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**GSA Elections**

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) is announcing elections for Executive Board positions. The election for the positions of Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Media Relations and Webmaster will be on March 23rd. If interested in running for any of these positions, please e-mail a 250 word statement about why you would be a good candidate for a particular position to Mechelle at [tmfrancis@miami.edu](mailto:tmfrancis@miami.edu) by March 13th for all other positions.

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Directed Independent Language Study Program (DILS)

Directed Independent Language Study Program (DILS) is beginning to accept applications for fall 09 language study!

The purpose of DILS is to allow students at UM to study languages not offered in the curriculum. The Program is demand driven; students have the opportunity to request languages they need for their academic work, for research, for study or internships abroad. DILS is not a credit bearing program, but a notation will be made on their transcripts as evidence of

language study in DILS. I would like to point out that although DILS is primarily an oral communicative program, graduate students whose primary interest is to acquire reading and writing skills, should also apply.

Students have to apply the semester that proceeds the semester when they intend to study a language. For the current semester, we received applications for the following languages: Colloquial Arabic (Levantine and Moroccan), Haitian Creole, Hindi, Russian and Swedish. Students can request additional languages as long as they have some bearing on their studies and research.

Application deadline for fall 2009 study is May 1. Application forms are available on the DILS website.

For detailed information about DILS students should consult the DILS website about Program objectives, policies and structure (www.as.miami.edu/dils/).

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### **Recyclemania**

**Jan. 18 - Mar. 28**

University of Miami is taking part in Recyclemania a friendly competition among college and university recycling programs in the United States that provides campus communities with a fun, proactive activity in waste reduction. During the ten-week competition UM will compete against 200 other colleges and universities around the country to see which institution can collect the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita, and accrue the highest recycling rate.

The goals of this program will greatly contribute to our waste reduction efforts in the new Recycle Program. So help the university do its part and increase recycling as we roll out our new exciting recycle plan! Together we can reduce landfill waste and make the University of Miami a "greener place".

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Graduate Research Supplemental Fund

Applications for the Graduate Research Supplemental Fund are no longer accepted at this time

We are no longer accepting applications for the Graduate Research Supplemental Fund at this time. If you have questions or concerns, please contact John, parliamentarian, at john@bio.miami.edu.

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**Pizza Social**

**Mar. 9; 5:00-6:30 pm**

GSA pizza social next to the GSA office! Have some free pizza, enjoy live entertainment, and see the GSA office and the services we offer there. Afterwards, head over with grad students to Titanic to enjoy their happy hour for the night.

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Grad Student Appreciation Week

Apr. 6-10

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If you have any announcements for the Weekly, please send them to gsa@miami.edu. GSA Weekly submissions are due by 5pm on Sundays.