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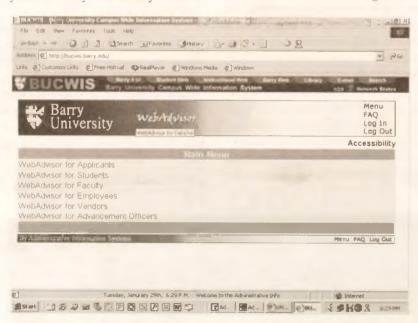
By TraLana Frazier

cater to students?

re students really first at Barry? This is a question that I have asked myself from time to time. After a year at Barry University I have

ability of classes, and lack of technology.

I have never experienced bad advisement, but a few of my fellow students have been given bad



found that we are behind the times when it comes to advisement and registration. There are three main problems visible, bad advisement, availadvice about what courses to enroll in. When students think it is safe to put in their application for graduation they find out that they cannot graduate, because their advisor forgot to tell them about a class that is required. Many students have been advised to take the wrong courses and end up taking courses that do not satisfy the requirements for their degree. I have been told to make sure I know about what is required in my major. Your advisor will not tell you everything and it is sad when a student has to come back another year just because the adviser has made a mistake. Students should make a point to know what is required, and keep a record of what course they have taken and what grade they have received. If a problem is to arise, the student will have their records and can prove his/her

If you work and attend Barry University you will likely not graduate in four years. Working students have to complete an extra year or two to complete the requirements for their major because Barry offers some classes once every year or once even every two years. Some major required courses are only offered once a year and most of those courses are only

offered during the day. If a student's place of employment is only opened between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm they can only attend class at night. Some students have complained that they have been told to quit their jobs to finish the program. This is inconsiderate. How are students who do work supposed to take care of themselves and their families if they quit their jobs?

In my profession and major the average student is 26 years old. Who do you know that is 26 years old and does not have to work? How is it possible for students to take care of their financial obligations without working?

The main complaint about registration is lack of technology. The registration process is very long. Step one: make an appointment with your advisor. Step two: the advisor advises advisee. Step three: business office. Step four: registrar. Step five: business office. Everything is done by hand; nothing on the computer.

(See Students First, 7)

New President, New Ideas?

By FABIENNE JOSAPHAT, News Editor

dent was elected for the Haitian Inter-Cultural Association (HICA). James Gelin, a senior majoring in pre-law, replaces Georges Bossous who still remains an adviser for the club.

"I wish all the luck to the members of HICA," says Bossous before joining other members at the club's booth in Thompson Hall. Bossous may not be the functioning president, but he is still present, pitching suggestions to the group.

The Spring 2002 Student Activities Fair on January 23 and 24, allowed all clubs and associations to display their information in booths and tables. HICA has its own table

where members display artifacts and Haitian flags.

Christian Neptune is the new vice president of the association, replacing Madafi Pierre "who was outstanding in achieving group collaboration within the club." HICA had been dormant lately. Students were barely made aware of any social activities. But Bossous maintains that the club did organize a few events, such as last year's "Strengthening the Family" conference, as well as work with Habitat for Humanity. Neptune commented that the group has been somewhat inactive because of the officers' hectic schedule. "This year's officers are much more flexible and more dedicated to making the club enjoyable and a learning experience for all."

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Bush & Butterworth express support for Barry's School of Law

From Student Web

Governor Jeb Bush and Attorney General Bob Butterworth have expressed their support of provisional accreditation for Barry University School of Law. The governor and attorney general sent separate letters to the American Bar Association insisting that Barry's law school can co-exist with new state-supported FAMU College of Law, which

of Law, which will also be located in Orlando. Gover-

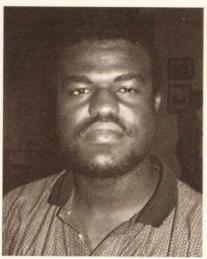


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nor Bush not only expressed confidence that Barry University School of Law will thrive, but added that the "competition is essential to excellence in educational institutions." Hundreds of letters have been sent in a show of support for the Barry law school. Further developments in the school's accreditation process are expected in February.

Student Speak Up

Do you take part in any extracurricular activities at Barry?



"Yes, I am a member of the hike club."

Emmerson Jean-Philippe
Sophomore, Psychology



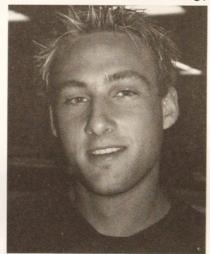
"No, I am not."

Sophie Sassine Freshman, Marketing



"No, I have no time for extracurricular activities."

Wendy Arguello Freshman, Biology



"Yes, I am a proud member of the men's soccer team."

Wes Lindberg Senior, Sports Management

Editor's Note

By DADI RAFNSSON, Editor - in - chief



arrives...breathe out and 2001 is suddenly here! How did it pass by so quickly and what happened in between? A lot if we look back on it, but how often do we take the time to do so? More importantly, wherever you are, are you enjoying this exact moment?

Breathe in.

This time a year ago, the Rams were defending champions, 'Dubya' was the new kid on the Capitol Hill, the Taliban ruled Afghanistan, the Twin Towers were still standing. We were all a year younger, prettier and at least in my case more naive by a year. In 2001 people all over the world fell in love, were heartbroken, had accidents, achieved their goals, lost relatives and welcomed new ones.

Breathe out.

Like everything else, the Buccaneer staff has changed. Kobina Aidoo and Krista Bywater have graduated and commenced on a new life on the outside. Trust them to take it to each extreme. Former Ad Manager Krista is now experiencing Europe for the first time at a languague school in Sevilla, Spain. Former Layout Editor Kobina on the other hand can still be found in the Barry computer lab, helping out those who cannot figure out what to do

about all the glitches in Microsoft's newest products (pretty much everyone). Jessica Allen, former News Editor has left the Buccaneer for the 'other' big paper in Miami, the Herald, proving herself wrong and myself right that she could reach the big time.

Breathe in.

Like Jessica, I will graduate this spring (knock on forehead). Certain circumstances had me almost forgoing my last semester at Barry University. I decided in the end that I had to finish what I had begun so many years ago and when walking to school on the first day back I thought to myself 'You better enjoy this.' I will probably get more sickeningly nostalgic in the months to come, but until then I am going to do my best to breathe it all in.

Breathe out.

New times call for new people. This semester we are adding Fabienne Josaphat, Elise Colon, Kenita Williams and Alfreda Cooper to the mix. Fabienne is now our News Editor, Elise the Ad Manager, Kenita the Layout Editor and Alfreda heads the new position of Online Editor. But guys, do you see a pattern? I hereby wish for more male students to work for the Buccaneer. It may be every man's dream to work surrounded by women but I am in a stark minority position here.

Breathe in...OK, this is getting annoying. I am stopping this now.

It is interesting how attached we are to technology. Owen Iozzio's article on the Internet clogging up when it was needed is a good reminder.

For days after September 11 it was impossible to access CNN.com, MSNBC.com, Time.com and Newsweek.com. Web-based email had problems and cell phone users in NYC could not get through to anyone. My grandfather just passed away. He was a history professor and wrote several books and articles in his lifetime. He was given a computer ten years ago when typewriters were supposed to be past their due date. I do not think he turned it on more than twice. He still used the typewriter and wrote by hand...imagine that? He still left a great deal more material about his time than most of us will, beautifully written, proving that it is what is inside us what matters.

And guess what is on our front page yet again? The Barry Law School issue has dragged on for too long. I do not know but there must be some unreasonable forces behind the ridiculous delay. Bureaucracy and politics are stalling young people's careers, leaving faculty and students in a ridiculous limbo. Hopefully we can report something positive on this matter soon. At least students should demand open and honest answers. More on that later.

And more ridicule, the registration process needs to go online. What we have now is an antiquated system causing a lot of grief. Students should be able to access all their information online, register, pay bills, organize their college careers etc. Other schools can do it, why not us?

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Heavy Traffic Threatens Information

By OWEN IOZZIO

n recent years, the Internet has become a fixture in modern popular culture, reaching all corners of civilization, into even what used to be the most unreachable regions of the planet. Through a complex and massive network of satellites, telephone lines, cables and fiber optics, any piece of information of any kind, big or small, can be sent around the world from one person or organization to another in a matter of nanoseconds (theoretically). An offspring of the Internet, the World Wide Web is the most widely used and popularized feature of the Net. This intuitive, user friendly service has made its way into millions of homes, offices, and schools worldwide. Through the Web, anyone can order airline tickets, get movie showtimes, find a job, find a mate or long lost friend or family, get news, advertise a business, get music, movies, or pictures, look up sports statistics or reference materials, learn to cook, or learn to program a VCR. There are seemingly limitless possibilities for this one aspect of the Internet alone. But as we will see, all these vast opportunities, combined with their astronomical popularity, come at a price that I believe will ultimately limit the potential of the Internet.

I'm sure no one has to be reminded, in any sort of detail, about the events of September 11th of this year. For the purposes of this article, it will only be necessary to be familiar with some of the ripple effects generated by said events. Specifically, one, which was witnessed here on the Barry University campus, will be the basis for a theory, which I will outline shortly.

On September 11th, when news of the tragedy had fully reached the university, huge numbers of students and faculty flooded to the nearest television or computer, in search of the most up-to-date information. In the library and in the lab on the second floor of Garner Hall, students crowded around computer monitors, studying the latest updates from CNN.com and other sites offering any news about the morning's events. With this activity, it wouldn't take long for the problem to arise. By the time Heft my 11 o'clock class and got to an available computer in Garner, it seemed that the Internet services provided by Barry's Division of Information Technology had been all but paralyzed. Expecting that any news site, such as CNN.com, would be swamped, I pointed the web browser to a couple of other sites (AOL and Yahoo! for example are frequent stops for me), hoping that I would still be able to access some Web sites with little problem. This was not to be the case. As I quickly discovered, it would prove nearly impossible to access any Internet site that was not local to Barry's own web space. Why



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was this? To put it in familiar terms, supply could not meet demand. The resources of DolT's Internet access hardware and software were depleted so greatly that all traffic on campus was slowed to a crawl, or halted altogether.

This is, I believe, a microcosm of the current state of the Internet at a national or global level. Anyone who has experience trying to access an ISP, such as AOL, via a dial-up connection during "peak online hours" will most likely relate to this quite readily. They are no doubt familiar with the frustrating sounds of busy signals and redialing over and over again. This is the price we pay for ac

none of these corporations interested in an investment to get ahead of the demand? Surely they must know that as the Internet grows, and its usage continues to grow at an exponential rate, the demands on them will grow likewise. Or are they interested only in keeping their services satisfactory so as not to have suits filed against them?

I believe, if this trend remains in place, that the Internet will never be able to amount to much more than a novelty; a convenient way to buy plane tickets, get movie showtimes, or find a job, but never a practical necessity. Think for a moment about the morning of September 11th, and what I described about that day. Hundreds of people poised at gateways to the Internet: a place where literally millions of pieces of information are available at a few

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The World Wide Web has become the "World Wide Wait" (Montage by Owen Iozzio)

cess to all the wonderful features the Internet and World Wide Web provide. The demand Web patrons place on their ISP's simply overwhelms the capabilities of those corporations to provide their services. This is by no fault of the consumer of course. They offer it, so we utilize it. When we utilize it more than they are prepared for however, it becomes time to play catch up. Herein lies the problem. It seems that many ISP's are content to upgrade their capabilities just enough to stay even with the demand placed on them. America Online added more access numbers to their service so that dial-up customers experienced fewer busy signals, but once online, is their service always as fast and efficient at seven in the evening in New Jersey (the most densely populated state in the country) as it appears in the advertisements on television? From experience, my answer is a definite "No." Are

points and clicks of a mouse, yet now, when this information is needed the most, it is unobtainable. We have seen the Information Superhighway falter in the face of ex treme demand, and if it is to become a practical part of our daily lives, changes in the attitudes of those who bring it to us will have

At the Division of Information Technology, I spoke with Programming Assistant Fitzgerald Scott, and Assistant Director of Network and Information System Services, Erick Verlangieri about the general state of Internet services here on campus, as well as ideas about the Net lockup on September 11th. Mr. Scott acknowledged that the plummet in network performance that day could be due to the enormous number of people who were trying to access various news and information sites from campus. He also noted that at least a small amount of the network's resources were being consumed by traffic created by real-time chat services, such as AOL Instant Messenger, Yahoo! Messenger, MSN, or ICQ, as these have quickly become very popular methods of exchanging information rapidly. Scott also told me that email, similar to the World Wide Web, weighs

heavily on network resources when it is utilized by many users simultaneously. Mr. Verlangieri put forth a practical suggestion as to the cause of the Internet slowdown. He pointed out that, with the multitude of computers and various servers housed within the World Trade Center and the amount of information that must have passed through there every second, the destruction of those computers and servers could very well have disrupted Internet traffic virtually anywhere. Indeed, cellular phone customers experienced difficulties with their service when any number of communications antennas disappeared from the New York City skyline. Certainly then, the possibility that the loss of any number of Internet servers could have contributed to the Web's troubles cannot be dismissed.

I had also hoped to speak with Mr. John Beaubrun, head of the Division of Information Technology, about network traffic. As I understand, Mr. Beaubrun has access to charts and statistics, which display the status of Barry's network resources at any given period during the day. These would be instrumental in demonstrating more clearly exactly what happens to Internet systems during peak times of usage. I don't know how far back in time this information goes, but it certainly would have been interesting to see the numbers that correspond with the morning and afternoon of September 11th.

Unfortunately, due to the typical chaos that accompanies the end of the semester, combined with the recent crisis DoIT has been faced with since yet another virus attacked the faculty e-mail system, Mr. Beaubrun, as well as most other representatives from that department, have been largely unavailable for input. Mr.'s Scott and Verlangieri were both kind enough to take a few minutes each to share their ideas with me, however they did not have access to the information I previously mentioned.

To conclude, consider this metaphor to assist in envisioning the state of the Net today: In Northern New Jersey (where I hail from), tens of thousands, if not millions of people, commute into New York City every weekday morning, and head back to New Jersey in the evening. At these peak times of travel, congestion drastically builds up approaching the bridges and tunnels connecting the two states. Imagine that New York City is the Internet, that New Jersey houses the millions of eager Web surfers, and that the bridges and tunnels connecting the two represent their Internet Service Providers. During the busiest hours, huge numbers of travelers are funneled into relatively few pipelines to their destinations. The result? Traffic comes to a crawl, and in the most extreme cases, to a grinding halt. The solution? Build more bridges.

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Study Abroad: Available to All?

By FABIENNE JOSAPHAT, News Editor

ow often do we get to go to another country, learn about a new culture, a new language, meet different people and see the world? Barry University's study abroad program offers these opportunities to all of its students. The program has been running for years, and many don't seem to be aware.

As a member of the College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS), Barry enables its students to enroll in 70 programs offered in 30 countries. China, Korea, Costa Rica, England and France are just a few. "I myself conducted a number of courses in various parts of Great Britain England, Ireland, Scotland, and we even ran a program at Oxford University for several summers," says Dr. Lilian Schanfield, Study Abroad Ad-

viser for Barry University. "Students can also find their own programs outside our consortium and study for one or two semesters, or summers."

Students can enroll in the study abroad program and have their credits transferred back in as they would do with any other university. Of course, the procedures must be followed correctly. Students may take a course related to their major in a foreign country, like those who follow Professor Stephen Althouse in for photography classes. "I was an exchange student to Argentina myself," says Althouse. "It allowed me to view the world differently and appreciate other cultures. It's valuable to young people and in my opinion, should almost be made a requirement." Althouse, who plans to take his students again to Paris this summer for an advance photography course, has traveled to places like the Galapagos Islands, Spain, Ecuador and islands in the

pacific. Previously, a literature course taught by Dr. Schanfiled was combined with a photography course and a number of students had the opportunity to travel to London. "We rented an apartment and lectured in the living room," says Althouse. "The students studied various authors, and went on field trips to take photos."

Professor Althouse affirms that when observing the students abroad, the reaction is almost always the same. "At first, they start comparing everything in the country to the way of life in the U.S." But the feelings tend to dissipate after the first week, and they start appreciating the differences and maturing.

"I cannot wait to go back this year," says Monika Pimentel, a senior photography

major. "Last time I went to Paris, and I ended up staying longer." The experience, according to the students,

helped them not only develop skills in photography, but also develop appreciation for other cultures. Some of them still keep in touch with people they've met while studying abroad.

According to Dr. Schanfield, this experience expands the range of a student's course options, increases understanding of other cultures, and provides a different perspective on our own culture while allowing immersion in the life of another country. "Things always look different when you're away," she says. Students can examine differences in cultures and at the same time sharpen their communication skills. The program also expands career choices, as many come back changed, wanting to try new things and revising their goals.

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FAFSA: As Easy As 1,2,3...

By ALLISON BEAVER, Associate Director of Fin. Aid

he 2002-2003 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the most important document in your entire financial aid file. Without it, the Office of Financial Aid at Barry University cannot even begin to consider you for financial aid. It determines your degree of financial need, as well as collects critical data used in determining your financial aid award.

As of January 1, 2002, you can apply on-line for your 2002-2003 FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov, and apply for a pin number at www.pin.ed.gov. What is a pin number? A PIN is a Personal Identification Number that allows students

(and parents) access to sign and correct the 2002-2003 FAFSA or renewal FAFSA on the web. Students and parents must obtain a separate PIN to electronically sign the FAFSA. The U.S. Department of Education will automatically send PIN mailers to students who

or fill out the paper FAFSA, here are some important tips that should make filling out the form easier:
Read the instructions.

The 2002-2003 FAFSA collects information from your tax returns, and if you are dependent student, your

Important! You and your parents don't have to have actually filed your tax returns with the IRS to complete the FAFSA. You just need to have filled out your tax returns in order to be able to pull critical data from them, like your Adjusted Gross Income and Taxes Paid. So, don't let the fact that you or your parents haven't filed your taxes slow you down. You can even estimate your taxes if you need to, only make sure it's a pretty good estimation.

filed a 2002-2003 FAFSA. Students who did not file a FAFSA last year can apply for a PIN on line at the address above.

Whether you chose to file on line

parent's tax returns.

That's it! Now, double check everything, make a photocopy, and mail it in the self-addressed envelope provided. If filing on-line at

www.fafsa.ed.gov, complete the form, follow the directions for transmitting the form and print out a copy of the form for your records. If you did not apply for a PIN number to electronically sign the form, please make sure to print out, sign and mail the signature to the address provided.

Of course, you may still have questions about the 2002-2003 FAFSA, or you might have unusual or special circumstances that require special consideration. By all means, please feel free to contact your counselor in the Financial Aid Office at Kelley House, or call us with your question at 305-899-3673 or 1-800-695-2279, or email us your FAFSA question at finaid@mail.barry.edu. Whatever you do, don't wait! The 2002-2003 FAFSA must be completed right away!

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Seven Steps of FAFSA

Step One: of the FAFSA collects basic information such as name, address, date of birth and so forth. Very important, make sure you accurately complete your enrollment information in questions 17 through 21.

Step Two: of the 2002-2003 FAFSA collects information from your tax returns. The secret here is that if you have your year 2001 tax returns filled out, you can easily copy the right answers from your tax returns to your 2002-2003 FAFSA

Step Three: How do you know if you need your parent's information on the 2002-2003 FAFSA? Answer the seven questions on Step three. If you answer "no" to all seven questions, than your parents data must be included on the 2002-2003 FAFSA, and one of them must sign it with you. If you answer "yes" to any question, than you do not need your parent's information, and you can skip Step Four and move on to Step five.

Step Four: is the same as step two, except you are looking at your parent's tax returns and copying the data onto your 2002-2003 FAFSA. (Again, this is only if you are a dependent student.) Two important questions to pay special attention to: Question number 64 and 65. How many people are in your household, and how many are attending college in 2002-2003, excluding your parents. Read the instructions on page 7 to fully understand how to answer these two questions. **Step Five:** has two questions, but is only to be answered if you are an independent student, meaning you answered "Yes' to at least one of those seven questions in Step Three.

Step Six: is where you identify what college is going to receive the electronic results of the 2002-2003 FAFSA. Barry University's Title IV Federal School Code must be listed in question 86. That code is 001466.

Step Seven: is where you sign and date and if necessary, one of your parents sign and date

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Are Students First?

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As a result students have to stand in long lines for hours. Other colleges and universities have online registration and registration by phone where the requirement for registration on your own is a 2.0 grade point average.

Apparently, there is now help for the students who dread registration. Administrative Information Systems has developed a program entitled WebAdvisor. WebAdvisor is an interactive application where web users view their individual student, faculty, applicant and employee information. Students, faculty and staff can access personal information at their own convenience through this secure web interface. WebAdvisor consists of the forms and infrastructure to extract and deliver information from the institutional database to the web user's desktop.

WebAdvisor for students has five links that will give the student access to their personal information. The personal profile will allow the student to sign up for WebAdvisor, and if they forget there pin number WebAdvisor will email it to them. Students will be able to view their account and financial aid information under the financial profile. In the registration profile students will be able to view their schedule and search for available classes. Students will be able to access their grades, grade point average by term, tran-

script, program evaluation, test summary, and enrollment verification requests status information in their academic profile.

Some of WebAdvisor's features are universal browser capability. You do not need to download it or upgrade it at any time. Students will not have to install it on their hard drive.

In the future students will be able to add and drop courses and view their midterm and final grades. WebAdvisor will also enable students to make payments, requests transcripts, and view financial aid awards and loans. WebAdvisor is expected to be in full effect by Fall 2002. This is something that we all have been waiting for. WebAdvisor will not resolve all of the problems students have when it comes to advising and course availability. It sure will be a lot easier. Students will be able to register for classes before they come to school. To access WebAdvisor just type www.webadvisor.edu in your browser and begin the process.

Students put their trust in advisors and in some cases they are given wrong advice about courses. At least lack of technology for registration will not be a problem any longer. With the use of WebAdvisor students will not have to worry about the pains of registration again.

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New President

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HICA recruits all people, not just Haitians. Neptune has been enrolling students for two hours, calling out to passersby: "Would you like the join? You do not have to be Haitian." At least two sign-in sheets were filled with names and contact information of students who decided to join.

HICA is looking to get members more collectively involved. "We are looking to focus more on the social aspect of this club and integrate it with the cultural aspect," explains Neptune. "We are looking to bring unity and cultural awareness to those of Haitian descent and non-Haitians who are interested and want to learn more about Haitian culture."

A new chapter will change HICA this year to IHICA, International

Haitian Inter -Cultural Association. This will be a more professional organization, including members of the community as well as students. Gelin, the new president, hopes to include notorious professionals of the Haitian community. "We really hope to recruit more members this year and expand on new activities," says Gelin. "Social activities, guest speakers, and other events are definitely on HICA's agenda."

Neptune has faith in Gelin. "I know the new president well enough to trust him in running the club," he says. "His schedule is very flexible and he wants to make HICA a very social and cultural club at Barry."

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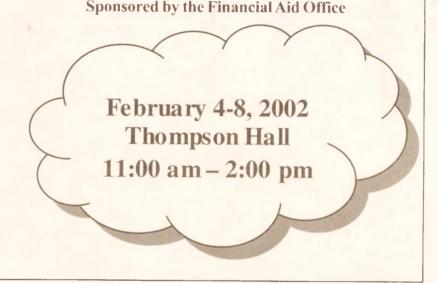
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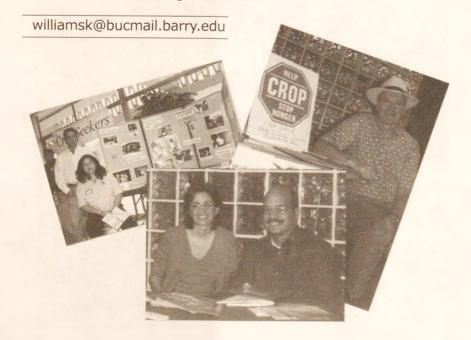
Fair-goers Make a Difference

By KENITA WILLIAMS Layout Editor

January 16th Barry University held its Annual Spring 2002 Volunteer Fair. Students were exposed to organizations who strive for a better community. Groups such as Habitat for Humanity, Academy for Better Communities, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the Kristi House had representatives who attended.

As a volunteer at Academy for Better Communities, I mentor elementary students and help them develop skills in reading, math and science. I started this program to get credit for my theology class, but after going there I realized I'm the one who benefits. Knowing that I'm helping a child learn gives me a chance to better myself, spiritually.

The Volunteer Center in Thompson Hall (Room 101) is open for students who are interested in making a difference.



Calling All K-Mart By ELISE COLON Shoppers

shop at Target or Wal-mart should really consider going by the 'Big K' this month for the cheapest prices ever.

After they filed bankruptcy last Thursday prices were seriously slashed. As if K-mart was not already cheap enough. But hurry, because after talking with Alfreda Cooper the other day, I can tell you that items are going fast. She said, "I went down the health and beauty aisle and there were big gaping holes, empty shelves, it was crazy."

It really is crazy, not the fact that things are selling out fast but the fact that K-mart has filed for bankruptcy. This major corporation has been around forever. It is the dinosaur of corporations. So what is going on? Guess it makes some sense because while shopping in K-mart about two weeks before Thursday, I was shocked to see that they had only three registers open and it was a Saturday. The store was hot and overcrowded and everyone was complaining, but no action was being taken. At the time, I didn't understand how this could be; I had never seen K-mart in such rough shape. But it all makes sense to me now; they were on their way out.

Slightly depressing, but in a sense, helpful seeing how most college students are broke and there is always something you need at K-Mart, why not use their failure you your advantage! It sounds cruel, but it makes perfect sense, plus Target is so over rated.

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Unplanned Performance 'Stroke' of Luck for South Florida

ByTina Jaffe

nless you've been confined and deprived of television and radio for the last few months, you've undoubtedly heard of The Strokes. The alternative-rock band from New York, with a style circa 1970's punk took the stage at South Beach's recently opened Billboard Live on Tuesday, January 22. During the performance, lead singer Julian Casablancas informed the capacity crowd that the band had not planned on visiting Miami during their current world-tour, then added that he was glad the schedule had changed. The audience, which was comprised of people aged 15 to 50, exploded with agreement; they, too, realized the fortune fate had bestowed upon them.

As the band played, the trendy new hot-spot was transported back in time to an era when bands like The Ramones, The Velvet Underground, and The Clash reigned supreme. Though many in attendance were too young to remember the bands whose influence is clearly evident, the only indication of the generation gap was the gate that separated the bar from the mosh-pit as the catchy guitar riffs and edgy vocals blended to envelop the already exuberant spectators in a hyper-kinetic

If you were not one of the lucky few who managed to acquire tickets to the show, you'll have to rely on MTV and upcoming appearances on Saturday Night Live and Late Night with David Letterman to catch a glimpse of the new, "old" act. Their current tour will continue in the United States until the end of February, at which time the band will leave the US to perform around the world with concerts scheduled in Japan, France, Italy, Germany, and even the Czech Republic.

Though critics have been divided in their acceptance of the retro quartet, audiences around the world are embracing the band wholeheartedly and their debut release, Is This It?, is flying off the shelves of record stores everywhere. Perhaps it's the capriciousness of the tunes and the fact that the lyrics are devoid of any politically or socially charged issues, or maybe it's just evidence of a welcome shift in the alternative-rock



Cassablancas works the crowd at Billboard Live (Photo: James Good)

genre; whatever the case, keep your eyes and ears open because, if Tuesday's performance is any indication, The Strokes are definitely doing something right and it will be interesting to see what the future holds for them.

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Around The Town

Barry's Real Beauties By Colene Gerstner

ophie flipped her long brown hair as her pink dress caught the lights from the stage. She strutted up and down the runway to the beat of Rick James' "Super freak." This

at the Houndstooth and has been doing so ever since the university became co-ed. Back when Barry was an all-female school, beauty contests were reserved for women. Since 1976,



was no ordinary woman; this was John Paul Quirino, a Barry student competing in the Barry Beauties annual contest. Barry University held this contest on November. 1st, at 9 p.m.

a new twist was added, letting the men attending the school dress up as women and compete against each other.

The contest has four catego-

ries: evening gown, swimwear, talent, and the pop question. The prizes this year were \$150 for first place, \$100 for second, and \$50 for third. It is open to all men daring enough to wear a dress. For Quirino, better known as J.P, a senior marketing major he had been thinking about it since his freshman year. He thought it looked fun, and decided to compete his senior

He spent most of the day preparing for the event by raiding his mother's closet. Then he took the ultimate step into womanhood. He shaved his legs and stepped into white high heel shoes. He applied a full face of makeup, from lipstick to eyeliner, with a little friendly female help. As for the notorious name Sophie, he said that it just popped into his head as he thought of his neighbor's daughter back home with the same name. Quirino wore a pink mini dress for the evening gown competition and blew kisses to the judges. For the swimsuit portion of the contest he wore a bikini. His talent showed through when he danced and stripped to Britney Spears song, "Oopps I Did It Again."

Next was the feared pop question that could make or break him. He began to sweat under the hot

lights as the audience listened for his answer "If you could have one wish, what would it be?" the judge asked. "World Peace," replied Quirino

The crowd roared.

After the names for the third and second places were announced there was silence in the audience, and a pause from the pageant's as he announced: "Sophie is your winner." Quirino took his winning walk down the runway with a bouquet of roses in his arm, blowing kisses to the audience and thanking everyone.

Today Quirino says his life is pretty much back to normal. He spent his winnings by treating his friend to dinner at Bongo's restaurant in downtown Miami. He also bought his girlfriend a gift and still has a little bit of the cash left. His parents are proud, and Quirino. has gotten a little taste of being a celebrity on campus?. He gets recognized quite often and regularly gets teased as a lot of the guys didn't think he had those dance moves in him.

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Ever After: Words From

by FABIENNE JOSAPHAT the Good Man

he book lover I am has this to say: I do not read romance. I am not the type to curl up in a love seat, weeping at every turning page and praying to God I find "the perfect man,". But here is something different: Ever After, by Edwardo Jackson.

The twenty-six year old Los Angeles-based actor, screenwriter and novelist has published his first novel, which differs from the typical tearjerkers on the shelf. Although the title screams at us like a familiar line from a fairy-tale, the story in itself is not. Ever After is the story of Nick, a young and ambitious black male on the rebound. The supposedly love-of-hislife Jasmine crushes his dreams of settling down by turning down his marriage proposal, therefore sending Nick on a quest for himself and for someone better, a woman who would accept the simple task of loving him, whining excluded.

Jackson's remarkably polished and elegant style keeps us turning the page. What a relief to reach the second paragraph without a migraine, and smile at detailed descriptions of both characters and feelings. The man can write. It is a delicacy to the eye, to read about perfection incarnated in a woman. "Jasmine was so damn fine it made no kind of sense. Her body was an ode to geometry. Bathed in light brown, caramel-colored skin, she stood a tall, long-legged five feet nine inches of pure eye therapy." Beautiful imagery is encountered throughout the story, as Nick recognizes love in Jasmine after talking to her for six hours straight. "When he finally had to hang up the phone, a foreign sensation took residence in his stomach. Butterflies. That girl made his insides quiver. Whatever that feeling meant, he knew it was more than a crush."

Nick has left Jasmine behind and tries to move on, meaning of course, dating other woman. His quest for new love gives birth to Nick's Six Cardinal Rules of Dating: Never date someone from a health club, never date someone with whom you work, never date someone from class, never let an ex back into your life, never date a neighbor, and never date a married woman. He learns from these experiences, then tries to date an old friend who turns him down. Nick is straightforward, and he's tired of games, as he lashes out at her: "How do you ever expect to be in a lasting relationship if you rule out dating your friends? How do you ever expect to fall in love?"

Nick is tired. He's tired of searching and not finding, tired of being rejected, tired of being used, because he believes he is good and he knows he deserves better. His almost overly-romantic personality does not seem to lead anywhere, which is ironic because women seem to consider this a vital trait in a man.

Are there any more men like Nick left on earth? One who knows the meaning of love, who's ready to give a woman a foot massage, pluck her chin hairs, mix slow jams and talk to her for hours on the phone? The good man, according to the author, may be an endangered species, but he exists, and Ever After is its testimony.

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THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES

Starring RICHARD GERE, LAURA LINNEY

As scary movies go this one scared my friend enough to grab my thigh, uncomfortably close to the groin area. Unfortunately, him molesting me was probably the most memorable part of the movie. Richard Gere plays a reporter for the Washington Post who on an evening ride ends up in small-town West Virginia by chance...or not really. In spite of some memorable and scary moments, the Mothman phenomenon is not explained well enough, leaving the viewer with very little in the end, except for a pain in the thigh. —DR

LORD OF THE RINGS

Starring ELIJAH WOOD, IAN MCKELLAN, CATE BLANCHETT

Finally! The big day, December 19 arrived and did it ever deliver. The Fellowship of the Ring is not merely a great movie, but an event we will remember forever. You must be devoid of fantasy not to enjoy this extraordinary story of Frodo Baggins and the unlikely fellowship heading together into the evil land of Mordor. Take your spouse, take the kids, take your brother, sister, grandma. Mine went and like everyone was taken back into the childhood where we all read Tolkien's story. To compare this movie with any other would do everyone great injustice. To sum it up in one word, 'WOW'! You will find adventure, or adventure will find you. —DR



THE ROYAL TENNENBAUMS

Starring GENE HACKMAN, GWYNETH PALTROW, BEN STILLER

Yes it is strange, and when you walk out of the theater you will probably not realize right away what the fuss was all about. A star studded cast portrays the family Tennenbaums who deal with their disfunctions in a New York kind of way...head on. Wes Anderson is an outstanding visualist and makes it hard for us to realize what decade the movie takes place in. You will either hate it or love it. Most likely it will likely become some sort of cult phenomenon. -DR

BLACK HAWK DOWN

Starring JOSH HARTNETT, EWAN MCGREGOR

The Fellowship of the Rings deserves the Oscar. Black Hawk Down will probably get it. Released at the perfect time when patriotism still rises high, this account of US intervention in Somalia in 1993 is an outstanding war movie. Usually we take the truth in these kind of movies with a grain of salt. Remember U-571? Add Jerry Bruckheimer and one is a bit sceptical going in. But Ridley Scott has created a rare kind of war movie here, similar to Full Metal Jacket where there are no real heroes, only senseless suffering and cruelty. Ordinary people get caught in the middle and just like in real life, nobody came out the better for it. -DR

Top scorer Curtis Tongue leads BUCCANEERS

By STEPHANIE O'BRIEN Sports Editor

> o far this year, Curtis Tongue the team's top scorer has led the Buccaneers. In the month of December

Tongue was named Male Athlete of the Month for the Sunshine State Conference. Tongue had a career high 27 points against Missouri Western and then exploded for a 32 point g a m e against St. Edward's (TX). Head

Odio believes that Curtis is without question one of the top players in the

Coach Cesar

conference. "He has a complete game, and can score in a variety of ways. He can pass, rebound, and defend. When the game is on the line he makes plays to help us win." As well as being honored by the SSC, Tongue has been deservingly been named the team's "go-to-guy".

The Bucs battled the Tampa Spartans straight up in a tough loss. Although the Bucs lost this game 74-68, something that definitely was not missing was heart. At half-time the Bucs were down by a score of 35-34. The lead grew in the second half, putting Tampa up by 16 at one point. This did not stop the Bucs as they went on a 14-0 run. "I love coaching this group. They compete and come to play every practice and game. We have had some injuries but have responded in a positive way," says Coach Odio. This is obviously a accurate comment as Bryan Mills posted a team high nine rebounds, Lincoln Glasford added 14

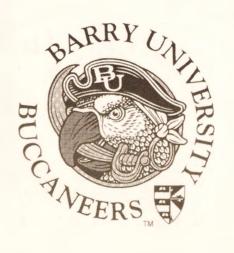
points and Curtis Tongue weighed in with 22 points. The Bucs pulled within two points with 4:48 remaining in the game, but it just was not enough as they eventually lost in a great SSC

The team bounced back as they beat Rollins at home on January 16. The Bucs ended the half on a 17-6 run which lifted them to a 39-28 lead. The final eight minutes of the game were good to the Bucs as they posted 20 points to seal the victory. Tongue scored 21 points and Lincoln Glasford had a personal best 16 points.

Barry then played the Eckerd Tritons three days later. Eckerd was much quicker beating the Bucs to the ball and winning the game by a score of 61-47. Tongue again led the Bucs with 17 points and Yorell Calderon added 10 points in the loss. This defeat leaves the Bucs at 9-6 overall and 2-2 in SSC play.

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Women's Basketball	*Tampa	2pm
Women's Tennis	Florida Atlantic	10am
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Baseball	St. Thomas	6pm
Women's Basketball	*Rollins	5:30pn
Men's Basketball	*Rollins	7:30pm
Softball	St. Thomas	4pm
Women's Tennis	Tampa	3pm
Women's Basketball	*Eckerd	5:30pn
Men's Basketball	*Eckerd	7:30pm
Baseball	Florida Tech	12pm
Baseball	St. Thomas	7pm
Men's Tennis	Embry Riddle	3pm
Women's Basketball	*Lynn	7:30pm
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Jaida Williams makes the difference for the Lady Bucs

By STEPHANIE O'BRIEN Sports Editor

hen people think of Barry women's basketball, the name Jaida Williams has to come to mind. How could it not after she put up a career high 31 points and 11 rebounds against rival Tampa on January 12. After a 19 point first half, Williams and the Bucs were up by as much as eleven points. After a spurt by the Spartans, the half ended with Barry leading 37-34. Williams was definitely the difference in the game which left the Bucs at 7-7 overall and 1-1 in conference.

Four days later on January 16, the Bucs hosted #11 Rollins College. Williams again posted high numbers with 21 points and 20 rebounds. The team had the winning touch as they shot 52% from the floor. At half time Barry was up 36-25. The Bucs let the Tars back into the game, sending

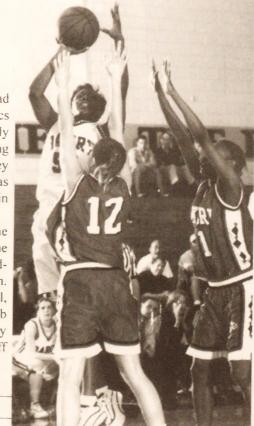
the game into overtime. The Bucs have had a problem with keeping their leads over the season but in overtime they would hold on, outscoring the Tars 14-8 and winning 82-76.

Not mentioning Williams again, would not be doing her justice. She shows pure aggressiveness on the court. If the rest of the team had the same drive and determination that she has when she steps on the court, Barry would win a lot more games. The Bucs lost to Eckerd on January 19, falling to 8-8 overall and 2-2 in Sunshine State Conference play. Williams reached double digits again with 24 points and Carolina Santamarina added eleven, all in the first half. The Bucs were never in this game, and at the

half Eckerd was up 39-29. The lead grew continuously and the Bucs lost by a score of 67-47. Hopefully the team was just tired, this being their third game that week. They hope to bounce back as soon as possible and collect more wins in the month of January.

Katrina Colleton of the WNBA's Miami Sol has joined the team's staff. "Katrina is a great addition for us," says coach Jan Allen. "She's a consummate professional, whose attitude will hopefully rub off on our young players." Surely she will a great addition to the staff and the Barry community.

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