The Apprentice contestant and University of Miami Graduate Katrina Campins, BBA ’01 will host an Apprentice Q&A and watch party at the University of Miami Business School’s Storer Auditorium on Thursday, November 18th from 8-10 PM. University of Miami alumni, students, and guests are invited to attend this thought-provoking event and find out the "behind the scenes" of the show, followed by the viewing of the current season's episode from 9-10 pm. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited. Please R.S.V.P. by November 15 to the Office of Alumni Relations at (305) 284-2872 or alumni@miami.edu. Brought to you by the School of Business, Alumni Club of Greater Miami, and University of Miami Alumni Association.

Alumni News

Old Timers Society Inducts the Class of 1954

On Thursday, November 4, nearly 400 alumni gathered at the newly renovated Coral Gables Country Club to welcome the newest members of the Old Timers Society from the Class of 1954.

The Old Timer’s society has been recognized as a long-standing tradition at the University of Miami, and this year's reunion marked the group's 29th gathering. Developed in 1975 by the late Ruth Linder Sutton, AB ’30, the first Old Timers Reunion was celebrated by the classes of 1926 - 1936 at the home of Dr. Bowman Foster Ashe.

In 1983, UM President Tad Foote invited Helene Kichefski, BBA ’42, wife of former UM football coach Walter Kichefski, to serve as reunion Chairperson. Helene was honored this year for her years of service and her work to make the Old Timers Reunion one of the highlights of Alumni Weekend.

Robert Yoxall, BED ’49, was a former manager of the Country Club and was very excited to elaborate on how the club had changed since he and many of the attendees had spent time there.

Provost Luis Glaser officially welcomed the alumni from classes reaching as far back as 1931. Nona Ousley Campbell, BS ’40, was the oldest member in attendance at 102 years old and was honored as a new inductee alongside the class of 1954.

Reunion Classes Give Over $1.4 Million through Annual Fund

As a sign that alumni support of the University of Miami is strong as ever, UM Alumni Association President Rudy Moise, MBA ’94, JD ’97, and representatives from the classes of 1954, 1964, 1974, 1979, 1994, and 1999 presented UM President Donna Shalala and Dean Colson, JD ’77, Chairman of the UM Board of Trustees with a check for $1,448,005.
at the Clemson vs. Miami Homecoming Game. The record-setting amount counts toward the university's billion-dollar Momentum campaign goal and demonstrates the commitment by alumni to reach the 20% participation goal needed to propel UM into the top 50 universities in the country.

**Affinity Reunions Welcome Back Members, Friends**

Some of the strongest bonds and friendships that are developed come from memberships in groups or organizations in college. This year, Alumni Weekend 2004 saw a number of Affinity Groups, such as greek organizations, sports teams or clubs, and academic/professional societies, and schools/colleges gather and plan reunions for their class members. Karen Wass, AB '79, MA '80, enjoyed the entire weekend and the Alpha Epsilon Phi 25th reunion. “We loved watching the students walk and ‘peek-in’ on our festivities. It gave them insight on what they had to look forward to in the years to come,” she said.

**Farewell Brunch Offers Hoops, Wit, and Wisdom**

While it is never enjoyable to say good-bye to all of the alumni and guests of UM at the end of an Alumni Weekend, the Farewell Brunch held at Villa Woodbine in Coconut Grove was the perfect finale to a widely successful homecoming weekend. Featured at the Alumni Brunch was new UM men's basketball coach Frank Haith, who opened up Alumni Weekend on November 4, with his first win against Barry University, 73-55. Coach Haith entertained the guests with his thoughts on entering the Atlantic Coast Conference, which is the premiere basketball conference in the nation, as well as some humorous advice on basketball and life he's received in his 16 years of coaching experience.

**Thank you to our Sponsors and Committee Volunteers**

The University of Miami Alumni Association would like to thank all of our sponsors and our reunion committee volunteers for their support, months of hard work, and dedication to making this one of the most successful Alumni Weekends in history!

Recent Grad Reunion: Marianne Grunwaldt, BSBE '02; Sarahdia Johnson, AB '01; Mike A. Johnston, BSEE '04; Kim Racciato, BBA '03; Manny Carballa, BSEE '99, MS '01; Ingrid Neal, BBA '99; Andrew Paul, BBA '99; Claudia Orteggozo, BS '94; Jared Smith, BBA '94, MSTX '95; Michael Fixler, BBA '94; Leanne Burnham, BSC '00; Carlos Cardelle, AB '95, JD '98; Ines Chaves, BSCPE '99, MS '01; Adrienne Denaro, BSC '00; Danielle Duck, AB '97; Sebastian Eilert, BARCH '00; Liz English, AB '01; Jeff Estis, BSC '95; Carmen Fanego, BBA '94, JD '98; Allison Ferreira, AB '94; Betsy Garcia, BBA '93; Raina Goldberg, AB '94; Seth Grubman, BBA '94; J eff McCann, BBA '03; Shawna McKendrick, BBA '04; Megan Miller, BBA '03; Erin Moyer, BSC '01; Alexa Oliva, BBA '00; Abbi Sexton, AB '02; Dee Strickland, AB '00, MBA '03; Natasha Sweeting, BBA '03; Heather Warren, AB '96, MBA '98; Monique Weller, BSIE '03

25th Reunion Committee: Denise Mincey-Mills, BBA '80, Melissa Rolle-Scott, BSIE '79; Jeffrey D. Rubens, BBA '79; Jose Alcaraz, BBA '80; Richard Cronenberger, BARCH '79; Patricia Heydet-Kirsch, BEd '79; Sandy Jukel, BBA '79; Kenneth Mark Kirsner, BSN '79, JD '90; Nancy Lanard, BCS '79; Gary Nunes, BBA '78, JD '81; Gale Ragan, AS '78, MSED '87, EDS '99

The Alumni Weekend reunion this year. My homecoming at my alma mater centered around alumni returning for a weekend of reveling and hoping that this year our football opponent wasn’t having a surprisingly successful season. Campus or community events were almost unheard of, and my expectations of Alumni Weekend at UM unfortunately mirrored my experience back home.

As the sun went down on Friday night, my expectations were greatly exceeded. The campus was already buzzing with activity for the upcoming spirit events, and a green and orange glow began to rise from the campus. Slowly, people began to arrive at their reunion locations, reuniting with friends lost through decades or recently parted classmates. As the older alumni began to arrive at the fabulously decorated Jitterbug Club or the "Sexy Sixties" Faculty Club in the University Center for the 40 and 50 year reunions, there was a look of wonder and awe on their faces, much like a young child on Christmas, as the campus that they knew 40 and 50 years ago was radically different than the one they walked through today. Like the children that had grown up long ago, by the time the jazz orchestra ended and the disc jockey stopped playing Chuck Berry hits, the guests didn't want to go home and have the fun end.

The magic of time travel wasn't confined to the Jitterbug Club. The alumni of the 70's years were treated to lakeside dancing under a disco ball of stars behind Gusman Hall, the Bee Gees echoing across Lake Osceola. Miller Circle and the Young Alumni Reunion, however, was most likely the loudest and busiest of all of the reunions, as the classes of '93-'95 and '98-'04 gathered South Beach lounge-style to enjoy Grammy Award winner Wyclef Jean perform on the Green.
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Sports News

'Cane Fans Survive Rain For First ACC Homecoming

Though the brief window of sunshine in the early afternoon didn't last, the spirit of nearly 1000 Hurricane alumni and fans outlasted the rain at the UMAA Pregame Celebration on November 6. The pregame celebration, which welcomed hundreds of alumni from all over back to the Orange Bowl, was alive with fun and festivity, featuring food generously donated by Fuddruckers. UMAA President Rudy Moise, MBA '94, JD '97, took great pleasure in welcoming back alumni young and old and highlighting the wonderful events of Alumni Weekend 2004 before introducing UM president Donna Shalala, who highlighted the upcoming Alumni Center project. A special thanks goes out to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for co-sponsoring the event, as well as to all of the staff and volunteers that helped turn a rain-soaked afternoon into the highlight of Alumni Weekend 2004.

Miami Football Falls Short in Overtime

Rain, Penalties Hamper Hurricane Homecoming

With an entire evening of rain, the University of Miami couldn't respond to a fourth-quarter comeback by the Clemson Tigers in its first ACC Homecoming game, losing in overtime 24-17. Frank Gore rushed for 105 yards and two touchdowns, and the Hurricanes dominated for most of the game, but a rally led by Clemson's Reggie Merriweather tied the game at the end of regulation. After the Tigers scored in the overtime period, Miami quarterback Brock Berlin drove the Hurricane offense to the Clemson 5 yardline before going four-and-out to fall short. The Hurricanes look to regain the lead in the ACC standings against the Virginia Cavaliers in Charlottesville, VA, on Saturday, November 13.
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