**New Format, Same Great News**

"There is nothing permanent except change," once quipped the Greek philosopher Heraclitus, and after six years of being a weekly fixture in the inboxes of University of Miami alumni and friends, **E-Alumni Connections** will be undergoing a format change. The revamped **E-Alumni Connections** will now be published bi-weekly on Tuesdays as the new event and announcement bulletin of the University of Miami Alumni Association, featuring news and happenings from our national and international clubs, contacts and affinity groups, local and campus events, and a new classifieds section. We know how much our readers like to hear about the achievements and news of our alumni, the research and headlines at the University of Miami, and the latest from Hurricane Athletics, so we’re also launching a new publication: **@Miami**, the monthly newsletter of the University of Miami Alumni Association.

So after this farewell edition, please excuse our brief absence while we get a makeover and check your inboxes Tuesday, April 12 for the new edition of **E-Alumni Connections** and Thursday, April 21 for the launch of **@Miami**.

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**Alumni News**

**UM Literati Read on Campus**

UM alumni **Garfield Ellis, MFA ’95**, and **Mia Leonin, MFA ’95**, are being welcomed by the College of Arts & Sciences, the English Department, and the Creative Writing Program to read excerpts of their works at the College Gallery and Conference Center at the Wesley Foundation on March 31, at 6:30 pm. Ellis grew up as the oldest of nine children in Jamaica, studying marine engineering, management and public relations before attending UM to earn his master's degree. He has published three books, "Flaming Hearts,""Wake Rasta" and "Such as I Have", and a fourth, "For Nothing At All," will be published this fall. Leonin's poetry has been nominated for several awards and has been published in a variety of literary journals. She recently was awarded a Money for Women Grant by the Barbara Deming Memorial Fund and is a recipient of a 2005 Florida Individual Artist Fellowship from the State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

**Alumnus named to Board Position**

**Sean Murphy, AB ’94**, a principal with Hoover-Hines, LLC, has been appointed to the board of the Association for Capital Growth (ACG) - Greater Orlando Chapter. Sean is a past executive board member of the Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission, Chairman of the African-American Chamber of Commerce and financial consultant with Smith Barney and Block Financial. ACG is the premier global association for professionals involved in corporate growth, development and M&A for small to large companies.

**Student Newspaper One of Top in Country**

The Miami Hurricane, the University of Miami student newspaper, has been awarded second place in the Four-Year Colleges Weekly category for College Newspaper of the Year at the Associated Collegiate Press National College Newspaper Convention. The Miami Hurricane's news editor and assistant news editor, as well as two sales
representatives attended the conference in San Francisco, February 24-27. "This kind of recognition keeps us motivated to keep improving the Hurricane," says Patricia Mazzei, editor-in-chief. "Putting out a student-run newspaper twice a week takes a real team effort." For more information on the winners and the award visit www.studentpress.org, or to read The Miami Hurricane newspaper visit www.thehurricaneonline.com.

Cuban Film Festival Makes Call for Entries
The Casa Bacardi Film Festival is seeking to highlight the plight of Cuban exiles and members of the Cuban-American community with respect to their experiences as persons affected by the Cuban Diaspora. The festival seeks to capture the unique experiences of these individuals via the medium of filmmaking. Ultimately, its purpose is to promote the inherent creativity of those willing to share their works and to recognize the accomplishments of those living in or influenced by the Cuban Diaspora. The deadline for submissions is September 29 for the October festival. For more information and submission information, please visit the Casa Bacardi web site.

Sports News

Miami Gridders Prepare for 2005 Season
Coker Institutes New Practice Approach
The Miami Hurricanes are looking forward to their Spring Game on April 9, and head coach Larry Coker hopes his new practice approach will keep the Hurricanes at the top of the collegiate football ranks. Coker has been running the "Oklahoma Drill", (a practice scheme borrowed from the University of Minnesota) which focuses on creating lanes for the backs and is intended to create a tougher attack while minimizing injuries in a one-on-one format. Spring practices are open to the public and will continue Thursday and Friday at 3:20 pm, and Saturday morning at 10:00 am at the Greentree Practice Field. The season opener for the 'Canes will be on September 9 against in-state rival Florida State. For more information, please log onto www.hurricanesports.com.

Happenings

Sean Peart, AB '90, was promoted to Senior Vice President of Investments at Wachovia Securities in Miami, Florida.
Joe Romanowski, BBA 79, managing member of College Funding Solutions, LLC, Sea Girt, NJ, has opened a second office in Savannah, Georgia.
Chris DeRosa, BM '90, recently won the drum chair for the blues band, Paul Mark & The Van Dorens.
Cara Pasquale, AB '79, MBA '83, has been promoted to Senior Associate and Jose Acosta, BSAE '99, BSCE '99, was promoted to Associate at the Miller Legg Consulting Firm.
March

March 31
“The People, Pleasures, and Politics of Orchids” - Georgia Tasker
Gifford Arboretum Lecture Series and Art Opening
7:00 pm - Cox Science Center Lobby/Lecture Hall
Tour of Arboretum at 6:15 pm
Both Events Free to Public
Contact Dr. Carol Horvitz at 305-284-5364 for more information

April

April 1 - 2
Music and Entertainment Industries Educators Association Conference
Hosted by the Frost School of Music
Visit www.meiea.org for more information or to register.

April 1
7th Annual Miami Golf Classic
Calusa Country Club, Miami FL
Registration - 11:00 am; Shotgun Start - 12:30 pm
Contact Patricia Dingler, 1-866-UMALUMS, to register

April 2
Barrister’s Ball
University of Miami School of Law
7:00 pm - Omni Colonnade Hotel, Coral Gables
Including Pre-ball receptions
Reserve by March 29
Contact the Bar and Gavel Society for more information and to register.

April 3
Race for Relief
Proceeds will go to benefit the American Red Cross for International Relief
Registration begins at 7:30 am and the race begins at 9:00 am
Contact Alisha Price, 727-742-7358

April 4
Learn More Lecture Series - San Francisco
Featuring Sanjeev Chatterjee on his film “One Water”
6:00 pm PST - The Presidio - Officer’s Club
Contact Patricia Dingler, 1-866-UMALUMS, for more details

April 5
Learn More Lecture Series - Los Angeles
Featuring Sanjeev Chatterjee on his film “One Water”
6:30 pm PST - Paramount Studios Theatre
Contact Patricia Dingler, 1-866-UMALUMS, for more details

April 6
UM Sports Hall of Fame Annual Banquet
6:00 pm - Hyatt Regency Hotel
Contact Tom Kallman, at 954-389-5897

April 7
Learn More Lecture Series - San Diego
Featuring Sanjeev Chatterjee on his film “One Water”
6:00 pm PST - University of San Diego
Contact Patricia Dingler, 1-866-UMALUMS, for more details

April 9
Self Defense Seminar
10:00 am - Coral Gables Youth Center
For more information, call Carol White, AB ‘93, 305-505-4919
RSVP by April 9 at 305-648-1556

April 16
“Kicks Against Breast Cancer” Soccer Tournament and Claudia Mayer Memorial Banquet
6:00 pm - Sunrise Hilton
For ticket information, contact the Hurricane Soccer Office at 305-284-3640

April 21 - 30
Good News!
The Jerry Herman Ring Theatre
Tickets go on sale April 4
Visit the Ring Theatre online or call the box office at 305-284-3355 for more information.

April 28
2005 Spring Tour - Tampa
6:00 pm - Smokey Bones Barbeque & Grill
For more information, contact Diane Doolan at 305-284-2872

April 28 - 29
Retail Development: From Shopping Centers to Town Centers
Coral Gables Campus - School of Architecture
For more information visit, www.arc.miami.edu or contact Julia Pizarro at 305-284-3731

May

May 14
Southwest Florida Alumni & Hurricane Reception featuring Coach Larry Coker
6:00 pm - Smokey Bones Restaurant
For more information, contact Sonya Bjork at 305-284-2872

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