



Employee Appreciation Picnic Celebrates Successful Year



Faculty and staff celebrate the end of the academic year with food and gifts on May 22 under a tent in the McIntosh parking lot.



Northern on Main To Receive Update

Northern on Main, the ONU coffee shop, will close June 28 for major renovations.

The seven-year-old facility will add new menu items and new seating options. Work should take approximately six weeks.

“Our many visitors and our community will continue to enjoy an attractive and inviting café right on Ada’s main street near our campus front door. The planned changes will take the offerings and service to the next level for years to come. It is an exciting project,” says Karen P. Condemi, vice president and dean of enrollment.

Step-saving changes in kitchen equipment as well as the serving

area are expected to speed service and allow for additional menu items.

The new menu will include enhanced versions of current sandwich and salad items, plus new dessert and snack offerings. The Mandarin chicken salad and gourmet breads for the deli-type sandwiches, including roast beef and the popular paninis will continue.

Planned additions to the menu include fresh spinach dip served with pita chips, Asiago roast beef sandwiches, Buffalo shrimp salad and homemade fruit turnovers served warm daily.

Congratulations!

Paul Nutter, associate professor of technology, has received an extension of an award received last year. The award of 30 sets of CATIA will result in a \$3,500 savings to the technological studies department. Nutter was a judge for the 2008 Engineering VISION Grant competition. He is quoted in the following article about the competition: tinyurl.com/3fd2g7

Terry Sheridan, Ph.D., associate professor of physics, presented an invited talk at the 5th International Conference on the Physics of Dusty Plasmas held May 18-23 at Ponta Delgada in the Azores. In his presentation, "Charging model for particles on a surface exposed to plasma," Sheridan discussed the expected magnitude of random charge fluctuations on microscopic dust particles due to the discrete nature of plasma currents to a surface. One potential application of this work is the utilization of plasma to remove nano-particle defects from masks used in the semiconductor manufacturing industry.

John K. Estell, Ph.D., chair of the electrical and computer engineering and computer science department, gave a three-hour workshop presentation titled "The FCAR Methodology: Streamlining the Assessment Process" on April 25 at the Best Assessment Processes X Symposium in Atlanta, Ga. Hosted by ABET, the national accreditation board for engineering and technology programs, the symposium serves as an opportunity for faculty to learn about assessment methods and how they can be used to validate and improve student-learning outcomes. Estell also received special recognition at the symposium as a "10th Anniversary Presenter," being designated as one of a small group of people who have made significant contributions to the quality of the program, and having consistently earned high ratings from participants, over the years.

Terry D. Keiser, professor of biological sciences and chair of the department of biological and allied health sciences, has been chosen as president-elect, 2008-2009, by the Ohio Academy of Science. Congratulations!

Russ Crawford, Ph.D., assistant professor of history, is the author of a book, "The Use of Sports to Promote the American Way of Life During the Cold War, Cultural Propaganda, 1945-1963." The book, published by the Edwin Mellen Press, investigates the use of sports in the first two decades of the Cold War. The book also evaluates the gains and losses of minorities in this era.

Forrest Clinger, Ph.D., assistant professor of religion, is author of an essay, "Tell Me a Story of Jesus: Teaching as Storytelling and Four Recent Short Histories of Christianity," published in *Teaching Theology and Religion*, vol. 11, No. 3. The journal is published in cooperation with the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, in association with the American Academy of Religion, the Society of Biblical Literature and the Association of Theological Schools.

Assistant Director Alumni Affairs



Karla M. Geise, BSBA '07, is ONU's new assistant director of alumni affairs. A graduate of Fort Loramie High School, she received her bachelor's degree in marketing and management from Ohio Northern in May 2007.

Before returning to ONU, she was an aftermarket support representative for Crown Equipment Corporation in

New Bremen, Ohio.

While at Northern, she was a Bear Ambassador, a member of the ONU Marketing Committee, President's Club member and a Residence Life desk worker. She also served as an ONU Alumni Board member.

Financial Aid

Elizabeth "Betsi" Phalen Werling has joined ONU as a financial aid counselor.

A graduate of The University of Virginia's College at Wise, Wise, Va., she holds a bachelor of science in psychology/sociology with a minor in communications and a master of science in student affairs administration in higher education from Texas A&M University. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in higher education at the University of Toledo.

Prior to coming to Northern, she was director of residence life at Bluffton University. She also served as a graduate assistant in the department of financial aid at Texas A&M, residence coordinator at Wittenberg University and area coordinator for the University of Central Arkansas.



Zeeke's Fan Club...

Dear Admissions Office:

My owner, Cliff Smith (professor emeritus from The University of Toledo), just read me the article in *The Toledo Blade* (May 19, 2008) concerning your new one-year degree program, BS in canine companionship. Zeeke is a wonderful golden retriever just like me, and I'm really proud of him. I am presently a certified therapy dog and have made over 130 visits to our local hospitals and nursing homes in the Toledo area.

I am very interested in your BS in canine companionship and would appreciate it if you would send me an application so my owner can complete it for me. A BS in canine companionship would be an asset to me in furthering my goals.

Thank you,
Sincerely – Woof Woof,
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Workshop Encourages Entrepreneurial Mindset

A two-day faculty development workshop, "Engage the Entrepreneurial Mindset at ONU," was conducted May 19 and 20 by Drs. J.D. Yoder and Rob Kleine.

Thirty-five faculty members from the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration and engineering attended.

Facilitators for the workshop included Mary Godwyn, Babson College; Barbara Miner, University of Toledo; Anthony Marchese, Colorado State University; and McRae Banks, Wooster Polytechnic Institute.



Taking part in a tour of the Capitol building during the NCPA legislative conference are, back row, from left, Miike Majeski, P6, Candice Gehret, P6, Brett Kritzberger, P6; middle row, from left, Jen Kinstle, P3, Beth Guthrie, P5, Jaclyn Kessler, P6, Adrienne Derr, P5, Ed Chin, P5, Rich Boyd, P4, Saeed Dinno, P5; front row, from left, Natalie Clark, P5, Shannon Mahaffey, P6, Jenn Waitzman, P5.

Partnership South Africa Continues Work

Partnership South Africa, the ongoing collaboration between ONU's department of education and the rural South African community school in Lepesi, continues to receive support.

Recently a \$10,000 gift from Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fowler, guests at a nearby lodge, was received. The couple visited the community and school and wanted to help. After finding the Partnership South Africa Web page, they contacted Diana Garver, assistant professor of education, and decided to support the program.

This contribution, along with support from ONU departments and others, will be used to build two new classrooms for preschool and kindergarten children. The new classrooms will replace a crowded converted shipping container.

This summer Garver, Sandy Crosser, professor of education, and Nathan Oliver, online instructional course design specialist, will return to Lepesi to continue their work with the South African teachers and their students.

Pharmacy Students Attend Conference

Thirteen students from ONU's student chapter of the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) attended the association's annual conference on national legislative and government affairs this May in Washington, D.C.

The group attended nine meetings in Congressional offices and two large meetings in the Senate offices. The participants advocated for important pharmaceutical issues such as negotiation rights with pharmacy benefits managers, Medicare D prompt payment and redefining average manufacturer price. This experience allowed students who had not been politically active to speak with policy makers on issues that will affect their profession.

43 Football Polar Bears Top 3.00 Mark

On the field, Ohio Northern's football program has been ranked nationally in the top 35 for the fourth consecutive year, the seventh time in the last nine seasons. Of 233 institutions playing Division III football, only six programs have been nationally ranked each of the last four seasons. More importantly, that success is mirrored off the field by the team's commitment in the classroom.

Following a strong fall quarter, the football team had an impressive 43 players above a 3.0 grade point average. This is the second best in the last 14 years for a spring quarter. In addition, the Polar Bears set a new standard with 7 players earning a perfect 4.0. This is an important part of the strategy to place ONU among the premiere small college football programs in the country.

"Academic excellence is our number one program goal," Coach Dean Paul said. "As in all areas of life, we challenge our players to reach their full potential."

Of the active players, 13 were at 3.5 or above, the second highest number of players to eclipse this mark for a spring quarter over the last 14 years. The football team's success in the classroom can in part be attributed to the "Academic Game Plan" (AGP) that was implemented soon after Coach Paul's arrival. "Success in the classroom means reaching one's full potential, and this balancing act requires organizational skills, careful planning and a strong sense of priorities. This fall, we plan to use this momentum to springboard our academic performance to an even greater standard."

The Polar Bears reached a GPA of 2.69 this past quarter, the fourth highest result for a winter quarter over the past 14 years.

"Although we are not satisfied, we appreciate the commitment our players have demonstrated to reach their full potential in the classroom. Their success in balancing the academic and athletic rigors of an institution like ONU definitely says a lot about their willingness to be the best," said Paul.

Northern Summer Events

This summer, Ohio Northern University will host a number of academic and athletic camps that will bring to campus thousands of middle and high school students from across the region. Students will find a variety of opportunities to combine new discoveries with plenty of fun. Some camps are still accepting reservations. Go to the ONU Web site for more details.

Summer Camps

Crime Scene and Forensics Camp – July 22 to 27

Summer Honors Institute – July 6-11

Crime Scene Investigation – The Crime Scene to the Forensic Laboratory

Robotics – The Package that Runs the Globe

Mock Trial– An Examination of the American Legal System

Lab Quest

Nursing Boot Camp

Ohio's Natural History

Philosophy – A Tour Through Literature and Film

Photojournalism – Cameras Can Tell Stories

Summer Honors Institute – July 13 to 18

Aquatic Ecology – Connections in the Web of Life Around the World of Theatre

Be Your Own Boss! – An Entrepreneurship Learning Experience

Chemistry in the Marketplace

Crime Scene Investigation – The Crime Scene to the Forensic Laboratory

Design – Think. Know. Do.

Geometry with Compl3x Numb3rs

Riding the Edge – The Physics of Cedar Point

Summer Honors Institute – July 27 to Aug. 1

Crime Scene Investigation – The Crime Scene to the Forensic Laboratory Engineering Pathways

Pharmacy – From Laboratory to Medicine Cabinet

Music Camp – June 15 to 20

Camp G.E.M.S. (Girls in Engineering, Math and Science) – July 22 to 25

Kasukabe (Japanese) U.S. Summer Camp – July 24 to Aug. 12

Sports Camps and Clinics

Football, baseball, basketball, softball and swimming

Basketball – June 15 to 19, July 6 to 10, July 13 to 17

In addition the following events are scheduled:

ONU Alumni and Friends of Athletics Golf Outing

June 27, Colonial Golfers Club

Contact: Office of Alumni Affairs (419) 772-2727 or Coach Ron Beaschler (419) 772-2453

School of Christian Mission

July 24-31

Contact: Rev. Vern LaSala: v-lasala@onu.edu

Pharmacy Golf Day

Aug. 22, Colonial Golfers Club

Contact: Bob McCurdy (419) 772-2659

Volleyball Alumni Match

Aug. 22, ONU

Contact: Kate Witte (419) 331-3800

Women's Soccer vs Alumni

Aug. 23, ONU

Contact: Tom Simmons (419) 772-2450

Men's Soccer vs Alumni

Aug. 23, ONU

Contact: Tom Simmons (419) 772-2450

Women's Soccer vs Walsh

Aug. 26, ONU

Contact: Tom Simmons (419) 772-2450

Volleyball Hosts ONU Invitational

Aug 29, ONU

Contact: Kate Witte (419) 331-3800

"South Pacific" at the Freed Center

Aug 28, 29, 30, 31

Ticket sales begin Aug. 1.

Contact: the Freed Center, (419) 772-1900



For more events, go to:

www-new.onu.edu/event

All Sports Camp Slated

A new All-Sports Camp will be held June 23-27 on the ONU campus. The camp for boys and girls ages 6-12 will prepare the campers for football, basketball, soccer, track and other sports.

ONU employees can enroll their children at a special rate. Additional information and registration forms are available at onusports.com/GenNews/camps.html