ALUMNI NEWS AND EVENTS

UMAA CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH
All alumni are invited to return to the University of Miami and celebrate Black History Month with an exciting new schedule of events during Black Alumni Weekend, February 19 - 22, 2004. The weekend will feature:

» Student-Alumni Networking Event
» Black History Month Celebration at the Home of President Shalala
» Greek Extravaganza
» Family Day Picnic

Invitations will be mailed in the coming weeks, so start making your plans now. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 305.284.2872, or email alumni@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 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 Alumna or Alumnus Award. For qualifications and to complete a nomination form, go to www.miami.edu/alumni. The awards nominations deadline has been extended until January 16, 2004. If you have any questions, please contact Lana Monchek, MEd '69, JD '81, Executive Secretary, UM Alumni Association, via email lmonchek@miami.edu.

WHAT’S ON YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION LIST?
The University of Miami’s Volunteer Development Program is dedicated to connecting alumni, parents, and friends with volunteer roles throughout the University of Miami community. The Office of Alumni Relations will serve as a clearinghouse for volunteer opportunities, creating a match for volunteers willing to give their time for UM. Projects include traditional favorites such as the Class Reunion Program Committee, Pregame festivities, National Club Program along with some new areas of interest to explore. Have fun while giving back to the University of Miami. For more information, please visit our web page at www.miami.edu/alumni/volunteer, or contact us at umvolunteer.alumni@miami.edu.

SURRENDER YOUR RITES OF PASSAGE
In its 77 years of scholarship, the University of Miami has developed many traditions that bind us and make us “pro to be a Miami Hurricane.” Some, such as the freshman pinning ceremony at the School of Medicine or the University wide commencement exercises, are well known. Others take place within the autonomy of a department or affinity group, cherished by its constituents but elusive to other ’Canes. Do you have fond memories of University-related rites, rituals, and traditions that you’d like to share? (YES)

BLACK ALUMNI SOCIETY GATHERING: UM VS. GEORGETOWN
The University of Miami Black Alumni Society will host a special evening at the UM Convocation Center on the Coral Gables Campus for the UM vs. Georgetown men's basketball game on Saturday, January 31, 2004. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:30 pm, and alumni receive a special discount of $20 for reserved seats and $10 for general admission. For more information or to make reservations, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 305.284.2872.

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 has been extended till January 20, 2004. If you have any questions please contact Lana Monchek, MEd '69, JD '81, Executive Secretary, UM Alumni Association, via email lmonchek@miami.edu.

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WHAT’S HAPPENING AT THE UM CONVOCATION CENTER IN 2004?????

» Celebrate the 34th Anniversary Tour of the prestigious Lipizzaner Stallions as they stride into the University of Miami Convocation Center on January 15 & 16, 2004. The World Famous Lipizzans will grace the stage with a compelling performance including all new choreography, music and routines. Tickets start at only $20.50 and are on sale now. Group rates are available for groups of 15 or more. Alumni discounts available! For more information about groups, please call 305.284.8244.

» On January 24th the Convocation Center is bringing you the Majic 102.7: 60’s Spectacular, featuring Johnny Rivers, C. Negron, formerly of Three Dog Night, and the Spencer Davis Group. Tickets start at only $25, $30, and $40. Also available are Gold Circle seats for only $75, which will include a meet and greet with the performers after the show.

» Barney’s Colorful World Presented by Toys R Us will come to the UM Convocation Center February 6 - 8 for 5 shows. Barney, Baby Bop and BJ invite you and your family to discover the colors of the world during this 90-minute stage show! Barney will take you on an adventure that begins in a jungle, motors to the Arctic, sails to a beach and then goes under the sea. Tickets start at only $11 and are on sale now. For more information or to purchase tickets visit the Convocation Center website.

UM HOSTS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMEMORATIVE BREAKFAST

University of Miami’s Multicultural Student Affairs and United Black Students will hold the 2nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Breakfast on Monday, January 26th. Scheduled to speak this year is Ms. Marlene Bastien, Executive Director of Haitian Women of Miami. (more)

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HURRICANE SPORTS UPDATES

BASKETBALL

BUY THE EAST, GET THE COAST.

1-800-GO-CANES Season Tickets On Sale
BIG EAST ACTION STARTS JANUARY 10 FOR THE ‘CANES!
The Miami Hurricane Men’s Basketball team begins their Big East conference schedule season at 2:00 pm on Saturday, January 10 when they host the Pittsburgh Panthers at the UM Convocation Center. Season tickets are still available for the 2004 Big East season and next season in the ACC, and individual tickets start at only $15. To purchase tickets, call 305.284.CANES or visit www.hurricanesports.com.

BEST START IN SCHOOL HISTORY FOR HURRICANES!
The University of Miami Women’s Basketball looks to continue their best start in school history at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 14 as the Hurricanes host the Georgetown Hoyas at the UM Convocation Center. Season tickets start at only $50 per seat, and individual tickets are available for as low as $5. To purchase tickets, call 305.284.CANES.

BIG EAST INDIVIDUAL TICKETS ON SALE!
Individual game tickets to all Big East conference games, including clashes with Pittsburgh, Georgetown and 2003 NCAA National Champion Syracuse are now on sale by calling 305.284.CANES. Additionally, tickets can be purchased at the Convocation Center Ticket Office, Hurricane Ticket Office or by visiting www.hurricanesports.com.

ABOUT E-ALUMNI CONNECTIONS:
THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION’S E-ALUMNI CONNECTIONS IS A WEEKLY, ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER CONTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, UM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES, HURRICANE SPORTS AND OTHER CAMPUS NEWS. FORWARD THIS MESSAGE TO YOUR FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES, AND SHARE THE NEWS FROM YOUR ALMA MATER! E-ALUMNI CONNECTIONS IS A FREE SERVICE. ANYONE WITH AN ACTIVE EMAIL ACCOUNT MAY SUBSCRIBE. PLEASE CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINKS TO SUBSCRIBE OR UNSUBSCRIBE. HURRICANESPORTS.COM STORIES ARE PROVIDED FROM HURRICANESPORTS.COM WEBSITE, THE UMAA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT, AS THE CONTENT PROVIDED IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE ANOTHER MEDIUM FOR INFORMATION.

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