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Barry's attracting more and more students

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Hailing Barry's Office of Admissions as "the saving factor of this university," Barry President Sister Jean O'Laughlin, O.P. reported a large increase in the University's undergraduate applications for 1998, at her report of the March 4th Board of Trustees meeting. Sr. Jeanne said that, according to Barry consultants Miller and Cook, Barry had 659 undergraduate applications as of February 21, 1997. This year, Barry has 1216 applications, and more keep coming. Sr. Jeanne also reported Freshmen applications up 100%. Last year, there were 505, while this year there have been 937. With this substantial increase, Miller and Cook "predict the incoming class (in the Fall of '98) will reflect both higher numbers and better quality," according to University Relations.

"The life of the University rests in that admissions office," said a jubilant Sr. Jeanne. "We should admire everyone of those people in admissions and financial aid." Sr. Jeanne said they've worked non-stop since the end of 1997. "They've put in more than 16,000 calls since December at night, much of it on their own (time)," she said. The board, estimating that 200 new undergraduate students will begin their college study at Barry in the Fall, passed a \$75-million budget for the 1998-99 academic year.

Sr. Jeanne also reported on enrollment trends for the spring semester over the last five years. She said that although the

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Celebrating Our Differences

• Festival of Nations hopes to give people a better understanding of different cultures

By DIANA MARRERO
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Ravi Seepersad and Joy De Marchis came up with it four years ago. Seepersad, then a freshman, had a vision; De Marchis provided the supervision and encouragement needed to make that idea happen. That idea was the Festival of Nations.

"When I first came to Barry, I thought that college was just about academics," said Seepersad. "I quickly learned that it is about many other things, like increasing your awareness about other cultures. That was my biggest reason for this event, for people to have a better understanding of different cultures."

On April 17, Barry University will hold its fourth annual Festival of Nations. Nations such as Israel, Mexico, Barbados, Greece, and the U.S.

among many others will be represented. About 30 educational interactive booths will allow people to learn about other countries. The festivities begin at 3:00 p.m. with a parade of nations. There will be food and entertainment from around the world. The acts will mostly be performed by Barry students.

There will also be an international fashion show exhibiting traditional clothing from different countries.

About 2,000 people are expected to attend. Barry University has extended a welcome to the neighboring community including other universities, elementary schools, and businesses.

While only 6% of the student body are international students, the other 94% also display a wide variety of backgrounds. As De Marchis, Assistant Director for International Admissions, explained, "That is what the U.S. is about—a mix of people with different heritages."

"Every year it is different because there is a new group of students who work on the project," said Seepersad. "I think this year

will be much better than the ones before because there has been a lot of planning and hard work going into it." There are around 300 volunteers working on the event.

The idea is the same, however: to promote unity and cultural awareness among Barry and the surrounding community. "I want people to know about my country [Guatemala]," said freshman Francisco Rios. "I want them to know more about the people who live there."

Not only is it an opportunity for people to learn about others but also to learn about themselves. Barbara Awad, a freshman who will represent Italy, said that "Through this experience, I'm learning about my own culture. I was born in Miami so I don't know that much about it."

"It is a learning experience outside of the classroom," said De Marchis. It is an essential way for students to grow because if they don't understand other cultures, they won't be prepared for the global economy."

Although Seepersad will graduate this semester with a degree in Exercise Physiology, he plans to continue to be a part of the Festival of Nations. "I'll definitely come back to see it next year," said Seepersad. Then again, he thinks, "...maybe I'll volunteer to help out with it."



INTER-CULTURAL CENTER

The New Logo for the Festival

Breaking Down Barriers

HICA attempts to remove some of the myths and stereotypes that go along with being Haitian

By NADINE SINGH
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You may have heard about it when you saw the numerous fliers heralding its discussion, but dismissed it because you wave and say "sak pase" to your Haitian friend every day. But if someone asks you about Haiti and the first thing that comes to mind is voodoo, then you are guilty of this powerful but often unrecognizable disease-stereotyping.

Barry's Haitian Intercultural Association (HICA) held its panel discussion on Haitian Myths and Stereotypes in the Kostka Room on Thurs. Feb. 26th at 7:00pm. It started with an introduction by the Haitian born President-Alberte Radif, a current Barry junior majoring in Chemistry / Pre-med and the organizer of the night's affair. Radif felt the need to radically change certain stereotypes that "in Haiti there is no food and that Haitians are ugly and dumb and was "trying to make a point that Haitians are like everyone else, they come here to study. Do not judge someone unless you know what they are about." she asked of the audience at its opening.

Some Haitian facts were then stated, among them being that Haiti was the first black nation to achieve its independence (1804) and the first country in the Caribbean to go to the World Cup (1974). At one time, Haiti even reigned as the richest island in the Caribbean. An attempt was made to create as heterogeneous a panel as possible in order to facilitate

diversification of discussion material and viewpoints. There were 8 panelists: 3 experienced and educated Haitian professionals and 5 current Barry students, all forming a diverse m lrange from the fields of law, business and medicine.

Among the professionals were Dr. Jude Pierre- New York born and Haitian raised for 9 years, currently a doctor at Jackson Memorial Hospital ; Dr. Jesse Colin- Haitian born-Associate Professor of Nursing (School of Nursing at Barry), President of the Haitian Nursing Association and current HICA Advisor and Andre D. Pierre-Haitian born and raised until the age of 14, BSc- Electrical Engineering ,LLB-U.M, the youngest Haitian attorney in the state of Florida who will grace the Barry faculty in the summer semester to teach Immigration Law. Student representatives included Sheila Dardompri -U.S. born Haitian and senior Barry psychology major ; Dennis E. Barry-junior Barry psychology major and HICA executive council member, born in the U.S. Virgin Island of St. Thomas; Eduardo Lopez, International Business junior at Barry for a 6 month period from Mexico ; Guyanese born Melissa Griffith, Professional Writing major and Layout Editor for the Barry Buccaneer and Flore Jean Pierre- Haitian born Accounting freshman raised in Miami.

The President questioned the student representatives as to their present acquired knowledge of Haitians. Lopez saw Haitians as " passive and noble, a collectivist culture which

emphasizes caring for others and a lot of family values; a good culture that knows how to cook well and enjoy

parties and in general, a society that pulls together." Barry admitted he was "initially ignorant concerning Haitians, associated them with voodoo and thought they were the only people in the Caribbean with notably African features." He urged the audience "to educate themselves before stereotyping and respect cultural differences so as not to allow ethnocentrism to distort their perceptions." Griffith said she "believed the initial voodoo as well and began to adopt negative views concerning Haitians." However, experience has taught her that "Haitians tend to be more educated as they feel the need to prove themselves." She is participating in the discussion in the hope that it will reduce stigmas concerning Haitians. "Conformity with friends who adopt negative views" she admits "will perpetuate the stigmas."

Dardompri spoke of the Haitian stereotypes in Chicago, particularly those concerning students, as positive ones-students being considered hardworking and studious. In fact, she "encountered no negative connotations until she moved to Florida." Pierre spoke of "being treated differently from her peers in elementary school, being unable to speak English well, being placed in a lower class and consequently having to work harder." She feels tremendously "more comfortable at Barry as it is multicultural."

Dr. Colin then took the floor,

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Editor's Note *Opinion*

By ENRIQUE S. IGNARRA
Editor-in-Chief

Well this seems to be the final issue of the *Buccaneer*. Let me start off by saying that it has been an honor being editor for the newspaper. It has helped me develop skills outside my fields of study, interact with diverse individuals at Barry, and shown me how a different type of organization is run. This year has seen several dramatic changes in the layout of the *Buccaneer*, all for the better. The new design has added to a more pleasing aesthetic look of the paper and sections have added to the professionalism of this newspaper. I wish next year's staff the best of luck and that they may continue to excel and make the paper better every issue.

On another note related to the end of the school year, is graduation. Another year has gone by and another graduating class is going out into the world. Many will go on to continue their education, while others will go into the workforce. I think Barry has prepared many people to be able to get a job not only because of the education, but also if an individual is involved in extracurricular activities, Barry represents a great experience. It teaches these individuals leadership, responsibility, honesty, management, and other positive characteristics. This is what I believe to be the best experience one can have at Barry.

Again I would like to congratulate this year's graduating class and next year's newspaper staff.

By ALY RIVERO
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If i may be so blunt, GRADING SUCKS!!! They measure nothing. A, B, C, D, F, what does it all mean? I've always been the type to fight for the extra point, for the extra "correct answer" on a test. But grades only measure how good one person takes an exam. Grading measures how good a person can recall a minute detail of 90 pages read over the course of two or three weeks. And I'm sure I'm not the only person that feels that way.

Grades do not measure a person's understanding of the class, of the lectures, or of the material. I'll give you an example. Last semester, I took the best class that I had ever taken in my LIFE. It was Communications Theory. We studied all about the intricacies of human communication, such as the differences in communication patterns between the two genders, and how relationships are formed and maintained through Social Penetration Theory and Relational Dialectics (if you wish to know more, take the class). In my fifteen years of education, I never learned more in a class as I did in that class. I genuinely understood the material and loved learning more and more about the way humans communicate with each other. I got a low B. I was so upset. It was a hard class. The tests were very difficult. And although the professor taught the class wonderfully, when it came to test time, it seemed like I didn't know anything. I could spit out the information when reviewing it, but when I sat down with my #2 pencil, the information just wouldn't come out. When you think you know everything in a class, and when you actually enjoy sitting for three hours

and learning, then it is only natural that you would expect an A in that class. But I didn't get it. I didn't get that A that I worked so hard for. And although I read the ENTIRE book and understood (for the first time) what the author was talking about, I didn't get that A.

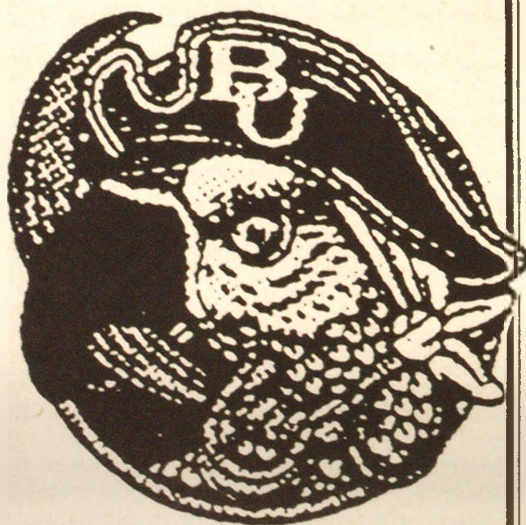
So what did grades do for me? They made me look down on my test-taking abilities. I knew that I had absorbed a lot from that class, but the grade told me that maybe I didn't do as good of a job as I had originally thought. Yes, I did better than many classmates, but I didn't do as well as I had originally thought I would. Compared to other grades and classes, this class was my lowest.

You see, in many students' opinions, grades don't measure what they have learned or what they have understood in a class. Grades measure how well the teacher wrote the test and how compatible the students' test taking abilities are to the teacher's testing style. So what does that say for the educational system? It is saying that many students are lagging behind, not because of laziness or incompetence, but because of a lack of test-taking abilities. Who knows how many students have flunked out of high school or college because of that.

Although hard workers inherently have the drive to seek out help if they need it, many others don't. In a school like Barry, where students and faculty have, at times, very close relationships, it is fairly easy to seek out help. But what happens in a larger, state university, or in a high school where personal attention is lacking? It might help if the student knows the professor's name and the professor remembers the student's face. But what about those others who are neglected and forgotten?

Yes, many schools have learning centers where many students can seek help when they are having difficulty in certain classes. But what about those students who keep saying, "I'll do better next time," or "not to worry, this was just a fluke," and by the time they know it, they are flunking out of high school or college. They think it's their fault, when, in fact, the fault may lie in the teachers or the tests themselves.

I'm not interviewing many people for this piece, because, quite frankly, I know what students will say, and I know what teachers will say. More often than not, both camps will agree that given the present situation and learning environment, there are not other alternatives to grading. And both camps, as well, will agree that test-taking and quizzes don't measure the student's inner understanding of the class and the material. Lizeth Herrera, a junior at Barry University, said almost just that. She concludes that, "Grades are a matter of performance and dedication; they really aren't going to tell you much; they only serve as an evaluation of determination." The other day, one of my teachers made a very wise comment. Dr. Byrne probably doesn't realize the truth behind something he said in last week's grammar class. He said, and I quote directly from his own words, that, "the only way people will learn is if they obliterate schools off the face of this earth—" He, of course, was joking around in class. And he also said this comment in a completely different context than what I am talking about here. But imagine that. Imagine if there weren't any school and therefore, no grades allotted to students. It might be complete and utter chaos with no one learning anything, or it might be pure heaven.



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This is the last issue of the Semester.

Grant to help fund diversity programs at Barry

By AARON KRAUSE
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Reaffirming Barry's identity as a diverse campus community, the Ford Foundation has awarded the Barry University Diversity Plan a \$128,500 grant to develop diversity programs on campus and with a coalition of 11 colleges and universities, formed by Barry last year. Under the grant, which was received in early February, coalition institutions will receive a mini-grant to assist with on-campus organization to deliver adult literacy, GED, ESL, and citizenship preparation to benefit marginalized populations in the region, according to a press release written by University Relations. In addition, the grant will pay nine faculty members in each of Barry's nine schools to create their own diversity programs. The grant's funds also provide for the formation of a "Diversity Center Without Walls," a campus initiative developed by four task forces on diversity at Barry. According to Fran Freeman, Barry's Diversity Director, the initiative calls for "shifting the perceptions of all members of the university community, so that awareness of, sensitivity to, and appreciation of diversity is a part of each member's consciousness." Sister Peggy Albert, O.P., Executive Assistant President and administrator for the president on Diversity, said the ability to appreciate each other's differences will pay dividends down the road. "If we can teach our students, and as a faculty and staff, learn to live with one another in a gracious manner, our students will be prepared to live and work in a diverse world," she said. In a draft of

the Diversity Plan submitted to the Ford Foundation, Freeman explains that a "Diversity Center Without Walls," will be sought through improved communication and consciousness raising tools, a curriculum assessment and modification, and environmental sensitivity to diversity. The desired result of a "Diversity Center Without Walls," is "proactive diversity programming woven into the fabric of university life," according to Freeman.

The second goal of the diversity project is to address diversity issues surrounding the relationship of Barry to the local community, or "recognizing and fostering the contribution of diversity to the broader community," according to Freeman. This will be accomplished through, but not limited to, leadership development for community leaders, service learning programs, and collaboration with agencies and educational centers to promote community development. According to Sr. Peggy, areas in the community that will be targeted include Barry's immediate surrounding neighborhood, the Pockets of Pride neighborhood, and especially unincorporated Dade County. Freeman emphasized that Barry's commitment to the appreciation of diversity does not stop on campus. "The University is committed to being a national model for diversity, and this means providing in all of its academic and non-academic programs, sensitivity to and appreciation of the diverse student population on this campus and on all the campuses," she said.

The diversity project will also

create "a diversity information clearinghouse for Catholic colleges and universities worldwide, through the collection and dissemination of diversity information and models through the library, computing center, symposia, a new academic journal on diversity, and summer courses," according to Freeman's report. The desired result, according to Freeman, is an exchange of information among institutions committed to social justice as a key component of their mission.

Finally, through the diversity project, Barry will attempt to develop a process to measure the effectiveness of diversity programming. Members of the Barry community will evaluate the outcomes of the Diversity Plan, identifying practices that worked, while dropping those that were ineffective. This, according to Freeman, will improve the techniques utilized by Barry and other universities to measure progress toward diversity goals.

Barry originally developed its diversity project in a collaborative effort with the Association of Catholic colleges and universities. Sr. Peggy said that Barry made formal contact with representatives of the Ford Foundation at a conference at St. Thomas University, where Dr. Thomas Foote, Associate Professor in the Adrian Dominican School of Education, and three doctoral students presented their research on diversity. The Foundation is responsible for spearheading campus diversity initiatives throughout the United States. In addition, Barry hired Freeman to oversee the planning for the Diversity Project. The first grant given to Barry by the Foundation in September, 1996, allowed Barry to

begin the stages of planning. The first grant, a \$50,000 planning grant, enabled Barry to create four Task Forces to develop on and off campus plans. Barry collaborated with 10 other coalition members to determine how colleges and universities in Central and South Florida can be more responsive to the region's needs. According to Freeman, the planning process was carefully structured, and the time was put to good use. "The planning process began with the

Freeman wrote in the draft submitted to the Ford Foundation. "Early Task Force discussions were loosely structured so that no productive dialogue would be stifled nor good ideas lost." Freeman says the Diversity Project is unique for many reasons, but its complexity has to be cited as one. "I think our plan is so unusual in that it's so comprehensive," she said. "There are 25 pages (to the plan itself). There was a lot of conversation. This plan didn't just happen. It takes time to do something like this well. More than 170 administrators, faculty, and staff participated in the planning process."

Freeman explained that the coalition was selected by President Clinton's Initiative on Race as one of the 40 most promising programs nationwide. It is listed on the White House web page at http://www.whitehouse.gov/Initiatives/OneAmerica/OneAmerica_Links.html.

Sr. Peggy said task force

members wanted the institutions comprising the coalition to be diverse. "We wanted to concentrate mostly in South Florida, but we wanted to have a diversity of colleges," said she said, adding that a mix of Catholic, private, public institutions were sought. Freeman said Barry's President's Conference, which took place on March 31 in the Broad Auditorium, was one event to result from planning for the Diversity Project.

The conference's main topic was "Diversity: Sharing Cultures, Bridging Differences." The conference was held from 9 am-noon in the Broad Auditorium.

Barry students said the grant received by the Ford Foundation will be money well spent.

"I think that it's a recognition of Barry's diversity, that it is laudable, and deserves to be protected and encouraged," said Freshman Kobina Aidoo.

Yusef Evans, a 1st year graduate student, said he'll become involved in any programs related to the plan. "Personally I would try to participate and see that the program works," he said.

Sr. Peggy said that in addition to working on the implementation of the grant, Barry has applied for other grants that would help its work with the coalition. "We're hopeful that we'll get them, but there's no guarantee," she said. "We feel that the projects we have are certainly worthy of the foundations' support."

"We wanted to have a diversity of colleges"

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'Solve This'

10th Graders gather at Barry for the first ever Math Contest

By DIANA MARRERO
Buccaneer Staff Writer

Over 100 Miami-Dade 10th graders gathered at Barry University on March 14, 1998 to solve math problems. Yes, math problems. They were competing in Barry's first ever annual math contest, "Solve This!"

The main purpose of the contest is to acknowledge academic skills of the top math students in the county. "We applaud the students for their math talents and we commend their teachers and parents for preparing them to compete in not only today's contest, but for life's challenges," said Carol Marinas, math contest coordinator.

The contest is based on teamwork, with students competing in groups of three to solve math problems that would be useful in everyday life. Sample questions taken from the contest web site helped participants prepare. For instance, "If a complete turn of a car tire moves a car forward 6 feet, how many turns of the tire occur before the tire goes off its 50,000-mile warranty?"

"It's a good opportunity

for my child to enhance her skills and help her self assurance," said Liana Pena, a parent from Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High.

Through this contest, Barry hopes to increase students' interest in advancing their math skills at a time when many students struggle with basic math problems. American high school seniors scored below students from most other countries in an international test of math and science, according to the results from a recent Third International Mathematics and Science Study.

The participants showed that not all students dislike math. Some actually enjoy it. "I like math," said Bethany Farrey, a Miami Country Day High School student. "It gets you to think, knowing that there is an answer at the end."

Other students were drawn to math because of the contest. "I've never been in a math contest," said Zachary Martin, a student from The New World School of the Arts. "It really changes your mind about math."

"Take a bright student that puts their energy elsewhere, like speech.

When a math contest comes along, they put this energy into math and realize that it can be fun," said Adrienne Goldstein, one of the judges who is also a math professor at Miami-Dade Community College.

The contest was also a good way to introduce students to Barry. Students were given tours of the campus and were encouraged to keep Barry in mind when they start to apply to colleges. They were also told about a few of the many great aspects of Barry. Winners were offered a chance to take a free course at Barry through the Barry Early Credit Program.

The first place team was from Miami Country Day High School. "We worked hard as a team. We work well together," said Patrick McCarthy, one of the teammates from Miami Country Day.

Second and third place went to Christopher Columbus High School and Miami Palmetto High School, respectively. Winning teams were awarded a computer for 1st place, a printer for 2nd, and a zip drive for 3rd. Each winner individually received other prizes as well.

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Andreas To Establish Undergraduate Business Student Advisory Council

By NADINE SINGH
Buccaneer Staff Writer

The month of March saw the Andreas School of Business (ASB) laying the foundation, stating the purpose of the Council in facilitating communication between students and the ASB administration and faculty, as well as a catalyst for ongoing discussions and consultations on issues affecting undergraduate business students. The Dean encouraged the students to play an active role in the process by attending either one of two meetings on March 18th and 19th respectively.

March 18th saw a turnout of 7 students in Andreas 112, together with 3 ASB faculty members: Jose Poza, Marketing Director, Ms. Jacqueline Marks, Co-ordinator of Undergraduate Evening Program and Dr. Hugo Hervitz, Professor of Economics and International Business, as well as the Chair of the afternoon's meeting. Dr. Lash welcomed those present, expressing his desire for the council "to serve as a feedback mechanism to ASB from students." These sentiments were shared by the Associate Dean, Dr. Ron Lennon. Dr. Hervitz proceeded

"As with any organization, we must have constant and continuing improvement. This is what drives me, for the council will allow for a more systematic feedback of students."

The meeting focused on the strengths and weaknesses of the undergraduate business program at Barry with respect to the following areas: curriculum, concentrations, schedule of classes, professors, administration, advisors, facilities, library, placement and opportunities for extracurricular activities. Students were encouraged to speak out with the assurance that their suggestions would be heard and their complaints tackled as best as could be. Several substantial issues arose, concerning both the ASB and the facilities at Barry.

First among them was the need for a computer lab for ASB students, along with requests for improvements in the existing standards. It was felt that computer classrooms in Garner could be opened for the use of students when classes were not in session. The business curriculum met with approval for its strength and quality in terms of depth and variety of course coverage, as did the business faculty for its education, experience and variety of teaching styles.

Complaints were made, however, concerning Barry's existing transfer credit system. Foreign students, in particular Caribbean students, expressed their concern with being placed in classes in which they do work previously covered in the British system of education, in spite of their having transferred credits. The issue of transferring credits from summer courses taken by International students who go home for the summer was also raised. Dr. Hervitz mentioned the policy of most universities, not only Barry, is for students to take all or most of its courses in his or her respective course of studies. He advised students, however, to speak with the Associate Dean in their individual cases. Final mention was made of the importance of business internships in networking and increasing a student's chances for future employment. Internships can be done at any stage of the student's program, freshman to senior. Interested students can contact the school's new full-time internship co-ordinator-Susana Fernandez @ 899-3529.

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Despite positive signs, It's too early to tell

• **Sr. Jeanne: Any evaluation before Christmas of religious freedom in Cuba is somewhat premature**

By AARON KRAUSE
Buccaneer News Editor

Barry President Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, O.P. has her calendar out these days. She's pointing to Christmas day, 1998, a day she feels will speak volumes about the plight of religious freedom in Cuba. Sr. Jeanne, who joined a coalition of clergy on an ecumenical visit to Cuba, February 18-22, is optimistic that religious freedom will soon reign in Cuba. The visit, sponsored by The Center for International Policy, a foreign policy think tank based in Washington D.C., sought to answer two questions; Is Cuba ready for major change, and is religious freedom manifesting itself on the island? After speaking with religious leaders on the island, and observing the religious scene there, Sr. Jeanne believes the answer to both is a cautious yes.

"I really felt edified at the number of young people who are volunteering to teach catechism and religion," she said. Sr. Jeanne recalls a mass she attended at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Havana. She said about 150 children participated in the liturgy. "The kids were wonderful," she said and added, "The priest said since the pope's visit, they've (St. Rita's) gotten at least 30 additional families each week."

Sr. Jeanne said that since 1992, Cuba's religious community has enjoyed more freedom, thanks to talks between religious leaders and the Cuban Government. She added that in 1992, the Cuban constitution changed, and Cuba declared it was no longer an atheist state, but a secular state. Sr. Jeanne said, for example, that prior to 1992, college students couldn't study subjects such as Sociology and psychology if they practiced organized religion. Now, with Cuba as a secular state, that law has been waived.

Despite Sr. Jeanne's optimism about religious freedom in Cuba, she believes it's too early to get carried away. "I sensed that there's a process that might be slow," she said. "Next Christmas you will know if the impact of the Pope's visit made a difference." Sr. Jeanne said that like most clergy on the island, she believes that if Castro declares "no Christmas holiday," the Pope's visit will not have made an everlasting impact.

Sr. Jeanne said evidence of the police state on the island can make citizens of a democracy more thankful for what they take for granted. "It was intimidating in some respects because we're so used to being free," she said. "It was hard for me to see so many policemen on every corner. It (Cuba) is very much a police state. You see police all the time. You have a sense of fear that you don't want them to get mad at you." Sr. Jeanne, who brought 120 pounds of supplies to donate to Caritas, a charitable organization, as well as to a group of nuns, said she feared the supplies would be confiscated at the airport. Much to her relief, she said they waived her "with no problem at all."

Choking back tears, Sr. Jeanne said it's hard to describe in words the state of deterioration in Cuba. "The poverty is so massive you wouldn't know where to start," she said. "It would be like we hadn't done any

(maintenance) to this campus in 39 years." For example, Sr. Jeanne said buildings were in decay, and that the government has confiscated food stamps from many Cuban citizens. Nevertheless, Sr. Jeanne believes there is hope for Cuba, and that's why she was moved to visit the island. "I never got to Bosnia," she told University Relations. "I was too young to do anything about the Holocaust. (However) we in the South Florida community are in a position to try and bring peace and democracy in a land that needs it so badly. I want to do my part if I can."

Other clergy seemed to echo Sr. Jeanne's comments. The Rev. Priscilla Felisky Whitehead, Pastor of Church by the Sea, a United Church of Christ in Bal Harbour, said the visit to Cuba struck a chord of familiarity with her. Rev. Whitehead said that since 1982, she's traveled extensively to Russia, and saw similar conditions to those of Cuba. "I couldn't help but make comparisons with what I was sensing there (in Russia)," she said. Rev. Whitehead concedes that the trip to Cuba strengthened her belief in God. "It renewed my faith not only in God, but in our own personal life of faith," she said, adding that she admires those who've been resolute in their pursuit of religious freedom, despite adverse conditions.

Rev. Whitehead said religious leaders told the clergy that strides have been made in ensuring religious freedom on the island. "The process of increasing religious freedom has been borne out to some small degree in the comments that we heard," she said. Whitehead, for example, points to the fact that not only has attendance for services at St. Rita's Catholic Church increased, but so has its Sunday School attendance. "For most of them (St. Rita's members) they have not participated in the life of the church," she said. Whitehead was also affected by the environment she encountered in Cuba. "The sadness comes from the deterioration of a once grand city," she said.

The Rev. Gary Miller, pastor of Coral Gables Congregational Church in Coral Gables, said he sensed a renewed optimism and fearlessness amongst Cuban citizens. "I saw people not afraid to go to houses of worship," he said. "My understanding is those things wouldn't have happened five years ago." Rev. Miller, who hadn't been to Cuba before, said he met with family members of his parishioners, and was encouraged by the statistics that he gathered. He found that there are over 600 Roman Catholic parishes, over 1600 Protestants, and 1500 Jews on the island. Rev. Miller said that as early as five years ago, this was not known. "You would not be able to identify them (people of different denominations)," he said. Like Sr. Jeanne, Rev. Miller sees the visit as a starting point. "We all have met people with whom we will continue to talk with," he said. "I see it as the first step in many."

Rabbi Ralph Kingsley, of Temple Sinai in North Dade, said Cuba's Jews are struggling to preserve their community. Lacking educational resources, Kingsley said they've resorted to other measures. "They have been able to train some young people who are leading services," he said. "It's a very moving experience to see

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Barry Politics

By DIANA MORRERO
Buccaneer Staff Writer

Barry politics may not be as controversial as the city of Miami's, but elections for Student Government Association are certainly something to talk about. Elections will be held on April 20th and 21st.

The traditional positions will be contested: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, which make up the Executive Council. This year, there will also be six new positions to fill. A representative from each of the undergraduate schools will serve in what will be known as the Senate. Therefore, the Schools of Business, Education, Human Performance and Leisure Science, Arts and Sciences, Natural and Health Science, and Nursing will all get a voice on campus.

Also in the works are additional Cabinet positions which might be up for election in the Fall semester.

"We have been rebuilding our Constitution and by-laws to expand the structure of Student Government," said SGA president A.J. Pinto. "We want to make everything more available to the students."

S.G.A. strives to serve as the link between the student body and the faculty and administration. "We were able to bring students together and we also earned a lot of respect from the administration and faculty," said Pinto.

S.G.A. has also worked towards other goals such as setting up campus recycling in dorms and classes, establishing a day care, and placing changing tables in bathrooms. The organization was involved in campus activities like Jump Rope for Heart, the Haunted House, and the rape awareness seminar featuring Kate Koeshner. Recently, S.G.A. arranged a forum to discuss the plus/minus grading system that is being considered. S.G.A. members are also currently working on the Festival of Nations.

S.G.A. was nominated for a statewide award through Florida Student Leader magazine. "I think student government was very successful this year," said Pinto.

Full-time undergraduate students interested in running for office should stop by Student Activities to pick up application packets. Scholarships of varying amounts will be awarded to each officer.

young people doing that." Kingsley said that all though there's no full-time rabbi, visiting rabbis try to fill in, but mostly "it's all driven by lay leaders. There's no professional leadership," he said, adding that there are three synagogues in Cuba.

Father Dan Kubala, of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, said there is hope "in the voices and the hearts of Catholics" in Cuba. He said the pope made them feel as though they're not alone in their quest for religious freedom. Fr. Dan said religious leaders must still fight for their right to open religious schools, and continue to fight for the right to worship.

There are some who argue that no matter how valiant an attempt religious leaders, or for that matter the Pope makes to bring religious freedom to Cuba, they will not be entirely successful.

Jose Veliz, a computer lab supervisor at Barry, explains what he thinks are the intentions of the hierarchy of the Cuban Government. "It is by violence that they came to power, it is also by violence that they intend to keep it," said Veliz. "The utter brutality of Bolshevism is a curse on humanity. They are determined to destroy the religiosity of the people, especially that pertaining to Catholicism." Veliz, a Cuban-American who came to the United States 19 years ago, said people have to live under the Marxist regime to really understand how it operates. "It is very difficult for someone who hasn't suffered from the

atrocities of communism to know of the lewd nature of its workings," he said. "Complete religious freedom will return to Cuba only with the departure of the Castro brothers and the corrupt *junta* of political gangsters that currently oppress the Cuban nation."

Jim Mullin, Miami Rep. of the Center for International Policy, the organization that sponsored the visit, said the trip was originally planned for February, 1997. Cardinal Jamie Ortega, however, asked that the trip be put off until after the Pontiff's visit. The Center, a foreign policy think tank composed of retired ambassadors and foreign service officers engages in many international relations projects, according to Mullin. Mullin said the organization has held many U.S.-Cuban relations conferences in the past. One was held in October, 1997, and a follow up is planned for this coming October. Mullin said he hopes the clergy members will talk about their experience in Cuba with their congregations. "We would hope that they would follow up (on the ecumenical visit)," he said. "If they feel like speaking out about their experiences, we would like that."

Fr. Dan said he will definitely be following up on the visit. Especially on Christmas Day, 1998. "We will be looking for people in the churches and whether people feel free enough to go to church and not feel the consequences," he said.

A BARRY NUN'S EXPERIENCE BELFAST AT A TIME OF 'TROUBLES'

By MARY FITZGERALD
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Mention Northern Ireland and invariably the same images spring to mind. On one hand there are the soft focus, romanticized Hollywood images from movies such as 'The Devil's Own' and 'Patriot Games'. In such movies the conflict is reduced to simplistic 'good guy, bad guy' terms with the IRA terrorist usually portrayed as a noble martyr for a just cause. In news bulletins the image is of another Beirut - burnt out cars punctuating a grim urban landscape where snipers hide in alleyways. It is seldom that we hear a truly personal account of life in Northern Ireland which strikes a balance between the usual portrayals and bears witness to the everyday lives of the Northern Irish people. The most overriding aspect of these lives is a determination to rise above the conflict, to retain a semblance of normal life. This determination is reflected in the way the conflict is referred to euphemistically, almost hopefully as 'The Troubles' suggesting a minor inconvenience rather than a conflict that spans generations.

Sr. Anastasia Maguire, a nun from Northern Ireland works as a counsellor at Barry University. Sr. Anastasia studied in Belfast, the principal city of Northern Ireland from 1970 to 1974. This was an especially turbulent time in Northern Ireland's history, a time when Belfast, ever the epicenter of the conflict witnessed much violence and disturbance.

The roots of the conflict in Northern Ireland stretch back more than 400 years to when Britain first colonized Ireland. After centuries of tension and failed rebellions the British granted the twenty eight southern counties of Ireland independence in 1921. The remaining six northern counties became Northern Ireland and remained part of the United Kingdom of Britain. Two communities existed in Northern Ireland. The nationalist community which was identified as being mostly Catholic wanted a united Ireland independent from Britain. The unionist community, identified as mostly Protestant was determined to retain their British status and the link with Britain. The current wave of conflict can be traced to the eruption of tensions between the two

communities in the late 1960's and 1970's. Discrimination, intimidation and the abuse of Catholic civil rights led to a spate of popular protests and paramilitary terrorist groups flourished in both communities. Bombings, shootings and kidnappings contributed to an atmosphere of suspicion and fear.

It was under this ominous atmosphere that Sr. Anastasia began her undergraduate studies in Belfast in 1970. Born in Belleek, a small town in county Fermanagh which borders the republic, Sr. Anastasia entered the sisterhood after high school. After three years as a novice nun she enrolled in St. Mary's College Belfast to study history and religious studies. St. Mary's College is located in the Falls Road area of Belfast, a staunchly nationalist Catholic working class neighborhood. Murals documenting the romantic, mythical nationalist past of Ireland are juxtaposed against those depicting balaclava clad gunmen on the gable ends of houses in this economically depressed area. The IRA motto 'Tiocfaidh ar la' meaning in Gaelic 'Our day will come' is daubed on the crumbling walls of this hotbed of republican activity.

At this time and to a certain extent today clear community lines and divisions marked out territory in Belfast. On her first arrival to Belfast Sr. Anastasia experienced how important these territorial divisions were. As she was not familiar with Belfast she wandered into Sandy Row a unionist working class area where allegiances are shown by the sidewalks which are painted in the colors of the British flag. She was guided out of the area by some young children who told her of the dangerous position she had put herself in as she was wearing her nun's habit. "That was my first introduction to hatred and bigotry. It was strange having to watch where you went and who you spoke to. It was not like that in Belleek where the population was 95% Catholic. We had Protestant neighbors but there was no antagonism. We lived together peacefully."

Sr. Anastasia remembers this period as a very fearful time. A fellow classmate of hers was shot dead in a crossfire on the Falls Road. "I was not accustomed to that type of violence and shooting. I had nightmares about that student walking along and getting

shot. If he could get killed I could get killed. Fear was a constant presence. It was a fear of being caught in the wrong place at the wrong time." Once while walking to college Sr. Anastasia got caught in a crossfire of shooting. "There was trouble on the Falls Road and the IRA had opened fire on the army. I could hear shooting but I froze, I didn't know what to do. There were people screaming at me 'Lie down sister, lie down' so I lay on the ground. I remember lying there and feeling absolutely petrified. I was sure that I was going to be shot. Eventually the shooting stopped and fortunately nobody had been injured. I think my perspective on life changed after that, I realized that there were a lot of things that were unimportant in the big picture."

In her second year at college Sr. Anastasia and her friends stopped wearing their nuns habits. People would spit at them on the streets of Belfast and this was liable to cause a riot if another Catholic leapt to their defense. Their habits announced the fact that they were Catholic and this put them in danger. Sr. Anastasia remembers that they would walk wearing their habits through Tates Avenue, a strong unionist community when the buses were stopped. "An anonymous call was made to our convent telling us that we had been observed and that is we ever walked down there again we would be shot. We realized that while the habit would represent a person of God or a peaceful person in another part of the country in Belfast it was a symbol of antagonism and put us in danger." A group of Mother Teresa's sisters encountered the same hostility when they came to Belfast to do community work. "They tried to work in the Shankill Road area of Belfast which would be an extreme loyalist working class area, the unionist equivalent to the Falls Road. They were told not to go into the area and eventually the bishop requested that they leave Belfast because of the security risk. The sisters could not understand the level of animosity against them and they had never experienced such virulent hostility."

In 1971 internment without trial was introduced for IRA suspects. This caused a fresh wave of violence in Northern Ireland as the bombings and shootings intensified. Belfast was the focus of many bomb attacks especially around the Christmas period. This violence was to escalate further in January 1972 after the Bloody Sunday massacre. Bloody Sunday refers to 30th January 1972 when soldiers from the British Army's 1st parachute regiment opened fire on unarmed and peaceful civilian demonstrators in the city of Derry, Northern Ireland. They killed 13 people and wounded many others. The march, which was called to protest internment was 'illegal' according to British government authorities. The British government appointed Widgery Tribunal found the soldiers not guilty of the murders, a verdict which deepened nationalist resentment and outrage.

The shockwaves from Bloody Sunday reverberated throughout Northern Ireland. In Belfast tensions were at an all time high. Marches and demonstrations were held to protest the murders. Sr. Anastasia's college was closed as a mark of sympathy and respect. Travelling home on the bus that day she remembers the loud jubilant tone of the Protestant workers' conversations. "They were clearly trying to provoke us. They were talking in very loud voices calling the protestors scum and saying that far more should have been killed. We were afraid that we would be attacked the atmosphere was so tense." In recent months a new inquiry has been opened into the events of Bloody Sunday and an apology by the British government seems imminent. Sr. Anastasia feels that an apology is long

overdue "Bloody Sunday made it very difficult for the Catholic population to trust the British army or the British government. I remember thinking when the soldiers first arrived in the North that it would resolve the situation, that they would take care of us. My mother said, mark my words, the people will turn bitter, they will turn against the army, it won't work. She was right. Initially we thought the army was going to protect the Catholic community but the enemy was the Catholic nationalist community and the soldiers were British. It was foolish for us to believe that they would protect the enemy against their own people" Sr. Anastasia views the prospect of an apology with skepticism "An apology may begin some healing but there are some very deep rooted animosities existing between the two communities in Northern Ireland which cause such a level of suspicion and distrust. There is a strong distrust of England and what action it will take. Our history is so punctuated by episodes in which Britain has reneged on promises that we have no reason to trust any promise the British government makes"

Sr. Anastasia was to personally experience the extent to which British secret intelligence delved into the lives of ordinary Northern Irish people. In 1973 two sisters Dolores and Marian Price, former fellow students of Sr. Anastasia at St. Mary's College were arrested and imprisoned for their part in a London bombing. "We were absolutely shocked, having never known of or suspected their involvement in IRA activities. There was never any inkling of IRA sympathies in their discussions or opinions." At the time of their graduation, Sr. Anastasia and her classmates decided to send the two sisters a greeting card "We signed our names and wished them all the best, it was nothing much, we just wanted to let them know that we were thinking of them." Some time later the father of one of the students lost his job as an official at a post office. He was told of the greeting card that his daughter had signed and was told that this was evidence of IRA sympathies. This was the reason for his dismissal. He was also told that all the families of all the girls that had signed the card had been investigated by Scotland Yard, the British intelligence service. "The experience made me realize the extent that the smallest minutiae of our lives were being observed."

Discrimination against Catholics was an everyday occurrence at this time. It extended from employment and housing to socializing. "I came from a farming community and so we didn't have the large industries where discrimination was possible. In Belfast however the divisions and discrimination was more entrenched" While attending an ecumenical prayer service in Belfast in 1973 Sr. Anastasia told a group of Protestants that she was a nun. "Their reaction was one of embarrassment and surprise. One of them said to me, 'My mother would kill me if she knew I was talking to a nun, we just don't talk to Catholics.' This gave me an insight into why things are still the same after 400 years."

Like most people in Northern Ireland Sr. Anastasia views the current peace talks and negotiations with a curious blend of pessimism and optimism which has been tempered by experience. "Its hard to believe that much will come from the current talks but as long as they keep talking there is hope. I would fear that if the talks broke down totally, we would be in a situation much worse than before because a lot of anger and resentment has been building up since the last ceasefire." The current round of talks between the political parties in Northern Ireland has been affected by a spate of bombings and killings since Christmas. Whether the two sides reconcile their differences and move forward from the intricacies of this centuries old conflict remains to be seen but for the moment the atmosphere on the Falls Road and the Shankill Road is one of undisguised animosity and bitter resentment.

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numbers indicate growth, she would like to see it distributed differently. "There's a slight increase each year, but not distributed the way we'd want it distributed," said Sr. Jeanne.

In other matters, Sr. Jeanne reported that after years of internal financial problems, WXEL TV is now self-sufficient, thanks to Barry University. More cable companies in Broward County are carrying the station, and some in Dade are considering carrying it as well. In addition, viewer ratings are up, and the signal has been increased. Other developments:

*Top administrators at Barry met with insurers to seek a higher bond rating for the \$22 million bond issue to refinance Barry's debt. The bond issue, expected in June 1998, could provide \$7 million in new capital for Barry to work with. The

bond issue would allow Barry to build a new swimming pool, further renovate its athletic complex, and engage in other improvement projects. " (In addition), it will make us much healthier financially," said Sr. Jeanne.

*Construction on School X, the privately developed K-12 school, to be located on the northwest corner of 117 St and NW 2 Ave., will begin soon. The school will stand on the former home of the Biscayne Kennel Club, and will comprise 100,000 square feet. "I think we could have project pride work really well with the (school's) kids," said Sr. Jeanne. Barry plans to lease the 8.5 acre tract of land, generating income to help develop the rest of the 38 acre site, now called Andreas Park.

*The board approved a

new degree in ACE (Adult Continuing Education): The BS in Professional Administration.

*Deloitte and Touche will continue as the Barry Auditors through the year 2000.

*Crime on Barry's campus is significantly down this year. There were only 250 incidents reported during the 1997-98 school year. "Knock on wood, the crime is down," said Sr. Jeanne. "We've not had one auto stolen in 8 months."

*Sr. Jeanne will be named a Florida Woman of the Year during ceremonies later this spring in Orlando.

*Barry will add new board members in May, and Sr. Jeanne is seeking nominations from the board.

*Sr. Jeanne is asking board members to serve as lobbyists in Tallahassee this Spring.

Chumbawamba's Anarchy From The UK

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It's not very often that a band citing Kropotkin and Emma Goldman as influences makes it into the Top Ten. Stranger still that the same band would be embraced by jocks and frat boys for an apparent hymn to drunken excess. Chumbawamba, a motley crew of self-proclaimed anarchists crashed the US Top Ten last year with their infectious slice of perfect pop, the epic "Tubthumping". Spouting radical politics to a soundtrack of jazz samples, rock riffs, spoken word and dance beats even the odd brass section Chumbawamba's music defies categorization. Pop's newest charlatans? Sugar coated subversion? Candy colored anarchy? Let the jury decide when Chumbawamba plays at the Cameo Theatre in Miami on April 1st.

Chumbawamba were spawned of the bleak Thatcherite Eighties in Britain, a time of industrial strikes, welfare cutbacks and popular protest. Influenced by the DIY ethos of punk and anarchy ideas, the group lived communally in a squat in Leeds, England sharing duties and money in a microcosm of their ideal world.

They began releasing albums on their Agit-Prop label in 1983 and formulated their unique sound, a quirky blend of radical politics, popular culture, situationist sloganeering and a relentless confusion of noise. The band has always courted controversy being unafraid of criticizing the sacred cows of politics, business and culture. Their first album 'Pictures of Starving Children Sell Records' was an attack on what they saw as the hype and hypocrisy surrounding Live Aid. The angry punk sound of this album was continued in their second album which was written and released to coincide with the British general election and was cheekily entitled 'Never Mind The Ballots' with a nod to their punk roots.

In the 1990's, ever having their fingers firmly on the pulse of the zeitgeist Chumbawamba began to experiment with the techno revolution which was sweeping British music. Dancebeats were changing the face of British youth culture and Chumbawamba responded with their album 'Slap!'. Gone were the angry punk riffs and the cynicism abated somewhat as the group began to take life a little less seriously. The ascerbic tone of their lyrics was to remain however.

Their next album 'Jesus H. Christ' ripped off choruses from other artists and because of legal restraints was never widely released. Instead they released a modified version entitled 'Shh!' which dealt with issues of censorship and hypocrisy in the media.

The next album was an unexpected acapella collection of old English rebel folk songs. The album 'Anarchy' followed, its sleeve art depicting a baby being born causing the album to be banned in many stores.

'Tubthumper' Chumbawamba's latest album

has been their most commercially successful to date possibly because of its toned down content and possibly because it was released on a major corporate label. The old irreverent approach is still there however. The album's eclectic mix of styles switches from acapella folk to crunching guitars, from brass arrangements to moody white rap over jungle backbeats. Subjects range from homelessness to the Liverpool Dockworkers Strike to the New Labour government in Britain. Incidentally the album's title 'Tubthumper' is a slang term for a soap box orator.

The album's most successful single has been 'Tubthumping' in

which pub rock chanting, spoken word samples, a horn section and even a piece of 'Danny Boy' combine in a song which deals with unemployment and working class protest. The song's celebration of drinking as a form of working class solidarity has been interpreted as being purely a drinking anthem and so has endeared the band to jocks and frat boys. Nike approached the group to use the song with its catchy line 'I get knocked down but I get up again, you're never gonna keep me down' in an advertising campaign but Chumbawamba true to their ideals refused the offer.

In Britain the band has been the subject of tabloid headlines

and criticism. At a recent music awards ceremony band member Danbert Nobacon threw a bucket of water over John Prescott, the deputy Prime Minister. Another band member Alice Nutter has actively encouraged fans to steal their albums from large corporate music stores such as Tower Records and Virgin Records. "If you get caught just tell the store detective that you have the full support of the band," she said in one interview. Many in Britain have pointed out the contradiction of a so-called anarchist band being signed to a multi-national corporate giant. Chumbawamba has been signed to EMI for over a year which is

ironic as EMI was the subject of much of their previous lampooning and criticism of multi-nationals. This contradiction has led to many of their old fan base deserting the band amid criticisms that they have 'sold out' - the ultimate insult.

Chumbawamba are unique in their irreverent yet consciously political approach to pop music. They are the pop music equivalent to Lenny Bruce - poking fun at the Establishment while employing a heavy dose of irony and self-deprecation. But as for bona fide anarchists? Emma Goldman must be turning in her grave.

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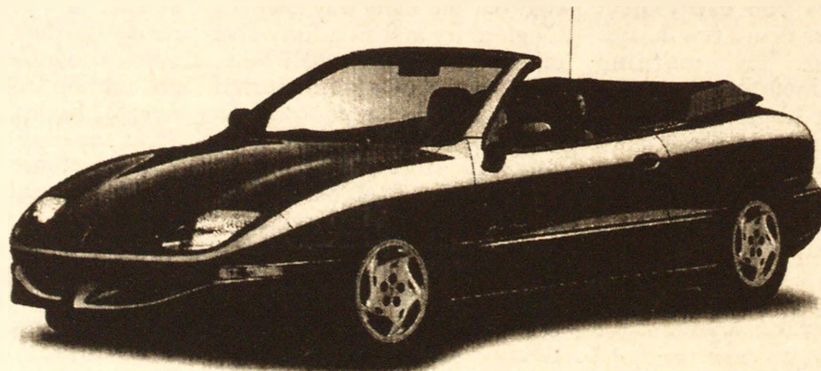
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congratulating HICA on putting its first and best foot forward in discussing the problems diversity brings to the fore. Mention was made of the President's Conference on March 31st, in which a grant will be given from the Ford Foundation to research this subject-matter of diversity. Colin stressed her "concern for the adolescent Haitian youth, who have no choice when their parents migrate but to be brought along, and lead lonely lives in a foreign place. "As Haitian professionals", she stated, "we need to be role models to the Haitian youth." Dr. Pierre homed in on the issue of Haitian youths in America trying to assimilate themselves into American culture. "A really important point in my life was realizing that I am more Haitian than American." he established. "More Haitians doing positive things need to diminish the negative stereotypes of the 'Haitian refugees'."

The spotlight then focused on the actions of Haitians that prove to be detrimental to themselves. Barry spoke of the "divisions between the dark skinned Haitians and the lighter skinned Haitians. A lot of Haitians stereotype themselves in terms of money. "Griffith was of the opinion that the people who needed to be present were not present and admits "it is sad to see because the Haitians are trying to break the stereotypes placed on them by non Haitians." "Haitians born in Haiti tell Haitians born in the U.S.A. that they are less Haitian." Dr. Colin concluded. "We need to understand each other, Haitian to Haitian. Change is done by doing. It is not enough to say I am Haitian. We have to make the inter-cultural leap. I am proud to be Haitian-American but I am proud to interrelate with other cultures because that is what humanity is all about."

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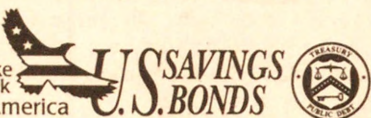
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The Commuter's Corner

The Morning Drive

By HOWARD HANDSEL
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Hello once again and welcome to the final edition of the Commuter's Corner for this semester. I hope you gained some new ideas from last month's column on places to study. This month's topic is one that affects every commuter on our campus. The morning drive is the one part of the day that can be a headache; especially if you live far away from Barry, and you have to fight an hour's worth of rush hour traffic to get to school. In this column I am going to talk about leaving your house at an appropriate time in the morning in order to arrive at school in time for an early morning class, and I am going to give you a few tips that can be helpful for your morning drive. I am also going to mention the fastest routes in the morning, and the best time to arrive at the commuter parking lot if you would like to find a good parking spot.

I-95, the Palmetto Expressway, The Gratiigny Parkway,

Biscayne Blvd, and 103rd street; do these highways and roads sound familiar? On your morning commute these are the routes to our campus that contain the most traffic. Even though they are congested at times, we usually depend on these routes because they are the main paths that take us to Barry from all directions. But of course remember that it's rush hour morning traffic, and sometimes you can expect nothing less than a few delays. Let's use my morning commuter route as an example. I live in the Hammocks, which is located in West Kendall. In order for me to get to Barry in time for my 9:30 Philosophy class, I leave my house at 7:15 A.M. Most of the time, I drive east down S.W. 104th Street to US-1. On some days there is traffic, but I turn my stereo up, and that helps take my mind off of the bumper to bumper, stop and go traffic. I continue north on US-1 all the way to I-95, and once I hit 95, it's smooth running northbound all the way to 103rd Street, and I am in the neighborhood before 9:30. My morning drive usually takes an average time of around one and a half hours.

Some of you may be in better shape and only live minutes away, while others are in the same boat as I am. After a few months of this morning commute, I have adjusted to it.

So what can I offer for you and your commute? First, leave your house at an appropriate time in the morning in order to get to class on time. You may even want to consider leaving your house even earlier to arrive at school before your class so you have time to catch up on the homework you might have not finished from the night before. This is something that I think is very important to do because you may leave late, and then find out the hard way that it's tough to try and fit a forty-five minute drive into a half hour, and then you might find yourself honking your horn at 50 cars in front of you that are at a complete stop due to traffic. Will they move? Probably not! A second and very important tip that I have for you is to try a few different routes that will get you to school. I found three various routes that I can use to get to Barry. Some of these roads usually contain less morning traffic than others. I usually take the shortest route, but on mornings when the traffic report says there is a back up, I will take a longer route that contains less traffic. If you are not familiar with the different roads that will bring you to our campus, take a look at a map of Dade County, and you may discover a new route.

A third and final useful tip I have to offer you is tune in to the morning radio traffic reports that are on several different

radio stations on both the F.M. and A.M dial. While listening, you can find out about the roads which have heavy traffic on them, and which roads are backed up because of accidents. I have listened to the reports on some days, and have found out about a back up or an accident. That has given me enough notice ahead of time to find another route to school.

And now I will tell you about a few different roadways that will bring you quickly to our campus. If you are coming from the North or South, I highly recommend I-95 as the highway to use. If you are coming from the far South, I would recommend US-1 North to I-95; this route contains some traffic, but it moves quickly. If you are coming from the West, I would recommend that you take either the Dolphin Expressway (836), Julia Tuttle Causeway (112), or the Gratiigny Parkway. I would stay off 103rd Street to travel East across Hialeah, and I would also recommend that you stay off Biscayne Blvd in the early mornings because this road does get congested at times. If you are coming from South Miami-Dade County, I recommend that you stay away from the Turnpike Extension, the Don Shula Expressway (874), and the Palmetto Expressway

(826) because there is usually traffic in the morning on all three of these highways.

When you finally make it to the commuter parking lot, you still face one major problem; there are hardly any parking spaces available inside the lot. You find yourself circling the parking lot looking for an empty space, and it seems almost impossible. So what is the appropriate time in the morning to arrive at school in order to get a good parking spot? I have arrived at various times anywhere from 7:45 A.M. to 9:30 A.M., and I have found that there is ample parking before 9:00 A.M. If you arrive anytime after that, you will end up parking in the far back of the lot, or you may even risk not finding a parking spot if the lot is jam packed. So try and make it to school at a reasonable time so you will find a close and convenient parking space.

Well the time has arrived to close The Commuter's Corner for the semester. I hope to continue writing this column during the upcoming fall semester '98. Have a great summer, and I hope to see all of you around campus.

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By **WILLIAM E. FENTON JR.**
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

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So please answer "yes" when we ask for your alumni contribution. With your help, Barry will continue to be a source of great pride for all of us.

April 1, 1998

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FLORIDA INDEPENDENT COLLEGE FUND HELPS SIX BARRY STUDENTS

(MIAMI SHORES —) Six different Barry students received scholarships this past year, ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,000, through the Florida Independent College Fund, announced Sr. Sarah Cavanaugh, OP, associate vice president for Institutional Advancement.

The FICF, administered by Gerald T. Horton, taps money from large corporations, most of which would not ordinarily contribute to small and medium-sized colleges and universities. FICF then distributes scholarships to several independent Florida schools, including Barry.

Barry recipients this past year include: Adam Arden Friend (\$3,000 from U.S. Sugar Corporation); Lori Santana (\$1,500 from the Coca-Cola Foundation); Christie M. Cohn (\$3,000 from the United Parcel Service Foundation); Nestor Sanchez (\$3,000 from the Foundation of Life Care Centers of America Inc.), Elvita Genelus (\$3,000 from CEO Florida Crystals); and Maria Catalina Briz (\$2,500 from the Delta International Scholarship Program). In addition Delta Airlines will provide Ms. Briz with a free plane ticket to Spain this summer for her International Business internship).

We re very grateful to these prestigious corporations for helping our students achieve their educational goals, Sr. Sarah said. At the same time, we reiterate how important it is for the students to always express their appreciation to the companies and foundations directly, so they can be repeated for their classmates in the future.

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Game, after Game, after Game

By **KELLY MAHAN**
Sports Editor

The Barry Men's Baseball Team will play a total of 56 games this season. An average weekend for the team means games on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Or better yet, double headers on Saturday and Sunday. It's a busy schedule, but so far they have been successful. Currently they are ranked 17th in the nation.

Over Spring Break the players were out on the field playing nine games in eight days. They went 7-2 with a six game winning streak. The Buccaneers dominated over 12th ranked Lewis University with a score of 15-5 on March 3rd. Then three days later they beat Division I school Providence College.

During the month of March the Buccaneers participated in the Homestead Challenge. They played six games at the Homestead Sports Complex, winning fifty percent of those.

The Buccaneers have a tough schedule ahead of them, starting Conference play with forces like Florida Southern and Tampa University. Both of these Conference teams are known for dominant programs. The baseball team is ready, posting a 20-9 record.

Some highlighted performers for the team include Player of the Week for March 16-20, freshman Irain Gonzalez. Gonzalez is leading the team in home runs hitting over five of them. Rey Breto is the driving force behind the plate. Breto posts a .464 batting average. On the mound, pitcher Andrew Tarnoff is undefeated with a 5-0 record.

The Baseball team has about 25 games to go which are all Conference and will count towards going on to regional and then possibly nationals. The Buccaneers are getting good competition early in the season so that they can be more prepared for Conference. The following games are what the Buccaneers have already played:

SCHEDULE OF GAMES PLAYED

| | | | |
|--------|----------------------|-------|---|
| Jan 28 | University of Miami | 0-9 | L |
| Jan 31 | North Florida | 8-9 | L |
| Jan 31 | North Florida | 4-5 | L |
| Feb 01 | Warner Southern | 5-4 | W |
| Feb 05 | Nova Southeastern | 13-6 | W |
| Feb 10 | Northwood University | 2-10 | L |
| Feb 11 | Nova Southeastern | 28-6 | W |
| Feb 13 | Lynn University | 9-2 | W |
| Feb 14 | Lynn University | 13-9 | W |
| Feb 15 | Lynn University | 2-3 | L |
| Feb 18 | St. Thomas Univ. | 7-5 | W |
| Feb 20 | Mercy College | 6-5 | W |
| Feb 21 | Mercy College | 10-0 | W |
| Feb 21 | Mercy College | 6-2 | W |
| Feb 24 | Northwood University | 8-10 | L |
| Feb 27 | Eckerd College | 7-12 | L |
| Feb 28 | Eckerd College | 11-10 | W |
| Mar 01 | Eckerd College | 15-3 | W |
| Mar 03 | Lewis University | 15-5 | W |
| Mar 04 | St. Cloud State | 14-13 | W |
| Mar 05 | Northwood Univ. | 6-2 | W |
| Mar 06 | Providence College | 5-4 | W |
| Mar 07 | Concordia University | 13-14 | L |
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Early to Rise, Early to Practice Life on Barry Women's Crew Team

By KELLY MAHAN
Buccaneer Sports Editor

It's five in the morning, the majority of Barry students are bundle up in their comforters dreaming of wonderful things that might happen that day. While we are all sound asleep the Women's Crew Team at Barry University is rising to start their practice. They roll out of bed and sleep walk over to the gym to catch the van for their twenty minute ride to practice. During this twenty minute ride some of the girls take advantage of the time and get an extra nap before they begin practice. It's now six o'clock, we are all still sleeping, and the Crew Team gets to do their land work out or go onto the water to row in the boat. They work out for a good two hours and then they all load up onto the bus to make it back in school in time to shower, get dressed, and venture to class.

This is the Barry Crew Team's second year competing in the Sunshine State Conference. Before this they were an intramural sport. The first year that the women competed in this Conference they place second and could of continued onto the regional regatta. This year the Crew Team is strong and place first on March 28 in the Sunshine State Conference Varsity four competition.

Between last year and this year the Crew team has gone through some transition and will still be going through this transition next year. Will Brandenburg was the coach last year, but now Tristan Fiedler is the Crew coach, but he is only here for this year. Fiedler is currently a student in the Graduate Program in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Miami. He attended University of Miami for his B.S. in 1991, his M. Sc. in 1994 and now his Ph D. While at the University of Miami he rowed on their Men's Crew team placing in races like the FL State Champs, Miami Int'l, Gov. Cup, Pres. Cup, Cooper Cup, Head of Chattahoochee, Head of Charles, Dad Vails, Southern Ergometer Championship, just to name a few.

Fiedler was recommended for the Barry's coaching position by UM Head Crew Coach Okie O'Connor. So far Fiedler says that "It (the coaching position) is very enjoyable". Fiedler's goal for the team this year was to "medal in the Sunshine State Championships". The Women's Crew Team accomplished this.

When asked what was the hardest thing about being on the Crew team was, second year rower Christine Riedinger replied with "not being recognized". "It's hard for people to know about Crew because we have no races on campus. Also students can't identify with us because we don't have Crew shirts or anything that show's Barry who we are." Maybe after reading this article people can identify with who the Barry University Women's Crew team is.

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Looking for Momentum

By KELLY MAHAN
Buccaneer Sports Editor

The Barry Women's Softball team is looking for the momentum to get it going. Pre-season the team was ranked 18th in the nation, but due to costly mistakes the ranking has slipped through its gloves. "The kids are playing well; they're just making costly mistakes at crucial times," says Women's Softball coach Lisa Navas. The team seems to be winning the games its supposed to, but losing the ones that it has to win to stay ranked.

The players had a busy Spring Break, playing ten games in nine days and posting a 7-3 record. On one single day they played three games at the Rebel Games in Orlando. At that tournament the Buccaneers went 4-2.

Coach Navas still has confidence in her team: "We're too talented to give up!" The team is working on the things it needs to do to get better. It has to get better because the Conference teams are getting better also. There was a time when there were dominant forces in the Conference, but now everybody is equal and there aren't many blowouts.

Players that are playing well are Jennifer Felipe and Tanaye Goehring who have both hit one out of the park. The driving force behind the plate is pitcher Stephanie Caldwell who is currently the leading hitter.

Things look bright for the Women's Softball team's future because as Coach Navas put it: "Any given day anyone can win!"

SCHEDULE OF TEAMS PROGRESS

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|--------|-----------------------|------|---|
| Feb 14 | Nova Southeastern | 2-0 | W |
| Feb 14 | Nova Southeastern | 1-4 | L |
| Feb 20 | Valdosta State Univ. | 3-2 | W |
| Feb 20 | Florida Southern | 6-4 | W |
| Feb 20 | Armstrong Atlantic | 7-2 | W |
| Feb 21 | Lincoln Memorial | 1-0 | W |
| Feb 21 | Florida Southern | 4-2 | W |
| Feb 22 | Univ. West Florida | 2-3 | L |
| Feb 27 | Puerto Rico- Mayaguez | 8-0 | W |
| Feb 27 | Valdosta State Univ. | 1-4 | L |
| Feb 28 | Northwood Univ. | 8-0 | W |
| Feb 28 | Lynn University | 11-3 | W |
| Mar 5 | Mount Olive | 10-0 | W |
| Mar 5 | St. Cloud State | 3-6 | L |
| Mar 5 | Lewis University | 8-2 | W |
| Mar 6 | Lake Superior St. | 8-6 | W |
| Mar 7 | Bloomsburg Univ. | 2-3 | L |
| Mar 7 | Sacred Heart Univ. | 8-5 | W |
| Mar 13 | Saint Leo College | 4-1 | W |
| Mar 13 | Saint Leo College | 1-1 | T |
| Mar 14 | Florida Southern | 1-7 | L |
| Mar 14 | Florida Southern | 0-4 | L |

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Barry's Baseball Team beats Florida Southern

By AARON KRAUSE
Buccaneer News Editor

Ten feet. That's how close the Barry University baseball team came to tying, and getting in position to sweep the Florida Southern Moccasins after a furious comeback attempt in game three of a series between the teams on March 22. Barry had never won a series before against Florida Southern. The closest they came was in 1994, when the teams split a series. For a while, on March 22, it appeared the Moccasins would cruise to an easy victory. The Buccaneers trailed 5-0 in the second inning, but cut the Moccasin lead to 3 in the bottom of the sixth. In the bottom of the seventh, Barry trailed 6-3, and in the ninth, outscored Florida Southern 3-1. With the Buccaneers trailing 7-6, two men out and runners on first and second in the bottom of the ninth, senior outfielder Brandon Tecklenburg smacked a line drive to right field. Junior catcher Mike Newman, the runner on first, said that when he heard the crack of the bat he thought he was going to have a chance to score the winning run. But then a wave of silence swept across the stadium. Moccasins right fielder Jason Fox caught the ball on the run, and the Buccaneers were in the loss column. "I knew I hit it solid and hard," said Tecklenburg. "Ten feet either way it drops, but hey, that's baseball." Tecklenburg said he thought the umpires made some questionable calls in game three as well as throughout the series, and that may have hurt the team somewhat. "I felt through the threegame series the umpires took our at-bats away by calling strikes that were really balls," he said. "(However), I don't put the blame on the umpires. It's

just that sometimes umpires can put you in a big hole." The Buccaneers beat the Moccasins by scores of 10-9 and 9-8 on March 20 and 21, respectively. Newman said that although the 7-6 defeat had significance, the team was satisfied with the outcome of the series. "Losing today meant something, but us taking two out of three was a goal of ours," he said. "They (Florida Southern) knew that they got lucky to come out of there with a win. We were just very proud of ourselves that we never gave up." Newman added that a sweep of the Moccasins would've been "incredible." "Words couldn't really explain it," he said. Sophomore pitcher Nick Braunschneider said the series proved that people can't count the Buccaneers out, even against the elite teams in the conference.

"It (winning the series), meant to me that we can beat anybody in the conference, that we belong at the top," he said.

Baseball coach Chris Cafalone said Florida Southern has always given the Buccaneers problems. The Moccasins, who've won eight national and 15 conference championships, always had a "tradition of winning," according to Cafalone. Cafalone said they've always excelled in every facet of the game, especially pitching. This year, however, Cafalone said the Buccaneers are working together and working hard, and, as it has throughout this season, it paid off against the Moccasins. "The guys have really come together as a team," he said. "They're so competitive. If they're losing, they'll find a way to win. It's not individuals (working alone). It's a team effort." Tecklenburg expounds on the team's mindset when it must overcome a deficit. "We're not a 'rah rah' kind of team," he said. "We have confidence on our team where it doesn't matter what

the score is, or what inning it's in. We know that at any given time we can come back." Cafalone, for example, recalls the second game of the series on March 21, when senior pitcher Karl Thompson struggled, but the team made up for his performance. Thompson pitched 4.1 innings, allowing five hits and seven runs, walking three, and striking out one. In the fifth inning, the Buccaneers trailed 7-1, but Barry scored a combined eight runs in the 7th and 8th innings and eventually won 9-8. Newman and designated hitter Luis Sosa each had two hits, with the former adding a home run. Sosa also drove in two runs. Second baseman/shortstop Rene Velazquez and second baseman Alex Dias also combined to drive in four runs. In game one, Barry also trailed 8-5 in the top of the ninth, but the Buccaneers scored five runs in the bottom half of the inning and won, 10-9.

Cafalone said the team's goal coming into any series is to take two of three, but he hopes the series against the Moccasins carries over into the future. "Hopefully it's shown that they (Barry) can play with anyone in the country," he said. Cafalone adds that although the team took two out of three from both Florida Southern and Eckerd, there is work left to be done. The Buccaneers still have four more conference series left, and "must stay focused," he said. While Cafalone is happy with the way the team fought back, he doesn't want it to become a routine. "Good teams come back and win those ball games," he said. "We told those kids (after the game, March 22), let's just not make that a habit."

Barry senior pitcher Andrew Tarnoff, who started and lost the third game, said that although the team came

up short, the rally said something about the team's character. "It just shows the heart of our team," he said. Tarnoff agrees that a sweep would've meant something special, but the team must look to the future. "Next game is a new game," he said. "The score is zero to zero." Tarnoff, who gave up two home runs as well as six hits in six innings pitched, said he tried to overpower the batters early on. "When you try to throw the ball as hard as you can by the batter, it (the ball) loses its movement, so they just teed off," he said. Tarnoff, however, pitched four consecutive innings without giving up a run and struck out seven. Newman said significant adjustments were made after the home runs. "I just talked to him (Tarnoff) about pitching his game," he said. "Once he was able to settle down, he was able to get movement on his fastball that led to all those strikeouts." In addition, Newman said he called for more curveballs. Sophomore pitcher Greg Caraynoff, who came in relief of Tarnoff in game 3, said Barry's pitching came through when it had to throughout the series.

"They've (Florida Southern) always been able to hit, but I felt as far as our team goes, when the big pitches needed to be made, we did fine," he said.

Cafalone said he was very happy with the turnout for the Florida Southern series and took particular notice of some fans who brought brooms to the game on Sunday, hoping for a sweep. As of March 30, Barry was ranked seventh in the NCAA II conference with a 26-12 record. Last year, Barry only won 24 games. Their number seven ranking ties for the team's highest, which came in 1995 when Barry was also ranked seventh in the NCAA II.

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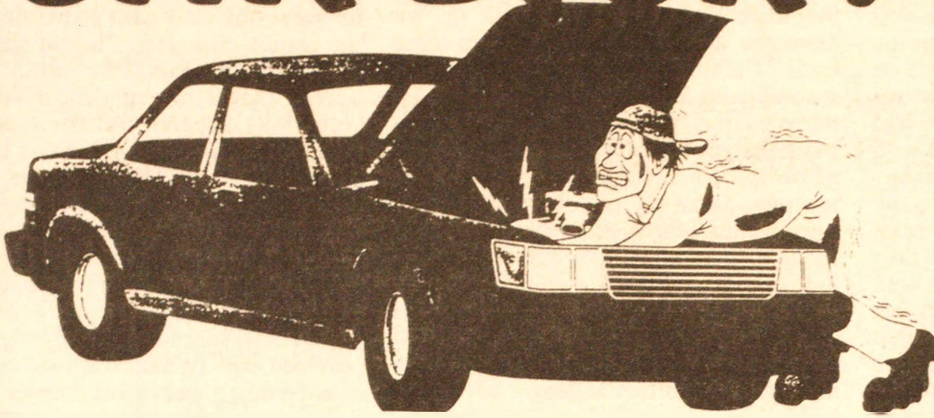
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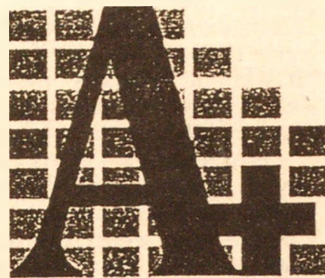
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