



Thompson-Bradshaw Named Acting Vice President

The Ohio Northern University office of the president has announced that Adriane Thompson-Bradshaw, dean of students, will be serving as acting vice president of student affairs beginning Friday, Sept. 26.

Thompson-Bradshaw will be taking over the responsibilities for Alice K. Hilderbrand, vice president of student affairs, who will be taking a leave for an undetermined amount of time beginning Friday, Sept. 26.

Dr. Kendall L. Baker said, "I am confident that Mrs. Thompson-Bradshaw will maintain the top caliber of work that has been

established by Mrs. Hilderbrand and the office of student affairs at ONU."

Thompson-Bradshaw holds a bachelor's degree from Old Dominion and a master's degree from Bowling Green State University.

She is currently continuing her studies at BGSU. She has been employed at Ohio Northern since 1987.



Northern Fund Phonathon Gets Automation

The annual phonathon to raise contributions for The Northern Fund began last weekend but with a new twist.

ONU students still man the phones but, instead of reams of papers and stacks of files, they are speaking into headsets, referring to information on a computer screen and instantly recording contributions and sending thank-you notes.

The upgrade to ONU's fundraising system uses MoonFire, a telemarketing software system first made available to universities in 1994. It is now used by more than 60 universities, including Brown,

Yale and Otterbein.

By automating the system, says Dacy Wilcox, associate director of annual giving, the phonathon staff is able to make more calls more efficiently, with more personalization and at the same time eliminating about 30,000 pieces of paper.

The annual phonathon brings in a major part of The Northern Fund's contributions. Last year, Wilcox says, the 16-week campaign used 40 callers and raised \$360,000 for ONU.

The Northern Fund provides money for many of the University's greatest needs, including scholarships, and technology. But the phonathon does more than that, Wilcox says. It lets students and alumni connect, and that can lead not only to current gifts but also to planned gifts and legacies. The phoneathon staff also makes thank-you calls and reminder calls, making it a comprehensive campaign not only of fundraising but also of stewardship.

This year's phonathon goal is even higher than last at \$400,000.



Dacy Wilcox, associate director of annual giving, left, watches as student callers test the new phonathon system.



Strain transducers and temperature sensors are being installed, above, from left by John Brown, junior civil engineering student from Arlington, Ohio; Farhad Reza, associate professor of civil engineering; Mohammed Khasawneh, assistant professor of civil engineering; and a crew member from ODOT. At right students and faculty test the bridge's response using a loaded dump truck.



Engineering Faculty, Students Test Bridge

On Aug. 25 and 26, ONU faculty and students conducted load testing and temperature measurements on the State Route 235 bridge over U.S. 30, approximately four miles north of Ada.

This was part of a \$10,000 research grant from Ohio Department of Transportation awarded to Dr. Farhad Reza. The project involved evaluation of the structural integrity of the bridge and investigation of temperature effects.

In the News:

Paul Nutter, associate professor of technology, is quoted in an article in the June 10 issue of "Control Engineering," about the importance of an entrepreneurial mindset. He was speaking at a best practices and ideas session at "A Passion for Manufacturing, 2008 SME Annual Meeting & Interactive Unconference," held in Detroit.

Read more at www.controleng.com/article/CA6567990.html

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 ONU Swim Coach Peggy Ewald, p-ewald@onu.edu, or call (419) 772-3132.

Annual Health Screenings

ONU's annual health screenings will be 6:30 to 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 2, and Saturday, Nov. 1, in the McIntosh Activities Room.

Test kits are available from the ONU Health Center from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Flu shots will be available at the screenings.

Family Day Full of Activities

Family Day at Ohio Northern will be Saturday, Sept. 27.

Parents will have the opportunity to understand their student's daily life at ONU and get a peek into all the exciting events planned for them throughout the year.

Seminars moderated by Adriane Thompson-Bradshaw, acting vice president of student affairs, and Dr. Roger Goldberg, associate vice president of academic affairs, will be held in the McIntosh Center.

Dr. Kendall L. Baker and Mrs. Toby Baker will host an open house and reception at 11 a.m. at the Dicke House. This will be followed by a tailgating lunch outside the president's home beginning at 11:30 a.m. A pep rally following lunch will be held outside Dial-Robertson Stadium prior to ONU's football home opener against Otterbein at 1 p.m.

An afternoon activity fair will begin at 4 p.m. in the McIntosh Center Ballroom, and the evening will conclude with nationally known comedian Erick Blake at 8 p.m. in the North Gym of the ONU Sports Center.

Law Development

Melissa Abney has joined ONU as advanced administrative assistant in the College of Law's development area.

A graduate of Concordia University, River Forest, Ill., she holds a bachelor's degree in secondary education.

She had previously been a substitute teacher for Allen County Schools and a professional development consultant with YES Learning and Computer Center, Lima.

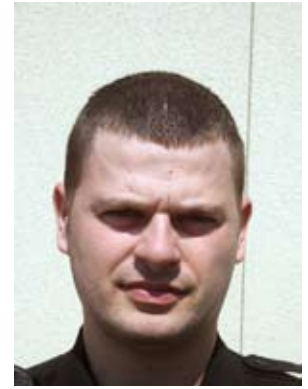


Security

Charles William Seeley has joined ONU as a full-time security officer.

He is a graduate of Continental Academy and attended God's Bible College, Cincinnati. He completed his law enforcement training at Apollo Police Academy.

He has been a part-time officer with the Cridersville Police Department and worked for the Allen County Dog Warden.



Crisis in Georgia Topic of Panel

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Phi Beta Delta is sponsoring a panel discussion in the Dicke Forum on "The Crisis between Georgia and Russia in the Caucasus and its Ramifications" for the US, EU, UN and immediate neighbors of Russia.

The panel will be made up of law professors Howard N. Fenton and Bryan H. Ward, political scientist Andrew Ludanyi, geographer David R. Smith, and Georgian law student Eliso Chabrava.

Phi Beta Delta coordinator Michael Loughlin will be the moderator.

The panelists will delve into the geographic, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, social, and political diversity of this complex area, specific regional issues, and some of the geopolitical/geostrategic issues involved in analyzing this tragic and predictable yet fascinating confrontation.

'Defending the Caveman'

The Freed Center for the Performing Arts presents "Defending the Caveman" on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 8 p.m.

With hilarious insight on contemporary feminism, masculine sensitivity and the erogenous zones, "Defending the Caveman" mines the common themes in relationships that go straight through the funny bone and into the heart.

An adult comedy written by Rob Becker and starring Ben Tedder, "Defending the Caveman" is an outrageously funny and surprisingly sweet exploration of the gender gap.

"Defending the Caveman" is the longest-running solo show in Broadway history. After opening in San Francisco in 1991, the show moved to Dallas, where it was an irrefutable hit. It went on to sold-out engagements in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and Chicago before opening on Broadway in 1995. After 702 performances, "Defending the Caveman" surpassed Lily Tomlin's "Search for Signs" and Jackie Mason's "The World According to Me."

To receive discounts for ONU faculty and staff online, log on to Luminis and purchase your tickets through the Freed Center Box Office link.

Security

Cledith A. McNamara has joined ONU as a part-time security officer.

A graduate of Bath High School, McNamara has been supervisor of security at the Lima Mall and worked with Progressive Protection Service and Job 1 Security, Findlay. He was a custodian at Bath Local Schools and served in the U.S. Army Reserves and as a Bath Fire Department volunteer fire fighter.

Children's Musical Comes to Freed Center

The Freed Center for the Performing Arts presents "Magic Tree House: The Musical" as part of an ongoing commitment to children's theatre and literacy. The performance will be held Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. in Biggs Theatre.

Based on Mary Pope Osborne's beloved series of children's books, "Magic Tree House: The Musical" transports Jack and Annie's adventures onto the stage to create a theatrical event for the entire family. To restore joy and magic to King Arthur's kingdom, the brother and sister team must travel to Camelot's dreaded Otherworld and return with water from the mythical Cauldron of Memory and Imagination. If they fail, Camelot will be lost and forgotten forever – and the Magic Tree House will be destroyed. Rising to each new challenge with courage, humor and resourcefulness, Jack and Annie eventually discover that memory and imagination are gifts we can all use to fill our lives with magic.

More than just another children's show, "Magic Tree House: The Musical" is a full-scale, Broadway-style musical featuring more than two dozen life-sized (and dragon-sized) puppets by Mary Brehmer, a three-time Daytime Emmy nominee for her Muppet work.

An enchanting blend of song, story and spectacular stagecraft, "Magic Tree House: The Musical" is a joyous and melodic treat that will keep children on the edge of their seats.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.freedcenter.com or sign into your Luminis account and click on the Freed Center link for faculty and staff discounts.

Northern Events Sept. 25 - Oct. 1

Campus Events

Sept. 27

8:00 a.m., ASP Diabetes 5K walk/run,
Dial-Roberson Stadium parking lot

8:00 a.m., Family Day

Sept. 28

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

8:30 p.m., Catholic Mass, Chapel

Sept. 29

9:00 a.m., Fall Career Kaleidoscope, Field House

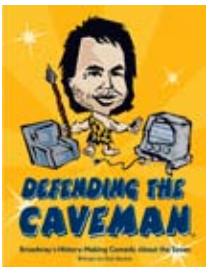
4:00 p.m., CoE Faculty Meeting, Biggs 239

Oct. 1

11:00 a.m., Faith Lift, speaker Law Dean David Crago,
Chapel



Arts and Lectures



Sept. 27

8:00 p.m., "Defending the Caveman,"
Freed Center

Sept. 28

8:00 p.m., Artist Series: Brave New
Works, Snyder Recital Hall

Oct. 1

9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., "Magic Tree House: The Musical,"
Freed Center

For more events, go to:

www-new.onu.edu/event

Athletics

Sept. 26

Noon, Women's Golf at Muskingum Invitational, River
Greens Golf Course

Noon, Volleyball at Mount St. Joseph Invitational, Cincinnati

3:30 p.m., Volleyball vs. Baldwin-Wallace, Cincinnati

4:00 p.m., Men's JV Soccer vs. Heidelberg

7:30 p.m., Volleyball at Mount St. Joseph, Cincinnati

Sept. 27

10:00 a.m., Volleyball vs. Hanover, Cincinnati

10:00 a.m., Women's Cross Country at University of
Minnesota Invitational, St. Paul, Minn.

11:30 a.m., Men's Cross Country at University of Minnesota
Invitational, St. Paul, Minn.

Noon, Women's Tennis at ITA Regional Tournament,
Amherst and Oberlin, Ohio

1:00 p.m., Volleyball vs. Asbury, Cincinnati

1:30 p.m., Football vs. Otterbein, Dial-Roberson Stadium

2:00 p.m., Women's Soccer vs. Case Western Reserve

Sept. 28

10:00 a.m., Men's Golf at Mount Union Invitational

Noon, Women's Tennis at ITA Regional Tournament

Sept. 29

10:00 a.m., Men's Golf at Mount Union Invitational

Noon, Women's Tennis at ITA Regional Tournament

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

Sept. 30

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

Oct. 1

4:00 p.m., Women's Soccer vs. Defiance

4:00 p.m., Men's Soccer at Findlay

