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Barry life in a wheelchair

By Laura Sosa
Layout Editor

Barry is not the most accessible campus for students who use wheelchairs, admits Laura Amor, director of disability services. Three buildings cannot accommodate wheelchairs, and only one dorm room on campus is prepared to house a student with a disability.

Yet the number of Barry students using wheelchairs seems to be growing. Junior Franca Pernice is among 10 this semester.

Pernice, who is majoring in special education, has used a wheelchair since she was 7. This is Pernice's first semester at Barry, after transferring from Broward Community College. While individual attention does make Barry much more accommodating than BCC, Pernice said that other details could make the campus friendlier for all students.

"It is the little things that make all the difference," Pernice said.

Wheelchairs are made in a variety of sizes, so what is accessible to one student may not be accessible to others, she said.

The bathrooms, although handi-



Franca Pernice values the improvements made for students on wheelchairs.

cap-accessible, are not wide enough for all wheelchairs. And the bathrooms are also too small for another person who may need to help a person in a wheelchair. Few classrooms on campus have tables that allow students in a wheelchair to write. Instead

most classrooms have desks. The benches outside Thompson Hall are uncomfortable for someone who uses a wheelchair.

Pernice said she often has to wait until a considerate student opens a

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Barry loses beloved "Doc" Wanko

Thousands of Barry University students—past and present—have lost a trusted administrative ally and a good friend. Dr. George J. Wanko, 62, senior vice president for Student Services and professor of education, died Sunday morning.

Affectionately known to students simply as "Doc," he helped welcome 34 incoming freshmen classes, the first 12 at The Catholic University of

America, and the past 22 at Barry. His signature style was one of complete approachability—Management by Walking Around with a broad smile, warm voice, and relaxed style that told stu-



dents he wanted to help them.

They gave him voluminous opportunities. "It was so amazing to see how he could work his magic," recalled Sal Blandino '87, MS '92. "He was always there—whether it was helping a student cut through bureaucratic red tape to register for classes or passing out meal tickets to students who couldn't afford to eat."

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Policy leaves students *not* holding the bag

By Amitra S. Collett
Staff Writer

The Marriott dining hall staff has recently begun enforcing a policy asking students to leave their book bags at the front door before entering. This follows an increase of incidents where students have used their book bags to sneak out food, said Food Services Director Barry Frieser.

The policy has always existed, but staff has not requested it until this semester, he said. However, enforcement has left many students concerned about the safety of their personal items.

"I should not have to leave my bag at the counter, if the dining hall is not going to be held accountable for any missing items," said Barry student Simone Wellington.

Leaving your book bag at the door is not mandatory, according to Frieser. Workers simply make the request to reduce the occurrences of theft.

Theft has increased dramatically this semester, he said. "We have been going above and beyond to offer students a variety of foods and they have been saying thank you by taking it," Frieser said. Barry students are allowed to consume all they can eat while there.

But, as with any other all-you-can-eat facility, taking food out is prohibited.

Not all agree. "I should be able to take my food out if I don't want to eat here," said Barry student Princess McBean.

While students are requested to leave their book bags at the door, some students have reported seeing some Barry employees eat there without paying. "I have seen security guards



Photo by Eviana Payne

on many occasions entering the dining hall for dinner and not pay," said junior Juelis Christian.

Frieser disagrees. Just like students, employees must pay to eat in the dining hall, according to Frieser. He said he would speak to his staff and the head of security to ensure this does not happen in the future. Theresa Moorehead, Co-Manager of Business Services said that students who see this occurring should report it to a supervisor.

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Editor's Note

By Diana Marrero
Editor in Chief

This column is not going to be an endless babble on how the year two thousand has become a shameless marketing ploy (even though I've seen the word "millennium" linked to the word "casket," as in funeral).



I'm also not going to try to convince anyone that the millennium will actually take place next year, that it already happened because of an early calendar miscalculation or that it won't be the second millenium for the vast majority of the earth's population.

My very own Y2K spiel has to do with the invention of the post-it note. Yes, you heard right. Oh, and did I mention the tension in Kosovo? Humanity has progressed immensely in the last few years. We traveled to the moon, received 3-D images of Mars, and taken a photo of a planet millions of miles away on another solar system.

We can track hurricanes, fly to Timbuktu, communicate with family members across time zones and don't even have to go to the bank to get cash. We probably couldn't even imagine living without air-conditioning, cell phones, microwaves, e-mail or TVs. Even those colorful Post-it Notes have found a dear place in our hearts.

It's a shame we've managed to find a vaccine for polio, completely eradicated small pox, yet can't seem to find a cure for hate. At its worst, hate still haunts us in the images of the Holocaust: a couple thousand pairs of shoes piled high, buildings emitting puffs of smoke, naked, bony children. Or in the image of a 10-story shrine made up of skulls, remnants of the senseless murders by the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia.

It festers on web pages of small, lonely people who live in a virtual world. It hangs in the air as ethnic tensions in Kosovo, Africa, Chechnya ... It lingers in the form of a burqa, a full-length garb which covers every inch of skin, imposed on Afghanistan women.

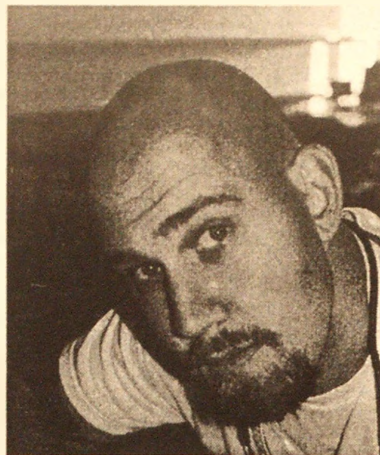
The United States itself is not immune to hate, although we pride ourselves in our highly civilized society. It takes the shape of the bullets sprayed in schools across the country. It grows even in the smallest gestures such as an added 15 percent gratuity "for the convenience" of black people, who according to Hiromi "Toni" Takarada "don't tip well."

It is cultivated in the minds of minority girls who play with beautiful white Barbies who just don't look like them. It shatters the souls of the thousands of women raped each year. It lives in the heart of two Texas men, who dragged James Byrd Jr. to death simply because he was black ...

As you wait for the clock to strike midnight while dancing the time away or with eyes glued to the tube, impatiently waiting for the crystal ball to drop in the Big Apple, rejoice, be carefree. You've lived yet another year at the top of the food chain. But it wouldn't hurt if maybe, a few days later, our thoughts turned to all the problems we still have not resolved. As a new year's resolution, we could decide to advance humanity just an inch, not with the latest gadget, but with very simple gestures of kindness and a bit of tolerance.

What do you think or feel about the new millennium? Are you afraid?

Photos by Eviana Payne
Staff Photographer



I have no fear of the new millennium. When I was a kid, I couldn't even imagine that I would be 28, when the year 2000 came around. Now here it is and here I am. My fiancée's father has stockpiled fuel, food and water. He is prepared! I, too, am prepared. I assume the world will continue to turn, the sun will still come up, and the wind will still blow.

Brian Ewomble
Photography, Transferred



I think the millennium is going to be a big step for the world because things are going to change. However, I do think those changes are going to be based on technology and progress, more then on natural changes. The new millenium is going to be a normal day for me, I do not think it is the end of the world.

Marlei Pimentel
Photography, Sophomore



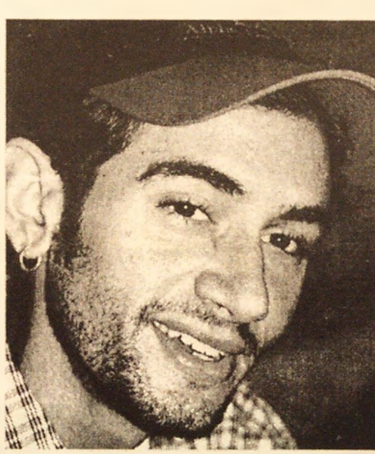
I believe that most of the people afraid of the new millennium are afraid because they are not educated about the probable risks. Mostly, there is a lot of hype and supposition which leads to anxiety collectively. I do not believe that bank accounts will be set to zero, plane will crash, the GPS will be altered, or money markets manipulated more than in the past.

Ronald Whitehall
Undecided, Sophomore



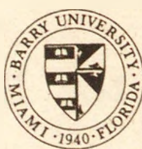
I am extremely excited about the year 2000. The new millennium is like the shedding of a new skin. New and exciting things are happening in my life and in the world around me. I do think I can wait one more month.

Gretchen Leigh
Photography, Senior



I do not think that a new millennium will bring a lot of changes. It is just another year and things will be the same.

Lui Jarvis
Barry Alumnus



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News Section

Dropouts forced to repay Pell Grants

By Leanna Rodriguez
News Editor

Students receiving Pell Grants who drop out mid-semester will be forced to pay back a certain percentage of the unused money to the government.

This ruling, published in the *Federal Register*, which will take effect July 1, 2000.

Critics are calling this new rule unfair because Federal Pell grants are need-based (financially). Under normal circumstances, when a student completes the semester, the money doesn't have to be paid back.

But under this new ruling, a complicated formula will be used by the financial aid department to determine how much, if any, money will have to be repaid by those who drop out. Once a student is notified, he or she will have 45 days to repay the money or agree on a payment plan. That student also will be ineligible for further federal money until the debt is paid off.

The new ruling will not affect students at Barry because the tuition at Barry exceeds that of state and community colleges, according to Dart Humeston and Celia Melis from Barry's financial aid department. The Pell grant

will have been used by the time a student drops out, leaving no unused money to be repaid.

At a community or state college, the Pell Grant money is used not only for tuition but also for books and living expenses. When a student drops out, he or she has money left over because of the extra money given for living expenses, such as transportation.

Other new regulations will take effect on July 1, Humeston said, that will affect financial aid for college students around the country.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, for example, will ask students if they have ever been convicted of a drug-related crime. One problem, he says, is that the wording of the question is confusing. Some may mark yes even if the correct answer is no.

You can contact Barry's financial aid department (305) 899-3673 if you have any questions about these or other changes. Or you can check out the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) Federal Monitor web site at <http://www.nasfaa.org> or the Student Aid Alliance web site at <http://www.studentaidalliance.org>.

Inducted into Hall of Fame

Governor Jeb Bush selected Barry President Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin OP, Ph.D., as one of this year's three inductees to the Florida Women's Hall of Fame.

Sharing this honor with O'Laughlin are tennis legend Althea Gibson, and Dessie Smith Prescott, a pioneer environmentalist who was the inspiration for the Pulitzer-Prize winning book *The Yearling*. The honor-



ees were chosen from a list of 10 names submitted by the Florida Commission on the Status of Women.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held Nov. 15 at the Capitol Rotunda in Tallahassee.

Scholarship for business students

The Andreas School of Business is inviting business students to apply for the Dr. Lloyd Elgart Memorial Scholarship. The minimum award of \$2,000 will be donated by friends and colleagues of Elgart who served at Barry as a faculty member, administrator, and friend of the university.

Students who wish to apply must

be either a sophomore or junior with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Students must write a four to five page essay entitled "Getting an Education Has Not Been Easy." It must be typed and double-spaced. A brief resume should also be submitted.

Applications can be picked up from Delphine Johnson in the Dean's office. All applications must be received by March 13, 2000.

Bed race 1999



Bucky takes some down time on top of a bed used for racing.

Student organization council, a voice for student groups

By Kate Fraize
News Editor

A new branch of SGA, the Student Organizational Council (SOC) has officially assembled this semester. According to the council advisor and assistant director of student activities, Jay Gannon, SOC was created to address the specific needs of all student organizations on campus.

"Before, each organization would send a representative to SGA meetings, but issues like food service and problems in the residence halls would come up and not much would pertain to student organizations," said Gannon.

Student representatives from various groups have devised a constitution and are ready to address issues like office space availability, fax and

copy machine access, and team building and leadership activities. Gannon hopes that SOC can oversee the activities fair every fall and maybe even create a student organization awards banquet to recognize outstanding members of the various groups.

"This is a great opportunity for communication among the groups," said Gannon.

There are over 60 organizations on campus, all of which must be registered with the Office of Student Activities. SOC will meet bi-weekly. It is mandatory for a student representative from each organization to attend those meetings in order to be able to request funds from SGA. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 3pm. Please call the Office of Student Activities if your group has not yet sent a representative.

Doc Wanko

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"Getting involved with students was his passion," said Mark Fedeli, a recent Barry graduate now working for the Fedelis Group in Gaithersburg, Md. "That is why I love him and that is why so many others love him as well."

Almost 25,000 of Barry's 30,000 alumni have graduated from Barry during Wanko's watch. He served as mentor to many, often giving them his own money, finding new scholarship funding, part-time jobs—whatever it took to keep them in school.

"I never once worried about our students, when they were in Dr. Wanko's care," Sr. Jeanne O'Laughlin, president of Barry. "Students always came first in his life. He was a great member of our administrative team."

For 20 years he served as adviser to the Student Government Association, recently helping to provide scholarships for top SGA officers. His work in bringing Alpha Delta Gamma to Barry earned him an honorary alumnus status from the fraternity.

Wanko, who earned an MS in Education from Syracuse University, also was an educator. At Barry he helped establish a master's program in higher education administration, later serving as coordinator for the MS program and Ph.D. specialization in the Leadership in Education degree.

Despite a productive career, Wanko remained very down to earth, given to a wry wisecrack, a warm reassurance, or a gentle nudge, often delivered with his signature—one raised eyebrow.

"He's been most effective when leading by example," Blandino said. That even applied to one of his imperfections. One might question Wanko, for instance, on why his filing system usually consisted of various five-pound stacks of multi-colored paper.

"It makes students feel comfortable," Wanko often said. "It reminds them of their room." And, despite the perceived chaos, he never failed to find just the paper he needed.

"He had a knack for relating to students," said Sister Peggy Albert, assistant president at Barry who worked with Wanko in student services for years. "He could be a pal, a confidante, and yet gain respect from students and teach them to respect themselves."

"He took great joy in the success of others, particularly the students," said Jean Hock, a former mentee who is now assistant director of residential life at Barry. "His greatest legacy is that the thousands of students he has touched will pass on the gift he offered to us."

Michael Griffin, Barry's acting vice president for student services, agrees: "In addition to students, staff in our division also lost a great friend. He mentored many of us and I hope we can continue to live out what he taught us."

Born Feb. 27, 1937, in Drums, Pa., Dr. Wanko earned his BA at Penn State University, his MS at Syracuse University and his Ph.D. at The Catholic University of America.

Barry University was to hold three services this week at Cor Jesu Chapel (11300 NE 2nd Ave.) to honor Wanko: A wake on Tuesday 4-6 p.m., followed by 6 p.m. prayer service, and 12 Noon funeral Mass Wednesday.

Even in failing health this past year, he continued to give back to Barry students. Dr. Wanko matched a \$20,000 annual fund gift from faculty and staff members that will establish scholarship for students.

In lieu of flowers, contributions still can be made to the George Wanko Scholarship Fund at Barry University. Just as he would have wanted.

DECEMBER EVENTS

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CAB's Winter Semi-Formal

Sunday, Dec. 5:
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Monday, Dec. 13 through Friday Dec. 17:
Final Exams



Gambling your life away

By Dino Lacapra
Staff Writer

It has been around since the beginning of time, making and breaking people of all types. Gambling, hobby for some, can be a sickness for others. Reports indicate that it is running wild on college campuses around the nation. Students, ranging from athletes to bookworms, are gambling to earn an extra dollar or receive an unnatural high.

At Barry University, I approached two students about gambling. J.J. (not his name) said his father introduced him to gambling at the age of 14. Fantasy Football is J.J.'s preferred gambling activity. Every Thursday he and his father pick players from various teams, whom they predict will perform well on Sunday.

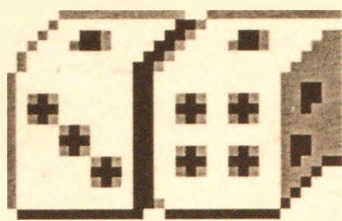
For J.J., Thursday night is not reserved for last minute studying or a venture out to a local pub. He's busy scouting and reviewing players and their performance in the past week, J.J. said. If his players gain more yards or throw more touchdowns, or score more sacks, J.J. can clean up. He knows the opposite is true too.

Fantasy Football actually can be played—for fun—on such Internet sites as Yahoo! or ESPN, but those are only meant to be a game. Many people have upped the stakes in this game with money. Now they use it as a regular way to gamble.

Gambling is not a consuming activity for J.J. but more for entertainment, he said.

"It gives me a rush because there is money on the line," he said.

Kevin (also not his name), a Barry



athlete, said he started gambling at the age of 6 in the schoolyard. Marbles was the game of choice. He did not gamble for money but for the right to keep and take marbles.

Now 19, Kevin gambles about five times a month on any event that catches his attention. The most he has ever gambled at one time was \$250, in \$100-dollar blackjack hands at Las Vegas. Kevin has had lucky moments, winning \$2,600 in one sitting. He also has lost \$600 in one evening as well. He admits that he loses more than he wins on a regular basis.

I keep on going back because I think to myself 'this is it, I'm going to win the big one,'" he said.

Many experts would argue that gambling can be as addicting as smoking, alcohol or other drugs. Around the world, gambling addicts blow fortunes, ruining families, critics argue. What's worse, gamblers may have brushes with organized crime, including bookies and the none-too-pleasant collectors who come to settle a gambling debt.

Be careful you have enough money to pay, because not having enough is never a valid excuse. Unfortunately, as the two Barry gambling students and many other will attest, none of that rushes through your head when you see visions of that big strike so close.

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door for her because there are not enough electronic doors on campus.

When she transferred to Barry, she planned to major in Psychology. All of her classes were in the first floor of the library, not easily accessible. Although the library has an elevator inside, getting inside is a different story, requiring special access through Lehman. She changed her major to special education, and now no longer has to worry about that.

Amor said that in the past Barry has made changes to the buildings on an "as-needed basis." But Pernice said that by creating special accommodations for students, they may feel they are being singled out.

"The wheelchair is part of me, it is not who I am," Pernice said. "I want to get to a point where there is no difference. My legs are in rubber, yours are in flesh."

Barry is working on making the campus more comfortable for all students, Amor said. Every building in the plans for Barry's new construction will be wheelchair accessible.

"We are committed to providing services to students with disabilities," Amor said.

During her time at Barry, Pernice said she has not run into any major obstacles. She said she deals with any inconveniences as she encounters them, adding that her laid-back attitude helps her deal with problems. Pernice said that although she is grateful for the improvements on campus for students in wheelchairs, she is annoyed with one thing: In Thompson Hall the wheelchair ramp and the electronic doors are on opposite sides.

Again, she notes, it's the little things.

Student loan exit interviews

We'd like to make a correction regarding the financial aid announcement that ran in last month's issue. The mandatory financial aid sessions are only for graduating students who have student loans. The sessions are **not** for everyone with student loans, **only** graduating students.

All graduating students who have student loans are required to attend a Student Loan Exit Interview prior to graduation.

Please make sure you attend one

of the following sessions. No appointment is necessary.

Sessions will be held in the Financial Aid Conference Room in Kelley House until Dec. 8. There will be two workshops daily, every:

Tuesday at 12 and 1 p.m.

Wednesday at 2 and 3 p.m.

If you cannot attend you may complete your interview online at www.barry.edu. Click on the **Financial Aid Section** and scroll down to **Student Loan Counseling**.

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Pass the veggies

By Mirasol Perez
Staff Writer

Junior Alina Hevia is among a growing number of college students who are vegetarians. For Hevia, it was not really a choice she made in college, but something she grew up with.

"I was born and raised a vegetarian," said Hevia, who is a musical theater and English major. "I think my parents started eating that way because of health reasons."

Not all vegetarians eat equally. Some can be vegans, the strictest kind of vegetarian who only eats plant products. No meat, dairy or fish products will touch their plate. Some can be lactovegetarians, who eat dairy products, but no eggs, meat, or fish. Ovolactovegetarians include both eggs and dairy products but no meat or fish. And then there are fruitarians, who eat only raw fruits and sometimes supplement their diet with vegetables and nuts.

In all cases a meatless diet may protect you from diseases or problems that derive from poor eating habits. Vegetarians have the benefits of a low fat, high fiber, vitamin rich diet that can reduce the risk of heart disease.

Yet, vegetarians need to make sure they get enough protein in their diet. Hevia said she eats more complex proteins such as tofu, nuts and beans.

"Cheese and bread is a protein," Hevia offers as another example. "And I have tofu just about every day. It's a food you can change around a lot."

Some vegetarians choose their



Photo by Eviana Payne

Alina Hevia prefers vegies to meat.

diet because of their morals. Those who believe in Hinduism don't eat red meat because they believe that the cow is a sacred animal. Others do not eat meat or fish because of ethical concerns for animals.

Hevia said some people think it is strange that she is a vegetarian, but she finds the concept of eating animals even more bizarre. Of course, growing up with such a diet has given her time to adjust.

"When I was a kid, it was really hard," she said. "Going to Burger King was impossible, and no restaurant had vegetarian dishes. If you asked for a vegetarian Whopper they would look at you like you had horns growing out of your head. Now lots of restaurants offer healthy alternatives. It's gotten a lot easier."

The World Is Not Enough 007

By Christopher De Stefano
Staff Writer

The name is Bond...James Bond. With the new millennium upon us, this marks Pierce Brosnan's third time out as Secret Agent 007 in the 19th Bond movie, **THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH**. Terrorists murder oil tycoon Sir Robert King (a friend of "M") at M.I.6., the British counterintelligence agency Headquarters in London. 007 steps in for his assignment, shadow operation: to find King's murderer and to protect his daughter Elektra.

T.W.I.N.E. is a danger filled mission for James Bond 007 for which the double "0" means he has a licence to kill when he chooses...where he chooses...and whom he chooses! By land, sea and air...this Bond adventure has it all...or does it? This Bond movie is not like any other 007 film that you or I have ever seen...well almost. Enter the "Q-Boat"...Bond uses this boat to identify a woman assassin on the River Thames and the new BMW Z8 to help stop two chain-cutting helicopters from cutting him to pieces in Turkey. In the snowy Caucasus mountains Bond and Elektra escape an aerial attack on skies and an avalanche by the skin of their teeth. This leads Bond to Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan in the Caspian Sea. Unlike any Bond film before, 007 discovers that the alluring Elektra King is in league with the Russian terrorist Renard.

The plot thickens when a nuclear

bomb is on a submarine heading off to the coast of Bosphorus Strait. If the bomb goes off, Elektra would then be empowered to monopolize the sea oil prices to the west. To help Bond defuse the bomb, he relies on a beautiful nuclear weapons expert, Dr. Christmas Jones for the job. In addition for support in taking down Renard and Elektra, Bond also recruits an old Russian friend of his, Valentin Zukovsky (from **GOLDENEYE**).

Producers Michael G. Wilson and Barbara Broccoli began shooting all over the world in exotic locations of England, Spain, France and Turkey for their late-father's company, **Albert R. Broccoli's EON Productions**. Michael Apted (*Nell*, *Gorillas in the Mist*), a Briton directs this film and has featured the best performers of today's industry's actor and actress: Brosnan, who play Bond, Sophie Marceau (*Braveheart*) is the billionaire Elektra King, Robert Carlyle plays the villain Renard (*Trainspotting*) Denise Richards (*Wild Things*) who eases in the role of Dr. Christmas Jones, Robbie Coltrane returns as Valentin Zukovsky, Samantha Bond as the non-aging Miss Money Penny, Desmond Llewelyn as the forever aging "Q", his assistant "R" played by veteran actor John Cleese and Academy Award Winner (*Shakespeare In Love*) Dame Judi Dench as "M".

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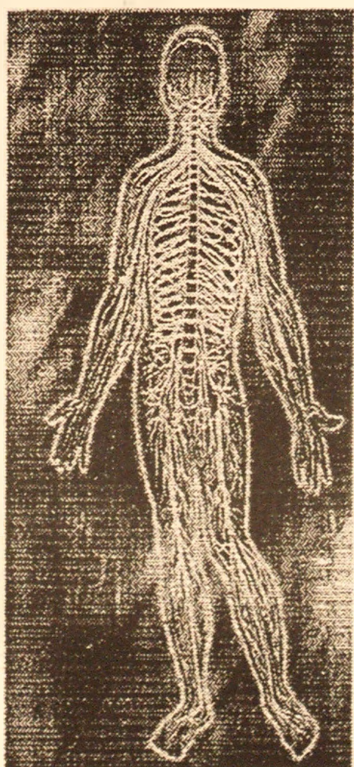
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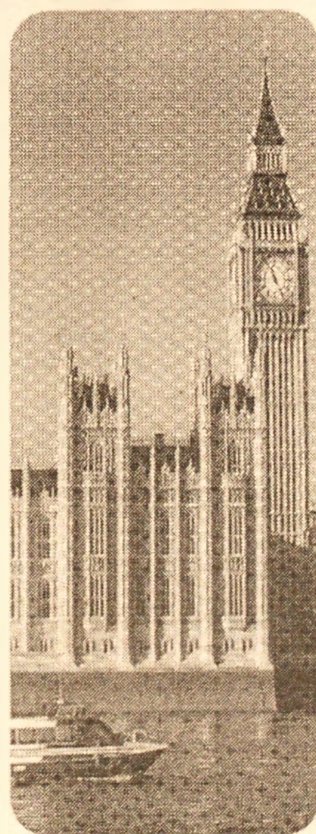


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By Steve Conklin
Sports Editor

The Barry University men's basketball program looks to pick up where they ended last season, 8-1 in the final nine games, and the Sunshine State Conference's hottest team. The team returns nine lettermen from the 17-11 squad from a year ago, Barry's seventh straight winning season.

Providing senior leadership for the Buccaneers are captains Robert Montes, B.J. Hill, and Nick Feranec. Also providing experience is sophomore Yorell Calderon, who led the team last year with 89 assists.

FRONTCOURT

The frontcourt possesses great depth for the Buccaneers, with five quality post players. Leading the way is **Mark Thomas** who is the inside presence that led the team in blocks last season with 27. **Lico Abad** is the workhorse of the group and could step-up as one of the team's top offensive presence. Seniors **Nick Feranec** and swingman **B.J. Hill** provide the four-year lettermen experience and versatility for the frontcourt. Junior **Elreo Williamson** has the relentless competitor mentality to wear-out opposing frontcourts once again this season. Newcomers **Travon Broadway** and **Luis Vasquez-Bello** add depth to an already solid frontcourt. Broadway is a transfer from Division I South Alabama and Vasquez-Bello is a freshman from Columbus High School in Miami. Due to a broken foot injury, center Peter Riggs will be out for the season and will opt for a red-shirt season.

BACKCOURT

The backcourt is formed around **Yorell Calderon** and brothers **George** and **Robert Montes**. Calderon was not only the leader in assists for the team last season, but also can score from either of the two guard positions. George Montes was last-season's top newcomer to the team and his courage was evident when he was not afraid to take the big shot in the big games. Robert Montes is the lone senior leader in the backcourt and offers talented defensive skillfulness. Redshirt sophomores **Rafael Contreras**, **Nick Spanos**, and reshifted newcomer from last season, **Jason Basso**, rounds out the frontcourt.

SCHEDULE

The Buccaneers play a challenging 30-game schedule with 14 of those games in Barry's Health and Sports Center. The Bucs open the regular season at Nova Southeastern. Barry then hosts the eighth annual Holiday Hoopla Classic November 26 and 27. Barry will face Morris Brown (GA), University of Indianapolis, and arch-rivals Lynn University.

Other key non-conference games include the Sodexo Marriot Classic in Charlotte, North Carolina December 2-4, where the Bucs will play Lenior-Rhyne (NC). The schedule will also feature St. Anselm (NH) and Massachusettes-Lowell.

After the holiday break, the Buccaneers will play their last 14 games in conference, leading up to the Sunshine State Conference Tournament on February 27-29 in Lakeland, Florida.



the leadership skills needed for the Bucs to shine this season.

Key Returning Players (5)

Class	Hgt	Wg	Pos
Lico Abad	Jr	6-7	245 C/F
Yorell Calderon	So	5-11	165 G
B.J. Hill	Sr	6-4	195 G/F
George Montes	Jr	6-1	185 G
Mark Thomas	Jr	6-8	230 F/C

Other Returning Players (5)

Class	Hgt	Wgt	Pos
Rafael Contreras	Jr	6-2	175 G
Nick Feranec	Sr	6-4	210 F
Robert Montes	Sr	6-0	195 G
Elreo Williamson	Jr	6-5	215 F

Newcomers (3)

Class	Hgt	Wgt	Pos
Jason Basso	Jr	6-4	205 G
Travon Broadway	Jr	6-3	215 F
Luis Vazquez-Bello	Fr	6-7	210 F

Quickness leading Buccaneers to new upbeat style this year

By Pierre Palenzuela
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team will play an exciting form of basketball this year, head coach Jan Allen said. The Buccaneers will be using a fast-break offense, shooting from the outside more, and will rely on pressure defense to create turnovers.

The team hopes that this style of play will lead to fast-break points. Because the team is a lot quicker this season, this style of play will be favorable if the team is to be successful.

With a stronger guard play from Fatimah Holiday and Heidi Paddock, and All-American forward Angie Williams returning, the team appears capable of making it to nationals this year. Williams, already Barry's all-time leading scorer, was named Sunshine State Conference player of the year in 1999.

"The team is more mature with better guard play and we are ready to compete at the national level," Allen said.

The team will start three new players this season. Terrell "Scooby" Roach, Diane Lewis, and Holiday. Holiday was named to the Disney All-Tournament team earlier this season and was scouted by Division I schools. Senior Nicole Johnson will round out this year's starting lineup.

The overall experience should help the team with this year's schedule. The Bucs, who finished 18-9 last year, will face 11 teams ranked in the pre-season top 30.

December Sports Schedule

Men's Basketball

Dec. 2	at Sodexo Marriot Classic (Charlotte, NC)
Dec. 8	(H) Florida Memorial
Dec. 12	(H) University of Puerto Rico-Humacao
Dec. 17	(H) Nova Southeastern
Dec. 29	(H) St. Anselm (NH)

Women's Basketball

Dec. 3	(H) Florida Memorial
Dec. 7	(H) Palm Beach Atlantic
Dec. 11	at Nova Southeastern
Dec. 16	(H) West Florida
Dec. 29-30	(H) Hilton Holiday Tournament

Barry soccer teams going to championships

Barry University is the only NCAA Division II program in the nation that placed both its men's and women's soccer teams in the national semi-finals this season.

The "Other" McCrath is picking up where his famous father left off. Steve McCrath, Head Men's Soccer Coach at Barry University, has guided his team to within two games of the university's first men's national championship. Steve is the son of Seattle Pacific University head coach Cliff McCrath who has won five NCAA national crowns and has guided the

Falcons to 29 berths in the NCAA tournament and won his 500th career game this season. The younger McCrath is in his second season coaching and has led Barry

The Barry men's team reflects the diversity that is a part of the composition of Barry University. The Buccaneers have players from Brazil, Venezuela, Columbia, England, Germany, Trinidad, Puerto Rico, Jamaica and Texas.

Barry first year head women's soccer coach Mike Neveu has guided the Buccaneers into a national best

eighth NCAA tournament appearance in the past 11 years. The Bucs have won three NCAA II national championships (1989, 1992 and 1993), have been ranked in the top 5 nationally in nine of those 11 years and in the top 10 all 11 years (the only team in the nation to achieve that).

The Barry women are actually making their 12th NCAA national tournament appearance this year. They reached the NCAA Division I tournament in 1988 and have made the tournament 12 of the last 13 years.

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