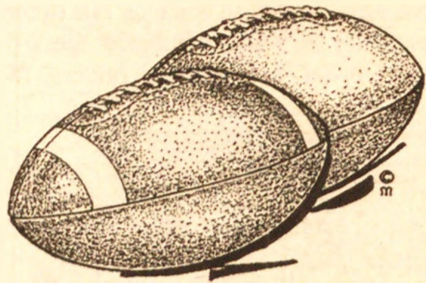




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Book review: *The Informers* see p. 15

Former Barry student passes away in car accident

by STEVE WESTBROOK
Staff Reporter

On Jan. 19, former Barry basketball player Julian Rodriguez was killed in Puerto Rico when he fell asleep at the wheel of his car and struck a tree.

Julian Rodriguez was a native of Puerto Rico who came to Miami in 1988. He helped lead Miami Senior High to a 35-1 record and a second-place State ranking.

He was offered scholarships to Seton Hall and Florida State University but instead attended Miami Dade Community College South, according to Barry's assistant-coach Rick Garciga.

There he played under coach Cesar Odio and was a First-Team All-Florida Community College Athletic Association selection.

He transferred to Barry in the fall of 1992 and played under former coach Billy Mims and assistant-coach and long-time friend Rick Garciga.

Garciga and Julian had been friends since Julian came to Miami. They kept in touch until Julian's death.

"I had just spoken to him. He had

just received his grades and had done well. He was very excited and anxious to tell me," said Garciga.

According to Garciga, a college education was such an important goal for Rodriguez that he declined contracts to play professionally in Europe. In 1994 he returned to Puerto Rico because he could play at the professional level and finish school at the University of Puerto Rico.

Rodriguez was a star center while at Barry, shooting 58.4% of field goal attempts, leading the conference with 2.4 blocks per game and finishing 8th in the conference in rebounds with 8.3 per game.

He also played on the Puerto Rican national team in the summer of 1993 and earned a silver medal in the Tournament of the Americas.

The smiles he elicited while on the court were insignificant compared to those he elicited while off the court.

"Every time I saw him in the hall he made me smile. He was just one of those people," said Maria Alvarez, Director of Residential Life.

"Julian was a very down to earth

person who never saw himself as a star. With a little polishing of his talents he had the potential to go far and make a lot of money in the world of basketball," said Garciga.

"He just saw himself as a regular guy. He always took an interest in people and was very caring which is what made him so special," added Garciga.

"It would have been easy for him to be arrogant," said former teammate Roland Medina, a junior, "he was a superstar in Puerto Rico but he was nice to everyone. He was someone who was always there for you."

"He was just a real nice guy," added Nelson Fonseca, another former teammate.

"The things I'll remember about him most were his big heart and his big smile," said Garciga.

Julian was expected here on Jan. 24 to attend a Barry basketball game and see friends. He also had tickets to the Super Bowl and, according to Garciga, was going to propose to his girlfriend. Julian Rodriguez was 24 years old.

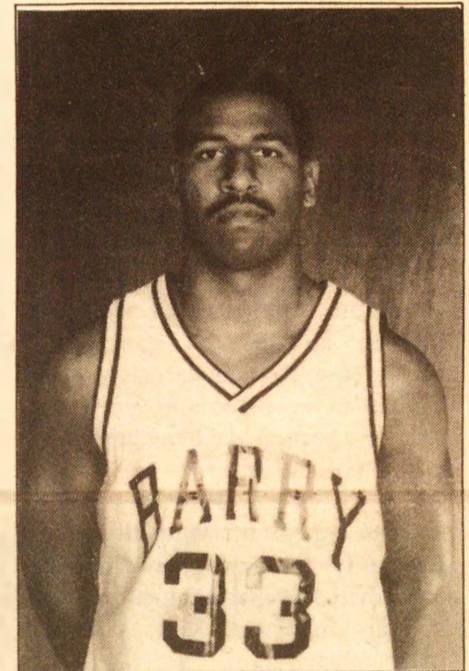


Photo: Sports Info.

Former Barry basketball player Julian Rodriguez in uniform



Photo: Sports Info.

Barry volleyball star Marya Morusiewicz (foreground) recently named Academic All-American. See full story on page 10

Students make the grade with Who's Who

by PHYLLIS T. SAUNDERS
Guest Reporter

(MIAMI SHORES) The 1995 edition of Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges will include the names of the following Barry University students:

- Brin "Abu" Abel
- Jennifer L. Arnold
- Brian A. Barry
- Lillian M. Basadre
- Ferrona A. Beason
- Steven D. Benson
- John E. Bruner
- Arthur B. Caton
- Genevieve Colastin
- Daniel A. DiCampli
- Joseph G. Faccone
- Christina C. Gardiner
- Louisette Geiss
- Mary M. Glynn
- Naheed Jawed
- Kathleen Mahoney
- Mary J. McCadden
- Laura A. Melveny
- Ilana L. Miller



- Jessica Mora
- Christopher G. Neill
- Denise M. Osborne
- Andres Ramirez
- Alvaro J. Saenz
- Shane K. Trudell
- Lory Trueba
- Leigh C. Waring-Haskins

Selection for the annual directory is based on students' academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

Barry's 27 outstanding students join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign-nations.

Editor's Note:



Happiness has many roots, but none more important than security.

— E. R. Stettinius, Jr.

It's not often that the entire campus becomes aware of a crime that take place here.

I'm not saying that the Public Safety office is negligent, only that some crimes are not the concern of the campus as a whole—such as the time when the Buccaneer Newspaper's answering machine was stolen from its office or when a physical fight occurs between two students.

However, crimes such as the robbery and rape which occurred on Jan. 23 or the dorm robbery on Jan. 27 are almost everyone's concern. And Barry's Public Safety office has been handling the incidents very well.

It is appropriate that Security made the campus community aware of the crimes. With regard to the Jan. 23 incident, notices were posted in every building and even on the INTERNET warning the campus to beware and urging diligent concern for personal safety.

As the article by Christine A. Hryzan attests, the campus is becoming even more secure with the addition of more patrolling guards and stricter attention paid to those who drive onto campus.

The "Living Safely" column is another step in the right direction. Hopefully, as more people become concerned with personal safety, they will raise issues that can be addressed in the column.

The escort service is also a huge advancement. Four years ago, when I began investigating which college to attend, the escort service of Tulane University made a big impression on me. I thought that it was a novel and necessary service, and I am pleased to learn that Barry has added it for its community.

Even the crime of Jan. 27, in which a dorm room door was kicked in and the room robbed, has spurred new action. In a meeting for the residents of Flood Hall, where the burglary took place, students were told that work was in progress to make the hall safer since it is very vulnerable to the outside.

Officer Jim Brittain also announced that certain changes are being considered. Extra bolts for the doors, additional fences and mirrors to enable residents to see around corners were among them. In total, such additions may cost up to \$20,000. But as the saying goes, you can't put a price on safety.

Since I arrived at Barry four years ago, I've noticed a marked improvement in our Security. It's good to know that the department is keeping us informed of important issues and is constantly working to improve our safety.

Through personal concern and the advancements being made by Barry's Public Safety office, we can continue to feel safer on campus.

America's borrow & spend philosophy

by CHRIS NEILL
Guest Reporter

You might wonder what all the recent discussion has meant in dealing with a federal budget deficit that currently rests at two hundred billion dollars. Unfortunately, most people are unable to understand the components of government taxation and the redistribution of revenue to those whom elected officials classify as "entitled" because every taxpayer receives some sort of benefit or handout from a complex set of laws which attempts to please all Americans.

The biggest road block for a fiscally responsible Congress is procrastination. If both parties fail to reach a compromise toward a balanced budget amendment and a vastly simplified tax code, young adults who are getting their educations may end up shouldering the debt that parents and politicians have amassed over the last two decades through higher payroll, sales, and energy taxes that would quadruple expected rates of inflation.

Why is a budget deficit damaging to our country? The gross domestic product, or the summation of all goods and services produced or utilized in 1994, cannot cover the amount of financial liabilities outstanding.

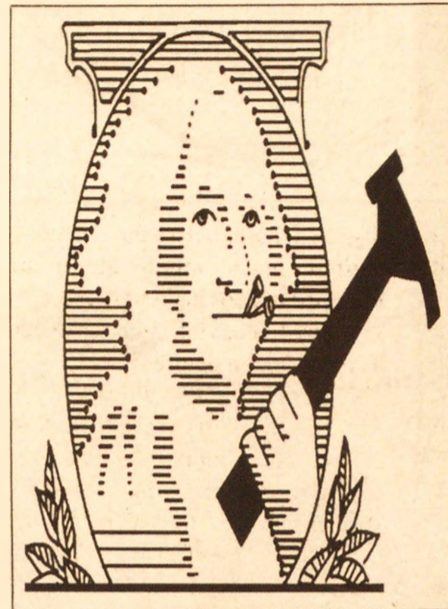
If foreign investors called these loans (made in US government securities), their payments would erode in value as the dollar depreciated in a foreign exchange system where the currency of last resort remains the greenback. Fortunately, most of these obligations are denominated in our own currency. Although many nations run deficits substantially larger than our own, the brute size of the American economy places us at a greater risk in terms of achieving better wages and lower prices.

Contrary to public belief, the United States is no longer the number one economic superpower of the world. Although we can boast the largest foreign currency reserves of any country, nations like Japan and Germany have developed savings and investment rates that exceed U.S. levels anywhere from two to four hundred percent.

How have they done it? According to Peter G. Peterson, former Secretary of State in his book *Facing Up*, by spending money less frequently, making fewer trips to the emergency room, and

resolving conflicts of interest within the community rather than inside a courtroom. Both industrial powers micromanage their resources more effectively than we do, including the usage of rationing for expensive medical equipment and procedures, along with the proper recourse for legal costs founded on English common law (losers are liable for winners' attorneys fees).

In order to continue raising the



standard of living in this country, productivity growth must be achieved in areas where real progress can be made for everyone (AIDS research, cleaner emission systems, tougher drug enforcement measures). Such breakthroughs will materialize if and when diligent sacrifices result from cuts in middle class entitlements.

I am referring to individuals who earn an income between thirty and two hundred thousand dollars. Exemptions, deductions, and refunds are the core problems of the deficit. A flat-rate tax or a mere consumption tax in place of federal income taxation are possible solutions to America's liquidity crunch.

These ideas work only to the extent that each of us makes a deliberate effort to alter traditional spending and saving habits in the near future.

When planning for a new automobile or home, try to finance the purchase with cash and limit the use of credit as a means of getting what you want. Paying interest on durable goods is a poor use of your money.

We have to fundamentally change the underlying rationale for obtaining things

that we currently cannot afford. America is now the largest debtor nation in the biggest global lender.

The last time Washington got its act together and balanced the budget was in 1969. Since that time, federal outlays for Medicare, Medicaid, AFDC, Social Security, armed services pensions, employer-paid health care, and tax shelters for affluent citizens have exploded beyond any reasonable estimate of actual need. Politicians support special interests who make or break their election campaigns. Democrats blame Reaganomics and Republicans ridicule the Carter administration and a tax-and-spend Democratic Congress in majority for the last forty years.

It is time for a leader to step forward with passion and not prejudice, explain the facts to the American people in black and white and not in shades of gray, demonstrate a plan of action that is equitable to all citizens in sharing the burden of sacrifice, and who ignores party interests in light of future generations.

However, the answer is really a two-way street. Governments can only change policies. Citizens must implement the results by returning to a philosophy of thrift ethics present under such tangible events like World War II and the Truman administration where parents saved for their children's futures.

Crowding out funds for public education reform by placing them in a task force organized to study why inmates attempt prison escapes at a price tag to taxpayers of thirty thousand dollars is truly absurd. But so is full medical coverage for senior citizens whose incomes are five to twenty times greater than the contributions that were actually made during their working years. One out of every six tax dollars paid to the IRS goes toward interest payments on the deficit itself. Less than one percent of government revenue is allocated toward research and development centers.

You can make a difference by putting away funds in an interest-bearing asset for the long term, by settling petty disputes in the office or at home without the use of lawyers, and by avoiding surgeries and treatments that are really unnecessary. In other words, don't borrow and spend now to leave the bill for your children later.

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The Animals' Forum: for elephants, the circus isn't peanuts

by KATHLEEN MAHONEY
Guest Columnist and Student

I remember going to a Ringling Brothers circus in New York many years ago. I was a young girl and thrilled at seeing large, wild animals wearing humorous costumes perform unusual stunts.

Yet I was bothered by the loud sound of the whip as it was cracked by a man commanding lions, bears and elephants into unflinching obedience.

I asked my mother about the whip, but she assured me that the animals were not being in any way harmed. My worries calmed, I soon forgot the matter and returned to my cotton candy.

More recently, I saw a circus at the Swap Shop in Fort Lauderdale.

The crowd became excited as six huge elephants entered the ring, each holding with its trunk the tail of the elephant before it.

At the Swap Shop, every seat is a good one. I noticed how close I was to the ring—incredibly closer than I had been those many years earlier at Madison Square Garden in New York.

And what I saw from this close proximity disturbed me.

Those cute-looking, amusing elephants—with giant pink plumes on their heads and glittering burgundy mats on their backs, dancing to pop music and standing on their heads—were not amused.

In fact, their tiny eyes were chillingly lifeless.

Florence Lambert, a researcher who studied elephants in Africa, noted this very phenomenon.

In "The Animals' Voice Magazine," she said circus elephants look "like empty shells, devoid of life, their noble spirit long broken."

I began to question for the first time the purpose of removing animals from their natural environment in order to entertain humans.

Some people contend that seeing animals in circuses and zoos is educational.

I disagree.

What does one learn from seeing an animal leap through a ring of fire or pace interminably inside a cage? Remarkably little, I contend.

An animal in captivity does not display natural behavior. Therefore, one cannot learn much about animal behavior in zoos and circuses.

Animal behavior is better understood as presented in nature films.

Watching such shows, one can observe animals rear their young, engage in mating rituals, scout for food, interact with other members of their species and fight for survival.

These complex behaviors are rarely if ever possible in animals held in captivity.

Dubious educational benefit is not the only question raised regarding the use of animals for entertainment.

Another is whether such use is humane, especially for more intelligent

animals like elephants.

In the wild, elephants live up to 70 years in large social clusters, readily baby sit for one another's calves and form uncannily close family bonds.

The calves stay close to their mothers for over 10 years.

But a circus elephant's life expectancy is reduced to 14 years. Social interaction and bonding are minimized.

Mobility is also severely restricted as at least one leg is kept chained whenever the elephant is not performing (which is the majority of the time).

Baby elephants destined to become performers are removed from their mothers to be "broken of their spirit."

This means that their food will be restricted and they will be chained and beaten on the head for up to a month until they dutifully obey their masters.

But it seems that some elephants recently have refused to surrender their spirit.

Rather, they have suppressed it until snapping in a moment that has proved both dangerous to humans and lethal to the elephant.

This past summer, an elephant in Palm Bay, FL, tried to escape while carrying several passengers on her back. Police shot her 47 times.

Another elephant in Honolulu, HI, trampled her owner and injured 13 spectators in an attempt to escape. Police shot her in the street.

And an elephant in New York repeatedly smashed her head into a crew

member of the Moscow Circus and fractured the latter's skull.

These violent and unpredictable acts are a sign that all is not well with The Greatest Show in Earth.

The Animal Welfare Act, which aims to protect animals from abuse, is extremely difficult to enforce and often ignored.

Elephants were not made to wear costumes or perform unnatural stunts under fear of a whip.

They were not made to be chained and immobilized.

They were meant to roam freely in Africa and Asia, traveling up to 25 miles a day.

They were meant to raise and bond with their young and to live among their own kind, free from the molestations of humans.

Some people are finally becoming aware of this.

A few circuses—including Cirque du Soleil, Pickle Family Circus and European Jubilee Circus—consist entirely of human performers.

And some nations—such as Sweden, Denmark, England and parts of Australia—have restricted or banned animal performances.

Unfortunately, this enlightened behavior is not widespread.

Until it becomes so, performing elephants pose the constant threat that they may tire of suppressing their spirit and lash out against their captors, harming anyone in their path.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

While I admit that I have seen improvements in our campus bookstore since coming to Barry a year and a half ago, I must add that I am frustrated to find that textbooks are consistently underordered.

Empty bookshelves make students fall behind in their classes.

But they are also costly and perhaps even discriminatory to those of us not lucky enough to secure one of the few available copies.

Why is it more expensive when books are not in stock than when they are? If students intend to keep up with their classes, they must read the texts. Unless students without books live near someone whom they can conveniently borrow the book from, they must make photocopies.

And this can be rather costly.

For example, I paid \$5.20 to copy pages from a \$27.20 philosophy book this semester, or 20 percent of what I would have paid had the book been in stock.

Empty shelves also seem to discriminate. It appears that the students who have all their texts at the beginning of the semester are those with the money to buy them early.

But others of us are not so financially privileged.

We must wait for financial aid to be credited to our accounts, or save up enough from our paychecks to afford the books.

If understocking were a rarity, perhaps

the bookstore could be excused.

But this situation is not uncommon.

I for one have had to order books every semester since coming to Barry. This semester alone, I had to order books for three of my five classes.

Am I alone? Certainly not.

Take for example my philosophy class again. More than half the students were without books—even though my professor had asked the bookstore to order 50 copies for 47 students.

Unfortunately, as with any monopoly, students are left with little choice but to depend on our bookstore.

I hope the bookstore will be reminded of its purpose—to supply students with books.

Kathleen Mahoney
Barry Senior

Dear Editor:

I understand that the Commencement Committee has decided to hold the May graduation in the Health and Sports Center. Unfortunately, I do not believe this is an appropriate location for such a formal event.

The gym is designed for athletic events and features uncomfortable bleacher seats and extremely poor acoustics. The administration should realize that it is extremely difficult to hear the words of any speaker inside the gym. Many students have invested a great deal of money, time, and effort into their education at Barry. It seems ridiculous to conclude our years at Barry

during a ceremony at which we understand little of what is said.

Besides this, is the gym really large enough to accommodate a May graduation? It would be a shame to restrict each graduate to only a few tickets for guests. Such a policy suggests that Barry believes just a few people have played an important enough role in the lives of each of its graduates to actually attend the ceremony.

I hope the *Buccaneer* will give the Commencement Committee an opportunity to explain why our graduation will be held in the gym. I believe the students deserve an explanation.

Corey Amon
Barry Senior

Dear Editor:

I just finished reading the "inaugural" installment of the column "LIVING SAFELY." It was written by the new Crime Prevention Officer, Jim Brittain. To go directly to the point, the first crime has already been committed: the fact that this column was allowed space in the newspaper is that crime.

Look at the article. Sentence after sentence of meaningless drivel. Almost as an afterthought, two paragraphs of actual crime prevention advice were written. Advising students not to open their doors to strangers, is not bad advice, but neither is it necessarily the prime concern of the on-campus student body. In case Mr. Brittain has not been made aware of the "crime stats" for

on-campus violent crime, it is significantly down.....

If the column's intention was to introduce Mr. Brittain to the student body, then a "tea" would have been more appropriate. People are being made crime victims, so to h--- with reporting what changes have been made internally to the university. Explain to a student who has fallen victim to a mugger at Bayside that Mr. Brittain is our new Crime Prevention/Training Officer, and I'm sure he or she will feel much, much better.

Like most public relations positions, rhetoric abounds and actions wane. Mr. Brittain, do you really want to do your job? All right, then get busy. You have wasted one perfectly good opportunity to start protecting and educating people, so don't waste the next. Establish some priorities.

Priority 1: Deal with the violent crimes first. Miami is a sewer. You cannot find an area where you can go and feel relatively safe at any given hour of the day. Dealing with those areas where a student can get injured or worse is tantamount. No one likes to have his/her car stolen, his/her room burglarized, or to be a victim of a con artist. However, statistically these crimes are not violent. Living to buy a new car, etc. cannot be compared to personal injury or worse.

Priority 2: Start immediately teaching students how to become aware of their surroundings. Most times you can "see"

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Campus security tightens due to recent crimes

by CHRISTINE A. HRYZAN
Staff Reporter

At 7:35 p.m., on Jan. 23, in the Broad Auditorium parking lot, a Barry University student was forced at gunpoint into her car, raped and robbed, said Metro-Dade police. The assailant then fled on a bicycle. The suspect, described as a slim male in his 20's with black hair and several gold colored front teeth, is still at large.

At 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 27, a robbery occurred in Flood residence hall said Jim Brittain, Crime Prevention and Training Officer. The assailant reportedly kicked in the dorm room door, stole various items, placed those items in a bag, then fled of campus. No description of the

subject is available.

In the wake of the sexual assault and robbery, the topic of discussion on campus has turned to How safe is Barry?

Stanley Young, Barry University's Director of Public Safety, stated that since the assault "campus security has been increased. Not because of the incident, but because the subject is still at large." Young wouldn't disclose the increase, but stated that before the incident one officer was assigned the wall area from Garner parking lot to the main entrance. Following the attack, two night guards were stationed in the faculty and Broad parking lots and another in the Wiegand Annex lot.

When asked about the policy concerning campus access, Young

replied "Since this is an open campus, involved with the community, there are no 'so called' restrictions."

Over Christmas break, construction of the new security gatehouse, located on 111th street, was completed. The new gatehouse is "manned 24 hours a day and security is dispatched from here" Young said. This location was chosen because after hours most problems occur in the residence halls.

The new location has resulted in the 2nd Avenue entrance (main entrance) being left unattended. "The 115th and front gate are closed and secured nightly," Young stated. When the gate is closed, people are stopped and checked for identification or a sticker. In the upcoming months, a gate will be

installed at the 111th entrance in order to slow people down said Brittain. Young said that since Residential Life has no visitation restriction, Security is flexible concerning campus access.

Security provides an escort service by dialing *3 from any pay phone on campus, or 899-3333 to anyone needing assistance.

On Jan. 31, presenters from the Public Safety and the Rape Treatment Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital were on campus in order to discuss personal safety.

The university is requesting anyone with information concerning the two crimes to contact Metro police at 477-1112, or the University Public Safety at 899-3333.

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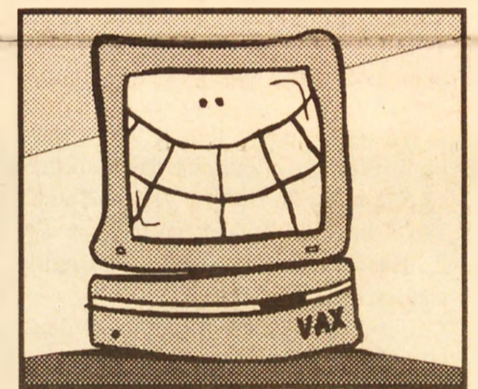
AT THE BARRY BOOKSTORE

BUVAX gets a facelift

by FRANK ALVARADO
Staff Reporter

In the age of ever changing technology and the fast pace of today's communication, it is important to keep up with the rest of the "on-line" world.

Here at Barry University, the Academic Computing Center is helping to maintain a fast-paced link with the world through the E-mail system known as DOMINIC. DOMINIC replaces the BUVAX system.



Open to all faculty, students, and staff at Barry University, DOMINIC provides an easy form of communication around campus with other campuses across the U.S. and even other countries.

DOMINIC is the university's new host server. It is faster than BUVAX, yet provides the same services. The BUVAX ran at 3 m.i.p.s (million instructions per second), and the DOMINIC the server runs at 150 m.i.p.s. DOMINIC shares the same interface as the BUVAX, yet it runs with newer versions of the software that was on BUVAX.

One difference between the two systems is that DOMINIC is one-third the size of the BUVAX. Another difference is that when users dial in from an outside campus on their modems, they will no longer be connected directly to the system. Users will get a local prompt that will ask the user to specify the server.

DOMINIC was named in honor of the Adrian Dominican Order that founded Barry University. Though the changes are not visible, they benefit all campus users.

Residential parking - is there a better way?

by ARTHUR CATON
Assistant Editor

When was the last time you had to look for a parking space on campus? If you're a resident—probably not too long ago.

For those residents with vehicles, finding a parking spot on campus can be as difficult as finding a spot downtown, unless it is before 7 a.m. or after 11 p.m.

Why is this so? Often, it's because of commuter students, faculty, and staff driving onto campus to find parking.

I can understand the desire to park as close as you can to your destination; I do the same. But I don't do so at others' inconvenience.

Would you appreciate someone parking in your driveway, forcing you to park a block or more away from your home? I don't think anyone would stand for that very long unless they had to.

Resident students are no different. Barry has provided residential parking, but commuters, faculty, and staff often fill it. This forces residents to park

across the street, in spaces far away from their rooms, or illegally.

I know the faculty and commuter lots fill up, but that's no excuse to park in residential parking. If you were downtown, would you park in someone's driveway because the lots near your destination were full? Most people wouldn't, out of respect for the residents of the house, and because they wouldn't want a ticket.

Sr. Jeanne has announced that she wants to make Barry a walking-only campus. Why not start that idea today by keeping as many cars off campus as we can today?

The 24-hour guard at the 111th Street entrance could stop all non-residents from entering there, and a permanent barrier could be placed between Browne Hall and the main entrance, preventing non-residents from entering the residential area at all.

This would help the parking problem, as well as add another dimension to the safety of the resident students by keeping those who don't belong out. Visitors would park in the



Photo: Debi Fischer

commuter parking lot.

Depending on where the barrier was placed, the grass area near the wall between Browne and the front gate could still be used for faculty and staff parking.

The main and 115th Street entrances would allow faculty access to their parking on campus. Security could prevent commuters from parking in

those lots by ticketing violators.

Solving the commuter student parking situation is a much tougher job. A suggestion is to pave the grassy area behind the tennis courts, but that would not provide many more parking spots.

Another suggestion is for Barry to buy or possibly lease a portion of the dog track parking lot on weekdays when the track is not in use anyway. A security officer would have to be hired to patrol the area, and a Barry van could be used as a shuttle to bring people to campus. The costs for all this could be defrayed by raising the nominal parking fee a few dollars.

While everyone would be a little more inconvenienced — residents would have only one gate, and along with faculty would be slowed by the traffic control, commuters would have a longer walk/ride to campus — everyone would benefit knowing that they had a place to park when they got to campus.

The stress these changes could relieve would be worth the minor inconveniences.

New course debuts with Caribbean Literature

by GLORIA FRANCOIS
Staff Reporter

Do you know any Caribbean writers or have you been exposed to Caribbean literature? Have no fear, the Caribbean Writers class is here. This is a new course being offered at Barry University for the spring semester of 1995.

"This course was intended to provide interest to both our large Caribbean

population and to other students who might be interested in learning about the region," said Cynthia Davis, the course instructor who spent extensive time in Jamaica.

Davis's multi-cultural experiences have expanded her ability to speak four different languages, French, Spanish, English, and Italian. She is also the advisor to the Barry University Jamaican Association Club.

A variety of genres will be studied during the semester. There will be poems, short stories, novels, and films.

Geoffery Philp, author of a book called "Florida Bound" and a professor at Miami-Dade Community College North Campus, will be one of the guest speakers.

"Some of the best contemporary writings in English come from the Caribbean," said Davis. "The proof of

this is that large numbers of Caribbean writers have received prestigious literary awards, primarily in Great Britain."

"I am looking forward to the course evaluations because we want to adapt the course to the students' interests," said Davis, "We hope to include work by people from the French, Spanish and Creole Islands." For additional information, Davis can be reached at (305) 899-3459.

Newman scholars meet

by DR. MICHAEL E. ALLSOP
Guest Columnist/Faculty

Twenty of the world's top scholars on John Henry Cardinal Newman met at Barry from Jan. 3-5.

"The experts came to Barry to discuss Newman's ideas on the development of Christian doctrine in preparation for a major conference in July," said Dr. Michael E. Allsop, Associate Professor of Theology, who was involved in the meeting.

John Henry Newman was the best known preacher in the Church of England when he joined the Roman Catholic Church in 1845. Today, he is regarded as the most important English-speaking religious thinker of

the last 200 years.

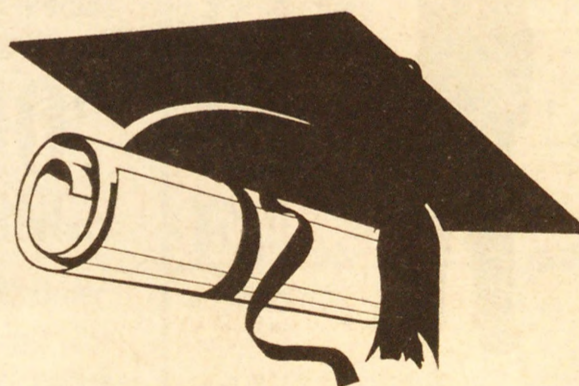
"Newman's ideas have had a lot of influence. His books have been studied in European, English, and American universities. He was a major force at the Second Vatican Council and shaped the Council's statements on the laity, conscience, religious liberty, the role of the church in the modern world. As well, Newman's life, poems and hymns ("Lead, kindly light") have touched millions."

Participating in the meeting at Barry were Katherine Tillman (Notre Dame), Edward Andrako (Cornell), John Ford (Catholic University), Albert Bartlett (Fordham), John Griffin (Colorado), and Vincent Giese (St. Joseph's, Rensselaer).

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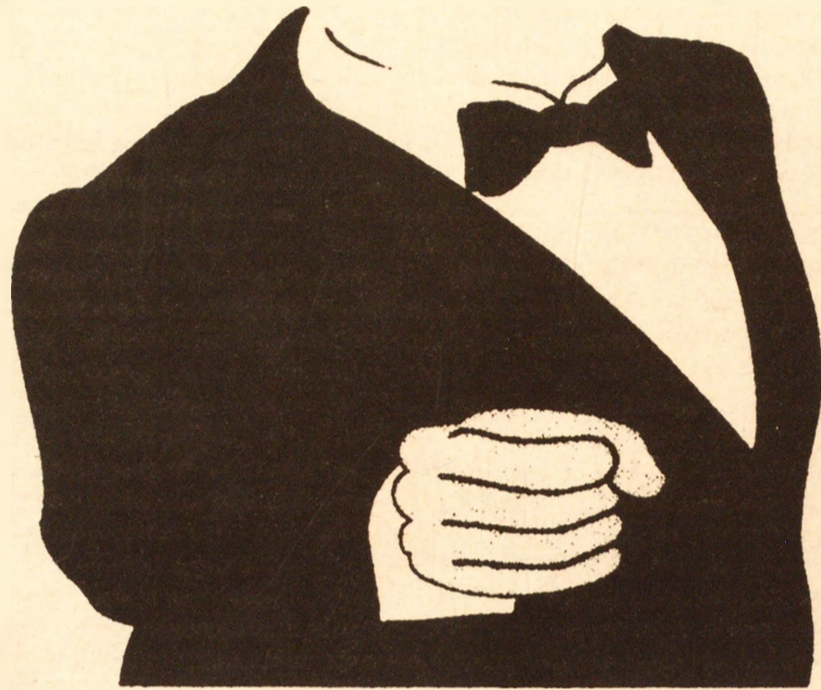


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A serious side of Miami is explored

by **JENNIFER DAVIS**
Staff Reporter

They are as close as entrances to I-95. Stubbled-chinned, in donated clothes, ghosts of *The Grapes of Wrath*, they haunt us in our locked and air conditioned cars. But what do you really know about the homeless?

According to the Miami Coalition For the Homeless, the official estimate of 7,259 homeless persons in South Florida includes only those on the streets, in a shelter, or in residential programs. Experts say there are many other homeless people who go uncounted.

Providers estimate that the actual number of homeless people may be close to 15,000 in Dade County alone. These people constantly struggle and suffer in order to exist.

Several organizations provide shelters, telephone hotlines, soup kitchens, clothing drives, and rehabilitation programs. Others help with education, employment training, and housing opportunities.

Community volunteers are key factors in making a difference. Barry University offers several programs to help the homeless that use trainee student volunteers. Each program is designed to challenge students by personally developing his/her social awareness.

A few of the programs are Volunteer Services, Camillus House, Habitat For Humanity, Alternative Spring Break, and Pockets Of Pride. These programs run throughout the year and are scheduled on specific days each month.

On Feb. 27 Hunger Awareness Week begins. This program will encourage students to become involved with this issue. The goal is to change existing

attitudes regarding the homeless. Clothing, food, and donation drives will be held to benefit the homeless in Miami.

Sister Kathy from Campus Ministry urges you to get involved: "After all, it's not someone else's job, but rather everyone's responsibility."

Recently, Dade County has attempted to address the immediate needs of the homeless. Over 500 homeless people have been relocated from areas including Bicentennial Park, Legion Park, downtown Miami parking lots, under I-395 bridges overpass, Hialeah, and Miami Beach to permanent housing. In addition, Dade County has become the nation's first community to create certain specific funding for homeless programs.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has recognized and

rewarded Dade County by donating a \$15 million grant. The grant will target five aspects of the homeless problem: reducing the number of homeless living on the street, improving medical care, increasing the number who find jobs, increasing treatment of mental health problems, and providing permanent housing.

Homelessness does not discriminate. Specialists report that this problem is continually increasing and it will not just disappear. Sister Kathy believes that we are being challenged to alter this course by helping the homeless rejoin these people into the mainstream of society.

Short term goals will make a difference, like separate pieces in a puzzle, which will, experts hope, connect the problem with a long-term solution.

The following statistics are from a recent report from the Miami Coalition For The Homeless.

Who is homeless in Miami?

- * 40% of the homeless are families with children.
- * 5% of the homeless are runaway teens.
- * 15% of the homeless are veterans.
- * 2% of the homeless are elderly.
- * 50% of the homeless have primary health problems.
- * 25-30% of the homeless are chronic substance abusers.
- * 30-35% of the homeless suffer from chronic mental illness.
- * 15-25% of the homeless have AIDS.
- * 69% of the homeless are Black.
- * 18% of the homeless are Hispanic.
- * 15% of the homeless are from out the of state or the country.
- * 67% of the homeless are receiving government benefits.
- * 10% of the homeless are actually employed

Living Safely

by **JIM BRITTAIN**
Guest Columnist & Crime Prevention/Training Officer

It should come as no surprise that personal safety would be the topic of this month's column.

The events of the last two weeks of Jan. should remind us all that personal safety is something we all need to keep in mind. Whether we are here at Barry or South Beach or the Grove, it will always be an issue.

Real quick, before the guys out there stop reading this, personal safety is something for men also, not just women. We men may even need to be reminded of that more often because of certain stubborn tendencies (which my wife has been so kind as to remind me of lately).

It is the same thing that keeps us men from asking directions. We always know where we are, and how to get to where we want to be. Don't get me wrong, those self reliant attitudes are good, except for when "macho" keeps us from listening to our instincts about safety.

And personal safety can be a simple as that. Follow your instincts. If you feel like you are not safe, as if there is something not right, chances are you're right. And it will not start when you are in trouble. It may start when a friend says "Let's go to John Doe's place." What is your first reaction? What happened that last time you were at Doe's place?

I'm not saying it would be easy. We have all heard talk after talk about peer pressure. But you need to decide that you are willing to stand up for your gut feelings about being safe. Yes, you may catch some flack for it. But if something was wrong, it would be worth it.

Let's talk about lightning. You know, things that just drop out of the clouds. It does happen. If you listen to your instincts, take safety precautions and do everything right, things will still happen. It is a fact of life. You should think about that and what you would do if things go wrong.

And what about after something happens? Tell someone, even if you don't or can't call the police. Get a person who has not been stressed out like you have. Ask them to help you decide what to do.

Barry has several confidential resources you can turn to for help, including the Career and Counseling Center and the Health Center. If your problem is with another member of the Barry community or someone outside the Barry community, the Public Safety office can be of help.

It all comes back to what I have said before. YOU have to make a commitment to YOUR safety. If you are old enough to be in college, it is not your parent's responsibility any more. Here on campus, it is not Barry's job. Your parents probably want to help and Barry does help in many ways, but it all comes back to "It's your job."

You already know what to do, or where to go to find out about personal safety. But to be safe or get help you have to just do it!

SCUBA dives in

by **DENISE OSBORNE**
Guest Reporter


The Barry University SCUBA Society is getting started for another semester and would like to invite you to join them for the activities that they have planned for this semester. So far they have hosted the South Florida NAUI Chapter meeting on January 13, donated a clock to the ISR department for use at the pool, held a car wash fundraiser, and sent delegates to the DEMA Trade Show in San Francisco from Jan. 20-29. They are looking forward to hearing from the delegates regarding new advances in the sport diving industry. Some planned Spring activities include:

- Feb. 19 Return to the Big Blue Trip
- Feb. 24 Diver's Night Out Trip
- Mar. 26 Underwater Reef Sweep
- Apr. 8 Rescue Beach Workshop
- Apr. 23 Drift Dive - West Palm

Please join them at their next members meeting on **Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 4 pm** in the D/D T.V. Lounge. Members, your membership cards and T-shirts will be available at this meeting and there are extra shirts available for sale for \$15. Hope to see you soon, both underwater AND on land. For further information, please contact John LaFlair at 893-1478.

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Student offers perspective on job-hunting after graduation

by **HALEY KELLY**
Staff Reporter

Have you ever seen the Robert Redford movie called "The Candidate", where he wins an election as Senator and then says, "What do I do now?" then you know how graduation is for many of us students. You work hard for four years, then finally get the degree and say, "What do I do now?"

Well, you have a few options. You can get a job at a fast food chain, go to graduate school, stay and work at Barry, or look for that great job that will help you pay for the education you've spent so much money to get. But how, where?

There's always that philosophy which many people have been relying on for years: "It's not what you know, but who you know that makes a difference." That works for some, but not all.

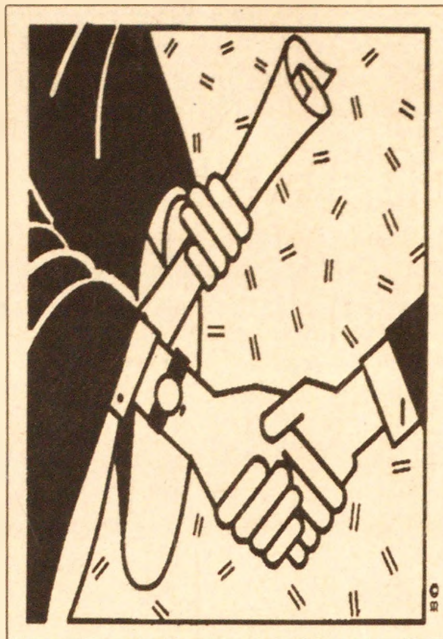
Wouldn't it be great if like on T.V. we could just get a job with the first company we go to? Just walk right up without an interview and have the boss smile, shake your hand, and say, "See you on Monday". It just ain't gonna happen. So now it's up to us to get our feet in the door.

I'm taking Seminar in Communication, which is really helpful since I have yet to even think about writing my resume. I've learned that being persistent is the key to getting the job you want. But if you're not that outgoing type, there's always groveling. O.K., maybe that's too extreme. But who knows, it could work!

So be persistent. However, this doesn't mean you have to hound employers, reminding them constantly that you're seriously interested in their company.

What's that other saying? Something like, "If you can't sell yourself, no one will." It's true. You have to believe in yourself or no one else will. No matter how hard it is at times be positive. Believe me, I know!

Another piece of advice I got from a senior majoring in Biology was "Start



looking now before you graduate, because if you wait too long you'll never find a job." The biology student went on to say, "I hear that employers want people just graduating from college. They don't want students who graduated three to 12 months ago and have no jobs. Otherwise, they wonder what you've been doing with your time." This makes perfect sense, and so I start thinking of different strategies so I can wow these future employers.

I begin a strategic battle plan. I want to be creative, but I want the employer to take me seriously. I can't believe I actually will have to wear nice clothes to the interview. Goodbye, play clothes! Hello, work clothes!

The only problem with applying to companies you really want to work for

is that horrible word called REJECTION. There's also another bad phrase called, "I'm sorry, but the position has been filled", or my favorite, "There aren't any positions available at this time." It can be such a nightmare.

Some students may never have to go this. There is always the possibility of getting the first job you apply for. So don't lose all hope.

So, whatever the advice, whether negative or positive, listen to the people who know, people who have already experienced the aggravation of finding a job. As for answering the question—"What's next after graduation?"—I can honestly say "A Good Job."

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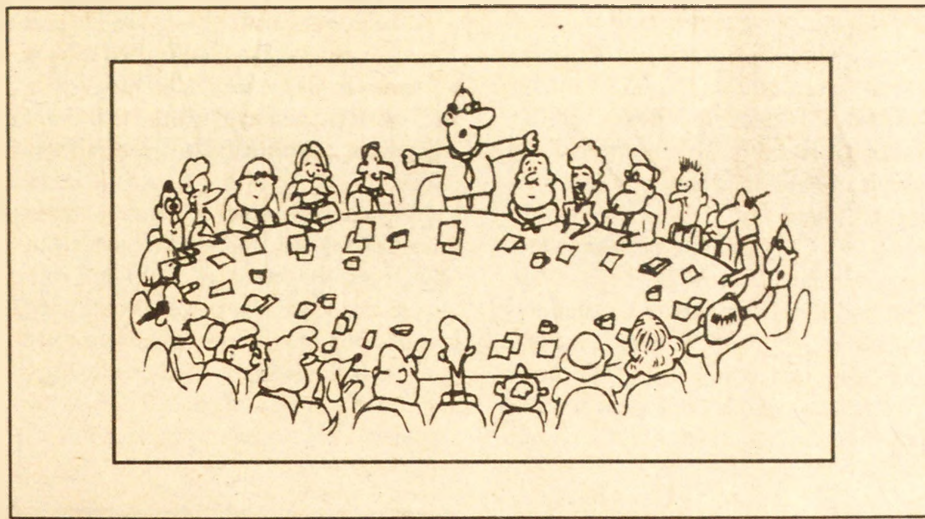
by NANCY K. MAXWELL
Guest Reporter

Jews and Christians meeting together, talking together and attempting to understand one another. This is the goal of the campus-wide Committee for Jewish-Christian Relations, according to Associate Professor of Theology Dr. Ralph Del Colle.

The committee, which includes Jewish and Christian faculty, staff, students and members of the community, met recently to plan a series of events this year, including a book discussion, a theological lecture and a Passover seder.

"Through these programs, we hope to promote a Jewish-Christian dialogue and engage in discussions of theological issues common to both traditions," Del Colle explained.

The first program the committee will



sponsor this semester will be a series of book discussions beginning Monday, Feb. 13 from 12 to 1 p.m. in Thompson 107 and continuing each Monday until March 6. At each session, participants will discuss sections of the book "Jews and Christians: A Troubled

Family."

On Thurs., March 23 at 7 p.m. in Andreas 112, the committee will sponsor a public lecture by Jack Bemporad, a well-known rabbi and theologian. After providing his reflections on "Veritatis Splendor," the

Pope's recent Encyclical on moral theology, Barry University Associate Professor of Theology Dr. Edward Sunshine will present a Christian response to the rabbi's talk.

Then on Tues., April 11, at 5 p.m. in Thompson Hall, the committee will co-sponsor a Passover Seder with Hillel, the national Jewish student association. At this special dinner and service, Jewish and Christian participants will be able to learn about an important Jewish holiday by re-enacting the traditional Passover meal.

"I am excited about the plans we have made for this year" said committee Chair Del Colle. "Through these programs and events, I believe we will facilitate better understanding between Jews and Christians."

For more information on any of these events, or on the Jewish-Christian Relations Committee, contact Dr. Ralph Del Colle at 899-3447.

Barry students & faculty experience the NFL first-hand

by PATRICIA ANN CREVER
Staff Reporter

The NFL Experience could have been called the Barry Experience. From Jan. 25 through 29 more than 61 students and faculty volunteered their time at what was called the closest experience to the NFL.

The NFL Experience began three years ago at Super Bowl XXVI in Minneapolis as part of an ongoing commitment to develop innovative ways for fans to experience the NFL in a hands-on way. For Super Bowl XXIX, an entire theme park was constructed on 650,000 square feet (15 football fields) of parking space west of Joe Robbie Stadium. From set-up to breakdown the theme park required approximately 40,000 man hours, or some 250 workers on the job for four full weeks.

After the game, the elements of the park were packed up and shipped to a 10,000-square foot warehouse in Atlanta for storage.

The NFL Experience was created to give the fans a chance to get closer to the game. NFL official Dan Solomon said "You actually were able to see how it feels to be in the locker room before a game, this is an opportunity you never will get to see." Frank Alvarado a Barry student who worked at the "Punt Pass and Kick competition said, "It was funny how the people thought they could kick the ball straight, when in reality they only kicked the ball five yards."

The NFL Experience had something for everybody, but one of the most exciting things to see beside the memorabilia and all the activities were the stars. NFL players such as Warren

Moon, Irvan Fryer, Drew Bledso, Emmitt Smith and Dan Marino were among the crowd.

On Wed. Jan. 25 "Boys II Men" put on a spectacular concert benefiting charity.

Overall the NFL Experience was a huge success. This one activity alone raised over 15,000 dollars stated one Joe Robbie worker. Christine Hryzan said "It great to be part of history in the making."

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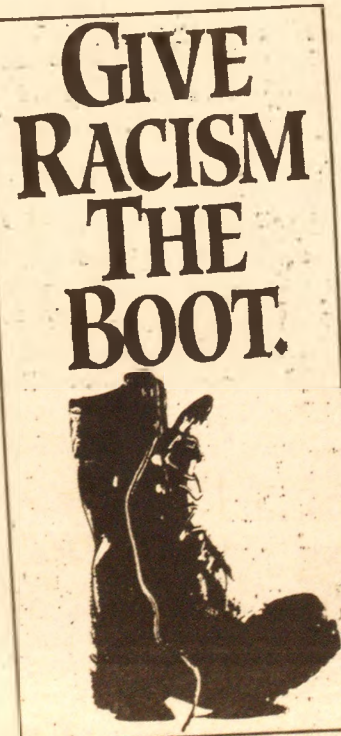
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Morusiewicz named Academic All-American

by FRANK S. ALVARADO
Staff Reporter

On Jan. 25th, women's volleyball junior outside-hitter Marya Morusiewicz won a big award for her performance in the classroom. Morusiewicz was named to third team Academic All-America by GTE/CoSida, an honor that featured only 19 players from across the U.S. that combine athletic and academic talents.

The news reached Morusiewicz, a

Sports Medicine-Athletic Training major from Sarasota, Fl, during Christmas break. She described her experience as "very, very exciting, I was ecstatic...it was an achievement that was worth the hard work."

In 1993-94, Morsiewicz was named Barry Female Scholar-Athlete-of-the-Year and Barry University Outstanding Sophomore by Student Services. She holds an outstanding 4.0 grade point average. She also is the recipient of the National Association of Sport and

Physical Education Major-of-the-Year Award. On the volleyball court, she is the career leader in digs with 845, including a school record 309 digs in 1993.

Morusiewicz is involved in Campus Ministry and the Buc tutoring team. She says, "the key to it all is to set your goals, know what it is you want," and she goes on to say, "My goals are to be great in schoolwork first, then athletics, then everything else, and it has to be organized, I just can't wing it."

Succeeding in the classroom first is a goal shared not only by Marya, but also by her coach. Coach Yelin said his goal for the team "is to be competitive and excel in the classroom first then on the court." His philosophy works: "We have five players with 4.0 GPA's and 2 with 3.5 GPA's."

Morusiewicz plans to get a masters degree in Physical Therapy and specialize in pediatrics. She hopes to attend graduate school either at Duke University or Emory University.

Buccaneer Sports Update

by FRANK S. ALVARADO
Staff Reporter

Covone Resigns as Women's Soccer Coach

Head women's soccer coach Mike Covone resigned on Jan. 23. He will be replaced by assistant coach Brian Dooley.

Covone will remain part of Barry's Athletic Department as Associate Athletic Director and will assume all internal day-to-day operations of the Athletic Department.

Covone is a native of Hialeah, and was the first and only head coach of a women's soccer team that excelled on the field of play. During his tenure, Covone led the team to 11 consecutive winning seasons, seven NCAA tournament appearances, and compiled a 140-32-9 record. His teams also managed to bring home three national championships, including back-to-back titles in 1992 and 1993, a feat accomplished only by Barry and the University of North Carolina.

The National Coach of the Year in 1989 and 1991, Covone had this to say: "I have been blessed with the opportunity to start a program and watch it grow over the past 11 years."

He went on to say, "I'd like to thank Sr. Jeanne O'Laughlin, and the administration, the students, faculty and staff, and especially my family for their continued support over the years and thank all of the student athletes that I've had the pleasure of being associated with over the past 11 years."

Covone's replacement Dooley has been with the program the last five years, including the two national title seasons. Dooley said "The continuity of the program has been entrusted to me, and it's a responsibility I won't take lightly."

Men's Basketball

"The key to winning this year is defense" — a philosophy used by new head coach Cesar Odio to lead the Buccaneers to a great 12-5 record. The Bucs opened with a strong pre-SSC record that featured a school record 8-game winning streak and wins over top teams Siena Heights, Lynn, St. Ambrose, and Lenoir-Rhyne. The Bucs are wearing down opponents with defense that allowed only 63.0 points and 42.2% from the field.

Since the week of Jan. 17 the Bucs

have ranked first in the nation in scoring defense. The Bucs are 2-4 in the Sunshine State Conference. They opened conference play at home with a 65-61 loss to Saint Leo, then rebounded with a rout of Florida Tech, 91-75, a game during which the Bucs shot 76.7% in the first half.

On Jan. 21, "Friends of Barry Night", the Bucs dropped a close game to SSC power North Florida, 65-61.

Leading the Bucs is junior guard Marques Tampa, with 14.8 points a game and 52.7% shooting from the field; junior guard Rolando Medina with 12.6 points; junior forward Earl Allick with 12.0 points; and junior guard Mick Greene with 9.4 points.

Women's Basketball

The Lady Bucs are 2-14 overall and 0-4 in conference play. Leading in scoring, assists, and steals is sophomore point guard Latoya Simpson. Other top players include freshman Barbara Barnes with 9.4 points a game and 5.0 rebounds per game. The six freshmen combined have 34.1 points and 21.0 rebounds.

The Lady Bucs lost 59-58 to Florida Tech on Jan. 21 in an overtime game. After leading 20-11 in the first ten minutes, the Bucs trailed at the half 31-29. In the second half, the Lady Bucs missed nine free-throws, including the would-be game winner with 4.7 seconds left in regulation.

Softball

A repeat of last year is what the softball team wants. The team is focused for a return trip to the NCAA Division II National Finals.

The Bucs won the South Regional and advanced to the finals for the first time in school history. They finished the year with an overall record of 42-13.

In 1994, head coach Lisa Navas was named South Region Coach-of-the-Year, and left-fielder Jen Boyd and second-baseman Dawn Saunders were named to the All-America first team.

The team also excels in the classroom, earning Top Ten Team Academic Honors. With a 3.11 team average, this marks the second time in three years that the softball team has been honored.

Baseball

After a 25-27 season last year, the



Barry baseball team hopes to go over .500 this year with help from returning players. This season features 41 games at home, including a 23-game home stand between Feb. 15 and Mar. 19. This is a break for the Bucs, considering they will play 21 games in a tough SSC as well as play against Division I opponents Villanova, Columbia, Providence, and cross-town rival FIU.

Returning for the Bucs on the pitching rotation are junior left-hander Andrew Marolick, who led the pitching staff with a school record 2.72 ERA and six wins; senior right-hander John Gonzalez; and junior reliever Brian Huether, who posted 5 saves last year.

Swinging the big bats is junior third-baseman Ozzie Delgado, who led the team in batting average with .310 in 51 games played. Then there are seniors Albert Valdes and Chris Neill. Valdes stole a school record 36 bases last year and had .288 batting average. Neill led the team with 44 runs scored and stole 27 bases.

Men's Tennis

The Barry men's tennis team displayed a good outing against the 11th ranked Division I University of Miami on Jan. 21.

In the first game, senior Diego Escribano faced the #1 ranked player in the nation, Srdan Muskatirovic. Escribano lost the tough match, 6-1, 6-

4. Junior Christian Gonzales-Black won his match, 6-2, 6-1, in the fifth match-up, and sophomore Jose Roig claimed a 6-2, 6-2 win in the sixth match-up.

The squad should improve on its final #10 ranking of last year since it only lost one player from last year's team. The Bucs have posted a 31-12 record in the last two years. Their goal is to win the Sunshine State Conference Championship this year.

New to the team is sophomore Roig, an All-American junior college transfer. Roig was ranked #6 in the nation last year in junior college competition.

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LOCAL PLAYWRIGHT PREMIERED

When five life-long friends get together for a reunion, what could possibly go wrong? Quite a lot actually, especially when secrets and hidden emotions take front stage. Such is the basis for the play "The Slumber Party" written by local author E. Claudette Freeman, daughter of Barry University employee Annie Thomas of the Adult and Continuing Education Center in South Dade.

The play won second place this past Feb. in the Quest Theatre's Lofton Mitchell New Playwrights Festival.

"The Slumber Party" is scheduled to be staged Sat., March 11 at the Broad Theatre of the Performing Arts at Barry University. For times and ticket

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New Republican majority plans cuts in education spending

by MARCO BUSCAGLIA
College Press Service

WASHINGTON—Student aid programs and federal research are among the programs targeted for billions in budget cuts by the newly elected Republican majority in Congress.

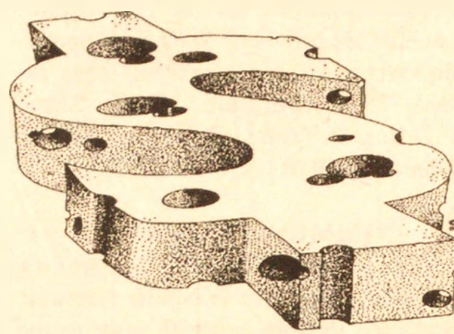
While White House officials say it's still too early to tell how the Republican agenda will impact President Clinton's policies, student leaders and administrators say they fear the proposed changes may mean students could be paying thousands of dollars more in interest on their student loans.

Even before the election, GOP leaders presented voters with a series of changes they would support which would effect colleges and universities across the nation.

In their "Contract with America," which outlines billions of dollars in possible cuts from a variety of federal programs, Republicans say they plan on:

- Cutting \$13.4 billion, or 60 percent of the total budget, paid to teaching hospitals.
- Cutting \$7.6 billion in job training grants.
- Cutting \$3.5 billion in aid to students and colleges.
- Eliminating government payments of interest on student loans while the students are still in school, saving \$8 billion.

- Cutting \$1.62 billion from aid to schools that conduct federal research.
- Cutting \$2.87 billion out of federal funds to campus aid programs.
- Cutting \$1.23 billion on academic computer projects.
- Cutting \$830 million on agriculture



research.

Madeleine Kunin, U.S. deputy secretary of education, said department officials are concerned about the proposed cuts to subsidized student loans. Under the Republican plan, interest would compound while the student finished college, adding hundreds or thousands of dollars in interest for the student upon graduation.

"It would have a significant impact on students," she said, adding that a typical \$5,000 loan would incur an additional \$350 per year if interest is not suspended while that student is in school. "It seems like it would discourage the very students that the loan program was designed to help."

Kunin said that it is the Department of Education's responsibility to tell the new Congress how the loan programs benefit students. "So far the success rate of the National Direct Student Loan program seems to speak for itself," she said. "We have always intended to do a first-rate job so we have satisfied customers. Hopefully they'll take that into consideration."

Kunin said that the new federal loan programs could run into problems simply because they were initiated by Clinton, but she hopes that the newly elected officials "act in the best interests of this country's students. I don't expect that the president will change his educational philosophy."

Neither does the First Lady. During a trip to Indonesia last week, Hillary Rodham Clinton said that "the president has to stand for what he's stood for. He has to stick with his principles and protect the progress that has been made."

One area of progress outlined by Clinton was the Direct Student Loan Program. "I don't think the American public wants to see college loans for middle-class kids—which the president pushed through the Congress—cut back and eliminated," said Clinton.

While some college officials fear that national service programs will be cut, Wendy Grassi, spokesperson for the Corporation for National Service, said that she is confident the AmeriCorps

program will remain intact. "We had bipartisan support when the legislation was passed," she said, "and we expect it to continue."

But Scott Izzo, executive director of the Student Conservation Association, said he worries that the new Congress may place less priority on the national service movement. "The concept would continue, but I don't know if the funding will," Izzo said. "AmeriCorps has really helped revive volunteerism in this country, and it would be unfortunate if the investment made in the program was cut or eliminated."

Susan Ball, executive director of the College Art Association, said that despite the potential for further budget slashing of the National Endowment for the Arts, college art programs should remain intact. "The economic impact of art on universities is strong enough that I think it will prevail," she said. "The money that is being brought in by art programs is a significant boon to a lot of schools. It's hard to argue with those numbers."

And while Ball said she expects support for the program to continue, she realizes that cuts to the N.E.A. will greatly affect the type of work students are allowed to exhibit. "What cuts in funding take place, the things that are experimental and non-traditional get pushed aside," she said. "The more controversial pieces of work may never get seen by their appropriate audience."

Fruitless thought fuels university discussion group

by MARCO BUSCAGLIA
College Press Service

PHILADELPHIA—After a day of discussing Nietzsche, organic chemistry and the works of Shakespeare, sometimes it's time to just say "no" to anything resembling an intellectual pursuit.

That explains why at the University of Pennsylvania, an increasing number of freshmen are getting together twice a month to discuss really important matters, like Play-Doh.

"Fruitless Thought" participants meet on even-numbered Thursdays at 7:47 p.m. in Penn's English House residence hall to discuss random subjects that most students gloss over in daily life.

"We're trying to provide a bubble away from life for a half an hour," says Penn freshman Harris Romanoff, the founder and guru of the group. "We deal with the everyday things that people usually overlook because of the bigger things that are constantly pounding down on us."

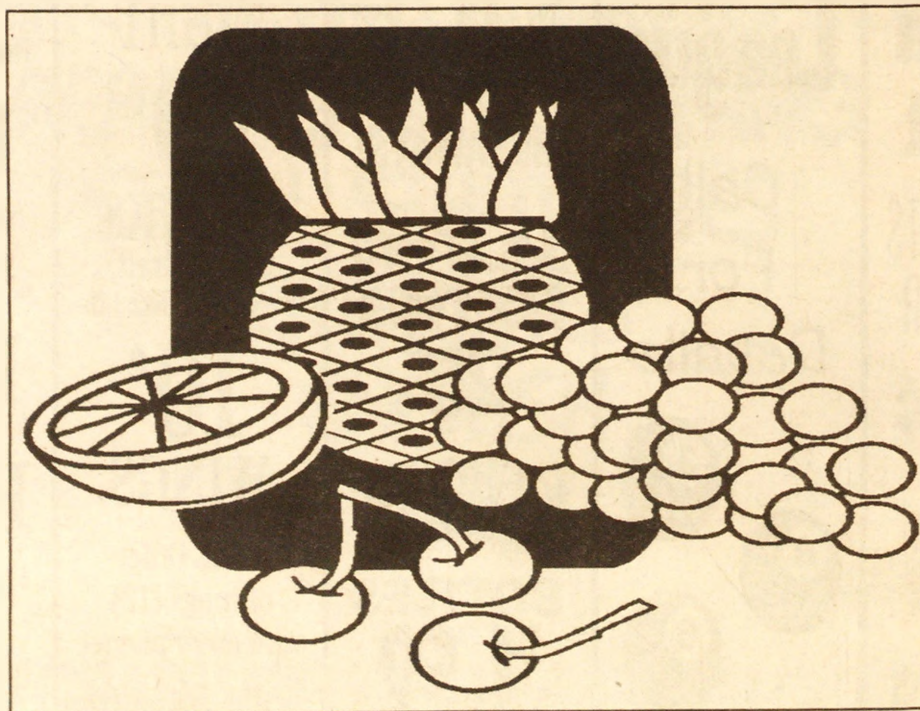
The group took shape after Romanoff, an avid V-8 drinker, wanted the rest of his fifth floor neighbors to try the infamous vegetable drink. "People couldn't understand why I drink the stuff. They said it tastes like crap," says Romanoff. "It seemed like everyone on the floor hated it."

So Romanoff decided to hold a "V-8 Informative Seminar" to tout his drink of choice. After putting up fliers throughout the floor, Romanoff hosted

about 20 students in his room. "I told them that to be truly enjoyed, V-8 had to be served super cold," he says "I had a sample for everyone, and eight people ended up saying they liked it."

Thought, a loosely formatted discussion group that explores the triumphs and trappings surrounding life's everyday objects.

And, as a bow to the groups' title,



But it wasn't the consumer taste test that inspired Romanoff, it was the discussion that followed. "People went around the room and told their V-8 horror stories," says the 18-year-old. "We were sitting there talking about something that a lot of people deal with in their everyday lives. I just thought that was interesting."

So Romanoff set up Fruitless

Romanoff provides some sort of unusual fruit for the group to snack on during each meeting. "We've had pomegranates, starfruit and kumquats," says Romanoff. "It's just a good way for people to try something they've never tried before."

But the big drawing point remains the subjects of discussion, a haphazard collection of everyday trivialities. In

addition to Play-Doh, the group already has explored Chapstick, canned cranberry sauce and duct tape. Romanoff is planning on a whole new range of topics, which include orally fixated people (pen cap suckers) and Slinkys.

"The whole thing has kind of taken off," says Romanoff, who serves as the moderator at each meeting. "There seems to be a lot of people who enjoy the break from the rest of the world."

After the V-8 debate, Romanoff moved the meetings to the fifth floor lounge. He decided to try expand the audience so he began putting up posters around the residence hall. "But I found out you needed some kind of permit to do that in the dorm," says Romanoff, "so I ended up in the residence hall director's office faced with a \$50 fine."

After explaining the group's intentions, Romanoff not only had the fine absolved but was promised \$150 from the university to help run his group. "The money covers advertising and fruit," says Romanoff. "It really doesn't cost too much to run it."

The group now numbers close to 40, which Romanoff says is a comfortable size. "If it were any bigger, we might not be able to get as much hands-on involvement as we have now," he says. "It would have to become more structured."

And that's not exactly the group's intention. "We just want to provide a place where people can go to get away from it all," he says, "and maybe have a V-8."

Job outlook for college graduates brightens in 1995

by MARCO BUSCAGLIA
College Press Service

Brace yourself, college seniors: there's good news on the job front.

After years of doom-and-gloom forecasts throughout the early 1990s, the employment outlook for college graduates finally may be replaced by brighter skies.

"The graduates of 1995 should be entering the best job market in the past four years," said Patrick Scheetz, director of the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at Michigan State University. "Although it's a modest increase, it looks like we're coming out of a dark period for employment."

Scheetz and his associates have released a new study based on surveys of 545 companies. He said that the hiring of this year's graduates will increase 5.9 percent over last year, making 1995 the second consecutive year for gains in employment. In the four years before last year's 1.1 percent increase, new jobs for college graduates dropped by 30 percent.

Thomas Oh, senior research analyst at Hanigan Consulting Group in New York City, agrees.

"Companies are getting back to hiring the people they didn't hire in the early '90s," said Oh. "This year's college graduates have good reason to be more optimistic than ever."

Oh said 29 of the 100 companies he surveyed indicated that they'll increase their hiring of college graduates this spring, while 65 companies will hire the same amount of students as last year. Only five companies said they will decrease the amount of college graduates they'll be hiring.

In 1994, the number of college graduates hired rose by 8.4 percent. The number this year should be even higher, Oh said.

"Students getting their degrees in 1995 face a much better job market than graduates did a few years ago," said Oh. "They will be hearing from more than one company."

That continues an upward trend from 1994, when college graduates entered an

improved job market. "It's kind of anticlimactic when you graduate and then have to wait six months to get a job," says Ron Fille, a 1994 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. "When I was a sophomore and junior, all I ever read was about how horrible the job market was. I thought I was going to get buried."

But Fille was able to find a job within one month of his graduation, thanks to an early job search and a major that is in demand. "I was one of the lucky ones who majored in computer science," he says. "There were a lot of companies hiring computer geeks like me to help with technical support."

The upwards swing of the 1994 hiring season should continue into 1995, but graduates shouldn't expect to leap into that \$50,000 a year job right away. "Employers are reminding students that they still have some learning to do and that they need to show positive performance on the job," said Scheetz. "A lot of times students think job advancement when they should think job performance. Students proved themselves in college, now they have to prove themselves all over again."

Scheetz said that employers will be looking to hire graduates with significant work-related experience and computer skills. "Employers today aren't satisfied with just a degree," said Scheetz, adding that 58 percent of all graduates hired last year had some form of job experience. "Companies today want their new employees to have strong skills in public speaking, writing, and reasoning. Grads should have good teamwork skills and customer service relations abilities, too."

Dawn Oberman, director of the College Placement Council, said that corporate recruiters have indicated that they will be increasing their campus visits in the spring. "It's the first time they've been expanding their searches in quite some time," Oberman said. "That should indicate that companies are looking to hire more graduates."

Like MSU's Scheetz, Oberman said the more work experience a college graduate has, the better. "Students that have a strong record of internships and summer jobs will have the inside track," she said. "Employers want to see that you have some experience working, even if it's a part-time job somewhere, to back up your degree."

Most graduates hired in 1995 will get jobs in the service and manufacturing industries, said Oberman, adding that jobs in government and nonprofit organizations will dramatically drop.

Scheetz agreed, predicting that the fastest growing areas of occupation are computer systems occupations, engineering, accounting and finance, sales and marketing, medical and health care occupations, environmental fields, sciences and mathematics and economic and community development.

While the employment situation is better across the U.S., job opportunities are especially improved in the Southcentral and Northcentral regions of the nation. Opportunities in the Northwest and Northeast lag behind the rest of the country, but they are still higher than in recent years.

Those entering the job market shouldn't expect a quick search. Although the outlook is brighter than in past years, most students still can expect a six- to eight-month search, said Linn Ann Thomas, placement director at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

"Depending on the range of a job search, most students should assume they will be spending at least six months looking for work," said Thomas. "For some, that's a long wait, but students have to remember that they are looking for a career, not just a job. Their first job is only their first step."

Thomas said that graduates can improve their job search by not limiting themselves to random resume mailings. "If a student begins to network while in school, he'll find a lot more options when it comes time to look for a job," she said.

Officials at the U.S. Department of Labor predict that job growth for college graduates will continue until at least

2005. Those occupations that show signs of the most growth are teachers, computer systems analysts, engineers, scientists, registered nurses, physicians, physical therapists, social workers and human services workers.

But the continued growth doesn't necessarily guarantee a job for everyone. Labor officials estimate that 17.9 million graduates will join the labor force in the next 16 years, while only 13.7 million entry jobs requiring college degrees will open up.

The future job market will be more competitive than ever, as graduates will have to vie for the available positions. Still, nearly 25 percent of graduates will end up working in an occupation that traditionally does not require a college degree, the Labor Department predicts.

Estimated Starting Salaries

Chemical Engineering.....	\$40,689
Mechanical Engineering.....	\$35,713
Electrical Engineering.....	\$35,302
Industrial Engineering.....	\$33,593
Computer Science	\$32,762
Nursing	\$30,078
Civil Engineering.....	\$29,838
Geology	\$28,689
Chemistry	\$28,551
Accounting	\$28,022
Physics.....	\$27,330
Financial Administration.....	\$26,838
Mathematics	\$26,630
Sales	\$24,790
Marketing	\$24,780
Agriculture	\$24,455
Business Administration.....	\$23,950
Hotel/Restaurant Mgt.....	\$23,855
Human Resources.....	\$22,760
Education.....	\$22,898
Natural Resources	\$22,760
Social Science.....	\$22,600
Retailing	\$22,195
Advertising	\$21,870
Communications	\$21,860
Human Ecology.....	\$21,353
Home Economics	\$21,252
Liberal Arts	\$21,124
Journalism	\$20,837
Telecommunications	\$20,821

Average for Graduate Degree

MBA.....	\$39,507
Ph.D.....	\$38,686
Masters	\$35,934

Source: College Placement Council

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ADOPT A PARISH

The Adopt a Parish program attempts to address the needs of poor Haitian parishes. In this program, an adopting parish sends money via checks to cover the food or medical needs of Haitian parishioners. To learn more about the program write Adopt a Parish, P.O. Box 111, Old Hickory, Tenn., 37138 or call (615) 847-5022.

HUNGER AWARENESS WEEK

Campus Ministry is sponsoring events for Hunger Awareness Week—Feb. 26 - March 4.

Masses at the Chapel will be dedicated to the issue of hunger and homelessness. A special panel of those who have experienced hunger and

homelessness will be held in the Kostka room on Tues., Feb. 28, at 8 p.m.

A "shanty town" will be built on March 1 to show students what it is like to be without a home. Also on March 1, students, faculty and staff will be asked to "give up a meal" so that others may eat. If a person is on a Marriott meal plan, his/her number will be taken and Marriott will give money; those not on the meal plan will be asked to give money.

Finally, on March 2, a "World Meal" will be offered at 6 p.m. in the Kostka room. Tickets will be required for this meal and may be acquired during the week of Feb. 12 at the tables taking meal donations.

FREE BOATING CLASS

The Miami Beach Power Squadron will teach a free public boating class for seven weeks at the Miami Beach

recreational center, 502 72nd street, starting Tues. Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a small charge to purchase books and navigational equipment.

For more information, contact Ben at 893-0436, Irwin at 895-1393, or Len at 454-7141.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

February events for the International Business Association include seminars, conferences, workshops, networking, fairs/exhibitions, community services and fun. Stop by Andreas 215 to make your reservations. At least one week advance notice is required.

BUSINESS CAREER DAY

The Andreas School of Business along with the Career and Counseling Center, will host the Third Annual

Business Career Day on Feb. 15. The event will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. in Andreas 111 and 112.

Business Career Day provides an excellent opportunity for business students to make contacts with officers from at least twenty six major companies. Some of the companies which will be represented include Barnett Bank, Coca-Cola Bottling Company, The Miami Herald, and Specs Music Company.

WOMEN IN ACTION

Women in Action asks that you join them in March in celebration of Women's History Month.

March has been set aside as a time to promote awareness of critical issues faced by women.

Please contact Dr. Lillian Schanfield at 899-3419 or come to the meetings, Fridays at noon in Andreas 223.

Barry student relates his experience of studying abroad

by JOHN MAY
Staff Reporter

Have you ever wanted to live in Europe? If so, a Study Abroad program is the best means to do so. The summer of last year was the first time I left the country. I needed a change and Barry University provided the right option.

I contacted Dr. Eileen McDonough, the Dean of Academic and Instructional Services, and she introduced me to a program Barry belongs to called the College Consortium of International Studies, (CCIS). This program offers a wide variety of overseas study; everywhere from the West Indies to China. I wanted to study in Europe. The choices looked inviting: London, Paris, Rome, to name a few.

I was tired of city life, so I chose Lugano, a small city in Switzerland. I knew nothing about Switzerland prior to my leaving, save for its legendary Alps, chocolates, and its being the home of surrealist H.R. Geiger, who designed the monster in 'Alien'.

Lugano is a city of about 70,000 people nestled among the Alps of

southern Switzerland. It is a beautiful and unique part of Europe, where the language spoken is Italian, the culture Ticinese and the loyalty proudly Swiss.

The lakes and palm trees in the area make it a popular vacation spot for northern Europeans, while the activities on the lake include jet-skiing and sailing, giving it a familiar coziness to the visitor from South Florida.

I arrived in Lugano late in August. The days were hot and long and camera laden tourists filled the streets. I was living in a rundown apartment house which was centrally located 10 minutes downhill from the college and 10 minutes uphill from the city.

Franklin College is a tiny American institution. There are approximately 250 students, most of whom are Middle Eastern or European. These students come from mostly affluent backgrounds and have been enrolled in overseas American schools for the majority of their academic lives. The courses are taught in English and most of the professors are American.

What made the study abroad program unique was the foreign perspective on

events often not taught in American classrooms. A fine example of this is in the study of World War II. For us as Americans it is a chapter in a history text; it is aging stories and nearly forgotten battles on a distant soil.

For the European it is still very much alive, a war that is not so long ago to them. Animosity and distrust cloud the European political arena, as old foes strive to bring unity to the continent.

This distrust made itself quite evident while I visited Amsterdam. The Dutch language is similar to German, so I decided it would be appropriate to use some German pleasantries in conversation. This was a gross mistake. As a local explained it later, the Dutch despise the Germans. I was warned that thanking someone in German might get me beaten up.

The wintertime in southern Switzerland is cold and clear. I left there in mid-December under clear blue skies, the only snowfall was to be seen on the peaks of distant mountains. For an American living abroad it is hard going home. Though you miss family and friends, the bond one can develop

quickly with Europe is very deep.

Europe, despite its rapid growth, is still the Old World. You can walk down the quiet cobblestone streets of a mountain village in Switzerland or walk past Renaissance buildings in a bustling Italian city. This also makes Europe unique, for as well as preserving its historic beauty, ghosts of the past still haunt the landscape, forever keeping the memories of human atrocity alive.

These can be found in the rusting armaments of the Maginot Line and the gutted buildings of Guernica. It is a somber reminder that peace is not without its price, and beauty is not without its scars.

A study in Europe program is more enriching than a vacation. As you become involved in a manner of life much different than that of America. Europeans have the same amenities we Americans have grown used to, but there is something different beneath the surface. Europe harbors a spectrum of human experiences, one that all Americans should experience at least once to color their perceptions of the world about them.

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that you are about to be a crime victim before it happens. With this ability to "see" trouble coming evasive action can be taken to prevent victimization.

Priority 3: Caution students about wearing gold chains or jewelry when they venture to public places outside the campus. Or, as I saw in the cafeteria, do not carry large sums of money. (The lady ahead of me in line went through at least \$500 in 50's and 100's to find a ten-dollar bill to pay for her food. I had no problem seeing her money. Tempting bait had I been in need of money to buy "rock." The student then put the tempting wallet back into her shoulder bag, but failed to zip the purse shut. I could have easily picked it out of the purse and walked away undetected. I made mention of the danger of her actions and her response was one of surprise. She said, "Ya know, I never thought about it; you're right, thanks.")

Priority 4: You get the idea.

The campus has a very good Security operation. In fact, better than most I have seen. I have never seen a Security Department supply men to watch vehicles parked roadside as is done on 111th and 115th streets. Our Security force, excuse me, "Public Safety" force is to be commended.

I have had a long and varied background in police work, security, and crime victims. It is about time that people assigned the responsibilities of Mr. Brittain throw out the text book and finally do something realistic. His column reads like every primer written for Security 101. Get to work and save the niceties for banquets. How much misery could you have saved victims if this "inaugural" column had actually said something? Your position is not to make the university look good, but to prevent other students from becoming crime victims! Stop dealing with the symptoms and go directly to the heart of

the matter.

David Schoettler

Dear Editor:

The attached is part of a letter written to me by my nephew, Jeff Balcerski, who is a sophomore at the University of Michigan. From my experience in working with students, I believe that this piece reflects the feelings of students about the differences and difficulties they experience in the transition from high school to college. If it can be helpful to students, it deserves publication.

Judith A. Balcerski
Dean, School of Nursing

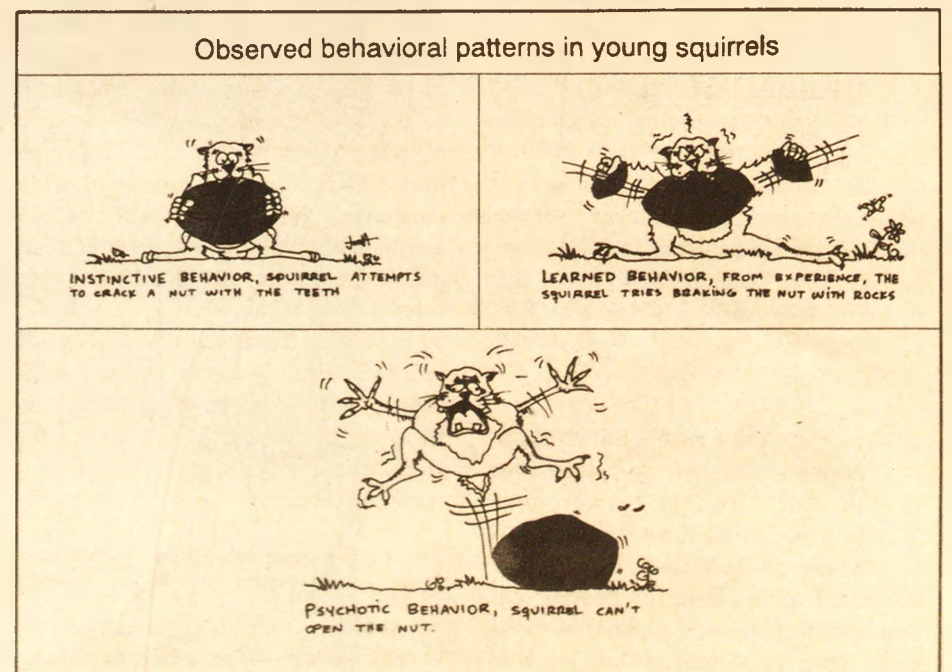
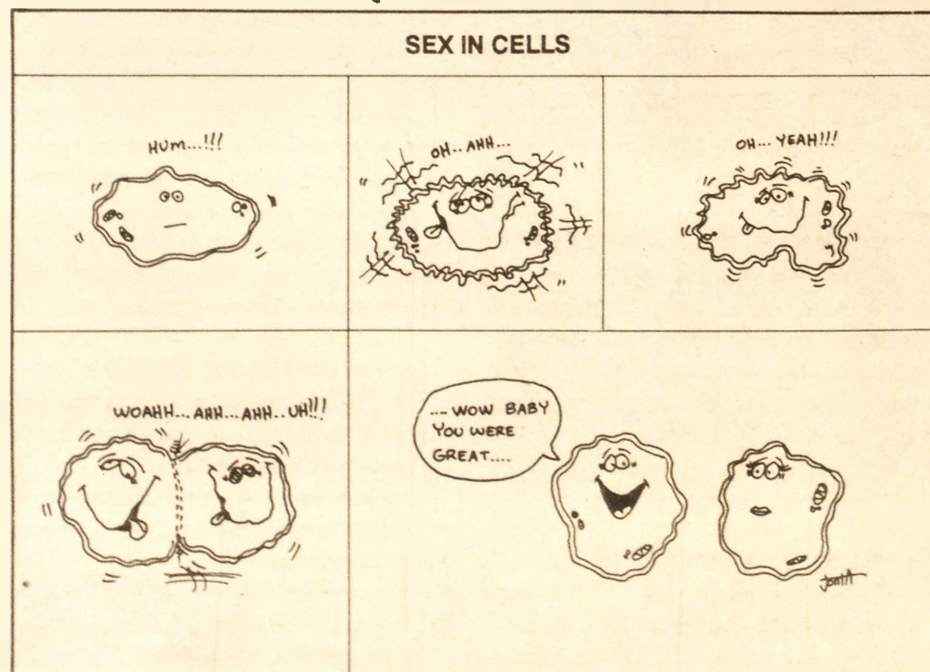
REFLECTIONS ON THE
FRESHMAN YEAR FROM THE
SOPHOMORE PERSPECTIVE
OF A HIGH SCHOOL HONOR

STUDENT

I have decided that I can no longer assume that I deserve to be at the top of the class just because I always was in high school. I need to pull myself back to the basics and move on from there. Last year, I tried to jump an enormous gap between high school and college, and I couldn't understand why I kept falling into this abyss. The reason was that I kept walking off the edge and into it. I realize now that I need to take a few steps back, get a good foothold, and launch myself over that rift. It's kind of ironic, though, that no matter how hard you prepare or how fast you're going when you jump, there's always the time between the take-off and landing when you're hanging in mid-air with nothing below you, and all you can do is close your eyes and hope that everything you did to build up to this was enough. Here's hoping that my leap is long enough...

Unnatural SELECTION

by Jorge Torres



The author of *The Informers* publishes another controversial tale

by **STEPHEN PLECHY**
Staff Reporter

The Informers by Bret Easton Ellis is the most recently published addition to a series of daring, explicit narratives which chronicle the spiritually vacuous lives of young American financiers through the 1980's. Ellis gained instant fame and critical notoriety with the publication of *Less Than Zero* in 1981, when he was 21 years old and attending the Bennington College liberal arts program.

The elements which spawned controversy over *Less Than Zero* and especially over Ellis' third novel, *American Psycho*, were detailed descriptions of murder, rape, necrophilia, and a variety of other abnormal and destructive acts. These are

not absent in *The Informers*, which features the graphically described murder of a kidnapped 11-year-old boy. For the main character in *American Psycho*, handsome, rich New York stock broker Patrick Bateman, this gruesome murder is pretty much business as usual.

The Informers is written in an easy, free flow of consciousness style from 12 different first-person vantage points. Through this technique we are presented with various aspects of human degradation, varying in intensity from a merely distraught and disillusioned pill-popping L.A. housewife to her typically sleazoid, tan, blond, good looking, murderous vampire son, Gram. All of these characters are pretty way out there, and the interconnectedness of their stories grant the book a definite feeling of mind-numbing, darkly resonating

wholeness.

The Informers is a worthwhile book, and one that marks a definitely successful progression in Ellis' career. More than any of his previous three, this book drew me in and made me feel a part of a nightmare world in which human value exists on a par with the price of a meal on Melrose, or a Walkman, in which the strongest, most valiant effort at moral objection ever amounts to little more than to say the words "mellow out". All is twisted passiveness and just cool like the blue L.A. sky on Valium as seen from behind Ellis' everpresent symbolic Wayfarer sunglasses, until of course, with rarely a change in tone, the narrative is transformed into episodes of hard and remorseless violence. There are no really tangible goals established by a

single one of these characters, and there is nothing offered in the way of an individually positive end.

Take, for example, Bryan Metro, a prototypical mega rock star and his whirring twirl through backstage Japan. The groupie women and teenage girls and boys seem to line up in endless succession for a chance to get sexually and/or physically abused by the constantly inebriated, practically catatonic Metro, who allows his much hated and manipulating manager Roger take care of the law suits. Metro works for a heartless, pressure-filled, multi-million-dollar demi-god image factory without the slightest trace of artistic purpose. He's lucky to remember the lyrics when he walks on stage, which doesn't really matter much anyway since it's just as easy to drown it all out with heavy, distorted electric guitar. The crowds, we understand, don't much discriminate.

Ellis treats grim topics with humor, style, and highly effective use of irony. He's a good writer with the courage to spell out the extremes of spiritual vacancy; in America's upper echelons, especially among those that sector who are responsible for controlling the production and movement of funds.

Starring abroad

by **CHRISTINE A. HRYZAN**
Staff Reporter

Spending a semester studying abroad. Being an extra in a new film. Sound like you just woke from an incredible dream? For Davide Fior, 22, a senior management major, this is reality.

Fior participated in the study abroad program at the American College in London this past semester. Little did he know that he would end up in a new



British movie directed by John Henderson of "Four Weddings and a Funeral." Or that he would spend a day with "Cheers" star Ted Danson on the set of his new film "Loch Ness."

In the film, Fior plays a UCLA student in a classroom setting and Danson is a crazy, ex-rock and roll performer turned professor. "Danson was great. He even cracked jokes to relax us before the cameras started to roll." Fior quickly learned that movie making amounts for a long and tedious day. The 40 second scene that he appears in took six hours to film.

Fior chose to study in England because "it is one of the best places to go and you don't have to speak another language." While abroad he completed two distribution courses and an entrepreneurship class.

"Loch Ness" will be released later this year, and in the meantime Fior will continue to pursue his business studies.



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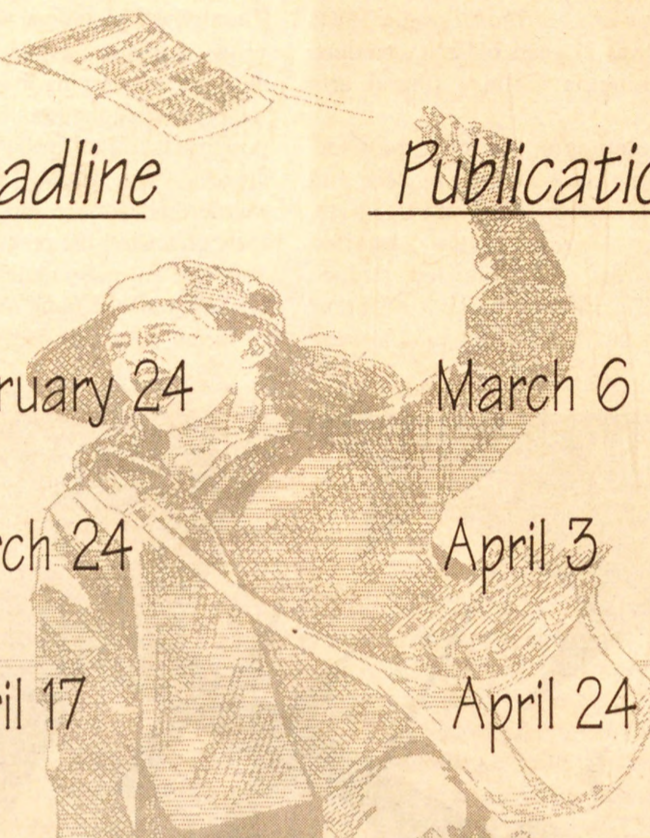
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