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# YES!

## Volleyball wins second national title!

**G**RAND RAPIDS, Mich. — For the second time in school history, the Barry University was crown the NCAA Division II National Champions after trouncing the South Dakota State Jackrabbits 3-0 in the final match and ending the 2001 season with a 21-game win streak. It was apparent from the opening serve which team was “pumped up” as the Buccaneers jumped out to an early 17-9 lead over the Jackrabbits. That deficit was too much to match as the Bucs continued to overpower the “Jacks” for the win in game one 30-19.

There was a slight change in game two with the Jackrabbits jumping out first and taking a 10-6 lead over the Bucs, but that was to be their only lead of the entire match. The Bucs then went on a 13-2 scoring run to regain the lead and held on to capture game two 30-21.

Game three was a little tighter, but the Buccaneers overpowered the Jackrabbits for the shutout and winning the final game of the match 30-25 for the championship.

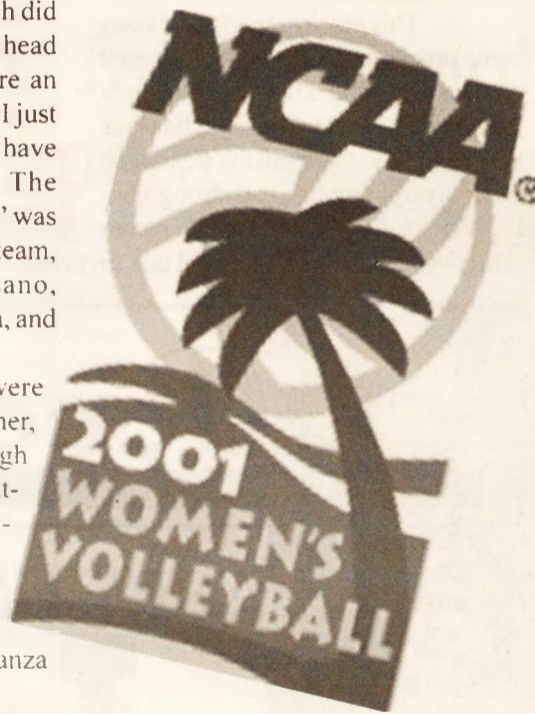
“I have to say their coach did a fantastic job of coaching,” said head coach Dave Nichols. “They were an extremely worthy opponent, but I just think we played better than we have all season and it paid off.” The Buccaneers’ “Brazilian Quartet” was dubbed to the All-Tournament team, which included Karla Bersano, Fernanda Ferreira, Daniela Lanza, and Simone Ferrarezi.

For the match, they were paced by their late season bloomer, Ferrarezi who tallied a match-high 21 kills on the night and a .500 attack percentage while also tallying a team high 15 digs.

Nipping at her heels was Bersano who registered 18 kills and a .317 attack percentage. Lanza

served up 37 assists while teammate Ferreira dominated the net registering a team-our families,” said Brazilian native Bersano. “Coach has given us support and made us feel like we have fam-

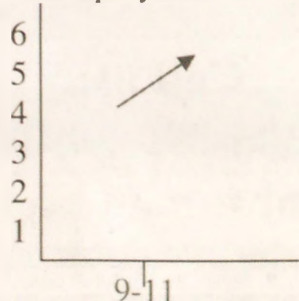
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Daniela Lanza setting for glory (Photo: Sports Information)

## Job market causing major 'SENIORITIS'

Unemployment in SoFla



**L**ayoffs. Downsizing. No matter the term, the meaning is feared by many employees in America. In the immediate aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the Stock market closed down. Soon many companies like United Airlines, laid off their employees; in this case it was about 20,000. As a result, the tourism industry suffered the consequences. Cities which once thrived in tourism now feel the effects with empty restaurants

and hotels.

• Miami is one.

Restaurants in areas like South Beach and Coconut Grove are not only empty, but are forced to let go of many of their waiters. Florida has found itself in an economic state of recession and many students, on the verge of graduation, are worried about the narrowing job market.

“It’s competitive getting a job but with all the declining of business and many are being laid off, it makes it

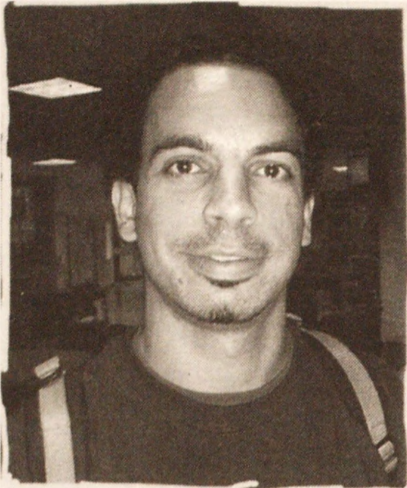
more difficult,” said senior Veronica Orozco. Orozco, 23, is a photography major who fears that due to the terrorist attacks and amount of people being laid off, employment after graduation will be harder than before. “An employer would prefer someone that had been laid off but has experience rather than someone fresh out of college.”

Does this mean that all seniors should stay in school another

(See **Layoff scare**, 10)

# Student Speak Up

What do you want  
for Christmas?



"A twenty foot wave at pipe or Mexico, a new world perspective where "the road not taken" becomes the perspective of choice."

**Ricardo Martinez**  
Senior, Exercise Physiology



"Bin Laden hung from my backyard tree. Oh, and I also want a new car and to finish my classes."

**Ray Fuentes**  
Senior, Special Education



"A passing grade in all my classes, especially Communication Theory."

**Julie Kulzer**  
Senior, Broadcasting &  
Communications



"I want a pitcher of beer."

**Lily Reitzel**  
Freshman, Exercise Science

## Editor's Note



**C**ongratulations Volleyball on bringing the National Championship home. The Lady Bucs won their second national title ever this past weekend in style. The best team in the country is our very own and we should really celebrate that.

To some it may only be a game, a simple sport. But it takes extreme will and determination to succeed in sports as anything else. These ladies have skills that few of us can boast of and to be the best you really need to be intelligent as well.

That they represent Barry is something to be proud of. If you are a part of a winning environment, where your peers have a mentality to achieve and you interact with talented people on a daily basis, you yourself will be better for it.

When students, players and faculty speak of coach Dave Nichols, the theme is usually the same; respect. He is someone used to high standards as a player himself, and the determination shines through when he is around the Health & Performance Center. The respect comes from his manner though. He truly seems to do things the right way and seems to treat everyone with respect who crosses his path. And he gets plenty in return.

Coach Nichols and the Lady Bucs have achieved, they have put in hard work and come out on top. They are young too and we eagerly await a new season. Well done all.

### Material ideology

This guy in one of my classes came up to me the other day, bothered about something affecting him as a student at Barry University. His issue was definitely worth raising a dialogue on in my opinion. He had strong feelings about it and wanted to do something. We agreed that he would talk to

his peers about it, explore their awareness and arrange for discussion. I told him I wanted to do a story about it for the *Buccaneer* if they had people willing to appear on print, standing up for what they believe in.

The next week he came back and said he had given up. No one seemed to care at all about this issue which can seriously affect everyone's GPA. "They just don't seem to care," he sighed, his disappointment obvious.

And this is the way we have become. Students nowadays do not have ideals to pursue, obstacles to challenge, injustices to fight, conversations about politics and heroes like Martin Luther King.

Instead we have cell phone bills, parties in South Beach, clothes to buy, conversations about "this guy and that girl" and our idea of a hero is Michael Jordan, a guy who cannot do anything but play ball.

Man are we a sad bunch. We barely look up from our Playstations to listen to our fathers and grandfathers bragging about "the greatest generation" and times of "peace, love and happiness". The generation that screams out for respect, instead of earning it.

There is hope though. Tonight I met this guy again and this time he introduced me to another student who really understood the seriousness of the matter. He had been discouraged by the earlier response but they are out there trying. Best of luck to them and we will discuss this matter next semester.

### 2001

This has been a strange year. Tonight, when this is written, most of the staff at the *Buccaneer* agreed that it has brought out the worst in so many people. September 11 has bred so much hate and division that it hurts to look and listen. So while many do neither, and close their perspectives to the outside, plenty of people have been ready to shove their opinions down our throats.

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# Job market causing major 'senioritis'

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year until the job market improves?

According to Professor Georges Rocourt, of economics and finance, there is hope. His advice for graduating seniors, "Avoid sectors in recession and look for better opportunities."

Barry University's School of Business offers classes that assist students in familiarizing themselves with companies. For example, within the Introduction to Business class, students learn through researching specific companies the hiring and downsizing policy as well as the history of the business cycle.

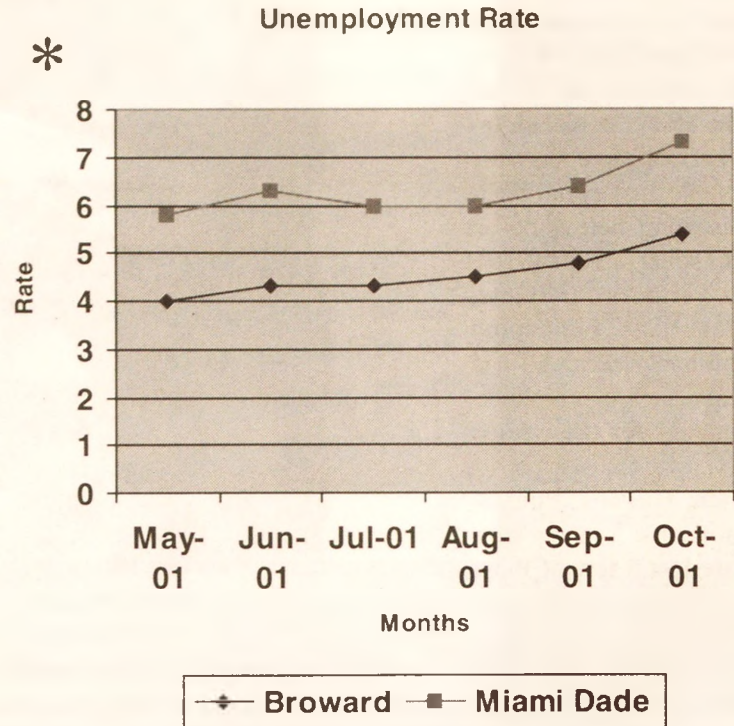
"Since the events of Sept. 11, it is common knowledge that the tourist industry has suffered a lot," said Rocourt. "Knowledge of the business cycle in the economy would tell you that those companies are severely affected whereas other industries may not be as affected."

Rocourt explains that these other industries can include the defense electronics and intelligence gathering fields which are hiring qualified people. "This does not mean you have

to change your major in the last month of college," he said. "But part of that whole strategy is to be thinking about the whole micro environment and trying to get in your own mind some sense of where the economy is headed over a longer term to have some sense where there might be some good career opportunities."

Whether a photography or economics major, this suggestion applies to all students. Thinking big and avoiding specific areas could help land a job. Although at the moment the country is shaken by terrorism and Florida is in a recession, students should be encouraged to know that the job market is always changing.

"You might want to try and say 'what can I do with the skills I have in terms of identifying other industries,'" said Rocourt. He acknowledges that Business students are trained to read the Wall Street Journal and know which companies are prospering while others are not. Does that leave the rest of the student body out in the dust? No. Do the homework. By researching industries that apply to oneself and asking questions about



their hiring policy, students have as much of a chance in the real world as anyone else.

\* Graph is based on figures from the Miami Bureau of Commerce

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## Int'l students bring travel documents

By CAROLINA FERNANDEZ, Staff Writer

The aftermath of September 11 has affected all Americans, including the international students at Barry. However, the rules and regulations for international travel have not changed much according to the overseas students at Barry.

Damaris Castillo, Director of the O'Laughlin Intercultural Center,

even give them recommendations from the office, depending on the situation."

Eduardo Maia, a sophomore from Brazil, agreed you need many forms of documentation: "Sometimes they ask for letters proving you are in school, it would be easy to make fraudulent copies of those documents." However, he said that overall it was not that difficult to travel.

Elena Nikolova, a freshman from Bulgaria said she has not encountered much trouble in the airports. "When my mom came here (after Sept. 11), they took her cosmetic case but not that much else has happened. It is the same process to fly into the U.S. as to leave."

Maia said, "When I traveled the week after the terrorist attacks, security was a little tighter, but not much." However, Maia did say he was nervous: "The first thing I saw when I got on the plane were two Middle-Eastern men sitting in first class. It made me so uneasy I considered getting off the plane."

Nikolova said she was not worried about traveling home for Christmas. "I am not nervous because the attacks happened inside the U.S. I do not think that there will be any outside this country. At least I hope..."

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says in order for students to leave the country they must have a passport and an I-20, which is a letter from the university that verifies the student's status.

"We encourage them to have as much documentation as possible to prove that they are a student in the U.S.," said Castillo. "Sometimes we

## Cultural Encounter on Pakistan is a learning experience

By KENITA WILLIAMS, Staff Writer

Muhammad Shakir, a faculty member at Barry University, spoke about his country of origin, Pakistan, at the Inter-Cultural Center's monthly conversational encounter. Shakir gave a brief history of Pakistan and cleared up a few misconceptions about his culture.

Dr. Shakir is the executive director of Asian-American Advisory Board, which strives to integrate and teach Asian art and culture in our community.

He declared that despite the fact that many people believe Pakistan is a very oppressive culture to women it is perhaps one of the most liberated cultures. There have been and still are today women who are heads of state.

Dr. Shakir talked about the different aspects of Islam and gave a

few of his own interpretation of his religion. He also states, "Although there are certain distinguishable religious differences the values of Judaism, Christianity and Islam are the same."

Dr. Shakir also spoke about the high value and respect the Pakistani put on education, perhaps because their educational system has been broken down and most of the country remains illiterate.

Damaris Castillo, director of ICC, says she hopes to heighten cultural awareness. She believes it is "a wonderful format for faculty and students to get involved outside of academia and meet on a personal level to learn about different cultures and being able to appreciate our own cultures more." Castillo is pleased with the participation so far and looks forward to upcoming events next semester.

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## State of Florida in contract with School of Nursing

By BUCWIS

The State of Florida Department of Health has awarded a one-year \$74,951 grant to the Barry University School of Nursing Primary Care Nursing Center (PCNC).

The grant will support the Florida KidCare Outreach Program, a service targeting pockets of underserved and uninsured populations in major cities throughout the state. The PCNC will utilize parent liaisons working within the School of Nursing's five school-based health centers in Miami-Dade County to promote the program.

The parent-liaisons serve as conduits for communication between the students, their parents, and the school's health centers. They provide valuable health information and education through school, community presentations, and home visits in order to register eligible children and families into appropriate health care benefits. Through Florida KidCare, the State of Florida and Barry University School of Nursing are working to ensure the health care needs of children from birth through age 18 are being met through eligibility for and access to health insurance.

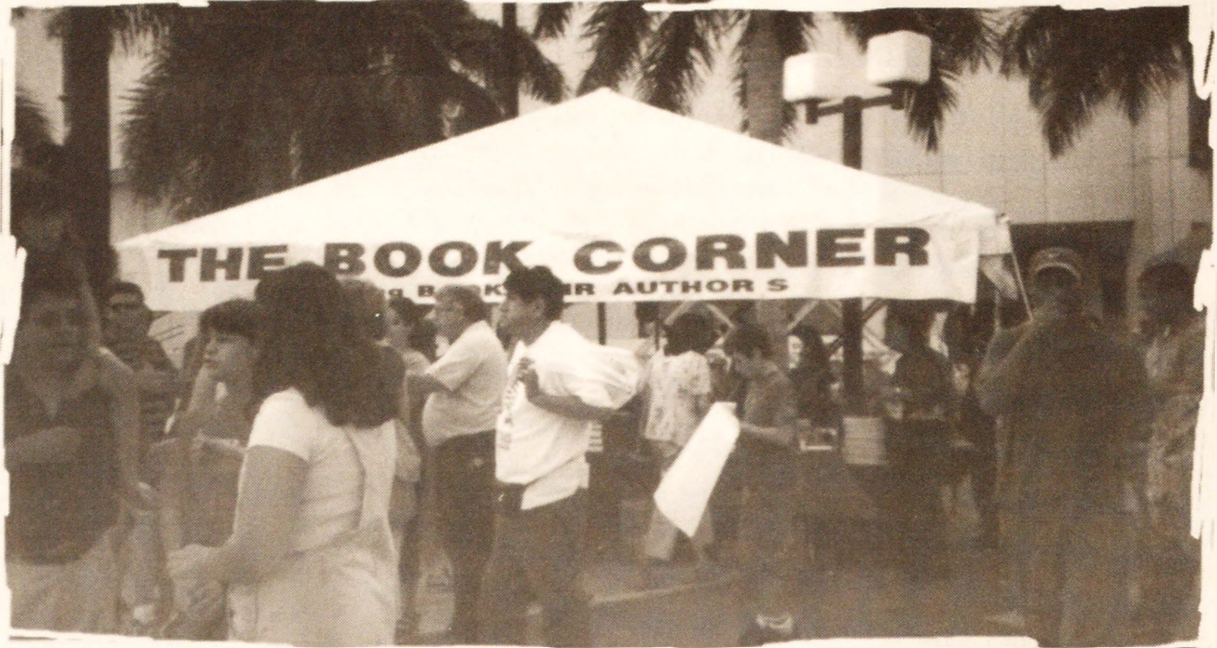
# Book lovers flood Miami Book Fair

By FABIENNE JOSAPHAT,  
Staff writer

From November 11 to 18, book lovers flooded Miami-Dade Community College Wolfson Campus for the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Miami Book Fair International. What took place was more than just an intellectual event. Writers started presenting their works on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and the street fair on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Music, food vendors, artifacts, clowns, antiquarians, publishing companies and bookstores! All had booths lined up to sell their products to a public hungry for the written word.

French, Cubans, Puerto-Ricans, Dominicans, Venezuelans, and Italians are just a few of those who set up tents along the alleys. A Middle-Eastern booth sold books on Islam, filmed by a cameraman and a TV reporter. A group of South-American musicians were the center of attention at the corner of N.E. 4 Street and Second Avenue.

"It was nice to mingle with all these people and relax at the same time to the sound of music," says fairgoer Gerda Ovide who attended the fair on both Saturday and Sunday. Barry student Quakish Williams was also thrilled. "It was fabulous, and I intend to attend this event every year from now on." Williams enjoyed the presentations. Established



Visitors to the Miami Book Fair International crowded the various booths in search for literary jewels  
(Photo by Fabienne Josaphat)

writers like Nomi Eve, Miami resident Edna Buchanan, and rising stars like Angie Cruz or Eduardo Jackson all impressed the public with their craft and personality.

Jackson, author of the novel "Ever After," fell head over heels for the city. "I got a lot of love for Miami, and I am looking forward to coming back next year," he said. Security guards checked bags and other belongings at each entrance, but the crowd did not really seem to mind. "It was not as tight as the Miami International Airport," said Jackson. "But there was definitely a

show of presence."

Janell Walden Agyeman is a board member for the book fair, and was responsible for bringing in authors to the event, as well as assigning room hosts and introducers. "It is a tremendous amount of work, preparing for 200 authors to appear within a one-week span and in numerous locations."

Rooms were packed when 2001 Nobel Prize in Literature winner V.S. Naipaul presented his latest novel, "Half a Life." Laura Lipman, Paula L. Woods and Edna Buchanan joined

forces in a panel on Women of Mystery, and although the first two authors charmed and entertained the audience, Buchanan was visibly the center of attention. Fans approached her for signings as soon as she entered the room, and she gave long and humorous speech on her accomplishments and her latest novel, "You Only Die Twice."

Big draws to the book fair like Stephen King, Ann Rice or Amy Tan were not present this year, but Agyeman feels it was still vibrant and exciting. She stresses that new books are published all the time, and different authors rotate through the roster. People will not ignore the fair because King or Rice are not listed. "Savvy fairgoers know that it is a joy to 'find' new authors whose books are thrilling, for whatever reason," says Agyeman. "So they come to see the ones whose work they 'know,' and to seek out new experiences, too." But famous writers are always welcome.

Board members will address improvements as the need arises, resting only for a few weeks after the fair. Next year, new ways of keeping the fair enticing will be considered. "We realize that we compete with many other events for the public's attention," concludes Agyeman. "We want to keep the fair strong and interesting for our community."

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## Danticat is the hottest thing in the Caribbean

By FABIENNE JOSAPHAT,  
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**W**hen the room host presented *The Butterfly's Way, Readings from the Haitian Diaspora* panel, the room was packed. The draw on that warm Saturday afternoon at the Miami International Book Fair was due to the presence of renowned Haitian author Edwidge Danticat. Before she was introduced, a frustrated middle-aged man asked in a heavy Caribbean accent: "Do we get to ask any questions? Ms. Danticat is the hottest thing in the Caribbean, and we would like to address her." A blush-



Edwidge Danticat, author of *the Haitian Diaspora*

ing Danticat smiled and shyly closed her eyes.

However, that did not stop excited members of the audience from asking questions. Her appearance on the Oprah Winfrey Show a while ago for the discussion of her first novel, had been sufficient to spread the word about a young writer representing the politically stirred country, Haiti.

More novels followed, as well as a collection of short stories which she skillfully edited. *The Butterfly's Way* is an anthology exposing the voices of the Haitian Diaspora in the United States. However, she hopes to include the

(See **Danticat**, 10)

## Rick Hirsch: Passport to Experience

**R**ick Hirsch, managing editor of the Broward Herald, came to Barry's Career Night for Professional Writing on November 15<sup>th</sup> to share his experiences and give prospective journalists a few tips on breaking into the "business."

Rick Hirsch says his passport to experience was journalism. He has interviewed two presidents, covered natural disasters including Hurricane Andrew, and controversial events and elections. He also led the Knight Ridder investigations in Washington D.C. for the September 11 tragedy. Hirsch's breaking story

came December 17, 1982 on the faults in the building of the Metro-Rail, instigating a full federal investigation, delaying the opening for a year.

According to Hirsch acquiring "clips is the key" in getting in through the door of journalism. "It is the one thing an editor can judge a journalist on," Hirsch says. His tips for writing a good news story is to keep it "simple and clear, paying special attention into getting your point across." A news story needs to be coherent, uniform and rhythmic. "Don't pass judgment: tell what happened."

Hirsch also said "one of the great ways to write good writing is to read good writing. One should analyze their favorite pieces and aspire to use

that style. He also stated one should be a student of the publication they want to write for. Analyze their language, styles, angles and types of stories and strive to preserve them in your own writing. One of the best pieces of advice from Hirsch is "do not let writing get in the way of reporting."

Rick Hirsch originally from Cleveland, Ohio moved to Miami at 13, where he first started his journalism career at the Glade Middle School newspaper. Hirsch later went to University of Florida where he worked free for the High Springs Herald gaining him news clips. He got an internship at the Palm Beach Post and then worked at the Alligator (U.F. school paper) acquiring yet more clips after

which he landed an internship at the Herald and has been there since.

Hirsch opened the eyes of some naïve college students who believed getting a job in this field depends on one's resume. Jennifer Carvajal, a professional writing major, said, "it took us in the inside of what editors are expecting." Another student Fabienne Josephat, said it was "very informative" and gave us (Barry Students) a chance to gain a valuable contact.

The main point Hirsch was adamant about is getting clips, so if you want to be a journalist, write, write, and get published.

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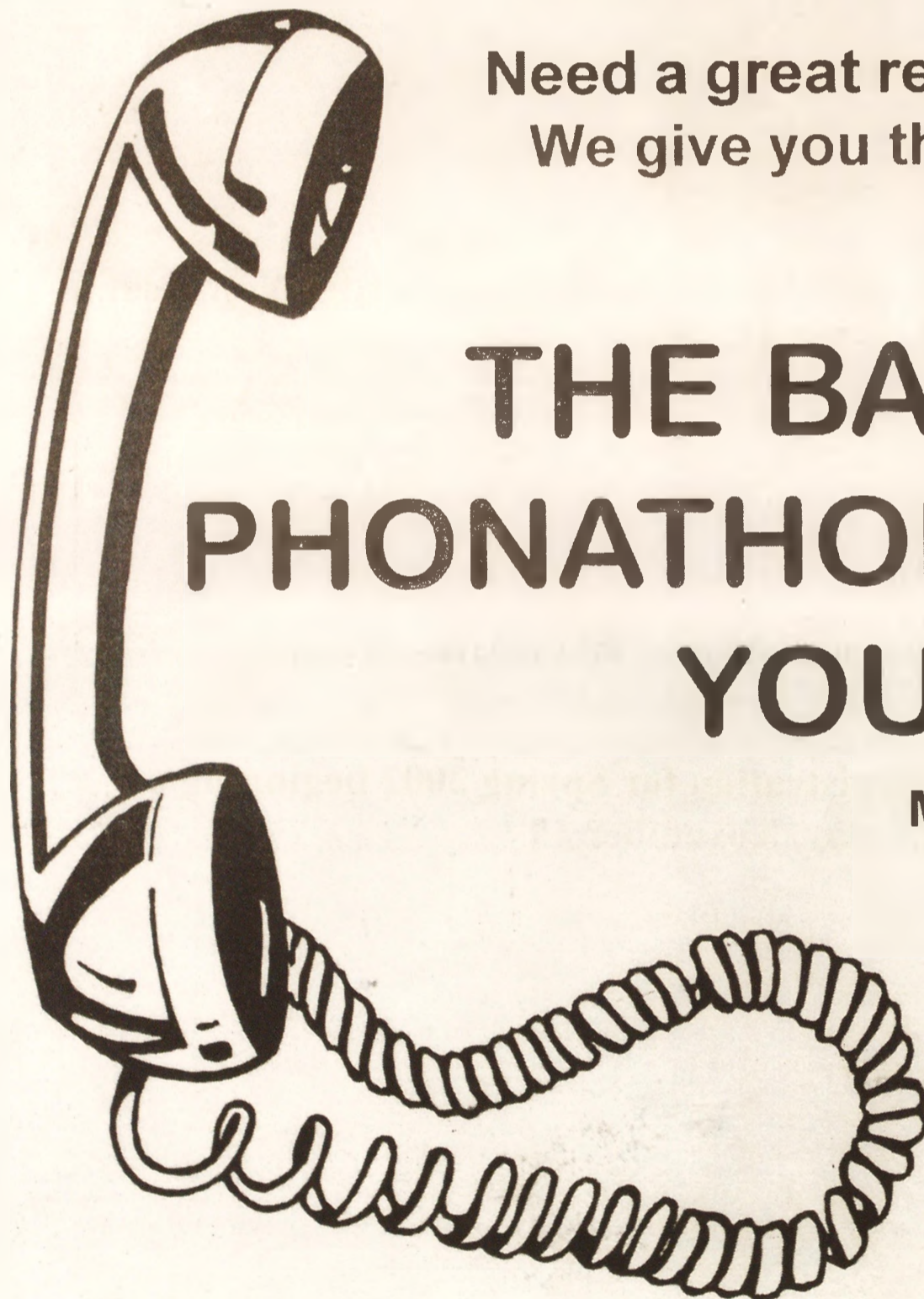
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# Walking differently to class

By ARNITRA GOLLETT,  
Staff writer

**W**alking to class, taking notes and studying is done a little differently for Barry University's student Gisela Vasquez.

Gisela was born premature and was placed in an incubator. The oxygen given to Gisela to help her survive also caused her to lose her vision. "Being blind for me is normal because it is all I know," said Vasquez. "It can be frustrating, but there are times when it can be very cool." Gisela says that it is difficult to be in class and not be able to look at things in your textbook.

To walk to class Gisela first needed assistance; now she has created a mental map of the University and does not need much help getting around. "I am not good with directions, I have to focus when I walk," says Vasquez. But,

when I get lost I see it as an adventure."

To read her textbooks, Gisela uses a program located in the Offices of Disability Services



Gisela is treading lightly to school  
(Photo by Dadi Rafnsson)

that scans the print and records it as text. Gisela also uses a Braille 'n Speak that allows her to take notes and write papers.

"I have Gisela in three of my class and she always works so hard," said junior Micaelle Jean. Gisela is a social work major and believes that she was put here to work in this field. "I feel that I have been called to work in this field to help people, they way that others have helped me," said Vasquez. "Gisela is tenacious, she falls down but she gets right back up and keeps going," said Director of Disability Services Leslie Rouder.

In Gisela's free time she enjoys listening to music, writing, reading, talking on the phone and taking things apart to understand how they work. However, Gisela admits that she does not have time to take things apart anymore because of her busy school schedule.

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## Call for papers

Sigma Tau Delta is publishing "What Oft Was Thought" Literary Journal on February 4, 2003. All members of Barry University and residents of Miami Shores are welcomed to submit entries. There is a First Place Award and Honorable Mentions in each category.

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- Short Fiction 2,000 words or less
- Essay 2,000 words or less

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By ELISE COLONE  
Columnist



Stress! Pressure! Deadlines! Many of us including myself find ourselves in a constant struggle balancing classes, work, internships, volunteering and all that comes with being a college student. And we also feel like we should have some sort of a social life. It ain't easy. But remember, no one ever said it was going to be.

Oh man, what am I going to be when I grow up? If you are like most other college students I am sure you ask yourself that question over and over again. Well, you are not alone. Fact is, even some people who have got more than one degree are not even sure yet. And some live their entire lives and never find themselves satisfied with their profession.

Maybe part of the problem is that we are such a complex species with so many capabilities, and the world is just exploding with options. Finding the point of focus is the hardest part. I think I want to be

## NO ONE EVER SAID IT WAS EASY

a journalist most of the time, but sometimes I haven't got the slightest idea about what I am going to be when I grow up. And sometimes I just want to know, now! I remind myself to relax, and it will come with time.

When I was in high school, and my advisor and I were setting up my schedule, he would say things like, "Okay, let us just put you in college prep classes and some basic computer classes." Which is all fine and dandy, although I wish he would have asked me what my interests were and discussed what fields might be appropriate for me to go into based on those points of interest. You see, instead of just lumping ourselves with everybody else that is "college bound," because that is what society tells us to do, we should focus on being individuals.

Each and every one of us was born with talents. God made us all different for a reason. We need to acknowledge these gifts, these born-in abilities and each and every one of them will contribute to finding our path of travel. Once you find the road, you are on your way.

The future is determined by the actions we take in the present.

Therefore, we must understand that what we do now with our time is what really matters. The more we live the more we learn about ourselves and well as the world around us. That attainable knowledge is truly the key to finding the focus. So slow down cowboy, you are going make it.

Everyone wants to be successful; there is no question about that. And everyone wants to be financially comfortable, that is no mystery. But it is up to you how you get there.

You do not have to major in business just because your father wants you to, if you really want to pursue music, you should. If it is in you, it is in you. No one can take that from you. Dad will argue that you are a dreamer, and you will never make as much money, but whose life is it anyway? True success is not fiscal wealth; it is a feeling of innermost satisfaction. There is no other feeling in the worlds that is like it. It is doing what you love to do, and doing it well. And hey, you can make as much money as you want; it is all up to you. There is no doubt you will shine if you follow that little voice inside of you. And its there, you just have got to listen.

One things for sure, it is not a simple process. And it definitely will not happen overnight, but be patient with yourself. Set goals and prioritize your time, fitting relaxation into your schedule. It is important to keep a clear head, in order to make things happen and without enough sleep and proper nourishment it is harder to repel stress.

Exercise your talents on a daily basis. Feel good about who you are and what you can do. Find a mentor. The worse thing to do when you are lost and you know you're lost, is to keep driving without asking for directions. What you are doing right now has certainly already been done, and there are tons of survivors of the struggle that can help you find direction. Once you find direction do not let anything or anyone get in your way. Surround yourself with good, positive people that are doing the same thing your doing. And remember there is no rush. If you are doing what you gotta do, everyday, you will eventually end up where you are supposed to be.

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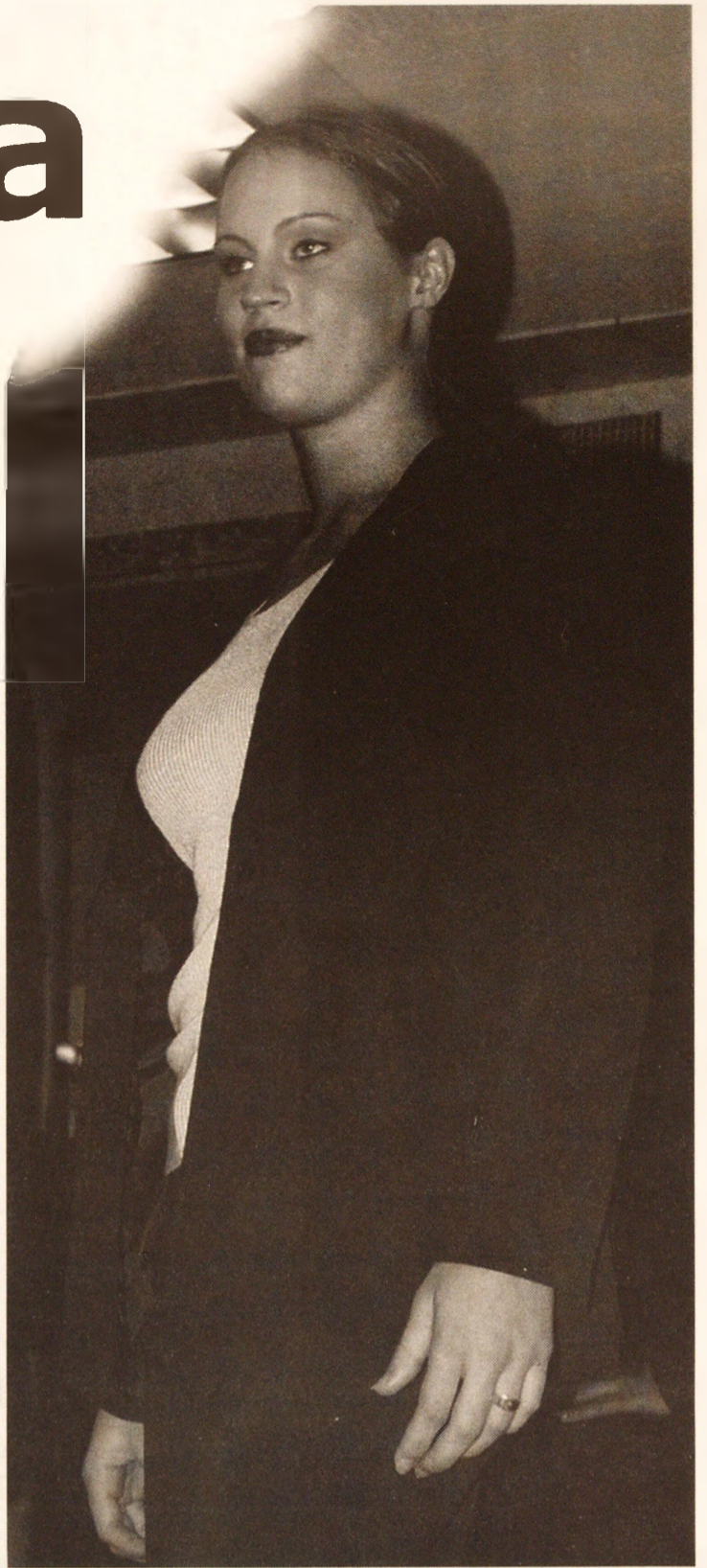
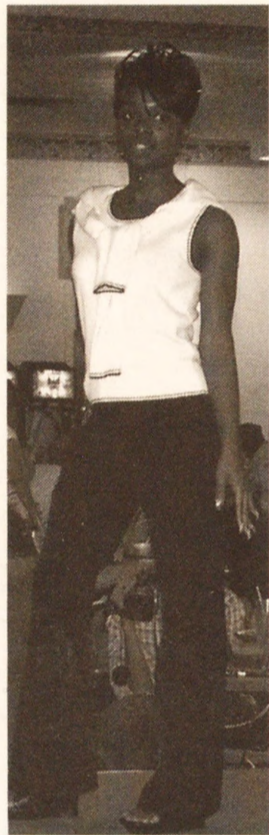
**M**odeling clothes from Liz Clarbone, Hugo Boss and Ralph Lauren was the main dish served during lunch time at the cafeteria Thursday, November 29, 2001.

The Career center hosted its annual "Dress for Success" fashion show where students modeled clothing from Men's Wearhouse, The Limited and Max Studio. Students learned important tips for interviewing including style and make-up information.

This event was organized to provide a fun and exciting teaching guide on how young professionals should dress in the workplace.

"I thought it was a very good experience because a lot of college students don't know what to wear in their first interview," said Robert Castillo, graduate student and aspiring model. "Plus, they offered discounts for suits at Men's Wearhouse."

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Barry students modeled the latest fashion at the "Dress for Success" fashion show, showing how to dress for that job interview. (Photos: Student Web)

## Barry's Hottest: ADG Fraternity auctions off Barry's Sexiest Men and Women

**I**f you didn't go, you missed a great time. The men of Alpha Delta Gamma fraternity held their Bachelor Auction on Thursday, November 8, inside Thompson Hall. Javier and Lark hosted, auctioning off raffle prizes in addition to the bachelors and bachelorettes. Each winning couple of the Bachelor Auction won a romantic night together having dinner at a trendy South Beach restaurant.

Firstly, each person in the audience was encouraged to purchase a raffle ticket for one dollar each. There were two prizes: the 50/50 raffle meant that the winner received half of ADG's profit from the auction. Another drawing gave away a pair of movie tickets. For the third prize, Javier auctioned VIP passes to Tangie's on South

Beach. Colin Quinn won with his bid of thirty dollars, for a night of unlimited free drinks.

Lark introduced Keith, a 22 year old from Boston, Massachusetts who was the first man of the night to win a date with one of the lucky women in the crowd. He was followed by Pauline, also 22 years old, photography major, from Pittsburgh, PA. Bachelor two, James, was celebrating his 21st birthday that night. This Richmond, VA man named skateboarding and soccer as some things he likes to do to keep in shape for the ladies. Bachelorette number two was Bethany, a 19 year old from Boston, one of two lucky bachelorettes to win a date with the same bidder, Chuck.

Third up was Casey, an ADG brother, and freshman from Marathon, FL. He was looking for an athletic girl with a nice personality. He made everyone laugh tossing his shirt into the front row at one of the ladies, Jackie, who of course got

the winning bid. After Casey was the lovely Nyoki, 20 years old from Miami, FL. She is a junior, majoring in Pre-Optometry. Casey had the pleasure of placing the winning bid for dinner with Nyoki. The next bachelor was Zach, 21 years old, sold to one of the ladies in the front row for sixty dollars.

Merlena was the next beautiful bachelorette, an 18 year old from Miami, FL. Merlena is a freshman majoring in Business Management. Next up was a brother from Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity, Francisco. He enjoys soccer, and he wants us ladies to know that, "he does not need pickup lines, and prefers a date that ends with breakfast." His sexy striptease paid off, landing him the honor of the highest bid, one hundred dollars. The next bachelorette, Teresa, did have a favorite pick-up line. "I am sorry, I for-

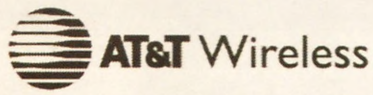
got to give you my phone number." Colin snapped the winning bid of twenty dollars, adding to his prize of a VIP pass to Tangie.

Saving what was possible the best effort so far, was Mark Anthony, an exercise major from California. He, "wants a date where there are no words spoken." To demonstrate how much he deserved a high bid, he made his way through the audience from woman to woman, dancing with each. He was finally bid to Chenille, one of the ladies of Alpha Phi sorority, and of course one of the lucky girls he had danced with.

The auction was a huge success as far as the audience was concerned, especially those who won a free dinner with a cute guy or girl in the process.

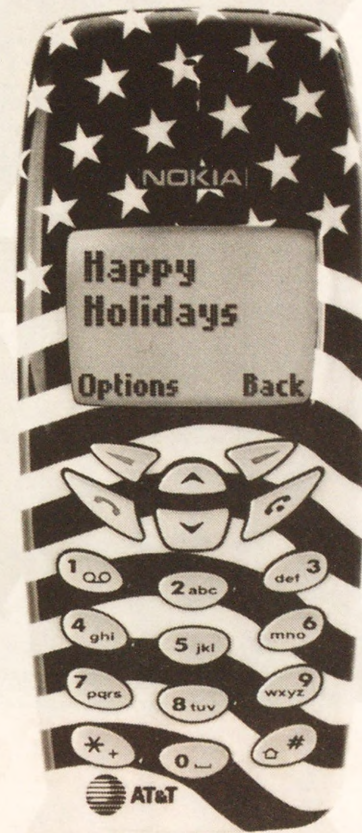
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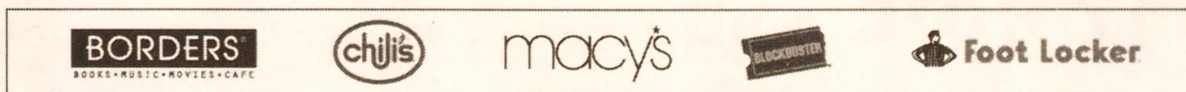


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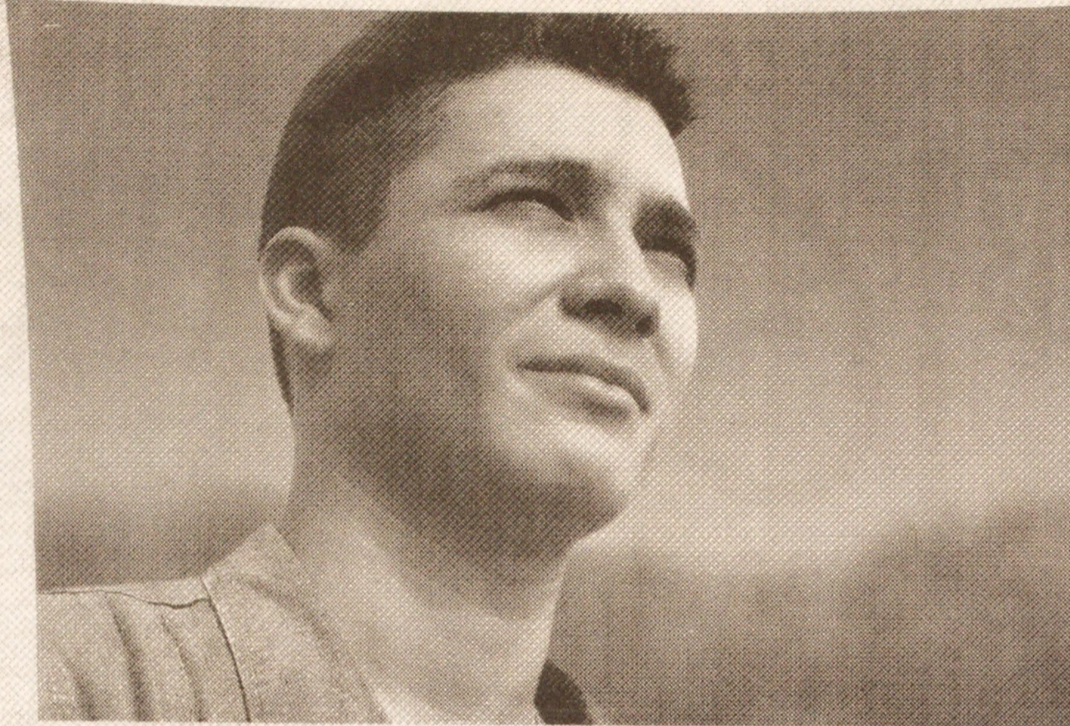
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## THE FINAL FINALS

By KOBINA AIDOO  
Columnist



They say you need an ego to write a column. The sort of personality that thinks he/she is so important that people would want to read about his/her life, much like Nietzsche's *Ecce Homo*. I'm a columnist but I don't consider myself egocentric (maybe you do). But seriously, I see myself more as a public servant. I feel I'm accountable to the people who define the "me" in my reflexive self. For that reason, I write a column.

Used to write a column, that is, for this is the last. I'm about to take the big step. guys. My life as a student is over. In a few years, I'll be starting my life as a home. I'm about to close a chapter but it feels like I'm about to close a whole book, and the finality of it makes me a little dolorous. Incidentally, this also happens to be the year that I turned 25. For the reason of the foregoing, I would like to share with you my report for the first quarter (25, 25%, ¼, geddit?). I do this not as an ego trip but as a trip down memory lane, based on the principle of accountability, being the public servant that I claim to be.

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The quarter started out strong, but took a dip around the 22<sup>nd</sup> year, mainly due to liquidity problems. Revenue flow has been erratic at best. 30% of it has come from our newspaper division, and 70% from our IT division. Most years, expenses have exceeded rev-

enue, with most expenses going to our transport, real estate and entertainment divisions. Our account has gone into O.D. four times in the last year. Consequently, we have had to borrow from the parent company (The Aidoo Group) four times in the last year. Most of it has gone into servicing outstanding debts. For the last four years, the headquarters of our global operations has been based in Florida, whilst the parent company remains in Ghana. In December, the board of the parent group will be visiting the Florida division of evaluate its performance. Our U.K. subsidiaries are performing beyond expectation. The move to the United States was initially beset by communication problems and differences in the corporate culture. Currency exchange rate was also a major problem. Those bottlenecks have been removed, and we expect the division to turn out a profit over the next quarter. All attempted mergers with the opposite sex have lasted no more than six months, or failed to materialize at all. Most of them have been lost for the lack of attention to those sectors or inadequate internal controls. Others have been lost to competitors in hostile takeovers. Revenues are expected to rise sharply in the next quarter. We believe the division is on the rebound.

### Revolution now!

As I close this chapter, a new breed of students and collegians takes over. I guess my four years here make me a sage so permit me to impart pieces of my sagacity to you kids. Over the last four years, I've grown viscerally antipathetic towards two three-letter acronyms: MLA and APA. You will too. If you don't believe me, ask Krista Bywater.

Mother of God, I hate research. In secondary school back home, we used to curse Vladimir Lenin, the sup-

posed inventor of learning. (You see, back home, "learning" is enunciated "lenin."). Here, I curse APA and MLA. In the first place, you can never be sure when to use which. I have a feeling most professors don't give much of a rat's spinal extension about MLA and APA either. So why bother? Why don't we all pretend MLA and APA don't exist and everybody will be happy? OK, I'll deal with the research but telling you my sources? Are you kidding me? Ever heard of common sense? Besides, I'm a communication major. And aren't journalists supposed to protect their sources? Hellooo? To all you Communication and Journalism majors, if your professors ask for your sources, tell them, "Sorry Dr. Peever (Wahlers, Nelson), my sources are confidential but thanks for asking." Trust me, the Supreme Court would uphold it. If you don't believe me, ask Dr. Doody. Dr. Sirminagkala may not uphold it though. Seriously, what do you need our sources for? Ooooooh, students can't think for themselves. Ooooooh, students cut and paste. I don't know any students who cut and paste. Do you? Reminds me of my professor who suggested that his students make a Public Service Announcement on the need to go to class. I don't wanna lose any friends. Do you?

I can't forget a classmate in one of my courses who totally poopooed

in the face of the fine folks at MLA and APA and the professors who keep them in business:

\*It was an advertising class, and the professor asked students to prepare a marketing plan, putting themselves in the shoes of a marketing director. So this guy—let's call him Jamal Fernandez—writes "According to the marketing director, production will be increased from 5,000 to 10,000 units in the next quarter" (Fernandez, 2000). Yes, that's right. He quoted himself. In ya face, MLA! In ya face, APA!

### GRADUATION

So columnists are egomaniacs, huh? I'll show you ego. Watch out, for I may do something dramatic at my graduation, and no, Semona, it wouldn't be the cutting of my dreads. I've been thinking. What if I show up in my gown? And just my gown. Nothing underneath. See where I'm going? Or maybe not. The finality of this whole thing mollifies me. Maybe this egomaniac will go out with a whimper.

So this is it folks. You've been a great crowd. (sob sob)

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## Danticat

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voices of Haitians throughout the world if the publishers decide to publish a second edition.

The anthology, surprisingly enough, comprises works by writers and non-writers, people who had stories to tell but never wrote them. "In some cases, I even had to stand behind them and watch over their shoulder as they wrote," she admits. The book contains stories from authors like Joanne Hyppolite, Maude Heurtelou, Danny Laferriere, Jean Robert Cadet, and more. "Writing is solitary, but sometimes you crave a sense of community," says Danticat. In an attempt to work in a writing community, she assembled a range of different experiences.

Danticat's writings inspire strong emotions. They are all based on Haitian experiences. She was herself born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti and migrated to Brooklyn, New York when

she was 12. Writing really came to her at age nine, but her craft developed when she turned 14, with the encouragement of teachers and writing assignments. She graduated from Barnard College with a degree in French literature and translation, since she was interested in International Affairs, and a minor in economics. She also holds an MA in Fine Arts and Creative Writing from Brown University. People were greatly impressed, and their enthusiasm showed on Saturday, as soon as she arrived for The Butterfly's Way. "People have trouble reconciling the Haiti of Toussaint Louverture, and the Haiti that washes up on their shores," says Danticat. After reading a poem from Haitian writer Marc Christophe for introduction, Danticat let the contributing writers read, and together they answered questions before signing books at the end of the session

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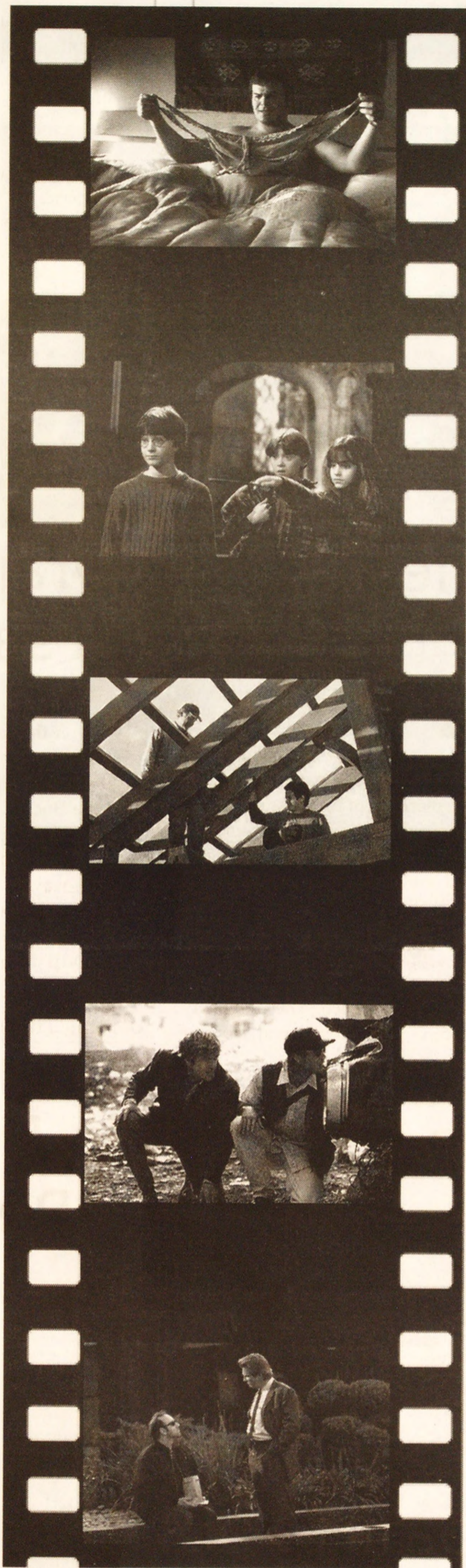


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# E movie reviews

by DADI RAFNSSON &amp; JESSICA ALLEN

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## K-PAX

Starring KEVIN SPACEY, JEFF BRIDGES

It seems like whatever Kevin Spacey does these days is fool proof according to the media. As an actor he has reached the sacred "post-1993 Tom Hanks zone". If only all his movies were as good as *The Usual Suspects* and *American Beauty*. Last years' *Pay it Forward* was a manipulative dud and although *K-Pax* is not that bad it is not good either. Where is the storyline in this movie? My Christmas wish is that Hollywood abolishes the horrible profession of script doctors, but even Santa cannot be that kind, can he? -DR

## SHALLOW HAL

Starring JACK BLCK, GWYNETH PALTROW

**K**ingpin was better than *Dumb & Dumber* which was better than *There is Something about Mary* which was better than *Me Myself and Irene* which was better than *Shallow Hal*. The Farelly brothers are losing their touch fast. This one is supposed to make fun of fat people. Instead it turns into this amazingly boring sentimental lesson about how not to judge people by their looks. It is what is on the inside that counts. Message to the Farellys; everyone who has a brain knows that (admittedly that excludes quite a few of us). We want something to laugh at and this does not deliver. Next time go make fun of people with glasses and make sure to be cruel...and funny. -DR

## HARRY POTTER

Starring JOHNNY DEPP, HEATHER GRAHAM

**O**ne of the most eagerly awaited movies ever is a must-see. But in spite of its sleek looks it is still not all what it pretends to be. *Harry Potter* (Daniel Radcliffe) is invited to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft where he learns to fly, meets the three headed dog Fluffy, makes new friends and of course defeats the evil wizard. If director Chris Columbus were a basketball player he would be Shaquille O'Neal: He makes magnificent things but we miss the Magic. Now bring on the *Lord of the Rings*. -DR

## LIFE AS A HOUSE

Starring KEVIN KLINE, KRISTIN SCOTT THOMAS, HAYDEN CHRISTENSON

**T**his is such a nice movie. It makes you want to hug someone, buy someone flowers and even smile. Kevin Kline's character finds out he is dying and decides to build the house of his dreams with his son. One little problem... the son hates him. Hayden Christensen steals the show completely and looks a promising

Darth Vader for next year's "You Know What". This guy is going to give Brad Pitt a serious run for his money in the male babe stakes, but he can act. Everyone else gives a stellar performance which makes this a nice, rainy-Sunday-evening movie. Did I mention that it is nice? -DR

## SPY GAME

Starring ROBERT REDFORD, BRAD PITT

**B**rad Pitt and Robert Redford give great performances in this James-Bond-like film. Enter the players: Tom Bishop (Pitt) is the ambitious, clever and idealistic CIA agent who has a difficult time learning the rules to the spy game from experienced Nathan Muir (Redford). The father-son type relation-

ship between the two is clearly displayed on-screen and is the fuel for most of the movie. Having these two intensely sexy actors play side-by-side gives the movie its edge, but don't be disappointed if there is not enough action. -JA

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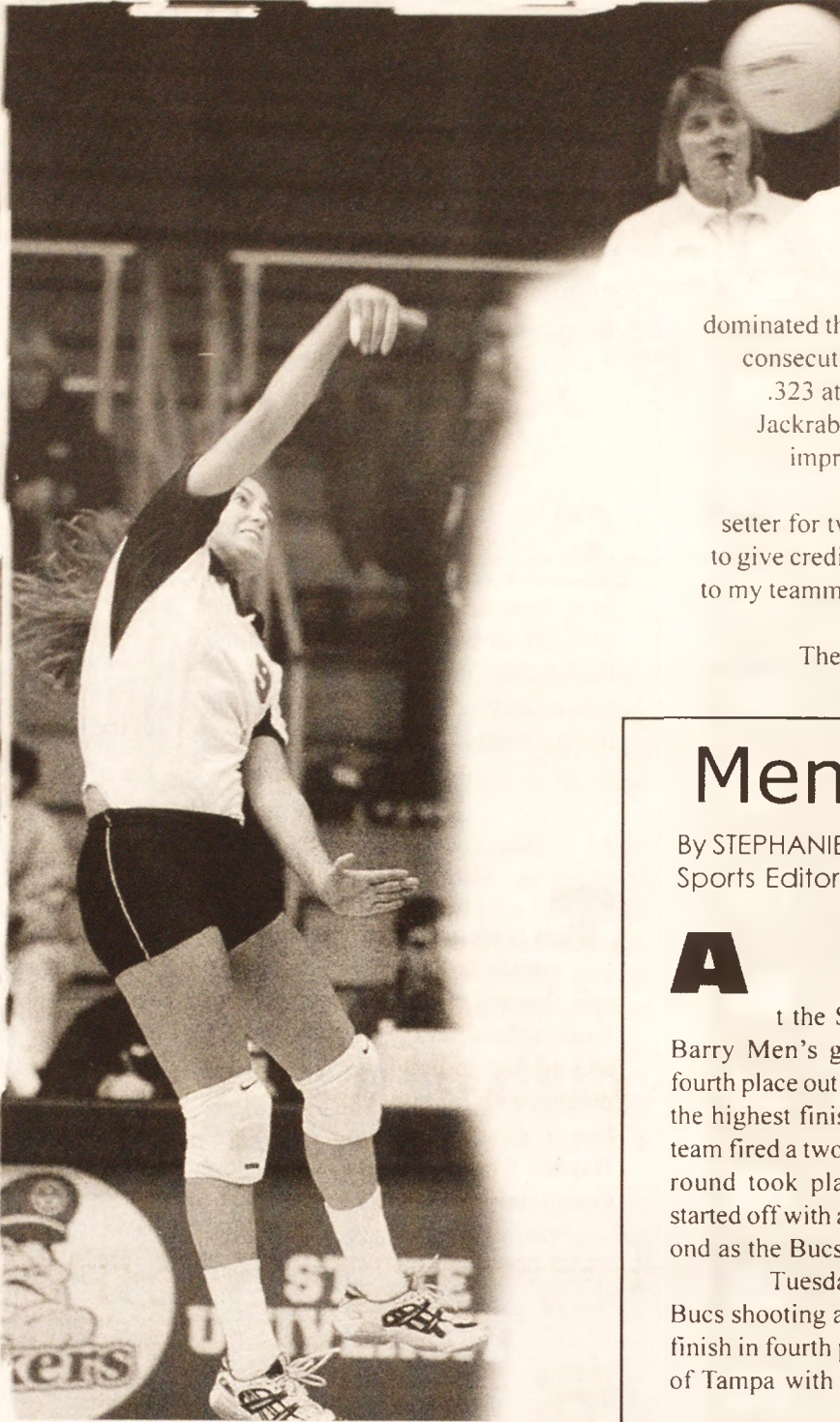
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# S P O R T S

## National champs

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Karla Bersano: one of Barry's Brazilian Fab Four (Photo by Sports Information)

ily here and that is special to us."

Despite having that family atmosphere, the Buccaneers completely dominated the match. For the third consecutive time, they tallied a .323 attack percentage to the Jackrabbits .083 thanks to the improved setting of Lanza.

"I have only been a setter for two months, but I have to give credit for my improvement to my teammates because we did it as a team."

The Bucs held the AVCA

Player of the Year, Shauna Sturm, the Jackrabbits top player to only 11 kills on the night. She was the only South Dakota player to tally double-digit kills.

The Buccaneers ended their season with an overall record of 32-2 and dubbed the NCAA Division II National Champions for the second time in school history... a great ending to a near perfect season!

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## Men's GOLF wraps up fall season

By STEPHANIE O'BRIEN,  
Sports Editor

**A**t the Saint Leo Invitational Barry Men's golf team finished in fourth place out of twelve teams. With the highest finish of their season, the team fired a two round 619. The first-round took place on Monday as it started off with a three-way tie for second as the Bucs shot a 305.

Tuesday started off with the Bucs shooting a second-round 314 to finish in fourth place. The University of Tampa with a two round score of

597 won the tournament. George Twyman with a two round score of 149 and five strokes off the leader led the Bucs. Twyman finished up the tournament in second place. Freshman Ryan Lamond finished in a three-way tie for fourth place with a two-round score of 151. The fall season has now ended for the Bucs and they will return to action in the spring.

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## CREW finishes strong in the Florida Novice Regatta



Women's crew concluded the fall season with a strong showing at the Florida Novice Regatta (Photo: Sports Information)

By STEPHANIE O'BRIEN,  
Sports Editor

**D**eland, Florida is the site where the rowing team had one of its best performances in The Florida Novice Regatta. The Bucs finished the A-8 event in second place right behind Central Florida. The team would have finished first except that it was penalized by thirty seconds.

In the B-8 event the Bucs finished in third behind Central Florida again with a time of 11:54.2. The A-4 event proved to be the best of the Bucs' season as they finished in first place. It was extra exciting as the Bucs beat out Division I Miami. The B-4 event left the Bucs with a disappointing sixth place finish and a time of 13:29.

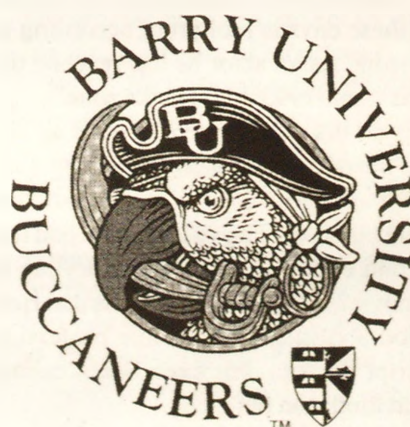
This Regatta concludes the fall season for the Buccaneers. The team's first regatta of the spring will take place in Tampa on March 9.

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# Women's BASKETBALL facing high expectations

By BRITT MIAZGOWICZ,  
Staff Writer

**B**arry Women's basketball has high expectations to live up to after advancing to the Sweet Sixteen in last season's NCAA tournament. The

Bucs have their work cut out for them no seniors on the roster, which means that there is plenty to expect from this young team in the future. Jaida Will-

iams will lead the team as an ace forward this season, while Sanja Zivanovic and freshman MacKenzie Bisset will both be forces to reckon with in the backcourt. Team captain Bridget Bradshaw aims to maintain standards and unify her team this year, as well.

Despite their two opening loses to Arkansas Tech (41-70) and Midwestern State (50-55) in the South Padre Island Shootout in Texas, the Bucs have another month until conference games begin in January. In Texas the Bucs first played Arkansas Tech.

At the end of the first period, the Bucs were behind 15-34. Arkansas kept hammering in three-point shots, scoring 50% of all attempts. The Bucs picked it up in the second, but it was too late. The following day Barry played Midwestern State and were ahead after the first period. Once more however, Barry couldn't get

the three pointers going and fell 50-55. "We just lacked the heart and enthusiasm to win the first game," said assistant coach Jeff Edwards, "but in the second game we were much more aggressive. Just a few mental mistakes cost us the game."



The Lady Bucs are building on high expectations (Photo by Sports Information)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12-4	Palm Beach Atlantic	7pm
12-6	Nova Southeastern	7pm
12-15	Florida Memorial	6pm
12-16	Missouri Western	4pm
12-29	St. Anselm	4pm
12-31	Christian Brothers	2pm

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# Men's BASKETBALL fall to tough competition in U.C. Davis Tournament

By BRITT MIAZGOWICZ,  
Staff Writer

Men's basketball lost their first two games of the season this year at a tournament at the University of California, Davis. The Bucs have never faced either of the teams in previous seasons, and both proved to be fierce competitors. The Bucs fell first to Humboldt University 84-94 and the following day lost to U.C. Davis 73-85. "In spite of the losses, I think that we learned a great deal about what we need to improve upon as a team in order to win future conference games," said sophomore Andrew Evans.

The Bucs have all the components needed for a great season. With six junior and two seniors, their leadership and experience will be a tremendous asset to the team, and Coach Odio, Barry's winningest men's bas-

ketballs coach, expects nothing less than aggressive play and intensity.

Despite losing key play Jason Junker, the Bucs have many upcoming players with talent to spare. Senior Lincoln Glasford returns to the front line as well as junior Luis Vazquez-Bello. Newcomers Ronald Luis (junior) and Brian Mills (junior) will also add a threat up front. Co captain Yorell Calderon (junior) will be vital to the Bucs backcourt having recovered from injuries that forced him to red shirt last season. Senior Curtis Tonge will continue to contribute as well with his scoring ability.

By January the team will have played together for two months, ample time secure that their teamwork will be toned to perfection giving them a shot at the SSC title in the spring.

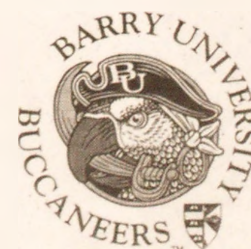
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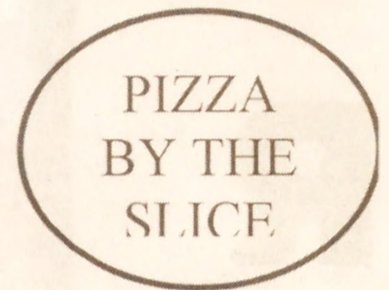
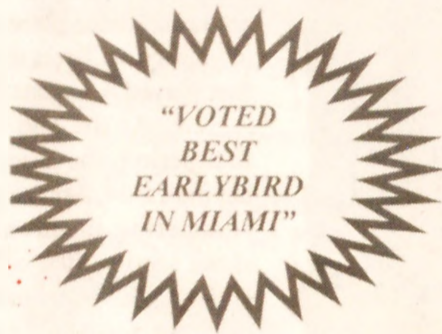


The Buccaneers are gearing up for an exciting season (Photo by Sports Information)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12-5	Florida Memorial	7:30pm
12-15	Missouri Western	4pm
12-16	Clark Atlanta	2pm
12-29	St. Edwards	2pm
12-29	New Jersey Tech	6pm

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