

What's Happening @ UofL  
Week of Dec. 9-15, 2008

Reminder: Classes at UofL will end Dec. 17 and start in 2009 on Jan. 7. This will be the last issue of What's Happening @ UofL until Jan. 13, 2009.

### **UPDATE ON FEDERAL INVESTIGATION**

There are no additional updates at this time on the federal investigation or related committee work.

### **OTHER NEWS**

#### **Ramsey to be honored by West Louisville Performing Arts Academy**

UofL President James Ramsey will be recognized by the West Louisville Performing Arts Academy at the organization's Hope Awards Dinner Concert Thursday. WLPAA is honoring Ramsey for the University of Louisville's relationship with the choirs. For more information, see <http://php.louisville.edu/advancement/ocm/news/release.php?relid=1107>

#### **Commencement**

UofL's winter commencement ceremony will be held at the Kentucky International Convention Center Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Approximately 750 students and 117 faculty members are expected to participate in the ceremony. For more information contact Cindy Hess, 502-852-6171.

#### **Brown Cancer Center research benefits manatees**

UofL vaccine researchers A Bennett Jenson and Shin-je Ghim have been recognized with the Manatee Conservation Award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for their work with manatees infected with a papillomavirus – a cousin of the virus that causes cancer of the cervix, head and neck in humans. There was concern in the science community that rehabilitated and released manatees might spread the virus to other manatees. For more information, contact Ellen de Graffenreid, 502-852-7504 or [ellen.degraffenreid@louisville.edu](mailto:ellen.degraffenreid@louisville.edu)

### **EXPERT SOURCE**

The number of very low birthweight babies born in Kentucky increased by one-third from 1999-2001 to 2004-2006, according to Kentucky Youth Advocates' newly released 2008 Kentucky KIDS COUNT County Data Book. That means many of Kentucky's children are at risk for long-term health problems. How will Kentucky reverse that trend?

- David Adamkin, UofL neonatologist and a member of the Fetus and Newborn Committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 502-852-0943 or [aceldr01@louisville.edu](mailto:aceldr01@louisville.edu)

Last week, President-Elect Barack Obama named his national security appointments. What kind of policies can be expected from the new president and how will the global community respond?

- Rodger A. Payne, political science professor, 502-852-3316, [r.payne@louisville.edu](mailto:r.payne@louisville.edu)

Holiday blues got you down? Find out causes of seasonal depression and ways to effectively deal with these feelings.

- Elizabeth Bonham, assistant professor, School of Nursing, 502-852-8395, [e0bonh01@louisville.edu](mailto:e0bonh01@louisville.edu)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec. 12 and 13– Student Handcrafted Clay Sale, student and faculty handcrafted clay items will be sold to benefit the Hite Art Institute's Ceramic Arts organization, student travel to national art conferences, and free public workshops with nationally recognized visiting artists, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, room 136, Studio Arts Building, Floyd and Warnock Streets.

Dec. 13 – Holiday Laser Party, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Gheens Science Hall and Rauch Planetarium. Join in holiday games such as Pin the Head on the Snowman, Santa Says and more. For ticket information, call 502-852-6664.