



ONU Sees Record Enrollment

Ohio Northern University has announced a record enrollment for the 2008-09 school year. A total of 3,721 students enrolled this year, compared to 3,603 last year. ONU eclipses the 3,700 mark for the first time in school history, and it marks the ninth record-breaking year out of the last 10.

“We are excited to see students continue to choose ONU as a place to further their education,” said Karen Condeni, dean of enrollment. “It shows that ONU is meeting the needs of students while offering what they are looking for in a university.”

The number of new undergraduate students is 897, compared

to 842 last year. The new class also is the most diverse class yet enrolled: The entire student body has experienced a 35 percent increase in international students, and diverse enrollment is up 22 percent.

For the second consecutive year, ONU was recently ranked No. 2 ranking among Midwest baccalaureate colleges in “America’s Best Colleges 2009,” which is published annually by “U.S. News & World Report.” ONU also was featured as one of the nation’s top schools in the new Princeton Review annual college guide, “The Best 368 Colleges, 2009 editions.”

Exercise Physiology Program Accredited

Ohio Northern University’s exercise physiology program has received accreditation in exercise science from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

ONU’s accreditation followed two on-site visits, review of the program’s materials and facilities, and interviews with students and faculty.

“This represents an outside validation of our program,” said Dr. Scott Swanson, associate professor of exercise physiology and coordinator of the program. “It means the exercise physiology program meets certain standards in terms of administration, resources, faculty and facilities. To our students, it means they will have all the necessary knowledge, skills and assessments vital to their professional development.”

Dr. Lisa G. Robeson, interim dean of the College of Arts & Sciences said, “Because there are so few accredited exercise science programs in the United States, ONU has a chance to become a national leader in an area of high enrollment growth.”

Nationally, ONU’s program is one of just 14 undergraduate programs in exercise science to receive accreditation by CAAHEP, the largest accrediting organization for programs in the health sciences field. In collaboration with its committees on accreditation, CAAHEP reviews and accredits over 2,000 educational programs in 20 health science occupations.



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.

No appointment is needed. All employees and spouses and all retirees, whether enrolled in the University’s health insurance plan or not, are eligible to participate.

The spouses of retirees who are not on the retirees’ insurance plan are welcome to participate but will be charged a nominal fee. Payment should be made the day of the screening. Make checks payable to Ohio Northern University.

Screening will be conducted by Medi-Lab, Inc., Lima, and will provide important laboratory data to your physician.

Participants will have a blood sample drawn for a complete diagnostic multi-chemical profile. For men over 50, this includes a PSA test for prostate cancer. Hemocult test kits and specimen sample containers are available at the Student Health Center.

All medical information and blood test results are confidential and will be provided only to the participant and/or their personal physician. Participants should contact their physician to discuss results.

Participants must provide stamped, addressed envelope(s) to have results sent to themselves and/or their doctor(s).

There must be a 12-hour period of fasting prior to the blood work. Do not eat for 12 hours prior to testing. (Water and black coffee are permitted.)

To learn more, contact the Human Resources Department at ext. 3106.

Director of Development College of Engineering

Sarah Prasher, BSME '05, is the new director of development for the College of Engineering.

While an undergraduate at ONU, she was a member of the Order of the Engineer, Mortar Board, Omicron Delta Kappa and Order of Omega and recipient of the Presidential Merit Scholarship and the Ernest W. Weaver Sr. & Anne S. Weaver Memorial Scholarship.

Before returning to ONU, she was a production team advisor with Schreiber Foods Inc., working in the company's Green Bay, Wis., and Mount Vernon, Mo., facilities.



Advanced Administrative Assistant President's Office

Heidi S. Leek has joined ONU as advanced administrative assistant in the president's office.

A graduate of Conner High School in Hebron, Ky., she attended Northern Kentucky University.

Before coming to ONU, she was a customer service representative with Power Line Supply Company. Prior to that, she worked with William Vaughn Company in Maumee, Ohio, and United Medical Resources Inc. in Cincinnati, Ohio.



PAWS to Assist With Diabetes Walk

The Professional Association of Women in Science (PAWS) of Ohio Northern University is attending a walk hosted by the Lima Diabetic Center on Oct. 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Apollo Career Center.

Organizers are staging the walk to raise funds and awareness for children with diabetes. The members of PAWS will provide educational material to the public, play games, paint faces, fill balloons, and host learning activities. The funds raised prior to the event will provide scholarships for children with diabetes to attend summer camps, where they will learn how to manage their disease through diet, exercise and insulin treatment. These camps are designed to foster independence and self-confidence in children and allow them to interact with other kids who face the same daily challenges. It also is an opportunity for parents to take a break with the knowledge that their children are well cared for.

PAWS was established 14 years ago with the goal of promoting science education and encouraging women to enter science disciplines. This group is open to any student, regardless of major, who is interested in promoting these goals. The organization has a history of being very active on campus and in the community with service projects while also providing science-education opportunities for its members.

For more information on the fundraiser and walk, contact Lorie Zerante at 419-225-7314.

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.

Greek Chapters Honored

The following ONU Greek chapters have been honored for their work:

Delta Sigma Phi

Most Improved Chapter GPA

March of Dimes \$1,000 Club

Order of Sphinx Recipient for Outstanding Leadership in the Fraternity – Daniel Kelly

Delta Zeta

8 Years Consecutive Total

4 Years Consecutive Quota

Kappa Alpha Theta

Silver Kite Award Chapter

Improvement in Membership Programming

Phi Delta Chi

Dale W. Doerr 100% Achievement Award

3rd Place Chapter Publication

Phi Mu Delta

Standards of Excellence Service Award

Standards of Excellence Programming Award

Theta Chi

Colley Award – presented to Erik Lange

Honorable Mention – Lewis Award for Chapter Improvement

9 Chapter Excellence Awards – including:

Chapter Operations

Alumni Programming

Risk Management

Zeta Tau Alpha

Individual Donor Recognition Award (> \$5,000 Club)

Founders Club Award (> \$10,000 Club)

Academic Achievement Award

Crown Chapter Award

ZTA Foundation Major Donor

ZTA Foundation Scholarship Award

Quota/Total Award

3rd Runner-Up Scholarship Award

New Member Programming Award

Polar Bear Expert to Open Polar Bear Nation Celebrations

In a year-long series of events, Ohio Northern will celebrate the polar bear and encourage students, faculty, alumni and the community to become involved in Ohio Northern's efforts to go green.

Dr. Steven C. Amstrup will speak at 7 p.m., Oct. 15 at the Freed Center in the opening event.

Amstrup is a research wildlife biologist with the United States Geological Survey at the Alaska Science Center, Anchorage, Alaska. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Wyoming in

October Open Houses Set

Ohio Northern University welcomes high school seniors to campus for a series of four October open houses. Students will learn about specific ONU programs, meet with current students, faculty and staff, and attend informational admissions and financial aid sessions. A complimentary lunch and campus tour will also be provided.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, both The James F. Dicke College of Business Administration and the T.J. Smull College of Engineering will hold open houses for prospective students. Registration for both events begins at 9 a.m.

The following Saturday, Oct. 11, is the Performing and Visual Arts Open House.

Learn about the unique blend of quality liberal arts and professional programs offered in the departments of art and design, communication arts, and music, as well as the abundant extracurricular opportunities available to ONU students. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Finally, Experience ONU Day will be held Monday, Oct. 13. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The event allows participants to immerse themselves in the total collegiate experience by visiting an actual class, talking with current students, and getting a glimpse into the daily life of a Polar Bear. Interested students can register by calling 888-408-4668 or visiting onu.edu/admissions/visit_us

United Way Campaign Begins

The United Way of Hardin County is beginning its annual campaign.

This year's goal is \$200,000 to support 22 community agencies: Community Impact Funds, American Red Cross, Mobility Foundation, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Boy Scouts Black Swamp Council, Cancer Screening Services, Children's Development Center, Compassionate Friends, Consumer Credit Counseling, Council on Aging, Crossroads Crisis Center, Girl Scouts Appleseed Ridge Council, Habitat for Humanity, Hardin County Dental Council, Hardin County Family YMCA, Hardin County Hospice, Heartbeat of Hardin County, Helping Hands, Imagination Library, Love INC, Neighborhood Center and the Salvation Army.

Campaign information will be mailed on Monday, Oct. 6. Vernon F. LaSala, ONU chaplain, is a member of the United Way board and campaign chair for ONU. Contact him at ext. 2200.

Laramie and an associate professor at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

He earned his bachelor's in science in forestry from the University of Washington, a master's in science in wildlife management from the University of Idaho and a Ph.D. in wildlife management from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

He has been conducting research on all aspects of polar bear ecology in the Beaufort Sea since 1980.

He is a past chairman of the IUCN Polar Bear Specialist Group and has been an active member of the group for 28 years. He has authored or co-authored over 60 peer-reviewed articles on movements, distribution and population dynamics of large mammals and is the senior editor of a recent text on population estimation methods.

Amstrup led the team of researchers who prepared nine reports that became the basis for the first decision to list polar bears as a "threatened" species. With 24 years of research experience on polar bears and their habitats, his presentation will appeal to all audiences, from animal lovers to environmentalists.

A full list of Polar Bear Nation events is available at tinyurl.com/45d6xt



Freed Center to Host 'Laughing Liberally'

With election season in full swing, Ohio Northern University's Freed Center for the Performing Arts welcomes political comedy show "Laughing Liberally" on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 8 p.m.

"Laughing Liberally" is a comedy show that uses humor and laughter to spread understanding of liberal ideas and advance progressive values. The brightest progressive comedians from Comedy Central, MTV and HBO come together for this national tour that attempts "to save democracy one laugh at a time."

"Laughing Liberally" has previously shown in New York, Los Angeles and Boston. Justin Krebs, co-founder and creative director, describes the show as smart, savvy, liberated humor.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission. The Freed Center box office is open Monday-Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Phone orders are accepted with MasterCard, VISA or Discover by calling 419-772-1900. Online ticketing is available at www.freedcenter.com

Northern Events Oct. 2 - 8

Campus Events

Oct. 4

9:00 a.m., T.J. Smull College of Engineering Open House

9:00 a.m., The James F. Dicke College of Business Administration Open House

Oct. 5

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

Oct. 6

9:00 p.m., Open Doors Meeting, McIntosh Center, Room 202

Oct. 7

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

Oct. 8

11:00 a.m., Faith Lift, Speaker: Dr. Robert Ruble, vice president for financial affairs

Arts and Lectures

Oct. 4

8:00 p.m., "Laughing Liberally," Freed Center

Oct. 6

8:00 p.m., Guest Recital: Mark Berry, percussion, and Sarah Berry, cello, Snyder Recital Hall



For more events, go to:

www-new.onu.edu/event

Athletics

Oct. 3

9:00 a.m., Men's Tennis at ITA Regionals

Noon, Women's Golf vs. Otterbein, River Green Golf Course

4:00 p.m., Women's Soccer at Muskingum

7:00 p.m., Volleyball at John Carroll

Oct. 4

9:00 a.m., Men's Tennis at ITA Regionals

11:00 a.m., Women's Cross Country at Earlham, Ind., Invitational

11:00 a.m., Men's Cross Country at Earlham, Ind., Invitational

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



2:00 p.m., Men's Soccer vs. Muskingum, ONU Soccer Field

Oct. 6

4:00 p.m., Men's JV Soccer vs. Ohio Wesleyan, ONU Soccer Field

Oct. 7

10:00 a.m., Men's Golf at Wittenberg Invitational, Windy Knoll Golf Club

4:00 p.m., Women's Soccer vs. Capital, ONU Soccer Field

7:00 p.m., Volleyball vs. Heidelberg, ONU Sports Center

Oct. 8

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