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Students angry over limited use of facilities Athletic Facilities hours are inconsistent, unposted

Shane Trudell
News Editor

Each semester students pay a \$90 Student Activity fee. Forty percent of this goes directly to the Athletic Department in order for students to use the facilities. But students on campus are concerned that they may not be getting their money's worth.

"It was infuriating to find that after paying so much in Student Activity fees we couldn't even use the equipment at reasonable hours," said Arthur Caton. "The tennis courts were closed on the weekends, when time was convenient for students and the times are not posted, like they are for the weight room, so students never know when they can use them."

According to Neill Miller, Assistant to the Dean of Sport and Leisure Sciences, these courts are unlocked for student use from 8am to 9pm on weekdays and 8am to 5pm on the weekends.

Miller says the only reason for the un-posted hours is because they are subject to change each semester according to scheduled tennis classes.

This semester the classes are on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:50 and on Saturday afternoons from 2 to 5.

But the classes are not the only problem, the work-study students often do not show up to open the facilities.

"Not only do they not post the hours, the monitors aren't always there," said junior Colleen Bohle.

Even when the monitors do show up they sometimes close the facilities early. That forces the students who are in the middle of a game to leave.

"One time the monitor closed the courts early," said Ivette Deulofeu. "She didn't want to stay any longer and we were forced to leave."

This has caused quite a dilemma. Students often find the facilities locked when they are supposed to be open.

"The outdoor basketball courts were closed on a Saturday afternoon when they should have been open," said Al Saenz. "So we jumped the fence and security came and told us to leave."

Unfortunately this isn't an isolated incident.

"We went one afternoon to the tennis courts and they were locked," Deulofeu said. "There were people playing

but they had obviously jumped the fence."

According to Lisa Navas, director of work-study students for the Athletic Department, "On weekends security is supposed to unlock the courts even when the monitor isn't there."

Stan Young, Director of Security, agreed with Navas. "We lock and unlock the facilities according to the schedule given to us by the Athletic Department," he said. "Both the outdoor tennis and basketball courts are open

to students on weekdays from 8 am to 11 pm," he continued. "We only lock them early if they are not being used at all."

Security is not only responsible for unlocking the outdoor courts for the students, but the gym as well.

"The gym is available for students use from noon to 1 pm weekdays," said Facilities Manager Rick Garciga. "However it is subject to change depending on if the courts are needed for practice."



Aaron Flaum photo

Pitchin'

Senior Daniel Gonzalez gives Coach Bruce Barclay the ball after having thrown the first pitch of his final season.

O'Laughlin is honored by the Pope

Amy Liptak
Staff Writer

Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, President of Barry University, had the great honor of receiving the Cross *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* at the Cathedral of Saint Mary in Miami.

O'Laughlin was one of twenty-six people recognized by the Pope for their distinguished service to the church and to the Papacy. She was nominated by the diocese of Miami and condoned by Rome to receive the award on Dec. 8.

O'Laughlin's unselfish work throughout the community was the key factor in her being chosen to receive this honor.

O'Laughlin spreads her volunteering

"Now and then a gold star is nice for the human spirit"

- Sr. Jeanne O'Laughlin, OP, Ph.D
upon receiving the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* honor bestowed upon her

efforts through various programs and described it's contribution to the local communities locally, state wide and even on community, at a national leadership forum the national level. Currently she is very sponsored by then President Bush's Drug active in the fight against drug abuse as vice Advisory Council.

She has also been appointed to the chair of the Miami Coalition for a Drug-Free Community.

As chairperson of the Coalition's an organization working to unite the public Religious Organizations Task Force she has and private sector efforts to serve the

homeless people in the community.

Receiving this commendation was a chance of a lifetime and very significant to her and her whole family. "I wish my father could have been there," said O'Laughlin. "He was very much in my mind and heart that evening."

This past year was very active for O'Laughlin before and especially after Hurricane Andrew. "Now and then a gold star or 'holy card' is nice for the human spirit," said O'Laughlin. "It was a refreshing pause in a difficult year of disaster."

The award was first bestowed to those who contributed significantly to the Golden Jubilee of Pope Leo XIII on July 17, 1888.

Letters

Where are the spaces?

To the Editor:

As a commuter student I find two problems with parking where assigned.

My first concern is with the safety of my fellow commuters as well as my own. Crossing 2nd Avenue at 9 AM is very difficult as well as dangerous. Some cars whizz by the crosswalks ignoring the speed limit as well as the crosswalk warning sign.

Last term I saw a car slide in the rain and slam into the sign, knocking it down. The sign almost hit a student that was passing by as it was falling.

Is there any way that this sign can be changed into a stop for pedestrian sign? At least the main one should be changed!

My second concern is that there isn't enough parking. The other day I was late to class because I literally went row by row looking for a space and there wasn't one. I

had to park by the grass near the softball field.

Paying a parking fee every year should entitle me to parking, yet it is a difficult task in the morning.

I really think that something has to be done about this.

One thing I must commend is the fact that the security guards are always there to look out for the students and their cars. In the scene of an accident they always respond quickly.

I'm also glad that they are able to give jumps-starts. In my old school the security was not allowed to do so.

I congratulate them. But I hope that the administration does something about the parking situation.

Jose Lopez



Parking is impossible on campus

Calendar pins-up mixed emotions

To the Editor:

Although this seems a bit after the fact, I am still feeling unsettled and angry about a calendar, "Campus Women," that was sold on our campus prior to Christmas. My response is not based on the character of these women nor the quality of the photography. Rather, it stems from my personal experience as a counselor, an educator and a woman.

As a member of the Sinsinawa Dominican Congregation, I have committed myself to promoting and enhancing justice and respect for all people and in particular, at this point in time, justice for women.

I believe a calendar such as "Campus Women" reinforces the image that women are sexual objects to be used and sold and whose self-worth is primarily based on one's looks and sexual expression.

Although I would hope that it was not the intent of the producers or models of the calendar to send this message,

I feel a strong need to relay what can be, consciously or unconsciously, perceived and communicated.

It saddens me that as a Dominican Institution and Christian community we would encourage unhealthy attitudes toward women.

It is my understanding that the Student Service Department expressed concern and initially asked that the calendar be banned from sale in Thompson Hall.

However, the ban was lifted for reasons of which I have not been informed.

Because we live in a country where there is freedom of speech and the press, I recognize the importance of being open to other's ideas and views.

My greatest concern and anger comes from the impression that we were unable to come together and discuss the possible messages that this type of media communicates and together make a conscious and informed decision.

As an educational programmer here at Barry, I try to raise awareness around issues that impact our personal and communal well being, issues such as: racism, sexism, drug and alcohol problems, abuse, diversity, and spiritual growth.

This calendar forced me to evaluate how I am doing my job and how I act on my values. Am I doing my part?

Again, I share my concern not to place judgement on those who produced and promoted the calendar, but rather to ask the question: "As men and women, how can we define ourselves more fully as unique members of the human community, rather than objects of societal idealism?"

I would be very interested in hearing other's opinions and viewpoints! You may contact me at 899-3950 or in the Career and Counseling Center, TH 208.

Sr. Mary Meillier, C.P., MSW

Society puts faith in false ideals

David Capote
Columnist

David Capote is majoring in philosophy. His column will appear regularly to help promote a better understanding of philosophical ideas.

What is my greatest possible possession? I may answer this question in many ways; but perhaps a good way to start is for me to discover what I truly do not possess, then you will see that no one really owns indirectly I shall discover what is truly mine property.

I do not own material things. Now I hope the reader does not take this to endorse any form of imposed communism.

There is only one true communism and that is a poverty of choice taken by many clergy for example: Buddhist Monks, Roman Catholic Diocesan and Monastic Priests and certain Christian sects.

The family as a sociological unit, in the loosest of connotations, can be said to aspire to a communal ideal. Yet greed usually gets the better of them. Just ask anyone who has a brother or sister and you shall see that this is true.

But you may be skeptical. "I own a house, a car, a boat" you may reply. But I will ask further questions. How did you acquire this property? And how did that person acquire it? And the person before that? And the person before that? Eventually you will see that no one really owns property.

All of physical reality belongs to the creator and we all own it collectively as stewards. This implies possibly an obligation of brotherly love for the less fortunate but

we will not discuss that here.

When I put my faith in false ideals, such as the greed of humanity revealed. When I choose as an idol a fancy car, I am in fact making a conscious and some would argue wrong choice. When I choose what is transient I am committing a grave error, possibly a sin. When I choose the temporal, it is limited by time and space, it will wither away, it will decompose.

A hurricane may come and ruin your car. An earthquake or blizzard or tornado, commonly known as an act of God, will devour a house or property.

But really these disasters are not God's doing, they are just examples of the transient nature of the material world. According to Plato this world is only a shadow of a higher reality. If you trust in the inconsistency of material things, in the end you will be disappointed. So what then do we possess that truly is eternal, unchanging, infinite? What is beyond the limits of the material

world? Beyond the boundaries of time and space? Something which all of us own and can develop. Something far above the transient world of shadows.

This gift from God is in each of our souls. And this gift is the freedom to love. Yes we also have the freedom to hate, but that will only breed violence and will ultimately destroy our inner life.

The only wise choice then is to choose the creative life sustaining force to love. That this creative potential is in all of us is obvious and needs no proof or further elaboration. What can I do to be happy? How can I live a better life? How can I overcome my loneliness? These and so many other existential questions have trifle answers for a person who gives of themselves, for a person who loves with all their being.

So what is my greatest possible possession?

Simply put, it is the freedom to love.

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Just for Flicks! - A studen

Box office hits still luring crowds

Aladdin

Creating their own uniquely entertaining version of the classic Arabian Nights fairy tale, Walt Disney Pictures has a mega hit with *Aladdin*.

Set against the exotic backdrop of the mythical Arabian kingdom Agrabah, *Aladdin* follows the rags-to-riches adventures of a resourceful youth, a "diamond-in-the-rough," who dreams of escaping his street-life existence and marrying the Sultan's beautiful daughter, Princess Jasmine.

Fate intervenes when Aladdin is recruited by the Sultan's scheming vizier, Jafar, to help retrieve a magic lamp from deep within the "Caves of Wonders."

The boy ends up with the lamp, its wisecracking resident Genie and the three wishes that come with him.

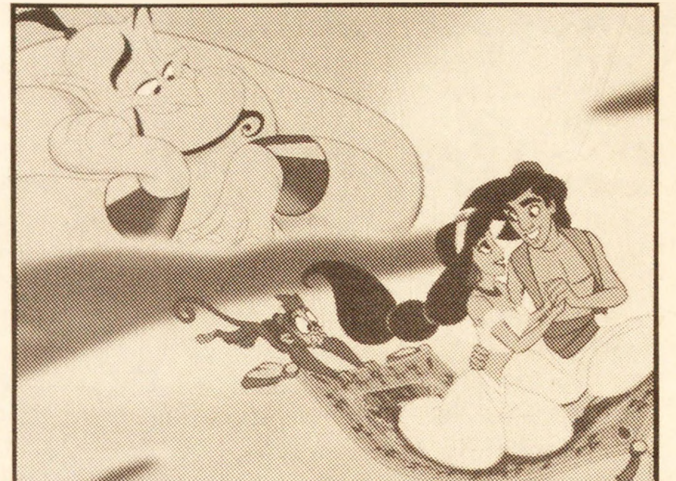
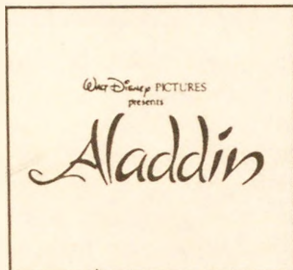
He also acquires a powerful foe in Jafar.

With his pet monkey Abu and a magic carpet, Aladdin sets out to prove himself and Princess Jasmine that he is worthy of her by saving the kingdom from Jafar's evil plot and becoming the "master" of his own fate.

Walt Disney Pictures has created yet another multimillion dollar animated hit. What other production company can produce back to back animated hits, the other being *Beauty and the Beast*, the first animated movie to ever win an Oscar?

Disney animators have yet again created a film that displays its incredible use of colors. What is there left to say?

Disney has created another hit and it is a must-see indeed.



Genie looks on as Aladdin and Jasmine take a ride



Aspen Extreme - it is anything but downhill Unknown actors help make the movie a success

Amy Liptak Columnist

After a long, hard day of snow skiing, many enjoy a restful sleep. Dreams of bouncing off packed powder moguls, feeling the sun caress your face and the wind whipping through your hair can subdue one into a white covered paradise.

Aspen Extreme can give you this rush or dreamlike feeling. This action/drama movie is unlike ski movies from the past (*Powder* and *Hot Dog*). This one has a plot.

The movie is filled with expert skiing, beautiful photographic scenery and overall excitement. After all, Aspen's top ski instructor tells T.J. Burke (Paul Gross) "Skiing is the easy part" when interviewing him for a job.

Two factory workers from Detroit pack up their seventies Ecoline van for an adventure filled with skiing and romance.

Dexter (Peter Berg) and T.J. both stumble upon their own moral dilemmas. Dexter



Paul Gross and Peter Berg hit the slopes in *Extremes*

finds himself caught up in a drug ring. He teaches crying brats and dresses in a Santa suit while T.J. tops *Powder* magazine as the No. 1 skier on the mountain. T.J. can't figure out whether he wants the down to earth Colorado girl with the warm heart (Finola Hughes) or the glamorous aristocratic Ice Queen (Teri Polo).

T.J.'s sensitivity shines through his artistic work, and you can see he is every bit a man - jeans, cowboy boots, and all. Dexter is Larry, Mo and Curly all rolled into one. He keeps the jokes and one-liners bouncing like T.J. off the moguls. Dexter and T.J. slalom through their dilemmas,

proving that true friendship never dies.

They find themselves striving for the same goal - two guys from Michigan can be the best skiers on the mountain and the only way to prove this is to win "The Powder Eight". Pairs ski together in order to make the most accurate figure eights in the snow. The team with the best track wins. No matter what gets in their way, their friendship will be enough to chance the extremes and fulfill their dream.

The movie is full of little-known actors; which seemed to make it more interesting and exciting. Kevin Costner and Mel Gibson couldn't do the roles as much justice as Paul

Gross and Peter Berg did as T.J. and Dexter.

Although the plot makes the movie worth seeing, the skiing, stunts and photography cannot be underestimated. The mountains of Colorado can only be expressed by experiencing them firsthand, but *Extreme* gets you as close as possible. The cinematographer's helicopters seem to fly into heaven. The audience is entranced by many of the skiing scenes.

What will be next? An undiscovered mountainside, an ice covered cliff or another adventurous mogul trail. Gasps and exhausting deep breaths escape everyone almost orgasmic-like. The excitement and anticipation makes palms sweaty and hearts race.

Aspen Extreme's plot may not seem realistic and it can be seen throughout the movie. How do two middle-class nobodies go from little Mt. Brighton in Detroit, to the peaks of Colorado so easily? And why is there so much Coors Light memorabilia?

Little things like this might remind you *Extreme* is purely Hollywood entertainment in the mountains. But that's O.K., it surely doesn't stop T.J. and Dexter from reaching their dreams, and it shouldn't stop you from seeing this film.

ts guide for the silver screen

New films take viewers by storm

The Cemetery Club

Thrown for a loop by the unexpected prospect of being middle-aged single women, three widows Esther, Doris and Lucille find it's a different world the second time around, and prove that life after death isn't necessarily fatal, in Touchstone Pictures' new comedy *The Cemetery Club*.

Although the movie casts some of the biggest names in the business, Olympia Dukakis, Ellen Burstyn, Diane Ladd and Danny Aiello, this may be one of the biggest disappointments of the new season.

The film is based upon the stage play by the same name, written by Ivan Menchell. And even though it had a successful run as a play the script lost some of its magic.

The movie will also appeal to a select

audience, those who have actually experienced the difficulties of being a middle-aged single woman.

Unfortunately the biggest draw to the theaters now-a-days is not this part of society. It is teenagers and college students who can't really appreciate the effort of the story line.

The all-star cast will help in selling the picture to an audience, but after the first week it's destined to become a big box office disappointment. Just look at *Fried Green Tomatoes*.

Even though they had the hottest names in the business, Oscar winners Jessica Tandy and Kathy Bates, the movie never set the screen ablaze as it was highly touted to do.

It appears *The Cemetery Club* may find itself in it's own funeral procession into the cinema graveyard soon enough.

Begins
Feb. 12



Olympia Dukakis and Diane Ladd in *Cemetery Club*

Homeward Bound

Another remarkable Disney adventure begins when three domesticated pets -- two dogs and a cat -- are separated from their human family, and embark on a perilous mission to find their masters in the movie *Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey*.

The three companions: Shadow, a golden retriever; Chance, an American bulldog puppy; and Sassy, a Himalayan cat, resolve to brave the Pacific Northwest wilderness to reunite with their owners Peter, Jamie, Hope, their mother Laura and her husband Bob.

But nothing in the animals' imaginations could prepare them for the challenges ahead. The determined pets confront extraordinary

obstacles as they follow their hearts.

So if you are into cute cuddly animals with great humanistic expressions and conveying humanistic emotions, this movie is for you.

Like in the spirit of hit animal movies such as *The Bear*, *Old Yeller* and of course who could forget *Benji*, this movie captures the hearts of not only children but adults as well.

It of course tugs on the old heart strings when they finally find their way home.

So take along a kid, (your own, a sister or brother, maybe a friend of the family) so you'll have a perfectly good excuse for watching this movie. Don't forget the tissues because their will be plenty of opportunity to use them.

Begins
Feb. 12



Chance, Shadow and Sassy search for their families

Born Yesterday

An all-star cast makes *Born Yesterday* a shoe in for hit of the spring movie season. John Goodman, Don Johnson and Melanie Griffith star in this 90's spin-off of *My Fair Lady*.

The nation's capitol may never be the same after former Las Vegas showgirl Billie Dawn (Griffith) hits town, but neither will Billie.

The beautiful blonde belongs to bully Harry Brock (Goodman), a Chicago scrap metal millionaire who, financially over-leveraged, has come to Washington to "loosen up" some favorable Congressional votes.

But Billie's spectacular ignorance proves to be a social liability for him. Although no genius himself, Harry is smart enough to hire an enterprising journalist, Paul Verrall (Johnson) to do an IQ makeover on his sparkling, if not polished gem.

As Billie blossoms into an independent thinker she falls for her handsome tutor. But Harry's not about to let her make the grade without him and he makes it clear that he's still the strong-arm to pull her strings.

Even though the storyline may sound familiar, the movie is able to stand on it's own. The romance attraction between Johnson and Griffith is the key to making the film seem realistic. The reason for that of course is because they are married in real life.

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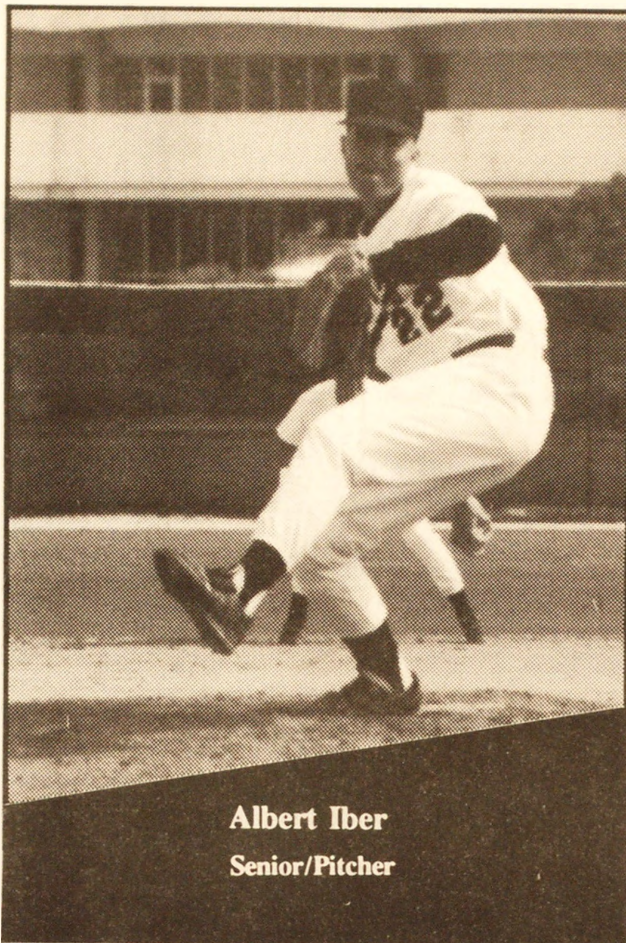
Don Johnson, Melanie Griffith and John Goodman

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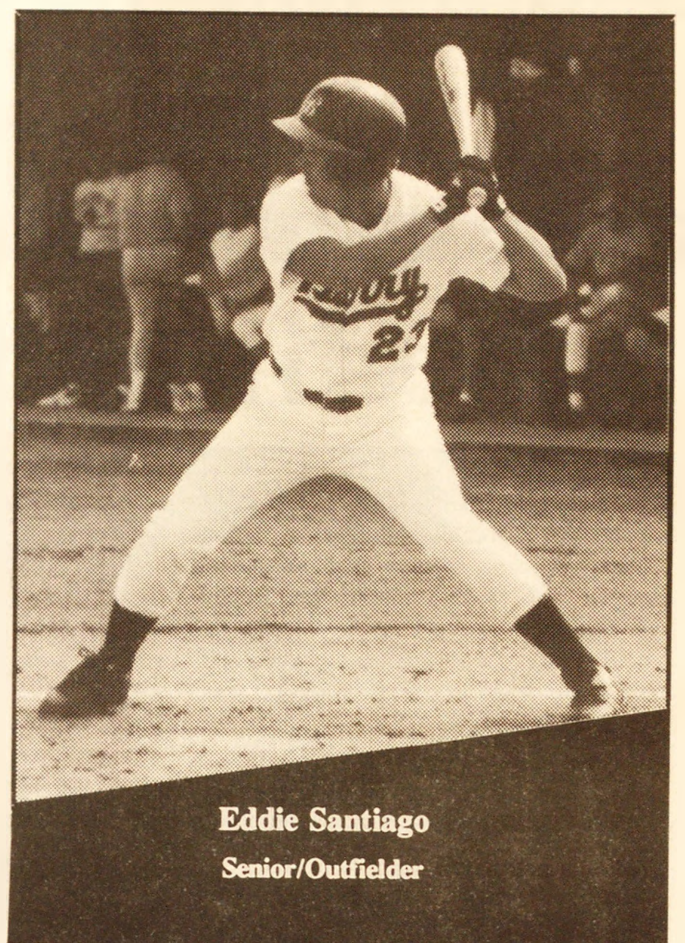
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Freshman/Catcher

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Senior/Pitcher

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Eddie Santiago
Senior/Outfielder

Leo Sarmiento photo

Barclay's retirement last thing on their mind Coach to lead nationally ranked team for last time

Leo Sarmiento
Sports Editor

Ten years ago Barry College had dreams of having a successful baseball program. So they converted an old softball field into a baseball diamond and hired a young coach to start a team off from scratch. Nine years into the program Barry University's dreams have evolved.

Entering their ninth season men's baseball is ranked 18th in the nation and only the University of Tampa and Florida Southern College are ranked higher in the conference.

Head coach Bruce Barclay, a part time teacher with the Broward School System, will lead the Bucs for the ninth and final time this season. The head coaching position will take on an added doctoral teaching responsibility in the Sports and Recreational Sciences Department.

Barclay had his jersey retired on January 30th in the annual alumni game and had a signed ball given to him by the alumni. His jersey will be displayed in the HSC in honor of his accomplishments.

But Coach Barclay said his departure is the last thing on his mind.

"I'm very optimistic about this season," he said. "We have a strong team where eight or nine players have the possibility of hitting over .300."

Last year the Bucs were ranked as high as 12th in the nation at one point and were in the running for the conference title. But the team had a hard time with a schedule that ended the season with seven road games in five days.

This year their schedule will not be any easier according to Barclay.

"Our conference is extremely tough," said Barclay. "University of Tampa won the National Title last year and this year, deservedly so, they are ranked number one. We also play about 10-15 Division I schools."

Some of the schools Barry will face include Michigan State, Boston University, FIU and possibly the University of Miami.

While offensively the Bucs will be a strong team, pitching is still a questionable position.

The Buccaneers' pitching staff will be lead by Senior pitcher Albert Iber who was 5-5 with a 3.53 ERA last year (the opposition managed only a .272 batting average off him).

Iber, who's been at Barry four years, said this is the



Bruce Barclay
Head Coach

best team he's been with. "We have a young pitching staff which will become better with experience," he said, "and offensively and in the field we're a better team than before."

Senior outfielder Eddie Santiago agrees with Iber. "Everyone can hit, and this will give the pitchers more confidence," he added. Santiago led the team in batting average(.368), hits(84), runs scored(52) and RBI's(42) last season.

The Bucs showed their power in the alumni game. They hammered the alumni pitchers and ran up the score with numerous extra base hits including a line drive over the right field fence by Santiago.

Senior Rick Fiorenza, who's also played here for four years, said he notices the teams' confidence level is

Bruce Barclay Head Coach 5th year

Bruce Barclay is entering his ninth and final year as the Buccaneers head coach. Barclay started the program from scratch and made the team a national contender. The Bucs last year were ranked as high as 12th in the nation at one point. They begin this season ranked 18th in the nation.

YEAR	WON	LOST	TIED
1985	15	32	0
1986	13	24	1
1987	21	26	0
1988	22	24	0
1989	19	28	0
1990	25	24	0
1991	17	29	0
1992	28	26	1
TOTAL	160	213	2

Alison Clarke graphics

higher.

"Last year's team accepted being ranked lower; this year everyone believes they can really compete in the conference title," Fiorenza said.

The top two teams get to go to the conference playoffs and one team in the region gets the at large bid.

And according to the national polls only two teams stand in Barry's way: Tampa and Florida Southern who is ranked #4. Rollins University is also ranked nationally but is below Barry at #25.

While each player may have his personal goal for this season, maybe batting .400 or leading the nation in triples, the consensus seems to be the dream of going to nationals. And as Coach Barclay said, "We're very excited."

Highlights

And they have brains

Barry's softball team has been recognized by the National Softball Coaches Association for its success in the classroom.

Barry was the only team from Florida -- in Division I, II or III -- to receive All American recognition. Their cumulative GPA for last year was 3.040 placing 10th in the Nation in Division II.

Is there a doctor in the house?

The Bucs men's basketball team struggled early on in their conference with a 2-3 record, 11-5 overall.

The Bucs keep trying to rebound from key injuries. The Bucs lost Bobby Latham (broken thumb) for two weeks and Ransom Carter (broken foot). The Bucs sought for a break in conference play when they beat St. Leo College at home; unfortunately they suffered another loss in that game when starting point guard Nelson Fonseca suffered an ankle fracture.

The next home game is the homecoming game against North Florida on Sat. Feb. 6 and then against Florida Atlantic in a non-conference game on the eighth.

Schaeffer, Woods excel

Two Lady Bucs have managed to break individual career records. Senior Mary Schaeffer became only the second player in Barry history to score 1000 points on a free throw against St. Leo. She then went on to break the record of 1011 points when she scored on a jumper against Eckerd College.

In the same game Stacie Woods broke the school's career rebounding record of 530. Both records were held by Aletrice Thompkins.

The Lady Bucs have been hitting the rim, but it has been falling short of the basket.

The Lady Bucs have a 3-13 (1-5 in conference) record coming into their February 6 game against North Florida at the HSC. They then play on Saturday Feb. 13 against Florida Tech. Game times are 5:15pm.

Workout Blues?

Don't have anywhere to work out? Well, enjoy the use of the strength and conditioning room in the Health and Sports Center; you already paid for it with your activity fee.

The weightroom, gym, tennis courts and track are open during certain hours to students, faculty and staff with Barry ID. For times call 899-3550.

Ukeles play the winning tune

The Intramural Sports program is underway and is going strong. There has been an extremely great turnout for the events which began with the 3 on 3 basketball tournament as 12 teams competed for the championship. Congratulations to the winners the Ukeles - Chris Guertin, Bill Melanson and John Stillson.

Other events which are currently underway are the Basketball and Softball leagues.

Monthly volleyball tournaments are scheduled each semester.

So get together with some of your buddies and head on over to the Intramural Office in Thompson Hall room 111 or call 899-3960.

-Leo Sarmiento
Sports Editor

Softball takes swing at season

Alison Clarke
Editor

Lack of depth is the first thing that springs into mind when you take a look at the women's softball roster of a measly thirteen players. But what the team lacks in numbers they certainly make up in heart and desire, according to their head coach Lisa Navas.

"One thing you cannot coach is heart and competitive drive, but these kids have both," she said. "And it's not only the returning players, but the rookies as well."

It appears that the success of the underclassmen will be the telltale sign of a successful season. So far they seemed to have made a positive impact not only with Navas but the returning players as well.

"The rookies contribute alot to the team because they work hard and they are always striving to do better," said senior co-captain Lisa Circle. "They are out to prove to us that they can play at the collegiate level and that they are really excited to play."

Both the players and coach agree that the lack of excitement and desire contributed to a mediocre 23-18 record and a third place finish in the Sunshine State Conference last year.

"We had qualified for the regional tournament and were conference champions in the two previous seasons," said senior Monica Martinez. "We didn't have the work ethic or desire and we thought we'd just float in to the post season."

And it appears that Navas assumed the same. "I was really excited last season since it was my first year," she said. "We kind of played a little up and down but I thought everything would take care of itself."

But alot has changed in a year. Not only did Navas bring in several top recruits but she also brought in two new



Katie Clift in the wind-up

Leo Sarmiento photo

assistant coaches, Lee Anne Craft and Donna Lafitte.

Craft was an All-American for the Lady Buccaneers last season. Since she played with most of these girls, she relates with them well. "LeeAnne will concentrate more on the hitting aspect of the game," said Navas. "She communicates well with the team because she doesn't talk down to them."

And the players agree. "LeeAnne is very eager and willing to help," said Circle. "We always looked up to her last year."

Craft enjoys working with the young team because, "They work hard, have more determination and drive then any of the teams in the past years."

And while she focuses on the hitting aspect of the game, Lafitte covers the other side of the spectrum - pitching.

"Donna has already significantly improved our pitchers," said Navas. "She has changed their style and technique and they are pitching much

better."

Lafitte, like Craft, has a good repore with the players.

"Donna has helped a lot with the pitching," said Circle. "That was a big weakness last season but so far this year they have improved."

Navas has only two goals for her team this season. The first is to win the two tournaments they have scheduled during the first half of the season.

The second goal comes during the second half of the season when they begin playing in their conference games.

"It is feasible for us to finish in the top three in the conference," said Navas. "We want to qualify for regionals."

Her players want to take it a step further. "Not only do we want to win regionals," said Circle. "We're aiming for the final four."

If championships were won by the amount of desire a team has, these players would have it in the bag.

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