first time the OBI choir had performed at the KBC in several years.



*Each year at the convention selected students perform a brief skit about some aspect of the Oneida ministry. This year **Elijah Stewart, Beimnet Kebede, Hannah Worcester and Cameron Nutter** presented an original piece based on this year's KBC*

*theme, "Kentucky Baptists Connect: Sharing Christ With Urgency."*

### Three chosen for All-Festival Chorus

Three OBI choir members were selected for the annual All-Festival Chorus in Williamsburg in November. The chorus is sponsored by the Southeast Kentucky Music Educators Association.

**Steven Ballard, Melody Dimerson and Tundun Lawani** were chosen after trying out for the honors chorus. They spent three days rehearsing with other top high school vocalists from the region. The event concludes with a concert by both the All-Festival Chorus and the All-Festival Band. This year the SKMEA commissioned **Dr. Russell Robinson** from the University of Florida to write an original piece for the festival and to direct the student singers. The commissioned work is titled, "I'm Gonna Ride That Glory Train" and will be published by Hal Lenard in 2009.



THE ONEIDA PLAYERS

spring production...

March 26, 27, 28  
7:00 p.m.  
OBI Chapel

let him sleep  
'til it's time for  
his funeral



a comedy by  
Peg Kehret

**Alumni & Friends Night** is Saturday, March 28.

Join us for dinner at 5:30...stay for the play! There is **no cost**.

Please RSVP to Alumni Director **Myrtle Cooke** at 606-847-4111 ext. 268  
or email: [myrtlewebbcooke@yahoo.com](mailto:myrtlewebbcooke@yahoo.com).

## Bits and tidbits

### Mark your calendar:

Homecoming 2009 will be Saturday, June 27. Plan now to attend!

### Are you receiving duplicate mailings from us?

If so, help us save on postage. Send us the label of the address you want us to delete and mark it "cancel." Or e-mail:

[peggy.jackson@oneidaschool.org](mailto:peggy.jackson@oneidaschool.org)  
Include your name, the address you want to cancel and the 5-digit number above your name on that label.

### Receive the *Mountaineer* by e-mail--and in color!

We have over 100 e-subscribers! If you want to help us save on postage by getting the *Mountaineer* as a PDF attachment, send your name, mailing address, e-mail address & the 5-digit number above your name on this issue's mailing label to:

[peggy.jackson@oneidaschool.org](mailto:peggy.jackson@oneidaschool.org)

### We are collecting labels

OBI is participating in three special promotions:

- Tyson's "Project A+"™  
Send us the entire labels from specially marked Tyson chicken products and our school can redeem them for 24¢ each.
- General Mills "Box Tops for Education"™  
Specially marked General Mills box tops are worth 10¢.
- Campbell's "Labels for Education"™  
Send us the UPC codes from Campbell's soups and other food products with the "Labels for Education" symbol. (For some soups and sauces, send the lids.)

### Want to contact us?

Phone: (606) 847-4111

To schedule a tour: ext. 248

Fax: (606) 847-4496

Web: [www.oneidaschool.org](http://www.oneidaschool.org)

Admissions e-mail:

[admissions4obi@yahoo.com](mailto:admissions4obi@yahoo.com)

## Sharing our blessings



From time to time we share with readers stories of unusual donations we have received. Now it's time to turn the tables and tell you about some occasions when our school has been on the giving end of a donations experience.

In July the OBI print shop gave all three of our printing presses (above), both darkroom cameras and numerous other printing equipment and supplies to the Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

The Foundation's web site describes it as "a charitable, tax exempt, non-profit, by faith Christian ministry printing Bibles, New Testaments, Bible portions and tracts for free mission distribution..."

The print shop had phased out its presses and darkroom equipment some time ago, but had not found another ministry that had a use for them. A volunteer suggested the Foundation and print shop manager, **Denise Spencer**, contacted Foundation director, **Robert M. Lemmon, Jr.** The two exchanged e-mails and photos of the equipment and

soon Lemmon sent a crew to pick up the pieces.

Lemmon later wrote to Spencer, "Please express our appreciation to those who have been so kind as to make it possible for us to receive this equipment. What we don't need or can't use we will pass on to others in similar ministries to be used in the Lord's work somewhere. You have been a blessing. Thank You!"

Oneida Donations Coordinator, **Missy Nichols** (OBI '93) has given away all sorts of things over the years. "Occasionally we receive items that are not suited to our needs," she said, "but we usually give things away when we are overly blessed." Sometimes after OBI faculty, staff and students have had a chance to take what they want of a donated product, if the item is not practical for school use Nichols will give it to someone else.

At times we donate goods to individual people and families in the community. Nichols has given away candles, detergent and furniture this way, just to cite a few examples. In December our freezers were full of chicken and we were expecting another shipment, so we invited our local neighbors to stop by and pick up some chicken for themselves.

At other times Oneida gives donations to churches and other local charitable organizations. "Occasionally they'll call and ask for things for specific events," Nichols explained. For example, if a church is hosting Vacation Bible School OBI may be able to provide snacks.

Though the printing presses have found a new home, we still have an unusual blessing of a different sort: Nichols has three organs she would like to give away. "Some churches around here don't even have a piano player," she said. "They aren't going to have anyone who can play the organ." If you would like to contact Nichols, her extension is 248. ■



---

## Athletic Hall of Fame nomination criteria

The purpose of the OBI Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor our outstanding coaches and athletes. The Hall of Fame Committee consists of the President, Principal(s), Athletic Director and coaches who have coached a state-recognized sport for five years or more at OBI and are still employed by our school. Nominations may be made by any person. The inductees will be chosen by the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.

Requirements for eligibility for nomination of an athlete:

1. The nominee must have been outstanding in one or more sports while a student at OBI.
2. The nominee must have left OBI in good standing.
3. A nominee must have graduated from high school--not necessarily from OBI--at least five years before he/she is inducted into the Hall of Fame. Only his/her OBI achievements will be considered.

Requirements for eligibility for nomination of coaches:

1. Any coach whose team wins a KHSAA-sanctioned state championship is automatically considered for induction.
2. Any other coach to be considered must have been a varsity head coach at OBI for at least three years.

Additional requirements for eligibility for nomination:

1. Nominee must be present at the induction ceremony. If unable to attend due to illness, the nominee may be represented by a family member.
2. The nominee may be someone already deceased. In this event, he/she will be represented by a family member at the induction ceremony. Persons interested in nominating a former OBI athlete or coach should send information such as newspaper clippings, statistics, a picture of the nominee (preferably a photo made at or around the time the person was at OBI), and/or other items of documentation that make the nominee worthy of consideration. Enclose information with the nomination form on page 4.

**ONEIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE**  
PO BOX 67  
ONEIDA KENTUCKY 40972-0067  
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
Oneida, KY  
Permit No. 4

### More of what we've been up to

From top right, clockwise: *Big kids and little kids alike had fun at Baptist Campus Ministry's "Parents' Night Out."*

*Island Creek Headstart of Manchester visited our farm. FFA members and officers gave the tour and helped children bottle feed the calves.*

*One of our middle school Bible classes did a Christmas play in chapel.*

*OBI international students took part in a "fashion show" at the annual International Christmas Banquet sponsored by the Oneida Baptist Church Women on Mission.*

*The FFA and farm crew performed their annual "Walk to Bethlehem" twice: once for OBI staff and students and once--for the first time--for the public. Over 60 guests participated in the walk, which began on campus and ended on the Oneida farm with a live nativity scene. ■*



### Oneida Baptist Institute Athletic Hall of Fame 2009 nomination form Deadline for nomination is April 1, 2009

Name of nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Decade of participation: 1930's 1940's 1950's 1960's 1970's 1980's 1990's 2000's

Sport(s) nominee participated in or coached \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Your complete address \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Why you are nominating this person (awards, records set, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

See criteria on page 3. Fill out the above form, clip and mail to OBI, Attn: Laura Stockton, Athletic Director.