



Neatha Jennings to receive Distinguish Service Award

Miami Hamilton student Neatha Jennings will receive the Distinguished Service Award from Miami President James Garland in April for her work as a student aide and Spanish tutor.

Jennings assists with departmental errands and tasks in Miami Hamilton's Athletic Department and tutors students in Spanish in the Office of Learning Assistance. According to Terri Blair, senior administrative secretary, "Neatha encompasses the 'teamwork' attitude and sets an excellent example for not only her fellow students and co-workers, but for management as well."

Jennings, a junior majoring in Spanish, shyly claims the award is "no big deal" to her. However, what matters more is Terri's act of nominating her for the award. "I care more that Terri wanted me to have it."

Jennings is one of 30 Miami students who will receive the award and the only student from Miami Hamilton. Students are nominated for exemplary service as a university employee, in campus life, as a leader in cultural and intellectual areas, or for community service.

The Conservatory grows

If you take a drive along River Road, you will see The Conservatory sprouting from the ground.

Currently under construction, the botanical conservatory is taking shape. Crews from Edwin's Greenhouse Construction, Inc. of Zionsville, PA., are assembling the framing of the main atrium.

Also, a masonry crew from Valor Construction is laying the block for the "head house," which is the area of The Conservatory that includes the mechanical room, rest rooms, manager's office and a general work area.

Electrical, plumbing and HVAC contractors will be working with both of these crews in order to complete installation of their systems as the steel and masonry progress.

Plans for a grand opening and dedication are in the works. Save the dates of September 15 and September 20. To see the latest photos, go to The Conservatory Web site at www.ham.muohio.edu.

Academic Advising launches new computer program

With a swipe of a Miami ID, students at Miami Hamilton now can enjoy even better service in the Office of Academic Advising and Retention as high tech enters advising.

Using the latest in software programming, Miami Hamilton academic advisers can more efficiently monitor student sessions and track student inquiries with a simple swipe of the Miami ID.

According to Joe Murray, director, the software program alerts staff when a student comes in for an appointment. It then allows staff to log the amount of time allocated for the appointment and provides electronic documentation for discussion summaries. It also allows for any follow up documentation including the ability to directly send the student email.

"What's nice about the new system is that it can generate data regarding our office activities which will then allow us to not only keep track

of students, but see trends to help us plan for the future," Murray added.

Student art work on display at Fitton Center

The 41st Annual Greater Hamilton Art Exhibition and the Miami University Hamilton Student Exhibition features artwork by 20 Miami Hamilton students. The exhibition runs through April 30.

The following students are featured in the exhibit: Sandi Baumann, Michael Bishop, Jeremy Blair, Amanda Carr, Heather Collier, Shane Conti, Suzanne Cress, Alli Cummins, Nick Danford, Suzy Glasmeier, Abby Hess, Charles Hesselbrock, Olivia Hunley, Robert Huff, Ashlee Jernigan, Heather Martin, Amanda Meyer, Tiffany Nicholson, Katerina Owens, Dan Peck, Liz Rossi, Brandon Saurber, Elizabeth Tuck, Emily Tuefel.

Distinguished scholar lectures on Japanese internment

The Michael J. Colligan History Project welcomes Alice Yang Murray, associate professor of history at the University of California and a member of the Organization of American Historians.

Murray's lecture looks at the Japanese American internment of World War II. Her speech begins at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, in the Harry T. Wilks Conference Center.

According to Michael Carrafiello, director of The History Project, "Alice Yang Murray is one of the nation's finest and best known chroniclers of a little known aspect of World War II: the US government's internment of Japanese American citizens in camps stretching from Arkansas to Hawaii. Her widely acclaimed books have brought her the coveted title of Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer. Professor Murray's talk at Miami Hamilton is the only OAH lecture that she will give this year, and we are therefore quite fortunate to be able to welcome her."

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