



Construction to begin soon

Under a beautiful canopy of blue sky and bright sunshine, Miami University Hamilton broke ground for what will become a 7,000 square foot botanical conservatory—a \$3.5 million gift from the Richard J. Fitton family of Hamilton. Construction is to begin in the next few weeks with the building scheduled for completion in the spring of 2005.

Professor receives top honors

Dr. Ann Rypstra, Professor of Zoology at Miami Hamilton and Director of the Ecology Research Center for Miami University received the Distinguished Faculty Award from Miami's Office for the Advancement of Research and Scholarship. This prestigious award is given to only two faculty members each year. Dr. Rypstra specializes in the Wolf Spider. Currently, her research includes the effects the spider has on other insects with the theory that these spiders may reduce the destruction of plants from insects like the Japanese Beetle.

Film Series begins

The Michael J. Colligan Film Series begins with its first film of the academic year, *Europa, Europa*, Thursday, October 7, in The Harry T. Wilks Conference Center, 7:30 pm. Also, distinguished scholar and Miami University Professor, Jeffrey Kimball, kicks off the Michael J. Colligan Lecture series with a discussion of "*Vietnam, Watergate and the Nixon Resignation*" beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28, in the Harry T. Wilks Conference Center. www.ham.muohio.edu/colliganproject.

MUH appoints new Coordinator of Grant Development

Amy Lamborg joins Miami Hamilton as Coordinator of Grant Development, a new position for the campus. Lamborg joins MUH after graduating from Miami University with a Master's Degree in Technical Writing. According to Executive Director Dr. Daniel Hall, "While our faculty and staff have been successful in obtaining research and special project grants, the challenge to search for more opportunities has increased as state funding continues to decrease."

Interim Director of Rentschler Library crazy about technology

Ask Chris Galluzzo a research question and you will see the normally quiet and reserved Miami Hamilton librarian light up with excitement as he begins the detective work of helping you find your answer. What the interim director of Rentschler Library does best is not tell you the answer, but show you how to find it. Galluzzo recently was appointed interim director after Rebecca Zartner retired from the university after serving 30 years. Galluzzo spends time with students introducing them to the numerous resources the library offers including many online sources. Rentschler Library is open to the public. Check out the library at www.ham.muohio.edu/library

Executive Director opens school year with new initiatives

Executive Director Dr. Daniel Hall welcomed faculty, staff and more than 3,500 (unofficial count) students to the 2004-2005 academic year. During an opening session of Miami Hamilton Senate, Dr. Hall outlined initiatives for the coming year. Hall described his first full year as the Executive Director as a year of observing, learning and planning. His initiatives include plans for new course development and improved facilities for students. For details, log on to www.ham.muohio.edu/execdir.

Community forum discusses children and family

Miami Hamilton joins the Butler County Commissioners and other community organizations in sponsoring a Forum on Families & Children, a series of events that seek to improve every child's potential for success. Numerous sessions are scheduled throughout September and October. For more information, call 513/887-5506, or go on line at www.bcesc.org/~fcfc.

SGA hosts car wash

Miami Hamilton's Student Government Association is hosting a car wash, Saturday, September 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Walgreen's on High Street and Route 4. The car wash will benefit the Miami University Athletic Club. This club provides equipment for the sports teams at Miami Hamilton. There is no charge to get your car washed, however donations will be accepted.

MUH welcomes Trio Globo

The Artist Series proudly presents Trio Globo with special guests Rani Arbo and Daisy Mayhem, Saturday, October 2, beginning at 8 p.m. in Parrish Auditorium. Grammy-award winning cellist Eugene Friesen joins harmonica virtuoso and pianist Howard Levy, and world-renowned percussionist Glen Velez. Order on line at www.tickets.muohio.edu

Continuing Education offers one-day computer classes

One-day workshops are now part of the numerous course offerings through Miami Hamilton's Continuing Education. In these classes, you can learn Excel, PowerPoint, Microsoft Publisher and more with workshops beginning in September. For more information on these and other course offerings, log on to www.muohio.edu/ce, or call for a brochure at 785-3131.