



## Grants provide means for artistic creativity

Roscoe Wilson, assistant professor of art, received two grants this semester for upcoming projects.

The first grant award is the SFA 21 for Research and Scholarship from the School of Fine Arts in Oxford. Wilson will be working on a project this semester titled, "Frontyard Zoo." He will create several sculptures and display them in an exhibition at the end of the semester in Oxford.

In addition, Wilson was awarded the highly competitive Faculty Research Grant (CFR), which will begin this summer.

Wilson was recently recognized by *The Cleveland Free Times* for his art exhibition titled, "Four Corners," a life-size installation using recycled paper towel rolls and bottle caps, *pictured above*. Wilson specializes in creating art from recycled objects.

## Secret Ingredients explored in professor's new book

Professor of English at Miami University Hamilton Sherrie A. Inness exposes how women have used recipes and cooking to challenge the status quo in her latest book, *Secret Ingredients*.

Within seemingly ordinary cookbooks are revolutionary messages from women about social and cultural norms, according to Inness. "Surprising but true, something as mundane as a cookbook can contain subtle and not-so-subtle protests against traditional and accepted viewpoints."

## State of Schools address highlights new initiatives

In his State of the Schools address presented to members of Hamilton's Chamber of Commerce and Rotary this month, Dean of Miami University Hamilton, Dr. Daniel E. Hall, invited audience members to celebrate the role of the campus in the community and to ponder some of the challenges it faces.

An emphasis on new programming within the last year is in an answer to recommendations from a University-wide task force and community feedback of area needs, Hall explained. A decline in enrollment in the fall also added to new program development to better meet student needs.

"This past year, the campus initiated and implemented several new academic programs. We launched the first regional campus honors program in the fall. We also added new concentrations in Information Technology Support and Visual Media to our computer technology degree. We began the development of two new bachelor's degree programs – a traditional BSN in nursing to complement our 2 + 2 BSN and a bachelor's degree in organizations. We also have new associate's degrees in development, such as a new degree in criminal justice."

Additional challenges came with reductions in state funding. This led the university to raise its regional campus tuition in 2005, but, Hall was pleased to report "that Miami's regional campuses continue to have the lowest tuition of all public universities and regional campuses in Ohio."

Hall closed by saying, "We have not forgotten that Miami Hamilton was founded by this community and continues to be supported by this community." He highlighted the opening of The Conservatory, as well as several outreach programs including The Michael J. Colligan History Project, Racial Legacies & Learning town meetings, The Harry T. Wilks Lecture series and the university's efforts in reaching out to Hamilton's growing Hispanic population.

## Racial Legacies & Learning welcomes Donna Brazile

Donna Brazile is the keynote speaker for the fifteenth *Racial Legacies and Learning: How to Talk About Race* town meeting to be held Thursday, February 23, at 7p.m. in Parrish Auditorium. The town meeting is free and open to the public

Brazile, who is chair of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute and an adjunct professor of Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., will discuss "Race, Class and Politics."

## New course offered

Miami Hamilton is offering a special course this semester designed in conjunction with February's town meeting. The course, "American & World Cultures: Readings in Racial Legacies" (IDS 153), is open to current students for 1-hour credit and to community members for CEU credits. The course begins February 9 at 7:15 p.m. in Room 210 Mosler Hall.

## History professor looks at love, power in the American musical

Broadway musicals became enormously popular after World War II. Professor of History at Miami University Andrew Cayton will discuss what the often tragic depictions of romantic love in musicals tell us about the possibilities for cross-cultural relationships. The lecture, free and open to the public, will be held Tuesday, February 7, at 7:30p.m. in The Harry T. Wilks Conference Center.

## February Upcoming Events

The Conservatory expands hours.

Tuesdays-Fridays - 9a.m. to noon

Saturdays - 10a.m. to noon

Sundays - 2p.m. to 4p.m.

2/10 - Information Technology Forum

2/25 - MUH Artist Series-

Vance Gilbert with special guest, Graham Weber performs.