



The Conservatory opens to community with new hours

Manager Dick Munson of The Conservatory recently announced limited public hours for the newly constructed botanical building located on the campus of Miami Hamilton.

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9a.m. - 11a.m.
Wednesday	2:30p.m.-4:30p.m.
Thursday	9a.m. - 11a.m.
Friday	10a.m. - 12 Noon

The Conservatory will be closed on Friday, December 23 and during the week of December 26th. The Conservatory will reopen for visitors on Tuesday, January 3, 2006.

According to Munson, hours are subject to change based on student worker availability and staff teaching schedule. For more information, contact The Conservatory at 513.785.3234.

Munson receives top honors

Richard H. Munson, manager of The Conservatory at Miami University Hamilton, recently became a Fellow of the Eastern Region of the International Plant Propagators' Society during their 55th annual meeting held in Atlantic City, NJ.

Election as a Fellow of the IPPS-Eastern Region is an honor that the IPPS awards in recognition of outstanding contributions to the society and to plant propagation through research, teaching, extension or leadership in plant propagation.

Vogel earns excellence award

Sandra Vogel, visiting faculty in communication, was one of eight women honored this month by the West Chester Chamber Alliance for leadership, resourcefulness and spirit of perseverance during the Women of Excellence program sponsored by Key Bank.

According to West Chester Chamber Alliance Vice President Kathy Rambo, "This event allows the community to identify and honor these women who oftentimes are not out in the spotlight but are quietly making positive things happen behind the scenes."

Math professor earns A+

Miami University Hamilton Associate Professor of Math Robert Davis recently received recognition as an outstanding teacher from the Greater Cincinnati Consortium of Colleges and Universities.

Davis, along with 19 other area university professors, achieved this honor during the 18th Celebration of Teaching ceremony held November 11 at Xavier University.

Known for his wit and wisdom, Davis both "coaches and coaxes students into clearer understanding and better thinking" in mathematical subjects ranging from algebra to pre-calculus to statistics. He began teaching at Miami University Hamilton in 1992. He received his bachelor's degree from Loyola University and his master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

New student organization has Latina/o community focus

Miami University Hamilton Senate recently approved the formation of a new student organization, the Association of Latin and American Students (ALAS).

The purpose of the ALAS is to create awareness of the Latina/o and Hispanic cultures including not only people with Latina/o and Hispanic origins as members.

Honors Program debuts with advanced courses

Miami University Hamilton Senate recently approved the formation of a new Honors Program for students at Miami Hamilton.

The program provides many benefits including an honors course transcript notation and small, highly interactive classroom experiences. In addition, students will receive enhanced opportunities for intellectual challenge and leadership and support for individual growth in research and writing skills.

According to Professor of English Diana Royer, "Hamilton Honors provides students with an academic and intellectual climate that promotes active engagement in learning, creativity, responsible global citizenship, and a reflective approach to living life."

Courses to be offered this spring include, "Readings in Colligan Lecture Series (history)," "Passing & Identity in Literature & Film (English)," "Human Development & Learning in Social Educational Contexts (educational psychology)," and "Problems of Moral & Social Values (philosophy)."

Students enter exam week with less trepidation

Those students who took advantage of Miami Hamilton's exam stress busters will be heading into their tests with less trepidation.

The Office of Learning Assistance offers a free one-day, one-hour course on exam preparation to help battle those exam blues with some tips on how to prepare for those impending finals. Finals week is December 12-17.

Instructor Peter Haverkos explains that students "completed a three week study plan for all their exams to minimize stress and to combat procrastination and late night cramming. Students left with concrete strategies to employ while taking their exams."