

Peer advisors help new students with fresh start

Being in a foreign country or new state, no doubt always poses a sensation of fear. Different people speaking a different language is no easy translation, even for the best of us.

For many freshmen the task is no different, not only are subjects like philosophy and psychology new forums to master but very often terms like semester, credit and electives are another language.

To many, entering a university for the first time, is no easy task. Last semester in an effort to aid new students

with the transgression from high school to university, Barry University initiated its Peer Advisors Program.

Directed by Dr. Eileen McDonough, dean of the school of arts and sciences, and coordinated by Mr. Eddie Padilla the program has been well received.

At present the program is mainly geared towards helping students who enter the university arcadia with below average standards, and undecided majors, although the advisors are willing to aid anyone who requires their assistance.

A peer advisor is an undergraduate student selected by the Student Affairs office on the basis of scholastic performance, leadership capabilities and communication skills as an academic advisor for incoming freshmen.

PA's, as they are commonly called, undertake various training courses before they are endowed with their respective authority. Their job description covers a wide range of functions, they include assisting freshmen in developing

By Kendra-Ann Khelawan

No doubt university life heralds responsibilities and no greater one is imbedded upon us than that of taking care of ourselves. For many, gone are the days when we can call on mommy and daddy to nutriously feed us or nurse the aching tummy. But not all luxuries are lost on entering the realms of university life.

Although mommy is no longer around on a daily basis to insure, amongst other things, proper health care and though no one can equal the motherly caressing touch that

seems to relinquish all types of pains, some do try to do their best and serve you adequately.

Such is the job of Albert Fernandez, Sue Grindle and Teresa Martin, student health advisors they work under the authority/guidance of Nurse Connie Grady, director of health services here at Barry.

A third year pre-med, Albert is the first male health advisor here at Barry. Both Sue and Teresa are senior nursing students.

The trio forms an indispensable part of the health ser-

vices here at Barry, together they are able to provide 24 hour health care service and advice for students at school. Basically they provide fundamental diagnosis, advice about insurance, one on one health care and first aid instructions.

Qualifications include knowing medical and health care, medicine and patient care, experience in minor counseling and being an open person.

The mixture of pre-med and nursing has opened a

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Thumbs up for the Bucs' library

By Alex Gruneiro

Contrary to popular belief, Barry University's library is made up of a great staff. Beginning with the custodians which maintain it conveniently clean, to the librarians which are attentive and knowledgeable. Although in a competitive size it's a relatively small library, it has been arranged in

such a way as to make it easier for the students to obtain needed books.

The noise level has been a significant problem which students are trying very hard this year to keep it relatively quiet for fellow students. This problem has been brought forth mainly because of study groups which are trying to dis-

cuss various topics while others are trying to quietly read a book. Many students are complaining about the availability of conference rooms to undergraduate students. The library has conference rooms for graduate students because it is a must; in order for a graduate school to be accredited, it must supply its students with various study halls. There are

some rooms in the library which are not in use, but according to the management staff these rooms are being used for storage.

Slow is definitely an understatement when checking out a book at our library. Not only does it take time, but its certainly not the most convenient thing in the world. Many

students just don't bother checking out books because of those primary reasons. They should try to obtain some computer for just checking out books like they have in many universities and public libraries. Also, checking everyone's books as they leave the library is certainly monotonous if not aggravating. I'm sure there's a better and

simpler way to check our books than that.

I understand that the librarians are not the ones to blame, but the financial department should also think about elevating the library's budget so it can obtain valuable materials. This would certainly make the library use adequate and accessible.

Barry's Fulton sets history making mark

By Patrick F. Dupont

Michelle Fulton, a second semester sophomore, is the first semifinalist for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship in the history of Barry University.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation was set up by the Federal Government.

The program provides \$7,000 a year for 4 years to students whose long term goals include government employment.

The recipient must have a GPA of B or better and be a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National. You must also have selected an undergraduate field of study that will permit admission to a graduate program leading to a career in public service.

Michelle Fulton meets all of these requirements and has become one of 10 semifinalists for her home state, Arizona.

"I'm very excited! It's very important to be representing Barry and this is a great reflection on the Political Science program here," Fulton says.

After receiving her bachelors in Political Science and a

minor in Business, Michelle plans to attend graduate school in Washington, D.C.

As a semifinalist, she must fly to San Francisco to be interviewed by public officials and members of the foundation.

When asked to make a statement she replies, "Mr. and Mrs. Melon, Sr. Jean, Dr. Melody and Dr. Cvejanovich all have made Barry a reality for me, and they continue to do so."

In the near future, she would like to become a Congressional Counsel in the U.S. Senate or House. When asked about her long-term goals, she says, "I would like to enter the Senate and maybe even become President of the United States."

Fulton's boss, Mr. David Melin, President of Tech-Aero-foam Products, tells us, "It is terrific news for a well-deserving person."

"I am very proud of her; she's a very good person and has tried very hard to exemplify a good citizen as well as a good student," said Sr. Jeanne, Barry's president.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Am I dreaming??? T.W.B.O.R. Jay Ahern and Jeff Leval (back) witnessed the groundbreaking ceremonies in May 1987. Miami Shores and Barry officials participated in the ceremonies, next to the university library. Ground was broke for the racquetball and tennis courts; ground was broken for the high-tech building and ground was broken for the new parking lot... It is now March 1988, ten months later, and at least we have a half-built parking lot, across from the library. That's progress.

Late Night with Campus Ministry

By Jim Varsallone

It is no secret that college students lead busy lives. Some students even shy away from the church scene, because of their active schedules.

But at Barry University in Miami Shores, Fr. Mark Wedig and friends are doing something about that. They decided to hold a 10 p.m. Sunday mass in the Student Union Building, Thompson Hall.

"This is a real opportune time for students to gather," said Fr. Mark, the director of Barry's Campus Ministry. "With students going home for the weekend or studying for doing other things, 10 p.m. Sundays is a great time for students to return and gather for an hour of prayer and unity."

A great time indeed. The Sunday night mass has caught on, and it has grown in leaps and bounds, since its inauguration in 1986.

The first 10 p.m. Sunday mass in the fall semester last

year seated approximately 20 students. With the addition of candlelight and semi-circle seating, the number of students attending grew from week to week.

"I usually attend the traditional morning mass at the Barry Chapel," said Curtis Mendez, president of the Barry Economics Club. "But I decided to see what the late night mass was like, and I was surprised to see so many people at the mass."

over 150 students recently packed the chair and couch area for the late night blessing. Fr. Mark, 31, was celebrating his second year at Barry and was very pleased to see that kind of turnout.

"I know that other universities across the country hold Sunday night masses for their students," Fr. Mark admitted. "The University of Miami holds an 8 p.m. Sunday mass at the Newman Center, and Notre Dame has an 11:55 p.m. mass. The fact that so many Barry students come out for this is really encouraging. We

will baptize, confirm and/or enter into the Catholic faith 22 students this semester, and most of those students attend the Sunday night mass."

Julie Butson, the first year associate campus minister, lends a big hand to Fr. Mark as do several Barry students, including sophomore Michelle Fulton.

"I felt that Campus Ministry is an important and integral part of my life on campus," she said. "I appreciate the contributions of Fr. Mark and Julie. It means so much to me to be a part of a worthwhile program."

Mendez added that it is a very comfortable atmosphere with everyone joining hands for the Our Father and singing with the Barry mass choir, which consists of six singers and two guitarists.

Gwen Spencer, a senior, said the mass sets a positive mood for the upcoming week.

"I like it because it calms me down from a busy weekend and puts me in the right frame

of mind for the upcoming week," She said.

Spencer also admits that Saturday nights are late nights for her, and she likes to sleep in on Sunday mornings.

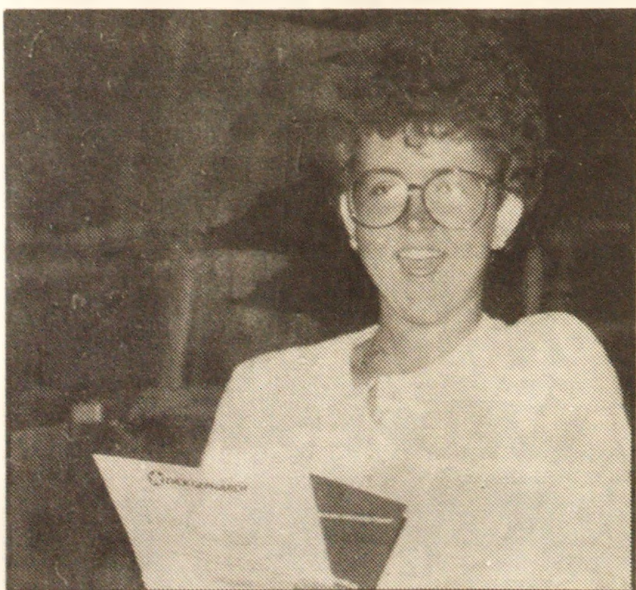
"Me, wake-up early on Sundays, please," Spencer said.

Student Sue Mont commends Fr. Mark for his efforts with the Campus Ministry program.

"He is doing an excellent job," she said. "This was a great thing to have on Sunday nights. People love the atmosphere, and they feel more at home. A lot of credit goes to Fr. Mark and Campus Ministry."

Barry's President Sr. Jeanne O'Laughlin is pleased with the efforts of the school's campus ministry.

"Campus Ministry is the heart-beat of the university," she said. "It is through this effort that we are best able to respond to the human and spiritual needs of this university community."



Michelle Fulton, 18, lands opportunity to receive prestigious Harry S. Truman scholarship. The Barry sophomore who graduated high school in Tucson, Arizona, at the age of 16, was featured in a recent edition of the Miami Herald.

The Attic Voice

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UNAPPRECIATIVE STUDENTS ARE ALWAYS FIRST TO COMPLAIN

By Craig J. Schaeffer
"What would you like?" is an often asked question by the ladies who fill our plates in the cafeteria. A common reply by students is, "Does it bite?" "What is it?" or "Is it alive?"

These poor women, day in and day out, are continually reproached for the quality of the food for which they serve us and also are greatly taken for granted. This sometimes leads to poor service, which we then complain about. But, the ultimate responsibility lies in ourselves.

First, although they don't

choose the food that we consume daily, they do cook and take pride in it. When some students continually crack negative comments about the quality of the food, like the aforementioned ones, how can we expect these women not to become frustrated and a bit angry. In turn, a few rude remarks come from their mouths, which give the students a reason to complain about their usually good service.

Also, these women work very hard at their jobs and are sometimes not appreciated or given proper respect. These

women try their best to cater to our every need and whim, and for the most part, do a very fine job. But, on the rare occasions when the garlic bread basket isn't filled right away or the ice machines are empty, the students have the audacity to complain. Please realize that these ladies are human beings and can only work so fast and do so many things at once. To make things worst, some students don't even have the common courtesy to say, "Please," or "Thank you," while being served. Who wants to serve unappreciative people?

Maybe if we are nicer to the cafeteria staff and appreciate their efforts, they would be more willing to please us.



Newly elected S.G.A. President Tim Glomb prepares for the S.G.A. forum on Barry University, March 9, Wednesday, at noon in Thompson Hall. Barry athletic trainer Seth Fogler may be there.

Why is it that the Business Office insists on sending bills to Scholarship/Financial Aid participants before all deductions are made?

How can the University Post Office get by without forwarding or holding students mail?

Why are parking tickets the topic of many conversations?

Why must the back door on the second floor of Thompson Hall be locked in the late afternoon, when Thompson Hall is still open?

What are the priorities of Security: enforcement of visitation or enforcement of tres-

passers?

When will the new parking lot really open and how many students actually knew what it is?

How's the cafeteria food lately?

Why can't the meal plan be optional to Resident Students?

Where does the \$50. Activity Fee go, and who has the authority to cancel these student funded activities?

Possible insight to these answers coming March 9th at the Student Government Forum. The topic of discussion is "Barry University".

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Malpractice Insurance: Up and Rising

Graduating medical students today have more to think about than earning enormous amounts of money. This so called "malpractice insurance" — which can cost some physicians up to a ¼ a million dollars annually — has made upcoming doctors think twice about their choice of careers.

While talking to some doctors about this topic, many have told me that if they were able to turn back the clock fifteen or twenty years, they would disregard medicine as one of their possible careers. They also told me that even though its a beautiful career, it's starting to turn into an enterprise in which people

are looking how to get "a quick million". One of the doctors told me that medicine will eventually have to be socialized; this be said will eventually hurt both the physician and the patients.

Slowly, but surely, we the clients are the ones who will be paying for this so-called insurance. This is the reason why this not only affects doctors, but it affects our community as a whole. What is hails down to is this: before you visit a doctor, be sure either have good insurance or a had full of money.

Alejandro Gruneiro
Vice President of Sophomore Class

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4) "The more the merrier" is the theme of the recruitment committee! Putting a dent in the hunger in Miami and in Haiti is a large undertaking, but with enough help, it's a dent we can make. Sign up to work March 26 and invite everyone you know to do the same!

THE HUNGER CLEANUP IS BEING ORGANIZED BY A CORE TEAM OF STUDENTS:

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Publicity: Shellye Grant and Bill Reifsnider

Worksite: Marjorie Clark
Recruitment: Miriam Bandes
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ONE OF THE ABOVE STUDENTS OR STOP INTO CAMPUS MINISTRY. ALL ARE WELCOME AND INVITED TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT OF SERVICE.

TO: ALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS MEMO: "DEAD WEEK"

It has recently been brought to Student Government Association's attention that a great many students are in favor of changing the format applied during the week prior to final examination. This can be accomplished by having a so-called "Dead Week", which has been adopted in most colleges and universities nationwide.

"Dead Week" would require that:

- 1) No examinations be given during the week prior to final exam.
- 2) No term papers would be due that week.

Dear Editor:

Last semester was very dull and quiet at Barry. When I came back for the second semester, things changed. Barry sounded like it had come to life. I could hear it, but I could not see it. This went on for about a week — until the day I discovered what all the fuss was about. Barry come to life with the introduction of it's own police force — well not a force, but a car any way. I'm sure you've seen it. The blue and white one that terrorizes the dark streets of Miami shores. I have never seen the driver, but would like to. He

3) Classes would consist of only lectures and reviews for upcoming final exams.

s.g.a. would like to thank you in advance for your time and cooperation. In order to adopt this proposal, S.G.A. needs your personal opinion.

Please check one of the following:

- I am for having a "Dead Week"
- I am against having a "Dead Week"

We would also appreciate any comments you may have regarding this possible change in procedure.
Please return to Box 788 or W-63.

COMMENTS:

(or she) has always driven past so fast, all I see is a blue blur. Find out who owns the car. I think it adds character to the school (and keeps car thieves out). Personally, a few decals might make it look more threatening. I think.

Anyway, I'll be looking for the story in the next Buccaneer.

Keep on top of things!
You're doing a good job!

Thanks,

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Former Barry V.P. thanks Buc, O'Brien

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c/o Mr. James J. Varsallone - Editor

Dear Jimmy!

As things do, several copies of your October issue found its way to me and I wanted you and through you the student body - to know how good it made me feel. To know I have not been forgotten by some makes my time at Barry very worthwhile.

I'd like to answer numbers 17 and 18 of "Psychopathic thoughts of a psychotic senior."

No. 16. I'm now living and working in Naples, Florida and missing my friends at Barry. you should know that I will always be thankful to the staff that worked with me in development. They are truly "class" people and quite frankly it was the staff that produced whatever successes we enjoyed. I hope my

career in fund raising will be blessed in the future and I will again work with such people.

No. 17. No, as you say in the same article in No. 6 "You be the Judge."

My leaving BU was a dark hour in my life and I'm just about over it but it was not easy for me or my family. We all loved the people we came in contact with, the Sisters, faculty, staff and yes, mostly the students. I do hope to see some of you at home basketball games and at the graduation in May. Until then, please know my being remembered in your paper has made much of the hurt go away for good and for that I'm thankful.

With the warmest regards, I am
Sincerely,
Bob Docherty

P.S. My special thanks to Marc O'Brien, author of Psychopathic thoughts of a psychotic senior)

WE'RE ONLY HUMAN

In the men's soccer article on Page 3 of the November issue of the Sports/Extra, it said Barry's men's soccer team was 3-1-2 against Sunshine State Conference teams. Actually, this season's team was 2-1-2 against SSC teams.

If you find any mistakes in any of the Buccaneer Publications, Inc, contact us at 305-758-3392, Ext. 230 or through the campus mail, addressed to the Barry Buccaneer. The Buc office is located in the second floor of Thompson Hall, ROOM 203.

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Rock group more than your basic band

by Phedra Bristol

If there was ever any group worth seeing, 'THE BASICS' are it! but don't let the name fool you because, as C.B.S. puts it, "There's nothing basic about 'em.'"

The trio consists of Tom Maestu- lead vocalist and guitarist, Raul Malo- Bass player and lead vocalist, and newcomer Gonzo- drummer and vocalist. At their recent concert, a large crowd gathered to enjoy the great music that could be heard echoing down Thompson Hall.

The group has been here at Barry twice before- performing as 'THE TOMBOYS' and bringing big crowds at last year's P.A.C.E. concert and the Valentine Day Dance. This year was their debut performance as THE BASICS and was by far their best concert yet.

THE BASICS, established by Maestu and Malo, who met in 1975, have been playing the South Florida circuit for seven years now, and they are still as hot as ever.

"We're just three guys trying to make some music and have some fun along the way- Maybe pick up some friends as we go," Maestu said.

The group has recorded over thirty songs, with Maestu as the major song writing force behind them, and live concert video as well.

Their lives changed with a single phone call- a call that came as their manager was celebrating her birthday. Talk about a great gift!

C.B.S., Epic, the label reads, "In the tradition-smashing attitude of Unsigned Vol. 1, Epic Records presents nine new bands that demand to be heard."

The album, cleverly enough, is called 'Unsigned Vol. II,' "which features their hit single 'Paper Heart'. The album also includes eight other bands such as 'The Worms,' 'New Salem Witch Hunters,' and 'Big Noise.'

After signing the record contract with Epic, the group decided to change their name from 'THE TOMBOYS' officially to THE BASICS.

Maestu said, "We weren't happy with it, and it was just a convenience. Once we signed the record contract, we felt it was better to be known as something else other than 'THE TOMBOYS'... It looks like we're going to be called THE BASICS for now.

"I don't see us changing the name right now, anyway," he added. C.B.S. seems to be happy with it and that's how it was printed on the record."

When not performing on stage, THE BASIC'S can be found fooling around with their friends, going to movies, or attending the University of

Miami and Miami-Dade Community College-Malo U.M., Maestu-M.D.C.C.- where they say that their friends treat them as equals and not as rock stars.

"We're regular people... There's one thing about this that I feel really good about and that's that when we're on the stage, we're on stage but when we're off, we're off...we don't walk around with ten cans of hairspray in our hair and fancy outfits...we're just regular guys... like anybody else."

Said new member Gonzo in

an interview with 'Miami Happenings', "I straightened them (the group) out."

During the Buccaneer interview, he was asked what he meant by that remark and he commented, "I added a third voice... they were in need of that and also I gave them some more stability as far as the backbeat goes."

THE BASICS are still waiting for that big break that will bring them to the top of the charts with other artists. Meanwhile, they are trying to increase their media coverage by giving lots of interviews

and appearing worldwide.

The guys have also appeared at local colleges and universities around Florida. These include Miami-Dade Community College-North and South campus, Florida International University (Miller Mid-day Concert), University of Florida (Celebration Week), and Barry University.

The band has opened up for such artists as The Miami Sound Machine, Expose, Starship, and Menudo.

"It was fun, plain and simple. They're nice people... It's great. we'll take it everytime,"

said Maestu.

Gonzo joined the group two years ago after the former drummer decided to leave the band. The group wanted Gonzo from the start. They got him and along with him came that three-part harmony that blended equally with veterans Maestu and Malo.

BASICS is not Gonzo's first experience with a band. He has also been part of 'Metro 107' and 'Monty's of Kendall.'

Their album, out on Epic Records, can be found at Specs, Record Bar, Peaches, Vibrations, and all major rec-

ord stores. The album, 'Unsigned Vol. II,' was sold out upon release the first time and had to be re-ordered in order to meet the public demand.

The band is funded by P.A.C.E. and has been for approximately four years now. P.A.C.E., Performing Arts for Community Education, is a government sponsored program that produces the best professional talent in all styles including country, rhythm and blues, jazz, classical, and pop music. There are three programs in the P.A.C.E. calendar, a fall season, a winter/Spring season, and a summer season. Through these programs, performances are brought to many Dade and Broward residents.

Even though they have signed a record contract, the band has no plans of leaving P.A.C.E.

The guys say they were always interested in putting together a band and making music since it was a good way of making money without getting into trouble.

The group hopes to be able to reach as many people as they can with their music through their performances and appearances.



Barry Freshman Kylene Carter checks the sound system used during the Basics performance in Thompson Hall. The band appeared on campus as part of Barry's Student Activities Department in conjunction with PACE.

(Photos by, that's right, Gym Varsallone)

- Students and Faculty Respond -
Q. What did you think about 'THE BASICS' and their concert?

"I thought they were a decent band. I don't think I'd hire them for a dance or something because they didn't play a lot of dance music... maybe for entertainment at a pool party. yes!"

-Donna Leone, student

"I think the band played very well and I think they'd be nice for some dances...I would probably hire them for a party if I had a party that needed a band. I liked their music and the way they were singing. They did a good job with it."

-Alfredo Gonzalez, student

"'BASICS' is a good group. They've been here before and I'm sure they will be invited back."

-Mike Covone, Student Activities Director

"'Loud... perhaps a little too loud."

-Dr. Wanko, Vice Pres. Student Services

It's a 'John' for all seasons

When Prince sang, "You've got the look," he could have very well been singing about West Hall, Barry's newest dormitory.

It has everything: the nicest rooms, the largest single-room space, a colorful atmosphere and the best looking bathrooms.

Wait a second. The greatest looking bathrooms?

If you've checked out the women's restroom in front of the steps, leading to the second floor of LaVoie, you would have noticed the top 'John' on campus.

It was recently renovated, and what a job Barry's maintenance crew did.

The Palm Beach Post ranked the restroom among the top ten rest spots across the country for private, Catholic universities.

John Flushing of the Toilets home Journal said, "Extraordinary. It's plush purplish

carpeting and new modernized sinks make it a must for stomach-aching ladies."

Barry's best restroom is also located right outside the university's president Sr. Jeanne O'Laughlin's office, between Thompson and Weber halls.

"I don't think many people realize how nice it is," said an anonymous source from staff number one. "What a nice relief to find this here. It makes using the restroom more enjoyable. I'll be back here again."

On the outside it looks like an ordinary restroom with the word "Women" on the pale-painted door, but on the inside it has a pink paint job with soft white toilet paper (Charmin or Soft-Ply) and is very homey.

"I wouldn't mind setting up a cot in here," PeePee Enlajon said. "It's got the feel and look of.

Buckle Up For Spring Break '88

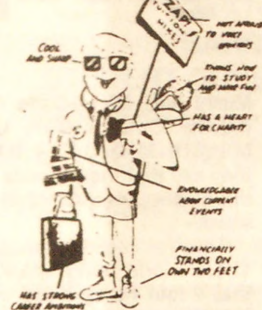


Hail J.J. Jamie Jacobs, an outfielder for the Barry baseball team, became the latest member to sign a forehead, Geoff Leval's forehead. It's the latest fad. Those who signed Leval's forehead: Miami Herald humor columnist Dave Barry, University of Miami baseball coach Ron Fraser, Marathon Runner Dick Beardsley. Those who refused to sign Leval's forehead: Pro Boxing legend Angelo Dundee, Former NBC News Anchorman David Brinkley.



The Barry sorority Delta Sigma Tau coordinated a fun evening for a special group of children from the Miami Shores area. The sorority is involved with community events.

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A peace pilgrimage to the

USSR will take place May 23-June 4 in celebration of the 1000th anniversary of Christianity in Russia. The pilgrimage will feature person to person visits and worship in local churches. The group will depart from New York City. Contact Rev. Eric Dale, United Campus Ministries, 901-G Lucinda Ave., DeKalb, IL 60115, (815) 758-8177.

"SPRING FORMAL"

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effective study skills and habits, in the construction of schedule of courses, in acquiring the optimum use of the university resources, providing periodic assessment of student's academic progress and amongst other things assistance with discussions of student/teacher relationship.

Eddie Padilla, area coordinator for the program, has an undergraduate degree in Psychology and is presently securing a masters in Business. Eddie thinks that the program has been received positively, in that they are able to relate with the freshmen better since there is no authoritarian role.

A key figure in implementing the program at Barry, Mr. Padilla was eager to see the project succeed. After initializing the idea with Dr. Wanko and Ms. Jane Bower, Eddie pursued the matter with follow up meetings and was able to commence the program in the fall semester of 1987.

Eddie vividly recalls how he reaped benefits from a similar program when he attended school. He thinks that the program will be very beneficial to Barry, the teacher — student ratio is already small and the atmosphere is congenial. The advisors are able to give freshmen that extra boost of confidence that is very often needed. The program has been proven to increase freshmen retention, a very important factor.

At present there are three Peer Advisors at Barry. Bill Reifsnider (Weber 118), Wendy Meland and Kathy Elsaesser (D/D 102 and 103 respectively). All are delightful people who are eager to fulfill their job as peer advisors.

Kathy Elsaesser, peer advisor for at least 12 female advisees feels that she has really helped some students get over those first few scary times and at least half of the girls relate to her on a daily basis. being in the same dorm with some of the girls has also allowed her to have a first hand dealing of what they are going through: the difficulties as well as the friendships. "This year only offered a pilot program. I would like to see it expand and not just incorporate undecided majors as there is the need for such aid and it is appreciated."

Eddie Padilla of Puerto Rican heritage not only enjoys photography and tropical weather but also working with the peer advisors. He is confident that the program will be a success. "I think that the peer advisors have been doing a good job, especially as the program is new, but they have handled it well."

The whole idea is like having a friend at school, and we all know what a great help that can be.

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spectrum for exploration, although at first there was skepticism about the idea, the results have proven otherwise.

Albert feels, "nurse students have a better overall, picture of the patient while the premeds are trained more on a nitty-gritty level, meaning that we tend to concentrate more on the specific nature of a case." But together they have found that both contribute in providing the best benefits/outcomes of a situation.

For the trio the experience is almost like "real life", not only are they learning to deal with people and apply their classroom knowledge but they have to deal with patient confidentiality and professionalism. Not to mention their lives are moderately controlled by their beepers — just like real doctors.

Albert feels that although he is subject to remain within five minutes of campus it's a one year experience that he will definitely recommend to any medical student.

Teresa, who enjoys working with kids and wishes to be involved with pediatric nursing has had some practical experience besides her health advisor's position at Barry. She enjoys her job at Barry and recalls that at the beginning it was a bit difficult adjusting to being called on randomly, but

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she has learnt to accept that comes with the territory. "Sometimes things are real busy, sometimes not, at Barry 'things' go around, when one person gets sick every one else follows."

Sue thinks that health advisors are a necessity on campus, especially in providing care after the health clinic is closed. Very often she is able to use her academic nursing skills in assessing students and often has to apply her own judgement in situation, this she finds as an asset not only to her personal development but her professional one as well.

No doubt the trio has been well received, as a diversity of students have sought their help, from freshmen to seniors, American to internationals, all giving favorable reports of their helpful and congenial attitudes. As a male Albert feels that he has been able to encourage more guys to seek necessary advice.

The three advisors although satisfied with the response still continue to urge students to be aware of health care as an integral part of life, and anyone is free to come by as their doors are always open.

The trio reap a great reward in being appreciated. Albert, "It's a lot of responsibility and it keeps me busy, but I earn a substantial reward in just being appreciated."

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