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Barry President plays a big role in ongoing Elian saga

By Dadi Rofnsson
Editor in Chief

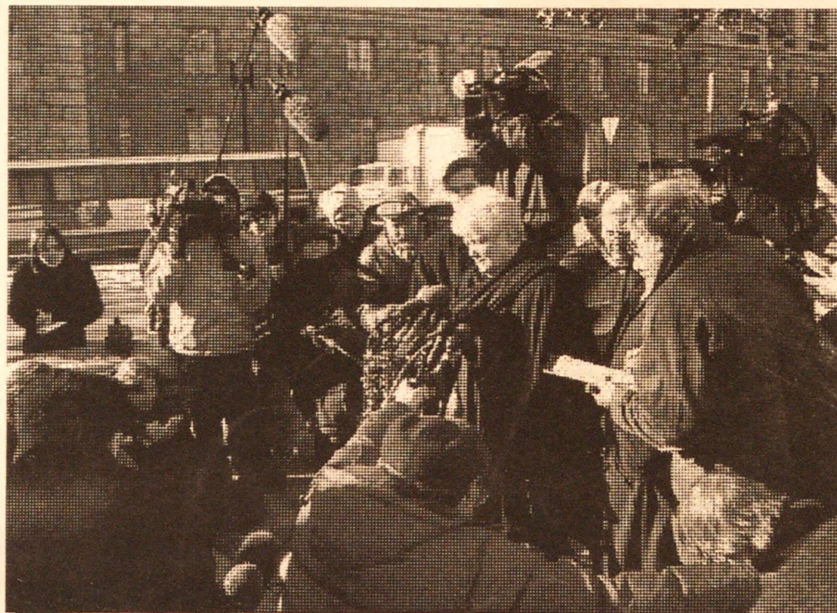
Barry University President Sr. Jeanne O'Laughlin hosted an emotional meeting between 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez and his Cuban grandmothers in her Miami Beach home on Jan. 26. Sr. Jeanne was asked to host the meeting by INS commissioner Doris Misner, as a neutral ground between the two sides.

The meeting lasted one and a half-hours, with massive media attention centered around Sr. Jeanne's house. More than 100 different media venues were present, including ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, CNN, Telemundo, Univision, Time Magazine, the Associated Press, the L.A. Times, the New York Times, and People Magazine. Sr. Peggy Albert and Sr. Leonor Esnard were also present at the meeting to assist and interpret. Sr. Esnard's involvement was particularly interesting as she was one of the Pedro Pan children that were sent from Cuba to Miami in the early sixties, by worried parents after Fidel Castro's overthrow of the Batista government.

Right after the meeting, Elian's grandmothers headed straight for Washington D.C. to plead with Congress not to grant him U.S. citizenship. Elian's U.S. relatives were also in the capital to present their arguments the following day.

Later that day, January 27th, Sr. Jeanne made a stunning announcement. Earlier criticized by Elian's U.S. relatives, who believed she was on the grandmothers' side, Sr. Jeanne flew to Washington D.C. herself, to tell Attorney General Janet Reno that she believed the child should stay in the U.S.

In her statement to the press that day, Sr. Jeanne spoke of having pre-



Sister Jeanne speaks to the press in Washington D.C.

pared a secure and joyful setting for the family members to meet. She also remarked that prior to the meeting she believed that Elian should grow up with his father, but during the meeting she had been filled with doubts. Following is an excerpt from Sr. Jeanne's statement:

"A meeting that should have been a joyful celebration was tinged with fear and lack of trust. My heart tells me that I must not be silent about what I observed, and I believe that Elian must be in a secure environment that is free of fear as much as possible. Therefore, I believe that at this time the best environment for Elian is in the United States. His mother intended for him to live here, and I think that should be the situation, at least for the present. Elian needs time of routine and time to understand and mourn the loss of his mother. This does not discount the fact that I would hope joyful visits could take place between Elian and his father and grandparents."

The Elian Gonzalez saga, which

the world has followed since Thanksgiving Day in November, is a complex battle of politics, opposite ideas and parental rights. Elian's mother died on the journey which brought him to the shores of the U.S. Elian's Miami relatives welcomed him to their home, but soon his father was demanding his return to Cuba. Elian then became a hot political issue between Washington and Havana, with many different sides voicing their opinions, amongst them Haitians in Miami who oppose the different treatment they receive from Cubans regarding U.S. citizenship.

Sr. Jeanne's turnaround has sparked new questions regarding Elian's and his family's safety. INS and Attorney General Reno believe Elian should be returned to Havana, and congress appears to be dwindling in their support to grant Elian U.S. citizenship. A parent's right to a child transcends borders, and House Speaker Dennis Hastert has remarked that in some issues politicians should step aside.

You've Got Mail! At least you had mail!

By Jessica Allen
Staff Writer

Numerous students have complained of receiving their mail late, damaged, opened or even not at all and the Student Government Association (SGA) is taking action.

"We will be dealing with these complaints and meeting with the right people to discuss what can be done to ensure a better mail system," said Kelly Mahan, SGA President.

At the end of last semester, SGA created a committee that is investigating student's charges made against the Mail Center. "The committee is questioning them, and is looking at the correct procedures in order to find out why the post office is way behind," stated Monica Larson, SGA vice president.

The committee consists of one senator from each school plus the representatives from CAB, IFC, SOC, the commuter student board and the class representatives.

"The committees look at everything from the cafeteria, Buc Stop, bookstore, mail room, library, parking, whatever they feel is necessary to deal with," Mahan said.

Terry Moorehead, Barry's co-manager of business services, offered one potential reason for the delay. Many times registered, certified priority mail can and has been lost by the United States Postal Services (USPS).

"We share the student's concern about their packages being late, damaged or lost," she said. "However, there is no control regarding any



Students have criticized mail service at Barry.

pieces sent by either United States Postal Service or other delivery services (such as UPS, Airborne, Federal Express, etc.)"

In addition, Moorehead along with Jackie McGlone, Co-Manager, Business Services, have been communicating with the A.M. Manager of the North Miami General Mail Fa-

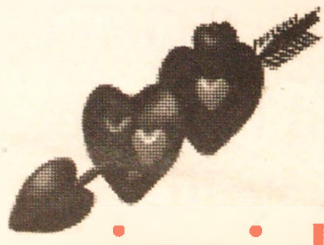
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Happy Valentine's Day!



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Editor's Note

By Dadi Rafnsson
Editor in Chief

Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin's involvement in the ongoing saga of Elian Gonzalez attracted big attention to her persona and Barry University. Few people could have offered a better environment for the divided family to meet than the president of our university. Throughout her career, Sr. Jeanne has been an inviting character for people in uninviting situations, such as the Gonzalez family now finds itself in.

Sr. Jeanne's announcement on the day after the meeting was unexpected and incredibly brave. Already under fire from different directions for her involvement in the issue, she headed down the route less taken by figures in public spotlight. She spoke her mind.

Many powerful people will disagree with Sr. Jeanne's decision, and that's what makes it even braver. She moves around various political venues, asking for donations for Barry University as well as enhancing the school's image. She's also a powerful national figure herself when it comes to taking care of those less fortunate.

Barry University is ranked number one for diversity among regional universities in the South. This is no surprising statistic for everyone who comes to the Miami Shores campus and sees all the variety for themselves. The most wonderful thing for those who work and study in this atmosphere daily is how uninhibited and problem-free relations between all those different people actually are.

Barry cannot show off a history that spans through centuries, as many prominent universities. What it does have, however, is the ability to influence the present and the future. Our world is getting smaller each day, and different people must interact more than ever before. Miami's population reflects this changing world and students at Barry are privileged to live, work and play with people from different cultures.

This is a privilege because it cannot be taken for granted. In many places around the world, even inside the U.S., disharmony occurs even when there are only two different fractions. Barry provides a testament to the world that it is possible for us all to get along.

In her statement, Sr. Jeanne stated freedom as the reason why Elian Gonzalez should stay with his Miami relatives. It is a big statement for any leader, to make the rights of a parent secondary, after political preferences. Elian's story is as complicated as it is long. A family is divided and a 6-year-old is a plaything for two very different governments. It cannot be doubted that Elian's father is a caring parent, but Sr. Jeanne stand was based on what people all over the world demanded most in the last century, freedom, and feared most, fear itself. In doing so she exercised the most critical aspect of freedom herself, our personal freedom of speech and opinion.

Students at Barry should look up to their school's president, even if they disagree with her. Sr. Jeanne led by example, an example that should serve the university in the future, to guard people's right to freedom. No matter who they are.



Why do you celebrate Valentine's Day?

Photos by Eviana Payne
Staff Photographer



I celebrate Valentine's Day so I can spend money on women. It's sort of an official day that we as men are required to give back to women for putting up with us.

Richard Wilcox
MS Biomedical Sciences



I guess the reason I celebrate Valentine's Day is because it's like a tradition, for example as St. Patrick's Day and Christmas. It's a day of love, luck and family. There's no real reason but to celebrate another day.

Stephanie Santiago
Junior, Psychology

Student Speak Up



I celebrate Valentine's Day because it is a fun and non stressed holiday to participate in. It is a designated day to give hugs, kisses and lots of love to not only your significant other, but to your family and friends.

Lauren Schweltzer
Junior, English Literature



I celebrate Valentine's Day because I like to receive presents and get attention. It's actually one of the few days of the year when it's okay for guys to act sweet and mushy without being too ridiculed by their friends. That makes it even more interesting and fun.

Priscilla Maria Suarez
Sophomore, English Literature



I celebrate Valentine's Day because everyone else does and upon immigrating to this country, I guess I just assimilated myself into the "system." I don't have a Valentine, but I give credit to the people who allowed me as a woman to express myself and grow into the Princess I am today.

Princess McBean
Freshman, Elementary Education



The reason I celebrate Valentine's Day! I have a girlfriend...if I didn't celebrate it she would break up with me.

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Dusting off the Library

By John M. Hodal
News Editor

Yes, it's that time again. Classes have begun just about a month ago and your teachers are already handing out papers to write and assignments to turn in. It is research time and you have to deal with the same thing every semester. You go to the library to get some information only to find out that all the books are old, outdated or there just aren't any books available on your topic. You might also find out that the library has not purchased any new books since your school was inaugurated. You then have to find some time in your busy schedule to drive to other school libraries in order to find the information you need.

Well, worry no more. Nancy Maxwell, Director of Library Services since July, is making a variety of improvements. She recently did a faculty survey for the first time in nearly 10 years and collected all the student surveys to find out the status of the library. "Everybody loved the service of the people, we have really good librarians and a really good staff," said Maxwell. "But everyone was less than pleased with the resources of the library."

The library, now part of DO IT (Division of Information Technology) has made several improvements in the last few months that may have gone

unnoticed to most of us - new shelves, new books, new journals, new computers.

New shelves have been installed throughout the building that will carry up to 30,000 new books; there are more electronic resources and computers accessible to students and faculty. Eight new computers were installed in the last year and 22 more are expected, according to Maxwell.

One can access over 100 databases, use the BLISS library catalog, and find journals from the library computers or from your own home through the Virtual Private Network (VPN). You can download VPN by logging on to <http://www2.barry.edu/doi/support-desk/vpn/remote.htm>.

If you do not know how to use the electronic library resources schedule an appointment at the reference desk. There is also a new Hands-on Library Instruction Lab for students and teachers. "Faculty members are invited to bring their classes here for instructions by librarians on how to access electronic and book resources for their field of interest," said Maxwell. The Library has also created a new Smart Classroom for faculty members. This classroom is equipped with computers, current resources, books and journals that will keep the teachers up to date on their fields of



Picture by Eviana Payne

Students frustrated with resources at the Library can expect changes in the near future.

study. A new study group area has been created on the fourth floor and the audio-visual sources are now located in the second floor for easier access.

And what about that orange / green carpeting and furniture? There's great news for those of you who feel like you step into a time machine and travel back to the early 50's when in the library. Maxwell's next goal is to change the library's look by changing

its carpeting and furniture.

If you think you need more books on your field of study ask your teachers to contact the Library and have them order the required books. The Library takes care of ordering the books, but it is the teachers who must tell them what books to order. And if you have any questions you can call the Library's reference desk at (305) 899-3772.

Paying big bucs

By Amalia Smith
Staff Writer

Money, money, money. As college students, our thoughts are consumed with this green paper, which is the key to our hopes, our dreams, and maybe even our lunch. No, that was not a typo. Lunch, that hectic meal that we try and squeeze in the middle of the day between classes is costing many commuters at Barry a bundle of money each week.

This thinning of wallets has led many students, particularly commuters, to ask the question, "Why is the Buc Stop so expensive?"

According to Barry Frieser, Director of Marriott Food Services, which owns and operates both the Buc Stop and the cafeteria, the expense is "based on labor, overhead costs, and packaging. We [also] look at the marketplace and see that our items are priced competitively."

Competitively? That all depends on the competition. According to many students, the Buc Stop's prices as compared to other fast food places of its nature, are not at all competitively priced. For example, at the Buc Stop, a hamburger costs \$1.90, whereas at McDonald's, the same can be bought for only \$.99. A six-inch sub

sandwich at the Buc will set you back \$3.99, while the same size can be had at Subway for \$3.29 and at Miami Subs for a mere \$2.64. Competitive prices? I don't think so.

Most Barry students know that better prices for lunch can be had elsewhere, however the Buc Stop is by far



Picture by Eviana Payne

Marriot food services, have an exclusive contract with the university. Prices are likely to rise due to inflation.

the most convenient, it being the only fast food place on campus. So why not invite outside vendors, as schools like FIU do? Mr. Frieser was able to answer that question: "We have an exclusive contract with the university to provide dining services." In other words, a monopoly which enables the Buc Stop to overcharge? "We can never satisfy everyone. Even if our prices were half of what they are, people would still complain." Any chance of a decrease in prices out of consideration of students' tight budgets and thinning wallets? Not likely. If anything, prices will continue to rise, "due to inflation."

Black History should be celebrated daily

By Laura H. Sosa
Layout Editor

Black History Month heightens our understanding of African creativity, spirituality, ingenuity, literature, music, and culture. There are so many inspiring people, moving poetry, and entrancing art within the culture that it really is a shame that we only focus on it during the shortest month of the year.

The celebration of Black History Month has evolved over the years from Dr. Carter Woodson's Negro History Week back in 1926. Dr. Woodson was the son of a former slave, a Harvard Ph. D. graduate, and dean of the school of liberal arts at Howard University (1919-20). Dr. Woodson was a pioneer in the study of black history; he published various work about black history and was the founder of Negro History Week.

Martin Luther King Jr. advocated equality and believed in truth. King devoted his life to the fight for full citizenship rights of the poor, disadvantaged, and racially oppressed in the United States. He was a prominent leader of the civil rights movement, organizing the Montgomery bus boycott and the massive march on Washington in 1963 where he gave his "I Have a Dream" speech.

During a celebratory mass for Martin Luther King Jr. at Cor Jesu Chapel, Sheryl St. Pierre spoke of Dr. King's legacy and dream. She reminded us of King's "belief in the power of love and forgiveness." Pierre suggested to look inside ourselves and ask: "Am I

doing my part in making the dream, for which Dr. King lived and died, a reality?"

There are other people in history such as: tennis player Wilma Rudolph, track star Althea Gibson, supreme court justice Thurgood Marshal, inventor George Washington Carver, writer W.E.B. Dubois, and poet Langston Hughes. All deserve note.

At a committee meeting to organize activities for Black History Month here at Barry, many expressed their disenchantment on how during our celebration of Black History we get stuck in a rut of focusing on all of the negative events that have taken place throughout history.

We also sometimes overlook the fact that there are many cultures that come from African descent. There are people in Latin America, the Caribbean, North America, Africa and all over the world that share the common ancestry but that see history from a different perspective.

Many Barry students also feel this way. It is certainly important to know where you are coming from, but it is more important to know where you are going.

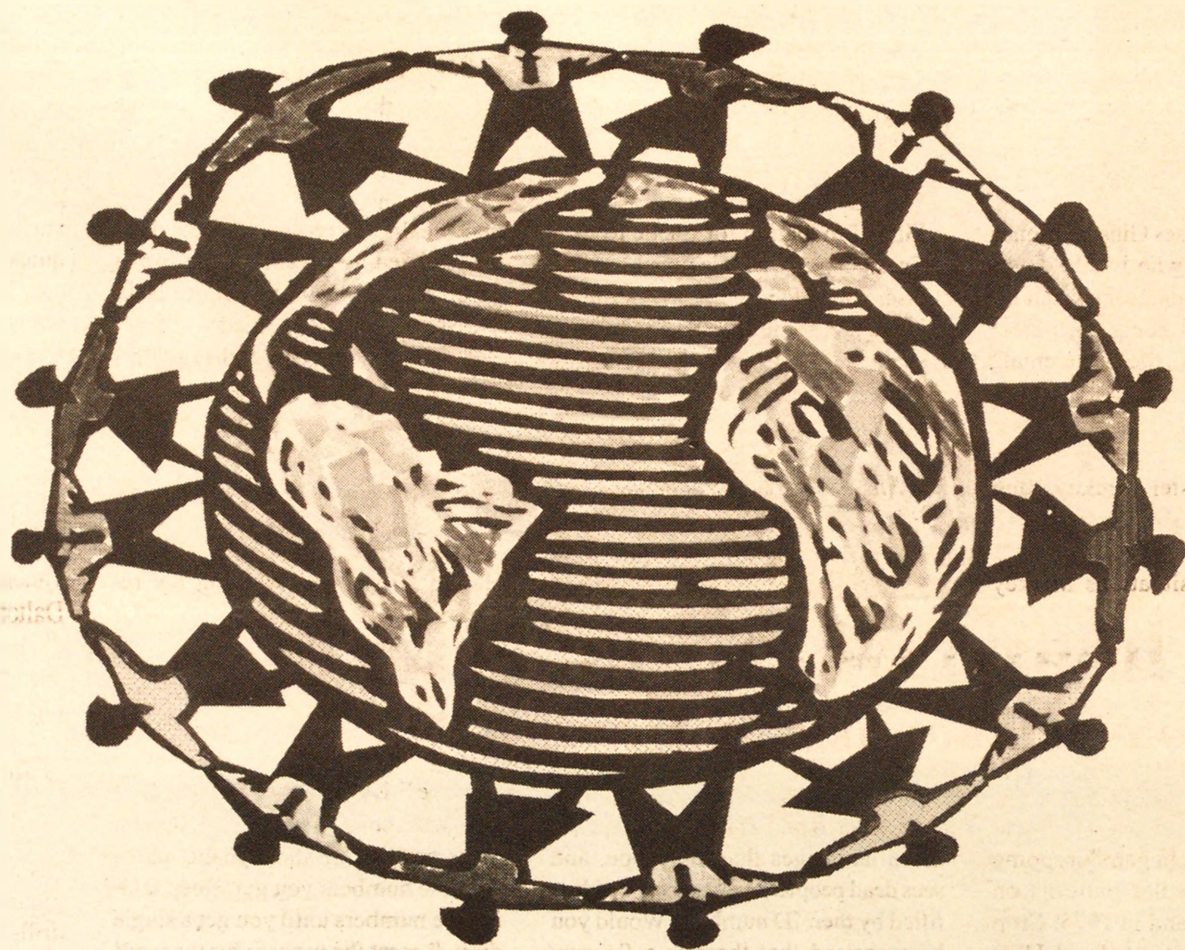
"Black history should not be melted down to any particular month, but should be celebrated every day," said Dennis Barry a master in counseling student. "History is always in the making, and each day we should celebrate our similarities and differences."

Black History Month Activities

- Feb. 1-5. Online Quiz
 - Feb. 9. Movie Night, Kotska, 8 p.m.
 - Feb. 16. Mission and Ministry Luncheon, 12 p.m.
 - Feb. 23 Special speaker Dr. Marylin Volker. 8p.m.
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Short on cash? Mickey Blue Eyes will make you laugh

By Diana Marrero
Senior Writer

Just hearing Englishman Hugh Grant trying to speak like a mobster is reason enough to rent "Mickey Blue Eyes," recently released on video. But there's more to the romantic comedy than funny accents. A slew of interesting characters populates the movie and the plot twists will leave you guessing about what will happen next.

Hugh Grant (Nine Months) plays Michael Felgate, a refined, witty Englishman who runs an auction house in New York. Felgate falls deeply in love with his beautiful girlfriend Gina Vitale (Jeanne Tripplehorn) after dating for only three months.

But no sooner does Michael propose marriage than things begin to go awry. For starters, Gina does not accept. He later finds out she does not want to marry him for fear that he will not only marry her, but marry into the family, mob, that is.

Michael promises Gina he cannot be corrupted. And who would doubt it, with his genteel demeanor. But no one is incapable of being corrupted. One small favor, like the "accidental" fire at the competing auction house, leads to other favors. Soon Michael has spiraled out of control, posing as Kansas City mobster Mickey Blue Eyes (and doing an unconvincing job of it).

Some of the situations Mickey

gets himself into are not very believable, but they will make you laugh so hard anyway, you will not really care.

There are a few predictable characters in the movie. Take Vito Graziosi (Burt Young), the respectful mob boss who always gets his way—that includes selling his sons hideous paintings through Michael's auction house. And Vinnie (Joe Vitereli) the quiet, stocky guy who follows all of Vito's orders.

But then there are a bunch of interesting characters who make up for the stereotypes. Philip Cromwell plays James Fox, the stiff owner of a London-based auction house who loosens up a bit too much after a few drinks. And who could forget Ritchie Vitale (Paul Lazar), Gina's sweet but quite odd brother.

Mickey Blue Eyes entertains and amuses.

Mickey Blue Eyes is a Simian Films Production for Castle Rock Entertainment. Movie runs 1 hr. 42 min. Rated PG-13 for brief strong language, some violence and sensuality.

Director: Kelly Makin

Producer: Elizabeth Hurley and Charles Mulvehill

Written by: Adam Scheinman and Robert Kuhn

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Ever heard of crop circles?

An alternative look at Elian Gonzalez

By Kobina Aidoo
Columnist

Crop circles began "cropping up" as circular patterns on crop fields in England in 1975. Crop circles have been associated with UFO sightings, unusual lights, strange sounds, and higher energy intelligences. It's an intriguing phenomenon. Now pay attention. There has been a sighting of crop circles in Miami

"... 'little' Elian Gonzalez is an alien in more ways than one."

Shores, the unsettling twist to this being the location of the Barry campus, the appearance of a full moon and the surfacing of 'little' Elian Gonzalez on our shores. Ladies and Gentlemen, we at the center at Barry University have concluded that 'little' Elian Gonzalez is an alien in more ways than one. Here is why.

Why was Elian discovered on Nov. 25, when we at the center have information that he left Cuba on the 25th of October. Note the dates. 10-25 (Date of departure), 11-25 (Date of discovery), and what event happens on 12-25 of every year? Some scholars have theorized that Elian first came to America (remember the circles mentioned earlier), surveyed the land, liked it and went back on that inner tube as a cute little 6-year-old. Elian, we believe, is a member of a special breed of the ancient tribe of *Wake Tokes* called

Sunsum, blessed with greater talent than other *Wake Tokes*. Elian speaks more languages than the Pope, and sees dead people. The *Sunsum* are identified by their ID numbers. Would you be surprised that there is a *Sunsum* right here on campus, only identified for now as L345? We must protect his cover in hope that he will lead us to Elian. L345 swears that if one were to stand on the northeast corner of the

mall area at full moon, one would actually see these crop circles. If you've really watched as opposed to seeing, you have noticed that anytime when on TV, Elian's head is not centered on the screen. If you know about filmmaking, you'll know this is a technique used to indicate the subject talking to someone off-screen. The boy is in constant touch with those who sent him.

Over the last decade, we have been victims of the greatest diversionary tactic in history, a *maskirovka* in Soviet military parlance. I'm talking about the so-called Y2K bug. Most of you were looking for the manifestation of this bug on your computers, weren't you? Elain's *Sunsum* ID number is your wildest guess—Y2000. He IS the bug, ok? Oh You wanna challenge me? You wanna discard this as bunkum? I was at the mall area on the night of 25th November, 1999. Go ahead, spell

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cility, which distributes the mail.

"The manager has set in motion procedures to ensure accountable distribution point to us in the proper fashion which has not been so in the past," said Moorehead.

Another possibility could be the increase of incoming mail. On Jan. 7, the mail center had issued a memo throughout campus explaining an overflow of mail. According to the memo, they intended to speed up the correct delivery of both internal (University) and external mail.

One goal that McGlone and Moorehead plan, is to eventually separate the functions of package receiving from mail receiving in order to

relieve the stress of volume both on the facility and the staff.

In response to student's complaints, Moorehead explained that, "there are Federal Laws regarding the privacy of mail so we must address issues in generalities. We will need written permission from individuals to discuss any individual's specific situations."

As for the committee, Moorehead states that neither she nor McGlone have been approached by anyone from the SGA. Therefore, if students have complaints regarding their mail, write them down and drop them off to either Fred Thompson, manager mail center and/or to Terry Moorehead.

Dorm blaze kills 3 at Seton Hall Students refuse to leave their rooms during Barry fire drills

By Dadi Rafnsson
Editor in Chief

In wake of the terrible fire which killed three students at Seton Hall University last month, students on college campuses now ask themselves how safe they are in their own residence halls. Sixty-two students were hospitalized as a result of the fire at Seton Hall's Boland Residence Hall. Three students, all 18, died.

The fire started in a cheaply furnished and windowless common area. Approximately 800 fires break out each year on college campuses across the U.S. Experts on fire safety maintain that basic sprinkler systems could have prevented the fatalities at Boland Hall, a 50-year-old building not re-

quired to have sprinklers according to New Jersey laws. On the weekend of the Seton Hall fire, Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio experienced a similar incident when a blaze broke out in a 93-year-old residence hall. Sprinklers installed during a 1993 renovation quickly prevented a tragedy.

There has never been an incident with fire at Barry. Residential Life's director, Maria Alvarez, says that the building code does not call for sprinklers but officials are on constant alert. "Our halls do not have sprinklers but we have fire marshal approved alarm systems in all the halls. This past summer we installed new state-of-the-art systems in our older buildings, Weber, Dalton and Dunsbaugh. All buildings are inspected regularly by the fire marshal. All units which open up to the outside have firewalls between them."

Students must also play their role in fire prevention. "There is a ban on all smoking, candles and potentially dangerous things such as toaster ovens at the residence halls. At the beginning of each semester we have fire drills so people know the proper procedures and the location of fire exits." Sometimes though Barry students are not so co-operative at fire drills. "We have actually had students refusing to leave their dorm rooms at fire drills. It is a serious problem, not to be taken lightly," says Alvarez. "Although students know the rules regarding fire prevention, some students do not take them seriously."

Students at Seton Hall University couldn't recall any fire drills at Boland Hall. School officials have admitted there were none scheduled last semester. Smoking and faulty electricity wiring have been ruled out as causes of the fire, yet no official word has indicated what sparked the fatal blaze.

February Activities

Feb. 3- Bachelor Auction
Houndstooth, 9 p.m.

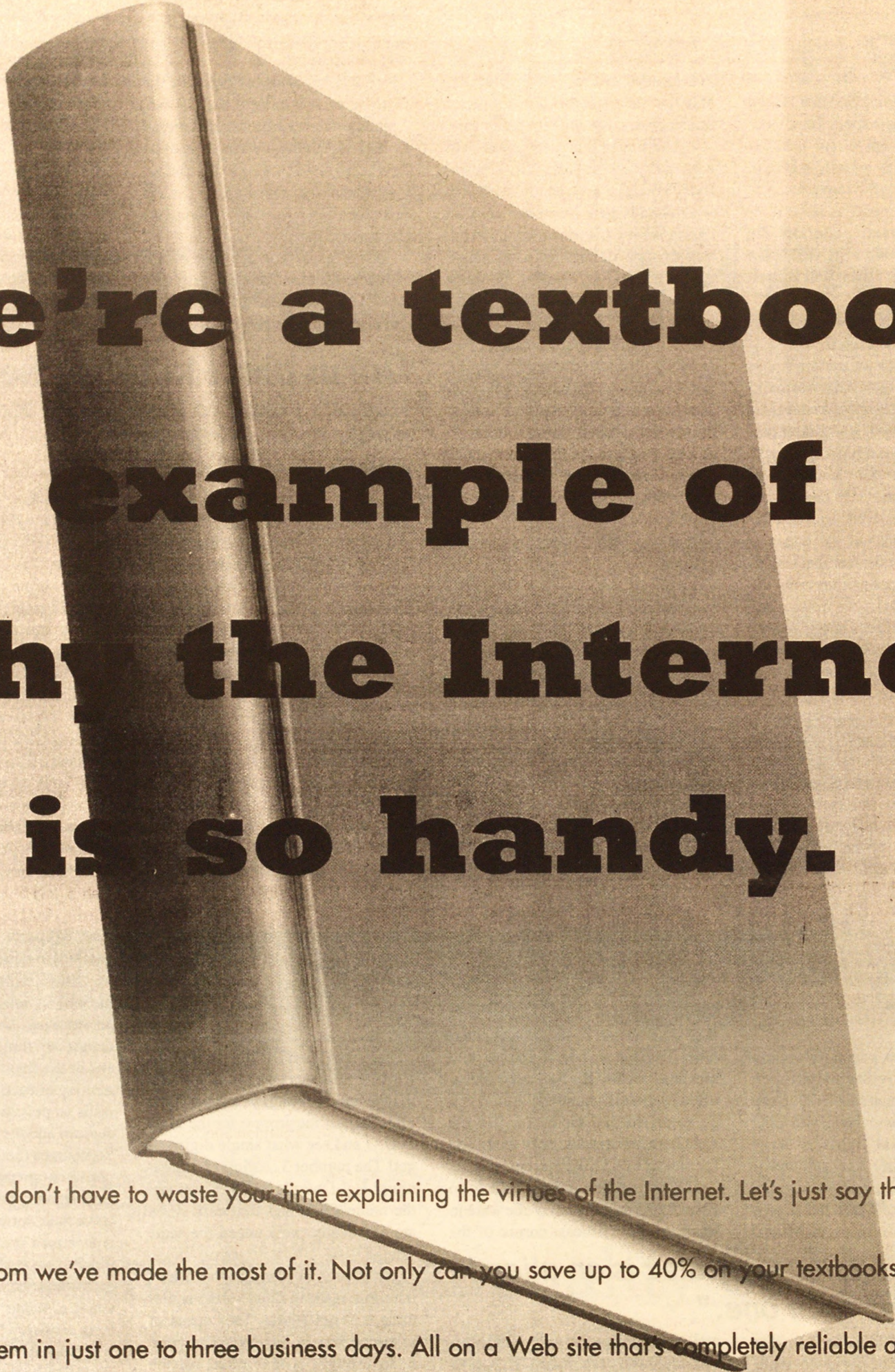
Feb. 4-6 - Homecoming Weekend

Feb. 10 - Alpha Phi's King of Heart's Dance, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Feb. 11- Graduation Application
Deadline

Feb. 12-13- Chamber Ensemble,
Co Jesu Chapel, 8 p.m.

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day



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Post-season is on Buc's mind

By Steve Conklin
Sports Editor

Barry's baseball team looks to improve on last year's third-place Sunshine State Conference finish and get back to post-season play after being narrowly edged out of the NCAA South Regional Tournament. Several key players return for the Buccaneers including five starters and two starting pitchers from last year's 33-22 squad.

Chris Cafalone begins his fifth season as head coach at Barry University, having guided the Bucs to three winning seasons in the four years.

To return to the post-season, Cafalone knows that the pitching needs to improve.

"We are addressing key issues to improve out pitching from a year ago," Cafalone said.

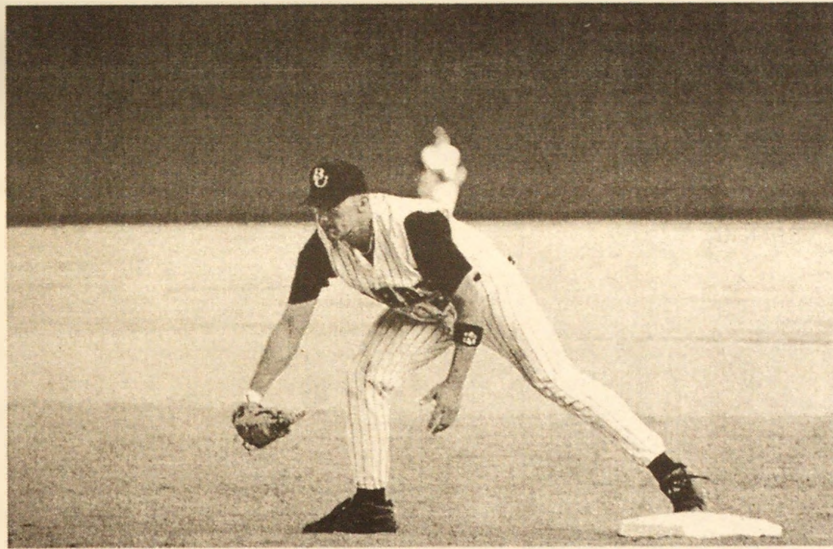
Hiring assistant coach Darrin Spassoff will help. Spassoff will focus much of his attention on pitching. Spassoff pitched for the University of Miami and was a member of last year's national championship team.

Cafalone believes Spassoff's recent success will rub off on the Bucs.

"Coach Spassoff brings the experience of being a proven winner," Cafalone said. "His positive attitude will help our team significantly."

The Buccaneer pitching staff returns a solid core including senior Greg Caraynoff and junior Oscar Farach from last season's starting rotation. Caraynoff posted a 4-4 record last season with 45 strikeouts and an ERA of 5.14 in 68.1 innings pitched. Farach led the team with 73 strikeouts and compiled a 6-6 record and a 5.28 ERA in 88.2 innings pitched.

Senior pitcher Carlos Usatorres is another key returner. He was selected second team All-SSC as a relief pitcher last season, posting a 5-1 record with a team high six saves.



Buc's first basemen Irain Gonzalez led the team with 11 homeruns last season.

Senior Dave McLean, juniors Demetrius Davis and Nick Braunschneider, plus sophomore Carlos Uribe give the Bucs experience and depth on the pitching staff. Newcomer transfer Brad Bush will also step into the starting rotation this season.

Barry's strength has traditionally come from an explosive offense. The Bucs continued their offensive onslaught last season, averaging 7.5 runs per game, hitting .317 with 43 home runs and 357 RBIs.

Major contributors to this solid offensive play are junior first basemen Irain Gonzalez and sophomore designated hitter Louis Boullon. Gonzalez led the team with 11 home runs, breaking Barry's career home run record with 23 homers in just two seasons. Boullon was selected to the second team All-SSC as a freshman, and looks to improve on a solid season from a year ago in which he hit .339 with three home runs and 20 RBIs.

Junior shortstop Alex Pinon is Barry's leading returning player in hits with 62 as he batted .341 with four home runs and 34 RBIs last season.

Coach Cafalone believes that Gonzalez, Boullon, and Pinon's experience will weigh heavily not only on the offensive play, but also the defensive side.

"Our defense as improved from last season, especially with the veteran players returning with the experience and skill to support the pitching staff," Cafalone said.

Barry will play the defending World Series Champion University of Miami early in the season, but coach Cafalone is looking at this game as just another game.

"We are going to prepare for Miami as just another game," Cafalone said. "We have important games against North Florida and Tampa to prepare for before we play against Miami."

Coach Cafalone is ready to take on the challenges that await him this coming season, and encourages the fans to cheer the team on at Buccaneer Field.

"You never know what is going to happen in a baseball season," Cafalone said. "You have to come out and see it for yourself."

February sports schedule

Men's Basketball

Feb. 2 (H) Lynn University
Feb. 5 (H) U. of Tampa
Feb. 7 @ Florida Southern
Feb. 9 (H) Rollins College
Feb. 12 @ Florida Tech
Feb. 16 (H) Saint Leo College
Feb. 19 (H) Eckerd College
Feb. 23 @ U. of Tampa

Women's Basketball

Feb. 2 (H) Lynn University
Feb. 5 (H) U. of Tampa
Feb. 7 @ Florida Southern
Feb. 9 (H) Rollins College
Feb. 12 @ Florida Tech
Feb. 16 (H) Saint Leo College
Feb. 19 (H) Eckerd College
Feb. 23 @ U. of Tampa

Baseball

Feb. 1 @ St. Thomas University
Feb. 2 (H) St. Thomas University
Feb. 5-6 (H) Florida Tech
Feb. 8 @ Nova Southeastern
Feb. 9 (H) Nova Southeastern
Feb. 11-13 @ Champion Sports Challenge (at Homestead, FL) vs. Saint Leo, Belmont Abbey, Lynn Univ.
Feb. 14 @ University of Miami
Feb. 18 @ Bucky Dent Baseball School (Delray Beach, FL) vs. Lynn Univ.

Feb. 19 (H) Saint Andrew's
Feb. 20-22 (H) Mercy
Feb. 25 @ Valdosta State Tournament vs. Valdosta, St., Augusta St., Delta St.

Feb. 28 @ Homstead vs. Mercyhurst

Softball

Feb. 5 (H) Barry U. Alumni Game
Feb. 18 (H) Nova Southeastern
Feb. 20 (H) North Florida
Feb. 24 (H) Bethune Cookman
Feb. 27 (H) Northwood (MI)

Men's Tennis

Feb. 5 (H) Flagler College
Feb. 8 @ Melbourne, FL vs. Univ. of North Fla.
Feb. 16 (H) Lynn University
Feb. 19 @ Rollins College
Feb. 20 @ University of Central Florida

Women's Tennis

Feb. 3 (H) University of Tampa
Feb. 4 @ University of Miami
Feb. 5 (H) Flagler College
Feb. 8 @ Melbourne, FL vs. Univ. of North Fla.
Feb. 10 @ Lynn University
Feb. 12 H Florida Southern
Feb. 19 @ U. of Central Florida
Feb. 20 @ Rollins College

Barry women enjoying breakthrough season

By Steve Conklin
Sports Editor

The Barry women are currently sitting on top of the Sunshine State Conference, enjoying their best season in years.

The women have benefited from an 11-game winning streak, one shy of the school record. One key reason for the outstanding success the team is transfer forward Diane Lewis. Lewis played her first two seasons at Division I power Florida International before Barry. She was named player of the week in the Sunshine State Conference in January, averaging 16.5 points and six rebounds.

Lewis is also the defensive stopper of the team. Her natural position is small forward, but she often defends the opposing team's best player, wither it's the point guard or power forward.

Head coach Jan Allen says that Lewis gets better with every game.

"Diane is a very intense player and brings the best out of every player on our team," Allen said.

The Lady Bucs are enjoying this success without All-American center

Angie Williams. Williams has been out for six weeks with a separated shoulder and just recently has made it back into the lineup.

Strong leadership from six seniors attributes to their success. However, the spark of the team comes from the three starting juniors, Lewis and guards Fatimah Holiday and Heidi Paddock. They can rely on the three-point shooting from these juniors, something that has been inconsistent in the past.

Barry is currently ranked #2 in the South Region. The top four teams in the region generally make it to the National Tournament. The women also have completed their 4th winning season in a row, but the previous three seasons have been left out of the tournament.

Coach Allen believes strong play is a necessity in the final stretch of the season.

"We can't afford to lose any home games if we want to advance in the post-season," Allen said.

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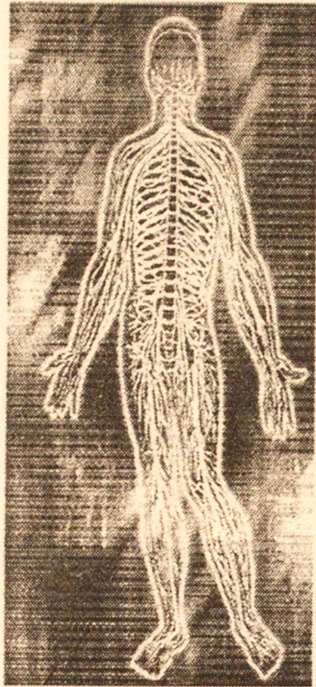
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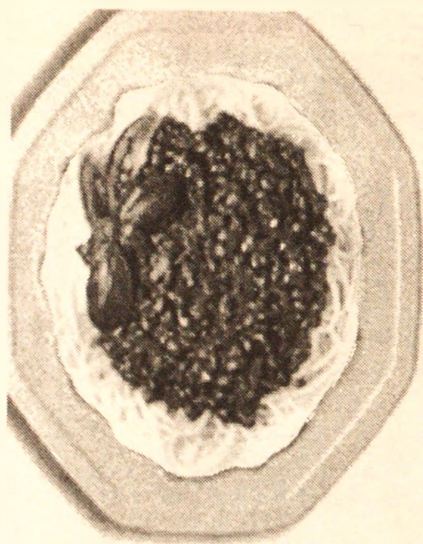
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