From UM to the Silver Screen

Aisha Hinds, BFA ’98, is co-starring in a major role with Laurence Fishburne, Ethan Hawke, and an all-star cast in the upcoming action thriller, *Assault on Precinct 13* opening January 19, 2005. Hinds has been a regular on television, having had a recurring guest role as "Annie Price" on the FX network drama *The Shield*, as well as guest roles on *ER*, *Boston Legal*, *NYPD Blue*, and *Crossing Jordan*. *Assault on Precinct 13* marks the third feature film for Hinds, having had roles in *Neo Ned* and *Love Aquarium* in 2004.

Alumnus Receives Top Rating, Named to Board of Directors

William R. Lowman, Jr., BBA ’91, shareholder in the law firm of ShuffieldLowman, recently received the highest rating available to attorneys by the nationally recognized Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory. According to Martindale-Hubbell, the rating signifies the highest standard of legal ability and is a confirmation of an individual’s status as a highly respected, ethical member of the Bar. Lowman was also recently named one of the nine members of the board of directors for the International Accounts Payable Professionals (IAPP) organization, headquartered in Orlando. Lowman holds his Juris Doctor degree, with honors, from the University of Miami. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Junior Achievement of Central Florida Foundation, Inc. and is also a member of the Florida Bar (member, Tax Section); Central Florida Estate Planning Council; Central Florida Planned Giving Council and the Central Florida Society of Financial Service Professionals.

A Harvest of Quiet Eyes

The University of Miami’s Department of Art & Art History and The New Gallery, in collaboration with Africana Studies, and several student organization co-sponsors, present a thoughtful and visually stunning celebration of African culture with *Africa / A Harvest of Quiet Eyes* from January 18 through February 12, 2005. A special opening reception will be held on Friday, January 21 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. at The New Gallery and is free and open to the public. To provide a context for the exhibitions, lectures will be presented in conjunction with *Africa / A Harvest of Quiet Eyes* at The New Gallery. All lectures begin at 7:00 pm at The New Gallery and are FREE to the public. For more information, contact the Department of Art & Art History, at 305-284-6966.

Real Estate Licensing Course Offered

The University of Miami, Division of Continuing and International Education, Koubek Center is now offering Real Estate Licensing courses in English and Spanish. This is a 63 hour course that prepares you for the State Licensing Exam. Classes will be starting on January 28th in Spanish and on February 11th in English. The cost is $435 which includes academic instruction, a manual and fingerprints. Must be 18 years of age or older and have a High School diploma or GED. Call 305-284-6001 for
Hurricanes Conclude Georgia Diving Invitational
The University of Miami's diving squad finished their final day of the Georgia Diving Invitational Wednesday afternoon with the platform competition. In what turned out to be a close race for third place, Senior Miguel Velazquez took home fourth place with a score of 530. Sophomore Derek Starks came in fifth place after tallying a score of 506.50. Freshman Jenna Dreyer placed fourth with a score of 377.00. Sophomore Heather Bounds placed eighth after scoring 366.25. Miami's swimming and diving squad returns when they host the first annual Matt Gribble Invitational Friday, January 7th, which will take place all day at the Norman Whitten Student Union Pool.

UM Travels To Georgia Tech For Inaugural ACC Game
On January 6, 2005 at 7:00 pm, the Miami Hurricanes take on Georgia Tech for the fourth time with the Yellowjackets leading the all-time series 2-1. Georgia Tech has won the last two meetings, including an 89-61 win on December 27, 1997, at the Orange Bowl Basketball Classic in Miami Arena. Miami's single win over Georgia Tech came on January 3, 1953, an 82-60 win in Miami.

Head coach Frank Haith and the Hurricanes are currently riding an eight-game winning streak marking the longest by a first year coach at the University of Miami. A win versus Georgia Tech would mark Miami's first conference win as a member of the ACC. The Miami-Georgia Tech game will be broadcast live in Miami on the Sunshine Network. The game will also be broadcast on the Hurricane Radio Network, WQAM (560 AM).

Happenings
Dr. JoAnn Yanez, BS '96, was elected to the Board of Directors for the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education.
Matt Polli BBA '96 & Ken Rolston AB '97, formed PR Investment Group, LLC in Atlanta, GA, to invest in vacation rental properties in the North Georgia mountains.
Lauren Camner, MBA '98, was promoted to senior vice president of alternative delivery channels for BankUnited.
Richard Preira, BBA '77, has been certified as a Florida Supreme Court Family Mediator.
Stephen Parsons, BM ’73, was recently promoted to Vice President of Baptist Health South Florida Foundation.

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| **January 1 - January 25**  
Coming Home: Paintings from the Schoen Collection, 1930-1950  
Lowe Art Museum  
Call 305-284-3535 for more details. | **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 | **February 19**  
Alumni Club of Greater Miami vs. Gator Alumni Club Softball Game  
11:00 am; Tropical Park, Miami  
RSVP: Matt Rosenberg  
Contact: Jamie Astran, 305-284-2872 |
| **January 15**  
Infertility Seminar  
Sponsored by the University of Miami Infertility Center  
11:30 am - 2:00 pm; Cedars Medical Center  
Includes free consultation afterwards. | **February 11-13**  
Black Alumni Weekend  
VIP Black Alumni Gala on Star Island; Student Alumni Forum; Old School Step Show; Farewell Picnic  
Sponsored by the University of Miami Alumni Association and the Black Alumni Society  
Contact: Amy Powers, 1-866-UMALUMS | **February 25**  
Parent Involvement Luncheon  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm; Location TBD  
Sponsored by the University of Miami Alumni Association.  
Contact: Victoria Champion, 1-866-UMALUMS |
| **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 18**  
President’s Circle Night at the Theatre- By Invitation  
6:00pm; Reception in Hurricane 100 Room; Immediately followed by Falsettos! (Ring Theatre)  
Sponsored by the University of Miami Alumni Association  
Cost: Complimentary  
Contact: Scott Siegel, 1-866-UMALUMS, & visit Ring Theatre | **March 3**  
Lecture Series Reception - By Invitation  
6:00-8:00pm; Storer Auditorium, School of Business  
Hosted by University of Miami Alumni Association  
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