

# THE TOWER

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## Meet ODU's new president

By **BRITTANY L. BROWNE**  
*Tower Staff Writer*

Ohio Dominican's new president says the unbridled optimism of the university community about the school's future made a strong first impression on him.

"There is a real welcoming spirit for a new president from the students, faculty and board," Dr. Peter Cimboric said in a recent telephone interview.

Cimboric is excited about his transition into his new job.

Leaving his current position serving as provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Marywood University in Scranton, Pa., Dr. Cimboric will assume his presidential duties here at ODU for a five-year contract beginning July 1 of this year.

"Columbus is vibrant, and like Columbus, Ohio Dominican is vibrant as well. There is a wonderful physical plan that already exists, and my goal is not to come in and simply make decisions but to get to know people as a first priority," he said.

Junior Psychology student Vivian Brown says she hopes the new president will increase the diversity of the campus, not solely among the students but within the faculty and staff as well. She wants to see more instructors from various backgrounds, she said.

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Fr. John Boll, director of Campus Ministry, served on the presidential search committee and stated that Dr. Cimboric's extensive experience in Catholic higher education as both an academic and administrator were the elements of his candidacy. He appears to have good potential to lead our fundraising efforts as well, Fr. Boll said. In the open interviews on campus he presented himself well and impressed the ODU community as a person who "did his homework," preparing well for his interviews, he said.

"His intelligence, his understanding of academia and his ability to connect with



Ohio Dominican photo

### Ohio Dominican President Peter Cimboric

people is one of his biggest strengths," he said.

The primary goal for Dr. Cimboric will be to enhance the university's academic strength, and he will need to spend considerable time seeking partnerships and fundraising to support the university's development work, Fr. Boll said. A third goal will be to lead ODU's efforts to improve retention and recruitment, he

said. Dr. Cimboric said he believes strongly in the collective *we*. "Experiences taught at ODU represents collective wisdom of others before me, and my opinions will only be good opinions if they are often shared by critical masses of other people."

Senior graphic design major

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# Viewpoints

## El Salvador trip was transformational

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The paper is seeking students to write articles, edit copy, take photos, design pages and coordinate PR campaigns.

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By **BRITTANY L. BROWNE**  
*Tower Staff Writer*

Service is a seven-letter word that often means to give of time or monetary donation for the benefit of others, but I am convinced that there is more to it than just that. Over this past spring break, when most students were relaxing, getting away from school and work and vacationing on the beaches of the U.S., approximately 21 students from ODU traveled to San Salvador, El Salvador for an immersion trip. The trip was transformational and was my first time out of the country. It was not transformational solely because it was my first abroad but because of the faith of the Salvadorian people.

Despite their struggles and surrounding lifestyles of poverty, they still enjoyed every small thing in life like humor, smiling and being hospitable. San Salvador is the capital of El Salvador in Central America. During my time in El Salvador, I learned many things about their culture but I also learned a lot about my own culture. It is heartbreaking to fathom the fact that water is a precious resource to them because of the lack of clean water available to them on a daily basis. American people count water as a natural resource available every day without thought or worry of how it will come.

Nevertheless, for a moment, I want to focus once more on their faith. Most individuals identify with some religious background or belief and on a daily basis, some go through routines such as morning devotions, Bible study or afternoon prayer. We also attend church, volunteer and make donations as second



Photo courtesy of Brittany L. Browne

Ohio Dominican students and staff with El Salvadorians at a Christian community on their spring break trip.

nature sometimes. But how many of us, including myself, are willing to die for our faith or even our deepest beliefs? Scary thought, right? Well, this is what the people of El Salvador and various individuals around the globe have to deal with on a regular basis. While in the war for equality, everything is put on the line their families, their education, and their faith.

It is one thing to read about the history and news regarding other countries (not only in time of natural disasters but overall) and say, "Oh, those poor people, I hope and pray they will be OK." It is another thing, a deeper revelation, to embrace their struggles as your own and being of service not to them but *with* and *for* them.

Service does not mean just giving of time and money, but it is an everyday adventure for yourself. By sharing the stories of others who might be struggling internationally or even locally, you are engaging in service for the benefit of another. One Salvadorian woman reminded me of the simple things that matter when she was asked, "What do you want us to tell



Browne

the people of the United States about the Salvadorian people?" Her response was, "Just tell them that we are a people of hope." She did not say, "tell them to send money, tell them don't forget about us when it comes to revitalization"—just we are a people of hope. Transformational. As you read this article, I hope that your hearts are touched and your minds are opened slightly to embrace the true definition of service. Of course, you cannot get that simply from reading an article, but hopefully you'll get inspired to be of service to someone else.

## ODU Difference-Makers: February winners



Kayla Walton

Four students received the monthly ODU Difference-Makers award in February for their contributions to campus. Excerpts from the nominations:

**Kayla Walton:** Senior, of Carroll, middle childhood education. She is an RA and president of the Respect for Life. Organized trip to Washington, D.C., for the March for Life. Holds weekly Bible studies in her dorm room and works as a student ambassador. "Kayla is always looking for ways to help and to serve others."

**Alisha Clemens:** Senior, of



Tiffany Ford

Groveport, middle childhood education. She is an RA, was on the Presidential Search Committee and served as the Village to Child Girl Scouts leader this year. "Even though she has a full-time course load, AND student teaching, she continues to truly make a personal difference in the lives of EACH of our Village to Child young ladies."

**Tiffany Ford:** Sophomore, of Columbus, middle childhood education. She is a writing tutor in ODU's writing center. Makes yearly summer trips to



Eric Rauschenbach

Tijuana, Mexico, where she tutors in an orphanage. She is co-founder of the Veame Fund, which benefits the orphanage. "Without question, Tiffany is one of the strongest students I have known and is certainly one of the few who contribute so much for the good of other people."

**Eric Rauschenbach:** Freshman, of Struthers, business administration. He is a founding member of the College Democrats and Progressives, a group he hopes will become rooted in community service



Alisha Clemens

and dedicated to open dialogue on politics. "In events sponsored by this club, Eric seeks to create a open forum where students of any political tendency can come and respectfully discuss our modern day issues ..." Also a member of Student Government and works behind the scenes for Panther Players.

To nominate a student for a Difference-Makers award, submit the student's name and a description of why the recognition is deserved to [studentdevelopment@ohiodominican.edu](mailto:studentdevelopment@ohiodominican.edu).

### Review: *Clash of the Titans*

## Remake of '80s classic proves to be enjoyable

By STEFAN ARMINTROUT  
*Tower Movie Critic*

I was truly excited to see *Clash of the Titans* and was pleasantly surprised by how good the movie turned out to be. The remake of the 1981 classic stars Sam Worthington and tells the story of Perseus, who is the son of Zeus (Liam Neeson) but is raised by a fisherman and his family. After Hades (Ralph Fiennes) kills his family and threatens to destroy the city of Argos, he volunteers to lead a dangerous mission to defeat Hades and his unstoppable beast known as the Kraken. Although there is an

inherent silliness to the story, *Clash of the Titans* was a fun and entertaining experience

The writers made a great effort to put humor and emotion in most characters. Perseus and his team were probably the best aspect to the movie. Each brought emotion and a personality to their character. The best example was the character of Solon, played by Liam Cunningham. In many of the situations, he would have a funny quip or statement. Although the character development was well done, I felt like some characters were useless, such as the two brothers who join with Perseus and his

team. There was a scene where they beg to join the group, but after they are told they must cross into the underworld, they just leave. Those characters didn't bring much to the story.

Besides the characters, the film provides some great creatures and terrific action sequences. The scorpions and the Kraken were the best two examples the CGI characters. Both were extremely detailed. However, Medusa was a tad underwhelming. She seemed unpolished and cartoonish.

The action sequences delivered. The best was the final

fight with the Kraken. Perseus flying over the city on Pegasus and fighting the Kraken and Hades' other demons provided an enjoyable action scene at the movie's climax.

**Starring:** Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson, Ralph Fiennes

**Director:** Louis Leterrier

**MPAA Rating:** PG-13 for fantasy action violence, some frightening images

4 out of 5 stars



# Two students. Same spring break trip. Completely different experiences.

## *By plane*



Sophomore Allizon Munoz relaxes in a massage chair at an airport during her paid trip to a spring break conference in Austin, Texas.

By **STEVEN NYESTE**  
*Tower Columnist*

We were traveling to the same city, from the same city and for the same reason. That is where the similarities ended.

Allizon Munoz, sophomore public relations student and

secretary of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), and I attended the PRSSA National Assembly in Austin, Texas, over spring break to vote for the national leadership of our student organization.

Allizon was the official delegate representing Ohio

## *By bus*



Photos courtesy of Steven Nyeste and Allizon Munoz  
Senior Steven Nyeste with his bus tickets on the way to the same conference.

Dominican University by casting our vote on the new national officers. For her, this was her first national PRSSA event, a great opportunity to network and make friends that she will go to other national events and see. She's a new star just starting to shine.

For me, this was my last hurrah. I was the delegate last year. As president of our student group here at ODU, my star had been shining and is now starting to flicker.

Instead of getting new bulbs, I'll be getting a brand new star in May after graduation. A star

## Austin, Texas



with one less letter “s,” as I’d join the professional version, the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

This spring break trip was the dream: one last college trip, one more experience and one more new city before graduation. This was one final PRSSA national event. Unfortunately, making my own way to the event was also a bad idea.

As a delegate, Allizon had her hotel and registration fee paid for by PRSSA National, as I did last year.

ODU’s Student Activities covered her airplane expenses, as it allocates money for one national conference per academic year, for one

person per student group. Last year as a delegate, I was lucky enough to receive it, but not this year. As a result, I paid for my hotel, registration and transportation to Austin.

Where there is a will, there is a way. Reflecting on my travels, I’m left wishing I didn’t have that will.

I made my way down to Austin, but two horrible and scary words give me goosebumps even now once I’ve returned home. Greyhound Bus. Yes, to be able to afford my trip to national assembly I took a bus to Austin. What I was thinking when I clicked “submit” on Greyhound.com, I’m still not sure.

I was excited when I saw a big announcement on Greyhound’s Web

site about brand new buses that have wi-fi, electrical outlets for each seat and wider seats with more legroom. None of these advancements was featured on any of the buses that I was on during my trip. I think I would have preferred not knowing about these awesome new buses.

Allizon, on the other hand, flew. So how long were the two trips to Austin? Well Allizon traveled for 12.5 hours; my trip was 29 hours. What I didn’t mention was Allizon’s time was for round trip. Mine was 29 hours ONE WAY. Allizon was on her first class flight, being served meals of sushi and steak, with a limo taking her from the airport to the hotel, as she

was being photographed by the paparazzi.

Ok, so I might be exaggerating just a little, but compared to how I traveled, she might as well have been an A-list celebrity. I left at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10 to make it in time for the assembly beginning on the 11<sup>th</sup>. So how does one prepare to take a 29-hour bus ride? Well, you would think you should stay up the whole night before and sleep away as much of the trip as possible. Therefore, that’s what I did. I was anxious to get on the bus to get some good sleep.

I remember getting to the Greyhound station at 6 a.m. and having to wait around for an hour before boarding the bus. I thought to myself, man, I’m already bored, and I still have 30 hours before I get to Texas.

I learned very fast that my plan of not sleeping was a giant mistake. There were many stops on the way to Austin, but I knew that going in. What I wasn’t aware of was that everyone had to get off the bus at each stop, many times with a layover of over an hour, and then re-board. The perfect storm in all of this was that it was every two or three hours we would have a stop. In other words, right when I would be getting ready to get some good rest and fall asleep, the bus would

stop and I would have to get out.

Allison had the luxury of only having one layover in-between Columbus and Austin. Passengers could actually sleep uninterrupted while they stayed on the plane.

During my layovers, I had to stand the whole time, and not just due to sitting down for many hours. The Greyhound stations had charging stations for cell phones at each stop. The problem with this was that there were many people at the various stations that looked like they would like a new phone, in particular, mine. The seats at the stations were conveniently placed at the other end of the charging station, as to eliminate any chance for people to sit and watch over their phones.

During Allison's layovers, she had massage chairs, free wi-fi at the Dallas airport, airport security and no real need to charge a phone for a shorter trip, especially when her phone was off during her flight. I, on the other hand received and sent somewhere near 5,000 text messages on the bus to friends out of boredom. Most of the ones I received said "sorry" or "man, that sounds rough" and "good luck." I'd say very appropriate messages.

Then there was the



issue of passengers. I had to sit next to some odd characters on my travels. One asked to use my phone one time, and then proceeded to just point to my phone and stick his hand out multiple times.

The best part of this was that I kept getting calls from the number he called, and not just during the ride. During my time in Austin the mysterious 727 area code appeared on my phone three times. I actually was called from it again recently.

Then there was a

person who had the scent of someone who hadn't showered in a few days, he also didn't speak a word of English. I mentioned how we had to get off and back on at each stop. Well, there were times when I could smell my seatmate walking onto the bus from my seat. Terrible. When I got to my hotel room, the first thing I did was shower, and I'm sure I was trying to get his smell off me. At that point, if the clothes I was wearing had caught on fire, I'm not so sure I would have

minded.

The only good thing about the whole travel there was that I was working towards getting to Austin, and the fun times that awaited me there. This, of course meant that the trip back home was twice as depressing. To summarize the entire travel back, I'll say this. I was in Cincinnati ahead of schedule, with only the short ride to Columbus left. The bus ended up being delayed for over two hours before we left. The last hour and a half of the trip... took an extra two. When Columbus' skyscrapers appeared in the horizon, I was excited to be back home, almost as excited as I was to be off the bus.

Was it worth it? I was able to see the country (and at times, smell it right in the bus), network and make new friends that will make up the future public relations world. I impressed people with my dedication to my field and I have a story to tell at any future dinner table for the rest of my life. I also got to walk around downtown in a beautiful city I want to go back to again. I gave up over two entire days of my life to Greyhound to save over \$300, but I gained much, much more. Perhaps next time, when I'll no doubt fly, I'll gain even more on top of that.



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## Friday, April 23

The first annual ODU Day has a totally '80s theme to go with the musical *Back to the '80s*. Here's the schedule:

### TOTALLY INFLATABLE

1 to 5 p.m. on the Oval  
extreme air, inflatables, balloon artists, food and games  
Faculty/staff vs. students  
cornhole tournament

### TOTALLY HAMMY

5 to 7 p.m. in Hamilton Hall  
Chipotle-style dinner  
Commuters eat free  
Minute to win it contests

### TOTALLY ROLLER

7 to 10 p.m. in the  
white parking lot  
Skate the night away in the  
ODU Day roller rink

### TOTALLY MUSICAL

7 p.m. in Matesich Theatre  
*Back to the '80s*  
by the Panther Players  
Free to the ODU community  
\$6 general admission

### TOTALLY HOLLYWOOD

10 p.m. in Griffin Center mall  
After-dark movie  
*The Blind Side*

*ODU Day shirts on sale starting April 20 in 212 Griffin.*

*To enter the cornhole tournament, e-mail the names and e-mail addresses of your two team members to hallj@ohiodominican.edu by April 12.*

## Back to the '80s a highlight of ODU Day

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a picture of a much younger and much less clothed Ms. Brannigan surfaces, sending the couple into a love battle.

Will Corey ever get the girl of his dreams?

Will Tiffany ever see Michael's true colors?

Will Feargal ever get a date?

To get these answers, you must take a journey back in time to the '80s!

The Panther Players have been rehearsing for two months now and designing the set for almost as long.

Director Ginny Lubanski promises that *Back to the '80s* "is coming along really great and will be amazing on opening night."

The musical opens on April 16 at 7 p.m. in the Matesich Theatre.

Admission is free for students and faculty, and \$6 for general admission. Other performances will take place on April 17, 23 and 24 at 7 p.m. and April 18 at 2 p.m.

This year the Panther Players will be sponsoring a spring cleaning drive, collecting anything and everything including appliances, clothes, toiletries and canned goods.

The proceeds will be donated to the Griffin Center for the support of lower-income families on the east side of Columbus. Thanks and see you there!

*Kate Clarke, a sophomore majoring in English and Philosophy, will be performing as Eileen Reagan in Back to the 80's.*

## ODU's new leader says faith, work go hand in hand

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Jennifer Paasch said she hopes that the new president will add better technological resources for students. As a graphic design major it is imperative to have updated computers such as the one's used in the field in the corporate world.

Dr. Cimbolich has served as an adjunct professor of Neuroscience for the Commonwealth Medical College in Scranton and as a tenured professor of Psychology at Bellarmine University, a Catholic university in Louisville, Ky.

Earlier in his career, he served as vice provost and dean of Graduate Studies for the Catholic University of America. Before that, he served as director of the counseling center at Catholic University for 18 years and as a tenured professor in the Psychology Department. Dr. Cimbolich served on the faculty and directed counseling centers at the University of North Texas and the University of New Hampshire.

In college, he was an RA and was the captain of the tennis team. He still loves the sport and plays at least once a week in his spare time.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Montclair State College, a master's degree in Developmental Psychology from the Teachers College of Columbia University and a doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the University of Missouri.

He says his faith influences his work because they complement each other. "It is a

### Dr. Peter Cimbolich

**Previous job:** provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Marywood University in Scranton, Pa. Also a psychology professor.

**Degrees:** bachelor's in Chemistry from Montclair State College; master's in Developmental Psychology from the Teachers College of Columbia University; Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from University of Missouri

**Family:** wife Kristi, four adult children, four grandchildren.

natural extension to be a part of Catholic higher education for me," he said.

Before interviewing in Columbus, Dr. Cimbolich said he knew nothing about the area, but the more he began to know, the more enthusiastic he became about the position.

Dr. Cimbolich said he appreciates smaller institutions because there is a focus to work with undergraduates and he wants to make sure that the student graduation rate will improve.

He is often known for eating lunch with students at Marywood and attending various athletic events. He says he is looking forward to meeting ODU students and allowing them to get to know him because he tries to always remember that he is in this business for the students.



The cast of *Back to the '80s*, the musical opening April 16.

# Spring musical is totally '80s

By **KATHARINE CLARKE**  
*For The Tower*

If you see a sign on the side of Sunbury that says “15 miles to the Matesich Theatre,” follow the choruses of “Oh, Mickey you’re so fine!” and “Shot through the heart and you’re to blame!” and you’ll happen upon the Panther Players during one of their musical rehearsals.

The cast and crew of this year’s spring musical have been dancing, singing and painting their way back in time to the

totally awesome ‘80s!

*Back to the '80s*, told from the perspective a 30-something Corey (Barry Reinholdz), recounts the final year of William Ocean High’s senior class.

Among the mix of colorful characters is Michael Feldman (Danny Morales), the class cool guy and biggest jerk; Tiffany Houston (Lindsey Pruett), the class blonde beauty; and Corey’s younger, not-so-cool self (Sam Fenner).

Freshman Danny Morales

said his character Michael Feldman “is a jerk in disguise, cool, a ladies man, and a jock.”

Corey is madly in love with Tiffany, his next-door neighbor. But she is too busy batting her eyelashes at Michael the jock and his friends, who like to bully Corey and Feargal McFerrin III, the class nerd.

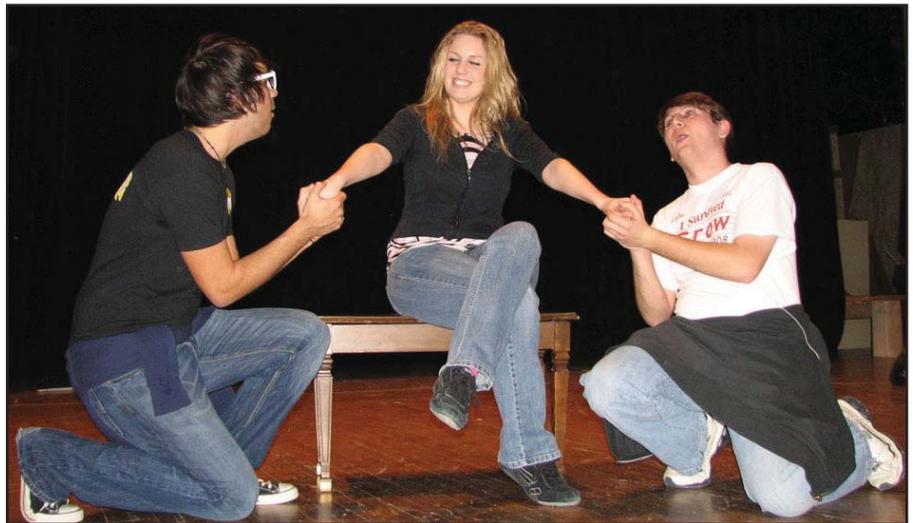
Sophomore Noah Scott, who plays the nerd Feargal, had this to say about getting to know his character: “Feargal is me, and I am Feargal.”

However, Corey and Feargal

are not Michael’s only victims as new girl Eileen Reaghan (Kate Clarke) begins receiving fake love letters from him and his buddies. In the mean time, teachers Mr. Cocker (Andy Schaffner) and Ms. Brannigan (Jane Anosike) must sneak around to hide their romantic relationship from the rest of school.

After Mr. Cocker confiscates a questionable magazine from Huey Jackson (Greg Jensen),

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Photos by Ginny Lubanski/special to The Tower

(L to R): Freshman Danny Morales, sophomore Lindsey Pruett and freshman Sam Fenner rehearse. In this scene the Morales and Fenner’s characters are vying for the girl’s attention to the ‘80s hit “500 Miles.”