



Summer Construction Races Toward Completion

Hill Annex is no more, but plenty of other summer projects are adding to the ONU campus. Inside the Hill Building, basement renovation for offices and a telephone/conference area continue.

The Mathile Center for the Natural Sciences is scheduled for a 2009 completion date. Interior work is beginning.

The Inn at Ohio Northern University is scheduled for an Oct. 3 completion.

The Business Services Building is in operation.

The Alumni House, 115 W. Lima Avenue, is undergoing upgrades with an anticipated September completion.

The Hanson Reading Room in the Law Library is finished.

At the Sports Center, the field house has new lighting.

The McIntosh dining hall has new flooring and a dish machine.

Meyer Hall room 107 is now ADA accessible and has a new teaching platform with upgraded technology, thanks to summer renovations.

Improvements at University Terrace include painting and carpet replacement.

In Stadium View apartments, new dishwashers have been installed.

Dukes Hall now has central air conditioning.

And Northern on Main will reopen on Sept. 2. Read more about the new look and new menu inside.

ONU Stays No. 2 in *U.S. News & World Report* Rankings

Ohio Northern maintained its No. 2 ranking among Midwest baccalaureate colleges in "America's Best Colleges 2009," which is published annually by *U.S. News & World Report*.

ONU has been ranked in the region's top 10 for the past 17 years and in the top five for the past seven years. *U.S. News* defines comprehensive colleges as institutions that focus on undergraduate education but grant fewer than half their degrees in liberal arts disciplines.

"We are very pleased at the high recognition this ranking provides," said ONU President Dr. Kendall L. Baker. "Although we realize that the *U.S. News* assessment does not include all factors needed to judge colleges and universities, we believe it calls attention to the top quality of the education offered at our University. The No. 2 ranking is a tribute to the hard work and accomplishments of our extremely dedicated, highly committed faculty and staff."

"America's Best Colleges 2009" ranks 320 comprehensive colleges within four regions: North, South, Midwest and West. The Midwest region is comprised of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Karen Condeni, ONU's vice president and dean of enrollment said, "The *U.S. News* publication can be a valuable resource for students looking for the distinctive mix of opportunities offered at ONU. The rankings indicate that we do an excellent job of meeting the needs of our students."

ONU Welcomes New Law Students

The Pettit College of Law welcomes 120 students to the 2008 entering law class. Nearly 1,400 applications were received between Sept. 1, 2007, and July 31, 2008, a 9 percent increase from 2007. Classes for all students, new and returning, began Monday, Aug. 25. New students join 202 returning second- and third-year law students and eight LL.M. students.

Entering students hail from universities across Ohio and the United States, including Ohio Northern University, Ohio State University, Syracuse University, Wright State University, George Washington University, DePauw University, Duke University, Texas A&M University, and The Citadel. Fifty percent of the class is from Ohio. While 33 majors are represented, two-thirds received degrees in political science, history, English and criminal justice.

The male-to-female ratio is 60:40, and minorities constitute 16 percent of the class. This marks a 300 percent increase in minority composition since 2004.



Law professor Kevin Hill, right, recently traveled to Thimphu, Bhutan, where he met with the Honorable Chief Justice of Bhutan Lyonpo Sonom Tobgye, center, and recent LL.M. graduate Pelden Wangmo, left. Professor Hill had constructive discussions with the chief justice about Bhutanese attorneys following in Pelden's footsteps to Ohio Northern. The chief justice donated several books to the Ohio Northern Law Library on Bhutanese law and the influence of Buddhism on the law of Bhutan.

ONU Students Attend Democratic, Republican National Conventions

Thirteen ONU students are participating in the 2008 Democratic and Republican National Convention programs. These two-week seminars are organized through the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars.

Attending the Democratic program are Matthew Allen, Chicora, Pa.; Justin Dickerson, Hamilton, Ohio; Victoria Dickman, Middle Point, Ohio; Denise Jansen, North Royalton, Ohio; Jacob Jeffire, Clinton Township, Mich.; Samantha Kinstle, Wapakoneta, Ohio; Kelly Morman, Monroeville, Ohio; Atlantis Richter, Franklin, Ind.; Patti Stiger, Bradner, Ohio; and Matthew Wiseman, Findlay, Ohio. Dr. Robert Alexander, associate professor of political science, is accompanying the students and serves as a faculty leader.

ONU students participating in the Republican program include Michael Hamper, Jefferson, Ohio; Andrew Lammers, Tipp City, Ohio; and Miranda Wade, Marion, Ohio.

Northern students are sharing their convention experiences in a series of web journals accessible from the ONU home page at www.onu.edu

In Memory...

Dr. E. Alan Sadurski, professor of chemistry, died at 11:40 a.m., Aug. 22, 2008, at Richland Manor Nursing Home, Bluffton, after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Sadurski was a tenured professor of chemistry at Ohio Northern for 28 years.

Funeral services were Monday, Aug. 25. Read more at tinyurl.com/5v2s48

Renovated Northern on Main to Open With New Look, Menu

Northern on Main (NOM), ONU's off-campus café and coffee shop, will open its doors on Tuesday, Sept. 2, after a six-week renovation project.

Remodeling work was done in the kitchen to enhance the menu, and additional work was done in the interior to provide additional seating options and more efficient service.

"We are very pleased with all the work that has been done to NOM," said Terri Mathis, general manager of Sodexo. "The changes will provide a more upscale environment, and the additions we made to the menu will give customers more food items we feel will cater to their needs."

The new menu will feature enhanced versions of current sandwich and salad items. The asiago roast beef sandwich on baguette and mozzarella caprese sandwich are just two of the new sandwiches being introduced on the improved menu, which also includes Italian club, black forest ham and Swiss cheese, peppered turkey breast with cheddar cheese, and turkey. Tuna or chicken salad on croissants will still be available.

With the introduction of a new oven, sandwiches can now be served hot or cold.

The chef salad and Klondike's chopped salad will be served on a daily basis, along with one specialty salad rotated on a weekly basis. Specialty salads to be offered are Cobb, Mandarin chicken, spinach apple and blue cheese, honey citrus chicken, Greek, and Buffalo shrimp salads.

Renovations also include the introduction of a fresh bakery where warm fruit turnovers, muffins, doughnuts, scones, cinnamon rolls and cookies will be available for breakfast.

The seating area will include booths, as well as tables and chairs, plus updated wall coverings, carpet and tile that incorporate the ONU orange and black into a contemporary earth tone design. New signs and interior lightings will complete the new look. Customers can still enjoy free wireless Internet access and Starbucks® coffee products.

Student Named to National Committee

Ed Chin, a pharmacy student from Westerville, Ohio, has been selected as the only student to serve on a national committee addressing issues of technology and informatics in the practice of pharmacy.

Chin will serve a one-year term on the Advisory Group for Ambulatory Care Informatics of the Section of Pharmacy Informatics and Technology, a part of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

The committee of 10-12 members will meet every four to six weeks to focus on issues of electronic prescribing, personal health records, medication therapy management/ambulatory pharmacy documentation and outpatient financial billing requirements.



Admissions Counselor/ Multicultural Recruitment

Crys Latham has joined ONU as an admissions counselor and coordinator of multicultural recruitment.

A graduate of Mount Holyoke College, Latham holds a bachelor's degree in African American Studies (history) with a minor in education.

Before coming to ONU, she served in admissions and recruitment positions at the Bradford School, Columbus, Ohio, The College of Wooster and Oberlin College.

O'Connell Named to Advocacy Committee

William O'Connell, Ph.D., associate professor of English and journalism, has been named to the Adviser Advocacy Committee for the College Media Advisers (CMA).

The newly constituted six-member group helps advisers resolve conflicts encountered while adhering to CMA's Code of Ethical Behavior. Begun by the organization's board of directors in 1998, the committee was expanded this year to better serve media advisers across the nation.

The trained CMA advocates investigate cases involving advisers who are punished as a result of performing their duties. Action from CMA in such cases may include efforts to mediate or intervene with educational sessions at the school and, if necessary, officially censure an institution and bring attention to its actions in the local and national press.

Established in 1956, College Media Advisers is an association of higher education professionals that exists to promote established standards and practices in college media advising. Endorsed by professional and college media associations, schools and departments of mass communication, CMA communicates and works with professional media organizations and education associations on the local, state and national levels.

Grant to Fund Multicultural Recruitment

ONU has received a grant from the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) to support Vision Builders, a minority recruitment program aimed at increasing diversity at ONU. This is the second consecutive year that ONU has received this grant.

Vision Builders is a mentoring program that pairs ONU students with multicultural students from the School of Multiple Intelligences at Lima Senior High School. The program provides academic mentoring, college-preparation workshops and monthly activities at ONU and in the Lima community.

"It is an honor to again receive this grant from the OFIC to fund the Vision Builders program. It is a great opportunity to strengthen our relationship with the surrounding communities and bring attention to the diversity at ONU to attract a more diverse student body to the University," says Tabitha Courtney, assistant director of admissions and coordinator of alumni recruitment.

The grant will fund Vision Builders Day, which brings multicultural students from several Ohio high schools to ONU for a day to learn about the University. Three participants of last year's Vision Builders program are beginning their studies at ONU this fall.

Kisor to Present at International Conference

Dr. David F. Kisor, professor of pharmacokinetics, has been invited to speak at the Ehrlich II Conference in Nuremberg, Germany.

The conference is dedicated to Paul Ehrlich and is held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of his Nobel Prize award. In his Nobel lecture on Dec. 11, 1908, Paul Ehrlich laid out the foundation of chemotherapy and the use of drugs to cure patients. He coined the term "Magic Bullets," and this term has remained in science as well as in the lay world for particularly important and clinically useful drugs.

At this conference, the discovery, development and successful use of drugs (Magic Bullets) in clinical medicine will be presented and vividly discussed. Particular reference is given to what the body does to the drug (pharmacokinetics), what the drug does to the body (pharmacodynamics) and the use of Magic Bullets in patients more rationally by individualization of therapy.

Kisor will be presenting "Organ Independent Drug Elimination," discussing how certain drugs are "eliminated" from the body by mechanisms other than kidney elimination or liver metabolism.

The presentation is based on two drugs that he helped bring to the market. Cisatracurium (Nimbex®) is a neuromuscular blocking drug that is most commonly used to relax the trachea, allowing a tube to be placed for mechanical breathing during surgery, and nelarabine (Arranon®), a drug used primarily to treat certain forms of leukemia.

Most drugs are eliminated from the body by the kidneys and/or the liver. However, there are a few drugs that have unique elimination pathways that do not rely on body organs. Cisatracurium, a "nerve-muscle" blocking drug, is "eliminated" from the body by the temperature and body fluid acidity dependent process called Hoffman degradation. Nelarabine is a "pro-drug" and needs to be converted to its active form in the body. Therefore, nelarabine is "eliminated" from the body by conversion to a chemical called ara-G, the active form of the drug. This conversion is dependent on an enzyme called adenosine deaminase that can be found throughout the body. Therefore, both cisatracurium and nelarabine are eliminated from the body by organ independent mechanisms.

The approaches to dosing most drugs is based on an understanding of the effects of kidney and/or liver function on drug elimination from the body. Because cisatracurium elimination and nelarabine conversion do not depend on kidney and/or liver function, these drugs must be looked at differently, says Kisor.

OAEA Honors Lehman

Linda Lehman, visiting assistant to the director of the Center For Teacher Education, will be receiving a 20-year Circa Recognition Award and will be inducted into the Ohio Art Education Association Circa Honor Society.

The OAEA (Ohio Art Education Association) Circa Society awards honor educators who have shown long-term service and professional dedication to the OAEA in the field of visual art education. Founded in 1954, OAEA promotes educational growth and leadership among its 2,000 members.

Opening Activities, 2008-09 Academic Year

Tuesday, Sept. 2

9:00 a.m. New Faculty Orientation
Faculty Academic Resources
on the ONU Internet – Heterick Library
Room 102A

10:15 a.m. New Faculty Orientation
Educational Technology at
ONU – Heterick Library Room 102A

11:00 a.m. WebFocus Workshop for
College Associate/Assistant Deans/
Department Chairs – Dicke Hall Room 140

Noon New Faculty and Staff Luncheon –
Wishing Well, McIntosh Center

1:20 p.m. New Faculty Orientation –
Wishing Well, McIntosh Center
Communication Skills Center
Student-Athlete at ONU
Honors Program
Web Design
Freed Center
Grant Proposals

2:00 p.m. New Faculty Orientation –
Heterick Library Room 102A
Heterick Library Research Resources

3:15 p.m. New Faculty & Staff Campus
Tour – Meet at McIntosh Circle

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Morning Law classes resume

8:30 a.m. Coffee, tea and cookies available
– Freed Center

9:00 a.m. **Opening Session for University
Community** – President Kendall L. Baker,
Dr. Anne Lippert – Freed Center

11:00 a.m. Organizational Meeting –
University Faculty – Freed Center

11:15 a.m. University Council
Organizational Meeting – Freed Center

11:30 a.m. Organizational Meetings,
University Governance Committees, Freed
Center locations:
Personnel – PAC 131
Student Activities – PAC 132
Promotion & Tenure Appeals – PAC 111,
Green Room
Review Committee on Dismissal of Faculty

– PAC 133
Hearing Committee on Dismissal of Faculty
– PAC 129

11:40 a.m. Organizational Meetings,
University Governance Committees, Freed
Center locations:
Budget & Appropriations – PAC 131
Academic Affairs – PAC 132
Grievance Committee – PAC 133
Committee on Academic Conduct – PAC
129

1:30 – 4:30 p.m. University Faculty
Development – Semester Transition
Coordinating Committee, “Semester/
General Education Transformation” –
McIntosh Ballroom

6:00 p.m. **Opening Dinner for
University Community** – Field House

Thursday, Sept. 4

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. College Faculty
Development Sessions

6:00 p.m. Adjunct Faculty – Northern
Connections Program and Dinner, Dicke
Hall Forum

Friday, Sept. 5

8:30 a.m. – noon Continuation of
University Faculty Development –
Semester Transition Coordinating
Committee, “Semester/General Education
Transformation” – McIntosh Activities
Room

1:00 – 4:30 p.m. College Faculty
Development Activities will take place.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Morning New Undergraduate Students
Arrive

5:00 p.m. Picnic for New Undergraduate
Students, New Transfer Students and New
Commuter Students

Sunday, Sept. 7

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. College and Department
Orientation for New Undergraduate
Students – To be announced by Colleges

Monday, Sept. 8

8:00 – noon Registration and Add-Drop
for all students – Ballroom – Deans,
Department Chairs or representatives
present

Tuesday, Sept. 9

8:00 a.m. Undergraduate Classes Begin

Wednesday, Sept. 17

9:00 a.m. WebCT6 Workshop for New
Faculty – Heterick Library Room 102A

7:30 p.m. **Constitution Day Panel
Presentation** – Freed Center, Biggs
Auditorium
“The Presidential Election, Presidential
Electors and the Constitution,” Dr. Scott
Gerber, College of Law, moderator

**Coming Sept. 10
to the ONU Chapel**

Faith Lift!

Watch for details!

Northern Summer Events

Volleyball Hosts ONU Invitational
Aug 29, 30 ONU

“South Pacific” at the Freed Center
Aug 28, 29, 30, 31
Ticket now on sale.
Contact: the Freed Center, (419) 772-1900

Women’s Soccer at RIT Classic
Aug. 31, Rochester, N.Y.

**Cross Country at Tiffin University/
Heidelberg College Invitational**
Aug. 31

**For more events, go to:
www-new.onu.edu/event**