



Giving Makes Holidays Bright!

Eighteen years ago, the ONU Secretary Association decided to replace the annual holiday gift exchange with donations to a worthy cause. Over the years, the effort has grown to include the entire ONU family.

Pictured from left are: Brenda Hamlin, Dustin Jarrett, Sherry Agin, Zach Weber, Ben Herr, Janet Allman, Kelly Link, Haley Frank, Dr. Kendall Baker and Deb Miller as they load a University van with gifts to be distributed by Hardin County Helping Hands. Earlier in the day, the van delivered donated canned goods to the Ada Food Pantry.

In addition, 44 area families will receive food baskets, gift cards and presents through Love Inc., a project spearheaded by the First Presbyterian Church and Grace Gospel Church of Ada, and supported by ONU's faculty and staff.



ONU Receives Grants

Dr. Mark E. Olah, assistant professor of pharmacology, is the recipient of a \$150,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health for his research project, Epac1 Signaling in Angiogenesis. Angiogenesis is the development of blood vessels from pre-existing vasculature. The development of new blood may be beneficial or detrimental in different diseases. Olah's project examines the role of a protein known as EPAC in growth and ordered assembly of endothelial cells, which form the inner lining of blood vessels. ONU students will be working with him on this project.

Through the efforts of Dr. Dennis De Luca, associate professor of biological sciences, Ohio Northern University is the recipient of a \$79,044 grant from the Ohio Department of Education to hold the fifth consecutive Summer Honors Institute (SHI) for gifted and talented high school students on campus during the upcoming summer.

The 2009 SHI will attract at least 174 upcoming sophomores and juniors.

De Luca initiated the program in 2004 and will again serve as the

program director for the SHI, which offers 14 different topics over a four-week period in July. The week-long college-level courses will again be held in forensic science, pharmacy, physics, chemistry, art design, theatre, business, mock trial, engineering, robotics, natural history of Ohio and philosophy. A new course added for 2009 will include course work in field archeology. Many of the SHI students return for a second year and participate in multiple course sessions.

The SHI at Ohio Northern University has seen a growth in both ODE funding and student attendance over the past five years, with total grant dollars received in excess of \$329,000.

Dr. Adam Stienecker, assistant professor of technological studies, and Paul Nutter, associate professor of technology, have secured a gift of two Siemens PLC Training Systems for the department of technological studies. The instructional equipment, valued at \$75,000 and donated by Grob Systems of Bluffton, will be incorporated into coursework. The equipment includes a training module as well as hardware and system components.

Warning Sirens

Tests begin in January

As a safety measure, ONU will initiate monthly tests of the University's outdoor warning sirens, beginning in January.

The system will be tested at 11:55 a.m. on the first Friday of each month, unless threatening weather is in the area.

"We want our students, faculty and staff to be familiar with the sound of the warning sirens and with the safety measures they should take," said Robert Ruble, vice president for financial affairs.

The outdoor sirens are strategically placed around campus and are activated in case of tornado warnings and severe or threatening weather in the immediate area.

The warning system issues a continuous siren blast when a tornado warning is in effect. The siren continues until the danger has passed.

In case of a tornado warning:

- * Stay away from glass windows, exterior doors and wide-span roofs such as King Horn Gymnasium, the Field House, Freed Center theater or McIntosh ballroom.
- * Do not use elevators
- * Keep doors closed
- * Evacuate rooms on upper floors or that have an exterior wall above ground level
- * Move to floors below ground level, or hallways and rooms in the center of a building
- * Seek the lowest level, smallest room, or center portion of a building
- * Remain inside a safe area until the warning is canceled

Flex Spending Reminder

Now is the time to enroll for a flex spending account for 2009. Flex spending enrollment does not roll over from year to year. A new enrollment form needs to be filed with Human Resources.

All 2009 flex enrollment forms should be submitted to Human Resources by Dec. 19.

If you have a 2008 flex spending account, you may use those 2008 flex dollars for 2009 expenses that are incurred through March 15, 2009. However, all expenses for which you are using 2008 flex dollars must be submitted no later than March 30, 2009.

Forms are available online at <http://is.gd/aZmA>

To learn more, contact Human Resources at ext. 2021.

Sign Up For Text Messages

ONU has a cell phone text messaging service to alert faculty, staff and students of campus closings or emergencies. The system is designed to provide campus emergency information only, not general campus announcements. Sign-up is voluntary.

The message system will be tested at 11:50 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 7. Be sure to subscribe before that date and be ready for the unexpected.

To subscribe, log on to Luminis and follow the link at the bottom of the page. You can unsubscribe in the same manner at any time. Depending on your cell phone plan, charges to receive a text message may apply.

Faculty Factoids

Dr. Forrest Clingerman, assistant professor of religion, has been appointed co-chair, with Ellen Posman of Baldwin-Wallace College, of the undergraduate section of the Midwest Region of the American Academy of Religion.

Clingerman is also author of "The Intimate Distance of Herons: Theological Travels through Nature, Place, and Migration." It appears in *Ethics, Place & Environment: A Journal of Philosophy & Geography*, Volume 11 Issue 3, pp. 313-325.

Dr. Stephen D. Iseman, professor of communication arts and public relations, has been elected to the prestigious College of Fellows of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

Iseman is one of 19 inductees this year to the College of Fellows, bringing the number of members to 455 out of more than 22,000 PRSA members. Election to the College is based on lifetime achievement and is a professional honor awarded to senior practitioners and educators.

"His program at ONU is one of only 19 in the world to hold the Certified for Education in Public Relations designations from PRSA. Dr. Iseman's students frequently hold PRSSA national positions; two past National PRSSA presidents are from ONU, where Dr. Iseman has nurtured their leadership abilities. Several of his students have also received Outstanding Graduate Awards from the Central Ohio PSRA chapter," said Julie Theado, 2008 Central Ohio PRSA President.

Dr. Keith Durkin, associate professor of sociology and chair of the ONU Department of Sociology, and four ONU students are authors of a paper, "When Good Times Go Bad: The Differential Impact of Risk and Protective Factors on the Alcohol-Related Problems of a Sample of University Students," presented at the Mid-South Sociological Association in Huntsville, Ala.

Durkin also delivered the presidential address, "There Must be Some Kind of Misunderstanding. There Must be Some Kind of Mistake: The Deviance Disavowal Strategies of Men Arrested in Internet Sex Stings." The speech, which has been accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of "Sociological Spectrum," dealt with the findings from Durkin's ongoing research on behaviors and attitudes of Internet sex predators.

Volunteers Still Needed

The Office of Admissions is seeking faculty/staff volunteers to help with scholarship recognition days on Jan. 17, 24 and 31.

Scholarship days bring some of the best and brightest prospective students to campus in search of substantial financial aid. Each interview team consists of a current student, an alumnus, and a faculty/staff member. The Office of Admissions provides all the materials, including questions and evaluation forms. Approximately 35 teams are needed for each scholarship day.

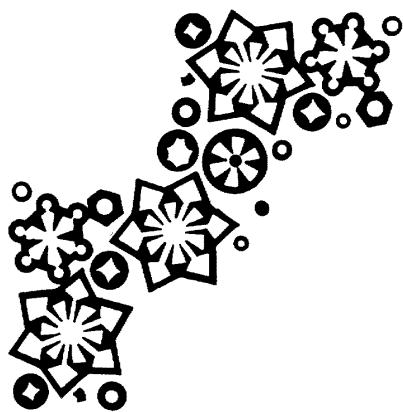
Scholarship days are:

Trustee Scholarship Day, Jan. 17, 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Academic Honors Scholarship Day, Jan. 24, 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Distinguished Achievement Awards Day, Jan. 31, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

If you are interested in helping on any or all of these dates, contact Kevin Kolks, assistant director of admissions at ext. 2314 or go to the online form at tinyurl.com/6m4ss7



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



Remembering Rosemary Zika-Williams

On Thursday, Dec. 18, Tau Beta Sigma (TBS) and ONU music will hold a "Goodwill Day" in memory of the late Rosemary Williams, former piano/music faculty member at ONU. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. in the Presser Hall lobby.

Members of Rosie's family have inherited many of her special possessions, but are unable to keep all of them. Therefore, instead of donating Rosie's treasured items to strangers, her brother, John, and his wife, Karen, will be bringing many of the items to ONU. Items will include photos of Vienna and other places and events, slides, plaques, various handmade items and other mementos, Mary Englebreit pottery and other handmade pottery pieces, framed art work, posters, table linens and clothing.

Friends and admirers of Rosie and Ed Williams may come to the Presser lobby during that time to peruse these objects and keep any items they wish as a remembrance of Rosie and Ed.

All items are free, and all items will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis. TBS members will be on hand to help carry any items necessary and to answer any questions. The "giveaway" will conclude when Rosie's items are gone, or at 4 p.m.

Children's Book Drive Continues

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 the bright red boxes located throughout the campus and community for book drop-off. The children's book drive 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 ext. 2656.

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 the 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 book club reading lists and is a huge international bestseller.

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.

'Hot Jazz on a Chilly Night'

This holiday season, warm up with hot jazz at Ohio Northern University. The ONU Northern Lights Jazz Ensemble presents a holiday concert on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 8 p.m. in the Freed Center for the Performing Arts.

This concert will feature a mixture of big-band favorites and jazz standards, including selections from John Coltrane, Jimmy Dorsey, Duke Ellington, Sammy Nestico and Quincy Jones, among others.

The ensemble is under the direction of Dr. David Kosmyna, visiting assistant professor of music.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission. The Freed Center box office is open Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Phone orders are accepted with MasterCard, VISA, American Express or Discover by calling 419-772-1900. Online ticketing is also available at www.freedcenter.com

Northern Events Dec. 18 - Jan. 7

Campus Events

Dec. 18

5:00 p.m., University Christmas Party, ONU Fieldhouse

7:00 p.m., Christmas pageant, Chapel

Dec. 20

Christmas/Winter Break Begins

Dec. 21

Hanukkah Begins

Dec. 25

Christmas

Jan. 4

8:00 p.m., TNT Worship Service, Chapel

Jan. 7

11:00 a.m., Faith Lift, Speaker: Dr. David Rouch, chair, Department of Technological Studies, Chapel

Arts and Lectures

Dec. 18

8:00 p.m., Hot Jazz on a Chilly Night with ONU Jazz Ensemble, Freed Center



Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Next edition of Northern Sun will be Jan. 7, 2009

Athletics

Dec. 20

Noon, Men's JV Basketball vs. Primetime Athletics, ONU Sports Center

3:00 p.m., Women's Basketball at John Carroll

3:00 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. John Carroll, ONU Sports Center

Dec. 21

11:00 a.m., Wrestling at Las Vegas Desert Duals

Dec. 22

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Dec. 26 – Jan. 4

7:00 a.m., Swimming & Diving Winter Training at Deerfield Beach, Fla.

Dec. 28 – 29

11:00 a.m., Men's Basketball Surf 'N Slam Tournament, San Diego, Calif.

Dec. 29 – 30

Noon, Women's Basketball at Land of Magic Classic, Albion, Mich.

Jan. 3

Noon, Wrestling, Midwest Classic at Indianapolis, Ind.

1:00 p.m., Women's JV Basketball vs. Otterbein, ONU Sports Center

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

7:30 p.m., Men's Basketball at Otterbein

Jan. 4

Noon, Wrestling, Midwest Classic at Indianapolis, Ind.

Jan. 6

7:00 p.m., Women's JV Basketball at Findlay

7:30 p.m., Wrestling at Wilmington

Jan 7

5:00 p.m., Men's JV Basketball vs. Findlay, ONU Sports Center

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

7:30 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. Wilmington, ONU Sports Center