

# Homecoming through the ages

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Homecoming is the first event that occurs in the year to promote school spirit. Today, Homecoming is a day when Stingarees express tradition and pride through a school-wide one week celebration. In actuality, Homecoming is the day when the alumni return.

Everything from dress-up days to club spirit events, to the electing of the Homecoming Court to the football game, tries to make everyone school spirited. These are luxuries that are present today, but how did Homecoming evolve into the activities that are celebrated now? Miami High had its first Home-

coming in November of 1929 when the Stings had an armistice with St. Petersburg High. They decided since the team was undefeated and this was the state championship game, they would have a festival to celebrate the event that they were certain to win.

When the first Homecoming was celebrated, it consisted of a pep rally, a game and a dance. As time went on, different perspectives brought new ideas to make Homecoming better. In the 60s, the parade was added. At that time, it did not include all the banners and floats or club participation. It simply revolved around the Homecoming court and the alumni who came to celebrate.

After a few years, the Home-

coming parade grew into an event filled with floats, banners, and club participation. Not long afterward Homecoming Day turned into Homecoming Week. At this point, with so many people getting involved, students began to have more fun. The tug-of-war, balloon races, bed races and dress-up days were added.

As time passed Homecoming became more like it is today. It may not be long until Homecoming is altered again to reflect the changing times.

"I feel that Homecoming has changed for the better; there has been a lot of tradition breaking that should not get the same people involved, but the entire school," stated Melissa Campos, Junior Board President.



## JUST SOME OF THOSE THINGS

We, the etiquette majesties, do declare the following to be the proper proceedings during a simple school day:

1- Rushing through the halls is not acceptable: Try to make it without having to push, shove, and mangle every human being in your path.

2- If you are one of the "fine" gentlemen at MHS, do not whistle, shout, or act out any of those other annoying urges you have to call a ladies' attentions. You are not being attractive..

3- You are having a bad day? We sympathize, however, do not take it out on everyone. No one likes to spend their time trying to make you happy.

4- Smile. There is nothing sexier than those pearly whites. Plus, they can always score you a hot date.

5- There is no such thing as an underground trash monster. Believe it, the janitors are not here to clean up after those strange looking animals we call... YOU.

6- Here at MHS we have a great variation of activities. Tonsil hockey one- 1-on-1, is not one of them. Please control your hormones.

7- If you have a question, always ask, there are no such thing as dumb question; just dumb people.

# Witches, Goblins, and Ghosts: Oh, my!

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Halloween, night of goblins, ghosts, monsters, witches, and well... spooky stuff. This is often thought of as a day in the year when children scamper about in costumes and go trick-or-treating door to door in anticipation of candy and other treats. To others this is a day of horror and meant to strike fear in the hearts of the superstitious or just the easily frightened, but how was this tradition started? To find this out we will have to travel back hundreds of years.

Halloween is a holiday that has gone through immense transformations. The holiday was created by Celts who lived in England, Ireland and northern France. The festival of Samhain (Hallows Eve) marked the end of the harvest season and beginning of winter's

cold. The Celts believed the spirits of their dead ancestors came back to visit the homes where they used to live. Bonfires were used to scare away witches,



and lanterns were put out to make the dead ones feel welcome.

In Mexico and many other regional Latin countries, Halloween was

and is The Day of the Scull or the Day of the Dead. On the night of October 31, hundreds of people flood the streets dressed in costumes of witches, goblins, or skeletons portraying a scarecrow to welcome the dead ancestors of the village.

Irish people were also the inventors of the trick-or-treat tradition. Centuries past, town villagers in northern Ireland went to houses on Halloween to ask for food for a community feast. It was not until many Irish people came to the United States in the 1800s that Halloween became more popular. Actually, Ireland is the only place where Halloween is a national holiday.

Even though many cultures stray on different customs concerning Halloween, one thing stays the same, the joy of candy. In western civilizations, Halloween is commonly looked upon as a day of treats and chills by children and adults alike.

## Literary Corner

### He Cry's

I see the sun rise, it is time to start another day.

Another day of broken dreams.

Another day of sadness.

Love torments my heart,  
and I am faced with it day by day.

I cry droplets of loneliness.

I cry for him.

He is the one I care for,  
He makes me smile.

Yet his heart is in sorrow  
and I do not know why?

I wish I could save him,  
Save him from his sadness.

I wish I could give him the stars.

"Will that fill you with felicity?"

I do not want him to cry.

I do not want him to be eternally sad."

"Smile I say! Or tell the moon what torments you.

But please, Do not cry.

Do not let the rain fall upon your face.

Instead touch the sun and be the light.

Trust, Friendship, Love."

By: Jocelyn De La Gandara winner of the "Diamond Homer Trophy"

# New faces at MHS

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This 1998-99 school year Miami High has added ten fresh new faces to the Stingaree family. With their degrees and some experience, the new teachers are looking forward to a productive and exciting year.

This year, the English Department has two new teachers. Mrs. Lopez, a graduate student from Nova University, is one of these teachers.

She teaches 9th grade English and states, "I am very happy to be here. I plan to get each and every one of my students prepared enough for their futures."

Ms. Sanchez is the other new English teacher who is also teaching 9th grade English as well as Speech / Debate. After she graduated from Miami High, she attended Saint Thomas University.

When asked about her goals, she replied, "For my students to learn that knowledge is not a talent, it is a struggle."

In the Science Department, Ms. Gendara, a Miami High alumni teaches ninth grade physical science and biology. She had this to say, "I think the students of Miami High should know that hard work and dedication can get you anywhere in life."

Mr. Camboro is teaching eleventh grade chemistry and is a graduate of FIU.

As for his goals for this year, he stated, "I want to bring some technology to our science department."

One of the new additions to the ESE program is Ms. Wesby. She graduated from Barry University and teaches applied math and functional careers. She would like to make a difference in the life of a child, and that is why she became a teacher.

Ms. Owens who also teaches English in the ESE department used to work at Southwest High interpreting sign language. She was there for four years before becoming a Stingaree.

"I want my students to know that no matter what obstacles they face in life they can succeed," said Ms. Owens.

The Foreign Language Department adds a new teacher as well. Ms. Campanio is her name and she is expecting to have a great year and many more to come.

The ESOL Department welcomes Mr. Felipe Sagastume. Mr. Sagastume is a graduate of the University of Havana and wants his students to "learn as much as they can."

The last but not least addition is Mr. Abam. He joins the Math Department as a teacher of Algebra I and Geometry and states his goals for this year. He would like to have every student learn something.

The Stingaree family welcomes all of our new teachers.

# The pride of Miami High's tradition

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Miami High is the oldest school in Miami. Since 1903 Miami High has been promoting students who have gone on to better themselves. Many of these graduates have prospered to become the leaders of today's society. To feature them all would be impossible; for that reason the *Times* has chosen two alumni in the categories of law and journalism. They are Judge Carl C. Atkins, Susana Barciela, Senator Bob Graham, and Howard Kleinberg.

Each of these people has excelled to reach the positions that they currently hold. Part of this success should be attributed to their early education at Miami High. This is what the Miami High tradition stands for.

Lawyers and journalists are not the only alumni who have become successful. A large percentage of Mi-



Ms. Montiel, Mrs. Puig, Mrs. Perez, Mr. Bain, Ms. Schipilliti, Ms. Sanchez, and Mrs. Fernandez represent the past and the present.

-Angel Melendez

ami High's staff is comprised of former Stingarees. For instance, the current principal, Mr. Lopez, is an alumnus.

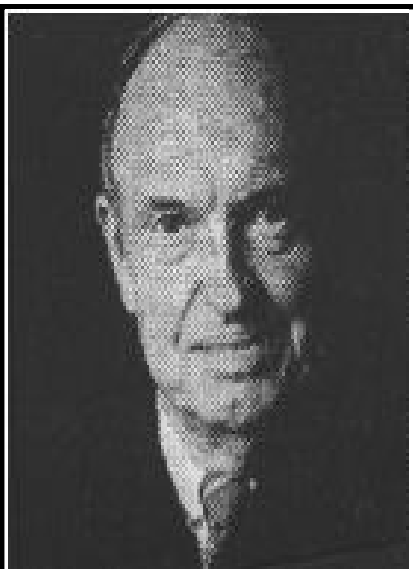
Many Miami High alumni can also be found in the English Depart-

ment. They are Ms. Montiel, Ms. Schipilliti, Ms. Perez, Ms. Bain, Mrs. Fernandez, Ms. Puig, Ms. Sanchez and Ms. Cardona. These and all other faculty members are the ones who give the

students the ability to get the high paying jobs. Without them, people like Bob Graham may not have existed. They are important to the prosperity of the school and society in general.

"I owe much of my success to my teachers at Miami High. They taught me to think for myself and how to express those thoughts. They expected me to give a hundred percent and did not accept less than that. I was taught to be proud of my heritage but that I had to have command of the English language. I'm especially grateful to Mrs. Fether, Mr. Randolph and Mr. DeAgüero. I think our student body has change, but I think most teachers are still trying to teach our students to think and express themselves," explained Ms. Montiel when asked about her experience as a student and teacher here at MHS.

Through the ages Miami High has kept its prestige by developing students who contribute to society.



Judge Carl C. Atkins

In 1929 Carl Clyde Atkins began his first year of Miami High. While at Miami High, his father was a Pharmacist in downtown Miami in the present location of the Miami Arena. Oldest of four children when at age 40 his father died of an esophageal hemorrhage, left the Atkins family with a store but no pharmacist. They could not afford to pay one, so the store was changed to a snack shop.

After Miami High, Atkins went to University of Florida. In those times UF was free of tuition, which benefitted his situation greatly. He received his law degree in 1936.

Carl Atkins began his law career in Miami just as World War II broke out. An ulcer prevented him from going to war and as a consequence helped him become a distinguished attorney. He became president of the Dade County Bar and The Florida Bar. In 1966, Atkins was appointed to the Federal Court by Lyndon B. Johnson.

Atkins married Esther Castillo and has been married for sixty-one years. They had three children, but unfortunately two died. He and his wife currently live in Coral Gables.

Bob Graham began his political career here at Miami High as Student Government President. When he graduated in 1955, he enrolled in the University of Florida.

While at UF, Graham was involved in Phi Beta Kappa, Florida Blue Key, and was President of the Honor Court. In 1959, he received his Bachelor's degree.

The same year he received his degree, Graham married Adele Khoury Graham.

Harvard Law School was his next frontier. He received his degree from there in 1962, and was ready for state politics. Bob Graham has played an active role in Florida state politics from 1978-present. He was Florida Governor from 1978-1986, State Legislator 1970-1978, and is currently a U.S. Senator for the State of Florida. In these offices of high responsibility Bob Graham has achieved many things for Florida

Graham is currently running for reelection in the U. S. Senate. His campaign consists of his workdays, which is when he travels around the state working in different jobs, such as construction and janitorial jobs.



Sen. Bob Graham



Susana Barciela

Currently a part of *The Miami Herald* editorial board and writer for the Opinion section of the newspaper, Susana Barciela is an exemplary Stingaree.

Barciela graduated from Miami High in 1975, ranking third in her class. During her stay she began her journalism career in *Miami*. After Miami High, Barciela went to Harvard where she decided to pursue a career in business. Although she sought a career in business, her interest was in journalism. While in college, she wrote a script for the popular show *Que Pasa U.S.A.*

When she graduated from Harvard, Barciela worked outside of Miami for ten years. In 1987 she began working in the marketing department of the *Miami Herald*. In 1991 Barciela was offered a job as a reporter and worked her way up the journalism ladder. In addition, Barciela is an avid traveler and enjoys all of the arts.

According to Mr. Bain, "Ms. Barciela represents the American paradigm of success, yet her accomplishments reflect universal values: tenacity, humility, and integrity. I am privileged to count her among our friends."

At Miami High Kleinberg was the Sports Editor for *The Miami High Times* and a member of the Football Hall of Fame.

When he graduated in 1951, it was impossible for him to go to college because the Korean War had just started and he was drafted. The war ended and Kleinberg wanted to seek a career in journalism. He returned to Miami and started working as a copy boy for the *Miami Daily News*. Kleinberg became *Miami Daily News* Sports Editor; and eventually became Editor-in-Chief. Kleinberg is currently a syndicated columnist for *The Miami Herald*. He has also received numerous awards for his journalistic achievements.

Kleinberg has written three books all dealing with the history of Miami and South Florida. Kleinberg was married in 1957 and has several children. Last year for the read-a-thon Kleinberg returned to Miami High and read excerpts from several books.

A fellow alumnus from the class of 1951, Ms. Helen Grier stated, "Howard Kleinberg was a hard worker and has achieved a great deal, he is still the same hard worker and good friend he always was."



Howard Kleinberg