Orange You Glad to Celebrate the New Year at “Home”? 

Watch the ’Canes Put the Squeeze on the ‘Noles and Join Fellow ’Canes Fans for the Official UMAA Orange Bowl Pregame Celebration Sponsored by MBNA and UNICCO Service Company

HOSTED BY: University of Miami Alumni Association and the Department of Athletics
WHEN: Thursday, January 1, 2004
TIME: 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm (3 1/2 hours prior to game time)
WHERE: NW Bus Parking Lot Adjacent to Gate B at Pro Player Stadium
FEATURING: Official ’Canes Pep Rally featuring former student athletes, the Band of the Hour, Cheerleaders, Sebastian the Ibis and President Donna Shalala. Event also includes tailgate buffet, entertainment and commemorative giveaways for every guest!
COST*: Pregame Only: $50 Adult – $30 UM Student OR Child 12 and Under
GAME PACKAGE: (includes game ticket AND pregame)
$145 Adult – $125 UM Student/Child 12 and Under

*Pregame ticket price includes access to the Miller Lite Orange Bowl Tailgate Party

Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. For more information or to make reservations, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 305.284.2872 or via email at alumni@miami.edu.
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS-HELP SHAPE YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The University of Miami Alumni Association Nominations Committee seeks nominations for membership on the University of Miami Alumni Association Board of Directors. For qualifications and to complete a nomination form, go to www.miami.edu/alumni. The nominations deadline is December 31, 2003. If you have any questions please contact Lana Monchek, MEd ’69, JD ’81, Executive Secretary, UM Alumni Association via email to: lmonchek@miami.edu.

2004 ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Each year the University of Miami Alumni Association honors alumni who have served their alma mater with pride and distinction through the Alumni Association Awards Program. There are eight special awards given: Edward T. Foote II Alumnus of Distinction; Henry King Stanford Alumnus of the Year; William R. Butler Community Service Award; Orange, Green and White Awards; Student of Distinction; and the Outstanding Young Alumnus or Alumna Award. For qualifications and to complete a nomination form, go to www.miami.edu/alumni. The awards nominations deadline is December 31, 2003. If you have any questions please contact Lana Monchek, MEd ’69, JD ’81, Executive Secretary, UM Alumni Association via email to: lmonchek@miami.edu.

SHOW YOUR UM SPIRIT IN YOUR HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS

Show your support for the Alumni Association with high quality, custom-printed holiday greeting cards, note pads, and personalized stationery bearing a university logo. Order online for a quick three-day delivery.

UM HEADLINES AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HELP UM’S YOUNGEST GET A GREAT EDUCATION

UM Canterbury Preschool is raising funds to enhance early childhood development programs by selling Sally Foster gift wrap. Sally Foster offers high-quality holiday and all-occasion gift wrap as well as coordinating accessories, unique gift ideas, and fine chocolates. When you place an order, UM Canterbury Preschool retains 50 percent of your purchase cost for items purchased until the end of the year. Visit the Sally Foster online store, and be sure to enter school program code #0426555 so that UM's youngest students benefit from your support.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT THE LOWE

The Lowe Art Museum Gift Store is offering its yearly University employee discount of 20 percent on all purchases of $5 or more through Thursday, December 24. Find unique gifts for art lovers of all ages, such as coffee table books, one-of-a-kind jewelry designs, exquisite stationery, creative educational toys, and much more. Add to your holiday ornament collection with limited edition Patricia Breen Design's 2003 Christmas ornaments.

ALS HOLIDAY CARDS AVAILABLE

The Department of Neurology in the School of Medicine is selling holiday cards to benefit the Kessenich Family MDA ALS Center. This year's cards feature artwork from Romero Brito, Nydia Sanchez Franco, Sebastian Spreng, Monty Topche, and Cenk Sengun, as well as designs from employees. Proceeds from the cards help support the mission of the center. If you would like to place an order or want more information, call 305-243-7400.

December 17 through January 4

A Cuban Christmas Carol. Fresno Productions and the Department of Theatre Arts presents a new theatrical event for the entire family at The Jerry Herman Ring Theatre and Alvin Sherman Family Stage. A Cuban Christmas Carol is an imaginative Hispanic twist of Charles Dickens' Christmas classic. Set in Miami's Little Havana tells the story of an embittered old man who "Bah Humbug"s" his way through life. The cast includes Broadway actor Gonzalo Madurga as Scrooge, soap opera star Zully Montero, and a supporting cast of local South Florida actors. A Cuban Christmas Carol is rich with holiday music, imaginative staging, and many surprises. For show dates and times, call 305.225.0015.

December 19

HIV-1 Vaccine Lecture. Ke-Qin Xin, M.D., Ph.D., of the Department of Bacteriology in the School of Medicine at the Yokohama City University, Yokohama, Japan, presents the lecture Prime-Boost vaccination with DNA plasmid and a Chimera Ad5/F35 Vector Induced Long-term Protective Immunity against HIV at 2:30 pm in the eighth floor auditorium of the Mailman Center for Child Development at the School of Medicine. Contact Paul Shapshak at 305.243.3917 with any questions or requests to meet with the speaker.

December 19 and 20

Art Print Sale. Students, alumni, and faculty will be selling prints and other fine art objects at the Rainbow building to benefit both the individual artists and the Department of Art and Art History. On Friday, the sale runs from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm, with a reception in the evening, and Saturday's hours are 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

January 4 through 10

Miami Waves 2004. This is the inaugural conference on geometric analysis, nonlinear wave equations, and general relativity. The conference will have a program of lectures by specialists on the current state of the art in the different fields, as well as round tables and sessions organized to introduce the participants to current developments. For more information, such as times and locations, visit the web.
January 15 and 16
Lipizzaner Stallions. Celebrate the 34th anniversary tour of the prestigious Lipizzaner Stallions as they stride into the University of Miami Convocation Center at 7:30 pm both days. The special anniversary edition will emphasize the historical background and foundation of the Lipizzaner breed, from its original breeding as a horse of war to a horse of nobility and aristocracy to a living form of equestrian art. The UM Convocation Center is offering a special discount for University employees, alumni, students, and supporters. Just use the password of “CANES” online or at the Convocation Center box office and you will receive $2 off each ticket purchased. Also available are great group discounts and special clinics. For more information, call 305.284.8686.

HURRICANE SPORTS

HURRICANES HOST LEONARD HAMILTON AND FSU ON SUNDAY!
The Miami Hurricane men’s basketball team continues their season at 4:00 pm on Sunday, December 14 when they host intrastate rival Florida State Seminoles. Sunday’s game versus Florida State will mark the return of former Hurricane coach Leonard Hamilton. Hamilton, who is in his second season as head coach of the Seminoles, served as head basketball coach at Miami for 10 seasons before departing following the 1999-2000 season to take over the head coaching duties of the NBA’s Washington Wizards. Individual game tickets are now available for as low as $15. To purchase tickets, call 305.284.CANES or visit www.hurricanesports.com.

WOMEN’S HOOPS LOOK TO “CROWD THE CONVO!”
At 7:00 pm, Friday, December 12, the women’s basketball team will attempt to “Crowd the Convo!” The Hurricanes will be hosting their intrastate rival, the University of Florida Gators, at the UM Convocation Center, and all tickets for this game will cost only $1. In order to “Crowd the Convo”, we need to fill every seat, so be sure to tell your friends, family and coworkers. To purchase $1 tickets, call 305.284.2400 or email umathletics@miami.edu.

BIG EAST INDIVIDUAL TICKETS ON SALE SATURDAY!
Individual game tickets to all eight (8) Big East conference games, including clashes with Pittsburgh, Georgetown and 2003 NCAA National Champion Syracuse will go on sale on Saturday, December 13 at 12 Noon via www.hurricanesports.com. Additionally, tickets can be purchased at the Convocation Center Ticket Office, Hurricane Ticket Office or by calling 305.284.CANES during normal business hours.

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