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NEWSLETTER OF THE MIAMI UNIVERSITY MEN'S RUGBY CLUB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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OLD BOYS WEEKEND IS AROUND THE CORNER SEPTEMBER 8-10, 2006

It's not too late to make plans to attend Miami's 34th annual Old Boys Weekend. This event is always a great opportunity to see your old rugby teammates again, and to enjoy some lively rugby (either playing or watching) in Oxford. The schedule:

| | <u>Time</u> | <u>Activity</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| Friday | 5:00 p.m.- ? | Informal get-together | Stadium Bar, S. Poplar St . |
| Saturday | 10:30 a.m. | MU Men's RFC AA Annual General Meeting (Agenda on page 5) | Shriver Center (Student Union) |
| | 12:30p.m. | Meet and Greet | Ditmer Field (U.S. 73 east of campus, past horse stables) |
| | 1:30 p.m. | Old Boys A against Miami A | Ditmer |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Really Old Boys against Miami B | Ditmer |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Picnic buffet dinner served at the pitch | Ditmer |

Miami U. RFC News

Mixed Results in Spring Season; Good Fall Season Prospects

*From Joe "Mario" Nauman,
 Club President*

Our spring season started off in Nashville with the annual Nash Bash tournament. Miami did pretty well with a couple of victories and all of our new guys really getting a feel for the game. After Nash Bash, our next opponent was Ohio University. Both teams came out strong but OU was the better team that day. Ball State came to Miami the next weekend for a much needed home game. Miami stepped up big as we won our only home game 42 to 7. With many injuries to our team we headed up to BGSU for our next match. We played very well but we unable to beat them. Our season ended with the annual Ohio Rugby Classic. Once again we were plagued by injuries but ended up winning our first game against Cleveland State University. Later that same day we had to play Ohio State's B side that had come off of a bye in the first round. We stuck with them for the entire first half but during the second half they got the better of us with some break away tries. The next day we played in the consolation round, and by forfeit we won our morning game. Then in the afternoon we played Ohio State's C side. After losing a close game to their B side the day before we came out firing and ended up winning that final game by a score of 40- 10.

We ended our season and the final games for our two graduating seniors, Stuart Donnett and John Rundo on a positive note. We look forward to our fall season and plan on making it back to the play-offs and advancing even further than last year.

Editor's Note: Because of commitments related to obtaining faculty tenure, Kevin Kittredge is turning over coaching responsibilities to Tim Williams this fall. Tim is a Radiology Technologist at McCullough Hyde Hospital in Oxford. He played rugby for 13 years in the Midwest and California, and assisted Kevin in coaching Miami during the spring season. (Please see request for coaches on back page.)

Upcoming Fall 2006 Schedule

| | | |
|-------|------------------|---|
| 9/9 | Old Boys | H |
| 9/16 | U. of Dayton | H |
| 9/23 | Ohio U. | A |
| 9/30 | Marshall U. | H |
| 10/7 | Queen City | H |
| 10/14 | U. of Cincinnati | A |
| 10/21 | Kent State U | A |
| 10/29 | Midwest Playoffs | A |

MU Men's RFC Alumni Association News

Communications: The development of our website is nearing completion. In addition to our newsletters, it will have a photo gallery reflecting club history and a facility to update our alumni database and establish contacts between rugby alumni. We anticipate making the website operational by the end of the year.

Field Committee: We have developed a plan for construction of a storage/restroom facility at Ditmer Field. The concept has received verbal support from Miami Club Sports officials, and a commitment of \$40,000 to fund construction was approved by our Executive Board. We will be submitting a formal concept proposal to Miami in the next few weeks. Because of recent increases in the costs of construction materials, we have determined that our initial cost estimate was low, and that construction of the facility will ultimately require approximately \$60,000. We are recommending that a MUM RFC AA fund-raising campaign be undertaken to obtain the \$20,000, conditional on Miami's acceptance of our concept proposal.

Obituary: Sadly, Bob Alder (1976 Miami graduate) passed away on February 27 of this year. Although he was not physically imposing, Bob's quick feet and tenacity made him an A-side hooker with Miami. He grew up in Bedford Heights, OH, and lived most recently in Orion Township, MI. He worked for the Boy Scouts in Cleveland and Michigan for 22 years and spent his last five years pursuing a love of landscaping. He is survived by his wife Shari, and daughter Rachel. Those of us who played with him will truly miss him.

Miami Rugby Highlights—1984 "Final Four" Team



Front L-R: Skillman, Schwartz, Hassett, Muhoray, Elsworth, Palamountain, Ryan
 Middle: Wilamosky, Heller, Trauth, Hastings, Brinkman, Cox, McInturf, Edwards
 Back: McDermott, Sauer, Cope, Grote, Williams (Capt.), Lucas

In 1984, this was one of the final four teams that competed for the Collegiate National Championship. Obviously, Miami did extremely well to make it that far, but placed fourth. In the semifinal, it was Colorado 18, Miami 0; in the playoff for third place, Miami had a narrow loss to Cal. State Long Beach (9-6). Three Miamians were named to the Collegiate All-America squad: John Trauth (aka "Flounder") at prop, Jeff "Little Bird" Sauer at lock, and John Lucas at flanker. The entire team must have been exceptional, but apart from J.R. Hassett, WHY DON'T WE SEE THEM AT OLD BOYS WEEKEND?

Could it be that they're TOO EMBARRASSED to show their faces after being ONLY the fourth best college team in the Nation?

Could it be that having achieved fame and glory at a young age, they think they're TOO GOOD to mingle with the rest of us?

Are they AFRAID that Doug Edwards' contention that his teammates from the early 70's were better athletes was true?

Or could it be that they are just TOO WHIPPED to get a weekend pass to come to Oxford?

Enquiring minds want to know. Seriously, guys, you represent a proud piece of Miami rugby history, and we'd like to see you in Oxford next month.

MU Men's RFC Alumni Association Database

We would like to increase our membership by finding alumni with whom we have lost contact. Please take a minute to look at the following list (with graduating years organized by 5 year segments of the club's history). **Send corrections and missing names/addresses to Steve Seilkop (seilkop@centernet.net; 3942 Rives Chapel Rd., Siler City, NC 27344, Fax 919-742-5636).**

Note: * denotes No Mailing Address

| 1968-1975 | | 1968-1975 (cont.) | | 1981-1985 (cont.) | |
|-------------------|---------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|------|
| Jeff Amick | 1974 | Clark Shimeall | 1972? | Terry Jones | 1982 |
| George Ashton | 1975? | Steve Seilkop | 1972, 74 | * Eric Juday | 1981 |
| Drew Barkley | 1972 | Rick Sivik | 1972? | Mike Katz | 1983 |
| Tom Barney | 1974 | Mark Sharman | 1972 | John Lucas | 1984 |
| Tim Butler | 1975? | Bill Sommer | 1975? | Eric Mather | 1981 |
| * Ron Bruder | 1969? | Bill Stromenger | 1972 | George Muhoray | 1984 |
| Dean Crist | 1975? | Brian Svegal | 1974? | * Brett Navin | 1984 |
| Mike Davis | 1974 | Rick Sykes | 1974? | Tom Parker | 1983 |
| Rick Davis | 1975? | * Jeff Torrence | 1972? | Michael Queenan | 1984 |
| * Rick Depp | 1975? | Alan Weber | 1974 | Terry Rankin | 1982 |
| Andrew Einspanier | 1973 | David Weber | 1975 | Scott Skillman | 1984 |
| * Jack Goss | 1973? | | | John Trauth | 1984 |
| Art Fiser | Advisor | | | Marty Trinkino | 1982 |
| Mike Freeman | 1974? | | | Dale Tuttle | 1981 |
| Jack Gilbert | 1973? | | | Bill Walker | 1981 |
| Glenn Greenbaum | 1971? | | | Justin Whelan | 1983 |
| Bill Griffes | 1974 | | | Fran Wilamosky | 1984 |
| Steve Gustin | 1974 | | | Stephen Williams | 1983 |
| Bill Hansel | 1970? | | | | |
| Mike Harrington | 1974? | | | | |
| Dave Heidel | 1974 | | | | |
| Mark Heggie | 1971? | | | | |
| Jay Hering | 1974 | | | | |
| Chris Hines | 1975 | | | | |
| Charlie Howard | 1975 | | | | |
| * Alan Hupp | 1972 | | | | |
| Alan Kimmel | 1973? | | | | |
| Tom Kralick | 1970? | | | | |
| * Paul LaFleur | 1972 | | | | |
| Mike Lindner | 1972 | | | | |
| John Lucas | 1973? | | | | |
| Bob Lyon | 1971 | | | | |
| Rodney Malott | 1974? | | | | |
| Bob Morrisey | 1972 | | | | |
| Sam Moser | 1972 | | | | |
| Greg Oberlin | 1974? | | | | |
| * Alan Papenfus | 1971? | | | | |
| Tom Peate | 1973? | | | | |
| David Penman | 1974? | | | | |
| Paul Perle | 1974? | | | | |
| Dave Perske | 1973? | | | | |
| Carter Richards | 1971? | | | | |
| Ron Pruitt | 1974 | | | | |
| John Ratliff | 1974? | | | | |
| * David Schutte | 1972 | | | | |

| 1976-1980 | | 1981-1985 | | 1986-1990 | |
|-------------------|------|--------------|------|---------------------|------|
| John Biggins | 1980 | Dave Anzo | 1981 | * Rich Bremer | 1989 |
| Kris Braunschweig | 1979 | John Gardner | 1982 | * Tom Cope | 1990 |
| Marty Brix | 1980 | Doug Hacker | 1984 | * Michael Dailey | 1988 |
| Greg Cohen | 1979 | J.R. Hassett | 1985 | Tom DeSanto | 1986 |
| Patrick Corcoran | 1979 | Les Irvine | 1981 | Tim Galvin | 1986 |
| George Curry | 1979 | | | Paul Gardner | 1989 |
| Kirby Farrell | 1978 | | | * Richard Hastings | 1986 |
| Woody Fox | 1977 | | | Jonathon Hitch | 1987 |
| Doug French | 1977 | | | Christopher Johnson | 1987 |
| Ken Glassmeyer | 1978 | | | Bill Laczowski | 1987 |
| Mark Gorjanc | 1980 | | | John McDermott | 1986 |
| Marc Hirth | 1976 | | | * Joe Melenick | 1989 |
| Kevin Iler | 1977 | | | Gregg Palain | 1989 |
| Charles Kikta | 1978 | | | Thomas Rankin | 1986 |
| Glenn McIntyre | 1979 | | | Jeff Shipp | 1986 |
| Tom McKarns | 1976 | | | | |
| Mauri Miles | 1979 | | | | |
| Martin Morrow | 1978 | | | | |
| Jim Penikas | 1977 | | | | |
| Peter Shoup | 1979 | | | | |
| Pete Van De Carr | 1978 | | | | |
| Brad Williams | 1978 | | | | |
| Steve Zeller | 1980 | | | | |

| 1991-1995 | |
|--------------------|------|
| Dike Ajiri | 1993 |
| Paul Auer | 1995 |
| Jean-David Chauvet | 1995 |
| * Bob Deck | 1995 |
| Toby Edison | 1992 |
| Bill Gardner | 1991 |
| Rob Graham | 1994 |

Miami University Men's Rugby Football Club Alumni Association, Inc.

Fifth Annual General Meeting – Agenda

Shriver Student Center, Oxford, OH – September 9, 2006 – 10:30 am

- I. Open Meeting
- II. Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2005 AGM
- III. Reports (Up to 2 minutes each)
 - i. Executive Board Members
 - ii. Board of Directors
 - iii. Club Coach
 - iv. Club President
 - v. Committee Chairmen Reports
 - a. Audit Committee – Steve Fazekas
 - b. Communications – Steve Seilkop
 - c. Lost Alumni – Mike Coco
 - d. Events – Ken Glassmeyer & Randy Mahlerwein
 - e. Investments – Dike Ajire
 - f. Fundraising – Jared Moore
 - g. Historian & Awards – Steve Gustin
 - h. Scholarship – Sean Edwards
 - i. Field Committee – Steve Seilkop
 - j. Coaching Committee – Toby Edison
- IV. Old Business
 - i. Coaching
 - ii. Women's Rugby at Miami: Possible inclusion of female rugby alumni in our organization.
 - iii. Newsletters – Need assistance in providing content.
 - iv. Website Development
 - v. Reminder: Old Boys Weekend "Match Fee": \$30/alum – Outside of dues and donations
 - vi. Membership Levels:

| <u>2006 – 2007 Dues Levels</u> | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Miami Supporter | \$50 to \$119 |
| Select Side | \$1201 to \$249 |
| Eagle | \$250-\$499 |
| Doug Edwards | \$500-\$4,999 |
| Lionel Young | \$5,000-\$10,000 |
- V. New Business
 - i. Review Financials
 - ii. Field Committee Proposal to MU
 - a. Possible Capital Campaign – When/how/how much.....
 - iii. Elections:
 - a. Board of Directors (Annual Terms)
 - b. Treasurer (2 year term)
 - c. President (2 year term)
 - iv. Other New Business
- VI. Approval of time and location for next Annual General Meeting
 - i. 10:30 am, Saturday, September 8, 2007 in Oxford, OH
- VII. Close Meeting

*Miami University Men's Rugby Football
Club Alumni Association*
P.O. Box 1603
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USA

Miami University RFC in Oxford Ohio is actively seeking coaches, fitness trainers and administrators committed to building a professional, positive, rewarding and enduring college rugby experience. To set us apart from other programs we are seeking individuals who believe rugby is about team, leadership, sportsmanship, commitment to a common goal, and character. Practices, games and social events of rugby are temporary events that provide the life-long character forging experiences that build teams, leadership, sportsmanship, and commitment to a higher goal. We will find meaningful roles in the organization for people willing to contribute for a season, year or life time. We have 30 committed players, a dedicated coach, a strong relationship with the university and an active alumni association with a small budget to support interested, qualified people. Our seasons run from late August to early November in the fall, and late March to May in the Spring with practices 3:30 to 5:30 Tuesday and Thursday and games on Saturdays during the season. The fall 2006 season/school year begins 22 August. Please express interest to Toby Edison at 617-633-5987 or Thomas.Edison@hanscom.af.mil.

Miami Rugby Alumni Congratulates Dr. David Hodge as Miami's 21st President

Dr. Hodge, and his wife Valerie join Miami from University of Washington where Dr. Hodge was a professor of geography and Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. It's been reported that Dr. Hodge was a Collegiate All-American and nationally ranked track athlete in his college days at Macalester College. He is also an avid trout and bass fisherman. We welcome the Hodges to the Miami family and hope that some of our rugby "Old Boys" have an opportunity to meet Dr. Hodge soon.

Contact Us

Membership: Contributions of \$50 or more per year qualify you as a member of the MU Men's RFC Alumni Association. Mail them to Brian Slutsky, 1720 McLean Ct., Glenview, IL 60025

Gain Line News: If you have a story, picture, or other information that you'd like to contribute, contact Steve Seilkop, 3942 Rives Chapel Rd., Siler City, NC 27344 (seilkop@centernet.net)

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