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REMINDER TO EMPLOYEES WITH EMPIRE PLAN HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Effective **Wednesday, July 1**, co-pays for office visits increased as scheduled. For all bargaining units except CSEA, the office visit co-pay increased from \$18 to \$20. For CSEA employees the co-pay for office visits increased from \$12 to \$15. Please contact **Empire Plan** at **1-877-769-7447** or **Human Resources** at **x2509** if you have any questions.

MILNE LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE....

Out with the old, in with the new! Milne Library will be replacing the "lovely" green carpeting on the 2nd floor, in the main stacks area. This starts sometime later this summer (possibly July). During the time that the main stack areas are under renovation the stack area will be closed to the public, but we will locate requested items for patrons and hold at the Circulation desk as necessary. Item Request forms will be available at both the Research Help Desk and the Circulation Desk. Please complete one of the forms and realize that we may not be able to retrieve the item immediately. We are expecting no more than a 24-hour turn-around on requests. Please excuse this inconvenience as we continue to improve our facilities for you!

COLLEGE CONDUCTS TEST OF EMERGENCY SYSTEMS

Recently, the College successfully tested its alert and notification systems during a "Shelter-in-Place" drill on campus. Emergency systems, including the outdoor siren, NY-Alert, card access, and other message systems were tested in a real-time exercise that included locking down the buildings and activating the College's Mobile Command Unit. The test was the first such test conducted by the SUNY system. It was a component of the College's ongoing training program involving drills, tabletop exercises, and live events that improve the College's emergency response procedures and provide for the safety of the campus community. New York State Fire Prevention and Control and the State Emergency Management Office assisted SUNY Oneonta in the exercise.

17th INTERNATIONAL COOPER CONFERENCE

The seventeenth International James Fenimore Cooper Conference and Seminar will be presented by the English Department, **Sunday-Friday, July 12-July 17**. The seminar theme for this year is *Global Cooper*, and sessions will focus on Cooper's European novels and travel writings and their influence on his thinking about American culture and politics. **Dr. Lance Schachterle**, President of the James Fenimore Cooper Society and editor-in-chief of the *Writings of James Fenimore Cooper* series, will present this year's keynote address. Since 1978, the International James Fenimore Cooper Conference has attracted scholars from across the country and around the world to the campus to present papers on the significance of America's first novelist. More information about the conference and seminar is available on the web at www.oneonta.edu/academics/english/conferences/cooperconference.html or from **Roger Hecht**, English, at **x3446**.

CONTINUING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN GRADUATING OR LEAVING SCHOOL

Employees' unmarried children currently enrolled under employees' health plans may qualify for three months of extended health insurance coverage if **1)** they are graduating from high school or graduating college or have completed a semester as a full time student **AND 2)** they are between the ages of 18 and 25. Forms to extend coverage for those graduating high school or college or completing a semester as a full time student should be completed and submitted to Human Resources **NO LATER THAN THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THE STUDENT COMPLETES HIS/HER COURSEWORK.** Employees' unmarried children currently enrolled under employees' health plans can continue their coverage under COBRA if **1)** they are leaving, but not graduating from high school/college or changing student status to less than full time **AND 2)** they are **NOT** planning on returning to school during the following semester on a full time basis **AND 3)** they are between the ages of 18 and 25. To enroll in COBRA, dependents must contact the **Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Civil Service** at **1-800-833-4344** prior to or immediately after leaving school to avoid cancellation of coverage. Please contact **Human Resources** at **x2509** for forms and information.

MILNE LIBRARY HOURS

The Library will observe the following hours during the Intersession and Summer Session II (**July 6-August 7**):

Monday – Thursday	8 AM – 7 PM (Help Desk closes at 4:30 PM)
Friday	8 AM – 4:30 PM
Saturday & Sunday	CLOSED

CHASE P.E. BUILDING SUMMER SCHEDULE

Due to the construction in **Fine Arts**, the NYS Music Camp will be using the back half of the Chase Gymnasium for rehearsals from **Sunday, June 28 - Saturday, August 8**. During this time faculty/staff noontime activities will take place only in the front half of the gym. The schedule will be as follows: **Volleyball - Mondays & Wednesdays; Basketball - Tuesdays & Thursdays;** and **Fridays** will vary depending on group interest. The fitness center and racquetball courts will be available as usual. Please contact the **Physical Education Department** at **x3595** if you have any questions.

NEW YORK SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL SCHEDULED

The New York Summer Music Festival has begun its three two-week sessions. The Festival participants, that include some of the world's most talented student and professional performers from all over the world, will be presenting concerts on a daily basis. Also, each two-week session culminates in nearly non-stop day & evening presentations on the final **Fridays** and **Saturdays: July 10 & 11; July 24 & 25;** and **August 7 & 8**. These concerts are open to college personnel and the public free of charge. Schedules of these concerts will be posted on the NYSMF website at: <http://www.NYSMF.org>

PRINTER TONERS & MAINTENANCE KITS AVAILABLE

Academic Information Technology Services has toners and maintenance kits free for the taking. Items available are as follows: **4 - HP Laserjet 8100/8150 toners (b&w); 2 - HP Laserjet 5si/8000 maintenance kits;** and **2 - HP Laserjet 8100/8150 maintenance kits**. Please contact **Jill** at **x2680** or attanaje@oneonta.edu if you would like one or more of any of these items. Requests must be received by **Friday July 31**.

CAMPUS DATES AND DEADLINES

- **Monday, July 6 – Friday, August 7** - Summer Session II
- **Tuesday, May 26 – Friday, August 7** - Summer Session III
- **Sunday-Tuesday, August 23-25** – New student orientation, advisement and registration begins for new students who did not attend Summer Orientation.
- **Tuesday, August 25** – Last day to register. Any student who has not registered by this date will be

assessed a \$40 late registration fee.

- **Wednesday, August 26** – Classes begin. Add/Drop begins on-line and in the Registrar's Office.
- **Tuesday, September 1** – Add/Drop ends. After this date all schedule adjustments for full semester courses will result in a \$20 late fee. "W" grades are assigned for dropping a full semester course after this date. Last day to elect Pass/Fail grade option. After this date all Individual Course Enrollment, Independent Study, Internship and Teaching Assistantship forms (3 s.h. or more) will result in a \$20 late fee. Last day for students with part time enrollment to drop a course with no tuition liability.
- **Monday, September 7** – Labor Day: Registrar's Office open.
- **Tuesday, September 8** – Last day to add a full semester course. You must be registered in a course by this date to receive credit and grades. December 2009 Undergraduate Diploma and related application fee due in the Registrar's Office, Netzer 130.
- **Friday, September 25** – College closes after last class.
- **Wednesday, September 30** – Classes resume. TAP certification begins. Students receiving TAP awards must be full time (12 s.h. or more) to be eligible for TAP.

REMINDERS

- **Oneonta Tigers Baseball Tickets** - Interested employees are requested to phone the President's Office at x2500 to reserve tickets. Tickets may only be reserved during the week of each game(s) on a first-come, first-served basis. *Passes must be returned the morning after each game.*
- **Department Copies Of Purchase Orders** - For the 2009-2010 fiscal year that began on July 1, Purchasing no longer will return copies of completed purchase orders to departments. The purchase order/document number will be written on the copy of the requisition that is returned. The account manager and/or department staff can search for any purchase order that was processed by signing into the SMRT system. This new process eliminates unnecessary paper in keeping with our "green" initiative.
- **Monday, July 13** – Campus Visit from SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher. Open meeting with faculty/staff from 9AM to 9:30AM, Craven Lounge, Morris Conference Center.
- **Monday-Friday, August 3-7** – Summer Soccer Camp, National Soccer Hall of Fame. Dragon Camp for boys and girls ages 6-14, 9AM-4PM daily. Elite Camp for high school players, 9AM-3PM daily. Cost is 125.00/per week with \$10.00 discount for faculty/staff. For brochure/information, phone Iain Byrne, camp director at x2102 or email byrneij@oneonta.edu.
- **Monday, October 5** – Poster Session Proposals Deadline for the *Sixth Annual Celebration of Teaching*.
- **Saturday, October 17** – Regional Conference on Autism & Asperger's Syndrome, Hunt College Union. Diane Twachtman-Cullen, Ph.D., CCC-SLP will lead the conference. To read the mission statement/information from previous conferences or to download conference brochure/registration form, please visit: RCAAS.ORG. For further information, phone Mark Schneider, Psychology, at 607-434-1069 or email: registration@rcaas.org.
- **Thursday, November 5** – *Sixth Annual Celebration of Teaching*.

CONGRATULATIONS

- **Congratulations** to **Sunil Labroo**, Physics & Astronomy, on his appointment by the University Faculty Senate Executive Committee to serve on the Undergraduate Committee for a one-year term during the 2009-2010 academic year. According to the Senate Bylaws, members of standing committees are appointed for a one-year term. Reappointment (for up to a maximum of three years of service) is considered by the Executive Committee each year.

FACULTY/STAFF ACTIVITIES

- **Damayanthe Eluwawalage**, Human Ecology, presented *Gender in Attire: Hierarchy and Culture in Western Civilisations* based on her accepted paper *Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations* at the Russian Academy of Sciences Fifth International Conference 2009, June 23-26, 2009 at Russian

State University for the Humanities, Faculty of History, Political Science and Law, Moscow, Russia.

• **Cynthia G. Falk**, Cooperstown Graduate Program, was recently a featured speaker at the "Building History" conference at the Ephrata Cloister State Historic Site in Pennsylvania. Falk's presentation was entitled *Designing for the New World: Pennsylvania German Houses in the Eighteenth Century*. She focused on how people of German descent in Pennsylvania adapted forms they had known in continental Europe to create new house types, including "Hebron" the surviving communal living quarters at Ephrata Cloister.

• **Andrew Kahl**, Theatre, appeared in one of the two lead roles in the play *The Mystery of Irma Vep* at the Chenango River Theatre in Greene, NY. SUNY Oneonta students **Paige Harris** and **Nick Stagliano** also worked on the show as dressers in the costuming crew, and **Barbara Kahl**, Theatre, served as costumier for the production and is designing costumes for the theatre's upcoming production of *More Fun Than Bowling*. More information is available at www.chenangorivertheatre.org.

• **Ho Hon Leung**, Sociology, delivered a talk on the research methods used for his projects that explore the intertwining relation between ethno-cultural identity and architecture on June 11, 2009. The talk was organized by the Department of Sociology, University of International Business & Economics, Beijing, China.

SUMMER BULLETIN INFORMATION

Email your items and attachments to **Mona Hughes** at hughesml@oneonta.edu. **Note: send your items to levinsla@oneonta.edu on the date indicated below.** Do not send items or attachments in *Publisher*. Deadlines are **Thursdays at noon** for the following **Wednesday's** online publication. Items that come after the noon deadline will be held over for the next available edition. **Bulletins are not published when classes are not in session. We observe the same deadline before a recess for the *Bulletin* following a recess!** Please use the following link to access the *Bulletin* archives: <http://www.oneonta.edu/publications/bulletin/>. The Summer Schedule is as follows:

Submission Deadline (noon Thursdays)

- Thursday, July 9
- Thursday, July 16
- Thursday, July 23
- Thursday, July 30

Publication Date (Wednesday)

- Wednesday, July 15
- Wednesday, July 22
- Wednesday, July 29
- Wednesday, August 5

The first Fall 2009 edition will be published on the first day of classes, **Wednesday, August 26**. Deadline for this edition is **noon** on **Thursday, August 20**. You may send items earmarked for this edition anytime up to the deadline.