



Zika Family Donates 19th-century Violin to ONU

John R. and Karen Zika, of Statesville, N.C., and Susan (Zika) Warmbsy, of Atlanta, Ga., have donated a 19th-century violin to Ohio Northern University. The Zika family presented the instrument to Tom Hunt, chairman of the ONU music department, on Nov. 19.

The violin has been in the Zika family since 1933. Charles Zika, who owned the violin, is the father of John, Susan and longtime ONU professor Rosemary (Zika) Williams, who passed away in 2007.

An accomplished violinist, Charles began playing at age 11, was a member of the Chicago Symphony for 48 years and continued to play the violin after his retirement.

Karen Zika said the gift to the University recognizes her father-in-law and also honors Rosemary Williams, who not only made a tremendous contribution to the ONU music program, but also influenced her nephew Isaac Zika, son of Karen and John, to attend ONU where he is a sophomore music performance major.

"We wanted to honor Rosemary, and we thought the University should have the violin," Karen said. "I definitely feel it should be played."

Hunt said he is thrilled with the Zika family's donation and that a concert is in the works to feature Kirk Toth, ONU lecturer in music and accomplished violinist with the Toledo Symphony.



Tom Hunt accepts 19th-century violin from Karen Zika.

Gift Ideas from the Freed Center

Do your holiday shopping at the Freed Center for the Performing Arts. For a limited time, the Freed Center is offering two special gifts.

This year for the children on your list, there is the classic children's book *The Velveteen Rabbit*, a soft and cuddly rabbit and a ticket to the stage presentation of story at 7 p.m. on Jan. 15. The entire package makes a wonderful gift for children and is just \$15.

For adults, *The Kite Runner* makes a thoughtful gift. The book has been on every book club reading list and is a huge international best seller.

The Freed Center is combining a ticket to the performance at 8 p.m., Jan. 24, and the book in a beautifully wrapped gift for only \$20.

You can also purchase a gift certificate to any of the upcoming events at the Freed Center in 2009. To learn more, call the Freed Center box office at ext. 1900.

University Christmas Party



5 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 18
Field House

For ONU employees, spouses and immediate families
Enjoy food, fun, entertainment and a visit from Santa

RSVP by Dec. 11

Coordinator of Alumni Clubs

Annamarie Baumgartner has joined ONU as the coordinator of alumni clubs in the Office of Alumni Affairs. Her position is part time, and she will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and most recently was employed by the law firm of Balyeat, Leahy, Daley and Miller in Lima. Before moving to the area, she served as the club administrator for the Notre Dame Club of Los Angeles.

Annamarie resides in Lima with her husband Eric and their three children, Megan, Luke and Emma.

Her e-mail is a-baumgartner.2@onu.edu, and her phone is ext. 2729.



Lonnie G. Thompson Distinguished Scholar to Lecture

Lonnie G. Thompson, distinguished university professor in the department of geological sciences and a research scientist in the Byrd Polar Research Center at The Ohio State University, will speak from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Dec. 4 in the Dicke Forum.

The program is sponsored by Phi Beta Delta, the honor society for international scholars.

Thompson is one of the world's foremost authorities on paleoclimatology and glaciology. He has led more than 50 expeditions during the last 30 years, conducting ice-core drilling programs in the world's polar regions as well as in tropical and subtropical ice fields.

Recently, Thompson and his team developed lightweight solar-powered drilling equipment for the acquisition of histories from ice fields in the high Andes of Peru and on Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. The results of these histories, published in more than 200 articles, have contributed greatly toward the understanding of the Earth's past, present and future climate system.

Other Thompson-led expeditions have recovered a 460-meter-long ice core, the world's longest from a mountain range (Alaska, 2002); the first tropic ice core (Peru, 1983); cores containing the entire sequence of the Last Glacial Stage, as well as cores dating over 750,000 years in age, the oldest outside the polar regions (Tibet, 1992).

Thompson's research has resulted in major revisions in the field of paleoclimatology, in particular, by demonstrating how tropical regions have undergone significant climate variability, countering an earlier view that higher latitudes dominate climate change.

Thompson has received numerous honors and awards. In 2005, he was elected to the National Academy of Sciences and was awarded the John and Alice Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement. He has been selected by *Time* magazine and CNN as one of "America's Best" in science and medicine. His research has been featured in hundreds of publications, including *National Geographic* and the *National Geographic Adventure* magazines.

He and his team are the subject of a new book titled *Thin Ice: Unlocking the Secrets of Climate in the World's Highest Mountains* by Mark Bowen published in late 2005.

In 2006, he was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society, alumni member of Phi Beta Kappa and chosen to receive the Roy Chapman Andrews Society, 2007 Distinguished Explorer Award. In 2007, he received The National Medal of Science from the President of the United States. He served as contributing author on Chapter 6: Paleoclimate IPCC AR4 WG, 2007 volume. In May 2008, he received (along with his wife, Ellen Mosley-Thompson) the Dan David Prize and in August 2008, the Seligman Crystal Award, the highest professional award given in glaciology.

Congratulations!

David F. Kisor, Pharm.D., professor of pharmacokinetics, has received a grant of \$5,100 from Applied Medical Research to continue research on a new dosage form of aspirin. This is a follow up to a study begun last year.

Karen P. Condeni, BA '74, vice president and dean of enrollment, will be speaking at the Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrator's (OASFAA) winter conference in Columbus. The conference runs from Dec. 10-12. Condeni and Jeff Zellars, vice president for enrollment at Muskingum College, will jointly present a session titled "Effective Strategies for Advancement in Financial Aid."

Both Condeni and Zellars began their careers at their respective alma maters more than 30 years ago. As directors of financial aid, they both advanced and held several positions ultimately leading to their current positions in enrollment management. They will provide helpful advice and guidance to those aspiring aid administrators who are looking at long-term career advancement in higher education.

Additionally, Condeni and Zellars have both served as past presidents of OASFAA. OASFAA will be celebrating its 40th anniversary, and a past president's reception and gala evening event are planned as a part of the conference.

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Work with Alzheimer's Patients Honored



Tracey Pierce, RPh, a preceptor and associate clinical professor at the Raabe College of Pharmacy, receives the C.A.R.E. Pharmacy Award from Eisai Inc. during the New York City Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association's annual Memory Walk fundraiser. Pictured from left to right are Cynthia Schwalm, president, Eisai Inc.; Pete Fleck; Sean Spears, senior director, trade relations, Eisai Inc.; Tracey Pierce, RPh; Michael Motto, vice president, managed markets group, Eisai Inc.; and Hajime Shimizu, chairman and CEO, Eisai Corporation of North America.

Tracey Pierce, preceptor and associate clinical professor of pharmacy, has been honored by Eisai Inc., in coordination with the Alzheimer's Association, as recipient of the C.A.R.E. (Commitment to Alzheimer's. Recognition of Excellence) Pharmacy Award.

The C.A.R.E. Pharmacy Award acknowledges a pharmacist who has been nominated by a person with Alzheimer's disease or a caregiver for his or her exceptional impact on the lives of those fighting this disease. The award was established to recognize the critical role that pharmacists play in supporting people with Alzheimer's disease and their families.

Pierce is a clinical pharmacist with Blanchard Valley Hospital, Findlay, and a preceptor and associate clinical professor for the Raabe College of Pharmacy. She donates hours each year conducting family education programs and consultations at health fairs. As an educator, she encourages her students to also participate in these programs. As expressed in her nomination, "Tracey is a true patient advocate."

"Alzheimer's is a disease that affects both patients and their caregivers. Eisai's commitment to the patient and caregiver communities is unwavering, and community pharmacists play an integral role in each patient's treatment and care, through ongoing

Children's Book Drive to Begin

The Freed Center for the Performing Arts, in partnership with Time Warner Cable, hopes to create a smile or two by donating over 700 children's books to local hospitals, libraries and schools

You are invited to help promote literacy by donating a new or gently used book for children of all ages.

Look for brightly colored red boxes located throughout the campus and community for book dropoff. The children's book drive starts on Dec. 3, 2008, and runs until Dec 23, 2008.

Many of this season's events at the Freed Center have been based on books to encourage children to read and then see how the book is brought to life on the stage.

Contact the Freed Center box office for details on upcoming events such as "The Velveteen Rabbit" on Jan. 15, 2009, and "The Kite Runner" on Jan. 24, 2009.

For more information about the book project, contact Catriona Macphie at 2656.

monitoring, counseling and support," said Cynthia Schwalm, President of Eisai Inc. "The C.A.R.E. Pharmacy Award allows us to acknowledge their efforts and showcase best practices in caregiving techniques. We are proud to be working with the Alzheimer's Association to recognize the outstanding efforts of pharmacists who are making a tangible difference in the lives of people affected by Alzheimer's disease."

"As a member of the C.A.R.E. Pharmacy Award selection committee, I saw the impressive contributions of nominated pharmacists who've worked cohesively as part of a team of care providers for those with Alzheimer's disease," said Peter Reed, PhD, senior director of programs for the Alzheimer's Association. "We commend this year's winner on her extraordinary efforts to build a relationship with those living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers, helping to educate them about Alzheimer's disease and enhancing the support they receive."

Medicinal Chemistry Seminar to Deal with Cancer Treatment

Ohio Northern University will host a medicinal chemistry seminar Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. in the Meyer Hall of Science's annex room 105.

Tara Rheault, Ph.D., an oncology medical chemistry researcher with GlaxoSmithKline at Research Triangle Park in North Carolina, will be the speaker. Her topic is "Potent and Selective Inhibitors of Polo-Like Kinase (PLK1): Novel Anti-mitotic Agents for the Treatment of Cancer."

Lack of proper cell cycle control is a hallmark of cancer cells. Interruption of the cell cycle through the use of drugs such as Taxol is an effective approach to cancer therapy. PLK1 (Polo-like kinase 1) has been shown to play an integral role in the progression of cells, particularly rapidly dividing cancer cells. The presentation will deal with recent research to develop IV-administered therapies based on PKL1.

The presentation, designed for chemistry, biology and pharmacy students and faculty, is free and open to the public. To learn more, contact Jake Zimmerman, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry, at 2342.

Northern Events Dec. 4 - 10

Campus Events

Dec. 7

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

Dec. 8

11:30 a.m., University Advancement Scholarship Luncheon, McIntosh Activities Room

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

5:30 p.m., Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Chapel

Dec. 9

4:00 p.m., University faculty meeting, McIntosh Activities Room

Dec. 10

11:00 a.m., Faith Lift, speaker: Dr. Raymond Person, chair, Department of Philosophy and Religion

Arts and Lectures

Dec. 4-17

Veiled Reality: Linda Lee Nicholas, Stambaugh Studio Theatre Gallery

Student Juried Exhibition, Elzay Gallery of Art

Dec. 5

8:00 p.m., Holiday Spectacular, Freed Center

Dec. 6

2:00 and 8:00 p.m., Holiday Spectacular, Freed Center

Dec. 7

2:00 p.m., Holiday Spectacular, Freed Center

Dec. 8

8:00 p.m., Faculty recital, Dave Kosmyna, trumpet, Pamela Ashmore, piano

Dec. 9

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

Dec. 10

7:00 p.m., Symphony Performance Workshop, Snyder Recital Hall



Holiday Spectacular!

Athletics

Dec. 4-6

Noon, Swimming and Diving at Wooster Invitational

Dec. 6

3:00 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. Marietta, ONU Sports Center

3:00 p.m., Men's Basketball at Marietta

Dec. 9

7:00 p.m., Wrestling vs. Manchester, Ind., ONU Sports Center

Dec. 10

5:30 p.m., Women's JV Basketball at Heidelberg

7:00 p.m., Men's JV Basketball vs. Marathon Oil, ONU Sports Center

7:30 p.m., Women's Basketball at Heidelberg

For more events, go to:

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