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## BEST BUDDIES REACHES OUT!

• **Anthony Kennedy Shriver visits Barry in an attempt to promote the program.**

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Looking for something more fulfilling in your life than snacking on Cheetos while watching music videos on MTV? Best Buddies may be your answer. Best Buddies is an organization which pairs college students with mentally retarded people to help integrate them into society. It builds

strong bonds of friendship between people who would not usually interact.

According to Miami Beach resident and founder of the organization, Anthony Kennedy Shriver, the goal of the organization is for people to have a new sensitivity for persons with mental retardation.

The first Best Buddies meeting, which attracted 50 attendees, was held at Georgetown University in 1987. Shriver was a student at that time and felt that this kind of service was something in which everyone could get involved. He developed an application process that was neither extensive nor selective. After college, he dedicated a few months towards the growth of the program. It turned into a lifelong involvement.

Shriver's inspirations were his mother, Eunice Kennedy Shriver and his aunt Rosemary Kennedy. Rosemary's condition of mental retardation provoked her sister Eunice to become the founder of Spe-

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Anthony Kennedy (right) Shriver promoted the Best Buddies program at a Barry journalism class

## Barry Students Jumped Rope For Hearts



By AARON KRAUSE  
Buccaneer News Editor

Throng of Barry students congregated in front of Thompson Hall on November 11 to fight cardiovascular disease by jumping rope. They came to participate in Barry's 4th annual Jump Rope for Heart.

Jump Rope for Heart (JRFH) is one of the events held during Barry University's Founders' Week. Sponsored by the

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Sport and Exercise Sciences Association, (SESA), the event's purpose is to "support the American Heart Association in its promotion of better cardiovascular health for all Americans." The event is referred to as "the Founders' Week community service activity."

In previous years, the event was

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## TECHNO TERROR 2000 WILL VICTIMIZE MANY

By ELISA LLEBRY  
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Techno terror 2000 will take a few "bytes" out of your wallet. Government and private institutions that use large database will have to spend millions of dollars in upgrades before the turn of the millennium.

When the year 2000 arrives, many computers won't recognize the date.

"Anybody who has legacy systems from IBM or programmed in old languages such as COBOL will be affected," said Michael Mate In Time Systems Financial Chief Officer, "Programmers did not have space large enough for the date, so they used only two fields. The problems is, that when those programs roll over after 1999, it rolls to double zero, but it will not read 2000."

Software companies are directly and indirectly profiting from the conversion dilemma.

Skeptics wonder if this problem was a by-product of technological improvement or a profit oriented scheme.

"It seems like programmers can be accused of either planning or not planning for the future. By this I mean that a need could have been created to benefit from the demand of additional services," said Albert Matut, a small computer business owner. "From a business point of view, it

only pays once to create a product that lasts for ever."

Tom Gonzalez, owner of two Total Family Care Centers, said that lack of vision is one of the factors contributing to computer chaos 2000.

"Most of those programs were created in the early seventies and when programmers looked at the year 2000, they thought that, by then, the applications would be rewritten."

Stan Coffee, an expert on "techno terror" 2000 for Business Records Corporation, said that system failures are the result of thirty-year old cost efficient decisions. Back then, data storage on disk was very expensive.

"Now you can buy a new drive by IBM that holds 16 gigabytes for about \$875, but there was a time when thirty megabytes from IBM might have cost you \$200,000," Coffee said. "It was probably the right decision to make."

There are systems and applications that are beginning to fail as of now. Class action suits are also emerging. Computer service companies started working on the conversions more than eight years ago.

Gonzalez said that he has already addressed the problem.

"I developed my own software to run the administrative tasks of the clinic to

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## Editor's Note

By ENRIQUE S. IGNARRA  
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Well finally the vacation has arrived. Right now I'd like to take the time to remind others and myself about the "vacation." We should not only look at it as a vacation, as a time away from school, work, etc., but we should attempt to remember that this is a time that should be spent with family and friends; especially if you don't spend much time with them on a regular basis. I know I will at least try to make an effort to spend time with my relatives, not to mention all the really good food they will cook.

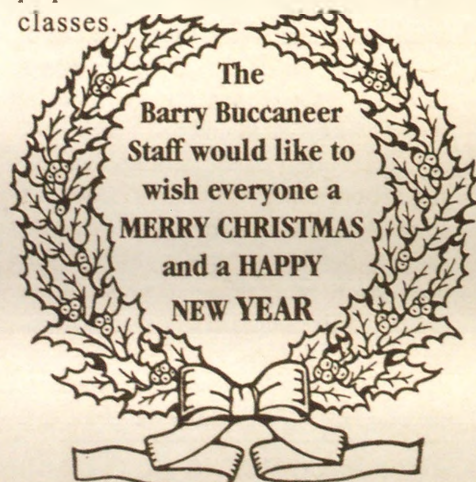
But remember, people should not focus so much on the holidays as a time in which they will give and get presents. These physical objects will not always be around, they can be lost, stolen, or misplaced. So rather, try to be kind and considerate to others, it seems to be a much better gift. Not only does it make you a better person, but it shows others that you care and that earns you their respect and gratitude. Though none of these things can be accounted for physically, I guarantee they will appreciate it much more than a physical object, if they are genuine.

I also know that some of us, when the holiday break winds down, will actually want to return to school because we miss our friends or miss some other aspect of Barry. Don't worry, I'm in the same boat. I will become homesick for Barry because it not only gives me something to do, but because I actually miss all the familiar faces I don't see during the holidays that I see when I'm on Barry campus.

On a sport's note I would like to wish the women's volleyball team the best of luck in their quest for another championship. *GO GET IT!*

And finally, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope the New Year brings you all you desire.

OH YES! Good luck to everyone taking tests, finals, or doing papers in these two weeks of classes.

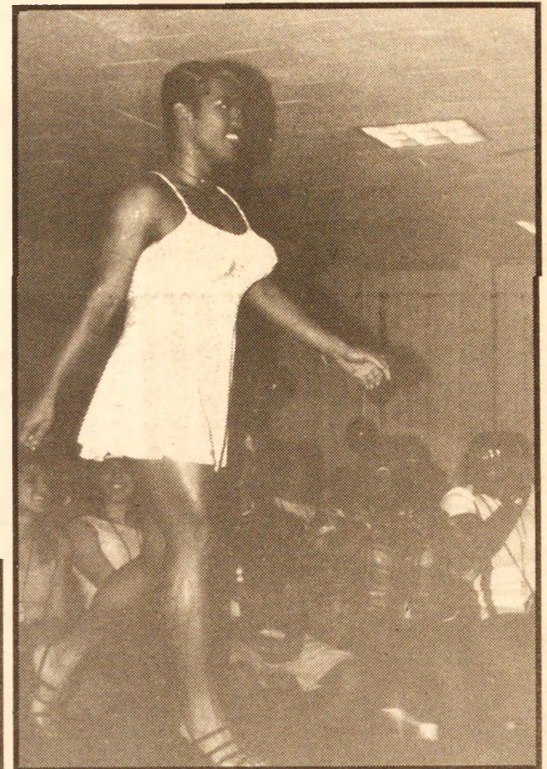


# A LOOK AT BARRY'S 1998 BEAUTIES

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(Left) 'Bambi Sunshine' a.k.a. Marty Cassmir walked away with the title of Mr. Barry Beauty 1998. He won the crown over with his sexy voice and an energetic cheerleading skit. Here he waves goodbye to the audience after putting on a great performance.



(Above) 'Dixie C-Cup, otherwise known as Maynard Cruz glides on the stage in a dazzling evening gown. For his talent, the RHA Vice President lyp-synced to No Doubt's "Just a Girl." Maynard placed 2nd Runner up in the competition.

(Right) Tony Hernandez as 'Tonya Part II' excited the crowd as he danced to a merengue song for his talent. This is Tony's second year in the competition. Obviously he loves the stage and as you can see, he's a natural. He placed first runner-up in the competition held on November 6.



(There were 5 participants in the show, and last year's winner made a special appearance to pass on the title. The participants took part in all areas of the traditional beauty pageant: swimsuit, talent, evening gown, and interview.)

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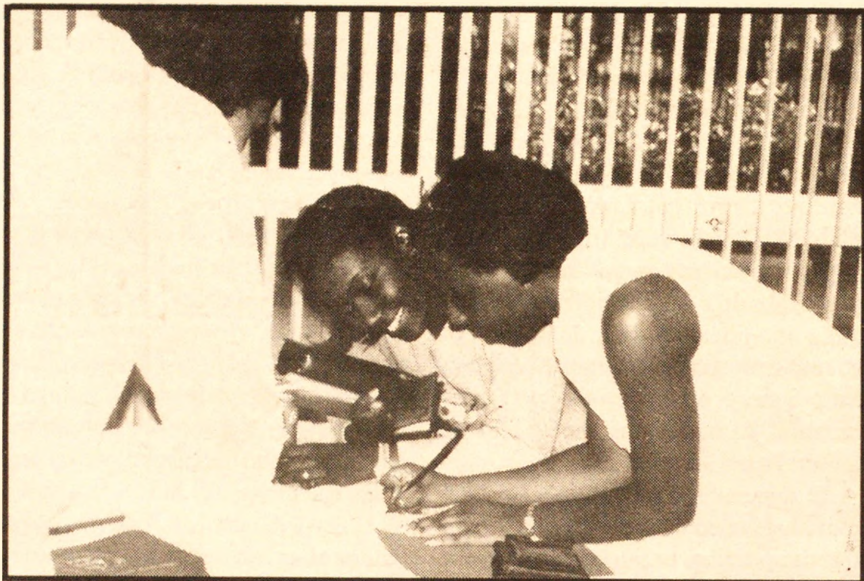


# ONE LOVE, MANY HEARTS

## *Students Come Together to Form CSA*

By AVA BROWN  
Buccaneer Staff Writer

One exists at the University of Miami, the University of Florida, and Florida International University. Now, one exists at Barry University. On November 20, 1997 Barry's newest organization, the Caribbean Students Association had the first of what they hope to be many general meetings.



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After their first meeting, part of CSA's Executive Board gather around the table to go over the minutes of the meeting.

Barry is a Catholic International University, so its students are faced everyday with a fully diversified campus. According to the Inter Cultural Center, there are 383 international students, enrolled on Barry's campus on F1 visas. This does not include those international students who are residents of the US. Of that, 186 of them are Caribbean students, accounting for 49% of the international community on campus. The islands of, Anguilla, the Bahamas, Barbados, Cayman, Bermuda, Grenada, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Dominica and Haiti are some that are represented.

Until now, a Caribbean Students Association had never been formed. There has been a Bahamian Club, a Trinidadian Club, a black students organization, a Jamaican Association (JA) and more recently a Haitian Intercultural Association (HICA). Standing still are the JA and the HICA.

About four years ago, there was talk of broadening the JA or at least changing the name to become a more unified Caribbean Students Association (CSA).

Paul McIntosh, who was president of JA at the time remembers that he was very against the idea. "I think that it's important for the Jamaican people to keep their identity; however if they want to form another Caribbean club, then go ahead."

At the time, his views on the matter were echoed by other JA members, including Viju Koottungal, who was opposed to changing the name as it would cause a loss of status for the JA. Krishna Duncan, a graduate student and member of the JA was also against changing the name. "Why should we change our name?" said Duncan, who later added that he would have no problem helping and even being a member of a CSA.

Now, years later, the matter rears its head again, but this time it took a different focus. This time the JA was not asked to change its name instead, a group of students decided to form the CSA. The three clubs will exist on campus as representation for the Caribbean population.

Is this a worthy venture? There are those like John Beaubrun, head of the Division of Information Technology, formerly Academic Computing, and a former

the objectives of both clubs are very different. "I think they'll work hand in hand and I hope that in the future there will be a Hispanic organization also to help bring together the Spanish population on campus." Gannon is quick to point out that on other campuses such as the University of Miami, they have two separate Caribbean type clubs and they exist together quite well. In his experience the two organizations usually tend to participate in each other's activities and work together to improve awareness on the campus. "I think it's a good thing," says Gannon.

This opinion has been shared by many, not only by the students involved in the CSA but by those involved in the JA. Natallie Rochester, current president of the JA extended her support to the new club being formed. "We encourage the formation of the CSA, and the Jamaican Association will support it as best we can. We aim to pursue complementary goals, that is the promotion of Caribbean culture and to facilitate effective intercultural exchange. As part of our mission we want to promote multiculturalism and give back to our immediate community," says Rochester.

Other members of the JA had such comments as, "If I can be an asset in organizing and helping out, then I will," said Kerri-Ann Gooden, a senior and former president of the JA association. "I feel that the Caribbean Association will be good for those students who feel intimidated by

after the CSA is formed has spent most of her life living on several different islands. She doesn't feel as though she belongs to just one but to all Caribbean islands. She got the idea to form this group because she says, "as good as the Jamaican Association was, they were never able to reach everyone. I hope that the CSA will be able to satisfy those who seek to belong to something that they can identify with."

She points out the fact that individuals in the past had tried to start this club before and that it never actually happened. She attributes this to the fact that, "the JA association was so strong that anyone wanting to form a group felt that they would not succeed. The JA has been around for so long that others take for granted that this is the way it will always be."

The mission of the CSA club, according to their advisor, Dr. Heather Andrade, is to, "raise an educational awareness of Caribbean culture at large." The club aims not only to be a social club but to be a club that will be a voice on campus. Dr. Andrade is presently an adjunct professor on campus lecturing on Freshman Composition. In the Spring of 1998 she will be lecturing on African-American Literature. She feels that just as there is strength in numbers, there is also strength in diversity, and that forming this association is, "an important step in unifying the diverse body of Caribbean students on campus."

There is no doubt in the minds of the president and the advisor of the CSA that



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During the meeting, some of the members of CSA discussed the plans for the club, while others had time to pose for the camera.

the Jamaican Association," said Stafford Hyde.

The Vice-president of the HICA, Rulx Registe, is all for the implementation of this club. "I believe it's a very good idea to have a CSA. Associations like the JA and the HICA meet the needs for students who need to be close to their cultural aspect. However the CSA will promote interculturalism among students in such a way that they will have wider perspectives on different Caribbean cultures." He also added, "As the VP for the HICA... I see a lot of potential for the HICA and the CSA to work cooperatively to promote understanding among students of different backgrounds."

Melissa Griffith the president of the CSA, recalls how the idea for this venture came about. Griffith who is also a member of the JA and plans to remain one even

there will be challenges along the way but they are looking forward to them. "I am looking forward to challenges and I have high hopes for the activities that we will be involved in," said Andrade.

The president reflecting on the times ahead stated her admiration for the clubs that have managed to remain in status and specifically the JA. "With JA Association being the oldest and largest non Greek organization on campus I admire the fact they have withstood all the troubles that they've been faced with and hope that with their support and everyone else's support, the CSA will be just as successful."

There were approximately 26 attendees at the first CSA meeting excluding the executive body. Griffith hopes that come Spring 1998, the number will double, "once word gets around I'm sure we will be in for the long haul."



# McLibel - A Modern Day David and Goliath



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Despite all the controversy, many people including Barry students continue to eat at the nearby McDonald's.

By **MARY FITZERALD**  
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What's wrong with McDonald's? This question provoked the wrath of the multi-billion dollar fast food giant and spawned the longest libel trial in British legal history. The trial, nicknamed McLibel by the media, ended this year and has been described as the "worst corporate PR disaster in history". McLibel - Burger Culture on trial, written by British environmental journalist John Vidal tells the story of how the trial pitted a \$30 billion a year company with all the political, financial and media muscle in the world against two jeans clad and impoverished environmental activists. Vidal describes the two and a half year trial as being 'somewhere between a public enquiry, a post mortem on industrialism, a Greek tragedy and a Carry On (and On and On) film'

So what exactly, if anything is wrong with McDonald's or can this be dismissed as the rantings of a couple of deranged vegetarian anarchists? Why would anyone want to attack one of the bastions of Ameri-

can culture? I asked some Barry students about their opinions on McDonald's and the growing amount of protest against the multinational. Tara Hopper, 22 from Maryland doesn't eat at McDonald's as she doesn't eat red meat and thinks "the food there is disgusting". She says "there are better ways to fulfill one's diet than murdering animals from the rainforest" She has not heard of the anti McDonald's campaign but says that it makes a lot of sense - "I agree with it but I don't know how effective it will be because of many people's ignorance."

Esteban Guigovaz, 25, from Italy says that he doesn't like their policies. For example, he says that in his native Italy they are taking over from small independently owned restaurants. He says that McDonald's don't "follow local architectural styles" and therefore resents the company opening branches in cities such as Venice and Moscow. He links McDonald's to the broader problem of multinationals "having the power and money to do what they want."

Melissa Matthews, 20 from Miami eats at McDonald's even though she acknowledges the poor nutritional value of the food. She doesn't know about the anti

McDonald's campaign but "heard something about McDonald's destroying the rainforest a few years ago."

Caytie Waterhouse, 20, from Melbourne, Florida doesn't eat at McDonald's because "the food isn't nutritious, the quality is rancid but it's fast and convenient."

She also hasn't heard of the campaign against McDonald's but thinks that "everybody has got something against something - it may as well be McDonald's."

The opinions of the Barry students echo many of the points made by Helen Steel and Dave Morris, the two members of London Greenpeace sued by McDonald's for defamation. In 1986 the two environmentalists began distributing factsheets entitled "What's wrong with McDonald's?" and subtitled prophetically "Everything they didn't want you to know" The factsheet featured a leering cartoon American capitalist hiding behind a Ronald McDonald mask together with a litany of criticisms of the fast food giant. McDonald's was criticized for promoting an unhealthy diet, unethical advertising strategies, exploitative employment practices, animal cruelty and environmental damage plus the charge of 'cultural imperialism.'

In September 1990, the McDonald's corporation issued writs for libel against the two activists and so began Britain's longest ever court case. Britain's antiquated libel laws ruled the absence of a jury and the denial of legal aid to Steel and Morris who found themselves playing David to McDonald's' multi-national Goliath.

On June 19th, 1997, Mr. Justice Bell gave out his long awaited McLibel verdict. He fined the defendants 60,000 British pounds for 'serious' and 'important' libels, but found McDonald's responsible for 'exploiting children through its advertising, 'helping to depress wages in the catering industry', deceptively promoting company food as 'nutritious' and being 'culpably responsible for cruelty to animals' McDonald's won its case but it was a bittersweet Pyrrhic victory. While winning on legal points McDonald's lost on important fundamental issues - how it treats its work-

ers, its animals and children.

After the trial McDonald's tellingly capitulated. They abandoned all legal action to stop the distribution of factsheets and recover legal costs, which were estimated at over ten million British pounds. They were also quoted as saying they would not attempt to recover any of the damages they were awarded. Since the trial McDonald's have remained silent on the issues raised by the court case. While researching for this article, I contacted McDonald's' U.S. headquarters in Chicago requesting a statement regarding the anti McDonald's campaign but a reply was not forthcoming.

The McLibel trial stimulated worldwide publicity and highlighted the growing international body of protest against the company. The anti-McDonald's campaign founded in Britain, now has a network of support spanning the globe from the U.S. to Eastern Europe and India. The campaigners aim to inform the public about McDonald's through factsheets, demonstrations and through access to their website. The website which can be accessed at <http://www.mcsplight.org> is described as being the 'biggest, loudest, most read anti McDonald's extravaganza the world has ever seen' It features detailed coverage of the McLibel trial, research articles and news of future campaigns.

The U.S. anti McDonald's campaign, while still in relative infancy, co-ordinated protests in an estimated 50 cities last year as part of the annual World Day of Action against McDonald's. This year the group, which is based in Vermont, has invited Steel and Morris to the U.S. to generate publicity about the campaign and to launch the U.S. edition of John Vidal's account of the trial.

"This is about creating a totally different kind of society, without exploitation," Steel says. "We want people to have control of their own lives rather than having them dictated by the government or big business. If people have alternative information about a company, they can make their own decisions" How America will react to this attack on such a potent symbol of Americana remains largely to be seen. Deranged vegetarian anarchists or prophets of social and environmental doom? The jury, it seems, is still out.

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held at the Health and Sports Center, but Neill Miller, the program organizer, thought that more people would attend if the location was changed. "We thought more people would be able to participate if we had it (the event) more centrally located in the campus area," she said.

Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, OP, Barry's President, opened the event with the first jump. Students either represented themselves or were part of a team of jumpers. Teams represented Barry clubs, organizations, or just a group of students.

Heidi Smith, a sophomore who jumped, hailed the event as a collaborative effort.

"I feel it's a good thing because everybody's out here doing something together," said

Smith. "It's not an individual thing."

Robert Montes, a sophomore on the basketball team was joined by his

teammates.

"Our whole basketball team decided to come out and jump rope," said Montes.

Latasha Evans, Director of Fi-

nance for Alpha Phi, said she was happy to participate.

"It was great," she said. "It was a totally exhilarating experience. It was fun to jump."



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Kay was having fun, and helping out when he jumped rope for heart on Nov 6.

There were several categories in which an individual or team could have won. They included best individual jumper, best team, and best group contribution. Prizes were awarded by the American Heart Association. According to the Jump Rope For Heart Steering Committee, "everyone who chooses to participate in the event by soliciting contributions for the

American Heart Association was eligible for individual prizes given by AHA, and for SESA/HPLS team and individual awards." In addition to prizes, students who contributed a five-dollar donation were given T-shirts, and complimentary stickers.

Julio Ortiz, a sophomore, was the recipient of the Best Individual Jumper award. He won a medal.

"I think it's fun to jump rope," said Ortiz, clutching his prize. "I enjoyed myself."

Ortiz was asked about the community service aspect of the event.

"It's always a plus," he responded.



# 'Tis The Season For Depression

By ALY RIVERO  
Buccaneer Staff Writer

The holidays are supposed to be a time full of joy, good cheer, and optimistic hopes for a new year. It is time to get together with family, shop for holiday gifts, and celebrate relationships. But around this time of the holidays, people commonly experience feelings of depression, sadness, and loss when others are enjoying and celebrating the holidays. While the holiday season is a time full of parties and family gatherings, for many people, it is also a time of self-evaluation, loneliness, anger, reflection on past failures, and anxiety about an uncertain future.

According to John M. Grohol, Psy.D., the Editor-in-Chief of *Perspectives*, and Director of *Mental Health Net*, holiday depression is common and perhaps up to ten percent of the population suffers from it to some degree or another. According to the Mental Health Association of Colorado, holiday depression may be caused by several factors: increased stress and fatigue, unrealistic expectations, over-commercialization, and the inability to be with one's family.

Holiday depression is usually related to the holidays because it brings back a multitude of memories of happier times in our lives. A person may recall spending the holidays with a loved one who is no longer with them. Or maybe the stress of "getting together" with those whom they do not like is too stressful and difficult. Maybe the holidays force them to unwillingly interact again. Or we may get depressed by seeing others with someone special in their lives, whether family, close friends, or significant others. Or it may be a combination of all of these.

Vreny Arnold, L.M.H.C.; NCC, Assistant Director of the Career and Counseling Center at Barry University, explains "Depression lasts longer than two weeks. It is a treatable mental disorder; it is NOT the 'blues,' neither is it a character disorder. It is a no-fault illness that affects the person's thoughts, feelings, and behaviors, as well as their physical health and appearance. Depression can be triggered by a combination of genetic, psychological and environmental factors, or it may be caused by a chemical imbalance in the brain."

Depression can happen at any time of the year, but when the holidays are near, all these feelings of sadness, loneliness, and hopelessness are intensified. Maybe a person has lost a family member and it is the first holiday without him/her. Maybe they don't have any family or friends and deep sadness is instigated by seeing others interacting with each other. Or, as in some cases with college students, maybe a holiday will be spent alone, miles and miles away from the closest family member.

Holiday depression is real. Dr. Frank Muscarella, clinical psychologist and psychology professor at Barry University, stated that, "holiday depression may also be caused in part by *SAD*, or *seasonal affective disorder* which can result from seasonal depression as a result of fewer hours of sunlight as the days grow shorter during the winter months."

Holiday depression, however, does not happen to everyone. It is not the same as

having the "holiday blues." Everyone feels lonely or hopeless at some point in their lives. For some, the holidays pose an extra stress. Depression is different. There are different stages of depression, from light (possibly situational) to heavy (sometimes needing medication). Usually, holiday depression occurs in people who are already depressed, or have a history of depression. It occurs in people who do not have the inner strength or resources to fight the depression. Arnold stated that, "Depression is like a cocoon, the thicker the layers, the harder to break out of it." The deeper the depression, the more difficult to "think" yourself out of it. Arnold further stated that "treatment usually consists of Cognitive Therapy (Albert Ellis said that 'people often create their own misery by the way they perceive a situation or by the way their thoughts flow'), or medication along with Cognitive Therapy. The sooner treatment begins, the better are the chances of recovery."

Arnold also stated that, "the deeper a person's depression is, the less likely it is for the depressed individual to see 'a way out,' or to realize that there is always hope. As the individual loses hope, the less they see a chance for things to get better. Some people become so depressed that they begin to contemplate suicide. They are no longer able to realize the suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem."

Depending on the level of depression that is being experienced, the suicide levels differ as well. Many feel that no one cares and that they are truly alone. It is common for a person, at one point or another in their lives, to say "I wish I were dead." Others say "I want to die." A more dangerous level is when one thinks of the method of suicide, the place suicide will be committed, and the day. The most dangerous level is when the plans have already been made and all that is left is to execute them.

Some interesting statistics: About 32,000 people killed themselves last year, 20,000 of those with guns. Women make twice as many attempts as men do, but they are less successful (the usual method is taking an overdose of pills, cutting their wrists, etc., while men mostly use guns which are more lethal). Suicide is also the fourth major cause of death in children between the ages of five and fourteen years of age. Suicide attempts happen more often during the holidays. Individuals may be consumed with emotional or physical pain for reasons stated earlier.

There are no exact numbers of suicides, quite frequently because cause of death is not being questioned. Some suicides are not being reported. The numbers that do exist are staggering, though. Arnold concluded, "do not disregard it when someone talks about wanting to be dead or wanting to die; pretending not to hear only convinces the depressed individual even more that they are alone and isolated. Instead, listen to the individual at risk, ask what you can do to help, and report the danger. Never keep a suicide threat a secret; you will not betray your friend's trust. A suicidal person needs someone that cares and is willing to become involved. A suicide threat is really a cry for help." And there are people available that can help.

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keep patient tracking. All I need to do now is make minor changes on the super-base (computer language used to write applications in a windows environment) not on the programming side, but on the database," Gonzalez said. "I just have to switch to a four digit year definition."

Companies such as, In Time Systems offer indirect support service for "techno-terror 2000."

"We personally have not been dealing with the year 2000 problems," Mate said. "Our business is driven by people who elect to buy new systems. When an organization buys a new system, we help in the organization, customization and training of the new system."

Because of their large databases, most government institutions in the State of Florida have that problem, Mate also said. Gonzales said that he avoided the year

2000 conversion problem by designing his own software. "I will only have to make a few minor changes not on the programming side, but on the data base where there is certain filed defined with the two digit year definition, so it needs to be upgraded to four digit."

Gonzalez also said, that recent programs such as Peachtree for windows which is an accounting package purchased off the shelf already have that support system.

Meanwhile, some business owners continue to ignore the problem assuming that an instant solution will be created. Coffee says that this attitude may be detrimental in the long run.

"If they (corporate officials) do not become year 2000 compliant, they will be financially and legally liable and may face serious penalties."

# Thanksgiving Holiday Is Familiar To All

• Barry's International Students are not as unfamiliar with Thanksgiving as we may think.

By AARON KRAUSE  
Buccaneer News Editor

They may not be familiar with all the intricacies of preparing a turkey dinner, but Barry's international students have not come to the United States bereft of Thanksgiving knowledge. This may have come as good news to Susana Fernandez, Coordinator of International Student Services at Barry. On November 24, The International Cultural Center, where Fernandez works, held its 3rd annual Thanksgiving dinner. The dinner's purpose, according to Fernandez, was to introduce international students to the festival of Thanksgiving.

Carlos Betancourt, a junior from Venezuela, said he first heard about Thanksgiving six years ago in his native country. Betancourt said that at the time, he thought Christmas was the most important holiday in the states, but his friends told him that Thanksgiving was. Since coming to the U.S., Betancourt has been to four Thanksgiving dinners. His first was at Northern Virginia Community College, where English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers prepared the dinner for international students. Betancourt said he was further convinced of the holiday's importance when he witnessed the extent of the celebration.

"Usually you don't see that much food," he said. During his time in the states, Betancourt has also had Thanksgiving dinner with his relatives. He says that the feasts with his relatives were more traditional than the one at Northern Virginia Community College.

Betancourt says he also believes Thanksgiving is an important holiday because families come together to celebrate. "When I came to the U.S. and saw people rushing to their homes, making plans to spend Thanksgiving together, I realized how important Thanksgiving is," he said.

Garfield Heron, a student from Jamaica, heard about Thanksgiving through satellite TV programs. Heron, who's been in the states for a year, knew that families got together during Thanksgiving, but did not know about the holiday's history.

Last November marked Heron's first Thanksgiving dinner. It was at his brother-in-law's house. This year, Heron will attend a feast hosted by the Andreas School of Business. He said this dinner is held to accommodate students who don't have a feast to attend.

"It's a very nice gesture because it shows that they're sensitive," he said. Heron said that he once ate turkey at his brother-in-law's house, but didn't like it because it "tasted Jamaican."

Nadine Singh, a freshman from Trinidad, has been in the U.S. just under three months, but heard about Thanksgiving from family members who live in the states. Singh said she sees some similarities between Christmas and Thanksgiving.

"It's [Thanks-

giving] a time when families and friends come together to show their gratitude for all that they have," said Singh. "Christmas is also a time when families come together."

Nicholas Scott, an adjunct professor of Theater also from Trinidad, said that turkey is made with more spice in his native country. Scott also said that there is a marked difference between the way Trinidadians use pumpkins, and the way it is used in the states.

"They [in Trinidad] never would be carving it and throwing it away," said Scott. "In other countries [pumpkin] is a food."

Francisco Botran, a freshman from Guatemala, said that in his country, Thanksgiving is not an official holiday. It does however have some meaning there, according to Botran.

"I guess it's just an excuse to get together," he said. "They don't give thanks I guess like they do here."

Botran, who's been in the U.S. for 5 years, said that in Guatemala he only knew that Thanksgiving was a day to eat turkey. Botran's first Thanksgiving dinner was at Culver Military Academy in Indiana. He said the dinner was not intended to be a learning experience.

"It wasn't to make people more aware of it [Thanksgiving], it [the dinner] was just appropriate I guess," said Botran.

Zlotko Garac, a senior from Croatia, said that in his country, Thanksgiving is downplayed. Garac said that more holidays are celebrated in Croatia than in the U.S., and that's why Thanksgiving may be overlooked there.

Garac's first Thanksgiving meal in the U.S. was at Barry. He said the mood was very festive.

"The tables were arranged so that everybody could sit together," said Garac. "[It was] like a big family thing."

The ICC (International Cultural Center) dinner, was held in the Faculty/staff dining room, and was open to all students, faculty and staff.

During the 2nd annual ICC dinner, members of Alpha Phi put on a skit about Thanksgiving as a way to promote cultural awareness.

"The fun part of this was that American students were teaching their international friends about the myth of Thanksgiving," said Fernandez. Fernandez said that at the dinner, students are also told pilgrim stories, and are taught to draw a turkey by hand.

"It [Thanksgiving] is a very good holiday for us because it brings everybody together from different cultures to try to understand each other," she summed up.

# World AIDS Day

• December 1st of every year marks World AIDS Day. The day, symbolized by red ribbons, is one of reflection.

By KATE FRAIZE  
Buccaneer Staff Writer

Barry's annual World AIDS Day ceremony was held at 12 noon in front of the Cor Jesu Chapel. An ensemble of eight voices from the Barry Chorale sang: *Shed a Little Light* by James Taylor, the well known tune *Lean on Me*, and *Day by Day* from Godspell. The songs spoke of hope, togetherness, and fear.

An afternoon of reflection at Barry included all three elements; hope for a cure, support for the afflicted and their families, and the fear we possess as a university, a community, a nation and a world.

"The focus this year was to change the face of AIDS," said co-coordinator of the event Joe McQuay of University Relations.

To illustrate McQuay's suggestion, a child resident from Broward Health AIDS Hospice in Ft. Lauderdale was invited speak at the ceremony.

It seems as though students do realize the indiscriminating trait of the deadly virus.

"When I think of AIDS, I don't think of any specific group of people," said junior Lynn Fowler, "I'm an athletic trainer over at the sports center and we're constantly worrying about putting on gloves before we help people. We hear a lot of statistics on the number of college athletes with AIDS and HIV. Fowler concluded with, "It's a scary disease."

AIDS also affects students when issues on the dating front arise.

"When I'm first dating a girl," said ESL student Toshi Ikegami, "I would like to ask questions about her background but I feel I can't ask those questions right away."

As for a cure, sophomore business stu-

dent Damien Smart commented that even though he imagines of death when he thinks of AIDS, he is optimistic of its eradication.

"I believe there will soon be a cure because scientists and doctors realize it's a big problem," said Smart, "they are working harder than before."

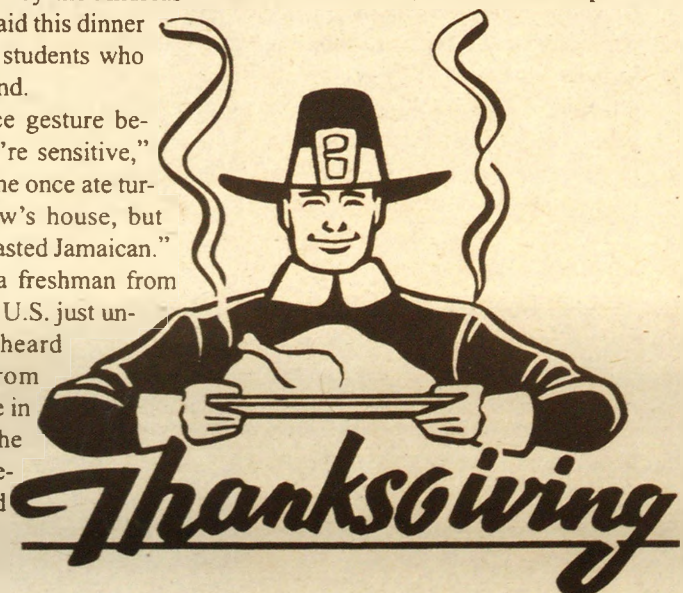
According to the book *AIDS Update 1997* by Gerald J. Stine of University of North Florida in Jacksonville, researchers are far from a cure. The book, used by students of Barry's AIDS Update class taught by Rosemary Davis, also states "the difference between cure and treatment appear, at this moment, to be as night is to day." Researchers have determined that because of the severe dynamicity of the epidemic, a cure would probably not come in the form of just one single pill.

For those with HIV, researchers are concentrating their efforts on an effective treatment plan with "acceptable levels of side effects". Side effects resulting from the daily combination drug cocktail of 2DV, ddI, ddC, d4T, and 3CT range from headaches and nausea to pancreatitis, mouth ulcers and peripheral neuropathy, a burning pain in the hands and feet. Unfortunately for the victims, none of these drugs stop HIV DNA production 100 percent, any positive clinical effects have always proven to be short term, and they do not delay the onset of AIDS itself.

"It's a horrid, beyond terrible disease," said photography student Louie Jarvis.

*AIDS Update 1997* also states that AIDS is now exploding in third world countries and among poor minority women in the United States. The gay male population is experiencing a "second wave" of the disease that is resistant to present treatments. AIDS presents a continuing battle for all humankind.

This year, the university chose to raise funds for two local AIDS hospices instead of one. Both Broward Health and Genesis House of Mercy Hospital in Miami were the beneficiaries of the sale of 400 commemorative tee-shirts designed by junior Candace Elliott.







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## FEATURES

## Natural Drugs Not Always Safe

By DIANA MARRERO  
Buccaneer Staff Writer

Ginseng, kava kava root, St. John's wort, echinacea, garlic... Natural products such as these have increased in popularity in the last couple of years. All sorts of claims are printed on the packaging. Some products claim to "enhance blood flow to the brain"; some are "energy boosting"; still others "inhibit the aging process."

Herbal products, available as capsules, teas, powders, tablets, and elixers, can be purchased in virtually any drug store or health food stores without a prescription.

Since these products can be acquired over the counter, consumers seem to have a false sense of confidence in their safety. Just because a product is "natural" does not make it harmless. "Herbal medicine is like any other type of medicine," said Assistant Professor of Biology at Barry University, Dr. Peter Lin, "It can be dangerous if not used properly."

According to a Consumer Reports article, comfrey, sometimes promoted as an energy supplement, has been linked to at least seven cases of obstructed blood flow from the liver, with potential for cirrhosis (a disease of the liver). One person died.

Lobelia, an indian tobacco that acts like nicotine, can also have harmful side effects. In large amounts, it could reduce breathing, drop blood pressure, induce sweating, a rapid heart beat, cause coma and death.

An overdose of yohimbe, sold as a men's aphrodisiac, can cause serious problems. Such problems include: weakness and nervous stimulation, followed by paralysis,

fatigue, stomach disorders, and death.

Ephedra, sometimes called ma huang or epitonin, is promoted for weight control and is also found in energy-boosting formulas. It can have adverse effects like nerve damage, psychosis, stroke, and memory loss.

Even if a product is toxic or has harmed someone, it does not follow that the product will be removed from the shelves. No one institution has a system for tracking bad reactions. The quality of herbal products is not monitored by the FDA (Food and Drug Administration).

Herbal medicine, along with vitamins, minerals, and amino acids are classified as "supplements." This category is practically free from any FDA rules. The law allows these products to go on the market with no testing for effectiveness. Companies don't have to prove that their products that are already on the market are safe. There is no standard that needs to be met in manufacturing these products. Claims, although not about preventing or curing a disease, are permitted on the packages. Label statements don't necessarily have to have much evidence to support them.

However, herbal medicine can sometimes offer great benefits. The key is being informed and aware. "Plants provide us with wonderful medicinal remedies," said Acupuncturist Physician, Lori Bell. "For instance, studies are being conducted that show that St. John's wort can actually lift depression. However, not all herbs are beneficial. Some are toxic. It is important to do your own research before trying herbal medicine." There is strong evidence of beneficial effects linked to a variety of herbs. Chamomile can be useful for indigestion. The tea may suppress

spasms and reduce digestive track inflammation. It can also be used for menstrual cramps. Studies have shown that garlic could actually lower cholesterol. Too much garlic, though, can interfere with blood clotting.

Echinacea has been found in a few trials to increase resistance to upper respiratory infections. Research has shown that taking ginger before traveling can prevent motion sickness. It can also be used for nausea.

It is also important to note that traditional western medicine has its foundation in herbs. "Ancient civilizations used the bark from the cinchona tree, which we still use today, to effectively treat malaria," said professor of Biology at Barry University, Dr. Bobbie Stewart.

There are a dozen well-established drugs that were developed after scientists began studying the chemical elements of certain plants. Many of these plants had been used traditionally by people for medicinal purposes. For example, aspirin, used to reduce pain and inflammation, comes from the plant source *filipendula ulmaria*. Codeine, which eases pain and suppresses coughing, comes from *papaver somniferum*.

There are pros and cons to herbal medicine. The trick is being informed in order to find out what works for you. "It is important to find a balance between conventional medicine and alternative medicine," said Medical Director for the Center of Alternative Health, Dr. Martin Dayton. "There are instances in which traditional medicine is most effective and there are instances in which alternative medicine is the better option. many times, you can have a combination of the two."

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cial Olympics. The first Special Olympics was held at his family's farm in Maryland.

Best Buddies involves spending some time with a buddy at least twice a month and phoning at least once a week. The typical buddy is verbal, mobile, and self sufficient. The type of training that can be provided is limited. Therefore, the buddies are only mildly to moderately retarded. This enables the college student to do things with their buddy from assisting with

daily living skills to going to the movies.

"The program is not a mentoring program. The buddies are chosen on an age appropriate basis," said Shriver who expressed that this is the best way to get both people on an equal level to facilitate a lasting friendship.

Matching interests and personalities seems to be one of the key reasons for the programs success. That aspect of the program was paralleled to dating services.

"We all look for someone with shared interests, so it really just makes sense," he said, "there is rarely a mismatch but it does happen."

Best Buddies has grown tremendously since that first meeting in 1987. It now involves 7,000 participants from 40 states. The program has expanded to include high school students and the general population. There is also a Best Buddies Jobs program which helps the mentally retarded find jobs in competitive work environments.

In the tradition of Special Olympics, the program has expanded internationally to Europe. There are chapters in Canada and Greece and plans for Ireland are in the development stage. However Shriver stated, "We could do better internationally."

Shriver was attracted to Miami because the state of Florida gives the largest contribution to the program, about \$300,000 yearly. Contributions are also given by other states. According to Shriver, other sources of income include auctions at his home, a car recycling program, and a Best Buddies retail store off Lincoln Road in South Beach. Shriver also solicits the help of his well known relatives to assist in his worthy cause.

Why would Shriver visit Barry? Besides the fact that his wife is an alumni, the Best Buddies annual leadership conference is held on campus. Students from national chapters are flown in to spend three and a half days learning how to run a chapter.

The Best Buddies' program has been strong at Barry University in recent years. This year, however, there are only about 14 students participating in the program. Although the university may not be as involved this year, it is still an active chapter.



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Some of the members of Barry's Best Buddies program get together with their buddies.

New Year  
New Resolutions

By JANET POLLARD  
Buccaneer Staff Writer

Since 1919, when the Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution went into effect, the United States has been celebrating the advent of the New Year. It influenced the nation to celebrate old customs of ringing bells, blowing horns, and shooting firearms, when the midnight hour approaches.

Today, when the clock strikes twelve, people keep the tradition alive and welcome the New Year, holding onto the memories that the old calendar leaves behind. Tradition continues the making of the New Year's resolution for the days to come.

Students at Barry, believe that when the hour of midnight strikes a new beginning awaits. The New Year starts with one resolution that symbolizes a change towards self improvement. Students want to make an individualistic change within themselves that will diminish their past actions and institute positive habits.

When the chimes begin to play their yearly tune, symbolizing midnight, on December 31, 1997, students will be making their New Year's resolutions. The following are examples of what students want the New Year to bring:

**Carla Armorgan:** "To be assertive and to make a conscious effort to complete all new projects that I start."

**Adam Williams:** "Stop eating food after 9:00 at night."

**A.J. Pinto:** "To exercise and try to eat well balanced meals daily."

**Matt Braden:** "To ride my bike more..."

**Amanda Garcia:** "To stop eating McDonalds and drinking soda."

**Bret Kelly:** "Stop procrastinating!"

**Nicole Stedman:** "To workout and eat well balanced meals."

**Tony Hernandez:** "Quit smoking and lose 15 pounds."

**Pat Devine:** "To be no limit at NHL-98!"

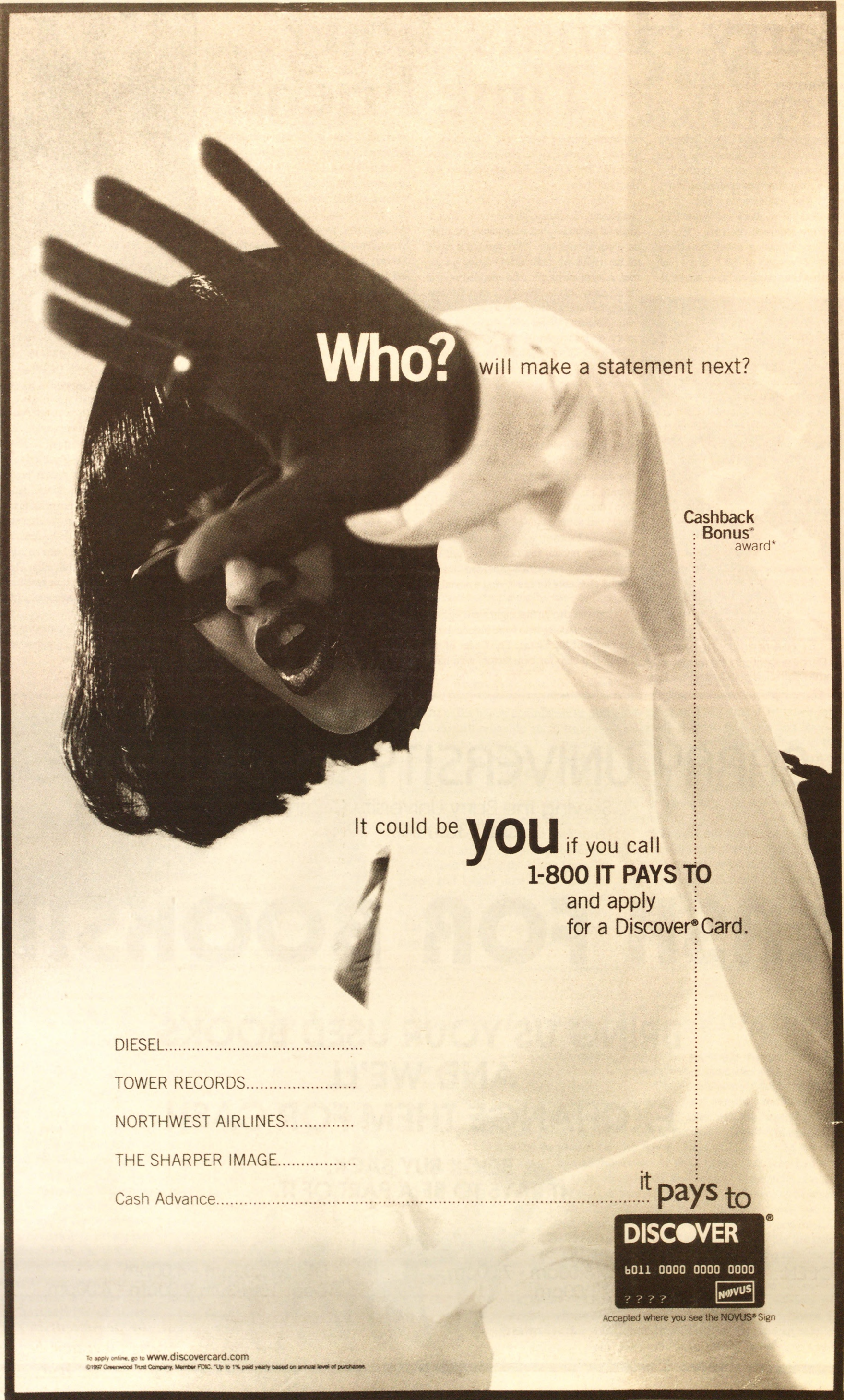
**Damjan Colella:** "Maintain above a 3.0 average."

**Aaron Schneider:** "To treat girls with my best manners."

**Martha Dietsch:** "To remain happy and crazy."

**May everyone have the strength and determination to be persistent in their efforts for a new beginning!**  
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# Barry Honors Long Time Friend

By AVA BROWN  
Buccaneer Staff Reporter

On campus, the name David Brinkley is synonymous with the studio over in the Communication Department. It also belongs to a long time benefactor of Barry University who was honored at Barry's annual Founders', Red, Black and White Ball.

Brinkley received the first 'Excellence in Communication' award from Barry University in February of 1987. Since then the award has been presented to an outstand-



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Vicky and Danny authenticate the recreation of the 40s theme with the famous Central Park kiss.

ing communicator every year. The services are held at Barry and previous recipients have included Ted Koppel, late Ann Bishop and Bernard Shaw.

The night was one of great jubilation and excitement. T. Gomez, director of the department of Special events remembers the night as a sentimental one. "We themed it based on the 1940s when Brinkley started his career. A lot of the people who attended were in their early 20s in the 40s," said Gomez. Many of the attendees were actually soldiers who fought in World War II. The ball took place on Friday, November 14, at the Surf Club on Collins Ave., and was well attended by students, faculty and staff members and other persons in the community.

Several details were taken in account to try to make the night as close to perfection as possible. Gomez reports that some of the work study students from Barry dressed in 1940s clothing. They even re-enacted the famous kiss that happened in time square on VE Day (Victory in Europe Day) during World War II. The flags that they used at the event only had 48 stars as Alaska and Hawaii were not States at that time. The music, the costumes, and the entire night's ambience provided the essential elements for creating a nostalgic event.

Honored also on that night were a group of Podiatry faculty who were inducted into the Order of the Flame. The Order of the Flame is a club for benefactors who have

contributed more than ten thousand dollars to Barry University. The faculty members, over a period of three years each received additional money for their clinic work, which they gave back to fund scholarships for podiatric students. The group which included, Drs. Jacqueline Buchman, Chet Evans, James Losito, Thomas Merrill, John Nelson, John Prior, Charles Southerland and Scott Alter (in memorium), also donated between \$250,000 and \$300,000 in free health care for indigent and uninsured patients at clinics including residents of Barry.

Rowena Joseph, a sophomore Criminology major who served as a hostess for the department of University Relations, recalls that the night was one filled with many magical moments. Joseph who loves the 1940s, expressed the fact that she was happy to have been a part of the evening. "We presented everyone with dance cards which failed to impress some of the younger patrons of the ball but which really brought back many wonderful memories for the older patrons who attended," said Joseph.

Of the man of the hour, she expressed a deep admiration for his ability to capture an entire audience's attention. "It was the first time that I ever attended a function and actually sat and enjoyed every minute of a speech. Mr. Brinkley is an excellent speaker who made us laugh from beginning to end."

Present also was Brother Edward van Merrienboer, chair of the Theology depart-



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David Brinkley and Sr. Jeanne share a moment at the Founders' Day Ball

ment. Brother Ed, as he is affectionately referred to on the campus, said, "There was good food and good music." He too marveled at the ability of Brinkley to win over an audience. "He's a real professional speaker in the public audience", said Brother Ed, who also added, "the students were spectacular, real ladies and gentlemen that we [Barry University] could be proud of."

Brinkley, who has been an adjunct professor for the Communication Department provides the students with essential knowledge and the life experiences that they get outside of the text book.

According to T. Gomez events like this will continue to carry on important lessons for our students.

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# SPEAK OUT

# Miami On A Bus

## A College Student's Greatest Challenge

By ROWENA JOSEPH  
Buccaneer Staff Writer

Okay, I epitomize the starving student. I am coming out, I don't own a car!! I walk, I bum with a friend or I take the bus, yes, the BUS! Florida does have them!

Here's the deal. I'm on my way to an important appointment so I'm taking all precautions. The appointment is for 10am, but I'm ready to go by 8. I've called information way in advance and I know, assuredly that the trip takes only 45minutes at most (I waited about that long to get that valuable piece of information, but it's okay - I'm going to get there). I've dragged my friend along with me—just in case.

We're out the door and take the walk out to 2nd avenue and begin the wait for the right bus. We're waiting on the 10, but, I have a back up plan in case that one fails to show. The 9 will take us to the 163rd Street Mall and we can make a connection there.

After 10minutes or so, I'm beginning to think that the bus won't come. But, plan B doesn't need to go into effect. The 10 comes winding down the road not very

far from the expected time. Great! We'll get there on time.

We step onto the bus, insert the fare and begin to walk down the aisle when we are instantaneously assaulted by a whiff of something we're still not sure about. But I figure it's okay, I'm on my way! As we look down the aisle we realize that there's no hope of a seat so we hold on to the rail and take a sturdy stance. It's just about 9am so there's plenty of time. The bus seems to be making good time so there's no reason to worry.

"STOP REQUEST", flashes at the front and the driver slows at a bus stop to let a few people off. My friend and I grab the opportunity to fill up the two seats nearest to us. Mistake!!! Remember that odor I mentioned before? We find ourselves at the source of it's concentration. I'm about to be sick! As we make the decision to jump to the next seat, about twenty people cram into the bus. There's no escape! So here we are, nicely attired, sitting in what must be the reek of the century, and we're stuck there. All the other seats are occupied, the aisle is packed and there's no where else to go. That's okay though, because we are on our way!

The bus driver does his thing and the bus lumbers on. People get on and off and Barry is far enough away to convince me that we are making progress. But hold on, didn't we just break off this street six blocks ago? We're back on the same road after 15minutes of driving in the other direction. Still it's only some minutes after 9am and my appointment

cover that we reek of that something that we still have not been able to identify. There's no way either of us can walk into a room full of people now. As quickly as we made the inbound trip we rush back out. Trip, unsuccessful!!

I cannot qualify my -should we say- 'disappointment'. Without words I waited to get back on another bus headed



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A woman waits patiently for her bus, while another bus passes her in the next direction.



ERIC ELSASSER/ Staff Photographer

The Florida jitney, not much of a luxury ride, but at least it runs frequently along 2nd Ave.

if you remember is at 10. I've got time. This ride is only 45minutes long, right? **RIGHT!** We get stuck in traffic in God knows where. I look longingly out the window at the happy commuters in their cars, who will probably get to Boca before I get to Aventura!! Apparently someone at the information booth has forgotten to factor into the ride time the interminable traffic. So, we sit and suffer in the packed, odor filled bus.

Needless to say, we step off the bus after 10am. I figure I can rush to the office and still make the appointment. As we race through the lower level, my friend and I both note how much the memory of the stench has lingered in our minds. **WRONG!** Let's correct that with, "has lingered on our clothing". We both stop short when we simultaneously dis-

cover that we reek of that something that we still have not been able to identify. There's no way either of us can walk into a room full of people now. As quickly as we made the inbound trip we rush back out. Trip, unsuccessful!!

I know I am not the only one who has noticed that the bus routes here in Florida are somewhat lacking in creativity. Getting from point A to point B is not as simple as it seems. It can be an amusing experience. Still, when I'm trying to get somewhere I'm not looking for the comic effect.

## A CUBAN CHRISTMAS: A Different Sort Of Celebration

By SIMON MOSES  
Buccaneer Staff Writer

Recently, I found myself listening to two sisters reminiscing about Christmas as they knew it back in Cuba in the 1950s. They were commenting on how many of the Cubans in Miami have adopted the tradition in America of celebrating Christmas on December twenty-fifth. What struck me as being quite interesting is the difference between how Christmas is celebrated in Cuba and how it is in the U.S.

Zilia Sanchez (55) and Zeyda Commasanas (63) said that Christmas in Cuba has traditionally been regarded as a holiday for children. Christmas in Cuba is referred to as "Three Kings Day" and takes place on the sixth of January. It is named after

the three kings or wise men who delivered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the baby Jesus. Unlike the U.S. where those who celebrate Christmas give gifts to people of all ages on December twenty-fifth, in Cuba gifts are usually given to children under the age of thirteen on "Three Kings Day." The gifts were not left under a Christmas tree as is done in the U.S. and many other

countries, but rather under the bed on which the little one slept.

Most Cubans on the twenty-fourth of December would have a big family dinner.

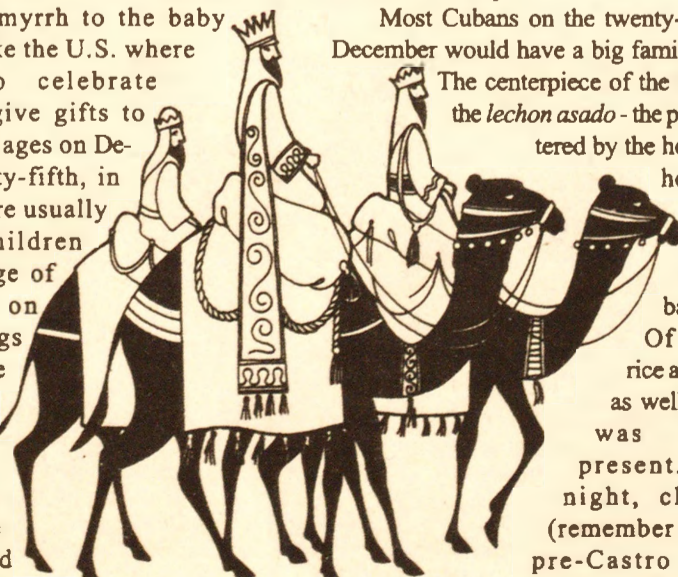
The centerpiece of the meal was the *lechón asado* - the pig slaughtered by the head of the

household and roasted in the back yard.

Of course rice and beans, as well as salad was also present. That night, churches (remember this was pre-Castro Cuba) would be filled to the

rafters for midnight mass. This mass was called *la misa del gallo*.

When the twenty-fifth arrived the next day, most people went to work as usual. Some people would go to church, but most did not feel obligated to do so. Zilia and Zeyda told me that most of the Cubans that they knew in Miami now exchanged gifts among family member of all ages, and many of them had Christmas trees (which virtually no one in Cuba used back in 1950s). The two sisters, for the most part, liked the Christmas traditions in their adopted homeland, even though they felt that over-commercialization was over-shadowing the religious nature of the holiday. Yet, even in America, sometimes they cannot help but slip gifts under their grandchildren's beds on "Three King Day."





# Exploitation of Women in Today's Society

By **SIDNEY PASCUA JR.**  
Guest Columnist

After having searched the newspapers for evidence of any type of alienation and/or exploitation in our society, I came to the realization that it is clearly evident no matter where you look in the world. However, there is no industry that exploits people more than the all popular sex industry here in Florida. I found three articles that go in depth in describing the amount of exploitation of women as well as the alienation from society, creativity, and themselves. These articles were a part of a week long series on the sex industry and I feel that I have chosen the best articles that show this exploitation and alienation to the fullest degree.

In the first article from November 11 of this year, Jose Lambiet of the Sun Sentinel compares the lifestyles of two different women in the sex industry. The first woman, Kathy Willets, feels that the sex industry is the best business in the world. She currently expects to make close to \$500,000 this year. However, what she must do to earn this much money is the main issue. Throughout the article, she mentions how she would perform various acts on stage that has basically made her performance illegal in fourteen states. The worst part about it is that her husband joins in and basically acts as her agent. The second woman, Shanelle Green, became a stripper because her father had been hospitalized after having been hit by a car. However, her story is somewhat different in that she did not go as far as Willets did. There was a price for her choice and "she will be happy to clear \$25,000" this year. (Lambiet '97) When she tried to get a real job that wasn't so explosive, she found that her efforts had met resistance because of her former job. As a result, she ended up right back where she had started.

Just from these two people, we can see that they obviously are completely alienated from the norms. These women sold themselves and not their labor power. This is much worse than anything else that can be seen as alienating. This is worse because the person is no longer seen as a person but an object, an object that can be bought and sold like a can of soda. However, it doesn't stop there. If the woman needs to improve her looks because of natural aging or they are as well endowed as some of their colleagues, then they are dehumanized even more by being told that they need to get plastic surgery, liposuction, or various other types of procedures in order to gain a certain look. This single act basically diminishes the woman to an object and it no longer matters what they have to do as long as they get their money.

However, we must also realize that there are many other people who benefit from this industry as well. Through the exploitation and alienation of women, people such as plastic surgeons, lawyers, and the media earn millions of dollars each year from this so called industry. Some lawyers were even noted in mentioning that dancing is protected by the constitution, this may be true but the extremes that are going on in today's sex industry in downright illegal. Women are constantly trying to achieve that ideal look that their customers are looking for

in order to rake in higher income. So, the basic message that they are sending out to the youth of the nation is that it is okay to sell yourself as long as you are making money, you will be successful.

What many do not realize is that this success really comes at the price of one's humanity. Once you have taken the step into that darker world, you are no longer seen as human or an individual but you are seen as property that is available for sale and you must comply to the basic needs of your owner in order to be successful. At this point, I feel that there is no real difference between what is being done in these positions and prostitution. Of course, there are general rules about touching but according to a few of the articles, many of these places go way beyond customer service if you catch my point. Even the third article that I chose puts this exploitation very bluntly by saying "people are considered commodities and money a deity". This is key in a capitalist society. You must bring people to their mere sustenance and then basically force them to sell whatever they have left for money. In this case, these women feel that they must sell themselves in order to achieve success or the capitalist level even though they would never be recognized as one of the capitalists because of the means in which they gained their success.

What many of these women don't know about is the costs they must endure for this so called success. This industry brings exploitation, alienation, crime, disease, and most of all victimization. Many of the strip joints that are mentioned in article three were fronts for various crimes and prostitution rings. Groups ranging from the Russian mafia to the Colombo crime family have used these places to front for money-making schemes and drug transportation into the United States. To emphasize the exploitation and alienation, the third article mentions an incident where two women were arrested because their act showed genitalia and penetration. However, after the officers left the establishment, the acts that followed these women were of a similar nature. This proves that these women are seen as not important. There was another instance where the head of an escort service told the paper that she would not be surprised if there wasn't at least one murder of a female escort each year. The most disturbing thought was that she spoke as if these women were replaceable like shoes.

If you cannot see how evident the concept of alienation is then you must not see the exploitation that is going on in this industry. Women are so objectified that they put money ahead of themselves, their sexual behaviors, their morals, and sometimes even their families. Many of the women who were interviewed actually had children sometimes two or three. So I ask what kind of message is this giving these children and the children of society? The answer is simple. The message is that exploitation is fine as long as you are being compensated with wealth of some form. One of the most sickening things that I had read in the first article is that the woman who was supposedly making a great deal of money was actually being represented by

her husband and sometimes he actually took pictures of his naked wife with other men for guest appearances. It just seems to me that there is not one institution that is safe in regards to these type of people.

There is more. When a woman enters this type of an industry, it is very difficult to get out. As stated before, Shanelle, from the first article, had tried to get out but was shunned because of her previous profession. It seems that there is a stigma placed on these people which really puts them in the lower end of society. This stigma is then internalized and becomes even more alienating because the person feels that "stripping" is the only thing they can do that is worth something. However, there are few fortunate people who manage to get out of the business and secure regular jobs. Of course the money they make is significantly lower but one is quoted in the paper as saying that she feels better about herself despite the money. The person I am speaking of had quit the sex industry after attempting suicide but she is now the receptionist at an insurance company.

The sex industry has some good points in that it keeps many people in

business. However, the question that is very important to ask is what is the cost of staying in business. In this society, exploitation and alienation of women in this profession seems to be very lucrative. Despite their so called fame and wealth, they are no longer women but objects that are there for anyone to use as they please and to be bought and sold like your everyday vacuum cleaner. Many of the women in the industry find nothing wrong with this because they are being paid. They feel that being shunned in society is worth financial gain. However, this message is being given to our youth who live in the society and even in the homes of these so called women/objects. This industry treats women commodities and places all the emphasis on financial gain no matter what the cost. Those who wish to get out find that all the doors of opportunity being slammed in their face because of their previous profession. As a result, they internalized this lack of worth and resort back to what they know. Thus, the alienation of women is complete in that they have no other means of living than to sell the one thing they have left, themselves.

## E-Mailing Is The New Rage But Some Say It Can Never Replace The Postal Service

By **NATHALIE CHANG**  
Buccaneer Staff Writer

Apart from beepers, cellular phones, and faxes, another technological invention which allows people to communicate faster and more efficiently has been electronic mail, used by many people as a way of keeping in touch with relatives, family, and friends all over the world. Electronic mail (E-Mail) has almost replaced the traditional system of communicating with letters over the postal service.

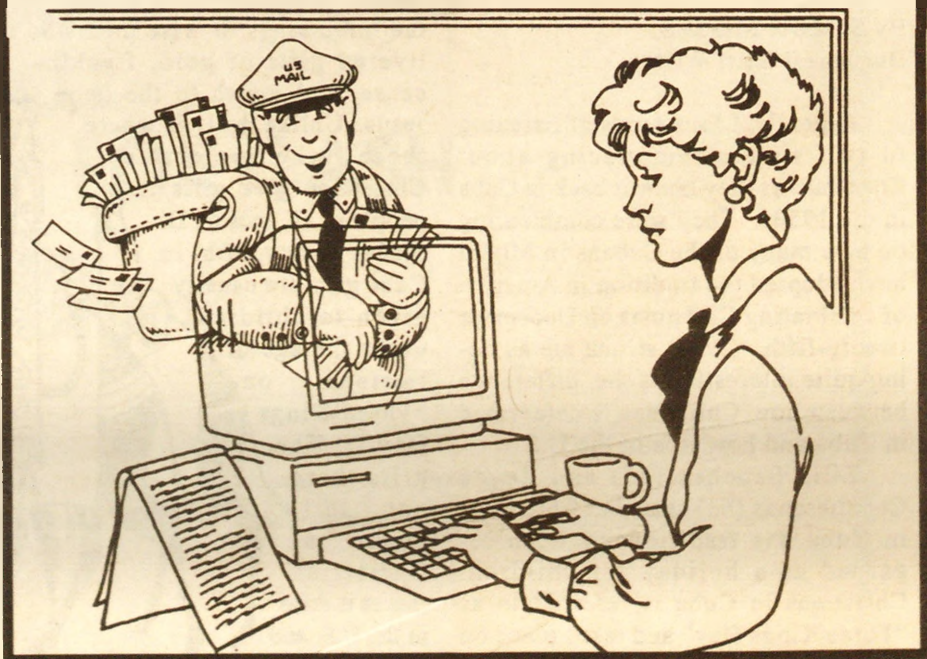
Sophomore Saioa Torrealday, however, uses E-Mail to "keep in touch with family and friends in addition to writing letters."

Kate Yarwood, on the other hand, who uses E-Mail about 5 times per week, has replaced letter writing with E-Mail

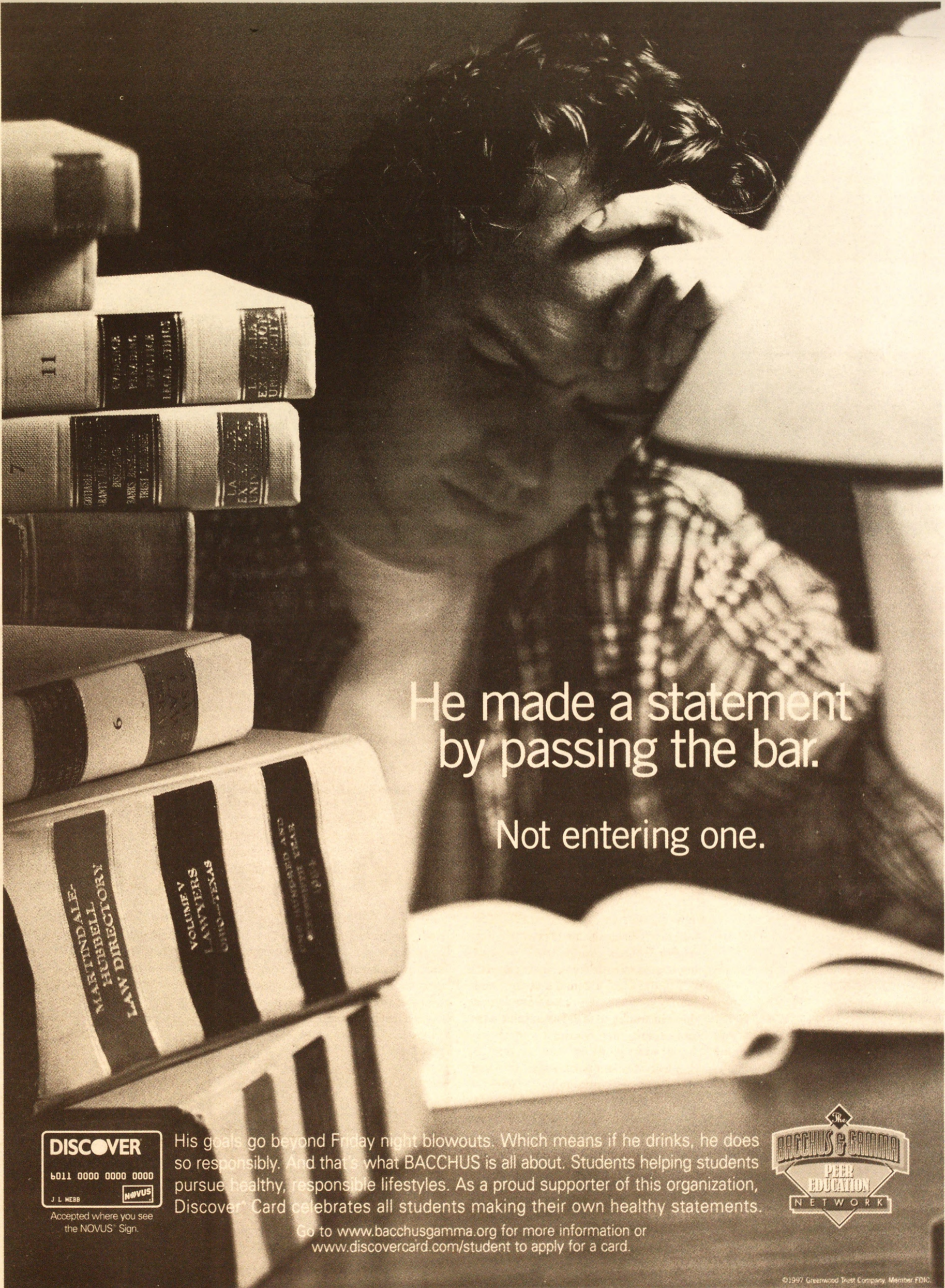
and only sends birthday cards with the postal service. Although E-Mail is a quick way to keep in touch, many students would agree with Yarwood when she says that she "loves to get letters in [her] mailbox because it is so personal and it shows that the person took all that time to sit down and write a letter."

Not only does E-Mail get sent all over the nation, but it also gets sent worldwide. Sonja Kuei Tung sends family and friends in Trinidad E-Mail, since "[traditional mail takes much longer and is bound to get lost."

In a study by USA Today, it was found that "a majority of Americans trust the Postal Service over computer generated messages." 64% of the people surveyed trusted the postal service, while 30% trusted E-Mail, and 2% trusted both equally. Sonja Kuei Tung doesn't trust E-Mail as being confidential.







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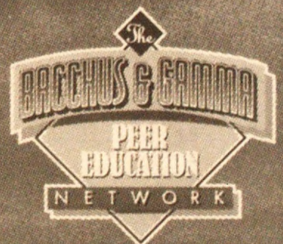
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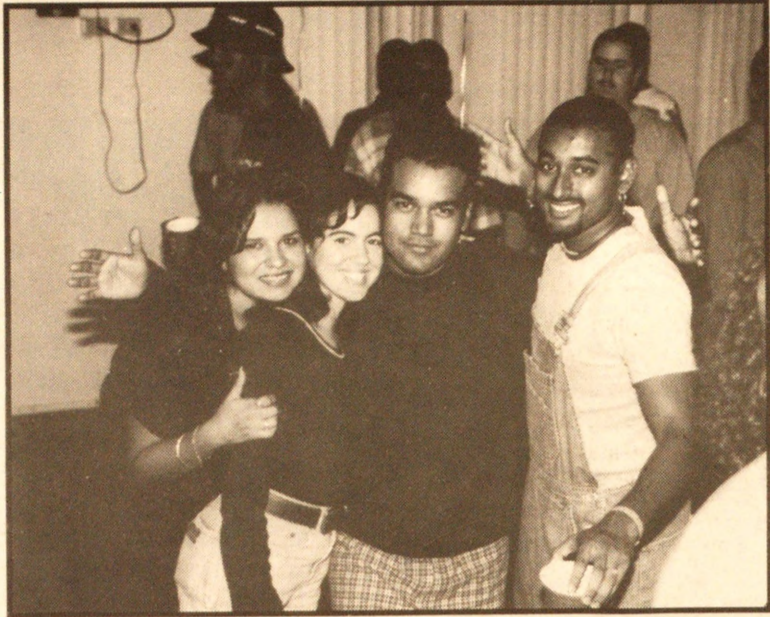
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(Above) Some Barry Student's kicked off the New Year with CAB's Welcome Back RAT.



(Above) This year, when students returned from summer, they were greeted with a new convenience store. This was done to give Barry Students more variety.



(Above) The Men's Basketball team introduce their team for this year, in a rally held in the cafeteria.



(Right) Barry students dressed up in 1940s clothing for the Founders' Ball held in David Brinkley's honor. (L to R) Andre Canales, Daniel Ponkey, Vicky Papadimitrion, Christine Milano, Rocky Iacullo and Marty Cassini

## SPORTS

# On The Road To Nationals

By **KELLY MAHAN**  
Buccaneer Staff Writer



"The team has bonded and that's the key to our success" says Coach Nichols. This is Nichols' second year

here at Barry and he says, "it's been easier." Also it helps that, "the girls have bought into my coaching style, I don't like to yell and scream," said Nichols. The Volleyball team made an appearance in the South Region last season and in 1995 they won the national championship.

Liz Bates expresses, "the neat thing about this season is that it has been a total team effort. It's really taken eleven people to win games." For example the Volleyball team beat Florida Atlantic, a very good Division I school, with two All Americans out of their lineup. Elvira Vakhidova hurt her back and Cindy Yuan sprained her ankle. Both were healthy come regionals.

The girls have had their ups and downs this season just like any normal team. "We had a strong early season, beating Tampa on the road, sweeping Florida Southern in 3, and then we seemed to hit a minor slump mid season" voices Bates. Now it seems that they are hitting the peak again at just the right time, on the road to nationals.

It's hard to beat a good team three times in a row so Barry was ready for their match up against Tampa for regionals. They swept Tampa in three games at their gym. "The excitement was so intense," freshman Brooke Pinney said. This is where they beat them last time. "We've proven to be a good team on the road, so being away wasn't an important factor," replies Bates.

Coach Nichols' strategy for the Tampa game was to change the serve receive. According to Nichols, Tampa wasn't prepared for the change. The coaching staff has also changed the line-up to throw off their opponents.

"We're a team that can wear other teams down and frustrate them by playing good defense. When we focus in a rally, we'll almost always come out on top, and that puts other team's into a panic," says Bates.

To rally in practice the majority of the girls decided to put pre wrap around their foreheads. "We just have a good time in practice, but we get our

job done as well," stated Bates.

After beating Florida Tech and Rollins in one weekend, the Volleyball team becomes Co-Champions of the Sunshine State Conference. Now they also have the title of Regional Champs, but they are looking for one more title. The 1997 National Champions! The team leaves on Wednesday, December third for California. California is hosting this years national championship. This is fortunate for two of the players on the team, Liz Bates and Brooke Pinney. Brooke said, "Her family is so excited that they will get to see their freshman daughter play in a National Championship." Liz said, "[Her] whole family is going to be there." Even though our Volleyball team will be in California they still will have fans.

If you see any of the girls around campus wish them luck for their chance at the 1997 National Championship ring. Like Nina Morusiewicz said, "I have room for one more ring before I graduate!"

Good Luck to the Women's Volleyball Team from the Staff of the Buccaneer.



## NIKE'S P.L.A.Y. CORPS: *What It's All About!*

By **KELLY MAHAN**  
Buccaneer Staff Writer

Have you ever been interested in dealing with kids? Are you somewhat athletic? Are you a second semester freshman, sophomore, junior, first semester senior, or a continuing graduate student? If you answer yes to any of these questions then NIKE has a great opportunity for you.

This organization benefits all children between the ages of 8 to 13. It's directed toward athletic college students who have an interest in coaching sports. It's called NIKE P.L.A.Y. CORPS, check it out. Once the literature is read about this organization people get more excited about participating in it.

According to Nike's P.L.A.Y. CORPS pamphlet, "P.L.A.Y. stands for Participate in the Lives of America's Youth which was developed by NIKE so that kids would have the opportunity to participate in athletics and have good coaches, equipment, safe playgrounds, and the chance to improve their skills. P.L.A.Y. believes that kids have a fundamental right to enjoy sports and physical activities. Sports can teach kids basic life skills that will carry over into the classroom. Some of the important tenets of citizenship and fairness can be learned on the soccer field or the basketball court. The lessons learned through participation in sports, such as self-confidence, teamwork, discipline, the value of practice, and the thrill of individual achievement, are critical to a child's development. P.L.A.Y. organizes sports clinics, sponsors summer camps, takes kids to games, supports nonprofit community health and fitness programs, and builds

sports surfaces out of recycled shoes through NIKE's Reuse-A-Shoe program. The P.L.A.Y. initiative encourages kids and their parents to participate in sports and fitness activities. P.L.A.Y. is in communities all over America leading the charge for healthier, happier, more productive kids."

How could you not be excited after reading this information? It should make you want to fill out the application right away and go out and coach tomorrow. To top all this excitement off NIKE also tells you why you should be a coach in the communities. Nike says, "You have a remarkable opportunity to be a coach, a mentor, and a hero for the kids on your team." You may also save an at risk kid from taking the wrong turn. Coaches have so much influence on kids that they sometimes don't even realize the impact they have. Their ads mention, "P.L.A.Y. CORPS coaches are someone kids can look up to. Someone young. Someone cool. Someone they can aspire to be just like. Someone just like you."

There is such an importance for coaches in community settings for younger aged kids because due to budget cuts a lot of school had to take out their athletics programs from elementary and middle schools. So now kids are turning towards the community. Junior, Christine Riedinger knows what this is like, "my seventh grade year we had sports in school, but my eighth grade year they were removed because of the budgets cuts. Thank goodness for my community athletic programs. I was involved in my community programs since age 10 and it certainly had a strong positive influence in my life."

Senior Colin McCoy says he "truly feels that some of the positive things in my life can be attribute to the community programs, their coaches, and directors." To this day many athletes still stay in touch with those coaches of their younger years. This is why participating in P.L.A.Y. CORPS is a way that you can give back to the community which helped you and so many other youths. If you can influence even one child's life then you have made a difference for our future.

Now that you are motivated to go and sign up..... do it! Pick up your application form in the Career and Counseling Center, upstairs Thompson Hall. The packet contains all information needed along with the application. Fill out the application which includes short answers and your basic background information. You will need a letter of recommendation from someone who knows you pretty well. A recent teacher, coach, or advisor would be sufficient. Then go to admissions and get an official transcript to send. Then you must find a local organization that will allow you to coach for a total of 80 to 100 hours and fill out the match form. Finally if you are accepted they have to do a background check so you must sign a consent form. That's it, it's simple.

This is your chance to have an impact on the lives of the youth in our community, the lives of the people who will be our leaders in the future. Having a positive influence on a life, even if it is only one, means more than you might think now. Take this chance to get involved, Participate in the Lives of America's Youth (P.L.A.Y.), and as NIKE says, "Just Do It."

### "ONE HEART BEAT"

By **KELLY MAHAN**  
Buccaneer Staff Writer

The Barry Women's soccer team had a tremendous record this year: 14 - 2 - 2. But this is no surprise; Barry's Women's soccer team is no stranger to victory. They have won three national titles, have gone undefeated six times in their career and have never lost more than two home matches in one season. Pretty Impressive.

In this year's regular season, the Bucs finished with an overall rating of fifth in the nation, only losing once to a strong Division I team, Oakland University.

The most amazing thing about this team is that they play with "one heart beat". This is the way that the team feels. According to freshman Jeanine Poirer, "the intensity is unbelievable." When one player has to do sprints the whole team rallies behind them and runs together. "That's team unity" states Adria Gaete.

Head Coach Brian Dooley feels that "personality and performance matters". "As long as you respect one another's different personalities, then things will happen" says Coach Dooley. Coach Dooley's sentiments were echoed by one of the team's leaders and prominent players, Kate Ahern. She and many of the other girls felt that "the team got along a lot better this year."

The team gained six freshman this year who made quick impacts. Four of the six appeared as starters throughout the season. These freshman will continue to add depth and quality to the program especially when they lose two strong seniors. Ahern states that "the two seniors, Heather Wight and Michelle Sillence will be missed." "They played with a lot of heart and had great leadership skills." The rest of the Buccaneers hope to continue in this tradition of excellent skill and "one heart beat". With this combination of dedicated players, the Lady Bucs look forward to another bid at nationals next year.

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# What SGA Tackles!!!

By **KELLY MAHAN**  
Buccaneer Staff Writer

The Student Government Association of Barry University has planned and accomplished a lot this semester. The officers are willing to tackle any and every topic that the students want them to address.

This semester SGA has coordinated the annual Haunted House, attended general Board of Trustees events, and has started to rewrite their constitution. Liasons have also been addressing concerns related to parking, dining services, the computer lab, and library materials.

The Haunted House was a great success, with over 700 local children attending the event. Almost every club and organization was represented and did a good job in decorating and staffing the event. Awards were presented to the groups with the freakiest room, the most creative room, and the scariest room. All the rooms were fantastic, but the three rooms that stood out were Theater Club with the Scariest room, Alpha Gamma Delta with the Most Creative, and Tau Kappa Epsilon with the Freakiest room. Congratulations to those groups. Overall the Student Government spent \$950 to put on the Haunted House.

SGA is looking to accomplish several things during the upcoming spring semester. First, the University is interested in starting a plus or minus grading system. This would affect all students entering Barry University as new freshman in the fall of 1998. The grading scale would be A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, and F. This would mean that if you had a 97% in your class then you would

receive an A, but if you had a 91% then you would receive a A-. This type of grading system gives a better value of the grade that you receive. This is just an idea at this point therefore, we need your input on the this topic (See survey below).

Second, there is the issue of what to do with Andreas Park, the 38 acres of land behind the Health and Sports Center. The question is, what exactly do students want to see developed on this land. A.J. Pinto, SGA President, is currently sitting on the Andreas Park Planning Committee and they have asked him to write up a proposal on what students want. Suggestions have included: additional residence halls, a student union, a one-screen movie theater, and a new wellness facility.

# IN MEMORIAM

## • Dr. Lloyd D. Elgart Memorial Scholarship Up For Grabs.

By **ROWENA JOSEPH**  
Buccaneer Staff writer

The Andreas School of Business is once again advertising the oppor-

tunity for students within its school to obtain a monetary award for the coming academic year. The scholarship was established in the name of Dr. Lloyd D. Elgart who served Barry University as a Dean of the School of Business for four years, until his death from cancer in 1994. Dr. Elgart also served as a professor of Business law and Management at Barry. His career was not limited to serving at Barry University. In addition, he served as a presiding judge in New Jersey. He is remembered also as a pioneer for women's rights, especially within the corporate setting.

Dr. Lewis Lash, the current Dean of the School of Business, said Dr. Elgart was always "trying to help those people who had not been given those opportunities that he had been fortunate enough to have had." He described Dr. Elgart as a philanthropist. It is not surprising then that friends and colleagues of Dr. Elgart should chose to remember him in this way.

Applicants are required to submit an essay titled "Getting an Education Has Not Been Easy". Students interested in applying for the scholarship should contact Delphine Johnson at the School of Business. The application deadline is March 1, 1998. Students are being encouraged to embrace this opportunity.

The SGA is interested in finding out your opinions on current topics so please fill out the survey below and drop it off in the suggestion box in Thompson Hall.

SEX: Male Female  
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1. Are you in favor of the plus or minus grading system? Why or Why not?
2. What are your ideas for Andreas Park?
3. How do you feel about having your E-Mail address available through the Barry Web Page?
4. If you are a resident student, do you own a personal computer and if so, do you dial into the University's computer center for e mail and Interet access?
5. What other issues would you like SGA to tackle?
6. What would encourage you to get more involved?

# Technology Fee for Students Presented at SGA Meeting

By **KATE FRAIZE**  
Buccaneer Staff Writer

During a Student Government Association meeting on November 19th, the subject of a technology fee was presented to the members of Congress (the group of elected representatives from each student organization).

Reportedly, the fee will be applied to student tuition at \$50 per semester. According to SGA Treasurer, Kelly Mahan, the new technology fee was introduced to faculty and staff and a recent Budget and Finance Committee meeting which Mahan attended.

There has been no reported breakdown regarding the exact allocation of this fee. According to SGA President, A.J. Pinto, SGA has endured an uneventful struggle to receive a breakdown of the already existing student activity fee. In hopes of an answer, Vice President of Student Services, Dr. George Wanko will speak at the December 3rd SGA meeting.

"As I see it," said Pinto, "we have a contract with this university and we deserve to know where this money is going to."

SGA officers fear that the technology fee will follow the path of the student activities fee.

According to the office of Business and Finance, the purpose is to create a pool of money for the use of technology and software. Reportedly, one of the goals is to make the residence halls internet accessible. The state of Florida is initiating a technology fee in its colleges and universities. Barry plans to follow the example. The fee will be applied for the 1998-99 academic year.

The December 3rd SGA meeting with Dr. Wanko will be in Andreas Room 112 at 7:30 pm. It is open to the entire student body.

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# The Commuter's Corner

By **HOWARD HANDSEL**  
Guest Columnist

This is the first article of my new column: 'The Commuter's Corner.' The purpose of this column is to help affiliate Commuter Students with other parts of Barry's Campus outside of the classroom. There's more to Barry than just driving to school, going to class, and then getting back in your car and leaving the campus. This is my first semester here at Barry, I am a junior, a Broadcast Communication Major. I am also a commuter student living in Kendall. Aside from driving to and from school three times a week, I chose to check out student activities that Barry had to offer on campus. This semester I was an associate member of the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity, Epsilon Iota Chapter here on our campus. My associate brothers and I were initiated into the Fraternity in early November, and I am glad I made the decision to find out what Greek Life is all about. An upcoming column will be written about the Greek organizations here at Barry, and how you as commuters can get involved in either a Fraternity or Sorority. I am still lining up some topics for the upcoming issues. If you would like to suggest a topic for one of the upcoming Commuter's Corner Columns, e-mail me at [quiksand@ix.netcom.com](mailto:quiksand@ix.netcom.com).

This month's column will acquaint you with Thompson Hall and Student Activities. Thompson Hall is Barry's student hangout. It is practically located at the center of our campus, and inside you can find a bookstore, cafeteria, convenient store, and many offices that are home to some of Barry's services. It took me a while to finally visit Thompson Hall because I really didn't know many people on campus at the time, and I felt very foreign being a commuter student. Finally after I met a few people from my classes that hung out there, I began to frequent Thompson Hall more often.

It is sad that so few people visit Thompson Hall. So what do commuter students know about Thompson Hall? I put a few commuter students to the test and asked them a few questions. "I don't know much about Thompson Hall. All I know is that people eat there," says Gillian Dwyer a senior and commuter student. Dwyer visits Thompson Hall a few times a week to eat and watch television. Gillian is probably one of the few commuter students to visit Thompson Hall. There are some students however, who have no desire to visit Thompson Hall. John Spran a junior here at Barry says, "I rarely visit Thompson Hall because I have no need to go there other than to buy books and to get my parking decal." Spran also says that he doesn't get involved with on campus activities because he's always busy. If this is the attitude of many commuter students, then maybe something can be done to help them change their mind and get involved.

Thompson Hall is a place for everyone not just for resident students. Commuter students, you should make it a point to stroll through there for at least five minutes of your day, or maybe eat lunch up stairs in the cafeteria. You could even hang out in the lobby and just kick back on one of the sofas. I sat there one day

and ended up meeting two more students. Also while in Thompson Hall you can check out what is happening with Student Activities.

Thompson 109 is the office of Student Activities. You can walk in any time and ask them questions and/or pick up information regarding upcoming Student Activities that Barry's Campus Activities Board (CAB) is sponsoring. The board is made up of students that plan different activities for Barry students. Anyone is welcome to join the board, which meets once a week. The activities planned are a lot of fun to participate in. They've ranged anywhere from sailing trips to on campus game shows. "Student Activities is always encouraging commuter students to get involved," says Barry's Activities Director Kathy Bunting. She told me that Student Activities aims to reach out to commuter students by sending them commuter mailers, and by giving away CAB calendars and posters; all of which advertise upcoming student activities. You can even

pick up information on some of these events in Thompson Hall at the student information desk. Also be sure to look for signs hanging all around Thompson Hall that advertise upcoming student activities.

So let's say you find a little time in your busy schedule, and you begin to participate in s activities on campus. Chances are you may like it, and may end up spending more time on campus between and after classes. "Your college experience can be whatever you want it to be. If you want you could just go to classes and go home, but if you want to take advantage and get involved in organizations and take part in on campus activities, that itself is a whole other side to learning," says Kathy Bunting. Bunting emphasized how much fun you could be having by enjoying some of what Barry's activities has to offer. She says, "There is so much to learn from out of the classroom experiences. You're cheating yourself to just go home. You could network with friends while you are here at Barry and later down the line, you

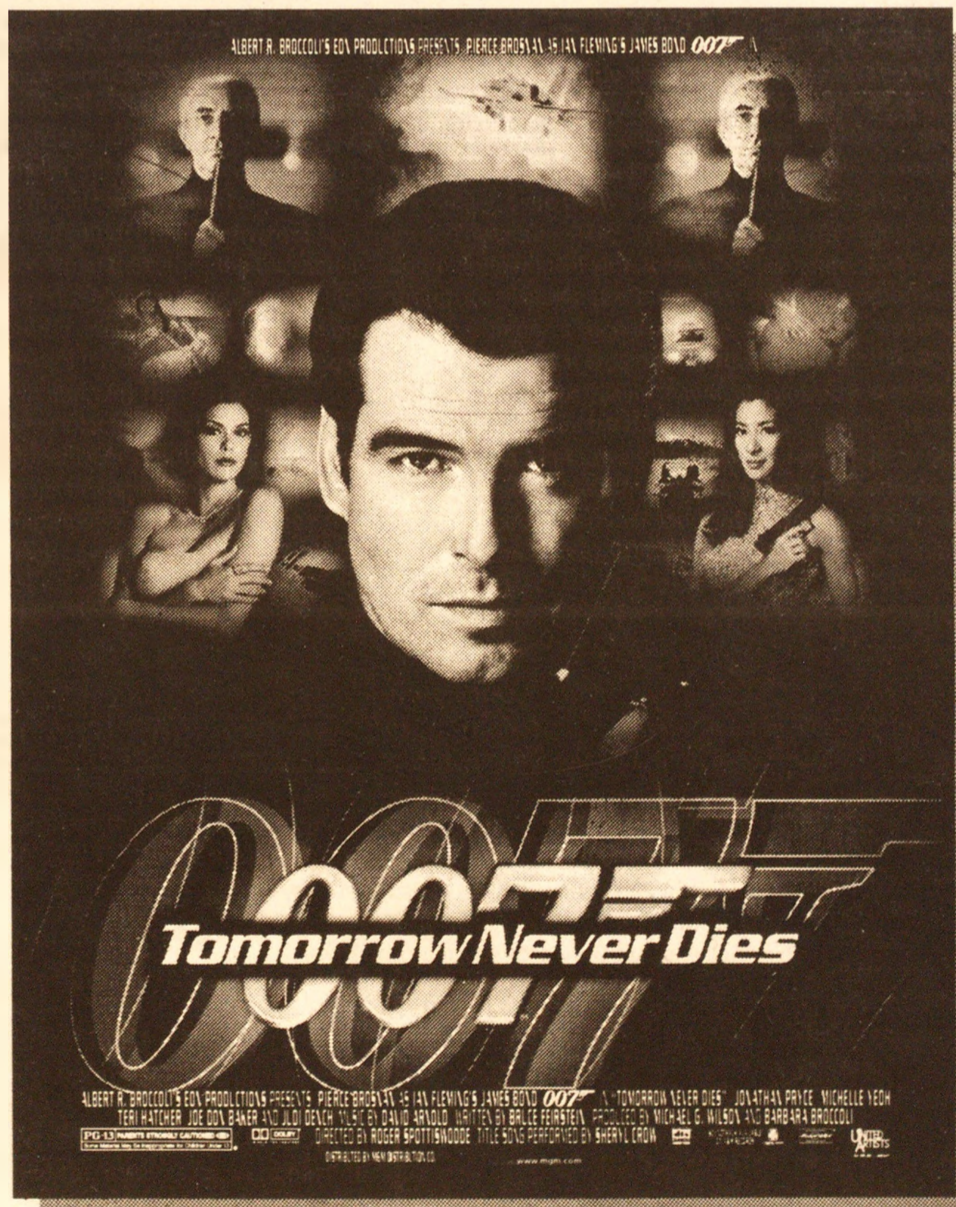
can develop leadership skills by participating in activities on campus, and most importantly you can socialize."

Kenai Montenegro is an active commuter student both in and out of the classroom. "I join different clubs, and attend CAB events," says Montenegro who is a junior here at Barry University. "Don't just go home after class, stick around and hang out in Thompson. Socializing is the key to doing college right." I couldn't agree with her more. I think that this month's column should be enough to inspire some of you commuters to make an effort to start participating. Even if it's attending one activity a month, it's a start. I think that the only way you as a commuter are going to get involved is when you take that first step to participate in campus activities.

To find out about the planned student activities you could call the activities hotline at 899-3999, or you could call 899-3961 to ask more specific questions about the activities.

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*No appointment is needed for these sessions.*

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November 10	Monday	2:00 & 3:00	Kelley House Conference Room
November 13	Thursday	12:30 & 1:30	Kelley House Conference Room
November 17	Monday	3:00 & 4:00	Kelley House Conference Room
November 18	Tuesday	12:30 & 1:30	Kelley House Conference Room
November 21	Friday	3:00 & 4:00	Kelley House Conference Room
December 2	Tuesday	12:30 & 1:30	Kelley House Conference Room
December 4	Thursday	12:30 & 1:30	Kelley House Conference Room
December 5	Friday	3:00 & 4:00	Kelley House Conference Room

*You need only attend ONE of these 20 minute sessions. Please be prompt, they will start at the times indicated.*

ACE students should call the ACE Financial Aid Office at (305) 899-3355 or (800) 945-2279 extension 3355 for information regarding ACE exit interview schedules. Main campus students with questions can call the Financial Aid Office at (305) 899-3673 or (800) 695-2279 to obtain further information.

## SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Scholarship	Amount	Deadline	Eligibility requirements
Karla Scherer Foundation	TBA	TBA	Female business students focusing on economics and finance.
Environmental Protection Agency	Full-tuition, fees, & \$250 book allowance & stipend	January 15	Undergraduate fellowships for students majoring in environmentally-related sciences. Must have at least 2 years remaining from the start of Fall 98. Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident and have at least a "B" average.
Florida College Student of the Year	TBA	February 1	Undergraduate, graduate, and part-time students are eligible, but not 1 <sup>st</sup> -year students. Must have completed at least 12 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 3.5. Must be involved in college activities, community service, political activism, etc.
Hispanic College Fund	Will cover tuition and fees	April 15	Full-time undergraduate student of business or communications with a 3.0 GPA. Must be a U.S. citizen (NOT permanent resident) of Hispanic origin.

For more information about these and other scholarships, go to the Financial Aid Office.

### PRE-REGISTER NOW: NO LINES, NO WAITING!

As the fall semester comes to a close, it's time to plan for spring semester registration. If you rely on financial aid to pay for some or all of your educational expenses, then December is the time to get a financial aid check-up.

Students can register NOW for spring semester as long as their account is current. Feel free to stop by the Financial Aid Office to check on the status of to do that immediately in order to have it processed prior to the end of the semester.

There's no need to wait in long LINES at registration in January! Get registered in December and relax over the holidays!

## Financial Aid Hits the Information Superhighway!

### APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID ONLINE

Fall Semester 1998 is still over eight months away; yet, January and February is the time to apply for financial aid! The earlier you apply, the better your chances of qualifying for more financial aid.

This year you can complete that most critical application on the Internet. Log onto the U.S. Department of Education's FAFSA web site at:

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

Some of the greatest benefits are:

1. It's free.
2. You can save your application information on a diskette so that it can be completed and transmitted at a later time.
3. You can access the FAFSA on the web from anywhere - home, school, etc.
4. FAFSA on the Web prevents mistakes that can slow down your financial aid!!!
5. It uses skip logic, so it only asks the questions that you need to answer!

If you don't have access to the Internet from home, you can utilize the computers at Barry University's computer lab in Garner Hall, or you can schedule an appointment to use an Internet-equipped computer at the Financial Aid office. The important thing is, apply for financial aid, and apply early! Don't wait until late May or June or afterward and lose out on thousands of dollars in free financial aid for which you may be eligible.

### SEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIPS ONLINE

This holiday season, the Financial Aid Office would like to give you a very special gift! Below is a list of the Web addresses for four scholarship databases. We want to encourage you to take advantage of the holiday break to spend more than just money on presents. Why not spend TIME instead, and maybe get a present later? Take a little time to complete the student profiles for these scholarship databases, and they will e-mail you information about all the scholarships for which you may be eligible! Good luck and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Fastweb

SallieMae's College Aid Sources for Higher Education (CASHE)

The College Board's ExPAN Scholarship Search

The Collegenet's Mach25

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### CLARIFICATIONS AND CORRECTIONS

In the article of parking in the October issue it was unclear on page 8 as to where commuters may park around Barry. It should read as follows:

"The University does not promote parking in the neighborhood for two main reasons:

1. The university respects the privacy of the residents
2. Security services provided do not extend to the neighborhood area parking"

Thanks go to Jim Brittain for bringing this to our attention.

Also in the piece "Students Respond" in the November issue the photograph labeled Pilar should have read Maria Darquea. We apologize for the confusion this may have caused.



## HERE'S WHAT YOU SAID...

Over the course of two days we asked 228 of you what your opinions of the Buccaneer were. We wished to ascertain from you what you would like to see in the paper and any suggestions that you may have for improvement. These are the results of the survey.

- 49% of you stated that you were regular readers of the Buccaneer, 46% of you said no and 5% of you had never read the paper.
- 57% of you rated the Buccaneer as good, 16% as good, 15% as v.good, 5% as excellent and 3% as poor.
- 50% of you rated the content of the paper as good, 24% as fair, 18% as v.good, 4% as poor and 3% excellent.
- 42% of you rated the overall appearance of the paper as good, 27% as fair, 17% as v.good, 6% as excellent and 3% as poor.
- 53% of you thought that the paper should be 16 pages long, 22% said 12 pages long, and 21 % said 32 pages.

On the specific items that you would like to see in the future issues

Student profiles:	85% - yes	10% - no
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Clubs/ Organizations:	85% - yes	9% - no

The Buccaneer wishes to thank those of you who participated for sharing your time. The paper will take your concerns into consideration as we try to implement changes that will make the paper a better one. Be sure to read the next issue in February 1998.

HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY!!

Compiled by Ava Brown and Melissa Griffith

## Holiday Recipes

For those students not going home for the holidays, here are some inexpensive and relatively easy to follow traditional American holiday recipes to experiment with.

### Baked Cinnamon Apples

Peel and slice 5-6 large macintosh apples  
Layer apples in a casserole dish  
Sprinkle desired amount of cinnamon and brown sugar on top of apples  
With a knife, disperse chunks of butter on top of the apples  
Butter will melt as you bake for 20 minutes at 350°

### Kielbasa Slices and Pineapples with Brown Sugar

Slice kielbasa link into round pieces no more than 1/2 inch thick, no less than 1/4 inch thin  
Layer kielbasa in a casserole dish  
Place bite-sized pineapple chunks (fresh or canned) on top of the kielbasa  
Sprinkle desired amount of brown sugar (the more sugar the sweeter and stickier the dish) on top of kielbasa and pineapples  
Stick toothpicks into the kielbasa and pineapples at random for easy eating  
Bake for 20 minutes at 350°

### Homemade Stuffing

3/4 cup minced onion  
1/2 cup chopped celery, stalks  
1 cup butter or margarine  
7 cups soft bread, cubed  
1 tbsp. salt  
1 1/2 tsp. crushed sage leaves  
1 tsp. thyme  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
3 cups finely chopped apples  
3/4 cups raisins

In large skillet cook and stir onion and celery in butter 'til onion is tender.  
Stir in 1/3 of bread cubes.  
Turn mixture from skillet into deep bowl.  
Add remaining ingredients and toss.  
Stuffs a 12 lb. turkey.

### Cucumber and Tomato Medley

(a cool alternative to baking in the Florida heat)

3 lrg. cucumbers, sliced  
1 sm. red onion, grated  
2 med. tomatoes, chopped  
1 tsp. dry parsley  
2 heaping tbsp. sugar  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1/8 cup vinegar  
Fill to 1/3 with vegetable oil

Mix all ingredients in large bowl.  
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Prepare entire dish two hours before serving to allow for sufficient marination.



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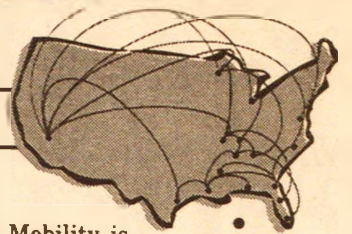
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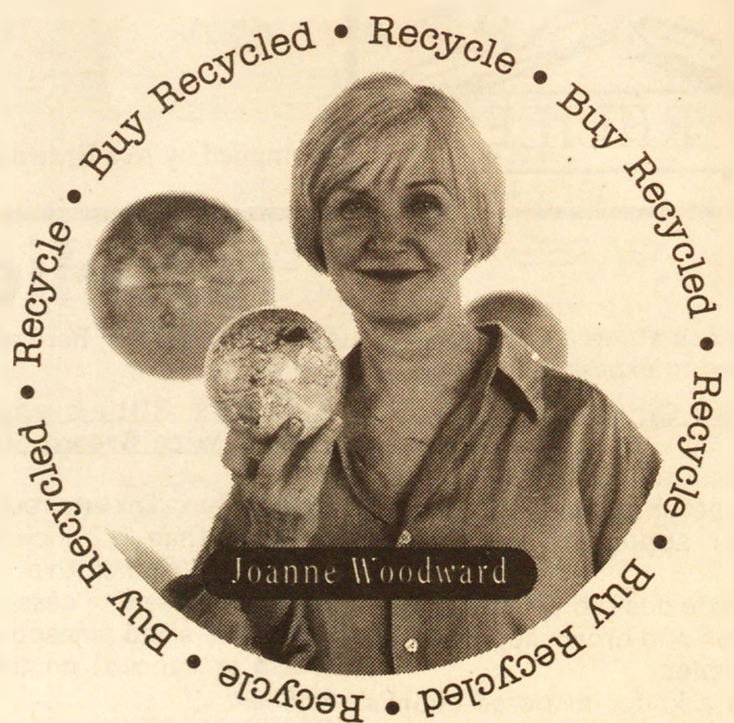
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