**Alumni News**

**Miami Alumnus Honored as UConn Premier Educator**

The University of Miami Alumni Association would like to congratulate fellow alumnus Preston Britner, AB ’90, for his recent promotion to (tenured) Associate Professor in the School of Family Studies at the University of Connecticut. Professor Britner has been previously honored with the 2002 AAUP Teaching Excellence Award for Teaching Promise, and currently holds UConn's highest teaching honor, the 2003-2004 Teaching Fellowship. In addition to his instructional duties, Prof. Britner is the editor of the Journal of Primary Prevention, serves on the editorial boards for Child Abuse & Neglect and the Journal of Family Studies. Congratulations!!

**Preparations Underway for Presidential Debates in September**

University experts analyze the final leg of political campaigns

Though still two months away, preparations are already underway for the first round of Presidential Debates for the 2004 election cycle, being held here on the Coral Gables Campus on **Tuesday, September 30, 2004**. A full detail of lead-up and auxiliary events can be found at [http://www.miami.edu/debate04](http://www.miami.edu/debate04). Yet while most of the media focus will be on the Kerry-Bush debates, some experts believe that the most lively and interesting debate will be the Vice-Presidential debate between challenger John Edwards and Vice-President Dick Cheney. **David Steinberg**, professor in the School of Communication and debate coach, believes that Edwards' youth and energy will be pitted against Cheney's experienced and serious demeanor. "Edwards will be charismatic and optimistic," said Steinberg. "Cheney's tough like a bulldog. I think it will be very interesting." While vice-presidential debates have been historically understated, seldom televised, and usually not noteworthy, the debate this year could mean the difference for either party. Democrats will gain a boost if Edwards' charisma and rhetorical skills can overcome his political inexperience, while Cheney can use the opportunity to improve the public perception of his administration.

**Minor-League Baseball, New York Style**

Join the Greater New York Alumni Club for an end-of-the-summer baseball outing. The club invites all alumni to join them for the Brooklyn Cyclones vs Staten Island Yankees (minor league Class A) game. **Friday, August 27th, at 7:00 pm at KeySpan Park in Brooklyn**. Enjoy ‘Cane camaraderie, a great atmosphere, and cheer on former Hurricane **Jimmie Burt Jr.**, BBA ’03 who is now playing for the Brooklyn Cyclones. Tickets are $5 and can be reserved by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at **1-866-UM-ALUMS** or by emailing alumni@miami.edu.

We need your news!!!

The University of Miami Alumni Association is seeking news about our various alumni--jobs, families, news big and small. If you know of any news about any of our alumni, please [e-mail alumni@miami.edu](mailto:alumni@miami.edu) or post a Class Note on [www.miamialumni.net](http://www.miamialumni.net). We can't wait to see and read about how our alumni are making news!

**Events**

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Come for a great day of UM memories and make new ones as we send our ‘Canes off to Miami! For more information please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at **305-284-2872** or email to alumni@miami.edu.

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For more information contact the Department of Athletics at (305) 284-2872.

The UMAA and the Greater Miami Alumni Club invite all young alumni (alumni who received their degree within the last ten years) to attend the first Young Alumni Get Together on Thursday, August 19, 2004 from 8:30 p.m. at Monty’s in Miami Beach. Connect with old friends and make new ones at this celebration featuring: free admission, complimentary appetizers, live music, and complimentary drink.
Join fellow alumni, friends, and families for UM Alumni Night as the World Series Champion Florida Marlins battle the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday, August 12 at 7:05 pm at Pro Player Stadium.

Terrace Box seats are available at the discounted price of $13 each and Club B seats are available at the discounted price of $22.50 per ticket. Orders must be received by July 30th in order to guarantee reserved seating and special pricing.

To purchase tickets, print out and complete the order form at http://www.miami.edu/alumni/Marlins.pdf and fax back to Orestes Hernandez, BBA '01, at 305.626.7304. Pro Player Stadium is located at 2267 Dan Marino Boulevard in Miami. For more information contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 305.284.2872.

**UM Headlines**

**University of Miami to partner with northern neighbor**

**UM and McGill University to collaborate on engineering and information technology**

Spearheaded by a trade mission by Florida Governor Jeb Bush, the University of Miami has formed a strategic alliance with McGill University, located in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The alliance is designed to expand cooperative endeavors, increase research collaboration, and share innovations. [http://www.miami.edu/UMH/CDA/UMH_Main/1,1770,2593-1;27915-3,00.html](http://www.miami.edu/UMH/CDA/UMH_Main/1,1770,2593-1;27915-3,00.html)

**School of Nursing Receives $55,000 Gift**

**Dr. John T. McDonald Foundation donates to support student scholarships**

The School of Nursing has received a $55,000 gift from the Dr. John T. McDonald Foundation to support scholarships for undergraduate and graduate nursing students. The foundation sponsors programs to improve, preserve, or restore the health and health-care of individuals in Miami-Dade County. The gift is in recognition of the vital role nurses play in the lives of community members.

**Is your child a serious Miami Hurricane fan? If so, then here's their chance to become a member of the Junior Canes Club!**

Sebastian the Ibis is calling all kids, 12 and under, to become part of the Miami Hurricane family. The best part about it...membership is FREE!

Signing up is simple. Simply print out the [application form](#), fill it out for your child(ren), and fax it to (305) 284-3362 or mail it to: University of Miami, c/o Junior Canes Club, 5821 San Amaro Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146.

For more information, please visit [www.hurricanesports.com](http://www.hurricanesports.com).

**UM Tennis Coach to head USA Collegiate Team**

**Big East Coach of the Year Yaroshuk-Tews to lead top 12 college tennis guests on the VIP list.**

Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (305) 284-3362 or alumni@miami.edu for guest list information or to RSVP. Monty's is located at 300 Alton Road on Miami Beach. Complimentary valet parking is available.

**School of Law Dean Dennis Lynch**

will be visiting Philadelphia on August 12-13, and will be in Orlando August 24 for Breakfast at Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson. For more information, call the School of Law Department of Alumni Relations at 305-284-3362 or e-mail alumni@law.miami.edu.

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Paige Yaroshuk-Tews, University of Miami Women's tennis coach, was named to head the 2004 USA Tennis Collegiate Team. Yaroshuk-Tews led the 15th ranked Hurricanes to a 20-4 record last year and was named Big East Coach of the Year for the second time in her three-year tenure at UM. The USA Collegiate team is administered by the United States Tennis Association and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, and features the top twelve male and female tennis players from across the country.

J.J. Hunter Joins UM Track Coaching Staff
Former Florida International University Assistant Coach brings champion-building record.

J.J. Hunter, former assistant coach at Florida International University, has joined the UM Track and Field coaching staff. Hunter has extensive experience working with sprinters and hurdlers, having coached several regional and national championship competitors at FIU. He also brings leadership experience from his time at The College of New Jersey, where he helped lead the team to a fifth place finish at the Division III Indoor Track & Field Championships in 2003.