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## ANNUAL SHULA BOWL FAU/FIU COACHES DINNER

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>



On Monday evening, October 25<sup>th</sup>, join fellow members and guests at the Annual Shula Bowl FAU/FIU Coaches Dinner at “*The Burrow*”, FAU’s on-campus arena in Boca Raton. This exciting evening will feature Owls Head Coach Howard Schnellenberger and Panther’s Head Coach Mario Cristobal, providing insight into this annual rivalry and what it means to each school’s program and recruiting efforts in South Florida. Don’t look for specific game day strategy by you can be assured they will talk about the success of their student-athletes. The game is homecoming for FAU and I am sure Howard will fill you in about their new on-campus football stadium. Dinner for the evening will be prepared by our own Joe Healey of *The Hurricane Bar and Grill* located in Miami Springs. Featured will be Joe’s famous “brick” steak, salad and baked potato. Don’t miss this exciting event, bring a potential new member, and, as they say, you never know who might just show up!

### Important Dates

- 10/25 - Annual Shula Bowl FAU/FIU Coaches Dinner
- 10/30 - Annual Shula Bowl Game
- 1/12 - Manny Fernandez Tribute and Roast



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| Location             | - FAU On-Campus Arena, “ <i>The Burrow</i> ”<br>777 Glades Road<br>Boca Raton, FL 33431  |
| Date and Time        | - Monday, October 25 <sup>th</sup> Reception – 6:30 p.m.<br>Dinner – 7:00 p.m. (Joe Healey’s “Brick” steak)  |
| Cost                 | - TDC Members: \$35.00 All others: \$45.00   |
| Reservation Deadline | - RSVP by Noon, Thursday, October 21 <sup>st</sup> . <b>Call the TD Hotline 305-477-1815 or email <a href="mailto:MTCEVENTS@aol.com">MTCEVENTS@aol.com</a></b> . Price at the door is subject to available seating and a \$10.00 surcharge. If you make a reservation and do not attend, you will be billed. |

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **THE 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SHULA BOWL GAME – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**



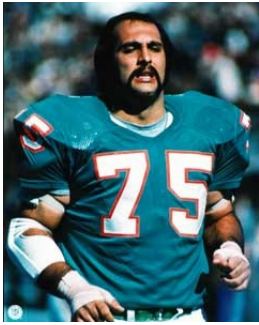
Now that all the talk is over and the game strategies developed, it's time for the 9th Annual Shula Bowl game between FAU and FIU. As these teams have matured and developed their respective football programs, this game has gained importance and can make or break the season for either team. Both teams as members of the Sun Belt Conference need this win to help improve their conference standings. Becoming bowl eligible or winning the Sun Belt Conference would be quite an accomplishment and would certainly aid in their recruiting efforts. The game this year will be hosted by FAU at Lockhart Stadium in Ft. Lauderdale with the kickoff at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be FAU's homecoming game so come out and support these two up and coming South Florida football programs by attending this special game. Both schools are big supporters of our club so bring a prospective new member and *"Share the Touchdown Club Experience"*.

Function	- 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Shula Bowl FAU/FIU Game
Location	- Lockhart Stadium 5201 N. W. 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309
Date and Time	- Saturday, October 30 <sup>th</sup> Kickoff: 4:00 p.m.
Tickets	- \$25.00 for reserved sideline seats and \$12.00 for General Admission seats. Tickets can be purchased at FAUsports.com, FIUsports.com or through Ticketmaster. If purchased through Ticketmaster additional fees will be charged.



**MANNY FERNANDEZ TRIBUTE AND ROAST**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

**What a night it's going to be...**join your fellow members, guests and special "roasters" at Jungle Island in celebrating the life and accomplishments of our own Manuel Jose Fernandez, better known as **Manny Fernandez**. Manny played professional football as a DT/DE for the Miami Dolphins for 8 seasons from 1968-1975 and wore jersey #75. Manny was an integral part in the Dolphins three Super Bowl's he played in, especially Super Bowl VII capping off the 1972 "Perfect Season" where the Dolphins became and remain the only NFL team to win every game; regular season, division playoffs and Super Bowl. Many of us believe that Manny, with 17 tackles, should



have been the MVP of Super Bowl VII and to quote Nick Buoniconti, "It was the game of his life-in fact, it was the most dominant game by a defensive lineman in the history of the game, and he would never be given much credit for it. They should have given out two game balls and made Manny Fernandez the co-MVP with Jake Scott." Manny has been a member of the Touchdown Club for over 25 years and is currently a member of the Advisory Board, providing guidance to the officers and directors of the club. Honorary Chairmen for this special event will be former Dolphins, Dick Anderson and Nat Moore. The list has not been finalized but there will be a number of "celebrity roasters" along

with past and present Dolphins and other NFL players who will certainly provide an entertaining evening for all. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!! WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011. Come out and meet this Dolphin Great and overall super guy!...YOU WON'T BE SORRY! "Share the Touchdown Club Experience" and bring a friend. (Look for a special flyer...coming soon)**

Function	- Manny Fernandez Tribute and Roast
Location	- Jungle Island 1111 Parrot Jungle Trail Miami, FL 33132
Date and Time	- Wednesday, January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 Reception: 6:30 p.m. Dinner and Program: 7:30 p.m.
Cost**	- \$100 per person; \$1,000 per table of 10 (\$900 for TDC Members who reserve a full table prior to December 31, 2010). Special sponsorships are also available.
Reservation Deadline	- RSBP by Noon, Friday, January 7, 2011. Call the TD Hotline 305-477-1815 or email <a href="mailto:MTCEVENTS@aol.com">MTCEVENTS@aol.com</a> . An order form for the event is on the Club website, <a href="http://www.miamitouchdownclub.com">www.miamitouchdownclub.com</a> . Price at the door is subject to available seating and a \$20.00 surcharge. If you make a reservation and do not attend, you will be billed.

**\*\* SPECIAL NOTES:**

***Special Sponsorships will be available...call the TD Hotline 305-477-1815 to receive details.***

***Special tables featuring celebrity sports stars will be available...call the TD Hotline for details.***

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## EVENTS IN THE WORKS...

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### **“TBA” To Be Announced...**

The following events are under consideration by the Board of Directors, subject to the availability of speakers and venues for October, November and December. Notices will be sent as dates and details are finalized.

1. Shrimp & Beer and Meet the Media
2. Former Dolphin Stars
3. FIU Practice
4. Former UM Football Stars
5. Calder Race Track Outing
6. FIU Football Game recognizing the Club

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## EVENT RECAPS

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI FOOTBALL COACHES BREAKFAST**...On Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> fellow members, officers and directors met for breakfast with the coaches and staff of the University of Miami “Hurricanes” at Riviera Country Club. Head Coach Randy Shannon, Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator /Quarterback Coach Mark Whipple and Defensive Coordinator John Lovett briefed the audience on what to look for during the 2010 season and how they were preparing to meet the challenges before them. Expectations among the fans and the coaches are high this year. If you missed the breakfast, you missed a special opportunity to get up close and personal with the coaches and staff of the Hurricanes. Enjoy the pictures from the breakfast...



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI FOOTBALL PRACTICE AND FRESHMAN FOOTBALL DINNER...

...was held on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Members and guests gathered at 8:00 a.m. at the Hecht Athletic Center – Practice Field to see the Hurricanes begin one of their many practice sessions. Since it was early in the preseason most of the practice time was utilized working on fundamentals. That evening The South Florida Touchdown Club Foundation sponsored their annual Freshman Dinner at the Hecht Athletic Center, providing the members and guests a change to meet the incoming freshman football class. The members and guests mingled with the incoming class

before a special meal prepared by our own Joe Healey featuring his famous “brick” steaks with a baked potato and fresh garden salad. After the dinner each of the freshmen introduced themselves to the group and discussed their future plans and how they intend to help the UM football program. Based on the comments from the coaches and others attending, Miami is preparing well for the future of Canes football. Below are pictures from the freshman dinner.



## THE FIU FRESHMAN FOOTBALL PLAYERS DINNER...was held Wednesday evening,



August 11<sup>th</sup> at the FIU Panther Stadium Club on the main campus of the university. Those in attendance enjoyed meeting and talking with the incoming freshman class. Head Coach Mario Cristobal and his staff were present and talked about their football program and how each recruiting class is improving, which increases their chances of becoming bowl eligible, a major goal. After a reception where members and guest mingled with the incoming freshmen, all sat down to a great "brick" steak dinner prepared by Joe Healey owner of the Hurricane Bar and Grill in Miami Springs. The players were amazed at the size of the steaks but none of

them had trouble finishing. After the meal the players introduced themselves and spoke about what they wanted to gain from their FIU football experience and college education. If you missed this dinner meeting, you missed a great opportunity to meet the future of the FIU football program. Enjoy the pictures of the event...



**THE FAU FRESHMAN FOOTBALL PLAYERS DINNER**...was held on Thursday evening, August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Tom Oxley Athletic Center, Founders' Lounge on the FAU campus in



Boca Raton. The members and guests took the opportunity to mingle with the incoming freshmen during the 7:00 p.m. reception and as the players took their places at the tables they were joined by the members and guests for a more one-on-one experience. The players enjoyed the famous "brick" steak dinner prepared by our own Advisory Board member, Joe Healey of the Hurricane Bar and Grill located in Miami Springs. Joe's steaks are famous throughout South Florida and the freshmen were amazed at the portions but none of them had any difficulty

eating everything on their plate...and then some. Coach Schnellenberger let the players introduce themselves and each told a little about themselves, their background and what they expected to get from their FIU football experience. If you were unable to attend this meeting, you should plan to attend next year...it's an experience you won't forget...meeting the future of FAU football!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **NEW CLUB MEMBERS**...The Officers and Directors would like to welcome the following new members to The South Florida Touchdown Club Foundation family. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for one of our committees, please contact any of the officers and directors. Get Involved...it's your club!

Michael Balamonte  
Larry Blustein  
Charlie DeLucca  
Jonathan E. Gopman  
Lonny Greenberg  
Eddie Hondal  
John Mattera  
Davor Mimica  
Frank Pena  
Gary Perlman  
Stuart Rohatiner  
Howard Spiegel  
Lyle Stern  
Michael Steward  
Jeff Wilson



- **WE'RE ON FACEBOOK...**That's right, The South Florida Touchdown Club Foundation, Inc. has established a facebook page thanks to our Club Secretary, Conrad Nelson. Conrad says he has made posts to the facebook pages at UM, FIU and FAU and indicates that FIU and FAU have about 4,000 followers each and UM has around 56,000. If you search for "South Florida Touchdown Club facebook" in any search engine, you will find a link to our page. Tell us what you think! To go directly to our page to view Club information and posts, click on the following link:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/South-Florida-Touchdown-Club/356172669003>

- **FAU TO GET NEW ON-CAMPUS FOOTBALL STADIUM...**On September 16, 2010, FAU received approval from the Florida Board of Governors, which oversees the state university system, to build a new 30,000 seat on-campus football stadium. The Owls currently play their home games at Lockhart Stadium in Ft. Lauderdale and the new stadium will hopefully be ready for their first home game next season. Van Valkenburgh, recruiting coordinator, said of the announcement, "It is huge. Anytime you have a stadium on your campus it changes everything. It raises our whole program up two levels right off the bat."



Coach Schnellenberger and team react to new stadium announcement



Artist's rendition of FAU's new on-campus football stadium



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## THIS AND THAT...

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- **Mysthical and deep. Truly beautiful** ...A man asked an American Indian what his wife's name was. He replied, "She is called *Five Horses*". Why is she called "*Five Horses*"? The Indian said, NAG, NAG, NAG, NAG, NAG!
- Husband and wife snickers!...Wife: 'Do you want dinner?' Husband: 'Sure! What are my choices?' Wife: 'Yes or no.'
- Did you hear about the two blondes who froze to death in a drive-in movie? They had gone to see 'Closed for the Winter.'
- **President's wisdom** – Some days you're the bug; some days you're the windscreen!
- **Editors advice** – Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

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