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What Now?

A Nation Sits and Waits

By: ELISE COLON
News Editor

On September 11, 2001, at 8:46 a.m., the first plane hits the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York. Seventeen minutes later the second plane hits the south tower. At 10:05 the south tower collapses and at 10:29 the north followed. An entire nation stunned. Almost an hour after the first attack on the north tower, at 9:43 a.m. flight 77 crashes into the Pentagon. Chaos sets in; smoke and soot fill the air. People are running, screaming, trying to escape, and fearing for their lives. The unfathomable has occurred.

President Bush addressed the nation saying that the U.S. will make no distinction between the terrorist and those whom help harbor them. He vows to the people that justice will be served and we will seek out and punish, "The folks who are responsible."

Between September 10 and September 14 of last year, Bush's approval rating went up thirty-five percent (from 51 to 86). Even after all of the controversy over the Election'2000, this country was stick-

ing by their president.

"I guess if the President feels there is a threat, there is one. Who are we to turn on our own, especially in a time like now? If we stop backing the Presidents decisions then fall apart from within than we will be more vulnerable. We need to let all these countries that hate us know that we will not be broken" Said Amber Moral a Broward resident and a student at FIU.

There were 3,005 people killed at the World Trade Center, The Pentagon, and the four fatal flights that never landed. That figure including 366 firefighters, police officers, and paramedics. It was estimated that 2,000 children lost a mommy or a daddy that day.

Here we are, one year later, the war on 'terror' continues, as the man hiding behind the mask, Saudi militant, Osama bin Laden remains missing and Americans are still threatened by the possibility of future terrorist attacks on the United States by such groups in the East such as Al'Qaeda. Also, overseas, the results of recent investigations by the United Nations have given the President reason to believe that Iraqi leader

Saddam Hussein may have access to Nuclear weapons and plans to use them on the United States.

Although Iraq's foreign minister read a combative letter from Mr. Hussein, insisting his country had no weapons of mass destruction but attacking the Bush administration for a "cyclone of American accusations and fabricated crises against Iraq." Despite this letter, the chance of the U.S. declaring war on Iraq seems inevitable since over the past year, the linkage in the president's mind between Mr. bin Laden and Mr. Hussein has grown tighter and given birth to a new policy of pre-emption that encapsulates Mr. Bush's view that the United States must strike before it is struck again.

These issues are serious ones. When one looks at the massive destruction that these groups have imposed upon New York and the Pentagon and when one remembers the anguish that each of us felt that day, it is clear that this is not over



Barry Students remember September 11.
Photo: University Relations

yet. And there is a chance that the possible attacks to come will be worse than Sept 11.

On Sept. 10, 2001, the United States' sense of itself was as a nation at the top of its prowess, rich, resourceful and unchallenged. But no more. The observances that took place on the one year anniversary were under the orange glow of a threat warning that said the risk of terrorism was high. Higher than ever.

Despite the pain and anguish that is still fresh in the hearts of so many here in America and all over the globe, Americans will never give up.

Poet Maya Angelou says it best, "I see the growth rebuilding, the restoring. I see that is the American Psyche. There is so much we can draw understanding from. One of the lessons is the development of courage. Because without courage, you can't practice any of the other virtues consistently."

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Flori-duh Votes: Can't Make the Cut

By: ELISE COLON
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Florida election officials extended regular voting hours by two hours on Sept 10, 2002 statewide. It seems that two years and \$125 million after the 2000 presidential election, there are still problems with the voting system in South Florida.

It is not certain if it was due to all of the inexperienced poll workers, some of whom packed up and closed shop early; the malfunctioning machines; or simply that people in Dade and Broward do not know what they are doing once they step into that tiny booth. But whatever the reason, it was a nightmare, not to mention yet another embarrassment to Florida, and especially Dade and Broward counties.

For these two counties, many of their precincts failed to open on time,

and for the ones that did open, not all of the new touch-screen machines worked correctly. According to Miami-Dade Mayor Penelas, shortly after 7 a.m., 178 out of the 754 precincts reported some degree of problem. At 9:45 a.m., 68 precincts were still completely closed to voters and 110 reported that at least half of their machines didn't work.

At nearly 11 a.m., 32 precincts were still closed and 45 were operating at one half capacity. All precincts weren't opened until 4 p.m., although some of them still had machines that were inoperative. Many were exhausted and frustrated, having had to wait in line for hours. Other complaints were that people were handed the wrong documents and had to literally fight to participate in their party's primary. Some others claimed that the address of the precinct in which they were supposed to vote were incom-

plete and in some cases completely wrong. People simply could not believe this was possible after what happened in 2000.

But these are new problems. Two years ago all of the precincts were opened on time. Experts boil the problem down to two categories: poll workers and machinery. Some clerks didn't even show up, especially in Broward. Many of those that did show seemed inexperienced with the new touch screen voting machines.

Governor Bush was fuming. "There has been ample time to prepare for this election," There is no excuse for not having precinct workers in a precinct for voting. There is no excuse for not turning on the machines, it is shameful," he commented.

So who picks these poll workers anyway? Well, Miriam Oliphant, who is the Elections Supervisor of Broward County, promises to change

her system of



Can we do this right?
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assigning poll workers in time for the November 5th general election. Let's hope she does.

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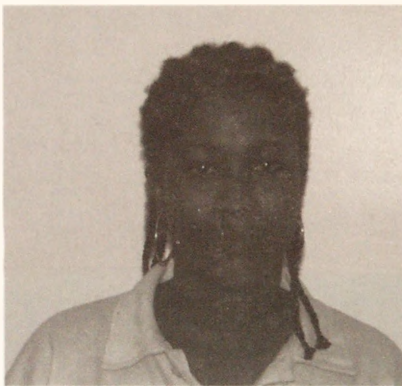
Student Speak UP

Should the U.S. go to war with Iraq?



I believe in peace but if the war treaty has been violated, then the Americans who lost their lives in the Gulf War did so in vain.

Christina Kgathi
Clinical Psychology



The authorities should evaluate the situation thoroughly and let good judgement prevail.

Earlyn Toussaint
Clinical Psychology



I don't agree with the military hungry Bush wanting to get us in war.

Christopher Bueno
Psychology



The U.S. has not been provoked by Iraq, therefore an attack is unjustified.

Ovy Akwashiki
Pre-Law

Note from the Editor

By: FABIENNE JOSAPHAT
Editor-in-Chief



After you jump out of your bed and realize it's already 8:30, skip a shower, brush your teeth and run after the shuttle in the parking lot, it hits you: the semester has begun. Already. Right before you had the chance to head down to SoBe one more time and get a tan.

But then a couple of days pass by, and then you tell yourself: "I'll get used to this."

It would have been easy to survive classes, term papers, projects and exams, if we weren't living in strange times. Not only do we have to study for tests, but now there's the perspective of overcoming the pain we still feel after the September 11 tragedies. How do we move on? Are we safe? Should we expect some other attacks? What should we think about the false alarm on Alligator Alley last week, when the FBI stopped two men and searched their car for a possible bomb threat? And then, we have to face the prospect of going to war again, this time with Iraq, because they may be developing nuclear weapons.

I ask this: is this really why President Bush wants to go after Saddam Hussein? The political cross-fire addresses the issue of war from both a democrat and a republican point of view. As for myself, I believe that we're dealing with a double-edged sword. We have people in Afghanistan searching caves to "smoke out" a wanted terrorist and it's taking an awfully long time to find him. It feels like we're digging for a needle in a haystack. I mean, it's been almost a year. Will we spend the rest of this decade looking for him?

So we've got this going, and now we want to bite the dog before it bites us. Can we handle two wars at the same time? How will this affect the economy? Affect our lives, our daily

routine? Will we have to keep turning around and watching our backs? Because, let's be real about this: if Saddam Hussein was indeed developing nuclear weapons, how perfected are they? We cannot underestimate the power of an opponent. Do we want to bring this upon ourselves? It seems to me like we're playing with fire. What if we become Hiroshima II, wiped out off the surface of the earth or develop defects that we'll pass on to other generations?

But at the same time, can we remain inactive? Can we pretend we'll be safe, when we know that there are people who hate America, who wants to see it go down in flames?

When I say "we," let the record show that I speak about all people living in America, not necessarily citizens, but all those who've come here to seek refuge, who've adopted this soil as asylum. Although I'm not American, I know why I am here. For the same reason every immigrant comes here: to be safe, to be free, to pursue dreams and to achieve. My life, as that of many others, I'm sure, has been deeply affected since this tragedy. How can I now be safe in this country I thought was the safest? Where can I go now? What will I do? We have to realize this: we've never really been safe. It's even worse when we stop to think that extremists who believe we're evil are following their "religious beliefs." How many wars have been fought in the name of religion? How much blood must be shed in the name of God? It seems religion justifies all actions taken. Terrorists kill innocents (and themselves) in the name of Allah, and then we fight back because "God is behind us." I wish we could just leave religion out of this for once instead of hiding behind it. I

understand that America was founded primarily on Christianity, and that in times of despair in sorrow, we search for comfort in the truth of God. But I sometimes get the impression that we think we're the best because of what we believe in, and that isn't right. If so, we're being no better than others.

My point is this: we're vulnerable, we're under attack. We have always been and we will probably be for a long time. The notion of security has always been an abstract. We do have military power, but we are never SAFE. Never were, and truthfully, we never will be. Unfortunately, it took a tragedy like this one to open our eyes. However, there is safety in numbers. We stand united through it all, and this will give us a sense of unity. We now have a peace pole erected in front of the Cor Jesu chapel, blessed with holy water, reminding us of our power in overcoming and loving. We can pray and cry and laugh together, we can support each other. That's the beauty of America.

Now if only we could remember that for more than two minutes.... There are so many things we can do with a little faith. The Buccaneer wants to take you to new frontiers, starting this semester. We'll be exploring world news with commentaries on government actions, local news like Flori'duh' Votes, and then news and opinion pieces from Barry University and its students. Carlos Camacho will wake you up with his new fashion column, and Esther Farin's Chicken Soup for the Barry Soul is a breath of fresh air. Keep reading for new stuff. We're like a running river: never the same, always changing. For the better....

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Crossfire: Republican Vs. Democrat

Keep Those Flags Flying

By: ELISE COLON
News Editor

On the fourth day of July this year I stayed home. I watched the fireworks on television. Many Americans all over the country did the same. The Fourth of July is a national holiday. It is the day that we celebrate our Independence. A day for us to remember the many that fought for what this country is based on. Freedom. It's not a day to stay in and watch television.

On September 11, the suicide bombers did more than just murder 2,803 innocent people working in the World Trade Center and the Pentagon nevermind all the people in those airplanes. And they did more than leave over 4,000 children without a mommy and daddy. They left the people in this country in an uneasy state of shock. That many of us today are still in, although an entire year has passed. First word of terrorism and everyone dives into the bomb shelter under the house.

Sometime in early October, I remember an email that circulated telling people to stay away from malls on Halloween, because there is a possibility of a terrorist attack at "a mall". Needless to say, that email spread like wildfire, and mall sales all over the country suffered because of it. I know I stayed far away from anything that could even be considered a mall. And nothing happened. Someone from al'queda (capitalization is not necessary: these people aren't proper) probably wrote that email from his laptop in Kabul. My guess it was probably an attempt to take yet another stab at our economy. If no one is buying and selling than nothing happens and the big bull cries at night. In turn, we all cry. Eight months later, almost nobody

goes to see the fireworks. Cookouts and celebrations are a scarcity. On Independence Day, America seemed to stand still. Yes, 'United We Stand,' but we stand still.

My point? I guess what I am getting at is whatever type of war we are in the midst of, it doesn't seem like we are winning. Our economy has suffered it largest blow in all of history. In turn, financially, we have all been affected. And more importantly, the heart of our nation is in intensive care right now. A recent poll on Americans stated that only one third of the population believes that we are winning the war on terrorism. After September 11 everyone had their flags flying. Our nation stood together. United. Ready to preserve and defend our Liberty. Liberty is not simply the absence of external restraint on a person; it is the individual's freedom and capacity to act positively to reach his or her goals. America has always been a place that all are welcome. A place where those who seek education, work, and endless opportunity are welcome to come and stay and live as they please. A nation whose government is grounded in Liberalism, that supports the ideals that all people, regardless of ethnicity, gender, and religion have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We need to really focus on recovery now. It is time to leave the hospital and return home. We need to keep our flags flying high, for the entire world to see.

Where do we start? We can start by supporting our president. Before you are a democrat, a republican, or what-

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Mad Cowboy

By: KENITA WILLIAMS
Layout Editor

From his inauguration, every action he has taken has been criticized, but September 11, 2001 changed all of that. He was no longer seen as a fluke. He was seen as a hero. Why? Because our 43rd President did what any leader would have done in his place: Retaliate.

Since President George W. Bush has come into power he has made business proposals that would provide tax cuts to the top 1% of the population. The middle class are the ones taking the brunt of his actions; Bush has generously offered Social Security and Medicare trust funds to be the gracious host for these expenditures. According to the AFL-CIO, the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, the "Bush plan eats up more than \$2 trillion of the Social Security and Medicare surpluses over the next decade to pay for Bush's millionaire tax cut passed last year and other federal programs." But what do they know? They're just a federation of America's unions, representing more than 13 million workers nationwide. Do they truly represent the average American?

It might not seem fair to judge, since his budget proposal this year has allotted abundantly towards the military. We are in the middle, no at the end of a war. Oh, wait! I forgot Bush is on the verge of declaring another one, so we're back at the beginning. Saddam Hussein is supposedly a huge threat, but just what kind is uncertain, maybe he just has something our government wants: Control over the oil industry. Let's not try to work out a peaceful settlement; after all that is

not the way of the Wild West. Bush is giving the military financial support, and he is very willing to send Americans over on foreign soil, to support, fight, and die for their country. So what American wouldn't be overjoyed to risk their son's, husband's or their own life to further America's fight? We do have the leaders of this country who are willing to declare war and stand by the side of thousands of American soldiers, from thousands of miles away.

Forget peace talks let's just go in and eliminate the troublemaker. Forget that our economy is close to rock bottom. Forget that while the unemployment rate is rising, education costs are also increasing. Forget that healthcare costs have skyrocketed and insurance benefits have plummeted. Forget that we may have won the battle against terrorism but they won the war against us. Because our economy is the one that paid the price, Americans are the ones who lost their jobs, who lost their security, and who lost sight of the American dream.

If we are going to war with Iraq because Hussein supposedly has nuclear weapons, why not declare war against all nations who have this capability. Japan, India, Russia, Pakistan, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom, all have the power to start a nuclear war. Why not go after them too, since they have the weaponry needed to destroy us? Japan is still suffering the consequences of our nuclear attack on them. Who's to say they're not planning to retaliate? If we are building an argument for war on the basis of specula-

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The Battle for Miami-Dade

By RENEE SOPKIE

A bitter battle over the civil rights for gays and lesbians has been underway in Miami for the past several months. This is not the first time that this issue has come to the forefront. In 1998, the law came under attack by a "pro-family" group. The 1998 effort mirrored a 1977 crusade led by Anita Bryant that successfully overturned a similar gay rights law. This time, the effort is being lead by Take Back Miami, a coalition of Christian conservatives, who state that the law is nothing more than a ruse to promote a gay lifestyle among school children, legalize same-sex marriages, and allow gay and lesbian couples to adopt.

The Unlikely Crusader

At first glance, Nathaniel Wilcox would be the last person one would expect to see crusading to have a bill repealed that protects people from being fired, evicted, or denied service because of their sexual orientation.

After all, he is a black man who spent many years fighting discrimination as a member of People United Leading the Struggle for Equality (PULSE, formed 22 years ago in response to Miami's worst race riot). In addition, Wilcox's brother was gay. Yet, Wilcox is the co-chair of Take Back Miami, the coalition of Christian conservatives that lead the efforts to repeal a Miami-Dade county ordinance that makes it discrimination against sexual orientation illegal. He spent months spreading the work to Miami-Dade's 184,000 black voters (a community that was considered crucial to the most-watched gay-rights referendum in the nation). According to Wilcox, there is no irony in his leading this crusade. He stated, "This is not a thing about discrimination. It is about an acceptance of a lifestyle that is ungodly."

An Issue of Discrimination

While Take Back Miami claims

'this is not about discrimination,' Save Dade (an organization against the repealing of anti-gay/lesbian law) says that is precisely what it is about. Since the law was enacted in December 1998, there have been 71 complaints of alleged discrimination based on sexual orientation. While most complaints are generally based on race, national origin, or gender, sexual orientation has quickly become the fourth most common reason for discrimination. This is significant because it is a relatively new category.

The Vote

On yet another election day riddled with computer glitches, workers who were late, polls that closed early, and charges of fraud, residents of Miami-Dade rejected a bid to repeal the county's civil rights protections for gays and lesbians. The ordinance was upheld by a narrow margin of 53% to 47%. However, the battle may not be



over. Many people, including Eladio José Armesto (a spokesperson for Take Back Miami, the coalition of Christian conservatives that lead the efforts to repeal a Miami-Dade county ordinance) are calling for outcomes on this issue and numerous others to be challenged. They cite enormous illegalities including polls that opened over an hour late, faulty machines, and stations which ignored the governor's order to stay open late.

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A Note From Student Government Association

President Paul Laskey and Vice President Bret Nagelbush inform the students on SGA's responsibilities and concerns for this year.

What are the responsibilities of Student Government at Barry University?

P.L.- First, to represent the student voice. But determining what exactly the students are trying to tell us is not always easy. Often we find out what the issues are through conversations. We also hold forums for the freshmen, student body and senior classes. This year in particular we're trying to create an active student government. One of the new areas of focus will be the senate. A senate representative of each school will be selected on September 19. The new senator will meet with the Dean of his or her school and be required to hold a divisional meeting once a semester. Then the report will be given to the general S. G. A. meetings. This will allow for the collective student government to have a better understanding of what is going on within each division.

There's also the need to address individual students' concern. For example my friend Ronald Johnson recently called me at home and informed me that there was no change machines on campus. This will be a problem for the freshmen, as they'll have no change for their laundry. We find that the concerns of one individual are often the concerns of many.

B.N.- I believe that being the voice of the students here at Barry is a very honorable position. While being a role model to students, we also get to dis-

cover how diverse we really are when we come together as a community and work on things such as community service projects like the Haunted House.

What kind of events/ meeting does SGA sponsor?

P.L.- The SGA sponsors many events ranging from the haunted house to sporting events (This year we'll be giving out some awesome prizes, not to mention the new student government long sleeve T-shirts). Events and meetings are some of our more public sponsorships. SGA does a lot of work with the Student Organization Council (SOC., where the clubs and organizations on campus meet to discuss the plans and ideas they have for the upcoming semester and year.) When the plans of these organizations are finalized sometimes additional funds are needed to complete their goals. The Student Government Association provides this additional funding. We take great joy in seeing these organizations come closer to their goals.

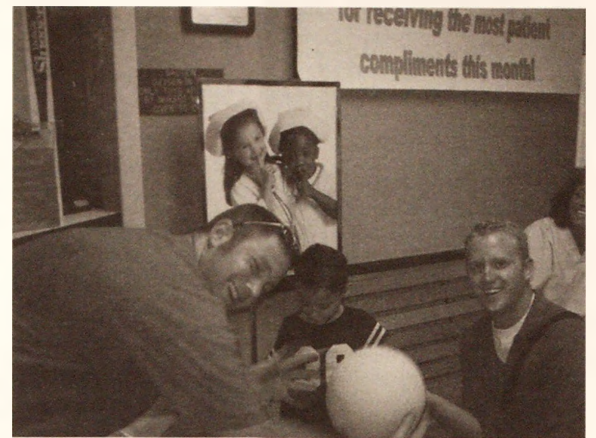
B.N.- From political speakers to participating in the Festival of Nations SGA supports many of the meetings and events that go on throughout the year. The Haunted house and Feb fest are two of our biggest events

How can Barry students become actively involved with SGA?

P.L.- Barry students can become more

involved with SGA by speaking up. Having an opinion about the changes around you make a difference. We'll be having bi-weekly meetings during the semester, but our office is always open. You can call us at 305 899 3094.

B.N.- You don't have to be an elected officer to become actively involved in SGA, helping out at an activity is enough to have a good time. Applications to join the student senate are available in Thompson 213 and elections are coming up on September 19th and 20th. Becoming a part of the senate allows students to be heard and work together on issues that the different Schools have. Looking at my past experience as the Senator of Andreas School of Business, I have been able to be apart of several community service programs, Leadership Development programs, and many other extra curricular activities that I've had a BLAST in. I encourage all of you who want to get involved and are interested in being the student's voice to stop by the SGA office in Thompson 213 and pick up a senate election ballot. If you feel that becoming a senator is too much to handle at this point in time we encourage you to vote for those who are running. And don't forget that "BU lets U BU".



Paul Laskey and Brett Nagelbush making a difference
Photo by: SGA

End Note:

P.L.- A few days ago in one of my classes a professor did not show up. We were nearing the fifteen minute mark, and we're preparing to leave. Then one of the students said he would not leave until the president left. And as I looked at my watch, I informed everybody that we have three minutes left. After three minutes the individual asked me again if it was time and I simply stood up and everyone around began to leave the classroom.

I am very excited for this year. I see a lot of potential in the freshmen.

The motivation of many of the upperclassmen has been encouraging. I remember my father's favorite quote: "The highest form of art is art that inspires." I have seen great leadership from the current leaders of all of the organizations on campus, and look forward to shaping the future of Barry with them.

It Doesn't Pay to Help Yourself

By TRALANA FRAZIER

I knew it was just a matter of time before someone asked me: I thought you were going to pursue your second degree? I've heard that so many times! If I've told this story once, I've told it a hundred times. I don't have any money, which is very common amongst college students. I got a job to gain experience in my profession as well as make some money on the side. Unfortunately, I put myself in a horrible situation. I lost two federal grants, and now I don't even have enough money to finish my first degree. Why is it that students who try to help themselves are being punished?

There are many students who desire to attend college, but they can't. Why? Money! Who would've known that a working student who pays bills, and is independent, can't get help from the government to go to college? I'm not saying students who solely depend on their parents shouldn't receive financial aid, but financial aid should be given to students who are trying to support themselves, or are in need. When college students are working and trying to support themselves, they need help too. The only type of aid working students qualify for are students loans.

Hassles for Working Students

TaMeka is a 20-year-old college student, who doesn't qualify for financial aid, because she earns twenty thousand dollars a year. This is not nearly enough for her to live off of, let alone pay for college out of her pocket. TaMeka is forced to take one or two classes a semester, because she can't afford to be a full-time student. Her tuition is \$ 10,000 a semester, which is half of her annual salary. Let's not forget books! Depending on a student's major, books can cost up to \$500 a semester.

Because, working students are forced to take classes part-time instead of full-time, it takes them double the time to finish the program. Often, the students have to take a leave of absence from school for one semester or even up to a year, because of the lack of funds. No money for college deters students from pursuing their dreams.

Students trying to help themselves should be helped out as much as possible. Yes, college is a privilege! But, I believe it shouldn't be a challenge (at least a financial challenge) for students to educate themselves, and do positive things with the knowledge they gain in college. These are the students we shouldn't have reservations about giving money to, because we know they will use the money wisely. Do You Really Understand Financial Aid?

What exactly is financial aid? It is very important that students understand what financial aid is, the application process, and what exactly they qualify for. Financial aid is the total amount of money awarded to students by school, state, and federal programs. The money is allotted for tuition, housing, and books (if any is

left over). Loans are money borrowed from a bank to pay for your school. The bank charges interest fees for the use of the money. The amount of money paid back is with interest over a period of time. Usually, this money is to be paid back six months after you've graduated from college. Often students are confused and don't know the difference between the aforementioned methods of payment. Financial aid doesn't have to be paid back, but the loans do.

It is important when students fill out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid that they understand everything they are being asked, and they have all of the information they need to complete the form. This form determines how much of your hard earned money will go towards your tuition. Salvation

For the working students who don't qualify for financial aid, there are other options out there. The information is readily available. The answer is scholarships. Yes, it's free money. A scholarship is considered a gift to help you pay for college. Scholarships do not need to be repaid, and are awarded based on performance in a certain area. These areas



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Got Coffee?

By: MELISSA ADAMES
Staff Writer

Pour Some Sugar On...Your Coffee! Starbucks or the Q Café? At Barry, money's tight and the all-nighters and early classes are part of being a college. Many of us pretty much rely on coffee or energy drinks to get us through the day and stay awake. The popularity of coffee drinks means that at least we can choose to enjoy something other than plain coffee drowned in cream and sugar, just to get rid of the bitterness. The demand for drinks such as latte or Starbucks' Frappuccino, and espresso have almost become part of our culture, not to mention the growth of many new businesses-corporate or entrepreneurships.

Barry currently offers two Q Café locations, and a new Starbucks station inside the Buc Stop. Jeanne Scott, Retail Manager at the Buc Stop, gives the scoop on Barry's new Starbucks craze. It was implemented by popular demand, this fall. They offer all items and high quality which you would find in a regular location except for the frappuccinos. It's more convenient then having to drive there before school. Specialty coffees naturally are priced a little more than the regular, but they're a worthy treat. Although Starbucks has been around for 25 years, it's nice that we don't have to wait any longer to have it available on campus.

If you prefer a gourmet selection of made-to-order sandwiches and freshly baked snacks to complement



your coffee, Q Café offers a great alternative. The privately owned business is based in Garner Hall, and the School of Nursing. Q offers a wide variety of coffees, whether you prefer it hot or ice cold. Personally I like the iced cappuccino with whipped cream, or a blended drink such as the coffee flavored smoothie, which is thicker than the chilled coffee drinks. The Q Café also gives out free card "Coffee Club" cards, which are hole-punched each time you purchase a coffee drink. This is especially useful for students, faculty, and staff who visit the Q Café frequently, since it doesn't take long at all to earn your free coffee. The prices of the coffee are, for the most part, equal depending on how much caffeine you need to wake up or keep from falling over after a long day. Sure, this is all probably more about coffee than you ever cared to know, but at least now you don't have to look any further than campus for a good cup of it. Also, even if you prefer soothing tea to a jolt of caffeine, both the Starbucks, and the Q Café offer tea to help you de-stress at the end of the day.

*Starbucks also offers coffee cards to frequent drinkers.

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Carlos on Fashion

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Guys

With the fall season soon in full force, long sleeves and rougher textile pants will magically reappear: corduroy, wool, etc. Please use them with abandon, but there are four cardinal rules to remember: belts and suspenders **MUST** match the shoes (no exceptions) and never, **EVER** wear them both at the same time (If you still feel the need to wear both a belt and suspenders at the same time, then your problem is much deeper than anything I can help you with); socks are **NEVER** optional and must match the pants, not the shoes nor the shirt; and last, but not least, include leather in some facet of your wardrobe. I know leather can be somewhat expensive, but try different sources for purchasing them. I bought a stressed leather jacket last year from EBay by Old Navy and spent \$35. It looks great and as soon as the cooler weather returns, it will be a great addition to my wardrobe. Ebay caveat emptor: be very, very careful of what you buy on Ebay. Please make sure that it has a very clear picture of what you are looking for and that it is a size that will fit you. Once the money has exchanged hands Ebay has ways of filing complaints and they will try to get you a good result, but it is very difficult to undo the sale.

If you have the body of a Greek God-show it off. I'm sure that you've worked very hard at getting it and even harder at maintaining it. Wear nothing but muscle shirts and jeans. They'll accent your body and reward you with staring eyes and showers of compliments. Please, do one thing for me: only buy and wear items in your own size, not three sizes larger. Note-to-the-World: The baggy look has been around since 1992 and it needs to be part of history, and let your boxer shorts be what they are-**UNDER**wear, not **SHOW**wear.

Ladies

If guys are guilty of too baggy, then ladies are guilty of too tight. Ladies, please, wear clothing that actually fits you. Most women admit to having a few more pounds they can shed. I understand and I'm certainly not one of those guys with the Greek-God Bod I was referring to, but I wear what makes sense for me. I only say this because if I see another overweight woman with low rider jeans, I think I'll CRY. Overweight women (and guys too) look great in solid colors, dark pants, and athletic clothing-try it sometime.

You can't go wrong with the old adage "Simple is Best." Extravagant clothing or extravagant make-up shouldn't overshadow the natural beauty of a woman. Green and orange do not match-they never have



and never will; six-inch stiletto heels with denim jeans are **VERY** out; and who ever said that make-up had to match your clothing? Please ladies, Most of you carry a mirror in your purse all day. Why not use it for a change? If you still feel that you must wear make-up because the after effects of acne have been very cruel to you, wear make-up that matches your skin tone and color.

Both

Customize, Customize, Customize. Grab a pair of scissors or, if you're too manly, have your girlfriend grab a pair of scissors and go on a cutting spree. Use an old pair of jeans, don't buy a new one, and slit each side of the leg cuffs, just over and under the knees, the front of the legs just below the inseam level and even just under the back pockets. Improvise and be creative. Whatever you decide to do, however, don't do it all in the same pair and don't cut off the belt area-Lenny Kravitz premiered it over 18 months ago in the cover of his "Greatest Hits" album and the trend is dead and six feet under. Do the same with an old t-shirt (as long as it's still clean). A recent edition of GQ magazine displayed Vin Diesel on the cover with a destroyed short-sleeve shirt that would look great on just about anyone. If you can't buy a ready-made muscle shirt from retail stores (because you pay Barry tuition), get a cheap t-shirt and roughly cut off the sleeves (to show arms and shoulders), neck collar (traps), and the lower hem (happy trail). Voila-instant muscle shirt.

Exit

The best advice anyone can get about fashion is to use the basic eternal rules-some of which I've given-and experiment. Treat fashion as an art and clothes are your tools. A great artist, like Pablo Picasso, learned the classical ideals of painting and was very good at it then went on to create his own school-cubism. Remember to also feel comfortable with your body and with what you're wearing, be an artist comfortable with his work. Self-esteem and confidence are the only fashion cardinal rules that never go out of style. If you don't even have an ounce of self-confidence, wearing Moschino and Paul Smith will not do you any good. Be bold. Be creative. Be fun. Until Next...

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Building Towards No Future

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She sped down the street. No matter how fast she went, the flashes of her life would not escape her mind.

Stop Sign on Life

This is the doctor's office; I'm calling in with your test results.

I hope it's good news

Your results are positive.

"S***! How the heck did I get pregnant again?" Now I'm going to have to stop drinking. And I can't do lingerie shoots with a big belly. Playboy is definitely not going to like this.

Ms. Armstrong I believe you've misunderstood; you're not pregnant. You have HIV.

No, you have to be mistaken.

I'm afraid we're not. If you would like to come in we can discuss your options...

Hiding in the Back Seat

Rebekka tried to pretend it didn't exist and buried her fears into alcohol and drugs. She tried so hard to keep the secret hidden from all those around her. The medicine she had to take made her feel worse than the disease itself. So hoping the disease would take her life, she went on and off the medication. And she tried desperately to get lost in the party life. She figured she was dying anyway, so why not go out with a bang? She became an unreliable model because she was sick all the time; she lost her friends; her mother was in denial. Finally her web of lies caught up with her, and she could hide no more.

Rough Road

"Why isn't this bottle of Tequila working yet? I don't have any other choice. I hate this disease. I hate losing my friends. I hate looking into my

mother's eyes. I hate my life. . . I hate myself."

She pushed the pedal further down, and let the drugs and alcohol take over. She stared directly into the only path she could see. Imagining the serenity she would soon feel. Not thinking twice, she floored the car one last time. Her car slammed into the metal that should have brought her peace.

For three days Rebekka was in and out of a coma. When she awoke, she begged to die, but she had a reason, one she couldn't see right then, for being alive.

As Rebekka later learned, she could choose to live, fight and make an example of her life, in order to save others.

Back in the Front Seat

After Rebekka's unsuccessful attempt on her life, she attended a seminar for HIV positive women. There she found a reason to be grateful, a reason to stop pitying herself, and a mission to fulfill. She met sixty other women, some who were worse than herself. And there she was empowered to make a difference; she even came forward with her disease on the front page of the Advocate.

Rebekka can proudly say now that she is eight years drug free and three years alcohol free. She also has an undetectable viral load, which means the virus is undetectable in her system, but can still be transmitted to others. She is a phlebotomist, and a physical fitness practitioner. She completed a physical challenge course, meant for army training, and came in sixteenth out of 108. Rebekka is no longer trying to die; she is trying to live and live well.

She is currently visiting schools world-wide with a strong message. She wants to educate and disclose the many resources there are out there to help victims of this disease and young people who have an at-risk lifestyle.

Her goal is simple: "I want to make a difference. I want to prevent this from happening to other kids."

Road Work Ahead

Rebekka Armstrong recently visited Barry University to tell her story in hopes it would reach students and possibly save students from making the same mistakes.

Although she is leading a normal life, she is never going to know what it feels like to be 'well.'

"Now, don't get me wrong, I am not ungrateful for the time and life I have been extended but sometimes it's really hard to stop and smell the roses when my life is consumed by things like when am I going to go poo?"

Rebekka told her story, not holding anything back. She made her life a textbook for students to examine and learn from. Rebekka claims "Who better to talk about sex than a Playmate?" One thing is for sure, there was not an empty seat in Andreas; even the walls were lined with students intrigued about this Playmate's message.

Her message: In the end it doesn't matter what race, sex, age or sexuali-



"I am the face of AIDS." Rebekka Armstrong
Photo provided by Oliver Luettenau

ty we are, HIV nor AIDS doesn't discriminate. This disease affects all. It is estimated by the Center for Disease Control that 36.1 million have HIV/AIDS; 1.4 million are under the age of 15. Perhaps her most startling statistic was about September 11, 2001: On the day in which over 3,000 Americans lost their life to terror, 10,000 people lost their fight with AIDS.

If you don't take anything else from her story, remember her words, "A few minutes, for some a few seconds, is not worth your life. . . As for me, People work to build towards a future everyday, but I don't have a future." Don't destroy yours. Be safe.

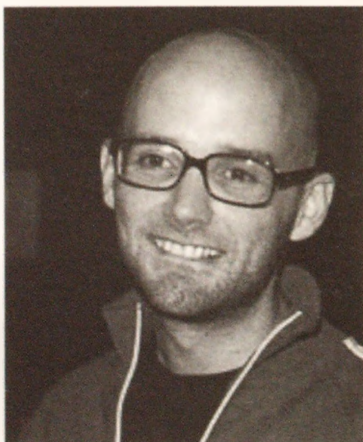
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Eminem, Emi-not?

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"To touch the average listener you have to use words that touch emotion. The average listener doesn't catch rhyme for rhyme and syllable for syllable." Marshall Mathers

Apparently Eminem hates techno music. He made this quite clear at the MTV Video Music Awards held on August 29th of this year when he thrust his middle finger into the face of techno star Moby, while Moby was being interviewed. Marshall Bruce Mathers III, aka Eminem, then



Moby, another Eminem target

referred to Moby as a "little girl" and threatened the artist stating "I will hit a man with glasses," during his acceptance speech for Best Male Video.

Mathers went home with four of the coveted Moonmen this year, more than any other individual artist, receiving acclaim for his latest CD 'The Eminem Show'. With all the success he has achieved over the past few years, fans and critics alike ask the question: why pick an apparently unnecessary fight with the docile Moby? For someone who has survived such adversity in his personal life, why has Mathers become a bully in response? Is Eminem keeping it real, or simply keeping it real controversial?

Eminem is no stranger to conflict. In fact his art appears to thrive on it. His lyrics have been called offensive, inappropriate, masochistic, and generally disturbed, for apparently Eminem is angry. He is angry at the world around him. He is angry at his child's

mother for cheating on him and treating him with cruel disregard; he is angry at his own mother for abusing him physically and emotionally as a child, and he is angry for not being accepted as a rapper due to the color of his skin. Ok, these seem like legitimate reasons for anger, and in my opinion other musicians use equally offensive if not more socially accepted themes in their lyrics. But does this give Eminem the right to behave the way he does?

He has made it. Everyone knows his name. He even has a movie roughly based on his life called '8 Mile,' coming out in a few weeks. So why continue the unnecessary drama? Maybe he is just unwilling to "play nice" around the other musicians in public and in front of the media.



Eminem at the 2002 MTV Awards

Mathers seems to be one of the few artists who understands that the way people treat him has little to do with him personally but with his current fame, and for this I give him some credit. While I don't respect his actions I do respect his talent, and I will pay attention when I hear his name mentioned at the next awards show. I just hope Moby's feelings weren't hurt too much in the process.

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Mission & Ministry

Mission

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Fall Semester

Every Sunday - 11am Mass and 9pm Student Mass

September 25 – Interfaith Lunch

October 23 – Mission Effectiveness Lunch

November 11-22 Thanksgiving Food Baskets

November 14 – Baccalaureate Planning for those graduating in December

November 19 – Interfaith Lunch

November 22-24 Miami Archdiocese College Retreat

December 4 – Advent Communal Penance Service

December 8 – Last 9pm Student mass for the semester

December 11 – Mission Effectiveness Lunch

December 13 – Baccalaureate Mass, 5pm

Chapel Schedule

Monday through Friday 12:05pm

Sunday 11:00am

Sunday Student Mass 9:00pm

Rosary – Fridays at 11:45am

Confessions by appointment

Chicken Soup for the Barry Soul

By: ESTHER FARIN
Columnist

Things have changed. Things have changed. You can say it all you want, but it won't really mean anything until things really do start changing. I haven't been around long enough on this planet to know everything, but one thing is for sure. You can't judge a book by its cover. I know it's a cliché, but it's true, because you really never know what's lurking inside that book you're judging.

Everyone has some kind of stereotype associated with who they are, whether it's because of their hair color, or what size they wear, or where they're from, or where their parents are from. And it's stupid. Is there really a reason to associate anyone's character or ability to achieve through numbers? Or colors? That seems rather juvenile to me.

If I could say anything to society right now, it would be start changing the way you say you're changing. Stop evil in its tracks. Stop war, stop hate, start living by the book you say you live by. No, I'm not lecturing. But I had a revelation. And I decided, the less self-centered you are, the less chaos you create in your life and in the lives around you, and better a person you can be.

I mean, if you stopped in your tracks, and looked at who you are right now, could you honestly say you're doing the best you can? I can't. But

I'm gonna try harder.

#2 Come on Now, Let's get Deep!

Growing up in Miami Beach, I've learned a lot about shallowness. Not to say that the city itself is shallow, but it's hard to deny the unbelievable standards of beauty that people from the Beach are expected to live up to. Hair is supposed to be flawless, make-up every day if you're chic, clothing spotless, body thin and model-esque or buff and hairless. . . Now, if you are naturally perfect, or if perfect comes naturally to you, this shouldn't be a problem. And you can live your life running around being shallow and proud of your looks. But so what?

Does it really matter if you have a hook nose, frizzy hair, skinny calves, or a belly? I mean, give me a break! We're not supposed to be perfect. We're supposed to be human. Let's work with that. What makes a human a good human? I can guarantee you, it ain't about where you got your clothes or how you wear them. Welcome to the cheesy Oprah factor. . . It's about how much love you give and how much good you create for this world.

Yes, I am slightly bitter about an experience I had recently. I was sitting down with a friend smoking a cigarette, and this random, silly woman comes and sits with us. Instead of ask-

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October 2002

What's Going on in South Florida?

		<p>1 Hispanic Heritage Festival Bayfront Park Hispanicfestival.com 24 Hours The Nerd Stage Door 26th St. Theater Wilton Manors Oct 1st -20th Thur-Sat 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>2 White Nights of Ibiza Liquid 1532 Washington South Beach 10:00 p.m.</p>	<p>3 Women's Soccer vs. Rollins</p>	<p>4 Volleyball vs. U. of Tampa Comic Potential Actor's Playhouse Miracle Theatre 280 Miracle Mile Coral Gables 8:00 p.m. Starting at \$27 You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown The Performance Project Cooper City Oct 4-5, 11-12, 8 p.m.</p>	<p>5 Vollyball vs. Eckerd Cecilia Valdez Ballet Dade County Auditorium 2901 W Flagler St 8:00 p.m. Wood Dance New World School of the Arts 7:30 p.m.</p>
6	7	<p>8 Florida Philharmonic "The Planets" Broward Center for the Performing Arts 201 SW 5th Ave Fort Lauderdale 8:00 p.m. Starting at \$20</p>	<p>9 M/W Soccer Game Open Season "A World Premiere Comedy" Hollywood Playhouse 2640 Washington Hollywood 8:00 p.m. Starting at \$32</p>	<p>10 Student Wellness Day Career Center Open House</p>	<p>11 Volleyball vs. Lynn ICC Cultural Extravaganza Laser Show Miami Museum of Science 3280 S Miami Ave 10:00 p.m. \$7 Admission</p>	<p>12 Seminoles at Hurricanes Orange Bowl 1501 NW 3rd Street 12:00 p.m. \$45 Admission Stay Home - \$0 Jamzfest 2002 Allison Hinds, Damian Marley, & more Opa Locka Airport 1:00pm \$10 Admission</p>
<p>13 Urban Latin Music Festival Bayfront Park 301 N Biscayne 12:00 p.m. \$12 Admission Miami Carnival Opa Locka Airport 12 pm</p>	14	<p>15 Men's Soccer v. Lynn ICC Octoberfest PhiKappaTau Movie Night</p>	<p>16 Basketball Midnight Madness University of Miami Wind Ensemble Gusman Concert Hall 1314 Miller Drive Coral Gables 8:00 p.m. \$15 Admission</p>	17	<p>18 Fall Holiday NO CLASSES!</p>	<p>19 Men's Soccer vs. FL Southern Aerosmith w/ Kid Rock Coral Sky Amphitheater West Palm Beach 7 p.m. Pinocchio Actors Playhouse Miracle Theatre 280 Miracle Mile Coral Gables 2:00 p.m. \$9 Admission</p>
<p>20 Women's Soccer vs. Eckerd</p>	<p>21 Thrashers at Panthers National Car Rental Center 2555 Panthers Pkwy Sunrise 7:30 p.m. Starting at \$14</p>	<p>22 Rolling Stones National Car Rental Center 2555 Panthers Pkwy Sunrise 7:30 p.m. Starting at \$51.50</p>	23	<p>24 CAB's Pumpkin Carving Contest & Halloween Dance Disney on Ice American Airlines Arena 7:30 p.m. \$6 - \$38 Admission Through Oct 27</p>	<p>25 SGA Haunted House Zombie Prom Broward Center for the Performing Arts 201 SW 5th Av Fort Lauderdale 3:00 p.m. \$29 Admission</p>	<p>26 Michael Bolton Pompano Beach Amphitheatre 1801 NE Sixth Av Pompano Beach 8:00 p.m. \$38 Admission Disney's Lion King Broward Center for the Performing Arts 201 SW 5th Av Fort Lauderdale 8:00 p.m. \$25 - \$70 Admission</p>
<p>27 Daylight Savings Ends</p>	<p>28 Lightning at Panthers National Car Rental Center 2555 Panthers Pkwy Sunrise 7:30 p.m. Starting at \$14</p>	<p>29 No Doubt Garbage opening... National Car Rental Center 2555 Panthers Pkwy Sunrise 7:30 p.m. \$36 Admission</p>	<p>30 Magic vs. Heat American Airlines Arena 601 Biscayne Miami 7:30 p.m. \$10 - \$180 Admission</p>	<p>31 Happy Halloween! Fort International Boat Show 1950 Eisenhower Fort Lauderdale 10:00 - 7:00 p.m. \$12 Admission</p>		

Great Discoveries of Human Kind

The human accomplishments in the last 50 years have been really astonishing. In the small town where I came from, my father had the only radio, and people came from all around, stopping in front of our house to listen to that big device talking all by itself as if by magic. But while the radio took four decades to reach 50 million listeners, the Internet needed only five years to reach the same public, and we don't know what is yet to come. Yet looking back to the past, I realize many more astonishing feats in the curriculum of the human kind.

Who found out, for instance, that olives, when immersed in salted water for a while, would become one of the most popular foods in the world? Also, what magician discovered that the pressed and fermented grape becomes wine? Just like Jesus did at the Cannah wedding.

How was coffee discovered? Arabic shepherders noticed that their sheep, eating the leaves of a plant, got more lively and vigorous after doing so.

Well, why not try it themselves? But from the food of shepherds to the "espresso" that comes out of our coffee makers today, another proud feat for humans.

During that time, there were no computers to chat and browse (and sometimes study). So they had plenty of time to test and try things a million times over.

Let's consider this scenario in the case of coffee. "No, we cannot eat this black fruit... its too hard and has no taste at all. Perhaps if we take out the seed and immerse it in salted water... No, it's still worse. Let's press it and allow it to ferment... Oh, what a horrible taste! Perhaps if we ground it and turn it to powder... doesn't look good, either. Let's bake it... No, it's not chewable. Perhaps if we bake and ground it..."

Later came out was an ugly black flour, that didn't look good. But a child came running behind a ball, made of a piece of shepherd milk that got sour and hard, and nobody knew

what to do with that, either. The boy spilled hot water and it fell over the other pot with the strange black powder - and it happened! Coffee was invented. They say that something similar happened with tea, also, but that was in China.

What about the bread we have every morning? Perhaps it was invented as a contest. With so much wheat having no use at all, perhaps some innovative caveman promised a new arrow to whomever would come up with one idea to create one food that could feed the whole world in the next millions of years. And it had to be good, easy to make, healthy and cheap ... Honestly, of all kinds of bread that we can find today in the supermarkets, none are as good as this first bread that was made: pita bread.

Pasta was another brilliant gastronomic discovery. Chinese and Italians are still fighting for the first place on the podium. Chinese people complain they invented it, and Marco Polo stole the idea. Italian people say they only

By WANDA SANTOS SYL

borrowed the principle, and improved it.

Were all these findings imposed by necessity and enhanced through years of usage - or were they all simply accidents, as in the case of coffee?

The people in the city of Provolone, in Italy, used to make a cheese that they exchanged with the merchants for wine. They bought huge amounts of wine, and the merchants, having nothing to do with so much cheese, kept it in a cavern of calcareous (they hadn't invented the refrigerator yet). The humidity covered the cheese with mildew, and they found out the cheese tasted better that way.

Sure, we all are amazed nowadays with technology, a wonder of human kind, the beginning of a new era, one of the most important tools for the new millennium. But a piece of bread just coming out of the oven, with a slice of cheese and a cup of cappuccino, well... need I say more?

Keep Those Flags Flying

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ever your political party, you are a citizen of The United States. All of the attacks on our President are way out of line. We need to understand that the things that are going down right now are things that we have never had to understand before. Hundreds and for all we know thousands of young men are being trained to strap bombs on themselves and willingly give their lives up for the sake of 'Alla.' What? I honestly believe that Bush has handled everything as well as humanly possible.

It is really important for Americans to stay informed. And to be wary of the sources by which they are being informed. And don't watch CNN. It is all propaganda (sorry CNN watchers). Read. Read. Read. From the newspaper to novels to modern college textbooks. There is always something new to learn. We all know that knowledge is strength. We need to make sure that the generations to come remain driven to be educated. It will ensure that this country will generate virtuous, educated leaders in the years

to come. And it will guarantee the prolongation of our strong nation, and the ideals by which it is based upon.

We cannot forget who we are as a nation. Our ancestors and past leaders have worked hard to get us where we are today. We can't backtrack. I'm sick of being pushed around by all of this terrorism stuff. We all are. What kind of war is this anyway? A clash between the Eastern and Western worlds? Islam and Christianity? Who knows? Frankly I don't think anyone one can say for sure. All we know is that they hate us. What can we do about that? Try to make friends? I don't think so. We already tried that with Arafat and look where it got us.

Let's have faith in our government and the decisions that they make during this trying time. Let's stop being chicken. And if the next move is to swoop in and take out Saddam, let's do it before it is too late.

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Chicken Soup

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ing me who I am, where I come from, anything that has anything to do with knowing something about me, she points out my pimples, and goes into this long rambling about how horrible my acne is and how she used to have pimples and then she went to the doctor and blah blah blah and I'm thinking... If looks weren't that important to us as a society, would she have sat down and philosophized with me? Could I have learned something new from her instead of seeing her as shallow and unworthy of my conversation? Would I really even care that she pointed out my imperfections if looks weren't that important here?

My point is, neither I nor you, nor anyone else in this city or in this

world needs someone nitpicking at our every imperfection. And we definitely don't need to do it to ourselves. So next time you're gonna say something negative about someone else's appearance, or even your own, don't! You might be flawless or full of flaws, or think of yourself as lovely or terribly ugly. But in the long run, no one really cares.

You don't have to be shallow because you are beautiful. And you don't have to feel horrible if you are not beautiful according to someone else's standards. When we're all old and saggy and wrinkled, it won't matter anymore! So why does it matter now? It doesn't.

Enjoy your bowl of Chicken Soup for the Barry Soul.

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Mad Cowboy

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tion, we should definitely add Japan to this list. For that matter we should start with ourselves for we have the power to destroy other nations as well as our own. Why is our government so quick to attack, while other U.N. countries are holding off until we find proof?

Instead of declaring another war, President Bush should strive to focus on rebuilding the American economy, the American dream, and trust in this nation. A major reconstruction effort has to be ignited, from tightening the laws surrounding corporate layoffs to providing tax cuts to the major spenders, the middle class. Tax heavily on corporations and keep a watchful eye on their discreet indiscretions. Keep security tight on all borders and ports. Promote large construction projects that would create more jobs and boost the tourism industry. Encourage Americans to travel, shop and move forward with their lives. Although it is easier said than done, Americans need to stand up and fight, against the economy, against their own security fears and against a new

war.

At this time America is in desperate need for a President who is willing to put their needs and their concerns into making decisions. We need a morally strong and just president, not a cowboy who is just out for blood and war, but one who will stand strong and bring us through this depression.

During the Presidential Address on September 11, 2002, Bush made a beautiful speech. "And these counted days should be filled with things that last and matter: love for our families, love for our neighbors and for our country, gratitude for life and to the giver of life." Now if only he would stand by his word, and allow Americans and American soldiers to spend time with their families, recover from this tragedy, and move on with life.

Will President Bush go against all odds and return his focus back to where it is needed, to the American people? Or will he follow in his fathers footsteps, start a war that may or may not boost the economy, and leave a huge mess and budget deficit for the Democrat that will replace him in the next election?

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It Doesn't Pay

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include, but aren't limited to academics, sports, and community service. Most schools automatically give academic scholarships to new students based on their grade point average. But, of course it is not enough to cover all of your college expenses; unless you are awarded a full scholarship including housing. Many corporations, private companies, and community organizations are awarding scholarships to students who are committed to their communities. I suggest these types of scholarships for students who don't have the best grades. It's hard working and going to school, but a few hours of community service a week will not hurt if it means getting your tuition paid.

I know it is hard. I have been there and back again. Don't give up. There is money out there, but you have to find it. Don't let the hunt for money discourage you. There are all kinds of scholarships available. The key is marketing yourself. Paying for college is stressful, but possible. There are websites designed to help students find scholarships that apply specifically to them.

The most common ones are Fastweb, www.fastweb.com, and Absolutely Scholarships, www.absolutelyscholarships.com. Check your local newspapers. Many organizations offer workshops for help with filling out the financial aid forms, and free tax preparation for students. There is someone willing to help you, all you have to do is ask.

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Sex & the City

By CARLOS CAMACHO
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To the ignorant eye, Sex and the City, is simply a show about four friends constantly falling in and out of love without regard for the other person, having a baby out of wedlock, getting quickie divorces, and, and having sex indiscriminately with as many partners as they can amass in the 30 minutes of its duration. It's much more than that. It is a platform for human beings to be human. Carrie, Miranda, Charlotte, and Samantha, women in their thirties, in a comedic fashion, face and bring to the forefront the issues involved in finding and keeping love in an ironically lonely world of 6 billion people.

These issues are real and they exist, but are simply ignored by the four giant networks because talking about them might offend a few people, might mean actually showing humans being humans-heaven forbid.

To the surprise of many, more and more people are asking the cable providers for HBO, the originator network, so that they too can be part of the fun and meaningful programming like Sex and the City, Six Feet Under, the Sopranos, and Oz. They watch because Sex and the City, along with the rest of HBO programming, is willing to take the risk (should it be a risk?) of revealing the true imperfections and prejudices of real people without any regard to what moral critics might say-never mind that those same moral critics were willing to and did show the beheading of Wall Street Journal Daniel Perl and the last few painful and chaotic moments in the World Trade Center before the towers came down. Where was their moral outrage then? Their moral outrage

should not come at the expense of people learning, even if through Sex and the City and that the world is a lonely and painful place and more easily navigated with someone who is good and trustworthy by their side.

The women of Sex and the City also are finding, very painfully, that settling for someone who is not absolutely right for you is not the thing to do either. The show's main lesson is obscured by the comedy of the show, but not completely lost: life is hard and all we can do is be human and move through it as best we can.

The viewers as well as some insiders have responded with great enthusiasm to the vital lessons cloaked with humor. They were directly responsible in awarding Sex and the City 10 Emmy Nominations including one for outstanding comedy, one for outstanding leading actress, Sarah Jessica Parker (Carrie Bradshaw), and two for outstanding supporting actresses Cynthia Nixon (Miranda Hobbes) and Kim Cattrall (Samantha Jones). They helped HBO, and it all its risks, to become the most Emmy nominated cable television network in the history of the award with 93. The meaning of "watch and learn" has never been so literal-watch HBO and learn.

Did you Know: Sarah Jessica Parker is married to Matthew Broderick and is expecting a baby any day no. Who knows, this might just be the last season of Sex & the City.

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Chatterbox

By FABIENNE JOSAPHAT
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* Ben Affleck will play super hero Daredevil, the Marvel comic character also known as The Man Without Fear. He'll be flanked with Jennifer Garner (Alias), Collin Farrell, and John Favreau.

* Elizabeth Taylor went in the hospital for a benign form of skin cancer. Benign does mean not serious, so she's ok, people. Don't panick!

* Loved Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone? The next one's coming out November 15, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. Kids will have matured by now (check out Harry and Ron's voice!)

* Speaking of Harry Potter, author J.K. Rowling was accused of plagiarism. The U.S. federal court cleared her after American author Nancy Stouffer claimed Rowling stole her ideas from her children's book. Whew! Now she can go back to making another zillion off her famous character.

* Super model Claudia Schiffer is not only in love, but pregnant. Sorry guys...

* Hannibal Lecter is back in Red Dragon (October 4). Can we expect as much gore and suspense? I hope so.

* Lord of the Rings opens December 18. Talk about a Christmas gift!

* Martin Scorsese's Gangs of New York opens in December, too. Leonardo Di Caprio and Daniel Day Lewis will feature in this film about the first conflicts between English and Irish immigrants in the Big Apple in the 1840s.

* Brad Pitt, Trojan man? No, not in that way... Pitt has apparently signed on for a role as Achilles in an upcoming big-screen version of the Iliad. This means, ladies, he'll be shirtless all the time. Yippee!!!!

* Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise, divorced last year, are both suing Sephora for running Valentine's Day Gifts ads displaying their picture without their consent. What was Sephora thinking?

* Christopher Reeves is making progress. After intensive therapy he finally moves his fingers and toes.

*Ben Affleck! What are you thinking dating Jennifer Lopez? Now you really broke our hearts.

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City by the Sea

Starring ROBERT DENIRO, JAMES FRANCO, FRANCES MCDORMANYD

Joey LaMarca is wanted for the murder of a drug dealer that his father, Vincent LaMarca is investigating. Vincent now has to try and befriend his son who he hasn't seen in 15 years, build trust with Joey's mother, maintain a seemingly simple relationship with his girlfriend, and protect his reputation. The genius of De Niro's character is displaying that human complexity usually missing from the stock character detectives that strut themselves on the screen taking on the entire city because their family's honor is at stake. Look for the continuation and advancement of the up-and-comer Franco, who is slowly but surely becoming one of the most talented actors in Hollywood, and a landscape shot still showing the overwhelming presence of the towers over the New York City skyline. Although not his best work, De Niro delivers a human performance in a character that is inherently flawed, imperfect, and needing to improve.

Four Feathers

Starring HEATH LEDGER, KATE HUDSON, WES BENTLEY, MICHAEL SHEEN

Harry Feversham, Ledger, resigns his post as a British officer after he learns he is to be sent to help resolve the Sudan conflict with the Madhi. He is labeled a coward by his friends and fiancée and attempts to redeem himself by going into the Sudan, disguised as an Arab, to try save his friends. Ledger's acting was outstanding, Hudson's on the other hand needed some work. This movie is full of symbolism and twisted ironies that are not usual for Hollywood flicks. If you have never seen the original version (or the other remake) it's a refreshing plot and fits right in with this era of war time movies.

Swimfan

Starring ERIKA CHRISTENSON, JESSE BRADFORD, SHIRI APPELBY

Ben Cronin (Jesse Bradford) plays a high school senior who has everything going for him including the one in a million swimming scholarship to Stanford, and a girlfriend who'd follow him anywhere. His life unravels after he has an affair with a new student that turns into a teenage Fatal Attraction. The acting was all right, but the script and plot was boring and unoriginal. If you're a teeny bopper, you probably won't fall asleep, but if not...

The Banger Sisters

Starring GOLDIE HAWN, SUSAN SARANDON, GEOFFREY RUSH

I wasn't sure what to expect from a movie about two long lost, ex-groupies played by Goldie Hawn and Susan Sarandon. But I'm impressed, Suzette, (Hawn) was the wild and crazy character who spiced up Lavonia's (Sarandon) life as well as Harry's (Rush). The Banger Sisters is a must-see movie, for all those who've lost their identities and want to connect with themselves. This should be on your list, ladies and guys. Fun and laughter are guaranteed...



Curb Your Enthusiasm

Starring Larry David, Cheryl Hines
HBO Sunday, 10 p.m

The New York Daily News calls Curb your Enthusiasm "the best sitcom since Seinfeld," and on September 15, it's back with force. Larry David, producer of Seinfeld, seems to have been born for this role. Playing himself as a producer, he is the guy who has everything but still complains. He's a klutz, who's stuck his foot in his mouth more than once and never learns a lesson, always finding himself in the most embarrassing situations. If you've missed the first two seasons, hop on board!

The Dead Zone

Starring Anthony Michael Hall, Nicole DeBoer,
USA Sunday, 10 p.m.

I wonder if Stephen King is feeling giddy about this rendition of his novel, which in turn was made into a film with Christopher Walken. The Dead Zone has potential, but the stories are weak, the female characters even weaker, and I don't see this going any further. Anthony Michael Hall (Sixteen Candles, The Breakfast Club) does a good job, but will the show live up to a second season? I say it's pretty much dead....

The Sopranos

Starring James Gandolfini, Edie Falco, Lorraine Braco
HBO Sunday, 9 p.m.

Finally! It's back, and I can finally breathe. There's no doubt that The Sopranos redefines the meaning of the term "family." It is the best show on television, with an award for best actor (James Gandolfini) in a drama series and one for best actress in a drama series (Edie Falco). Gandolfini plays Tony Soprano, an Italian mobster who's torn between his natural family, his soldier, and a bad case of anxiety attack that leads him to a curious and self-righteous therapist (Lorraine Braco). The strong story line, dialogue and acting will blow you away. Literally.

MONK

Starring Tony Shaloub, Ted Levine, Betty Schram
USA Friday, 10 p.m

Tony Shaloub's refreshing performance satisfies all viewers. This summer's blockbuster series, Monk, is hilarious. Produced by the actor himself, the mystery/comedy has become such a hit that it now airs on two channels every week. In it, Shaloub (The Siege, Galaxy Quest) plays the famous detective Adrian Monk, whose knack for solving crime derives from his serious obsessive compulsive disorder. Fortunately, his sidekick and nurse Sherona (Betty Schram) is here to keep him sane....

**Ratings are based on a scale of 1 to 5.

Has the Force Left Them?

A View on Star Wars

By OWEN IOZZIO
On-Line Editor

Episode I

With two thirds of the "new" Star Wars trilogy now unveiled to the masses, many moviegoers (myself included), of both the casual and hard-core variety, are left wondering what's



going on at the all-powerful Lucasfilm camp in recent years. While the two new chapters, which are meant to fill in some of the back-story of the original trilogy, have been received with plenty of positive feedback, many casual movie watchers, along with a fair number of sci-fi junkies, have expressed angst over the culmination of some twenty-years of waiting for more

Star Wars.

There are some more prominent issues with the new films that most people have probably heard about by now. The NAACP's gripe with some of George Lucas' characters is one example of these. There are plenty of more subtle issues however, which, when combined into the finished product, make a huge difference in the complexion of the films, and haven't gotten as much notice. I will examine some of these factors, and demonstrate how they affect the two newest installments of the Star Wars story - often not for the better.

George Lucas

George Lucas wrote and directed the very first Star Wars film (A New Hope), which started it all in 1977. For the next two parts of the then-new trilogy, Lucas relinquished his spot in the director's chair and shared the

writing credit with other individuals. The first of these two films, The Empire Strikes Back (not directed by Lucas), is considered by many enthusiasts to be the strongest in the whole series. In fact, depending on whom you talk with, A New Hope (directed by Lucas) could be referred to as the weakest film in the series, in terms of acting. Now take into account that the two newest films (The Phantom Menace and Attack of the Clones) are both directed and written entirely by Lucas, and have been slammed for their acting performances. Coincidence? Maybe.

Why hasn't George done like he has in the past and handed the directing and some of the writing duties to someone else? Have twenty years of royalties and marketing turned him into a complete control freak? Or is he convinced that he and he alone can produce these new films to their



utmost potential? Whatever his reasons are, he will be sticking to them. While he will share the writing credit with one other person, George will direct the final installment of the new trilogy.

The style of Lucas' writing also appears to have changed. Starting with The Phantom Menace, the abundance of more colorful and sometimes downright goofy characters says to me that he is writing to a much younger crowd these days. The reasons for this could be extensive. Maybe all his time working in television has contributed to this - who knows? The point is that those of us who aren't nine-years-old don't care to see and hear loony characters and dopey Saturday morning cartoon dialogue.

Stay tuned for Episode II in our next issue.

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S P O R T S

A Fast Pitch to the Top

By COLLEEN GERSTNER
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Geralyn Elam, a junior marketing major from Marlow, Oklahoma, was named the SSC's 2002 female athlete of the year. She helped Barry win their first ever outright and the third overall SSC Championship in softball.

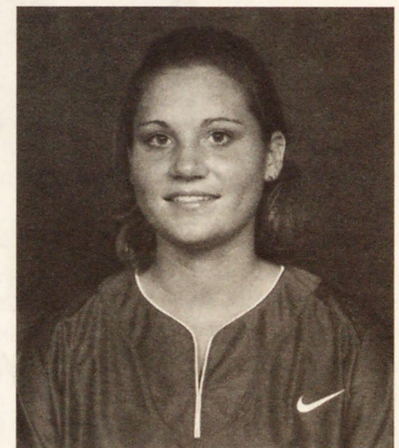
Elam started playing softball at the age of 12, since her father "made her play," she says. She began as an outfielder, because they didn't know where to put her. "Then one game all of the pitchers were either gone or doing badly so they put me in," Geralyn said. She did okay, so they left her at that position and started pitching lessons. She never played another position again.

And that's a good thing, considering her new SSC record: 0.28 ERA, 406 strikeouts, and 20 shutouts. Elam pitched back-to-back perfect games in opening regional play in the NCAA Division II Tournament. She also tied

the league with an SSC-record 32 wins against 6 losses. This second nature of playing has earned her a place in NCAA and Barry University's record books.

When asked what her favorite field to play is, Elam quickly answers "Barry's field." She says: "It's well taken care of and we practice on it everyday, so I'm familiar with it." Preparing for games either here or away, Elam just tries to "stay as relaxed as possible." She goes on to say: "Every game is important to me and when it's game time I just relax and play."

As for Elam's life outside of softball, it's more on the normal side. She spent her summer working with her father on the oil fields he recently purchased. She also worked small jobs around the house, hung out with her friends, and went to the lake. With the new season coming up, Elam has been



Geralyn Elam, Female Star Athlete
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training with the team and trying "to eat on the healthy side." After graduation, she plans to stay in Florida "for a few years at the least and just see how it goes."

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Did You Know?

By COLLEEN GERSTNER
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---- The Buccaneers finished the Sears Directors' Cup with the highest point total ever, becoming the #1 Private Institutions in NCAA Division II.

---- This is Barry's 19th year in collegiate action.

---- Barry won the women's division of the Sunshine State Conference Mayor's Cup for all-sports competition in the 2001-2002 academic years.

---- Barry will be hosting the 2003 SSC Men's and Women's Tennis and Rowing Championships.

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---- Michael L. Covone, Barry University Director of Athletics, was appointed to the Division II Management Council as the representative of the SSC.

---- Barry will be hosting the SSC 2005 Hoops Tournament for the first time ever.

---- The 2001 Barry University Women's Soccer Media Guide was judged best in nation by the Publications Committee of College Sports Information Directors Association.

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SPORTS

Kickin' It

By COLLEEN GERSTNER
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The men's soccer coach Steve McCrath returns six of his starters and 14 letter winners from the 2001 squad. That squad established a school-record for winning percentage (0.861). Despite their record setting year, Barry missed the post season for the first time in four years. The men's team was also selected as the pre-season favorite to capture the SSC championship in 2002.

The men started off the season with two away games both resulting in victories. On Friday, August 30, Barry defeated Alabama-Huntsville with a 2-0 victory, and on Sunday Sept. 1, won against Montevallo with a 3-0 victory.

In light rain conditions, Barry defeated St. Thomas' Bobcats 6-0 in their home opener. Even with the bad weather the attendance for the game was around 400. The Bobcats began the game short handed after they lost three of their players who received red cards. Ron Goguen and Willie Leiste split the shutout in goal for the Bucs. Goguen played 68:24 and made one save, while Leiste finished the game and also made one save.

This win was the largest margin of victory in the series, topping a 4-0 win by Barry in 1997. The Buccaneers and Bobcats had a re-match on Monday, Sept. 9th at 7p.m. The men saw their seven game scoreless streak come to an end with a tight 3-2 win over the Bobcats. The Bucs traveled to Christian Brothers and Central Arkansas on September 13 and 15 respectively. After the weekend, Alen Marcina was named SSC Offensive Player of the Week.

The men traveled back to Barry for action against the Nova Southeastern Knights on September 18th. They just nudged by with a 1-0 victory thanks to Alen Aarcina. He got the game winner past Jeremy Flint at the 84:13 mark. Ron Goguen had his 4th shutout of the season. This win puts Barry at 6-0-1 for the season. The men see their next action in a SSC match against Rollins at the Buccaneer field on Saturday, September 28 at 7 p.m.



Mens soccer at it again
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What I Have to Say

By COLLEEN GERSTNER
Sports Editor

The start of the new season of National Football League has left many puzzled. Critics and experts are now in doubt over their choices to lead the pack. As most football fans know, the critics are not entirely on the ball.

A lot of games went down to the wire, a few heading into overtime. Drew Bledsoe and the Buffalo Bills experienced nail biters two weeks, both heading to overtime. With a loss to the Jets and a win over Minnesota, the Bills are 1-1. Cleveland suffered dire circumstances to the Kansas City Chiefs. Dwayne Rudd, Cleveland's linebacker, removed his helmet in an adrenaline pumped celebration. This helmet fiasco cost the Browns the game.

Houston pulled an upset over the in-state rival Dallas. This is what left Jerry Jones hot and bothered not the heat in Texas. Miami fans finally have something to cheer

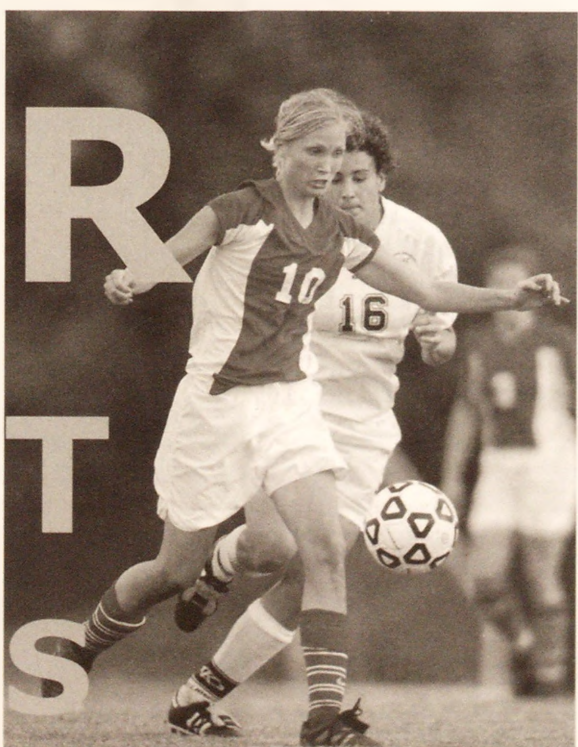
about with the acquisition of Ricky Williams in the off season. He posted 44 carries for 243 yards with 2 touchdowns, bringing the Dolphins 2-0 to start the season.

Just about everyone could not wait to watch Steve Spurriers' Washington Redskins to see if he can do for them what he did for the Gators. Or are they waiting for one of his famous one-liners? The Pittsburgh Steelers, picked by many critics to represent the AFC in the Super bowl, have started off 0-2. Not that this is unusual, being that they start off poorly every season. Randle El, Pittsburgh's new rookie sensation, caused a commotion every time he touched the ball, but it just wasn't enough. Too many turnovers helped the Steelers self-destruct.

The New England Patriots started off the season to set the critics straight that they were not "one year wonders". The offen-

sive power of Brady and the defense making plays and scoring points off turnovers make the Pats. 2-0. The same can't be said of the NFC representative St. Louis. With two losses to start the season many are saying that their reign over the NFC is over. Philadelphia and Chicago will attest to that. So now Sunday afternoons (and evenings) are again filled with fantasy football leagues, football polls, buffalo wings, and high blood pressures. The adrenaline pumping sounds of Hank Williams Jr. singing, "Are you ready for some football, a Monday night party" pumps me up every time. The suspense of the games is better than the plotlines of most television shows. So with the start of the new season I have one final thing to say...Go Steelers!

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Lady BUCS kicking to victory
Photo by: Sports Information

By COLLEEN GERSTNER
Sports Editor

The smell of fresh cut grass fills the air at the Buccaneer field. The keepers are getting ready for tonight. Soccer season at Barry University has started. On September 1st, the women's soccer team hosted longtime rival University of West Florida. Ranked 12th in the NSCAA/ADIDAS pre-season poll, the Buccaneers defended their home field against the 19th ranked Argonauts.

With a short rain delay, the Argonauts were overtaken by the Bucs with a 1-0 win. Pam McDonald scored the winning goal off a pass from Marie Gunnarsson and Tammie Thornton. Thornton, a great

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mid-field player, made some huge defensive plays on this hot and muggy Florida weather which aided in their victory.

On September 7th and 8th, for the first time since 1998, the team traveled to California to play the 15th ranked Cal-State Dominguez Hills. At Kellogg Field Friday, Barry defeated the Broncos in a 2-1 victory on Friday and a 1-0 victory on Sunday. The Bucs returned home with a 2-0 road trip.

In the women's division, Barry was a unanimous pick to win their fourth consecutive SSC Championship. With the return of ten letter winners and six starters from a year ago, it looks

likely to happen. Barry returned home on Thursday, September 12th for a match against St. Thomas. The Lady Bucs defeated the Bobcats 3-0 on account of Johanna Fischer's dominating play in goal. This was Johanna's third shutout of the season.

This week the Lady Bucs were in action against the Lynn Knights at the Buccaneer field. They crushed the Knights 4-0 which was the largest margin of victory in the 20 game histories between the two. This is the 21st straight Sunshine State Conference match win.

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