



## Mathile Center Lauded as 'Key' to ONU's Science Programs

Donors, dignitaries, faculty and students took part in a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony, Oct. 16 at the Mathile Center for the Natural Sciences.

ONU President Dr. Kendall L. Baker said, "Science is at the foundation of everything we do at Ohio Northern University, and having state-of-the-art science facilities is something that is key to the education we offer."

Speaking for the faculty, Dr. Jeff Gray, chair of the department of chemistry and biochemistry, said, "For most of this decade, the faculty in the natural sciences area has dreamed of working in an expanded facility. The Mathile Center has turned out even better than we could have imagined."

He went on to say, "One of the key aspects of this place is how it brings people together. Every classroom, lab and discussion area promotes the strongest interaction between faculty and students. It presents many wonderful new opportunities to build a greater national reputation for our science-based program."

He added, "The Mathile Center is a great success. It meets all our current needs and allows our programs to continue to grow."

Chase Baumbartner, a senior in forensic biology from Ossian, Ind., represented the students. He thanked the donors, including **Clayton Mathile**, BSBA '62, Hon.D. '91, and MaryAnn Mathile, and added, "It's not just the impact of new walls and clean desks, it is the possibility of expanded curriculum and new courses and accredited programs that will enrich our experience here at Ohio Northern. It will better suit us for our future and careers and helps our education here and now."

He explained that the students using the center "are characterized by being in class. Between the lectures, laboratories, independent research and studying, we can easily spend half our days here. So, it is important that we have ample space and added classrooms. What's even more important is that the space is now specifically designed for our needs."

Taking part in the ribbon-cutting were Clayton Mathile and MaryAnn Mathile for whom the building is named; Robert C. Smith, BSBA '75, chair of the ONU Board of Trustees; professor Terry Keiser, BSEd '64, chair of the department of biological sciences; Rev. Vern LaSala, chaplain, and the dedication speakers.

An open house and tours of the facility followed the ceremony.



**Dr. Clayton and MaryAnn Mathile and Dr. Kendall L. and Toby Baker pose with the Mathile scholars outside the Mathile Center for the Natural Sciences.**

## It's Not Rocket Science. Give!

Nearly half of ONU's campus community has already become part of the 2009-10 Campus Campaign! Their gifts and pledges total more than \$100,000!

There is still time to be part of this important effort to create a stronger ONU.

Make your gift online at [www.onugive.com](http://www.onugive.com), or return your pledge card with a check or information to begin payroll deduction.

Then plan to take part in the celebration luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Nov. 5 in the McIntosh Ballroom.



# Grants Received

## Nuclear Pharmacy Donations

Dr. Jeffrey J. Christoff, professor of medicinal chemistry in the Raabe College of Pharmacy, has received numerous items from Heartlight Pharmacy Services of Lima to equip the nuclear pharmacy teaching laboratory. Heartlight supplied Tc-99m radiopharmaceuticals for hands-on student exercises. Additionally, Heartlight provided consumable resources for two research projects involving Christoff and ONU students. Christoff is a collaborator with Purdue University on a nationwide research project, "Expiration, Pryogen, and Sterility Testing of Technetium -99m Radiopharmaceuticals."

He is also working on the project, "Residual Tc-99m Sestamibi Activity Retained in Commercially Available Syringes." The research activities were conducted at Heartlight's facility. This represents in-kind contributions of \$4,557.80.

## Financial Feasibility Study

Two faculty members in The James F. Dicke College of Business Administration are working on a financial feasibility study regarding the creation of a centralized dispatch operation in Allen County. Dr. Paul Govekar, associate professor of management, and professor Roger Young, visiting professor of accounting, are working with Russ Decker, director of the Allen County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Funds for the study total \$21,944.56 and were made available through a grant awarded to Allen County. ONU students will assist in the study.

## Vitamin K Study

Drs. Teresa Hoffmann, assistant clinical professor of pharmacy, and Kelly Shields, associate professor of pharmacy practice in the Raabe College of Pharmacy, are the recipients of a \$2,000 grant from the Ohio Pharmacists Foundation (OPF) to support a study titled "Low dose vitamin K supplementation in patients taking warfarin with unstable INRs: assessment of appropriate doses and genetic predictors of response." The study will be performed in the anticoagulation clinic at Blanchard Valley Medical Associates in Findlay. Warfarin prevents blood clots that trigger heart attack and stroke. Consistent daily vitamin K intake may contribute to the stabilization of INR values in patients with unstable INRs on warfarin therapy. The study is expected to more clearly define not only the appropriate dose of supplemental vitamin K1 for patients with unstable INRs, but also those patients in whom supplementation will be most effective.

## Pharmacy Community Outreach

The Raabe College of Pharmacy is the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from Target to establish a formalized program to encourage pharmacy students and student organizations to become active volunteers. The program will encourage students to develop and implement community outreach projects that provide unique patient care and education opportunities while providing important professional development for current and future pharmacy students. The proposal was submitted by the team of Dr. Robert McCurdy, Dr. Tom Kier, Dr. Kristen Finley, Dean Jon Sprague and Scott Wills.

# Kormendy Lecture Hosts Columbia Law Professor

Dr. Barbara Aronstein Black, professor emerita of legal history at Columbia Law School, will speak at the Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law's Kormendy Lecture in the Moot Court Room (129) on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 11:30 a.m. The presentation, titled "Who Judges? Who Cares? History Now and Then," is free and open to the public.

Black taught at Yale University for nine years before joining the Columbia Law School's faculty as professor emerita of legal history in 1984. Two years later, she became dean and the first woman to head an Ivy League law school. Concurrent with her deanship, she served two terms as president of the American Society for Legal History.

Black has focused a great deal of her research on 17th- and 18th-century law, including pieces on judicial independence, judicial review and the constitutional dimension of the American Revolution.

ONU's College of Law established the Kormendy Lectureship in 1987 through an endowment established by Helen E. Kormendy, widow of Dr. Steven W. Kormendy. The Dr. Steven W. Kormendy and Helen E. Kormendy Law Lecture Fund is used each year to bring prominent individuals to campus to address relevant, topical matters of law.

Dr. Kormendy, who died on Jan. 6, 1985, graduated from ONU's College of Law in 1928 and was posthumously awarded an honorary LL.D. degree in 1985. The Ohio State Bar Association honored him for 50 years of law practice, and he was active in the Hungarian community in Cleveland.

Past Kormendy lecturers include U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, U.S. Senator Orin Hatch, former Attorney General Ramsey Clark and Harvard Law School professor David Kennedy.

## ONU Hosts Fall Open House

Ohio Northern University will host a fall open house for high school seniors on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students will learn about specific Ohio Northern programs, meet with current students, faculty and staff, attend informational financial aid sessions, and receive an overview of admissions for each of ONU's individual colleges.

"This event opens up our campus to prospective students and parents so they can see the facilities, learn of the exciting academic opportunities here at ONU and ask questions," said Karen Condeni, vice president and dean of enrollment. "We encourage high school seniors to come and participate in this informative day." Guests will also learn about ONU's unique blend of quality liberal arts and professional programs as well as the abundant extracurricular opportunities available to ONU students.

A complimentary lunch and campus tour will be provided. The Inn at Ohio Northern is also available for those wishing to stay overnight.

The registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 23. Interested students can register by calling 888-408-4668 or visiting [www.onu.edu/visit](http://www.onu.edu/visit)

## 'Katrina: The K Word'

Ohio Northern University presents "Katrina: the K Word" in the Freed Center for the Performing Arts' Stambaugh Studio Theatre from Oct. 28-31 at 8 p.m. and on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 at 2 p.m. There will be a pre-show discussion on Oct. 28 at 7:15 p.m.

"Katrina: the K Word" is an original play inspired by the true stories of individuals who experienced one of America's most challenging crises. Both heartbreaking and uplifting, "Katrina" chronicles the journeys of New Orleans residents whose lives were forever changed by Hurricane Katrina.

The script was created by Lisa Brenner and Suzanne Trauth based on interviews they conducted with New Orleans residents in 2007. The play features 12 main characters who cut across racial, gender, age and class lines. Designed as an ensemble piece, each actor in "Katrina: the K Word" plays one main role as well as several small parts.

Tickets are also available online at [www.freedcenter.com](http://www.freedcenter.com)

### More Events

The University Singers kick off their annual fall tour in Lima, on Sunday, Oct. 25. The tour will conclude with a home concert at Ohio Northern's Presser Hall on Sunday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m.

This 50-voice choir is lead by Dennis L. Kratzer, director of choral activities and professor of music, will present church and high school concerts in Lima, Defiance, Norwalk, Sandusky and Westerville.

"Runt of the Litter," the off-Broadway hit, brings the gridiron to the Biggs Theatre on Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 9:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Written and performed by former NFL safety Bo Eason and directed by Larry Moss, "Runt of the Litter" examines a father's expectations, a son's dream and a brother's rivalry.

Tickets are also available online at [www.freedcenter.com](http://www.freedcenter.com)

ONU's music department presents the Marching Band-O-Rama 2009 in the Freed Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 4 p.m.

The band is under the direction of Dr. Charles Bates, ONU professor of music and director of bands.

Tickets are also available online at [www.freedcenter.com](http://www.freedcenter.com)

## International Friendship Program Seeks Participants

The International Friendship Program is looking for volunteers to help international students make the most of their time at ONU. The program is coordinated by the International Admissions and Services office and matches international students with ONU community members and their families.

Participants in this program have the opportunity to interact with an international student at ONU throughout the school year. These experiences could include visiting a museum or a nearby city, attending a sporting or cultural event or simply sharing a meal and conversation at home, a local restaurant or on campus.

While international students learn more about their host community, ONU community participants can participate in a cultural exchange of thoughts, ideas and information with a current international student.

To sign up as a participant in ONU's International Friendship Program, contact Michelle O'Donnell, [m-odonnell@onu.edu](mailto:m-odonnell@onu.edu), or call 419-772-1966 for an application form.

## Gerber Makes Presentation

Scott Gerber, professor of law, was part of the Elizabeth Battelle Clark Legal History Series at the Boston University of Law. On Sept. 23, he presented "The Great Constitutional Question: Judicial Review and the Origins of an Independent Judiciary in Virginia."

## Manuscript Published

Dr. John K. Estell, chair of the electrical & computer engineering and computer science (ECCS) department, has published an invited manuscript titled "Streamlining the Assessment Process with the Faculty Course Assessment Report" in the *International Journal of Engineering Education* as part of a special issue on assessment. This publication is based on the assessment system developed for use in the ECCS department and adopted at other institutions through its presentation at the ABET-sponsored Best Assessment Processes Symposia over the past several years.

The Faculty Course Assessment Report (FCAR) presents a methodology that allows instructors to write assessment reports in a standardized format that is conducive for use in both course and program outcomes assessment. The FCAR document is structured as a sequence of reporting categories that include what course modifications were made, the outcomes assessment information obtained, reflection on the part of the instructor, and suggestions for course or program improvement. This approach also facilitates program-level assessment through the presentation of evidence, in the form of performance vectors, in support of the set of metrics used with the program outcomes.

When the FCAR document is submitted, the assessment coordinator enters all of the reported performance vectors into a spreadsheet or database; this information is then organized into tables presenting the set of performance vectors for each metric. The evaluation of the program outcomes can now be quickly processed by inspection of the tables. If one or more performance vector tables indicate non-compliance, one can refer back to the relevant FCAR; an examination of the data in question, along with the associated reflection and course improvement sections, provides appropriate background information that can be used to understand the nature of the non-compliance and present appropriate corrective solutions, Estell explains.

## 'Play-cation' for Parents and Kids

A free program by students in the exercise physiology program will help parents and children discover the fun of physical activity and fitness.

Scheduled from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 29 and Nov. 5, the program offers activities that will increase fitness levels and improve balance, agility, flexibility, endurance and strength.

With activities like Mission "Possible" Fitness, Through the Quicksand, Simon Says and Couch Potato, parents and their children will find an environment where families can play together and improve their physical fitness.

To register for this free program, contact Jillian Huber at [j-huber@onu.edu](mailto:j-huber@onu.edu). Huber, along with other senior exercise physiology majors Kathy Baker and Scott Snyder, are presenting this seminar as part of a course requirement. For more information, go to [tinyurl.com/yh9mpxu](http://tinyurl.com/yh9mpxu)

# Northern Events Oct. 22-28

## Campus Events

### Oct. 24

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

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

### Oct. 26

4:00 p.m., College of Engineering Faculty Meeting, Biggs 239

### Oct. 27

11:25 a.m., Law Faculty Meeting, Law Room 124

4:00 p.m., University Faculty Meeting, McIntosh Activities Room

### Oct. 28

11:00 a.m., Chapel Worship Service, Muslim Student Association, Chapel



## Arts and Lectures

### Oct. 9-Nov. 3

Noon, Pre-Visions, paintings by John R. Nativio, Elzay Gallery of Art and Stambaugh Studio Theatre Gallery

### Oct. 24

7:00 p.m., Faculty Recital, Dr. Rebecca Casey, piano, Snyder Recital Hall

### Oct. 25

2:00 p.m., Faculty Recital, Dr. Sarah Waters, percussion, Snyder Recital Hall

### Oct. 27

6:00 p.m., Art and Design Film Series, "Down by Law," Wilson Art Center 115

7:00 p.m., Black Student Union Halloween Movie Night, Multicultural Center

7:00 p.m., Kappa Alpha Theta, Comedians for CASA, a benefit for Court Appointed Special Advocates, McIntosh Ballroom

### Oct. 28

11:30 a.m., Kormendy Lecture, Dr. Barbara Aronstein Black, professor emerita of legal history at Columbia Law School, Moot Court Room 129

8:00 p.m., Katrina: the K Word, Freed Center



## Athletics

### Oct. 24

1:00 p.m., Volleyball at Mount Union

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

2:00 p.m., Women's Soccer vs. Otterbein, ONU Soccer Field

2:00 p.m., Men's Soccer at Otterbein

### Oct. 26

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

6:00 p.m., JV Football at Heidelberg

### Oct. 27

7:00 p.m., Volleyball at Baldwin-Wallace

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

### Oct. 28

4:00 p.m., Men's Soccer vs. Wilmington, ONU Soccer Field

## Health Screening



**6:30-8:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, Nov. 14**

**McIntosh Activities Room**

Open to all employees and spouses whether enrolled in ONU health insurance plan or not. Open to retirees at no charge; retiree spouses who are not part of ONU retiree insurance plan are welcome but must pay a fee.

Hemocult test kits and specimen samples containers can be picked up at the Student Health Center.

A 12-hour fast is required before the blood draw.

(Do not eat for 12 hours prior to the testing.)

Seasonal flu shots available to all participants at no charge.

**Bring stamped envelopes to the health screening, addressed to where you want results forwarded, such as your doctor and yourself.**

Questions? Contact the Office of Human Resources.