



Concrete Canoe Team Finishes First, Qualifies for Nationals

The ONU concrete-canoe team captured first place in the American Society of Civil Engineers' regional concrete-canoe contest at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Mich., April 2-4. The victory qualifies ONU to compete in the national competition in Tuscaloosa, Ala., June 11-13.



The Polar Bear's top finish marks the first time ONU has won the regional competition since participating in the event and broke a six-year winning streak by Michigan Tech. Other teams entered in the competition included Western Michigan University, Michigan State University, University of Michigan, University of Detroit Mercy, Wayne State University and the University of Toledo.

ONU placed first overall by finishing first in the design paper and final product categories and second in the race competition.

Dr. Farhad Reza served as the team's advisor. "This event provides students with a practical application of the engineering principles they learn in the classroom, along with important team and project management skills they will need in their careers," he said. "It challenges a student's knowledge, creativity and stamina while showcasing the versatility and durability of concrete as a building material."

Known as the "The Green Monster," ONU's winning canoe incorporated several aspects of sustainability into

the design. The ONU team incorporated environmentally friendly products when possible. For example, the team used 100 percent recyclable grass granulates as aggregates and recycled carpet as fiber reinforcements. Low-VOC (volatile organic compounds) stains and sealers also were used. Cement was replaced by high contents of slag (waste material from the blast furnace production of iron), fly ash (byproduct from burning coal) and silica fume (byproduct from the manufacture of silicon). The canoe measured 20 feet in length, 31 inches at its widest point and 14-16 inches deep. Its total weight was approximately 200 pounds.

"I am very proud of what of our students have been able to accomplish," Reza said. "This is just another example of how well ONU students can compete against other well-known engineering schools."

Bradford Barber, a senior civil engineering major from Bowling Green, Ohio, and Melinda Moser, a senior civil engineering major from Cincinnati, Ohio, served as team captains. Other members of the team were civil engineering majors Lee Saunders, a sophomore from North Olmsted, Ohio; Brooke Young, a senior from Mechanicsville, Va.; Tyler Bumbalough, a senior from West Liberty, Ohio; Drew Richards, a junior from New Washington, Ohio; Luisa Chinchilla, a junior from North Olmsted, Ohio; Andrew Lucas, a junior from Belmont, Ohio; Paige Sechrist, a freshman from Montoursville, Penn.; Anna Santino, a junior from Gahanna, Ohio; Adam Hamman, a junior from Bloomdale, Ohio; William Melton, a freshman from Lafayette, Ohio; Mary Purvis, a freshman from New Haven, Ind.; and Justin Stone, a freshman from Burton, Ohio.



April 29-May 2 at 8 p.m.

May 3 at 2 p.m.

Pre-show discussion, April 29 at 7:15 p.m.

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Book Published

Robert Anthony Waters, Jr., visiting assistant professor of history, is the author of a newly published book, "Historical Dictionary of U.S.-Africa Relations." Published by Scarecrow Press, an imprint of Rowman Littlefield, the book is part of Scarecrow's new historical dictionary of U.S. relations series.

The 448-page text provides a look at the relationship between Africa and the U.S. from the trans-Atlantic slave trade to the George W. Bush administration, with particular emphasis on the Cold War. It focuses on political and economic aspects of the relationship and includes cultural relations. This is done through a chronology, an introductory essay, a bibliography, and hundreds of cross-referenced dictionary entries on key persons, places, events, institutions, and organizations.

Read more at tinyurl.com/crml2l



Geography Honor Society Established at ONU

Ohio Northern University has been awarded the Lambda Psi chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU) Honor Society for International Geography and will have its first induction ceremony on Honors Day, May 9. Members of GTU have met academic requirements and share a background and interest in geography. GTU chapter activities support geography knowledge and awareness. GTU chapter coordinator, visiting assistant professor of geography Dr. Harry J. Wilson, helped organize efforts to obtain the ONU charter.

"Interest in geography has increased among ONU students, and reflects in large part growing concern with the effects of globalization on the various cultures and societies that share our world," says Wilson. "Being entrusted with this chapter will help promote greater understanding of our growing interconnectedness which will, in turn, foster civic responsibility."

Food for Fines: April 14-20

Heterick Memorial Library will celebrate National Library Week with a Food for Fines campaign to help support the Ada Food Pantry.

From April 14-20, students, faculty and staff can bring back overdue items and pay their fines with non-perishable food items or personal care items in lieu of money. Outstanding fines may be paid as well. Items will not be accepted for replacement cost of lost items.

The process is simple:

1. Bring items to the circulation desk at Heterick Memorial Library.
2. Fill out a form and fines will be waived by the next day. Each item donated will clear up to \$1 in fines during the Food for Fines campaign. All items donated will go to the Ada Food Pantry.
3. An e-mail confirmation of fines waived will be sent.

For more information, contact the circulation desk at ext. 2181 or Traci Welch Moritz, public services librarian, at t-moritz@onu.edu

'How to Win a Nobel Prize'

Donald J. Abraham, Ph.D., will deliver the Ohio Northern University's 2009 Kritzler Lecture, titled "How to Win a Nobel Prize," in Meyer 107 on Wednesday, April 15, at 7 p.m.

Abraham's lecture will open the door to understanding the nature, personality, work, personal lives and the influence of the discoveries of several Nobel Prize-winning scientists, many of whom Abraham has worked closely with throughout his career.

Abraham is the Alfred and Francis Burger emeritus professor of medicinal chemistry and biological chemistry and the emeritus director of the Institute for Structural Biology and Drug Discovery at Virginia Commonwealth University. He also serves as the 2009 past-chair of the division of medicinal chemistry of the American Chemical Society.

With more than 175 publications to his credit, Abraham has had a highly productive and distinguished career. He has received more than \$12.5 million in extramural funding and made significant contributions in instruction, research and scholarly activity. He led the field of medicinal chemistry research in developing a novel treatment for sickle cell disease, and he founded three companies: Allos Therapeutics Inc., EduSoft LC and kSERO.

The annual Kritzler Lecture, named in honor of ONU alumnus Dr. James Kritzler, is sponsored by ONU's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. The lectureship was established in 1996 as a way to afford students access to new developments in chemistry presented by a scientist recognized as a masterful communicator of ideas.

The event is free and open to the public.

April is Tornado Awareness Month

April is tornado awareness month. Ohio Northern University has a tornado warning system and a tornado safety plan in place.



In case of a tornado warning:

- Seek shelter inside a steel framed or concrete building
- Go to an interior hallway or other enclosed area, away from windows, on the lowest floor of the building
- Avoid auditoriums, gymnasiums or other areas with wide-span roofs
- In wooden buildings, such as houses, go to the basement or under heavy furniture in the center of the building and away from windows.

The University's outdoor warning siren is tested at approximately noon on the first Friday of each month. Don't forget to sign up for Emergency Text Messages. Go to your Luminus account and look for "Emergency Broadcast Sign-up."

HONORS DAY BANQUET

Saturday, May 9, 2009 - 12:15 p.m.
Sports Center - Field House

Tickets are available

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

April 15-May 5
through the Academic Affairs
Office - Lehr 204B

To receive a ticket, students on the meal
plan must provide their meal contract
number at the Academic Affairs Office.

Tickets for all others are \$11

ONU to Host International Environmental Conference

ONU's Working Group on Religion, Ethics and Nature (WGREN) will host a three-day international conference titled "Recreate, Replace, Restore: Exploring the Intersections between Meanings and Environments." The conference will take place Friday, April 17, through Sunday, April 19, on the campus of Ohio Northern University.

The aim of the conference is to further the ongoing dialogue on religion, ethics and the environment by exploring three interrelated concepts: to recreate, to replace and to restore. The conference is both international and interdisciplinary. Speakers and participants represent four continents and eight countries and hail from environmental, scientific, ethical and religious backgrounds. There will be four paper sessions, two panels and three keynote speakers. All speakers and paper sessions are free and open to the public.

Dr. Anna L. Peterson, professor of religion at the University of Florida, will present "Environmental Ethics and Domestic Animals" on Friday, April 17. Dr. Dan Spencer will present "Recreating [in] Eden: Ethical Issues in Restoration in Wilderness" on Saturday, April 18. Spencer is an associate professor of environmental studies at the University of Montana. The final keynote speaker is Dr. David Abram, director of the Alliance for Wild Ethics. He will also speak on Saturday, April 18.

WGREN is a local initiative whose purpose is to facilitate dialogue between the academic disciplines and non-academic communities on issues relating to religion, ethics and the natural environment. The organization's primary venues include reading groups, roundtable discussions and an annual lecture series, all made possible in part through a Metanexus Institute Local Societies Initiate Grant.

For more information, visit www.onu.edu/org/wgren/conference-index.html

Admissions News:

Common Application Group

Ohio Northern University has been accepted as a member of the Common Application Group beginning July 1, 2009. The ONU undergraduate admissions office began their application process to join this selective group almost two years ago.

There are nearly 350 common application members in 45 states. Prospective students across the nation as well as the world may use the application, both in print and on-line. Common application members represent a diverse variety of institutions, both public and private, that promote highly selective admission as well as a holistic approach to admission decision making.

Prospective students may complete one common application for admission consideration and list several members schools to receive the results. In this manner, high school students have multiple considerations and a uniform access to high quality institutions who are members.

ONU expects to see additional applications from more states due to the nature of its high quality and distinctive programs, says Karen Condeni, vice president and dean of admissions. This new capability will put ONU in front of the thousands who use the common application annually. For more information, see commonapp.org or contact the Admissions Office.

College Week Live

The Office of Admissions has been participating in College Week Live, a nationally-based virtual college fair.

At various times of the recruiting year, most recently March 25 and 26, ONU admissions counselors log on to the College Week Live website as do thousands of prospective high school students across the nation as well as some who are international.

Prospective students may visit the virtual college booths of the numerous institutions participating and then decide where to stop and chat and gain more information. This real time engagement allows the ONU admissions counselors to discuss ONU programs and opportunities right from their offices with the goal of encouraging a campus visit in the future.

During the March session, 475 students from across the nation, 73 percent outside Ohio, visited the ONU booth including over 130 prospects who chatted with the staff.

Additionally, a current ONU student was hosted on the site's home page for an hour video chat session. The Admission Office expects to continue this participation and to monitor the results of the effort in terms of students visiting, applying and enrolling. Check out the site at collegeweeklive.com

Road Tour!

Ohio Northern will be one of the stops on the OACAC's (Ohio Association for College Admissions Counseling) first high school counselors' college bus tour.

The three-day road trip, June 24-26, will offer tours and information on six Ohio university campuses. The tour begins at the Ohio State University, Newark, campus and includes stops at Muskingum, the University of Akron, University of Cincinnati and Ohio Wesleyan as well as Ohio Northern.

During the trip, participants will have an opportunity to tour the college campuses, learn about academic programs, meet faculty, staff and university students. Continuing education credit will be offered.

Northern Events April 16 - 22

Campus Events



April 17-19

WGREN Conference, "Recreate, Replace, Restore: Exploring the Intersections Between Meanings and Environments," for details see: www.onu.edu/org/wgren/conference-index.html

April 18

9:00 a.m., Junior Open House, campus.

April 19

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

April 20

4:00 p.m., College of Engineering Faculty Meeting, Biggs 239

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

April 22

11:00 a.m., Faith Lift, speaker Dr. Forrest Clingerman, assistant professor of religion, Chapel

Arts and Lectures

April 16

Noon, The Graphic Imperative: International Posters for Peace, Social Justice and the Environment, Elzay Gallery of Art (continues through April 30)



April 19

7:00 p.m., Women's Chorus Concert, Snyder Recital Hall

April 20

8:00 p.m., Faculty Jazz Recital, Snyder Recital Hall

Athletics

April 17

2:00 p.m., JV Baseball vs. Tiffin, Wander Field

3:30 p.m., Men's Tennis vs. Otterbein, University Courts

April 18

10:00 a.m., Men's Outdoor Track & Field, Kenyon Invitational

10:00 a.m., Women's Golf at Wittenberg Invitational

11:00 a.m., Women's Outdoor Track & Field, Kenyon

1:00 p.m., Men's Golf, OAC Invitational as Muskingum

1:00 p.m., Women's Tennis at Otterbein

1:00 p.m., Softball at Capital

1:00 p.m., Baseball vs. Capital, Wander Field



April 19

10:00 a.m., Women's Golf at Wittenberg Invitational

1:00 p.m., Men's Golf, OAC Invitational as Muskingum

1:00 p.m., Softball vs. Kenyon, ONU Softball Field

1:00 p.m., Baseball at Manchester, Ind.

April 20

3:30 p.m., Women's Tennis at Baldwin-Wallace

April 21

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

3:30 p.m., Softball vs. Wilmington, ONU Softball Field

April 22

1:00 p.m., Baseball at St. Francis, Ind.

For more events, go to:

www-new.onu.edu/event