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• SPIRITUALITY INFUSES OUR LIVES

By Diana Marreno
Editor-in-chief

Remember your spirit, Oprah Winfrey urges her viewers. A portion of her talk show is dedicated daily to just that. Guests, such as writer Maya Angelou, offer insights into how they incorporate spirituality into their lives.

These days, many are remembering. Spirituality seems to be infusing itself into our public lives through music, the media, and even fashion.

"Religion is not such a private thing anymore," said Father Scott O'Brien, OP of Mission and Ministry. "It has become much more public in some aspects."

What else would explain the new WWJD fad? The insignia, which stands for "What would Jesus do?," may have Nike execs running scared. WWJD cloth bracelets have become hip in fashion for a large number of young Christians. The message can also be found on everything from base-



Photo by Sophie Andall

ball caps to key chains to hip-hop-style necklaces.

When the bracelets surfaced in 1996, they were mostly found in religious stores. Now stores like Wal-Mart and Eckerd Drugs carry the bracelets. These mainstream stores have also begun to offer other religious products such as

calendars and T-shirts. Christian Markets for Lesco Corp. in Lansing, Mich., sold more than 15 million WWJD bracelets in 1997, according to The Miami Herald.

"I bought the bracelet before I realized a lot of people were wearing them," said junior Shawna Peterson, a nursing major.

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• SGA TACKLES CROSSWALKS AND COMPUTERS

By Aaron Krause
News Editor

Barry University's Student Government Association (SGA) wants to make crossing North Miami Avenue safer for students and faculty. Maria Briz, Commuter Student Liaison for SGA, said she's trying to speak with Miami Shores Officer Reed Norato about ways to curb speeding on North Miami Avenue. Briz said that she was almost run over while trying to cross the busy street.



"We don't want to wait until some-

one gets hurt to do something about it," Briz said. She said that many students have complained about almost being run over while trying to cross the street to the commuter parking lot.

Briz has come up with ideas such as a speed bump, a flashing yellow light and stop signs.

"I think the next most possible [remedy] is the flashing yellow light," Briz said.

She said that during peak hours, it's especially difficult, adding, "on rainy days, it's almost impossible."

Briz said that she has tried to reach Officer Norato for about two months, but the two have only corresponded through voice mail.

"I think my next step is to sit in on the Mayor's Task Force Meeting," she said.

In other news, SGA:

Announced plans to ease congestion in the computer lab, by trying to have additional computer rooms open during peak hours.

Is trying to have final grades posted through the Internet or phone system.

Is attempting to make Thompson Hall look more like a student union by placing couches in the building.

• REPORT CARDS CAUSE MORE ANGER THAN USUAL

By Diana Marreno
Editor-in-chief

Amid complaints from angry students, Registrar Debbie Weyman is convinced that no one is angrier than she is about the late grade reports. Weyman said the delays were caused by broken down printers at Postal Center Int'l Inc., the company subcontracted to handle the printing and mailing of the grade reports. The company finally mailed out the reports to permanent addresses on Jan. 8. On a regular schedule, reports would have been mailed by Jan. 5 or 6, Weyman said.

"After such a great recruiting effort, for this to happen at the end of the term for these new students didn't represent Barry in the best light," said Weyman. She added

that returning students were rightfully upset because they expected to get their grades within the usual time.

Some students were still finding out their grades on the second week of school.

Nareenard Vamvanij, an MBA student, is upset that she received her grade report 10 days after the first day of classes. Vamvanij's international address had not been changed since she moved here from Thailand over a year ago.

"I get my bills at my current address but my report card goes to Thailand," said Vamvanij. She added that she had to register without knowing her grades.

Junior theater major, Monica Peroldo, had a similar problem.

"It delayed my registration because I needed to know whether I had to take a class again, which fortunately, I didn't

have to," said Peroldo.

Other students took the delays in stride. "If I had grades to look forward to, then I would have minded," said Carolina Valdes, a sophomore biology major.

Weyman said the company assured her that delays will not reoccur. Weyman said that if the March reports for ACE students are delayed, the company faces losing the subcontract. She expects the company to meet the deadline, she added.

This semester, the registrar's office will install an upgraded administrative software program featuring web-based applications. The software facilitates the process of posting grades through the Internet. By the end of the year 2000, students will be able to get their grades on the web if all goes as planned.

Editorial

By Diana Marrero
Editor-in-Chief



Ol' Sparky" will continue to shock Floridians, if only by electric jolts. Few Floridians were shocked and even less were outraged after the U.S. Supreme Court dismissed arguments in mid-January that the electric chair offends "evolving standards of decency."

In fact, last fall Florida voters approved a constitutional amendment demonstrating the continued popularity of capital punishment in the Sunshine State. The amendment ensures that if courts ever conclude electrocution is cruel or unusual, the death sentences of almost 400 inmates on Death Row will remain in force until another method is found.

Why are Floridians so intent on killing its residents? Beyond that, why are Americans (38 states have death penalty laws) so intent on killing its citizens? Robert Bohm, a professor of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies at the University of Central Florida, wrote in *The Miami Herald* that part of it has to do with offering a viable alternative. When given the option between the death penalty and life imprisonment with no parole possibility, about 30 percent of those who had supported the death penalty changed their minds. Yet even with that decrease, capital punishment is still favored by a majority of the public. Nevertheless, the popularity of the death penalty does not excuse the practice itself.

We tend to forget that before the Civil War, slavery was popular in the South.

Supporters of capital punishment argue that it costs taxpayers less to execute a prisoner than to keep them in prison for life. However, Bohm points out that the cost of capital punishment and its legal process currently average between \$2 million and \$3.5 million per execution, while the costs of life in prison would exceed no more than \$1 million per offender.

Even dignifying this argument by talking dollars and cents is almost horrifying. Money can never measure the worth of a life. Life is sacred.

Although the convicted killers on death row may not have acted with that premise in mind, we should exercise better judgment. By executing criminals, we too become murderers, in a more sterile fashion.

Finally, the most convincing reason to abolish the death penalty has to be the possibility that an innocent person may be wrongfully executed.

That innocent life cannot be brought back. An execution takes away all possibility of retribution. A simple apology can never right that wrong.

The Herald recently reported the monetary compensation given to two men, Freddie Pitts and Wilbert Lee, wrongfully convicted of murder. They sat on death row before finally being cleared of the charges. Had their time run out before they were found innocent, two more lives would have been lost.

Ain't Love So Sweet

By Monica Espinoza
Staff Writer

He's out and about. He's pointing his arrow and taking aim. Cupid's roaming the sky. Yes, Feb. 14 is around the corner. It could be one of the most memorable days of the year.



"My girlfriend and I got together with two other couples. The girls surprised us by preparing a romantic dinner and decorating the house we were at with hearts. "We were so surprised that they had gone through all that trouble."

Enrique Pizzi, 26
Info. Technology, Senior

Picnics on the beach, candlelit dinners, dancing, flowers, and chocolates are sure-fire ways to celebrate. Don't have a Valentine? Round up some single friends for dinner or to dance the night

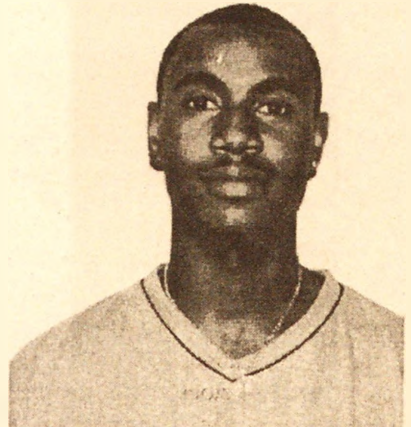


"My boyfriend picked me up for a candlelight dinner at his house. He made my favorite dinner, pasta with Alfredo sauce and crabmeat. He gave me flowers, too."

Robyn Pomichter, 19
Sports Management, Soph.

Student Speak Up

away at a club. If you are wondering about how to celebrate this year, take notes. A few Barry students told us about their best Valentine's Day. Here is what they said:



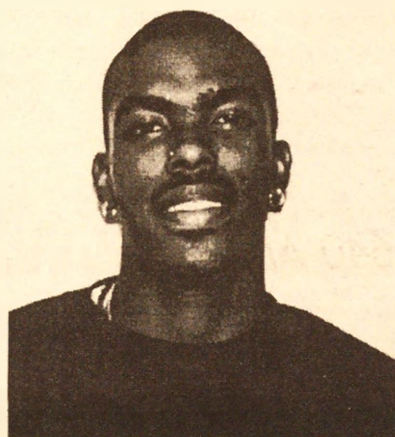
"Well, Valentine's Day is my birthday. When I turned 18, my parents threw me a house party. All my friends dropped by. It was a great time. One of my friends overwhelmed with gifts."

Rudy LaRocque, 18
Criminology, Soph.



"Last year, my boyfriend took me to a '50s cafe in South Beach. He really surprised me."

Debbie Nolan, 18
International Studies, Fresh.



"I really liked this girl and she really liked me. We both exchanged gifts. I really felt special."

Chad Edwards, 20
Sports Medicine, Soph.



"My girlfriends and I went out to dinner. We got to meet (Boston Red Sox slugger) Nomar Garciaparra and even took a picture with him."

Christie Mendoza, 18
Spanish, Junior



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THE STRUGGLE OF BEING A GUY

By Ashley Bach
Oregon Daily Emerald
University of Oregon

The image of an ideal '90s man ranges from feminine to fiendish, but most men lie somewhere hopelessly in-between.

A friend of mine likes to talk about all the women he's slept with, about all the hearts he's broken and about how he really doesn't care about those things very much at all.

He's a poster boy for men behaving badly, and that's the way he likes it — no smiling in photos, no commitments, no confessions. He's a brick wall of masculine energy. But like so many men, he's really a big sissy.

Fashion is a priority, bottles of cologne fill the bathroom, and it takes him 30 minutes to "sculpt" his hair on a quick day.

For a guy who cares about so little, he seems to put a lot of stock in what people, especially women, think of him.

Sadly, he is a model to live by for most of his species. We men like to play up our independence and love for sports and hanging with the guys, but deep

down we're more emotional, conscientious and insecure than we care to admit.

Don't agree? Then witness the rise of *men's* magazine. Not so much *Playboy* or *Penthouse*, but new kids on the block such as *Details*, *Maxim* and *Gear*.

Hidden behind those photos of beautiful, buxom women are articles containing tips on everything from "how to make her scream your name in bed" to "picking the perfect suit for that big interview."

The mags reinforce men's perception that they're all young, hip and handsome, while at the same time calming their fears that they're not attractive, not masters of the bedroom and not chiefs of the "war-drobe."

The magazines present a paradox because they know that's how men are.

Many men—my friend for starters—would dispute all of this, of course. They'd say that a lot of guys are secure in themselves and that they certainly have no need for petty reassurances at

the newsstand. I won't try to pin down the demons of a 40-year-old married father, but in the realm of 20- and 30-some-things, it's a sure bet that insecurity reigns supreme.

To make matters worse, many men don't understand what they feel, or why they do the things they do. Ask any of the former sports heroes pumping iron in your local gym why they do that every day, and most won't be able to give an answer any more solid than "to get huge?"

In the end, they may be there to impress women or fulfill some diluted image of what a man needs to look like, but articulating that fact, probably because it's so baffling, usually proves difficult.

The mass media spew images which affect men just as profoundly as women. Guys' collective fears and obsessions also come as much from external sources as they do from within. American males are torn between a society that values symbols of harsh masculinity, such as

the Rat Pack, but also pushes them to constantly redefine their role in a post-feminism world.

Fortunately for men, they aren't the only ones who can't figure out exactly what constitutes "a real man." Even the most die-hard feminists shudder at the thought of a bunch of spineless, ultra-sensitive she-men walking around.

All of this puts men, especially us young guys, in a bit of a quandary. We'd no doubt help ourselves a lot by just being ourselves, and responding to concerns from the fairer sex as they come up.

But I'm not going to pretend that doing so is easy.

For all the women out there at a loss for words about our many deficiencies, I urge a bit of understanding. Sure, we're guilty of creating a lot of our own problems, often comically so. But we also have the hardy task of living among confusion, where masculinity is a valued commodity, but often measured only in doses.

Buc Corner

Howard Handzel

It's a weekday morning, you've just gotten out of class and you want to take a break. You sit down, take out your walkman and try to tune into WBRY, our campus radio station. You realize that our station is not on the radio, but on television.

For the past six years since WBRY began, any listener had to tune into the tube to hear campus radio programs. This caused many students, faculty, and staff to not tune in at all.

The radio station is ready for a change. WBRY will soon be broadcast on the AM band. Using anything from a walkman to a car stereo, you will be able to pick up Barry University radio in the vicinity of our campus. This change has the potential to boost the popularity of WBRY around campus.

WBRY station manager Hashim Abdullah says the radio station will probably become more involved in school events.

CAMPUS RADIO STATION, WBRY, WILL SOON BE ON THE AIR, TUNE IN TO 1640 AM

"We will also be putting on our own events, and getting more involved with the student experience," said Abdullah. "I think the switch to AM could bring a lot more listeners and a lot more interest in the station."

So the next time you turn on your radio, tune in to 1640 WBRY on the AM band. The switch to AM will hopefully occur this semester, said Billy Oliver, WBRY advisor. Oliver added that the equipment is here and that they are only waiting for an engineer to install the system. Check around campus and in upcoming issues of the *Buccaneer* for further information about WBRY. If you are interested in becoming a DJ, call Hashim Abdullah at (305) 751-0628.

HOMECOMING WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Students are invited to participate in many of the Homecoming activities that have been designed with them and alumni in mind.

Saturday, Feb. 6, 1999

- 8:30 a.m. School of Business Workshop, Kotska Room
- 8:30 a.m. School of Education Workshop, Waldhorn Room (Andreas 111)
- 11:30 a.m. "Swing" Dance Clinic. Lessons-Thompson Hall
- 12 p.m. Barbeque
- 1 p.m. Olympic Fest with Novelty Games
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Basketball Game, Barry vs. Florida Tech
- 6 p.m. Greek Life Social (by invitation)
- 7 p.m. Homecoming 1999- Swing Reception and Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball Game, Barry vs. Florida Tech

Sunday, Feb. 7, 1999

- 11 a.m. Mass, Cor Jesu Chapel

UPCOMING FEBRUARY CAB EVENTS

- Feb. 6 Homecoming dance 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Location: Thompson Hall
- Feb. 13 Coconut Grove Art Festival, Noon.
Location: Sign up in Student Activities (Thompson 109) starting Tuesday, February 9. Space limited.
- Feb. 18 Karaoke Night 9:00 p.m.
Location: Houndstooth (Thompson Hall) CAB's advise: Start practicing now!



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NEW PRINTERS BUT HIGHER COSTS

By Diana Marrero
Editor-in-chief

A tired and cranky couple was kicked out of the computer lab this semester. The couple, two HP laserjet printers, was replaced with four new printers, along with a whole new printing system. Computer Lab Manager Alberto Fernandez hopes the changes cut the time students wait to get their printouts.

"During rush times, people won't have to wait as long because of the new printers," said Fernandez.

The computer lab also acquired a new color printer and has 26 extra computers. Classes in Garner Hall as well as the library print through the new system. The library also benefited from

new equipment, a black and white printer and a color photocopier/printer. The renovations come at a price: instead of 3 cents per page, printing will now cost 5 cents with a print card or 10 cents with cash. Cost for color print-out has jumped from 50 cents to \$1.50.

Under the new system students may purchase a reusable print card for 50 cents, then use a dispensing machine to purchase as much credit on the card as they want. Lab users who still have money in their printing account from last semester can get a refund by seeing Computer Lab Manager Jean Velace or a lab supervisor (be sure to bring your ID).

Instructions on how to use the system will be posted throughout the lab, the library, and Garner Hall classes.

DATABASE AT CCC AIDS JOB SEARCH

Looking for a job? The Career and Counseling Center (CCC) can now give you access to thousands of federal job postings through a Federal Employment Information Touchscreen Computer Kiosk. The computer, updated nightly, provides information on job vacancies throughout the federal government. Applications can be printed out and students can also apply on-line.

The U.S. Office of Personnel Man-

agement (OPM) chose Barry as a host institution for the kiosk. Barry joins six other institutions with high Hispanic populations selected by the OPM as part of their effort to reach and recruit highly educated minorities to work in the federal government.

Students may call (305) 899-3950 to make an appointment to use the computer or stop by the CCC office, Rm. 208 in Thompson Hall.

— Diana Marrero

RAFFLE: CHOICE PARKING SPOT

The seemingly endless search for a parking space in the Commuter Parking Lot will soon be a thing of the past—but only for one student per month. This semester, Barry University's Commuter Student Board will hold monthly raffles for commuter students, with the reward being a reserved parking space in front of

Barry's library.

The parking space will be awarded to each lucky student for one month. The price to enter the raffle is expected to range from \$1-3, with proceeds going to the Hope Center, a not-for-profit center which helps disabled people.

— Aaron Krause

BARRY AWARDS REV. HESBURGH HIS 139TH HONORARY DEGREE



During last year's winter commencement, most students received their first college degree. Father Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus of the University of

Notre Dame, received his 139th degree, honorary, that is. This marks the most honorary degrees ever awarded to a single person according to the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

NEWS SECTION

DIVERSITY COALITION JOINS CAMPUSES

Pressing ahead with plans to continue dialogue on diversity, Barry will join four other universities in a student attempt to form the South Florida Coalition of Universities on Diversity (SCUD).

Barry student Maria Briz, who will serve as SCUD's secretary, said the idea to form the organization came after she attended a conference on racism from Nov. 6-8 in Orlando. Thirty people, including professors and students from Barry, St. Thomas University, and Florida Memorial College were in attendance, said Briz. SCUD will be a student subsidiary of the Central and South Florida Higher Education Diversity Coalition, which sponsored the November conference.

Briz said the formation of SCUD will allow similar conferences to be held at SCUD's member universities. She said that she is still in the planning stages for the organization.

"We're trying to replicate this type of seminar for students," Briz said. She added that the group hopes to hold a seminar this semester and several more next fall, but nothing is final.

"We don't have any specifics yet," Briz said. She said that anybody can attend the conferences. Interested persons are asked to contact Fran Freeman, Barry diversity director, at (305) 899-3040. In addition to Barry, SCUD will consist of U.M., FIU, St. Thomas, and Florida Memorial College.

— Aaron Krause



NEW PARKING SOFTWARE PROGRAM MORE CONVENIENT, USER-FRIENDLY

Slow moving lines during course registration have become a part of college life. Slow moving lines during vehicle registration doesn't have to be, says Scott Boczon, security assistant for Public Safety at Barry.

In an attempt to expedite the vehicle registration process at Barry, Boczon has requested that a new campus parking system software program be installed by Summer II. The program will also track violation information and violation of charges.

Stan Young, director of Public Safety, said that the department has been operating a DOS-based software program for the past 15 years. Under the old system, if a student had more than one vehicle on campus, the information for each vehicle would be listed under a separate file, said Young. The soon-to-be-installed software program will be connected to the university database, listing all cars under one file, and making the vehicle registration process quicker.

"It's completed to the best of our knowledge," Young said. "We want to run it this semester and work out any glitches or bugs."

Young said that the new software program will allow information such as the term a student is registered for and vehicle information, to be stored in one file.

"Before we've had to insist that you bring in a class schedule," he said. "The biggest advantage I guess is [the software program] is more organized and it's more user-friendly."

Young said that the software will match a student's number with vehicle information, thereby eliminating the need for students to bring their IDs with them.

Young said his department is waiting for the director of Administrative Information Systems at Barry to review the system.

The system will be tested and evaluated this term, updated during the summer, and be on line by Summer II or Fall 1999, expects Young.

Kent McKenzie, program analyst at AIS, believes the new program will prove beneficial.

"The new software allows everything to be stored and everything is automated," he said. "It's centralized and it's faster [than the old system]."

— Aaron Krause

HIGH RANK

Barry was ranked number one for diversity among regional universities in the South by *U.S. News and World Report*.

"It's always great for Barry whenever we can be ranked among the top schools," said Dr. Jean Cerra, associate vice president for enrollment and academic services.

— Alina Hevia

HOW TO HELP

Donations are needed to help the earthquake victims in Colombia. Please bring your donations to Kelley House or the office of Mission and Ministry. The items most needed are: clothes, canned goods, bottled water, first aid supplies, baby formula, diapers, can openers etc. Call Debra Wilzig for information at (305) 899-3113.

FORMER BARRY STUDENT IS PRESUMED DEAD

By Aaron Krause
News Editor

Douglas Oland, a 21-year-old former Barry University student, was declared missing at sea on Jan. 20, two days after the boat he went fishing on sank in deep waters off the coast of New England. His body has not been found.

Sister Anastasia Maguire, RSM, a counselor at Barry who knew Oland

through his sister, said she got a call from Oland's father on the 20th. He said that Oland had been out clam fishing on Point Pleasant when the accident occurred.

Maguire said no details were revealed about the accident, but rough weather may have been a factor. As of Jan. 22, Oland's body had not been found, and Maguire said that bad weather was hampering the search.

"The [rescue] boat cannot go out to begin its rescue operation," she said.

Oland was a student at Barry during the 1996-97 academic year. He was one of the founders of the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity, and was interested in diving.

"He was a very good swimmer, and it was really the weather [that drew him to South Florida]," Maguire said.

After his one-year stint at Barry, Oland transferred to Keene State College in New Hampshire.

Gianfranco Nocerino, current president of TKE, said that he first heard about Oland's disappearance on Jan. 21, when Joseph Pagam, Oland's former roommate, broke the news to the fraternity.

"Everybody remembered him as a very positive guy, always happy," Nocerino said.

Fraternity members wore black ribbons on their shirts for seven days following the news of the accident.

About 400 attended a memorial Mass in memory of Oland. In addition to members of Barry's TKE chapter, members of FIU's and UM's chapters were also in attendance.

Father David Caron, interim di-



Gianfranco Nocerino and Garret McFarland

rector of Mission and Ministry, said that he was impressed with the turnout at the Mass.

"I sense that a lot of people don't remember [Oland]," he said. "But at the same time, a lot of people came to celebrate his life, and that says something wonderful about the Barry community."



SCHOLARSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF ALUMNI

Sons or daughters of Barry University alumni (who have been accepted as full-time students by the Admissions Office) are eligible to apply for the \$1,000 Sr. Dorothy Browne Scholarship, sponsored annually by the Alumni Association. The one-year scholarship is renewable.

Selection is based on the intellectual promise and personality of the applicant. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA and submit evidence of extra-curricular activities. Consideration will be given to financial need.

Applications will be accepted until April 1. Please call (305) 899-3175 for an application.

READING TO MARK BLACK HISTORY MONTH

To commemorate Black History month, a small group of Barry students will put on a dramatic reading of the short story "Children of the Sea." The story is taken from the book *Krik? Krak!*, by Haitian author Edwidge Danticat.

The story deals with the voyage of a young Haitian man to Miami. On the

boat, the man writes letters to his girlfriend on a notebook he carries along. Back in Haiti, the girlfriend wonders where he is and writes him letters she too cannot deliver. The reading will take place at Dalton and Dunspaugh on Friday Feb. 12, at 7p.m. For more information call Melissa Hunter at (305) 981-8049.

RUSSIAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS VISIT BARRY

By Nadine Singh
Staff Writer

For the first time ever, Barry University's Transition in Language and Culture Program (TLC) is hosting six scholars from the former Soviet Republic areas of Uzbekistan, Kazakstan and Belorussia. They are Umidjon Mahmatov, Jahongir Mamajonov, Yolkin Djurabayev, Sandjar Saidhodjayev, Aynur Tulekova and Ekaterina Pushkova.

The TLC program is a first program in a first semester curriculum for foreign language learners and international students. Its aim is to develop a student's English language and communication skills while promoting a greater understanding of U.S. culture.

The six students are part of a broader program funded by their respective countries to reward excellence academics, performance and encourage students to return home to work for their governments after graduation. The six took a series of six exams in their countries, from which they emerged top in the nation's finest students. They were given the choice of studying in Japan, Italy, Germany, England, France or the U.S.

Why did they all choose the U.S. from a collage of such diversely intriguing countries? Mahmatov said it was because of his belief that the U.S.



From left, Yolkin Djurabayev, Sandjar Saidhodjayev, Jahongir Mamajonov, and Umidjon Mahmatov,

emphasizes a different type of freedom from the freedom in Uzbekistan.

"Freedom in Uzbekistan is more of an oriental freedom, or a freedom within religion, and the people are not as open as they are here. I wanted to experience that," he said. "The USA is the best democracy in the world and has the strongest economy. The people here have the fortunate freedom to pursue whatever they want." Mahmatov's favorite class is film media in which he watches American movies.

Being novices to the American cul-

ture, the students were exposed to many experiences, which were foreign to them, one of which was Barry Beauties, a beauty pageant in which male students dress up as females.

"It was something I had never experienced in my country," he said. "It was a lot of fun and it made me laugh from the beginning to end. It is part of the American way of life that I like, and that is that people can work, study and also have fun at different times."

The group was surprised by the American food. They discovered fast food, such as a Macdonald's burger,

was just meat between bread and very dry compared to their meals, which are often if not always accompanied with a variety of soups. They all agree that the girls at Barry are very beautiful, open, friendly and polite.

All of the students share a love for the university and its location in South Florida, although they find the lack of four distinct seasons unusual.

Saidhodjayev values the quality of education provided, helpfulness of staff and students, as well as the tremendous degree of diversity present.

"We meet people from almost every country here, especially the Caribbean and Latin America," he said. "Barry does not have many barriers between students and teachers. Rank does not play such a great role and everyone is very open and kind. Even the president is very friendly and hugs everyone."

As business majors, they hope the School of Business will be achieved by next year. They also hope that students are not quick to judge them because of their personalities.

"There are cultural differences in every religion and people tend to see Islamic Asians as being very shy," said Mamajonov. "We hope people do not interpret this as fear or impoliteness."

Students interested in the TLC program can contact Jill Reed at (305) 899-3485.



Christian Rock Group Jars of Clay

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She says it helps her remember her faith. "Wearing it is a reminder to me about what I believe in, also showing I'm not ashamed of what I believe."

A new acronym, FROG (Fully Rely On God), has tried to capitalize on the WWJD trend. Christian messages can be found on skateboards, cars, golf products, and even zippers.

The emergence of a new national network, Pax TV, is part of the rise in mainstream Christian programming and family-oriented shows. Although Pax captures only 1.1% of the market, it surpassed the goal the network set for its first year on the air in 10 weeks.

There has been a rise in spiritual programming through the years, according to Miami Herald TV critic Terry Jackson.

"If you look at it over several years, there have been a number of shows with religious elements," Jackson said. "Right now, we have 'Promise Land' and 'Touched by an Angel,' two shows on CBS with strong spiritual themes. 'Touched by an Angel' gets a large audience because it is a well-done show, with good actors."

Jackson added that a network entirely devoted to spiritual or family shows like Pax TV may never get a huge following.

"America still tends to like secular entertainment," he said. "While there's room for shows like 'Touched by an Angel,' I don't think you'll see a major turn toward that kind of programming."

In the past, there has been an embrace of religious symbols, stories, and myths in TV and movies, said Barry priest O'Brien.

"'Devil's Advocate' is a perfect example

of Hollywood using Christian images to tell a story," O'Brien said. "There is a striking prevalence of religious symbols in the media. Even Madonna borrows heavily from religion, whether it is her use of the rosary beads or Hindu markings on her face. While those in Hollywood have embraced spiritual themes, they may interpret the meanings in their own way."

O'Brien accounts this to a fascination people have for the mystical.

"As we move into the next millennium, it will be even more so because of the association it has to the idea of the end of the world," he said. "Where there is a sense that things will come to an end, people start to ask religious questions."

O'Brien added that there is definitely an interest in spirituality among college students because it is a time where they start to ask themselves questions of meaning: "Who am I in relation to others? What does life mean?" Also, students who move away from home or meet others of different faiths may start to question the tradition they have been given, he said.

Like "Devil's Advocate," many current movies have dealt with spiritual themes. "The Prince of Egypt," for instance, is a recent full-length cartoon release that deals with the biblical story of Moses and the Israelites exodus from Egypt. The movie's soundtrack is full of religious musical talent.

Artists featured include the rock band Jars of Clay, gospel singer CeCe Winans, Boyz to Men, and Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey. Even Whitney Houston has recently returned to her gospel roots, boycotting this year's Grammys because her latest album was nominated for Best Female R&B Vocal instead of gospel.

Books dealing with spiritual issues have become big sellers. According to *Publisher Weekly*, Barnes & Noble increased its stock of religious titles by about 35% in both 1994 and 1995. Association of American Publishers numbers showed that religious books sold more copies than books in any other category except for young adult paperbacks in 1996, according to *The Miami Herald*, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, a compilation of inspirational stories, and its many variations like *Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul* are top sellers. Take James Redfield's *Celestine Prophecy*, for instance. The book has been translated into 40 languages and has sold more than 8 million copies worldwide.

"The reason most sociologists would say that people are turning to cults or religion is that present social conditions make day to day life unsatisfying," said Dr. Gary Grizzle, an assistant sociology professor who taught "Sociology of Religion" in the fall. "Religion may be appealing to them because they want to have intimate contact with one another that would go beyond the instrumental relations of work."

"Some people would say religion is on the decline because they define it as having to do with major religions and church attendance," he continued. Other sociologists would define spirituality in terms of the sacred, said Grizzle.

Groups have sacred objects, symbols, and rituals. If you define religion that way, he said, you could find all kinds of things that look like religious behavior in political parties, fraternities, and cults.

"In this sense, there's religion everywhere."

SOME STUDENTS QUESTION TRENDINESS

By Diana Marrero
Editor-in-chief

Some Barry students find problems with the trendiness that Christianity seems to enjoy today. Freshmen Dawn Nereim, a photography major, said that Christianity among teenagers at her church has become more fashion than faith.

"Religion to them is an accessory they can take off and on," she said. "They all wear the WWJD bracelets and speak the same way inside church, the perfect representative of what a

Christian should be. But outside of church, they have the same flaws and fit the same stereotypes of the average teenager."

Jennifer LaPorte, a junior English major who wears a WWJD bracelet, would agree in part with such a statement.

"A lot of these things, like the bracelets, people wear because they know other people are wearing them," she said. "Even people who often go to church treat their faith like this: 'I've gone to church, I've done my part. I can kind of forget about it.'" LaPorte, who attends Mass at Barry's Cor Jesu Chapel every Sunday, said she

could probably accuse herself of this. She wears her bracelet as a reminder to think of others as well as to consider her actions.

Other young believers find different ways to express their religious faith. Despite their popularity, Alvaro Rey de Castro had not even heard of the WWJD bracelets.

"What is that," asked Rey de Castro, a junior computer science major when told about the bracelets. Rey de Castro practices his faith by going to church, three times a week.

"It is just part of my life."

EXPLORING

Turning

By Ava Brown
Staff Writer

Stress...papers are due, you're failing math, your parents are coming to visit, your significant other doesn't seem quite so right now, exams are upon you. It's exactly three days until the end of the semester and the need for a release presents itself.

Fliers all around school announce pre-exam jams, after-exam jams, between-exam jams and the like. Several options present themselves. Hanging out with friends probably sounds like fun. So does kicking back alone at home becoming intimate with the books that you managed to ignore all semester long...but what about another alternative?

Sure, getting drunk and partying is always an option but what about a truly alternative method? What about letting go and letting God?

Letting God do what? Let Him guide you and help you your way. Don't trust it? Don't know if it will work? Only time will tell.

On the national level religion's rise in popularity is becoming more evident. Gospel singers like Bebe & Cece Winans pray on a daily basis. Kirk Franklin, with his non-traditional rendition of Gospel, revives the hope that people are starting to find God in their lives. His album, *God's Property* from Kirk Franklin's Nu Nation, including the number one single, *Stomp*, to date is the only gospel record to spend several weeks in the top 10.

STUDENTS NO

By Andrew Hagedwood
Staff Writer

Imagine being expected to wake up at 6 a.m. and go to Mass at 6:30 a.m., Monday through Saturday. On Sundays rising at 7 a.m. for a 7:45 Mass. Imagine living on an all-girls campus, having to wear skirts or dresses in the semi-tropics (never sleeveless tops), and having to be in your rooms with the lights out at 10 p.m. every night.

Then imagine not being able to leave campus without written consent from your parents and only being able to remain overnight at a friend's home in Miami once each semester.

This is how Mary Lu Desmond, director of planned giving, described life at Barry while she was enrolled here during the '50s. Despite the strict conditions, she said she really liked it. "We were like a small family," she said. "Everybody knew everybody."

Barry was a safe and undisturbed environment. Practically all faculty members were nuns. Nuns lived in dormitories. Everybody was constantly surrounded by nuns. "It was a good feeling," according to Desmond.

In the 40 years since that time Barry has changed immensely. It is now a coed, international, and religiously diverse university. "The cultural diversity is incredibly wonderful," says Frank Vega, a campus minister. "We have changed from a Catholic ministry to a ministry for all faiths."

One thing that has remained the same is that the Cor Jesu Chapel is still the heart of the university. "Cor Jesu" is for "heart of Jesus."

Mission and Ministry also still offers many activities on campus today for students. These include personal one sessions for students. There is a fall retreat in which students go to pray and share experiences. And the department sponsors luncheons that represent a mixture of religions, as well. The volunteer center helps direct students to a va

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Barry students enjoy a daily reminder that they can include God in their lives. The Cor Jesu Chapel stands in the middle of our campus. On any given weekday, at 12:05 p.m. your ears peak to the peal of the bell, signaling the beginning of Mass. The Chapel also stays open constantly if people want to go in and relieve their troubles.

As a topic, religion does not come up that often on a Catholic campus and when it does, students are a bit hesitant to reveal their feelings. Ricardo "Rocco" Grande, a senior professional

writing major, for example, didn't start talking at first. Eyes occasionally drifting up toward those speaking, he said nothing. There was a knowing look on his face, and the flicker of a smile crossed his lips. He finally spoke.

"I'd be a good person to talk to for that," he said.

Grande, who grew up in a Baptist-Presbyterian household, says he was forced to attend church every Sunday. Now he spends a lot of time in the chapel, praying.

He rejected religion at age 9-10, and didn't return for several years. Since then he has moved toward Catholicism. He realized he preferred the religions after attending Catholic school.

"I like the shoulders that they have offered me to cry on," says Grande.

The church has offered him great solace over some difficult periods in his life, not including the stress from the daily hassles of school and life.

"My grandmother died recently," said Grande, "and my sister has been in trouble." His voice trailed and his eyes remained fixed on the floor.

"I've been in the chapel a lot lately," said Grande. "I believe in a higher power and I am willing to practice reverence of that higher power."

According to Rocco, the older he gets, the more time he spends on Barry's campus, specifically because of the chapel.

"I go to pray...and to get release, to find comfort and just let go."

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Cor Jesu Chapel during a Mass in the 1940s

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of community service opportunities.

"Barry is a wonderful place, everybody is cooperative," said Brother John Lydon, associate campus minister who oversees the volunteer center. "There's a family here on campus." He believes that "it's not just a job here on campus, there's a lot more to it."

Attendance at Mass is no longer required. Barry offers a daily 12:05 p.m. Mass, which few students attend. Students are asked to attend the Mass of the Holy Spirit, which takes place at the beginning of the semester. Freshman receive the mission statement of the university during this ceremony.

The Sunday evening Mass, a candle-lit ceremony at 9 a.m. put on by the students, is regularly attended by 60-100 each week.

People get a lot out of going to the evening mass. "I go for personal gratification and spiritual enlightenment," Dane Hutchinson, area coordinator of residential life, said. "I do it to be a part of the community and to share my beliefs with others."

"The priests offer a lot of stories that relate to the students and personalize it toward us," said Claudia Cordero, a junior, about the evening mass. "I feel good when I go."

BARRY STUDENTS RELIGIOUSLY DIVERSE

By Casey Diaz
Staff Writer

Although Barry is a Catholic university, the campus is enriched by students and staff from a wide range of religious faiths.

"Barry University has a good mix of religions such as Confucianism,

Hinduism, and other eastern religions," said Dr. Edward Sunshine, an associate professor of theology. "I find that the students are very tolerant of each other." He added that most students are interested in learning about each other's religions.

Barry has various cultural organizations in order to inform students about different ideas and religions. In fact, Sunshine chairs Barry's Christian, Jewish, and Muslim Relations Committee, which holds regular meetings to discuss religious issues. The committee is devoted to finding and understanding the similarities between religion customs and beliefs, according to Sunshine. The latest committee meeting, held on Jan. 26, viewed and discussed a tape made by Edith Jacobson and Sr. Marie Carol Hurley. Father Daniel Madden places a high emphasis on understanding the religious differences and similarities of world faiths.

"It is important that we understand the people in the world around us," he said.

"I feel that most of the students are open to people from different religions," said senior finance major Aaron Schneider. Schneider said that although he is Jewish, his catholic fraternity, Alpha Delta Gamma, has made feel at home. "They have always welcomed anybody from any religion."

Graduate student Mohammad Shakir, who is Muslim, said the university demonstrates tremendous tolerance. "They go above and beyond that to see how they can accommodate the needs of those who aren't Catholic. They actually encourage people of different faiths to bring up issues and topics of their interest," he said.

The next Christian, Jewish, and Muslim Relations Committee meeting is scheduled for Feb. 23 at noon. For more information call the Office of Mission and Ministry at (305) 899-3650.

ABOUT THIS SERIES

Diana Marreno, Casey Diaz, Andrew Hagedwood, and Ava Brown completed this series of stories on spirituality as a group project for Journalism 243, News Writing.

Look for future series for further in depth coverage of topics.

SEGA GAMEWORKS BRINGS JURASSIC PARK TO SHOPPES AT SOUTH MIAMI

By Aaron Krause
News Editor

Dinosaur fighting has become a popular sport on the West Coast within the last couple of years. Now, residents of South Florida can join the fun as well. A trek to South Miami's Shops at Sunset Place is all that's necessary.

Sega GameWorks will open its eight GameWorks destination in the United States this month above the shops at Sunset Place. The venue, which combines a social atmosphere with interactive games, has a "distinctive daytime and nighttime personality, perfectly suited for South Miami's vibrantly social crowd," according to a press release.

GameWorks features activities such as Steven Spielberg's Jurassic Park: The Lost World Attraction, a "terrifyingly old fashion dino fight in a dramatic environment complete with movie props, and Vertical Reality, "the only game of its kind in which players experience physical consequences based on their actions." During the day, all ages are admitted to GameWorks. After 6 p.m., visitors under 21 must be accompanied by an adult, when the atmosphere changes



into a nightclub setting.

Jurassic Park and Vertical Reality are just two of the games located in "The Arena," which contains GameWorks' biggest attractions. The Arena's atmosphere, which is akin to a blockbuster movie set, pulsates with excitement, as GameWorks' staff encourage visitors to partake in games, many of which require teamwork.

In Vertical Reality, for example, 8-12 players are strapped into seats, and di-

vided into teams, attempting to shoot the villains. The more bad guys that get shot, the higher the chairs ascend. If a player gets hit, he or she descends in a free fall.

"Vertical Reality is the only game of its kind in which players experience physical consequences based on their actions," according to a GameWorks' press release.

Kids of all ages will also want to check out the Loading Dock, which houses a

variety of competitive games, as well as the Prize Zone, at which visitors can earn points playing various amusement park games, and redeem points for prizes. And if you've ever dreamed of appearing on television, you may get your first big break at the Loading Dock. As you're playing a game, you may appear on one of GameWorks' 21-inch screens.

The Arena Bar and the GameWorks Grill both feature mouth watering food items, and drinks. The Grill's atmosphere is enhanced with a collection of game-oriented art, while pinball display columns the Arena Bar.

"This is our eighth center, and I'd like to say it'll be our best," said Michael Montgomery, president and chief executive officer. "Our goal is to become the late night place for young adults. You're here to play games, eat and drink."

GameWorks Miami comprises 31,000 square feet, and could take a visitor up to five hours to participate in all the games, according to Charlie Diauto, general manager of GameWorks. Created under the direction of Steven Spielberg, Sega GameWorks opened its first venue in Seattle in March 1997.

LOVE, INTERNET STYLE: VIRTUAL ROMANCE

By Kate Fraize
Staff Writer

The recent flick, "You've Got Mail," starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan, a favorite on-screen couple since "Sleepless in Seattle," has us going ga-ga over virtual romances. Using on-line chat rooms has become one of the most convenient and popular ways to meet your soulmate. From old-fashioned romantics to sci-fi gurus there's a specific chat room for everyone. There are successful stories of marriage and unfortunately some cyber-psychos we would rather not mention.

According to Barry students some popular on-line services are Yahoo Chat and AOL Chat. Students seem to enjoy being able to meet people according to their interests and age, whether to chat as casual friends or romantic interests. Topics of discussion range from academics to the bizarre and unmentionable.

Sophomore music student, Anna (not her real name), finds chat rooms a relaxed and convenient approach to dating and meeting people in general.

"[Initially], in a way I was looking for someone, but mostly I was just looking for something to do while checking out AOL," said Anna. "It's great because you don't have to dress up, so it's not all looks, it's personality."

Anna chats regularly with a guy she met on Yahoo chat. She also warns to be careful about who you chat with.

"People are very willing to give you all kinds of information about themselves," she said. "Some are very desperate."

Junior pre-med student Chuck Raelle gives a male perspective when asked how he handles meeting women in chat rooms.

"I mostly chat with my friends at Michigan State and Duke," said Raelle. "But if a girl sounded nice, I'd ask how she looks. O"

Yet, Raelle said that he would not ask for a picture, he would keep it a blind date even though he seems a bit skeptical.

"My friend went to meet a girl he was chatting with and found that she grossly exaggerated about her looks," said Raelle with aggravation. "That is so wrong."

Although he's not a regular chatter, junior computer science student, Hashim Abdullah is more open-minded about finding that special someone in a chat room.

"Whatever works to meet people," said Abdullah. "You might actually open up more because you're not face to face with the person."

Junior marketing student, Jennifer Haz, said that while she doesn't have the time to utilize chat rooms, her 14-year-old brother actually lied about his age in order to chat with an 18-year-old Australian insomniac.

"I guess it worked out for them because of the time difference," said Haz, "I don't think the girl ever found out about his age."

While the advanced technology of chat rooms allows us to expand dating possibilities and meet people from all over the globe, one thing seems constant. People will still lie about their age and their looks just as they do over the phone. However, "strange weirdos" out there in cyberspace still pose a problem, so use caution.

Maria (not her real name), a freshman language major, agrees about using caution. She just ended a 2-month relationship with a guy she met in a Yahoo chat room.

"Be careful, I've met some real weirdos," she said. "Some of these people talk about strange things and you never know if they're telling the truth or not."

But, Maria claims that chat rooms aren't all bad.

"There are people that I probably wouldn't have gone out with if I hadn't chatted with them," she said.

Others seem to relay a positive experience. According to *The Miami Herald*, "the internet has spawned so much romance that people now want to get married via the Net." But this creates many legal problems that our legal system isn't ready to handle just yet.

Davie wedding coordinator, Karen Ann Emery, told the Herald that "chat rooms can play a part in future weddings without treading into murky legal territory."

Emery further explained that guests unable to attend can share a chat room and keep informed as an actual attendee logs on and explains the event. Also, the bride and groom can log on after the ceremony to talk with their guests. A virtual wedding reception! And no rice to clean from your keyboards.

TIPS FOR CHATTING

* Don't reveal too much about yourself the first time you chat with someone, especially your address and phone number.

* If you get a "bad vibe" and feel uncomfortable with the person, stop chatting with them. Chances are you're doing the right thing: Trust your instincts.

* If you plan to meet the person face to face be responsible:

* Pick a place that has lots of people like a restaurant, mall or public event. Never agree to go to the person's house on the first date.

* Meeting during daylight hours is best until you get to know the person.

* Take your own car and tell at least one person where you're going, with whom and how long you plan to be.

* You may want to suggest that you both take a friend and make it a group date.

* These tips may sound like advice your mother used to give you, but you don't want to become the headline news story on Channel 7 either.

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USING THE BODY AS A CANVAS

By Fitzgerald Scott
Staff Writer

Helen Bucelewicz already had a tongue ring and seven ear piercings before she and roommate Janell Gorzki went to get their first tattoo; she wants to eventually get three tattoos in all.

"As part of my Irish heritage I chose to get a shamrock (clover leaf) with my name in it on my upper arm," Bucelewicz said.

On the spur of the moment Bucelewicz, a freshman business management major, also replaced her tongue ring and got an eyebrow ring.

Gorzki, a marine biology major, was not too sure about getting more than one tattoo. She only has regular ear piercings.

"I wouldn't want to have to worry about how my tattoos look when I'm in my wedding dress someday but I've always wanted this one."

She chose to get a tattoo of an orca, symbolizing her love of marine animals, springing out of multicolored roses on the small of her back.

Another freshman, Venus Rodriguez, who already has several ear piercings has a to-do list of tattoos and piercings, which she intends to finish in the next year.



"I'd like to get a tribal or barbed wire design around my arm, a sun with gothic flames that says pleasure in Arabic in the middle, a belly button ring, a tongue ring, and an eyebrow ring," she said.

Almost everyone interviewed, said that getting a tattoo is no light matter. It has to be something that you plan to keep, and not part of a phase, they said. Most people reported that they had thought about it for a while.

In some cases people got their tat-

toos along with other family members or got tattoos that represented familial relationships. Lane Starratt's first tattoo experience is an example. He remembers his uncle took him along to get a tattoo when Starratt was 10. Lane now has three somewhat large tattoos and plans to get more.

Sophomore Tonika Dawson has one family tattoo, her tribal initials, among three others, including a dolphin, and a panther and its paw print. Ex-student Ryan Price also falls into this category. He wants to get his daughter Jasmine's

name tattooed in Japanese across his chest but is still thinking about it.

When asked about the social stigma of tattoos, most said that it did not really bother them. Most say they can hide their tattoos.

At least two interviewees spoke of tattooing or piercing as being addictive. Mark Rubinas, 21, said it was addictive. A fellow marine biology major, who has nipple, navel and tongue piercings gets a rush every time he gets a new piercing.

Body piercings are not as permanent as tattoos since some may reseal in a matter of hours, but they can be even more dangerous than tattoos.

Joy Hubert, a broadcast major, pointed out some problems and dangers with piercings. She has a tattoo which shows her love of music, placed at the nape of her neck so she can let down her hair to cover it.

"I decided to remove my tongue ring though because I sing and it's distracting," she said. She added that she almost had a much more distracting problem. After getting a rare piercing of her trachas (the cartilaginous bump to the front of the ear), she was informed that, had the piercer cut a certain nerve, she could have gone blind in one eye.

All in the name of body art.

TANTRA: VALENTINE'S DAY HOT SPOT

By Kate Fraize
Staff Writer

Incense of jasmine lightly lingers. An unexpected crunch draws attention to the floor where newly mown grass replaces tile. A 12-foot wall of stone, positioned near the entrance, sends a constant sheet of water free falling into a trough below. Maroon and black velvet drapery and sultry love seats enhance the mystique for what awaits behind the cordial hostess. After entering Tantra's main dining area you feel you've been invited to a dinner party at someone's lavish boudoir. At every table, ivory votive candles flicker their seductive heat. There are erotic paintings, middle-eastern style sculptures, and even more velvet drapery. Traditional booth style seating is transformed into cushiony enclaves.

With an average of 250 reservations a night on the weekends, Tantra has become the recent dining attraction in Miami's Art Deco District. Executive Chef Michelle Bernstein takes advantage of a seductive atmosphere to complement her inventive and indulgent menu of passion foods. Rarely have these two elements fused so captivatingly in a fine dining establishment.

Incognito waitstaff in black are swift to fill water glasses, while the main server demonstrates knowledge of the chef's specials and promptly answers questions regarding other menu items, including the comments on the aphro-

disiac effects of the entrees. According to the menu, "game has been considered an aphrodisiac throughout history...foie gras was a favorite seduction tool of Cassanova...and saffron should cause virtual paroxysms of passion".

After a Tantra experience, there is no denying your senses will awaken from a culinary coma. Cuisine is generally French and Mediterranean with Asian and Middle-Eastern accents along with Bernstein's own Latino twist. A Latin sofrito of smoked apple bacon, red, yellow and green peppers, habanero pepper, lobster stock, garlic, saffron, lime, and cilantro replaces the classical French bouillabaisse, and is aptly named Michelle's Bouillabaisse. Its assortment of clams, scallops, shrimp, yellowtail snapper, calamari and sweet lobster tail chunks drenched in heavy cream, butter and Spanish sherry puree is more than a satisfying portion.

A popular appetizer, the foie gras (Canadian goose liver) is delicately seared so the piercing of a fork reveals its full-flavored creamy texture. A fruity contrast of figs, kiwi, plums, passion fruit, star fruit and mangos caramelized in sugar, cinnamon, cloves, and champagne, serves as a succulent, original complement.

For the sea-faring diner, the Tantra Platter offers a delightful sampling of oceanic treasures. Behold cold jumbo shrimp, raw oysters, eel strips with a flaky consistency and spare-rib like flavor and bright orange sea urchin

draped over sticky Thai rice with a dot of wasabi. The sea urchin's frosting-like texture and distinct fishy flavor definitely takes some getting used to, so beware if you don't eat everything on the plate. You may be left pining for dessert.

Also, choosing an appetizer in lieu of a full entrée is not recommended for the hungry. As appetizers should be, they are light, tasty samplings of quality fare.

A satisfying main course is the orange blossom duck. Slightly pink and moist roasted duck is served over the sweetest whipped Peruvian purple potatoes, and dressed with a light citrus and fig glaze.

Chilean sea bass with seared foie gras is a peculiar but tasty combination. The fillets are seared with olive oil and salt and pepper and served with pinot noir wine sauce. Pinot noir wine combined with shallots, purple mustard, and aged red wine vinegar, is heated with butter to create a creamy, light sauce garnished with champagne grapes.

If you're not tantalized by the exotic, you can opt for Bernstein's rendition of chicken, prime rib, or vegetarian dishes all prepared with either French, Middle-Eastern, or Latin influences.

But, be warned and call ahead to make sure your favorites are offered. The menu changes frequently.

At midnight, Tantra evolves into a

nightclub. A DJ adjusts the volume of the music and belly dancers saunter into the morning hours. A small lounge for intimate gatherings is furnished with plush couches and pillows, deep shaded tapestries, and coffee tables. An ideal spot to share a two foot Indian water pipe; available from servers for \$20 with your choice of apple or cherry tobacco.

Though expensive, Tantra is an ideal place to experience new foods and celebrate any special occasion.

Tantra

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Phone: 305-672-4765

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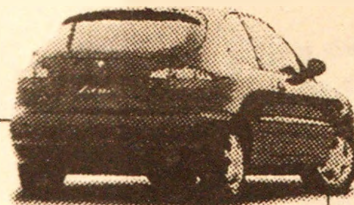
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Service: Outstanding--prompt and friendly

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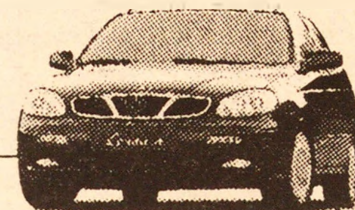
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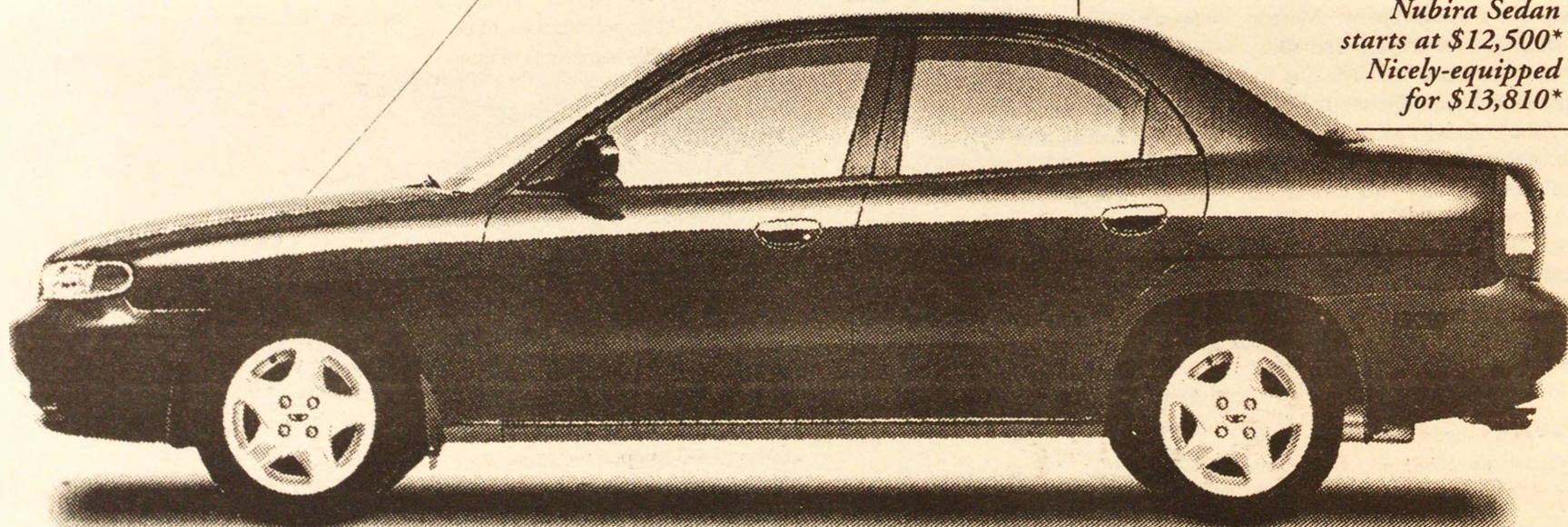
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EXPERIENCED PLAYERS RETURN FOR MUCH-ANTICIPATED SEASON

By Steve Conklin
Sports Editor

With 12 returning starters, there is nothing but improvement in the future for this year's softball team that went to the national championship a year ago.

The Buccaneers advanced to the NCAA championship last spring for the second time in school history, falling 2-1 to defending national champion California (PA) in the title game.

Making it to the championship is now not such a far-fetched goal for the club this season.

"Although we have to work harder this year because every team is coming to get us, I have confidence that we can go to the championship again," pitcher Lindsay Anderson said.

Head Coach Lisa Navas feels just as assured as the players do about being successive again this season.

"Having the unity that this team has, we will go very far once again," Navas said.

Navas picked up her 250th career win at Barry in the NCAA South Region championship game vs. West Florida. In her eighth season at Barry, she has guided the Buccaneers to post-season play four times.

The club only lost one starter, outfielder Kristi Stockton, to graduation, so the experience of the players is a great asset this season.

"You can't coach experience," coach Navas said. "Everyone on this team knows how to get to the championship."

One newcomer, junior Tayna Catalonotte from Glendale, Ariz., notices the same style in coaching from Navas that she has seen in the past.

"I am very comfortable with coach Navas as I have been with coaches in the past," Catalonotte said. "She is there for you, on and off the field."

Sophomore pitcher/designated player Stephanie Caldwell earned All-America honors last season. She is the seventh Barry softball player to earn such honors. Caldwell's teammates appreciate her commitment to the team.

"Stephanie is an all-around great player," infielder Laura Broderick said. "She comes through and works very hard."

The Buccaneers have one of the best defensive infields in the country, including sophomore catcher Denise Pressey, senior first basemen Jennifer Felipe, senior second basemen Laura Broderick, senior third basemen Stacey Johnson, and sophomore shortstop Cindi Perantoni.

"Our infield has been together for 2-4 years, so we know what each can do," Broderick said.

Even though the Bucs have many returning starters, other teams in the Sunshine State Conference will be solid this season.

"Florida Southern has won the Sun-



Starter Lindsey Anderson looks to pitch Bucs to a return to last year's greatness.

shine State Conference game for the past 15-16 years in a row, so they are always a team to watch for," coach Navas said. "St. Leo's, Florida Tech, and Rollins College will also be strong this year as well."

The Buccaneers will be a feared team this season and should be nationally noticed. The players know it is going to take hard work and determination to go back to where they were last season.

"We know what we have to do to make it work," Broderick said.

"If we do that we will do fine,"

BUCS' BASEBALL: WE'RE THE REAL DEAL

By Aaron Krause
News Editor

Last year, they made the experts eat their words. Picked to finish dead last, the Barry Buccaneer Baseball team played in Regionals for the first time in school history, and came within one game of the world series.

Baseball Coach Chris Cafalone, however, believes the skeptics are still out there.

"Everybody is going to come at us," Coach Chris Cafalone said. "They want to prove that last year was a fluke."

Last year, the Buccaneers compiled

a 38-20 record, and came within one game of the World Series. In a season in which the Buccaneers were picked to finish dead last, Barry tied the school mark for most wins, and played in the NCAA South Regionals for the first time.

"I think last year we proved the games are won and lost on the field, not on paper," he said.

Senior catcher Mike Newman believes the team is poised to have another stellar season, possibly culminating with a World Series appearance.

"There's nowhere to go but up," he said, adding that the team is not out to prove anything to anybody.

"The motivation should come from within at this level," Newman said.

Last year, the Buccaneers were plenty motivated...and confident. Barry registered 16 come-from-behind wins, many of them after trailing in the 7th inning.

"We're very confident in our ability to hit the baseball on offense," Newman said. "We don't feel any lead is insurmountable."

The Buccaneers will face the University of Tampa, winners of the world series last year. Barry had some success against Tampa in 1998, taking two out of three in a series late in the season. But Tampa routed Barry 13-0 in the Sunshine State Conference Championship game, which kept the Buccaneers out of the World Series.

The Buccaneers fell to the University of Miami 8-3 to open the season, but will be able to test their skills against Cornell, another Division I team, on March 24. Although the pitching staff will lack experience, Cafalone has high hopes for the newcomers.

"We have some really great young arms on the team," he said. "We're hoping some of the younger guys can step in and do a good job."

Jason Cassisi, a junior right fielder, said that respect will come in time, but he's confident about one thing.

"I definitely think [this year's team] is going to be better than last year's team," he said.

Sports Schedules

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 3	at Rollins	7:30 pm
Feb. 6	FLORIDA TECH	7:30 pm
Feb. 10	at St. Leo	7:30 pm
Feb. 13	ECKERD	7:30 pm
Feb. 15	at Tampa	7:30 pm
Feb. 18	FLORIDA SOU.	7:30 pm

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 3	at Rollins	5:30 pm
Feb. 6	FLORIDA TECH	5:30 pm
Feb. 10	at St. Leo	5:30 pm
Feb. 13	ECKERD	5:30 pm
Feb. 15	at Tampa	5:30 pm
Feb. 18	FLORIDA SOU	5:30 pm

SOFTBALL

Feb. 17	NOVA SE	2:45 pm
Feb. 20	TAMPA	1 pm
Feb. 26	at North Florida	
	Tournament (Jacksonville)	

BASEBALL

Feb. 3	NOVA SE	2:30 pm
Feb. 5-7	USC-AIKEN (2)	1 pm
Feb. 9	PALM BEACH ATL.	2:30 pm
Feb. 10	at Nova SE	7 pm
Feb. 12	BARRY INVITATIONAL	
	at Delray Beach	
Feb. 16	ST. THOMAS	2:30 pm
Feb. 19	at Florida Tech	3 pm
Feb. 20	at Florida Tech	1 pm
Feb. 21	at Florida Tech	1 pm
Feb. 23	at St. Thomas	7 pm
Feb. 27	at St. Leo	7 pm
Feb. 28	at St. Leo	1 pm

WOMEN'S GOLF

Feb. 19	Dual match vs. Daytona Beach Community College	
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MEN'S TENNIS

Feb. 2	at Lynn	2 pm
Feb. 10	WEBBER COL.	3 pm
Feb. 11	MOREHOUSE	2 pm
Feb. 20	at St. Leo	1 pm
Feb. 27	ROLLINS	11 am

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Feb. 4	LYNN	3 pm
Feb. 10	WEBBER COL.	3 pm
Feb. 12	FLORIDA SOU.	3 pm
Feb. 20	at St. Leo	10 am
	at Tampa	3 pm
Feb. 24	North Florida @ Melbourne	2 pm
Feb. 28	ROLLINS	11 am

Bucnotes

- Senior guard Cliff DuBois broke the Sunshine State Conference career three-point record set by Rollins Daniel Parke who had 274.
- Barry Baseball is ranked 21st in the country in the NCAA II pre-season poll.
- Junior center Angie Williams was named Sunshine State Conference Athlete-of-the-month for December. Williams currently averages 20.4 points per game, 10.7 rebounds per game, and is 65.7% from the field. Williams also became Barry's all-time leading scorer on Jan. 6. She broke the record set by Mary Schaeffer of 1,102 in 1993.
- Jeff O'Neil, head athletic trainer at Barry University, has been selected by the U.S. Olympic Committee to work at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., this coming summer.

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