



Teddy Bear hugs do help

The Student Nurse Association donated Teddy Bears to the obstetrical unit at University Hospital in Cincinnati. The bears are given to mothers and families who suffer a pregnancy loss or stillbirth. They offer grieving families something to hug and hold onto in remembrance of their lost little ones.

Colligan History Project

The New Year finds The Michael J. Colligan History Project digging into History's *Scandals & Mysteries* as the 2004-2005 lecture series continues. All events are free and open to the public.

Join Miami University Professor Allan Winkler and Dennis Sullivan for *Folk Songs of the Sixties, Book 2* on Tuesday, February 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Harry T. Wilks Conference Center. The two will perform songs by Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Bob Dylan, Peter, Paul, and Mary, Phil Ochs, Tom Paxton, Joni Mitchell and Kris Kristofferson.

On Thursday, February 10, Pulitzer Prize Winner Edward Larson discusses the ongoing debate over teaching origin. *From the Scopes Trial to Today: America's Ongoing Debate Over Teaching Evolution in the Classroom*. Larson will lecture beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Harry T. Wilks Conference Center.

For more events, call The History Project at 513.785.3277

Blue Grass, Jazz highlight 2005 Artist Series

Miami Hamilton's Artist Series begins the New Year with bluegrass greats Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver. Enjoy an evening with the 2003 IBMA Vocal Group of the Year Saturday, January 29, beginning at 8 p.m. in Parrish Auditorium.

In April, join us for an evening with Grammy Award-winning violinist and composer Mark O'Conner on Saturday, April 9, at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., in Parrish Auditorium. Joining O'Conner for these two shows are former Grappelli sideman John Burr on bass and virtuoso Frank Vignola on guitar. They will pay tribute to jazz greats Stephane Grappelli and Django Reinhardt with jazz standards and new compositions.

Then, Illrd Tyme Out, with special guest The Lost and Found, two of the best bands in bluegrass, return to Parrish Auditorium Saturday, April 16, at 8 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased online from the Miami University Box Office. Credit card orders can be placed by calling the Box Office at 513.529.3200.

Racial Legacies town meeting looks at plight of Urban Youth

What are the major problems facing African American youth today in our urban areas? Are we doing enough to prevent the violence that is taking so many young lives? What role does education play in combating the many problems? How does the Hip Hop generation and culture play into the urban experience of African Americans?

These questions and more will be discussed during the thirteenth *Racial Legacies* town meeting series to be held Thursday, February 17, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Parrish Auditorium.

Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor and chair of the Department of Black Studies at California State University, Long Beach, encourages the Hamilton community

to join in the discussion. Widely known as the creator of Kwanzaa, is the author of numerous books. He also serves as the director of the Kawaida Institute of Pan-African Studies, Los Angeles,

Joining Karenga is M. K. Asante Jr., a filmmaker, activist and author who will bring to the discussion the views of the younger generation.

Hall stresses community service

During his State of the Schools address, Executive Director Dr. Daniel Hall emphasized Miami Hamilton's mission of community service, which sets the regional campus apart from other institutions of higher education.

Hall addressed a full house of Hamilton Rotary and Hamilton Chamber members during the annual Red Carpet Luncheon held Thursday, January 20, which also featured Hamilton City Schools Superintendent Janet Baker, Butler Tech's Chief Executive Officer Robert Sommers and Baden High School Principal Frank Margello.

Miami Hamilton serves region 4 ways

"First, academic programming is designed around our service theme," Hall stated.

The second way is by "bridging the expertise and resources of the campus with businesses, governments, and the community at large." Hall listed several examples of this including the Michael J. Colligan History Project, funded by The Hamilton Community Foundation.

Third, Hall noted, Miami Hamilton serves the community through "enhancing the intellectual and cultural life of the community." Hall listed numerous national speakers who lectured on the campus free of charge to the community. "The generous gift of a botanical conservatory from the Fitton family will be for the entire community," he added.

The fourth way Miami Hamilton serves the community is through the volunteer efforts of staff and faculty.



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