



## Woolpert honored for design of The Conservatory

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Ohio recently awarded the architecture firm of Woolpert, Inc. of Cincinnati the 2006 Engineering Excellence Award for comprehensive design of The Conservatory, located at Miami University Hamilton.

A gift from the Richard J. Fitton family of Hamilton, The Conservatory is a 7,000 square foot multi-use facility, consisting of educational, research and public display spaces. It is unique in not only its architectural beauty, but it will house the largest fully documented academic collection of exotic plants in the area.

## Organizations recognized for promoting diversity

During the fifteenth *Racial Legacies and Learning: How to Talk About Race* town meeting held Feb. 23 with featured speaker Donna Brazile, 11 community organizations and businesses were honored for their best practices in promoting diversity.

Those honored were the African American Theatre Company of Butler County, Butler County ESC Head Start, the Fitton Center for Creative Arts, the Great Miami Valley YMCA, Madison Elementary School in Hamilton, Miami University Hamilton Diversity Committee, Miami University Hamilton Minority Action Committee, Pierce Elementary School in Hamilton and Wilson Middle School in Hamilton.

## Students recognized for academic achievements

Four Miami Hamilton students were honored during the Academic Recognition Banquet recently held in Oxford for their academic achievements.

The first-time students each received at least a 3.8 grade point average in at least 12 credit hours. The students are Tyler Bradshaw, Michelle Fitzgerald, Dennis Hawkins and Brandon Sintz.

## Hall named Summer Scholar

Alex Hall, 2005 recipient of the Alejandro Garrote Scholarship, has been named an Undergraduate Summer Scholar for 2006. His project, titled "There Will Be Many Ches: Ernesto Guevarra de la Serna's Cultural and Political Legacy in the Americas," will include travels from Miami, Florida to Santiago, Chile as Alex explores the legacy of Che Guevara throughout the Americas. Hall will present his findings at the Spring 2007 Undergraduate Scholars Seminar.

## Ciancio receives 2006 Myrtis Powell scholarship

Jennifer Ciancio has been awarded the Myrtis H Powell Scholarship for 2006.

This \$1,000 scholarship is given in honor of Dr. Myrtis H. Powell, who served as Vice President of Student Affairs at Miami University from 1989 to 2002. Dr. Powell's work at Miami and in the community exemplifies outreach to all, in order to build a welcoming environment, foster excellence in education, support students, and give back through volunteer service.

## Cheek wins P&G research award

Jonathan Cheek, zoology major, was recently selected to receive a Proctor and Gamble Undergraduate Research award. Cheek's research proposal, "The effects of productivity on the wolf spider community," was singled out as one of the top proposals produced by zoology students this semester.

## Recycled material to become artwork for awareness

Roscoe Wilson, assistant professor of art, and Scott Brown, director of physical facilities, received the Solid Waste District Education Grant from the Butler County Department of Environmental Services (Butler County Solid Waste Management District). Wilson and Brown will lead a project designed to increase awareness of the importance of recycling on the Miami Hamilton campus and throughout the Butler County community. Recycled materials will be collected throughout an entire year. Wilson will then create an outdoor sculpture with those materials. An unveiling will be planned for a 2007 Earth Day celebration on the campus.

## Upcoming Events

### History Project highlights John Henry, civil rights

**Scott Nelson** is the next featured speaker in the spring lecture series of the Michael J. Colligan History Project. Nelson will explore the legendary John Henry on March 7.

**Patricia Sullivan** explores first-hand accounts of the bus boycott, its impact on Montgomery and the broader movement of civil rights on March 20.

**Brian Ward** offers insight into the close connections between radio and the southern civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s on March 30.

The free lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Harry T. Wilks Conference Center. A reception will follow.

### MUHT seeks to IM-PROV life

Miami Hamilton's Department of Theatre presents "Improvisational Comedy for the Masses."

According to Im-Prov director, Bekka Eaton, "It's fresh, new and extremely unpredictable!" Show dates are March 4, 11, 25 and April 1 and 8. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. in Room 307 Phelps Hall.