



**3** UM Trustee Charles E. Cobb wins the coveted James W. McLamore Outstanding Service Award.



**4** A UM outreach effort is seeking to increase organ and tissue donation among Miami's Haitian community.



**5** In his new documentary, Rafael Lima revisits the infamous prisons of Cuba that once housed his father.

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## NO SPLITSVILLE HERE: 'CANES WIN LAMBERT TROPHY AS BEST IN THE EAST

While college football had to settle on a split national champion for its 2003 season, there is no controversy as far as one region of the nation is concerned. The Hurricanes football team has been awarded the Meadowlands Lambert Trophy as the best college football team in the east, marking the fourth year in a row that UM has won the award.



Miami was selected by a poll conducted weekly throughout the season by the Eastern College Athletic Conference. The honor comes on the heels of the team's 16-14 win over Florida State in the Orange Bowl, a victory that helped the 11-2 'Canes close out the season with a No. 5 national ranking in both major polls.

## UM ETHICS PROGRAMS HELP TARGET POVERTY IN MIAMI

The University of Miami Ethics Programs have helped launch a new initiative aimed at reducing poverty in Miami. With the help of the civic, business, government, academic, and philanthropic sectors, the Greater Miami Prosperity Initiative is committed to raising Miami from No. 1 in poverty to No. 1 in prosperity.

UM Ethics Programs, in conjunction with the Human Services Coalition, the Knight Foundation, and the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, recently released the publication *Building Community Prosperity in Miami-Dade: Civic Engagement, Dialogue and Action*, which is an analysis of



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data by the Brookings Institution about the city and its demographics.

The report features essays written by leaders from the five key sectors mentioned above, including



Kenneth Goodman

Kenneth Goodman, codirectors of the UM Ethics Programs.

Alliance seeks to improve the quality of education for all children in the region

## University takes aim at education in Latin America

The School of Education has formed a partnership with a consortium of multinational and local companies operating in Latin America to improve the quality of education throughout that region.

UM will work with the Latin American Basic Education Initiative (Labei), comprised of senior executives from such companies as IBM, Motorola, AT&T, and MasterCard International, on a variety of strategies aimed at raising the standard of basic and secondary education for all Latin American children. The organization's project office is located at the School of Education.

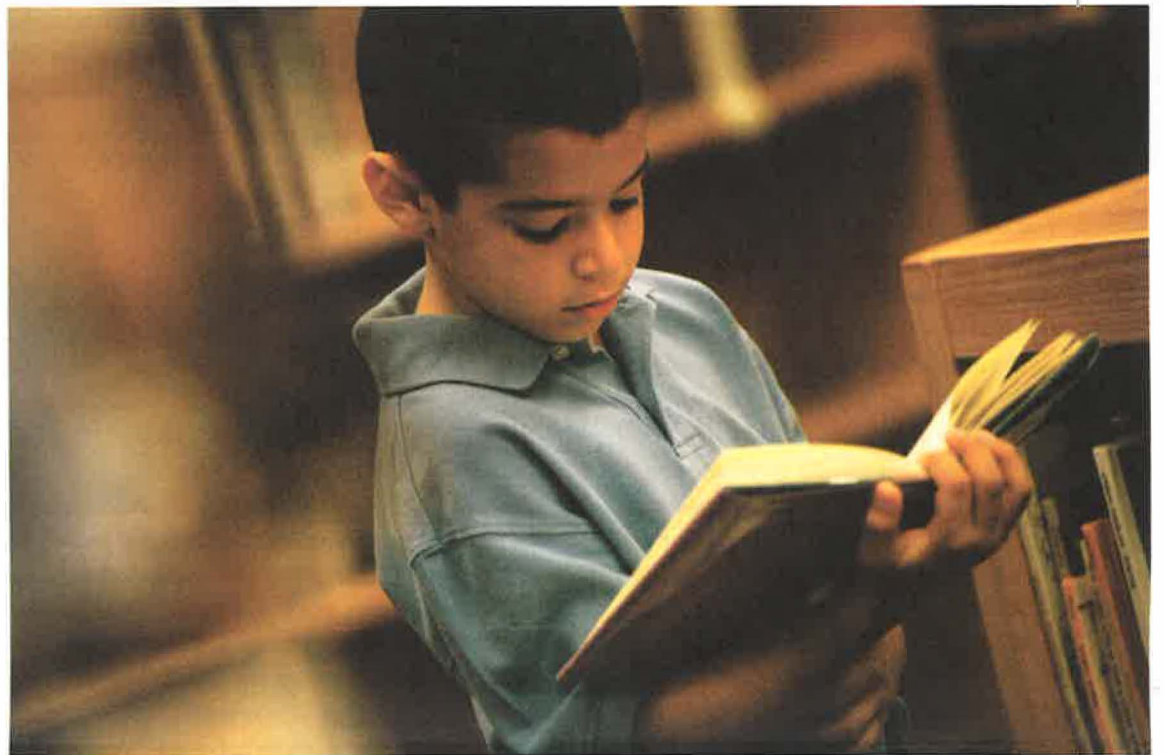
"This partnership agreement connects UM with international business, government, education, and university leaders associated with Latin America," says President Donna E. Shalala. "Together we believe we can make a difference."

Says IBM's Donn B. Atkins: "Two and a half years ago, Labei articulated its vision, offered its collective business knowledge and expertise, and began collaborating to help accelerate improvement of teaching and learning. Today, with the University of Miami as a partner, we are deepening our capability to drive change, raise awareness, and be a catalytic force for change in the quality of basic education."

An outgrowth of the 2001 Latin American Basic Education Summit, Labei has identified improved teacher training and skill development, academic standards, and accountability as specific areas that need to be addressed to achieve a quality basic education in the region.

Labei's collaborative efforts will focus on increasing awareness of the importance of businesses involvement in education reform efforts; providing education leadership training and support; identifying, sharing, and replicating "best practices" from the region and beyond that are making a difference and address Labei's goals.

Latin American education and government leaders must improve the way they set standards and evaluate teaching and learning performance, accord-



Bright future: The University of Miami's new partnership with a consortium of multinational and local companies has set a goal of improving the education of all children in Latin America.

ing to School of Education Dean Samuel Yarger. "Our hope is that by creating this partnership, we will greatly enhance both the University's and the private sector's capabilities to improve the quality of education in Latin America. There is much that we

can do to help," Yarger says.

Among its objectives for this year, Labei will campaign for basic education reform throughout the region; select and showcase a few best practices against its goals; and stimulate and

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## Studies focus on reducing medical errors

Four years after a Washington-based research group reported that more people die each year as a result of medical errors in the United States than breast cancer, AIDS, or car accidents, the University of Miami/Jackson

A \$950,000 grant from the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) is funding two studies mandated by recent malpractice legislation.

One study is examining how Florida residents choose health care

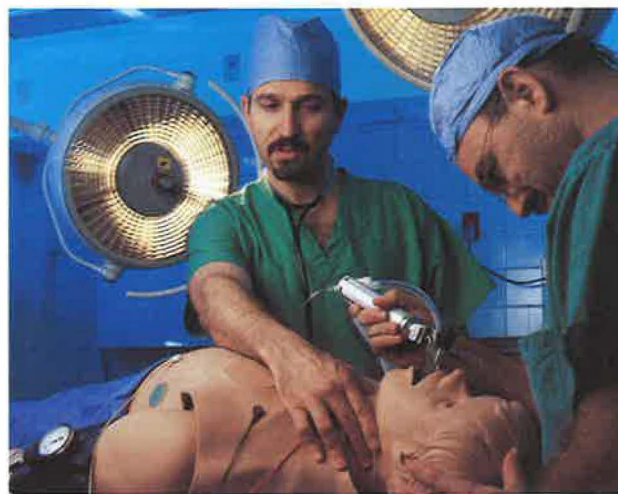
and identify the information they need to evaluate and select a hospital, while a second study is targeting patient safety initiatives and looking at ways to implement a system statewide.

The studies also will examine how best to track and analyze safety data and how to effectively educate doctors, nurses, and the public. A report is due this month.

The School of Medicine began sending a strong signal that ensuring

patient safety is a top priority when last year it recruited Paul Barach, a national leader in patient safety and

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Safety Concerns: UM's Center for Patient Safety, led by Paul Barach, left, is taking part in a study to reduce medical errors.

Memorial Hospital Center for Patient Safety has been selected by the state to find ways to reduce errors and hold hospitals more accountable.