



Opening Day Kicks Off Academic Year



In his annual opening day remarks, ONU President Dr. Kendall L. Baker, above, reviewed the successes of ONU students and faculty and pointed out the challenges and opportunities facing the University. He encouraged faculty to “Think Big” and help move the University into national prominence. In her last opening day presentation, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Anne Lippert, left, spoke on transitions the University has undergone and encouraged the faculty and staff to embrace the changes that are to come. For complete text of Dr. Baker’s speech, go to http://www-new.onu.edu/files/state_of_the_university_2008.pdf For Dr. Lippert’s speech, go to tinyurl.com/5zoaad

College of Engineering Ranked in Top 50

Ohio Northern University’s T.J. Smull College of Engineering is ranked as one of the top 50 undergraduate engineering schools in the nation according to “America’s Best Colleges 2009,” which is published annually by U.S. News & World Report.

ONU tied for 38th place in a ranking of those undergraduate engineering colleges that do not offer a doctoral degree program. Across the nation, there are approximately 175 engineering colleges in this category and, in the state of Ohio, ONU is one of only two schools ranked in the top 50.

“The faculty and staff of the College of Engineering are extremely pleased with this recognition as we seek to achieve excellence in undergraduate engineering education,” said Dr. Eric T. Baumgartner, dean of the College of Engineering. “This ranking is

based on a peer assessment of the quality of our programs, and it is rewarding to know that our peer institutions regard the college as one of the best in the nation.”

This marks the second consecutive year that ONU’s College of Engineering has cracked the top 50. In the 2007 rankings, ONU was ranked in a tie for 54th place and jumped to 47th place a year later.

ONU offers degrees in civil, computer, electrical and mechanical engineering and computer science. The college also has memberships in national organizations such as the American Society for Engineering Education and the Association for Computing Machinery and is recognized by the Ohio Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors.

Undergraduate Classes Resume Sept. 9



Almost Ready...

Renovated laboratories, classrooms and preparation areas will be ready when students return to Meyer Hall next week. On the second floor of the science building students will find all the classrooms and three teaching labs have undergone complete renovations. The work is part of the Mathile Center project and involves facilities for biology, chemistry and physics. At right, Kristin Daws, director of laboratories and scientific materials manager, makes some final adjustments.

Rockin' Out

So what can a retired engineering professor do to fill his time? If it's Les Thede, professor of electrical and computer engineering, first you design and build furniture, then you join a rock band, or rather re-join a rock band.

Last month Les and his wife, Diane, senior administrative assistant in the College of Business Administration, headed back to Wilton, Iowa, for the Wilton Founder's Day and a reunion of the XLs.

A 1960's era band, the XLs had not performed together since 1969. With a bit of rehearsal, the six bandmates put on a rousing performance and hope to be back for more.

Playing in the Wilton and Davenport areas, the band built a regional reputation, opening for such headliners as Herman's Hermits, Lovin' Spoonful, The Yardbirds, ? and the Mysterions, The New Vaudeville Band, the Byrds, Mamas and Papas, and Paul Revere and the Raiders.

Read more in this feature from the Wilton- Durant Advocate News: www-new.onu.edu/node/12196



Dr. Thede

Swim Lessons

Children ages 4 to 10 will have the opportunity to learn to swim with instruction from members of the ONU swimming and diving team and students in the coaching theories of competitive swimming class.

Two sessions of five classes each will be offered. Participation is limited to the first 40 children to register. Registration deadline is Sept. 25.

The first session will be 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., on Sundays, Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26. The second session is 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., on Thursdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Cost is \$45 per child.

To register, contact Peggy Ewald, p-ewald@onu.edu, or call (419) 772-3132.

Convention Blogs Continue

With the national political conventions coming to an end, there is still time to check out the blogs from ONU's representatives at both the Democratic National Convention in Denver and the Republican National Convention in Minneapolis.

Thirteen ONU students and faculty member Dr. Rob Alexander were part of two-week seminars coordinated through The Washington Center, a nonpartisan, educational organization. Taught as an academic course, the seminars engaged students with small-group discussions, workshops, issue forums and convention fieldwork. Read about their experiences at webstu.onu.edu/politics/

Faith Lift Coming to ONU Chapel

Ever wonder what basic beliefs shape a person's work and personality?

Faith Lift comes to the ONU chapel, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 10, with the answers to some of those questions.

To encourage students, faculty and staff to explore spiritual growth and development, the weekly 11 a.m. chapel services will feature personal essays by faculty and staff as they focus on their core beliefs and why they believe as they do.

Chaplain Vern LaSala explains the purpose of Faith Life is to provide the University community with a weekly opportunity to strengthen honest, respectful, authentic and intimate conversation through the writing and sharing of short statements of personal belief by students, faculty and staff.

ONU President Dr. Kendall L. Baker will be the first speaker on Sept. 10.

The format will include opening announcements and introduction of the speaker who will present their personal essay. Following a musical interlude, the speaker will elaborate on why he or she believes as they do. This is followed by an open mic question-and-answer session.

Following dismissal, informal conversations can continue over lunch in the chapel.

Following Baker, speakers will include Vice President for

General Education Information Available Online

As the discussion of General Education Requirements continues, now is the time to review the report of the University Steering Committee on General Education. The final report of the committee's year-long work to develop a model for a University-wide general education program is available at:

www2.onu.edu/~pcroskery/gen-ed/

Tuition Exchange

Full-time employees who will have a child entering college in fall 2009 are invited to learn about the Tuition Exchange Inc. program in a special session at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 17, in McIntosh Room 7.

Questions may always be directed to Dr. Roger Goldberg at r-goldberg@onu.edu

Academic Affairs Dr. Anne Lippert on Sept. 17; Vice President and Dean of Enrollment Karen Condemi on Sept. 24; Law Dean David Crago on Oct. 1; Vice President for Financial Affairs Dr. Robert Ruble on Oct. 8; Vice President for University Advancement Tom Stevick on Oct. 15; Pharmacy Dean Dr. Jon Sprague on Oct. 22; Engineering Dean Dr. Eric Baumgartner on Oct. 29; College of Business Administration Dean Dr. James

Fenton on Nov. 5; and Vice President for Student Services Alice Kay Hilderbrand on Nov. 12.

Winter quarter speakers will include department chairs and professors. Spring quarter will include faculty, staff and student speakers.

The program follows a format suggested by NPR's "This I Believe" essay program, which invites participants to write about the beliefs that guide their daily lives. In addition to the chapel program, the presentations will be broadcast live on ONB-3 Cable, and each essay will be published in the Northern Review and rebroadcast on WONB radio.



South Pacific Returns; Whose Live Anyway? Set

South Pacific, the classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, returns to Ohio Northern University's Freed Center for the Performing Arts, Sept. 12-14. Tickets are now on sale.

Coming Sept. 20 is "Whose Live Anyway?" an improvised comedy show, starring internationally famous comedians Ryan Stiles, Greg Proops, Chip Esten and Jeff Davis.

The show is 90 minutes of hilarious improv comedy and songs based on audience suggestions. Audience participation is essential, and spectators may even be asked to join the comedians on stage.

The show features unique improv games made famous by the Emmy-nominated television show "Whose Line is it Anyway?" Appealing to a wide demographic, it promises to be a night of unforgettably funny interactive comedy.

"Whose Live Anyway?" first appeared in 1999 when it sold out two shows in less than three hours at Canada's Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

For tickets, contact the Freed Center Box Office at (419) 772-1900 or online at www.freedcenter.com

Northern Events Sept. 4-10

Campus Events

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.

Sept. 6

Morning New Undergraduate Students Arrive

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

6:00 p.m., Greekapalozza, Tundra

Sept. 7

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

Sept. 8

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

3:00 p.m., Welcomefest, Field House

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

Sept. 9

8:00 a.m. Undergraduate Classes Begin

Sept. 10

11:00 a.m., Faith Lift, Dr. Kendall L. Baker, speaker, Chapel

Arts and Lectures

Sept. 9

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

Athletics

Sept. 5

4:00 p.m., Volleyball vs. Birmingham Southern, Ala., St. Louis, Mo. (Washington, Mo., Invitational)

6:30 p.m., Volleyball vs. California Lutheran, St. Louis, Mo.

Sept. 6

9:30 a.m., Cross Country at Hanover, Ind., Invitational

10:00 a.m., Volleyball vs. Washington, Mo., St. Louis, Mo. (Washington, Mo., Invitational)

1:15 p.m., Volleyball vs. Central Iowa, St. Louis, Mo. (Washington, Mo., Invitational)

7:00 p.m., Men's Soccer at Redlands, Calif.

Sept. 7

4:00 p.m., Men's Soccer at California Lutheran, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Sept. 8

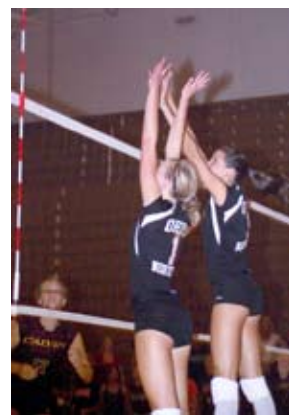
4:00 p.m., JV Football at Defiance

Sept. 9

7:00 p.m., Women's Soccer at Ohio Wesleyan

Sept. 10

4:00 p.m., Men's Soccer vs. Adrian, Mich.



For more events, go to:

www-new.onu.edu/event