



Dance Company Collaborates with Verb Ballets

Verb Ballets joins forces with the Ohio Northern University Dance Company for an evening of contemporary dance in the Freed Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, Jan. 31. A pre-show discussion begins at 7:15 p.m., followed by the performance at 8 p.m. A second performance takes place Sunday, Feb. 1, at 2 p.m.

Visceral and dynamic, the event promises to be a breathtaking display of sheer physicality. Verb Ballets will perform several pieces, including the familiar “Bolero.” The ONU Dance Company, under the direction of Dr. Laurie Bell, will also perform “A Declaration of Sentiments.”

Formerly the Cleveland Repertory Project, Verb Ballets formed in 1987, incorporated in 1989, and received non-profit status in 1991. Verb Ballets is dedicated to performing well-crafted, thought-provoking works from highly recognized and emerging choreographers. The company’s collaboration with Ohio Northern is part of Verb’s educational outreach program.

Tickets are available from the Freed Center box office or online at www.freedcenter.com



Work Out at Home!

Need a little help keeping that New Year’s resolution to get in shape? ONU’s exercise physiology practicum students have just the class for you!

Last quarter the students held a “boot camp” to punch up your fitness routine. This quarter the class is “Home Exercise Workshop – Learn How to Keep Your New Year’s Resolutions From the Comfort of Your Own Home.”

The session will be from noon to 12:50 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18, in the Sports Center field house.

The class is geared to beginner and intermediate fitness levels.

To register or to learn more, e-mail Sara Terrell at s-terrell@onu.edu



Crossword: ONU=Ada

Check out last Sunday’s New York Times Crossword Puzzle! The clue to 75 across: Home of Ohio Northern University. The answer is Ada!

Thanks to **Edward Lebeaux**, JD ’79, for the heads up!



Abuse Prevention Efforts Topic for Lecture

Dr. Carol Plummer of the Louisiana State University School of Social Work gave a talk on sexual abuse in Kenya to ONU students and faculty on Jan. 20.

Plummer's talk, titled "What we can learn and what we can do about the worldwide epidemic of sexual abuse: Current Efforts in Kenya," was sponsored by Dr. Harry Wilson, visiting assistant professor of geography, and Phi Beta Delta.

Plummer told the audience that addressing the problem in Kenya was complicated by several factors, including a lack of training by medical and educational professionals, and the difficulty young victims who complain face from their families and communities.

Data on the prevalence of sexual abuse is difficult to come by in many African nations, but Plummer cited evidence that that around 40 percent of Kenyan victims are abused in school, and coupled with the danger of walking long distances to school, this keeps many young girls out of the schools. The high incidence of AIDS in Africa also contributes to the abuse of young victims who are seen as being more likely to be free of the disease.

The solution, according to Plummer, was continued efforts to educate public officials. She noted the success of a Kenyan program that enlisted taxi drivers, who are often asked to drive sexual tourists to where young children are available for sex. The drivers are trained to spot such predators and to refuse them service or to turn them over to local police.

Chili Cook-Off, Feb. 3

Have a great chili recipe? Then, enter the Pharmacy Council's Chili Cook-Off!

Entry forms are available from pharmacy student services in the dean's office reception area.

Prizes include Wal-mart gift cards for first, second and third place in both judges' pick and popular vote.

The cook-off is 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 3, in the McIntosh Activities Room.

Even if you don't enter the cook-off, you can taste the yummy, homemade chili and vote for your favorite. Cost is only \$1 (or two canned goods) for two tastes!

Congratulations!

Mindi Wells, BSBA '95, JD '98, assistant dean for administration and student services in the College of Law, was sworn in for her third and final two-year term as an out-of-state representative to the Florida Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors, where she co-chairs their transition to practice committee and serves on the budget and newsletter committees.

She is one of three governors elected to represent the interests of the more than 1,500 young lawyers who are licensed in Florida but live outside of the state. Young lawyers are those under age 36 or in practice less than five years. In addition, she also serves on the executive council of the Out of State Division of the Florida Bar Association, which represents more than 13,000 attorneys who are licensed in Florida, but practice elsewhere.

Students Vie for Art Award

Two ONU art students are among the 21 entrants in the second annual AICUO (Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio) Research Foundation's Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts.

Seniors Stephanie Rader from Mount Cory, Ohio, and Andrew Steingass from Ada, are vying for the People's Choice Award with their online portfolios.

The competition for this award is available to the public at www.aicuoartaward.com. The works from the nominated students can be viewed there, and visitors can cast their vote cast for a favorite piece during each online session.

The winner of the People's Choice Award will receive a distinctive award as well as additional prizes, at a reception honoring all the nominees on April 21 at the Columbus College of Art & Design.

Students to Help with Tax Preparation

Elderly and low-income tax payers in Allen and Hardin counties can find free income tax assistance from Ohio Northern University law and accounting students through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA).

ONU students will offer free electronic filing (e-filing) services at several area locations during tax season. The sites are open from Feb. 7 until April 15 (excluding the week of Feb. 28-March 8). The following locations will be open at the designated times and staffed with IRS-certified volunteers:

ACCENT (Allen County Center for Employment and Training): 1501 S. Dixie Highway, Lima, Ohio. Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Phone: 419-999-0360

Hardin County Council of Aging: 100 Memorial Ave., Kenton, Ohio. Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Phone: 419-673-1102

Lima Superior Federal Credit Union: 4230 Elida Road, Lima, Ohio. Appointments are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To make an appointment, call 419-223-9746 and press "0" for operator.

Taxpayers interested in these services should bring their Social Security card, driver's license or identification card, all forms sent from the IRS this year, W2 forms, any other pertinent income statements and copies of tax returns for the past two years, if available.

Polar Bear Nation Events Continue

ONU has scheduled several events in January and February in honor of Polar Bear Nation. This yearlong series of activities and events raises awareness about ONU's mascot, the polar bear, which is now on the endangered species list because of climate change in the Arctic. Proceeds from all Polar Bear Nation events go to its designated charity, Polar Bears International.

"Environment Visions," displayed in the Elzay and Stambaugh Studio Theatre Galleries, exhibits a select group of artists and designers who share similar views about the environment and the challenges we face as stewards of the land, air and water. Featured artists include Kelly Adams, Bob Barancik, Koriel Jock, Lucia LaVilla-Havelin, Susan Strong Muir, Shelly Murney, Patricia Tinajero and Jing Zhou. The exhibit runs through Feb. 20, and is free and open to the public daily from noon-5 p.m. and before events at the Freed Center for the Performing Arts.

Polar Bear Day begins at the Freed Center on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 9 a.m. This exciting, fun day gives children and young adults (ages 3-18) the chance to explore the world of the polar bear with creative workshops that combine storytelling, art, music and theatre. Workshops are free. To register, call the Freed Center box office at ext. 1900.

Later that evening, "Silent Snow," with the ONU Symphony Orchestra, makes its world premiere at 8 p.m. in Biggs Theatre. Renowned composer Joseph Curiale presents his reflective symphony on the changing climate and its impact on the polar bear. General admission tickets cost \$15 and can be obtained by calling the Freed Center box office ext. 1900.

For more information about Polar Bear Nation and upcoming events, visit www.onu.edu/pbnevents

Campus Book Project

As part of ONU's Polar Bear Nation observation, the ONU campus is invited to participate in the campus book project.

The book, "Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change" by Elizabeth Kolbert, discusses what is going on with the global environment and what, if anything, can be done to save our planet. It will be used in on-campus classes and is available through the Ada library and area book clubs.

Copies of the book are on reserve at Heterick Library, or contact Carol Flax, ext. 2047, for more information.

To wrap up the book project, Kolbert will be on campus for a presentation and question-and-answer session at 7:30 p.m., March 12, 2009.

Offices Move

The offices of Vice President for University Advancement Tom Stevick, Executive Assistant to the President William Robinson, Coordinator of Proposal Development Rebecca Watercutter and Executive Administrative Assistant Sharon Lease, have moved to the second floor of Lehr Memorial.

They are located in the former Alumni Affairs offices. Telephone and fax numbers remain the same.

O'Reilly to Present 'Unexceptional'

Marc J. O'Reilly will conduct a lecture on his new book, "Unexceptional: America's Empire in the Persian Gulf, 1941-2007," in the Dicke Forum at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3. A book signing will follow the lecture.

Sponsored by the Committee of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (CASE), the lecture is free and open to the public.

O'Reilly is an assistant professor of political science at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio, and originally hails from Canada. An expert in international affairs, O'Reilly co-authored the "Handbook of Canadian Foreign Policy."

"Unexceptional" began as a doctorate dissertation in the late 1990s when O'Reilly wondered if American behavior in the Middle East could be considered imperial. America's imposing military presence, vested interest in Gulf hydrocarbons and political role in the Middle East, especially the Persian Gulf, allowed O'Reilly to make the case that America had created and evolved a regional empire comparable to the British, Ottoman and other previous empires.

The ONU bookstore has copies of "Unexceptional: America's Empire in the Persian Gulf, 1941-2007" available for purchase.

'Dali Lama Renaissance'

Khashayar Darvich presented his film, "Dalai Lama Renaissance," to students and faculty in the Dicke Forum on Jan. 26.

Darvich was introduced by Ellen Wilson, who knew the director as a child in southern Ohio. The director gave a short introduction to the film, which chronicled a meeting that took place in Dharamsala, India, between a group of Western thinkers and the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists. While the purpose of the conference was to come up with innovative ideas for changing the world, the film is more of an exploration of the clash of egos that developed among the participants and between the participants and organizers of the conference.

In the end, the only proposal was to call for a boycott of all Chinese products until Tibet gains its freedom from China. The Dalai Lama, however, turned down this suggestion because he thought that it would hurt the Chinese people, rather than their government.

Darvich answered questions after the film and told the audience that his crew of 30 went into the project with a great deal of excitement that they would be filming a world-changing story, but after a few days, realized that the real story was the clash of egos. He also answered questions about the economics of documentary making, explaining that the real money for such projects is made in DVD sales. Without prompting, he described the opportunity he had to direct Harrison Ford, who did the narration.



Northern Events Jan. 29 - Feb. 4

Arts and Lectures

Jan. 31

8:00 p.m., Verb Ballets with the ONU Dance Company, Freed Center



Feb. 1

2:00 p.m., Verb Ballets with the ONU Dance Company, Freed Center

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

Feb. 3

4:00 p.m., Eighth Annual Pharmacy Council Soup and Chili Cookoff, McIntosh Activities Room

5:30 p.m., University Council, Dicke Forum

Campus Events

Jan. 1 - Feb. 20

Noon-5:00 p.m., Environmental Visions, Elzay Gallery of Art and Stambaugh Studio Theatre Gallery

Jan. 31

8:00 a.m., Distinguished Achievement Scholarship Day

8:00 a.m., SMArts (Saturday Morning Arts) Program, Wilson Art Center

Feb. 4

11:00 a.m., Faith Lift, speaker, Professor Nils Riess, professor of communication arts, Chapel

Athletics

Jan. 30

1:30 p.m., Wrestling at Wheaton, Ill., Invitational

6:30 p.m., Swimming & Diving at Notre Dame, Euclid, Ohio

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Noon, Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field, OAC Relays at Otterbein

12:30 p.m., Men's JV Basketball vs. Team Lima, ONU Sports Center

1:00 p.m., Swimming & Diving at Case Western Reserve

3:00 p.m., Women's Basketball at Baldwin-Wallace

3:00 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. Baldwin-Wallace, ONU Sports Center

Feb. 3

7:30 p.m., Wrestling vs. Mount Union, ONU Sports Center

Feb. 4

5:00 p.m., Men's JV Basketball vs. Marathon Oil, ONU Sports Center

5:30 p.m., Women's JV Basketball at Otterbein

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

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



For more events, go to:

www-new.onu.edu/event