

What's Happening @ UofL
Week of Feb. 10 - 16

NEWS

Arts-cultural partnership will link UofL to community groups

UofL has joined an alliance of regional arts, history and cultural institutions to enhance community life and UofL students' educational experience. Participating organizations will share knowledge, expertise and programs and work together to create a vibrant artist and cultural environment. Peter Morrin, director of the new initiative, explains at

<http://php.louisville.edu/news/news.php?news=1341>.

Leadership lessons from The Simpsons

What can TV cartoon characters Homer, Marge, Bart and Lisa Simpson teach us about leadership? Paul Cantor, an English professor at the University of Virginia, will explore that topic in a lecture, "Learning to Lead through The Simpsons," at 1 p.m. Feb. 12 in Chao Auditorium, Ekstrom Library. Cantor, whose academic interests range from American pop culture to Shakespeare, is giving the free public talk through UofL's McConnell Center. For more details, contact Wanda Taylor, 502-852-3323 or wjadam01@louisville.edu.

What's the next big idea in green business?

UofL's College of Business is hosting a regional competition for the Wal-Mart Better Living Business Challenge Feb. 13, room 336. Students from UofL and five other universities will present their ideas for new sustainable businesses and products. Winners will compete in the finals in Arkansas in April. For more details, contact Van Clouse at 502-852-4782 or clouse@louisville.edu.

EXPERT SOURCE

Electrical lines

With Kentucky still reeling from a record power outage, some are saying that communities should start burying their electric lines underground. What are the pros and cons?

- Tom Rockaway, director, Center for Infrastructure Research, 502-852-3272, tom.rockaway@louisville.edu

Proposed cigarette tax hike

Gov. Steve Beshear is proposing a 70-cents-per-pack increase on cigarettes in order to help the state deal with its budget shortfall. UofL has many experts who can comment on tobacco policy, taxation, and the health effects of smoking. Experts include:

- Richard Wilson, chair, Department of Health Promotion and Behavioral Policy, can discuss tobacco tax policy, cross-border cigarette commerce, smoking cessation and smoking behavior.
- Rodney Folz, chief, Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Disorders Medicine, can discuss the health implications of smoking including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, hypertension and asthma.

To contact Wilson or Folz, contact Ellen de Graffenreid at 502-852-7504 or Ellen.degraffenreid@louisville.edu.

Lincoln bicentennial

President Abraham Lincoln's bicentennial birthday is Thursday, and his native Kentucky has several celebrations planned this year. A Danville symposium Feb. 12-14 features a performance of UofL's African American Theater Program's production "Abe Lincoln and Uncle Tom at the White House" and a keynote presentation Feb. 14 by UofL's Blaine Hudson, who heads one of the sponsoring groups.

What is Lincoln's legacy on issues of race, slavery and freedom, particularly for Kentucky African Americans?

- Blaine Hudson, College of Arts and Sciences dean, Pan-African studies professor and chair of the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission, 502-852-2233, 502-852-2234, jbhuds01@louisville.edu

What can be learned of Lincoln through his speeches and writings? What was the political climate in Kentucky in the Lincoln era?

- Tom Owen, archivist who leads Louisville history walks and has produced video tours of historic neighborhoods, 502-852-8790, cell 502-314-2565, tom.owen@louisville.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 14 – "Stories in the Sky" is a special Valentine's Day program beginning at noon, and featuring acclaimed storyteller Thomas Freese who will share tales of love from around the world. The performance is appropriate for all ages. Admission to "Stories in the Sky" is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Planetarium members receive a \$1 discount on admission prices.

Feb. 14 – "Imaging Desire" Aegis 2nd Annual Symposium on Art History and Visual Culture begins at 9:30 in Chao Auditorium, Ekstrom Library. Throughout the day, graduate students will deliver papers on the symposium's theme. The Allen R. Hite Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Maria Elena Buszek of the Kansas City Art institute and is titled "Feminist Art, Pop Culture and the 'the Potential Desire.'" To register, call 502-852-5914. For a complete schedule see <http://art.louisville.edu/aegis/imagingdesireprogram.PDF>.

Feb. 15 – Sparrow Quartet, Abigail Washburn, Grammy-nominated fiddler Casey Driessen, banjo master Béla Fleck and acclaimed cellist Ben Sollee (a UofL graduate) will perform at Margaret Comstock Hall, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and available from the School of Music (502-852-6907 for information) and at Ear X-tacy.

Feb. 15 – "The UofL Cultural Center: Building the Dream," Yearlings Club series with panelists Mordean Taylor-Archer, vice provost for diversity and equal opportunity, and center advisory board members, 4 p.m.-6 p.m., Yearlings Club, 4309 W. Broadway.

Feb. 16 – "Mission Monday" begins at 7:30 p.m. and will include a special unveiling of two new mural-sized images provided to the planetarium through NASA. The photographs of the

well-known spiral galaxy Messier 101 commemorate the International Year of Astronomy. UofL professors Gerard Williger and Joseph Meiring will unveil them and also will lead a discussion about the galaxy and how the photographs were taken. Call 502-852-6664 for more information.

Feb. 18 – "The Color of Our Future: Race and the Media," free, public talk by National Public Radio's "News and Notes" program host and author Farai Chideya, 1 p.m., Chao Auditorium, Ekstrom Library.