



International Play Fest Tackles Immigration

The topical issue of immigration will be the focus of Ohio Northern's sixth annual International Play Festival in the Freed Center for the Performing Arts from April 2-5 at 8 p.m. Matinee performances also are scheduled from April 5-6 at 2 p.m.

ONU has commissioned two playwrights from both sides of the border, Berta Hiriart from Mexico and Elaine Romero from Tucson, Ariz., to tackle the issues surrounding the controversial subject. It will be the world premiere of the two plays, which were specifically developed for the play festival as part of ONU's contribution not only to United States, but to the international theatre community on this important and widely discussed topic.

"Every year, ONU's International Play Festival brings the wider world and its multitude of cultural perspectives to our students and community in Northwest Ohio, while simultaneously supporting new works from the world stage, so often overlooked in the American theatre," said Joan Robbins, Freed Center dramaturge. "I can't think of worthier educational and cultural causes."

Hiriart's "On the Border" and Romero's "Undocumented" each feature a medley of characters and vastly different viewpoints. The stories revolve around an unpoliticized Latina school principal, minutemen, a Mexican-American citizen who hires undocumented workers, the workers themselves and the various dreams concerning living in the U.S.

An award-winning playwright, Romero's most recent commissions are with the Kennedy Center and Alley Theatre. Her plays have been presented at Actors Theatre of Louisville, Magic Theatre, New Theatre and Arizona Theatre Company, among others. Romero's plays have been widely published, most notably by Samuel French, Smith and Kraus, and Vintage Books. Romero's work for television has been seen on CBS, NBC and ABC.

Hiriart has worked in theater, radio, journalism and literature, and has coordinated creative workshops. She received the National Award for Published Work in 1994 for the novel "Feliz año nuevo (Happy New Year)." Her play "Adiós, querido Cuco (Good-bye, Dear Cuco)" received the National Award for Children's Theatrical Production in 2004, and "Cartas a una joven dramaturga (Letters to a Young Female Playwright)" received the Award for Theatrical Essay in 2005 (from National Center for Research in Theater Rodolfo Usigli and "Paso de Gato" magazine).

In addition to bringing in guest playwrights with professional and personal insight, ONU also has recruited a professional director and actor, Angel David, and two international actors, Eden Coronado and Marciela Ochoa, to help authenticate the works of the playwrights. The choice to bring in the professional director and



actors furthers the cross-border collaborations, authenticates the ethnic characters of the project and provides ONU students with additional educational opportunities.

David, who in addition to directing the two plays is spending a quarter at ONU teaching acting, has numerous acting and directing credits. As a director, Angel's credits include "What We Talk About When We Talk About Love" (two Raymond Carver short stories adapted for the stage) at Tribeca Labs, "Rum and Coke" by Carmen Palaez at the HBO Showcase Theater in Los Angeles, "El Salvador" by Rafael Lima at the Shurin Theater, "Death in the Mind" by Raul Castillo at the Cherry Lane Alternative, "Cuchifrito" by Eduardo Andino at INTAR Theater, "Memories of Our Women" by Arthur Giron at Schaeberle Studio Theater/Pace University, and "The Origins of Happiness" by Felix Pire at Urban Stages.

As an actor, Angel can be seen in many films and television shows including "G.I. Jane," "The Crow," "City Hall," "One Life to Live," "Guiding Light," "Rescue Me" and every version of "Law and Order."

Coronado's professional debut was in 1995 with the play "Pescar Águilas," and he is one of the founders of the Theater Company El Rinoceronte Enamorado.

Ochoa recently performed at the Goodman Theatre as Adria & Lourdes in Eduardo Machado's play "The Cook." Ochoa has also appeared in several motion pictures and television shows.

Tickets for the International Play Festival are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for seniors and \$9 for children. Tickets for ONU faculty and staff are \$12. For ONU students, tickets are \$5. 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 or Discover by calling (419) 772-1900.



Pharmacy students taking part in the Heartburn Awareness Challenge pose at the Findlay Chili Cook-off in February.

Beacon of Hope to Honor Rosie Williams

Beacon of Hope, a dinner and auction to raise funds for home health and hospice services in Hardin County and the surrounding area, will be April 24, hosted by the Ada Visiting Nurses and Hospice.

The event also honors the families served by the agency. This year the event will honor the memory of ONU's late resident artist and lecturer in music, Rosemary Zika Williams.

A lighthouse will be presented in memory of Rosemary and will be displayed at the agency's office as a reminder of the light of hope that hospice brings to families in a difficult time.

The dinner and auction will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 24, at Ada Visiting Nurses and Hospice, 4392 State Route 235, Ada. Tickets are \$20 and seating is limited to 100.

The agency is also seeking donated items for the auction, such as original artwork, jewelry, quilts, needlepoint, stained glass and woodworking. All donations are tax-deductible. Donations from individuals, groups and organizations are also welcome.

For more information or tickets, call (419) 634-7743.

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Heartburn Education Program Honored

Northern's chapter of the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) has received the American Pharmacists Association Heartburn Awareness Challenge 2007 Region 4 Award.

Region 4 consists of all the colleges of pharmacy in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

ONU's chapter was recognized for providing innovative heartburn awareness projects in the community. The award was based on the level of collaboration with other organizations, originality, level of chapter participation and the impact the project had on the public health of the community.

Fifty APhA-ASP student volunteers were trained in October 2007 to participate in patient education sessions. In addition to students volunteering for this project, nine College of Pharmacy faculty members participated in the Heartburn Awareness Challenge,

overseeing patient counseling at community patient education events.

Because of Ada's rural location, the ONU heartburn campaign was unique with heartburn awareness events not only in Ada, but also in Lima and Findlay. Students conducted events at Rite Aid, Ray's Supermarket, Primrose Assisted Living Home, Restore, and Walgreens. APhA-ASP student volunteers have continued to develop and promote more Heartburn Awareness Challenge projects for 2008.

Operation Heartburn is under the direction of faculty advisor Kristen Finley, PharmD; heartburn chair Megan Davlin, a fifth-year student from Sandusky, Ohio; heartburn co-chairs Krysten Bucholtz, a second-year student from Garfield Heights, Ohio; Melissa Negro, a second-year student from North Huntingdon, Pa.; Samantha Cunningham, a fourth-year student from Adena, Ohio; Erin Rhodes, a third-year student from Swanton, Md.; and Cynthia Nguyen, a third-year student from Troy, Ohio.

'Finding U at ONU' to be Featured at Conference

Clyde Pickett, director of Multicultural Development at ONU, will present a session at the 21st Annual National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE 2008), to be held May 27-31, in Orlando, Fla.

Pickett will present a workshop titled "Finding U at ONU and at other Institutions: A synopsis of an innovative mentoring program for students of color at a small private comprehensive liberal arts university."

"Finding U at ONU" is a project that aims to improve the retention of multicultural students through staff and peer mentoring of first-year minority students."

In addition, he will present "Surviving the Game: How To Navigate the College Sports Plantation System." The case studies session analyzes and critiques the pressure on Black male athletes and the emphasis on athletic pursuits over academic success on the collegiate level.



Eron Memaj, left, and Clyde Pickett, right, pose with Carol Bostelman from the Kenton-Hardin County Health Department at their cultural competency workshop.

Cultural Competency Workshop Conducted

Eron Memaj, international services coordinator, and Clyde Pickett, director of multicultural diversity, recently presented a workshop on cultural competency for the Kenton-Hardin County Health Department at the CFHS Quarterly Consortium meeting.

Titled "Cultural Competency 101," the workshop was designed to explain the basic premise of cultural competency and provide basic information and strategies to better communicate with the Latino community including specific do's and don'ts with body language, gestures and folklore and myths.

The consortium includes a variety of Hardin County agencies including Head Start, the Kenton-Hardin County Health Department, social service agencies and the Cooperative Extension Service.

Free Health Screening Set

Ohio Northern's National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Student Chapter and Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Fraternity will sponsor a free health screening on Saturday, April 5, in the gymnasium at King Horn.

The screening will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Services to be offered include blood pressure readings, pulse checks, blood glucose testing, blood total cholesterol testing, cardiovascular disease screening, inhaler training, peak flow meter training and osteoporosis screening.

Operations Diabetes, Heartburn, and Immunization from the ONU Academy of Student Pharmacists (ASP) chapter will host informational booths.

The event is free and open to the public.

Technological Studies Honorary Receives Chapter of the Year Award

The Department of Technological Studies' Gamma Lambda Chapter of the International Honorary for Professions in Technology, Epsilon Pi Tau, was recently awarded the Region 3 William E. Warner Chapter of the Year award at the International Technology Education Association's conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. The award is given in recognition of excellence in local chapter operation, including program activities, retention of membership, service projects, accuracy, promptness in business relations with the regional director and the international office, and in promoting and achieving the ideals of Epsilon Pi Tau.

Epsilon Pi Tau Honorary was founded at The Ohio State University in 1929 by Dr. William E. Warner and was established at Ohio Northern University in April 1993. The honorary recognizes academic excellence of students in fields devoted to the study of technology and the preparation of practitioners for the technology professions throughout the world. The trustee of the chapter is Dr. David Rouch with Dr. Feng Jao and Richard Miller as co-trustees.

This year's student officers are Brett Kuhn, president, Rob Hradek, vice president, Robert Hanley, secretary, and Trevor Robinson, treasurer.

Art and Design to Host London Tour

History, fine art and cultural exploration will combine during an eight-day London tour, hosted by Ohio Northern University's department of art and design and scheduled for May 26 through June 3.

Organized through EF Educational Tours by Brit Rowe, chair and assistant professor of art and design, the tour is open to ONU students, alumni and the community. "This is an exciting adventure," Rowe said. "It is a chance to see the sites and experience the culture and history first-hand."

"We will visit St. Paul's Cathedral, Trafalgar Square and London's South Bank for views of the famous Tower of London and London Bridge," Rowe said. "While in England, we will also visit Stonehenge and Bath, Windsor Castle and Canterbury and take a Dickensian walking tour. We also will enjoy a theatre performance at London's West End."

According to Rowe, travelers may choose guided tours, optional excursions or spend their time as they please. "Travelers may choose lots of time on their own or schedule tours with a guide," he said.

The cost of the tour is about \$2,500 per person, which includes round-trip airfare, hotel, all breakfasts and dinners, museum passes, transportation and transfers, and trip insurance. Optional excursions are extra. Students can receive course credit, but it is not a requirement to travel. Eligible students may receive financial aid to help with these costs.

For details and a complete itinerary, contact the ONU department of art and design at (419) 772-2160 or search for tour number 482707 at the EF Educational Tours Web site: www.eftours.com/Student

Art Exhibit

Judith Greavu, retired associate professor of art, is one of 28 area sculptors featured in a show, April 5-30, at the American Gallery, 6600 Sylvania Ave., Sylvania, Ohio.

An opening reception is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. on April 5.

Northern Events - March 27 - April 3

Campus Events

March 28

5:00 p.m., Ultimate Frisbee sponsored by Maglott Hall, Intramural Field

April 1

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

April 2

Founder's Day

9:00 a.m., Pharmacy Law Day, Law and Pharmacy buildings

Arts and Lectures

March 26

7:30 p.m., Engineering Spotts Lecture, "Energy Technology Alternatives in Changing Times," Dr. Joseph Hager, Freed Center

March 29

7:00 p.m., Student Recital, Kristen McDowell, soprano, Snyder Recital Hall

March 30

7:00 p.m., Northernaires/Vocal Jazz Octet, Snyder Recital Hall

April 2

8:00 p.m., Sixth International Play Festival, Freed Center

April 3

8:00 p.m., Sixth International Play Festival, Freed Center

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Athletics

March 27

2:00 p.m., Baseball vs. Manchester College

3:00 p.m., Softball vs. Hiram

3:30 p.m., Men's Tennis at Wooster

March 28

8:00 a.m., Men's Golf at Muskingum Invitational

4:00 p.m., Women's Tennis at Marietta

March 29

8 a.m., Men's Golf at Muskingum Invitational

11:00 a.m., Women's Tennis at John Carroll

11:00 a.m., Women's Golf at Mount Union Invitational

Noon, Men's Tennis at Wabash

Noon, Outdoor Track and Field at OAC Splits, Wilmington

1:00 p.m., Baseball vs. Mount Union College

March 30

11:00 a.m., Women's Golf at Mount Union Invitational

Noon, Men's Tennis at Wabash

2:00 p.m., Softball vs. John Carroll

March 31

11:00 a.m., Women's Golf at Ohio Cup

3:30 p.m., Men's Tennis at Bluffton

April 1

3:00 p.m., Softball at Heidelberg

3:30 p.m., Women's Tennis vs. Wilmington

4:00 p.m., Baseball at Defiance College

April 2

3:30 p.m., Men's Tennis at Wilmington

3:30 p.m., Women's Tennis vs. Tiffin

