



Campus Kids hold silent auction to benefit center

Campus Kids and the Campus Activity Committee wants all to join with them in a silent auction Tuesday, February 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Schwarm Commons. All proceeds will go toward the Campus Kids playground fund. Items in the auction include a spa massage, Miami apparel, gift certificates, scrapbooking material and a photo sitting. If you have items to donate, contact 785-3011.

Tuition increases

Miami University trustees today (Feb. 4) set tuition and general fees for 2005-06 on the Hamilton and Middletown campuses.

Tuition and general fees for full-time regional campus lower division undergraduates (those with up to 68 Miami credit hours) will go from \$3,840 to \$4,218. For full-time upper division undergraduates (68 credits or more), the cost will increase from \$5,832 to \$6,402. Both increases are 9.8 percent.

Miami's regional campuses have had the lowest charges among Ohio's 23 regional campuses for the past two years. In 2004-05, Miami's annual regional fees were \$1,003 below the state average.

"The regional campuses have done an

excellent job for more than a decade on holding the line on student fees," said Interim Provost John Skillings, "but now they are challenged with maintaining the quality of instruction while facing flat or declining state support."

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 in 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, Karenga is the author of numerous books.

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

Students write to soldiers

When Sandra Vogel noticed several of her students missing from this spring's enrollment rosters, she decided something needed to be done.

"No, they aren't drop outs," she explained. "They requested withdraws because they serve in the United States armed forces. They chose to put their academic studies on hold, while the rest of us remain here, safely, at Miami Hamilton."

The communications instructor contacted Amanda Noe, president of

Student Government, with an idea. "I asked her if they would want to initiate a student letter writing campaign and Amanda said 'Absolutely, yes.'"

However, the problem is learning who has been deployed. "Privacy laws do not allow the release of personal information, so we need everyone's help," Vogel said. "If anyone knows someone from Miami University that has gone to Iraq or is serving in another country, who may be in boot camp, training, or is waiting to be deployed, let us know who they are and where to send care packages and letters."

Please send information to Amanda Noe at noeaj@muohio.edu.

Nominate a deserving history teacher for Blount Award

The Michael J. Colligan History Project of Miami Hamilton seeks outstanding history teachers for its newest award created in honor of Hamiltonian Jim Blount.

Nomination letters and application packets are due March 4 for the Jim Blount History Educator Award. Two awards will be given in 2005: one to a history teacher in grades K-6, and one to a history teacher in grades 7-12. An awards ceremony will take place on May 11. All teachers of history employed in Butler County teaching in grades K-12 are eligible and encouraged to apply.

Two faculty promoted

Miami's Board of Trustees approved the promotions of two Miami Hamilton faculty during the February 4 meeting. Whitney Womack received promotion and tenure and is now associate professor of English. Sree Subedi, sociology, was promoted to professor.

Watch Jim Lehrer's NewsHour

The Michael J. Colligan History project will be featured on an upcoming Jim Lehrer *NewsHour*. The news program will feature Ed Larson, who lectured Feb. 10 at the Hamilton campus. Date and time of the program will be announced.



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