



King Horn Polar Bear Rededicated

Thirty-four years ago ONU senior **Jeffrey Seward**, BA '75, JD '87, donated a 7-foot-tall fiberglass polar bear to the University. It found a permanent home looking down on the new King Horn basketball courts.

Today, Seward is senior vice president for trust administration/trust services at M & I Marshall & Ilsley Bank in Orlando, Fla. His daughter and son-in-law are both ONU graduates.

Last year Seward told Lisa Taylor, director of development of the College of Law, the story of the polar bear statue and asked if there were any photos of the 1975 dedication ceremony where both he and President Sam Meyer spoke. An exhaustive search of ONU archives failed to find the photo, so plans were made for a rededication with a plaque to honor the gift.

During the Jan. 31 men's basketball game, Seward and his family were guests of honor as the statue and plaque were rededicated during half time.

Seward shared his story of the polar bear in his remarks:

"It was approximately 34 years ago last month, when I was a senior here at Ohio Northern, that an opportunity of a lifetime happened upon me. I was young, ambitious, and no one would give me a break except for Ohio Northern. I worked very hard, did what other students did, and attempted to get a college education at the time. I was fortunate; I was able to take advantage of the opportunities that availed themselves at Ohio Northern.

"I was a nobody from nowhere, but Ohio Northern gave me a chance and I took full opportunity of that chance. Thirty-four years ago last month, I also discovered a unique find, purely by accident. It was a 7-foot fiberglass white polar bear, located in a small community in the suburbs of Pittsburgh, Pa. When I first discovered it, my thoughts were, who would have a 7-foot statue of a polar bear in their front yard?

"As a young man, I wanted to give back something to Ohio Northern because if it were not for the assistance of President Sam Meyer, the sitting president of the University at the time, I would have never had the chance to attend Ohio Northern.

"I approached President Meyer upon my return to campus after the Christmas break, advised him of my find, and asked if he was interested in my obtaining the polar bear statute for the University. President Meyer could not believe my story. In fact, at first, I think he thought I was telling him a story that could not be true.

"President Meyer kind of laughed it off at first and said, 'If you



At the rededication ceremony, from left, ONU President L. Kendall Baker congratulates Jeff J. Seward, BA '75, JD '87, his wife, Cynthia "Cindy" Seward, daughter Michelle (Cha) Peters, BM '05, and son-in-law Drew Peters, BS '06.



can get it, I will get it here.' Well, within the next couple of weeks, I returned to Pittsburgh and approached the owner, negotiated a price I thought was reasonable, secured the ownership rights of the statute, and returned to Ohio Northern. The beginning of that next week, I again approached President Meyer with a picture of the statute of the polar bear.

"President Meyer looked at the picture and told me that was 'nice.' Then I said, 'He's all yours, I got it but I can't afford to get here, and I don't think you thought I was serious, but I got it, and it's all yours.'

"It is my way of saying 'thank you for what you have done for me.' President Meyer looked at me and asked me if I was serious, because this is not the usual gift a University receives, especially from a student. President Meyer arranged for the transportation of the statute of the polar bear to campus, just after the dedication of the new King Horn gym, which had just opened prior to the 1975 graduation ceremony.

"From that point forward, Dr. Meyer and I were friends and we

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Mathile to Speak on 'Lessons Learned the Hard Way'

Tim Mathile, BSME '87, president and CEO of Franklin Brazing, will discuss "Lessons Learned the Hard Way" in Ohio Northern University's Dicke Forum on Monday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m.

Presented by the ONU Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team, this event is free and open to the public.

Mathile will discuss his path as an entrepreneur after graduating from ONU with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering in 1987. He will provide students with insight on how to create and grow an idea into a successful business.

In business for more than 30 years, Franklin Brazing, located in Lebanon, Ohio, specializes in high-volume, high-efficiency processes with a specialty in stainless steel parts.

Mathile serves on the board of directors for Aileron, a non-profit organization created to strengthen communities by helping business owners lead and manage their companies, driving growth, innovation and jobs.

'Cabaret' Heats up ONU Stage

The Freed Center for the Performing Arts presents the Tony Award-winning musical "Cabaret." Performances begin Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 8 p.m., with a pre-show discussion at 7:15 p.m.



Additional performances take place Thursday, Feb. 12, at 8 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 15, at 2 p.m. All showings will be in the Stambaugh Studio Theatre.

Set in Berlin in 1929, "Cabaret" follows the tumultuous love story

of Kit Kat Klub performer Sally Bowles and American writer Cliff Bradshaw. The master of ceremonies welcomes patrons to the cabaret, where they forget their troubles, although his songs provide wry commentary on the state of affairs in Germany at the close of the 1920s. Songs like "It Couldn't Please Me More," "Willkommen," "Cabaret," "Don't Tell Mama," and "Two Ladies" add to this powerful production.

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. Tickets are also available online at www.freedcenter.com

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Seungmug Lee, Ph.D., visiting assistant professor of criminal justice, is author of a study that finds residential burglar alarm systems decrease crime. Researchers at the Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice in Newark, N.J., analyzed five years of crime data provided by the Newark Police Department.

Lee said, "Data showed that a steady decrease in burglaries in Newark between 2001 and 2005 coincided with an increase in the number of registered home burglar alarms." He added, "The study credits the alarms with the decrease in burglaries and the city's overall crime rate.

"By using sophisticated in-depth research techniques, we were able to eliminate the variables that impact crime rates and focus directly on the impact alarm systems have on residential burglaries."

Lee completed his doctoral degree from Rutgers in 2008.

Karen Kier, BSPH '82, Ph.D., professor of clinical pharmacy, has earned the designation of Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) from the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialists. This is pharmacy's highest credential in the practice of pharmacotherapy. Through board certification, pharmacotherapy specialists demonstrate a defined level of education and training, as well as mastery of the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the public's demand for expert pharmaceutical care.

Shane Martin, Pharm.D., assistant clinical professor of pharmacy practice, is now a Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist (BCPP).

The Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties was organized in 1976 as an independent certification agency of American Pharmacists Association (APhA) in response to changes in health care and pharmacy. It identifies and recognizes critical specialty practice areas, sets standards for certification, objectively evaluates individuals seeking certification, and acts as an information resource and coordinating agency for pharmacy specialties.

The board recognizes five specialty practice areas: pharmacotherapy, nuclear pharmacy, nutrition support pharmacy, oncology pharmacy, and psychiatric pharmacy.

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visited one another on numerous occasions throughout the country on an annual basis until his death. President Meyer and I jointly presented the polar bear to the University in the spring quarter of 1975 at this very location. It is still located in the same place and position as when it arrived 34 years ago.

"This polar bear, a symbol of this University, a symbol of strength, a symbol of pride and a symbol of tradition that lives on here at Ohio Northern. It is my pleasure to once again, as a graduate (twice; once from the College of Liberal Arts and once from the College of Law), to re-dedicate the Ohio Northern polar bear to the students, the faculty, the alumni and to the friends of Ohio Northern. I thank all of you for your time, and the honor to re-dedicate this symbol, to all of you and Ohio Northern University. May the polar bear live forever. Thank you."

ONU Celebrates Black History Month

Ohio Northern University commemorates Black History Month this February with a number of scheduled events. Several campus organizations will collaborate to provide diverse opportunities to celebrate African-American heritage. Here is the schedule of February's activities:

New Dimensions in Diversity Film Series and the Black Student Union present "The Great Debaters"

Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Dicke Hall Forum

Cultural Conversation: Still Visible and Viable - The State of the African American Church

Thursday, Feb. 12, at 11:30 a.m. in the Dicke Hall Forum
Lunch will be provided following the forum.

Annual Kuumba Festival

Friday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. in the McIntosh Center Activities Room
A word from the Swahili language, "kuumba" means "creativity." This annual showcase of talent includes dance, song, poetry, culture and music. The event is all campus inclusive and welcomes the creative influence of all ethnic backgrounds and cultures.

From Suspicion to Certainty - The Role of Science in the Development of 19th-Century Racism

Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. in the ONU faculty dining room
Dr. Margot Cullen, associate professor of English, will present a scholarly lecture on the influence of science on 19th-century racism.

Annual Black Student Union Fashion Show

Friday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. in the McIntosh Center Activities Room
This annual fashion show is sponsored by the Ohio Northern Black Student Union. For more information, please contact Reginald Onyido, president of the Ohio Northern Black Student Union, at r-onyido@onu.edu

BSA (Black Law Students Association) presents its annual Diversity Forum

Friday, Feb. 20, at 2:30 p.m. in the ONU Law School

Soul Food Dinner

Sunday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the Multicultural Center
The Office of Multicultural Development and the Black Student Union present a dinner with soul, good food and fellowship.

For more information on Black History Month Activities or the Office of Multicultural Development at Ohio Northern University, contact: Clyde Wilson Pickett, director of Multicultural Development, ext. 3145 or www.onu.edu/multicultural

Polar Bear Nation Events Continue

ONU has scheduled several events 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 at ext. 1900.

The campus book project will feature "Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change" by Elizabeth Kolbert. The book discusses what is going on with the global environment. 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. 2074 for more information.

Kolbert will be on campus for a presentation and question-and-answer session at 7:30 p.m., March 12.

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



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Northern Events Feb. 5 - 11

Campus Events

Jan. 1 - Feb. 20

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

Feb. 7

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

Feb. 8

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

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

Feb. 10

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

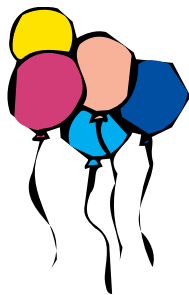
Feb. 11

11:00 a.m., Faith Lift, speaker Dr. David Rouch, professor of technology, Chapel

Arts and Lectures

Feb. 10

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



Feb. 11

8:00 p.m., "Cabaret," Freed Center

Athletics

Feb. 6

Noon, Women's Indoor Track & Field, DePauw, Ind.

6:00 p.m., Men's Indoor Track & Field, DePauw, Ind.

Feb. 7

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

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

6:00 p.m., Men's Indoor Track & Field, DePauw, Ind.



Feb. 9

7:00 p.m., Men's JV Basketball at Bluffton

Feb. 10

7:30 p.m., Wrestling vs. John Carroll, ONU Sports Center

Feb. 11

7:30 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. Wilmington, ONU Sports Center

7:30 p.m., Men's Basketball at Wilmington

For more events, go to:

www-new.onu.edu/event