Alumni News

UM Trustee, Alumnus Passes Away
Overcoming Obstacles A Way of Life For Latimer
The University of Miami family is sad to announce the tragic passing of Henry "Lat" Latimer, JD '73. A committed and respected member of the UM community, Henry served as a member of the University of Miami Board of Trustees and worked tirelessly toward the advancement of UM and was a leader in everything he did. He overcame an upbringing filled with poverty and racism, using borrowed or discarded books in primary school, and eventually earned a bachelor's degree from Florida A&M University and a master's degree from Florida Atlantic University. After teaching history and economics in Fort Lauderdale, he worked for the U.S. Department of Labor and later attended the University of Miami School of Law, one of only a few African-Americans in his 200+ member class. Latimer's career of service continued as he was appointed by then-Governor Bob Graham to the Broward circuit court bench and later won election to a six-year term, of which he served three years. His service at several prestigious law firms in the South Florida area was marked by exceptional effort to represent all clients, including the elderly and disadvantaged. Memorial service and more information can be found online at the School of Law website.

Measuring the Depravity of Crimes
Alumnus Seeks to Separate Heinousness From Hype
After consulting on the sensational case of the Matthew Shepard murder in Wyoming, Dr. Michael Welner, BS '84, MD '88, realized that the definitions of aggravating factors and definitions of "heinous" or "depraved" crimes were not only legally inconsistent, but also affected by mass media influence. That led Welner to develop the Depravity Scale, a standardized set of qualifications that is currently being studied for internal and external validity. An associate clinical professor of psychiatry at New York University's School of Medicine and an adjunct professor of Law at Duquesne University, Welner hopes his scale will assist juries in objectively determining what constitutes a depraved crime. More information can be found at www.depravityscale.org.
annual Humane Society of Greater Miami **Walk for the Animals** on Saturday, February 26 at Bayfront Park in downtown Miami. This year, President Shalala and Sweetie are the honorary grand marshals of this entertaining event that raises vital support for more than 400 homeless dogs and cats in our community. Bring your dog along for the one-mile walk, or enjoy it on your own. Check-in begins at 8:30 am and the walk starts at 10:00 am. Registrants are requested to raise a minimum of $50 to participate in the walk. Pledge forms for UM’s team/pack are available by contacting Arlene Easley, 305-284-6995, or aeasley@miami.edu, by February 7.

**Lobsters Doing Better Than Ever**

In the second of the Sea Secrets lecture series at the **Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science**, the future of the lobster population was served as the topic of discussion instead of as the main course. Dr. Robert Steneck, Pew Fellow at the University of Maine, examined the recent increase in the abundance of lobsters in the north Atlantic region, which has been a boon for fishermen, coastal communities, and for lovers of the clawed crustaceans. Yet, the harvesting of lobsters in this region is confined to only one species, which raises flags for both the ecological and economical future of lobsters.

The next Sea Secrets lecture will be "In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex" on Wednesday, February 16. Call 305-421-4061 for more information.

**Senator to Visit UM**

**Soft-money Opponent To Speak at Roundtable Forum**

The **American Constitution Society for Law and Policy** is pleased to announce that Senator Russ Feingold of Wisconsin will be speaking at the University of Miami Law School on January 30 at 11:00 am. Senator Feingold co-sponsored the landmark McCain-Feingold election reform legislation banning the use of soft money in campaigns, which was signed into law and upheld by the Supreme Court. In the Wisconsin tradition, he is also a staunch supporter of progressive politics in the areas of environmental conservation, public education, veterans' rights, and was the lone Senator to vote against the U.S. Patriot Act. RSVPs are not required; contact Andee Cohen at 305-284-8259 for more information.

**Basketball To Battle Breast Cancer**

The University of Miami's women's basketball team is dedicating its final home game of the year on February 17 to help raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Miami/Ft. Lauderdale affiliates. For every single game ticket sold, one dollar will go to the local Komen Affiliate. "We've enjoyed a strong relationship with the University of Miami Alumni Association in the past, and the UM Center for Cancer Prevention and Genetics is a recipient of one of our grants. To extend that partnership to the entire UM community through the Athletic

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**Sports News**

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Department is obviously a great opportunity for us," said Bobbi Meyers, Executive Director of the Foundation’s Miami/ Ft. Lauderdale Affiliate. Tickets for all women’s basketball games are $5 for adults and $3 for children. Miami students are admitted for free. Tickets are available online at [www.hurricanesports.com](http://www.hurricanesports.com) or over the phone by calling 305-284-CANES.

**Senior Named ACC Performer of the Week**

University of Miami senior Kim Barrett was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Indoor Track and Field Performer of the Week. Barrett won both the shot put and weight throw leading Miami to a victory over 14 schools at the recent Leonard Hilton Memorial Track and Field Meet in Houston, Texas. Barrett posted an NCAA automatic qualifying mark in the weight throw with a toss of 20.77 meters (68'-01.75") crushing the old UM record by nearly 12 feet. Her school-record throw of 16.52 meters (54'-02.50") in the shot put is an NCAA provisional qualifying mark. Both marks ranked No. 1 in the ACC this season.

**Happenings**

Davana Lehman, AB ’96, received her Ph.D. in exercise science at Auburn University.

The Miami office of Hunton & Williams accepted into the firm Arturo Fernandez, BSC ’00, Michael Mena, AB ’01, and Ahmed Riesgo, AB ’01.

Todd Alexander Albin, BBA ’95, has been named General Manager of Western Clinical Research, Inc., a clinical trials research site in Torrance, CA.

Richard Collins, BBA ’69, has been elected to a second one-year term as Chairman of the Board of Housing Authority Insurance Group, A Mutual Company.

**Events**

**January**

**January 27**
Alumni Club of Greater Miami Networking Expo
5:00 - 8:00 pm; Flamingo Ballroom, Whitten University Center
RSVP: Richard Webster, AB ’94 at 305-519-3720

ALUMNITES - featuring Dr. Carl Eis dorfer 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 11**
Living on the Edge: South Florida’s Future Environmental Conference
Co-sponsored by UM Ethics Programs
Register at [www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)
UM Students register at [www.fan.edu/environment](http://www.fan.edu/environment)

**February 18**
President’s Circle Night at the Theatre
6:00 pm; Reception in Hurricane 100 Room;
Immediately followed by Falsettos! at the Jerry Herman Ring Theatre
By Invitation Only - Cost Complimentary
Contact: Scott Siegel, AB ’85, MALS ’97, 1-866-UMALUMS

**February 19**
Alumni Club of Greater Miami vs. Gator Alumni Club Softball Game
11:00 am; Tropical Park, Miami
RSVP: Matt Rosenberg, AB ’92, MBA ’96
Contact: Jamie Astran, BSC ’99, 305-284-2872

**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

**March**

**March 3**
Lecture Series Reception - By Invitation
6:00 - 8:00 pm; Storer Auditorium, School of Business
Hosted by University of Miami Alumni Association
Contact: Diane Doolan, BBA ’91, 1-866-UMALUMS
Farewell Picnic
Sponsored by the University of Miami Alumni Association and the Black Alumni Society
Contact: Amy Powers, BBA '93, MBA '97, MSTX '00, 1-866-UMALUMS

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