



Coach Campoli Honored with Court Dedication

ONU honored former head basketball coach Joe Campoli and his family on Dec. 20 with the dedication of the Joe and Margaret Campoli Court.

A new parquet-style floor was installed in the Sports Center this fall to honor the legendary coach and his wife, Margaret, for their 30 years of service to Ohio Northern.

The floor was dedicated at halftime of the Polar Bear men's basketball game against John Carroll.

"Joe and his family have done so much for the University," ONU head coach Jeff Coleman said. "Not only was he a great coach and teacher, he served the University in many other ways. It is great that Joe and Margaret and their family will always be a part of the ONU Sports Center."

"Margaret and I are grateful for having the new floor named in our honor," Joe Campoli said. "We appreciate the effort that Jeff Coleman put forth in the planning and execution of getting the new floor installed. We love Ohio Northern University and have wonderful memories of our 30 years. It's hard for me to believe that there is a better floor at the Division III level."

Campoli was 254-101 in his 13 seasons at the helm of the Polar Bear basketball program. He guided Ohio Northern to the 1993 NCAA Division III National Championship and coached ONU to the Final Four in 2001.

Campoli has been voted the Division III National Coach of the Year twice (1993, 2001) and the Ohio College Coach of the Year twice (1993, 2001) and has won the Ohio Athletic Conference Coach of the Year honor four times (1993, 1995, 1999, 2001). He also won the prestigious Vince Lombardi Award, given annually by UNICO, in 2001.

His .715 winning percentage ranks him atop the list among Ohio Northern men's basketball coaches.

He ranks second all-time in men's basketball coaching victories at ONU and is the fastest coach to reach both 100 and 200 wins in school history.

In his 17 seasons as associate basketball coach at Ohio Northern University, Campoli helped ONU win 266 games. He served as junior varsity coach from 1975-92 and contributed greatly to the varsity team's success.

Coach Campoli also served as an associate professor in the ONU



department of human performance and sport sciences.

He also served as head coach of the highly successful women's soccer team at ONU. Campoli founded the program in 1988 and compiled a 40-29-3 record in five seasons before stepping down in 1992. In 1991, he guided the Lady Bears to the OAC championship in just the program's fourth season of existence. He was named the 1991 OAC Women's Soccer Coach of the Year. He was also an assistant football coach at ONU.

Joe and Margaret (an ONU grad), have a son, Joe Jr., and a daughter, Andrea.

Tickets Available for Polar Bear Ball

The Polar Bear Ball will be 7 to 11 p.m., Jan. 24, at the Columbus Zoo.

This evening of dancing and fellowship with Northern students, faculty, staff and alumni, will include a silent auction with proceeds going to Polar Bears International.

Tickets are on sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 5 to 7 p.m., this week in McIntosh Center. Tickets are \$25 per person. There is free transportation available on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Sonja Umbs at s-umbs@onu.edu or 419-772-2727 for more information.

Coach Herman Boone to Speak Jan. 22

Herman Boone, football coach and motivator, will speak on "Remember! Celebrate! Act! The Importance of Observing the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday," at 7 p.m., Jan. 22 in the sanctuary of the English Chapel.

In 1971, Boone faced the challenge of a lifetime, and his inspirational story was captured in the Disney film, "Remember the Titans," starring Academy Award-winner Denzel Washington.

In 1971, racial tensions ran high in Alexandria, Va., as three schools were integrated to form the T.C. Williams High School. Tensions only escalated when Boone, assistant coach of the former T.C. Williams High School, was named head coach of the Titans, passing over Bill Yoast, the local favorite and successful head coach of the former white Hammond High.

Remarkably, the two coaches were able to put aside their prejudices, and in doing so they unified their players to form a team whose common vision was to respect each other and win football games. At the same time, through the game of football, Boone and Yoast were able to help the community put aside its intolerance and join together to support its children. The Titans became one of the best teams in Virginia, compiling a 13-0 record and winning the state championship.

Boone is now retired but continues to motivate and inspire audiences with presentations on respect, teamwork, community involvement and importance of character.

The program is free and open to the public.

Sign Up For Text Messages

ONU has a cell phone text messaging service to alert faculty, staff and students of campus closings or emergencies. The system is designed to provide campus emergency information only, not general campus announcements. Sign-up is voluntary.

The message system will be tested at 11:50 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 7. Be sure to subscribe before that date and be ready for the unexpected.

To subscribe, log on to Luminis and follow the link at the bottom of the page. You can unsubscribe in the same manner at any time. Depending on your cell phone plan, charges to receive a text message may apply.

Warning Sirens Tests Begin

As a safety measure, ONU began monthly tests of the University's outdoor warning sirens last week. The system will be tested at 11:55 a.m. on the first Friday of each month, unless threatening weather is in the area.

The outdoor sirens are strategically placed around campus and are activated in case of tornado warnings and severe or threatening weather in the immediate area.

The warning system issues a continuous siren blast when a tornado warning is in effect. The siren continues until the danger has passed.

Olah Receives NIH Grant

Dr. Mark Olah, assistant professor of pharmacology, has received a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) to help in the development of drugs that promote or inhibit growth of blood vessels. These drugs may be useful in treating heart disease, diabetes and other diseases.

Olah will examine the proteins and cell signaling processes involved in promoting endothelial cell growth and migration with a focus on the intracellular protein known as Epc1. His primary research will concentrate on angiogenesis, which is the development or extension of new blood vessels from those that already exist. The growth and ordered assembly of endothelial cells is a key early event in angiogenesis.

"Very little is known about the function of Epc1 in promoting blood vessel development, and this research could identify new targets for clinical regulation of angiogenesis," Olah said.

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences funded the \$150,000 grant for the research project titled "Epc1 Signaling in Angiogenesis."

Understanding the mechanisms responsible for endothelial cell growth and migration may lead to the development of drugs that promote the growth of blood vessels and may be beneficial in heart disease. Conversely, inhibition of angiogenesis is used in the treatment of cancer, as tumors need blood vessels to expand. The FDA has recently approved drugs that disturb blood vessel growth for the treatment of colon, kidney and other cancers.

Volunteers Still Needed

The Office of Admissions is seeking faculty/staff volunteers to help with scholarship recognition days on Jan. 17, 24 and 31.

Scholarship days bring some of the best and brightest prospective students to campus in search of substantial financial aid. Each interview team consists of a current student, an alumnus, and a faculty/staff member. The Office of Admissions provides all the materials, including questions and evaluation forms. Approximately 35 teams are needed for each scholarship day.

Scholarship days are:
Trustee Scholarship Day, Jan. 17, 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Academic Honors Scholarship Day, Jan. 24, 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Distinguished Achievement Awards Day, Jan. 31, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

If you are interested in helping on any or all of these dates, contact Kevin Kolks, assistant director of admissions, at k-kolks@onu.edu. You will receive a confirmation e-mail and more detailed information, including a schedule, on the Monday before the event.

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Congratulations!

Dr. M.J. Sunny Zank, professor of music, has been elected secretary of Region 5 of the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) at meetings held in Seattle, Wash., in November. This is a two-year position.

The region holds its meetings in conjunction with the annual meetings of NASM. Region 5 consists of schools in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. NASM is an association of approximately 615 schools of music, primarily at the collegiate level, but also includes postsecondary non-degree-granting schools of music. It is the national accrediting agency for music and music-related disciplines. The association also provides information to the public. It produces statistical research, provides professional development for leaders of music schools and engages in policy analysis.

Dr. John K. Estell, professor and chair of the electrical and computer engineering and computer science department, has been nominated as one of two candidates for the position of secretary-treasurer of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department Heads Association (ECEDHA).

If elected this spring, Estell will serve a one-year term beginning July 1, 2009, after which he will be appointed for one-year terms as first vice president, and then president, of the association. Nominations are conducted annually by the ECEDHA board of directors and are indicative of both long-term service to the association and professional standing amongst one's peers.

The purposes of ECEDHA are to help advance the electrical and computer engineering fields, help members exchange ideas, and improve communication with the profession, industry, government and others. ECEDHA membership is open to the chairs of U.S. university departments offering ABET-accredited electrical and/or computer engineering programs. Of about 300 departments offering such programs, almost 90 percent are currently represented in ECEDHA.

ONU Presents Thought-provoking Drama

The Freed Center for the Performing Arts presents "A.H. (before he changed our history)," a one-man play that explores the life of Adolf Hitler. The performance will take place Saturday, Jan. 17, at 8 p.m. in the Stambaugh Studio Theatre, with a pre-show discussion at 7:15 p.m.

2007 ONU graduate Bryan Beckwit stars in this exploratory drama. The play deals with this complex question: How did Adolf, a sensitive child who dreamt of becoming an artist, become Hitler, one of history's most tyrannical figures? Follow Adolf's life from his childhood until he joins the German Workers Party at age 31. The play combines animation, virtuosi acting, classical music, physical acting and other theatrical elements.

Playwright Yagil Eliraz is the grandson of two Holocaust survivors. The Israel native spent eight years researching and writing "A.H.," which was recently nominated for the best Fringe Theatre Show 2008 (Tel Aviv).

Tickets are \$15 for general admission. The Freed Center box office is open Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Phone orders are accepted with MasterCard, VISA, American Express or Discover by calling 419-772-1900. Online ticketing is also available at www.freedcenter.com

Administrative Assistant Printing Services

Jayne Brunow is the new administrative assistant in printing services. She moved from part-time to full-time on Dec. 1.

Before coming to ONU, she worked as a teller at Liberty National Bank, and as a day care teacher in Kenton and teacher aide at Findlay City Schools.



Seminar Reveals Major Development for Potential Cancer Drug

A potential new drug for the treatment of breast cancer was revealed in a seminar by Dr. Tara Rheault at ONU on Dec. 3.

Rheault, an oncology medical chemistry researcher with GlaxoSmithKline at Research Triangle Park in North Carolina, gave a presentation titled "Potent and Selective Inhibitors of Polo-Like Kinase (PLK1): Novel Anti-mitotic Agents for the Treatment of Cancer" to the ONU Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

In her presentation, Rheault discussed her research to develop IV-administered therapies based on PLK1, an enzyme that has been shown to play an integral role in the progression of cells, particularly rapidly dividing cancer cells. Interruption of the cell replication cycle through the use of drugs is an effective approach to cancer therapy.

The new small-molecule kinase inhibitor, whose chemical structure was first revealed during the seminar at Northern, is in the same class of drugs as GlaxoSmithKline's recently approved breast cancer drug, Tykerb.

Dr. Jake Zimmerman, assistant professor of chemistry, said Rheault had to get special approval from her superiors and lawyers to reveal the structure and added that most major developments of this type are typically reserved for national meetings.

'The Velveteen Rabbit' Comes to Life

The Freed Center for the Performing Arts presents "The Velveteen Rabbit" Thursday, Jan. 15, at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. in Biggs Theatre.

Based on the classic children's book by Margery Williams, "The Velveteen Rabbit" tells the story of a plush toy bunny coming to life with the transforming power of a boy's love. Presented by Enchantment Theatre Company, this innovative production features an original score, live singers, extraordinary puppets and a touch of magic sure to delight audiences young and old. Don Sebesky, Tony, Emmy and Grammy Award-winning composer and arranger, lends his musical talents to the performance.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for children. Online ticketing is available at www.freedcenter.com

Northern Events Jan. 8 -14

Campus Events

Jan. 8

11:45 a.m., Cultural Conversation Hour, "Are We Really Ready," - A discussion on the acceptance of Interracial dating and marriage in America, Multicultural Development Center

Jan. 10

9:00 a.m., Presidential Scholarship Day, ONU campus

Jan. 11

11:15 a.m., Catholic Mass, chapel

6:00 p.m., TNT Worship Service, chapel

Jan. 12

4:00 p.m., College of Engineering faculty meeting, Biggs 239

Jan. 13

4:00 p.m., University Faculty Meeting, McIntosh Activities Room

7:00 p.m., New Dimensions in Diversity Film Series, Dicke Forum

Jan. 14

11:00 a.m., Faith Lift, speaker: Dr. Thomas A. Hunt, chair, department of music, chapel

Arts and Lectures

Jan. 10

2:30 p.m., College of Engineering Continuing Professional Development, Dr. David R. Sawyers Jr., assistant professor of mechanical engineering, presents use of solar energy for water and space heating, The Inn at ONU. Register with Karla Geise at k-geise@onu.edu.

Athletics

Jan. 10

9:00 a.m., Wrestling at National Duals, Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa

12:30 p.m., Women's JV Basketball vs. Clark State, ONU Sports Center

1:00 p.m., Swimming and Diving vs. Mount Union, ONU Natatorium

2:00 p.m., Men's Basketball at Capital



3:00 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. Capital, ONU Sports Center

Jan. 11

9:00 a.m., Wrestling at National Duals, Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa

Jan. 12

7:00 p.m., Women's JV Basketball vs. Bluffton, ONU Sports Center

Jan. 13

7:30 p.m., Wrestling at Muskingum

Jan. 14

7:30 p.m., Women's Basketball at Muskingum

7:30 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. Muskingum, ONU Sports Center

For more events, go to:

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