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## WELCOME HOME, CLASS OF 1986 REUNION WEEKEND - JUNE 15-18, 2006

The year was 1986. Life seemed much simpler then. We went to class, played broomball, attended a few meetings, and met uptown. Financial planning meant having enough money left for a slice of Bruno's on Saturday night,

not deciding how much to put in a Roth IRA. Sometimes we acted like kids, now many of us are trying to raise them (and a few of those kids are current Miami students!). We even cheered for simple names like Harper and Hunter, while more recently, Miami heroes have been spelled S-z-c-z-e-r-b-i-a-k and R-o-e-t-h-l-i-s-b-e-r-g-e-r.

Twenty years later, we have a terrific opportunity to return to Oxford and relive those simpler days. Reunion Weekend 2006

promises to be a fantastic weekend of fun, learning, laughing, and reminiscing. There's

something for everyone — you can attend a class (without having to take notes) at one of the Reunion College sessions, meet old friends, make new ones, run in the Reunion Weekend 5K Road Run on Saturday morning, and much more.

You'll find information about what's happening during Reunion Weekend and how to register at

[www.MiamiAlum.org/ReunionWeekend](http://www.MiamiAlum.org/ReunionWeekend).

We encourage you to sign up early, and get your friends to register as well.

Your friends from other classes are also welcome to join us.

In fact, we expect our tent to be a gathering spot for alumni from the classes of 1984 through 1988. Everyone's welcome — it's going to be a great time!

### 1986 REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Please contact one of your committee members if you have questions regarding the 20-year reunion.

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## THE GANG'S ALL HERE

Despite the imagery we always see about Miami – the red bricks, the Bell Tower, the Upham arch – it's the people, our friends, that we remember most. That's why our focus for Reunion Weekend is on getting groups of friends back together. And we mean every kind of group. Everything from the Marching Band and Collegiate Chorale, to fraternities and sororities, to the guys from Reid Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor North Corridor to friends from Candlewood Apartments.

We can provide you with phone numbers and e-mail addresses of the

members of your group, and help you get the whole gang together this summer.

We're asking for a volunteer from each organization, formal and informal, to simply help spread the word about Reunion Weekend 2006 and encourage everyone to attend. No pressure, no requests for donations, just a request to contact your friends and make plans to see them this summer. Some of these group contacts have already been identified, but if you would like to help, contact Shari Finkelman Fox at [rfox9@cinci.rr.com](mailto:rfox9@cinci.rr.com).

## CLASS OF 1986 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

by Rocco Manzo

Did you know that the Class of 1986 Scholarship has been awarded seven times since the fund was established at our 10-year reunion? The current recipient benefiting from our gifts is a first-year student from Columbus, Ohio, majoring in Diplomacy & Foreign Affairs. As with prior reunions, we're making a push to add to this scholarship fund, and I've agreed to serve as our Class Agent for our 20-year reunion.

You'll be receiving a letter from me with more information about the Class of 1986 Scholarship Fund, and you'll also be receiving a call from a student asking for your financial support. I

hope you will consider making a donation to the fund this year, in addition to any support you may already be providing to the University, whether it be to the Red & White Club, a specific School or program, or the Annual Fund.

With your help, I know we can reach our goal of raising \$35,000 during this reunion year. Thank you in advance for your support, and if you have any questions, please contact either Jan Ames, assistant director of Annual Giving at [amesjj@muohio.edu](mailto:amesjj@muohio.edu) or (513) 529-4635, or myself at [miamirock@verizon.net](mailto:miamirock@verizon.net). I look forward to seeing you all this summer and announcing the results of this campaign.



# PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

As you can tell from the pictures in this newsletter, our Reunion Weekend class theme of “Welcome Home” features images of many of the places we lived at Miami and in Oxford – our freshmen residence halls, upper-class halls, fraternity houses, off-campus houses and apartments. To help make the best use of our theme, and to spruce up our Class of 1986 tent during Reunion Weekend, we would love to obtain any pictures you have of your Miami dwellings, ideally with class members in the

photo as well. If you can scan the pictures to a digital format, send them to Rocco Manzo at [miamirock@verizon.net](mailto:miamirock@verizon.net). You can also send hard copy photos to: Ms. Linda Ward  
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(Note: If you would like your picture returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.)

# CLASS OF 1986 TRIVIA

1. What team did Miami beat in Millett Hall to clinch the MAC Championship in Mens’ Basketball in 1986?
2. Who spoke at Miami during our senior year after writing the book “The Public Ivies,” which included Miami as one of eight top public universities?
3. What was the theme of Homecoming Weekend in the Fall of 1985?
4. Which fraternity and sorority won “Greek Week” in our senior year?
5. Who performed at Millett during Parents Weekend in the Fall of 1985?
6. What restaurant opened Uptown midway through our senior year – staying open until 4:00 a.m.?

Answers:  
1. Central Michigan; 2. Richard Moll; 3. “Cheers to the Years”; 4. Sigma Nu and Zeta Tau Alpha; 5. Comedian Richard Klein opened for Dionne Warwick; 6. Burger King (a.k.a. the BK Lounge)





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