

The Representative

An Ohio Northern Student Senate Publication

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- Fill out a petition to become a housing representative
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- Stop by the Student Senate Office on the second floor of McIntosh

Upcoming Fall Events!

- Welcome Fest
- Senate Awareness Week
- Housing Elections

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Letter from the President

Hello there!

I hope you are doing well and that this quarter has treated you kindly. I know it's not over yet, but summer is just around the corner!

I hope you enjoy our first ever issue of *The Representative*, the official Student Senate newsletter. In this issue, we will discuss the recent events in Senate and what we hope to do in the future. Events such as Senate at the Ballpark and Unite for Awareness Week will be covered, along with what to look forward to Fall Quarter such as Housing Elections and Senate Awareness Week.

Senate this year has been wonderful to work with and I hope you take the time to read



what we've done and will be doing in the future. For those of you who are graduating, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations on your achievements and wish you all good luck in your future endeavors. I am confident you will all be successful!

To every one of you: Good luck on your finals next week and have a safe and enjoyable summer!
Sincerely,

Mike Hamper III, President

Courtesy Van Controversy

First of all, we would like to apologize again for the inconvenience this past winter with the courtesy vans. We have listened to your complaints and have worked with Student Affairs in hopes to prevent any future problems.

A better formulated plan including established van routes and maps can be found on the Student Life page of ONU's Web site.

Continuous Achievement Scholarship Award

The inaugural awards of the Continuous Achievement Scholarship were awarded to recipients from each of the four undergraduate colleges at the Honor's Day Luncheon on May 9, 2009.

This Scholarship recognizes students who have improved academically since their arrival at Ohio Northern while contributing greatly to the University community through leadership roles. Eligible students must have a minimum 3.25/4.00 cumulative GPA.

Nearly four years in the making, the Continuous Achievement Scholarship is a long-awaited accomplishment for Student Senate. Though there were many starts and stalls along the way, the lengthy process has now culminated, as finalists have been selected.

Countless past and present Senators have put considerable work and effort towards the creation of the Continuous Achievement Scholarship. Members of the Office of Financial Aid, Admissions, the four under-

graduate colleges and the University Administration have also helped immensely in this process.

Without these groups' hard work, vision and dedication, the Continuous Achievement Scholarship would not be a reality today.

Thank you to all who applied and congratulations to those selected for this great honor. More information about this award and its recipients can be found on ONU's Financial Aid Web site.

Secretary of Multicultural Affairs, Kendra Hearn

The Multicultural Affairs Committee was very active this Spring Quarter! In April, the Multicultural Association hosted its annual Multicultural Fair in the McIntosh Activities Room. Along with the Office of Multicultural Development, Student Senate sponsored a day during Unite for Awareness Week by hosting a panel discussion titled "Breaking the Glass Ceiling" that addressed sexism in the workforce.

Kendra has also been working with Michelle Pachuta, the International Service Coordinator, to develop a Peer Partnership Program for international students. Beginning in the fall, this program will partner domestic students with international students throughout the remainder of the year. The goal of this program is to help international students become better integrated into campus life.

If this program is something you are interested in, please contact Kendra at k-

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Tech Advancement Chair, Zach Ferres

The Tech Advancement Committee worked diligently this quarter on various projects. The committee has been tackling a large venture to revise the current Student-L system. The goal is to create a more user-friendly and centralized email notification system that will encourage students to read the L's. In addition to the Student-L project, other members of the committee have been busy keeping the Student Senate Web site up-to-date.

The Tech Advancement Committee is looking forward to serving the student body and addressing technology issues on campus.

Feel free to contact Senate if you have any concerns, questions or ideas!

Secretary of Housing, Jenni Cornelius

Leslie Burdett and Chris Woods, students in Dr. Robert Kleine's marketing research class, are working on a project with Residence Life and Student Senate to evaluate and improve the Hall Councils currently in place in residence areas.

The first phase of research included two focus groups made up of the current Hall Council members and Head Residents. This step also included interviews with the coordinators of simi-

lar programs at Bluffton University and Ashland University to gain insight on how each of their respective programs are run.

The next phase of research began in early May and included a survey issued to all students living in residence areas. Thus far, the group has analyzed what has been successful in the past, what is currently established and the goals for the program in the future.

Look for updates about the Hall Council Evaluation Project and thank you to all who completed the online survey!

Secretary of Athletics, Andrew Adamus

The Athletics Department of Student Senate ended the 08/09 year with a bang! The department sponsored "Senate at the Ballpark," a softball game between the ONU Polar Bears and the Wilmington Quakers.

This event offered students the opportunity to hang out with friends and see one of the best Division III teams in the country while enjoying plenty of free hotdogs and soda!

But Senate Athletics hasn't been all fun and games this quarter. In response to some student concerns this past year, Student Senate and Athletic Director Tom Simmons have instituted a new policy of showcasing King-Horn's hours of operation on weekends when events are booked in the sports center.

Next year, Student Senate is looking to expand its participation in athletic events here at ONU by sponsoring a basketball game for both the men's and women's basketball teams. At each game, a half-court shot would be sponsored that would give students the chance to win a gift card to the ONU bookstore or free food! Also, the Senate Seat of the House will continue during all home football games. We encourage all of you to come on out and support our Polar Bears at all athletic events!



Secretary of Dining Services, Chad Cadwell

The Dining Services Committee has been working hard to help McIntosh become more eco-friendly by going green! The first major step undertaken by the committee was the creation of "Trayless Tuesday"—an event held April 21 to help decrease the use of energy, water and harmful chemicals. Look for more Student Senate green initiative in the future!

Good luck on your finals and enjoy your summer!