Alumni News

UM Sees Changes in Academic Leadership
School of Communication Welcomes New Dean; Miller School of Medicine Sends Farewell to Outgoing Dean

As a chapter in the University of Miami’s history closes, another one opens as the School of Communication welcomes Sam L. Grogg, Ph.D. as its new dean, replacing Edward J. Pfister, Ph.D., the founding dean of the school. Dr. Grogg has a career full of achievement, formerly serving as dean of the American Film Institute and as the founding dean of the North Carolina School for the Arts. No stranger to the Academy Awards, Dr. Grogg was executive producer of *The Trip to Bountiful* (1985 – nominated for Best Writing), and *Kiss of the Spider Woman* (1985 – nominated for Best Picture, Best Writing, and Best Directing). He received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Western Illinois University and his doctorate in English and American Literature and Drama from Bowling Green State University.

North of Coral Gables, the Miller School of Medicine is also saying farewell to Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs and Dean of the Miller School of Medicine John G. Clarkson, MD ’68. Dr. Clarkson has accepted the position of Executive Director of the American Board of Ophthalmology, but will continue to work with and serve as a leader to the Miller School of Medicine. During Dr. Clarkson’s tenure, the medical school saw unprecedented growth in physical buildings, clinics, laboratories, and services, as well as becoming one of the flagship schools in the country and a valued partner in health services to the South Florida community.

New Regime at The Miami Herald Leads to Alumni Promotions

Landsberg promoted to General Manager; Villoch Named Vice-President of Advertising

With the retirement of Alberto Ibargüen as publisher of The Miami Herald, two University of Miami alumni have been promoted to top-level executive positions. David Landsberg, MBA ‘88, will succeed Jesús Díaz as general manager, formerly serving as Vice-President of Advertising and working with the company for over 20 years. Current Director of Retail Advertising and Event Marketing, Alexandra...
Villoch, AB ’77, MBA ’79, will take Landsberg’s former position. Villoch began at the Herald in 2000 as national advertising director after several years with United Airlines.

**UM Headlines**

**First Alert**

Over four million infants are tested through newborn screening programs nationwide each year. As of January 2005, Florida was testing for only five of the fifty inherited metabolic disorders that can be detected by the newborn screening programs. Thanks to the faculty at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, testing will now begin for more than 30 disorders.  *read the entire article online.*

**Center On Aging Visits New York**

President Donna E. Shalala and Dr. Carl Eisdorfer cordially invite you to join them at a reception honoring the University of Miami's Center On Aging on February 22 at the New York Public Library. The Center On Aging is a leader in the development of innovative approaches for healthy and successful aging. Seating is limited and RSVPs will be honored on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Adrienne Jaret at 305-355-9096 for a formal invitation.

**Sports News**

**Hurricanes' Resolve Beats Maryland in OT**

After a rough string of losses, the Miami Hurricane men's basketball team showed their resolve and pulled off an overtime victory against the Terrapins of Maryland on Saturday. Guillermo Diaz scored 27 points to pace the Hurricanes, which places them in a three-way tie for 4th place at 5-5 in the ACC. The team travels to Clemson this weekend to take on the Tigers on Saturday, February 12 at 12:00 pm. The Tigers enter the game with a record of 11-11, 2-8 in the ACC, following a 70-62 loss to Georgia Tech on Tuesday night. The Hurricanes beat Clemson in the Convocation Center earlier this season, 69-65, and a win would cinch a winning season for Miami.

**ACC Basketball Tip-Off Reception**

With UM riding their first winning season since 2001 and going into their first ACC tournament, the Office of Alumni Relations invites all alumni, parents and friends to join them at an ACC Basketball Tip-Off Reception on Wednesday, March 9, from 6:00-8:00 pm at the ESPN Zone in Washington, DC (555 12th Street, NW, Washington DC). You'll meet fellow alumni, 'Canes fans, and special guest Frank Haith, UM men's basketball coach. Space is limited, so please RSVP by March 2 to the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-866-UMALUMS or via email at alumni@miami.edu.
Tennis Team Pulls Off Close Win vs. USF
The University of Miami men's tennis team got the lead over their in-state rival South Florida after juniors Tim Krebs, Eric Hechtman, and John Hoyes each won their respective singles matches Sunday afternoon, and brought the deciding game to the No. 4 singles slot in a close match. Hoyes outlasted USF's Marc Jaeger in three sets to pull away with the match victory and move the Hurricanes to 2-1. The Hurricanes get back to action when they host Georgia Southern Sunday, Feb. 13 at 11:00 am at the Neil Schiff Tennis Center.

Happenings
Rosemary Taylor, MBA '00, has joined UnitedHealth Group/United Behavioral Health services, as the Director of Marketing, Eastern & Central Regions. Nelson Hanover, AB '57, and Edward Robin, BSEE '57, have formed "Health Care Services of America," with offices in New York City and Long Island. Paige Provenzano, BA '99, received her JD, magna cum laude, from the University of Florida College of Law.

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 have any news about yourself or fellow alumni, please post a Class Note on www.miamialumni.net (not registered? Head there now--it only takes a moment). We can't wait to see and read about how our alumni are making news!

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Events
February
February 11-13
Black Alumni Reunion Weekend
VIP Black Alumni Gala on Star Island; Student Alumni Forum; Old School Step Show; Farewell Picnic
Sponsored by the UMAA and the Black Alumni Society
Contact: Amy Powers, BBA '93, MBA '97.

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, MAL'S '97, 1-866-UMALUMS

February 25
Parent Involvement Luncheon
11:00 am - 1:00 pm; Location TBD
Sponsored by the UMAA
Contact: Victoria Champion, 1-866-UMALUMS

March
Living on the Edge: South Florida's Future Environmental Conference
Co-sponsored by UM Ethics Programs
UM Students register at www.fau.edu/environment
Register at www.browardcenter.org
February 11
February 18
February 22
March 3
March 9
President’s Council Meeting
Alumni Club of Greater Miami vs. Gator Alumni Club Softball Game
RSVP: Matt Rosenberg, AB ’92, MBA ’96
Contact: Jamie Astran, BSC ’99, 1-866-UMALUMS
February 19
Reception Honoring the UM Center on Aging
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm; New York Public Library, Trustees Room
RSVP by February 10
Contact: Adrienne Jaret, 305-355-9096.
UM Students register at www.fau.edu/environment
February 22
Lecture Series Reception - By Invitation
6:00 - 8:00 pm; Storer Auditorium, School of Business
Hosted by the UMAA
Contact: Diane Doolan, BBA ’91, 1-866-UMALUMS
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