Alumni News

Reserve Colonel Returns Home to South Miami
The Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce is happy to welcome back its President/CEO, Army Reserve Colonel Lettie J. Bien, JD ’86, after a year’s service in Iraq. Col. Bien was called up in late 2003 to serve as the U.S. Government's senior adviser/consultant to the Iraqi Ministry of Industry of Minerals. Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi also appointed Bien to serve on the Iraqi Privatization Commission, a national level organization created to facilitate the transfer of over 200 state-owned enterprises to private ownership. The Chamber of Commerce is hosting an official welcome home gala, “The Coconut Ball,” on Saturday, January 22, 2005 at the Country Club of Coral Gables. Please contact the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce at 305-446-1657 for more information.

BankUnited Promotes Alumnus to Executive Vice President
University of Miami alumnus Joris Jabouin, BBA ’90, MBA ’92, has been recently promoted to the position of executive vice president and general auditor. Jabouin, a certified public accountant, joined the firm in 2003 as a senior vice president after previously working with Dresdner Bank Lateinamerika, AG, in Miami. He also had experience at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, and at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

UM Headlines

UM Professor Awarded for Distinguished Career in Oceanography
While most people think of the ocean floor as a dark, cold place, but University of Miami professor of physics Howard Gordon, Ph.D., has spent his career looking at the light in the dark depths. Dr. Howard recently was awarded the Nils Gunnar Jerlov Award for his lifelong contribution to ocean optics, the study of how light interacts with the ocean environment. His work has studied the propagation of light into the ocean and concentrations of phytoplankton using earth-orbiting satellites, and his graduate students have gone on to many successful careers (including Otis Brown, MS ’68, Ph.D. ’73, dean of the Rosenstiel School at the University of Miami).
And the Grammy goes to...
The nominations for the 47th annual Grammy Awards were announced Tuesday in Los Angeles, and the University of Miami Concert Jazz Band made the list. The band has been nominated for an award under the "Best Instrumental Composition" for Three Romances composed by Maria Schneider. The awards will be presented in Los Angeles on Sunday, February 13, 2005.

Sports News

Hurricanes Knock off Ranked Rival Florida; Cross-Town Rival FIU
Basketball program now 4-2
In a testament to a reborn program, coach Frank Haith and the Hurricane men's basketball team scored an upset on Saturday as they rolled over the no. 19 ranked Florida Gators, 72-65, and solidly defeated the Florida International Golden Panthers, 80-67, on Tuesday. Sophomore Anthony Harris took the lead in both games, racking up 18 points against the collapsing Gator defense, and contributing 25 points against FIU, which has lost nine of the last ten meetings with Miami. Junior Robert Hite finished with 29 points against FIU. The Hurricanes next host the University of Massachusetts Minutemen in the Convocation Center in Coral Gables on Saturday, December 12 at 2:00 pm. Contact the Athletic Ticket office at 305-284-CANES for ticket information or go online at hurricanesports.com.

Sophomore Reaches Finals at U.S. Open Championships
University of Miami sophomore Nancy Gajos reached the C-Final in the 200-meter butterfly on the last day of competition at the 2004 U.S. Open Championships in Palo Alto, California. Gajos, a Mississauga, Ontario native, finished 20th with a time of 2:21.92. Sophomore Tara Erwin also placed 23rd in the 800-meter freestyle with a time of 9:14.31. The swimming team will have the holiday season off and will return to the pool on January 7, 2005 when they host the Matt Gribble Invitational at the Whitten Student Union Pool.

Happenings
Blane Nestok, MD ’85, is a candidate for the Master of Science, Health Policy and Management, at the Harvard School of Public Health. Stephen Garcia-Vidal, AB ’87, has formed the law partnership of Garcia-Vidal & Garcia-Vidal, LLP in Coral Gables, FL. Alliette M. Hernandez, BSC ’00, has become an associate with the law firm of Preira, Jonasz & Keyes.
December 1 - January 25
Coming Home: Paintings from the Schoen Collection, 1930-1950
Lowe Art Museum
Call 305-284-3535 for more details.

December 2, 4, 8-11
Mere Mortals by David Ives
The Jerry Herman Ring Theater
Call 305-284-3355 or visit www.miami.edu/ring for more details

December 10
Let It Snow Holiday Party
6:30-9:00 pm - The Courtyard by Marriott, Dania Beach, FL
Alumni Club of Broward County
Mail RSVP to PO BOX 6461, Hollywood, FL
Details

December 11
Tampa Bay Alumni Club Holiday Party
8:00 pm - 42nd Street Bistro, Tampa Bay, FL
RSVP: Elizabeth Olson, AB '82
Details

December 18
Central Kitchen ‘Canes Care
Washington DC Alumni
Contact: Michael Holub, AB ’90
Details

December 19
3rd Annual Holiday Volunteer Event with the Fairygodmother Foundation
10:00 am - 6:00 pm; Barnes & Noble - Schaumburg
Chicago Alumni Club
Contact: Dan Spiegel, BM ’92 or David Panitch, BS ’80

January

January 15
Infertility Seminar
Sponsored by the University of Miami Infertility Center
11:30 am - 2:00 pm; Cedars Medical Center
Includes free consultation following

January 27
Alumni Club of Greater Miami Networking Expo
5:00 - 8:00 pm; Flamingo Ballrooms, Whitten University Center
RSVP: Richard Webster, AB ’94 at 305-519-3720
ALUMNITES - featuring Dr. Carl Eisdorfer of the UM Center on Aging
6:00 - 8:00 pm; The Carlisle, Naples, FL
Contact: Diane Doolan, BBA ’91, 1-866-UMALUMS

February

February 28
International Roundtable on Competition and Trade Policy
Sponsored by UM School of Law and the firm of Steel, Hector, & Davis
Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables
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