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Barry Fights Over Rice Not Oil

By FABIENNE JOSAPHAT
Editor-in-Chief

On February 12, a conflict arose surrounding the issue of war against Iraq following a message posted on the Barry News.

Edward R. Sunshine, Associate Professor in the department of Theology and Philosophy, sent out an email about an anti-war protest titled "Take it with a Grain."

This protest encourages individuals who oppose the war to bag grains of rice and mail them to the White House, at the attention of President George W. Bush. The message was posted on Barry News on February 12, and read as follows:

"Dear Barry Community:

I invite you to join a grassroots movement, TAKE IT WITH A GRAIN, to

send President Bush little bags of rice to protest against war on Iraq.

Place 1/2 cup uncooked rice in a small plastic bag (a snack-size Ziploc bag). Squeeze out excess air and seal the bag. Wrap it in a piece of paper on which you have written, "If your enemies are hungry,



Rice: new weapon in fighting against the war
Photo by: Kenita Williams

feed them.' Romans 12:20. Please send this rice to the people of Iraq; do not attack them."

Place the paper and bag of rice in an envelope (either a letter-sized or padded mailing envelope -- both are the same cost to mail) and address them to:

President George Bush
The White House,
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
NW Washington, DC 20500

Attach \$1.06 in postage. (Three 37-cent stamps equal \$1.11.) Once you have sent the rice to President Bush, please email your city and state to:
RiceReport@RiceForPeace.org so they can have a count.

There is a positive history of this protest! "In the mid-1950's, the pacifist Fellowship of Reconciliation, learning of famine in the Chinese mainland, launched a 'Feed Thine

Enemy' campaign. Members and friends mailed thousands of little bags of rice to the White House with a tag quoting the Bible, "If thine enemy hunger, feed him." As

far as anyone knew for more than ten years, the campaign was an abject failure. The President did not acknowledge receipt of the bags publicly; certainly, no rice was ever sent to China.

"What nonviolent activists only learned a decade later was that the campaign played a significant, perhaps even determining role in preventing nuclear war. Twice while the campaign was on, President Eisenhower met with the Joint Chiefs of Staff to consider U.S. options in the conflict with China over two islands, Quemoy and Matsu. The generals twice recommended the use of nuclear weapons. President Eisenhower each time turned to his aide and asked how many little bags of rice had come in. When told they numbered in the tens of

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Danger on our Grounds

Tresspasser Assaults Barry Student

By FABIENNE JOSAPHAT
Editor-in-Chief

Karla Reyes, a Barry University student and Music major, was assaulted in Garner on March 15, according to a Miami Shores Police report and a report filed with her Resident Assistant.

As stated in the police report, Reyes was working in the computer lab when a man approached her and introduced himself as Phillip Owi, and told her he was a Barry University professor. He asked her if she needed any help.

"He told me he could help me with my classes," Reyes said.

Reyes told Owi she didn't need any help. Around 9 p.m., she got up and left the lab, and Owi followed her out to make conversation. They both took the exit staircase near the computer lab, and once they were alone,

Owi began to touch and brush up against her.

"I tried to get away," Reyes said.

"But he first grabbed me by my arm and tied me with his arms, kind of hugging me very tight."

Reyes said Owi whispered in her ear that "she was very beautiful and that any man who saw her would want her."

"Then he said, 'I do not want to f*** you, I like you, I just want to be your friend.'"

Reyes said that at that time, someone walked by. Owi squeezed her tighter and told her not to look over there, because "he might get jealous."

After Owi repeated his intentions to Reyes, she finally broke free from him. Reyes said in her report to her



Barry Student attacked in Garner Stairwell
Photo by: Kenita Williams

R.A. that she didn't know how Owi would react if she had screamed, so she kept quiet and told him someone

was waiting for her.

"Just before I left, he touched my

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Note from the Editor

By: FABIENNE JOSAPHAT
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There's an illness that I think has been underestimated, if not ignored, in our society. It's common on campus, it's more serious than we think. I suffer from it. It steals my energy, it depresses me, and keeps me awake at night (or sometimes forces me to sleep so I forget about it), decreases my appetite (or sometimes increases it way too much) and interferes with my academic progress. We suffer from it every year, and I guess we overcome it at the end, but I also suppose some of us don't.

I am of course talking about senioritis.

I have two Buccaneer issues left before I tip my hat and wave goodbye to Barry. And I'm suffering from senioritis.

I'm getting closer to the end, and I feel winded down. I've got no more energy, no more drive, and I surely don't stress myself anymore about anything. Hey, I used to worry sick about not making deadlines for this paper, not getting any revenue, not pleasing my readers, not providing enough information.... And I know, believe me, that I've made some strange decisions concerning this publication. I've probably disappointed many of you, and sometimes I've pleased some of you. That comes with the territory, I suppose. Some of you have responded through email, happy or unhappy, and shared your feelings about what was or was not printed.

But, I don't care anymore. Don't get me wrong, now, dear Buccaneers. I do care about the paper, about getting the job done, about giving you reading material even though it means working at it once a month.

But I'm tired. I'm worried about not being able to get a job within my field of study. I dread the thought of ending up selling insurance or being a

bank teller. I've come this far. I don't want to be stuck in a dead-end job. More importantly, I don't want to not find a job. That scares the living day-lights out of me. And it scares every one who goes through the same thing. I think that explains why some of us take jobs that force us to stay close to school, if not in school.

But I believe that senioritis helps in a certain way. In my opinion, it is a sign that we are growing up. We're seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. That means we stop thinking of time in terms of MTV's broadcast of The Real World. Instead of associating March with Spring Break, we start counting our days till graduation, loan exit interviews, job applications. What to do, where to go?... At least, I hope all seniors ask themselves these questions if they don't already have the answers.

I've been getting comments recently about how serious a person I am, and not in a positive way.

"You need to relax, Faby. You're too serious."

"Girl, when I met you I was so afraid of you 'cause you're so serious!"

I hadn't realized that. Perhaps that means I've been like this all my life. Maybe I am too serious. I believe it's gotten more obvious, and maybe I'm worrying too much. But I believe I'm growing up quickly. I may even grow gray hair tomorrow when I hop out of bed for another day in school.

But when I look around me, I admit I feel lonely in the growing process. Is anyone with me on this? It seems that everywhere I look, it's nothing but people who grow roots in front of their TV sets watching idiotic shows like The Bachelorette or The Real World, or a new breed of crap like ABC's The Family, or who are stuck to their cell phone and detailing their day to their friends. If we don't worry about our future, if we don't wake up and grow up, the world is

going to pass right by us. The war will start before we've even made one move to stop it. An email sent on the Barry News about a war protest recently has stirred up quite a controversy on campus, and we bring you this story front page. It has even launched, in a way, the new forum page now available for faculty and students to interact about the imminent war.

God, how I hate reality TV! I detest shows that do nothing but soften and melt our brains. Esther Farin has an interesting take on those, and focuses especially on Joe Mil'ionaire which seems to have been a huge hit with a twist this time by disillusioning all the gold diggers.

And somebody please tell me what is up with people suing McDonalds for making them obese? They ought to read Renee Sopkie's piece on the increasing obese children in America. The numbers are frightening, and this article brings insight as to who, perhaps, should take some responsibility for this problem.

Of course, we've got the harder news. News that I should have perhaps mentioned in the first place. We are at war. I hadn't really prayed in a while, but I wonder if praying would be the answer right now. I didn't want this to happen, and I know many people out there felt the same way. But now here we are. And it's too late to pull back. Kenita Williams relates in her article a heated discussion that occurred on campus between students, faculty and staff members. This clearly shows the conflicted opinions about this state we're in. It is true that we live in the greatest country in the world, where freedom of speech is granted to all. We are allowed to demonstrate, either for or against the war. Recently at the Oscar ceremonies, Michael Moore (Bowling for Columbine) addressed blunt remarks



toward President George Bush and his policy on Iraq. Only in America could one see such things, when in other countries people are dying for this same freedom. However, many who attended this discussion felt that America shouldn't reserve itself the right to go and change other countries, establish its version of democracy and assume that it is what the rest of the world needs.

Unfortunately, the troops are already in place. There is no way to pull people out now, no way to stop this. At least, not in my opinion. If this is a war for freedom, a war against terrorism, than I doubt this will end with the capture of Saddam Hussein. The way I see it, we're in for a long war. There will be more casualties, and more suffering. What can we do in the meantime?

Believe. Have faith. We can't give up anyway, and we certainly should not remain glued to our T.V. sets waiting for something to happen. There will be no flowers growing out of gun barrels, no kumbaya circle and no peace and love chants.

If any of you have suggestions as to what we can do to cope, please, remember that this paper is here as a vehicle for your comments.

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America's #1 in Childhood Obesity

By: RENEE SOPKIE
Staff Writer

Hold the fries and Coke, America is number one — and it's nothing to be proud of. The United States leads the pack in what has been described by many doctors and other health care workers as a worldwide epidemic: childhood obesity.

The Numbers

* Obesity causes 300,000 deaths a year

* 10% of 2 to 5-year-old children are overweight

* 15% of 6 to 19-year-old children are overweight

* Obesity related hospitalization of children costs over \$127 million a year

* 35% of kids watch 5 or more hours of TV a day

What is Obesity?

In order to understand this epidemic, one must first understand the difference between being obese and being overweight. While both can be generically defined as an excessive accumulation of body fat, obesity is present only when total body weight is more than 25 % fat in boys and more than 32 % fat in girls. According to the American Obesity Association, childhood obesity is often defined as having a body mass index (number based on both height and weight) of 30 points or more. In other words, we are not talking about chubby kids who might just be about to hit a growth spurt, but rather seriously overweight children — children whose lives maybe at risk due to their weight.

Health Risks

The issue of obesity is further compounded by the fact that Americans tend to be complacent and do not broach the subject out of fear of hurting feelings. However, many experts say that for many children, it has come down to either hurting their feelings or watching them die decades before they should. A year 2000 study by the Centers for Disease Control reported that 15% of school-aged children (6 to 19) and 10% of preschool children (2 to 5) are overweight. While this figure may not seem significant, it represents a three-fold increase over the percentage of children overweight in 1980.

Excess weight in childhood can have a highly negative impact on health. Children all over the country are developing life-threatening diseases once found exclusively in adults: hypertension (which has been found in children as young as 10), high cholesterol, type 2 diabetes (which can lead to blindness, kidney disease, nerve damage, heart disease, and circulatory problems that can result in amputations), steatohepatitis (a liver disease), gall bladder disease, and sleep apnea (an obesity related complication in which excess fat prevents the chest wall from expanding making it hard to breathe. The difficulty breathing usually leads to sleep deprivation, leaving children exhausted. Left untreated, sleep apnea can kill).

Cost in \$

The obesity epidemic is costing more than children's health. In a study conducted by the CDC, the amount spent on childhood-obesity-associated annual hospitalization has risen from \$35 million to \$127 million in the past 20 years.

Causes

While genetics plays a part in determining a person's weight, today's children are simply eating too



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much junk food and exercising too little. Children used to go outside and play, but now they spend more time indoors playing computer games and watching TV.

"Kids watch more television; 35% tune in for five hours or more a day," said Dr. William Dietz of the CDC. "That can be prompted by love as much as laziness. Parents want a safe place for their children, and one safe place is in front of the television set."

Combine this sedentary lifestyle with the Super-sized ubiquitous convenience of fast-food dinners and the result is super-sized children.

What parents can do

In an age where parents work long hours, kids watch a lot of TV. Lack of funding has forced many schools to cut physical education programs, and street safety is a real concern. It is hard to get kids to eat right and exercise.

Organized sports are one way, but many doctors say that organized sports alone will not provide adequate

amounts of physical activity to keep kids healthy. However, a study conducted by the Canadian Pediatric Society found that there is something that parents can do to increase their child's activity levels and earn themselves some much needed extra time. They suggested parents use an hour of their time to cook healthy low-calorie dinners. Children can help with household chores. Those that burn the most calories are vacuuming, mowing the lawn, sweeping/mopping floors, and cleaning.

In addition to increasing activity levels, it has been found that children who have chores tend to have more self-esteem, get better grades, and manage their money better when they get older. Studies also suggest finding a physical activity that the family can do together, such as organizing a walk-to-school club with other parents to replace car-pools, and taking the stairs instead of escalators and elevators.

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Student Debate Heats Up

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A Philosophy student debate struck many at the heart of the Barry Community. The debate was about the appropriateness of our War on Iraq. There is also an increasing amount of opposition to the War. Both sides had great arguments, each of them sharing information they had researched, but in the end spectators were left to wonder which side had presented accurate facts. It was apparent sources were credible, but the evidence presented by the United Nations and that of which presented by the U.S. Government was contradictory on some issues. As one of the debaters contested, Charles Karrow, a sophomore, stated, "Where's the real proof?"

Gregory McCrath, who was in the armed forces for six years and was

positioned in Saudi Arabia, defended the United States in their decision to attack Iraq.

"War is one of the ugliest things and it should always be the last option," he said. "I will prove that in this case it was."

He went on to indicate that leaving Saddam in power would be a mistake.

Kyle McGovern, sophomore, contradicted by saying, "we're aggressing without provocation. We're basing an attack based on what one country might do to another, not what they did. We're fighting a war to get one man but we're bombing an entire country, which makes absolutely no sense to me." He also asked: "Why don't we bomb Canada if we are bombing based on assumptions? They might attack us. I don't believe in this war, but I'm not anti-American."

Carlos Camacho, sophomore, in his speech supporting the war stated: "This war is justified. We are morally superior to Iraq; we need to take this guy out." He presented arguments along with Keith McCarthy, who stated that "It is statistically safer for Americans to be in Iraq than in America."

During Albert Comejo's presentation he showed a video clip of Michael Moore's "Bowling for Columbine" was shown to illustrate the damages of war, particularly caused by American forces. The images of half-dead, starved and wounded children caused more than a few watery eyes.

During the questions and comments section, students and faculty became entrenched in a debate of their own, that at times became aggressive. One professor became so excited, he

confronted a student about "what the truth really was." One comment had a lot of people disagreeing, in which one claimed that there is no information without bias; at this stage of war, no matter how many protests, there will be no end until America wins.

The comments that were voiced in the room all had the same ideals: you can love your country and still hate the actions the political officials take. You also don't have to be American to love America or stand up for the freedoms this country stands for, including free speech.

No one in the room admitted they believe Saddam is a "good guy," however the majority in attendance was clearly against the war.

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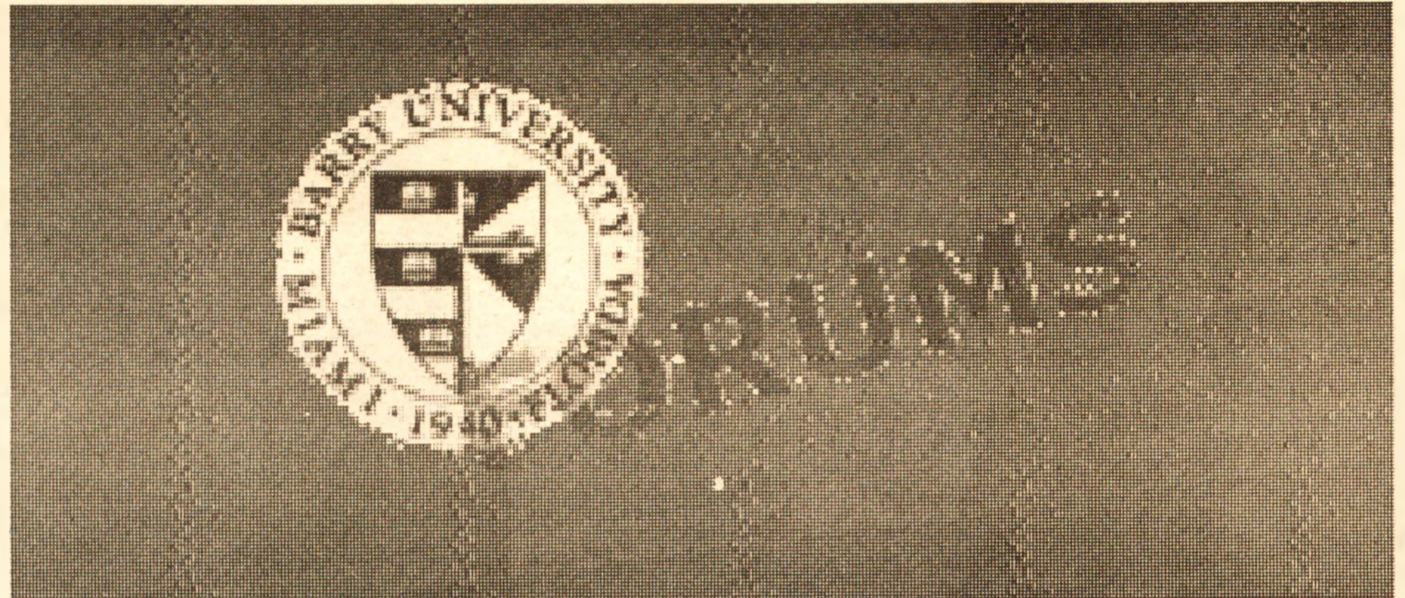
Novelty Forum Gives Voice to Students

By LAUREN RIVERA
Staff Writer

Is it enough to express yourself in daily conversations and class discussions? In the new student Forum, there is free opportunity for all to discuss, debate or vent out opinions. Postings can be humorous or even a bit off-collar (or color?), and the topic will not be lost in conversation. The floor is all yours. You may speak freely and individually, contributing to the vari-toned voice of the Barry Community.

The new student forum was initiated by John Beaubrun, Vice Provost to the Technology Department, to correct the causes for controversy regarding Barry News. Barry News is created by the Department of Information Technology for Barry University campus announcements, and meant to be used by Barry faculty and members of the Barry Community, excluding students. When announcements and submissions to Barry News became, as says Beaubrun, "about a bake sale for the students, or about some political issue," he suggested opening up a forum for the students.

The current issue in heated debate is U.S. attack on Iraq, the unilateral war that may develop, and the motives or moral reasoning for and against action. Students, in addition to staff, and distant members of the Barry



Jorge Ramos, new recipient of David Brinkley Award
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community are invited and given access to this new forum. Beaubrun is trying to reach out to the students by placing a link on the student web, and advertising the new option verbally.

Posted on the forum, Toby Berman-Rossi, School of Social Work, says:

"The greatness of our country includes debate on college campuses."

Baubrun wants to encourage free discussion about intellectual or political issues, and since Barry News was not the place intended for it, he suggested this Forum which he

believes will benefit the students. In its first few days, there are near 50 subscribed writers and 800 readers.

"I want to encourage professors to urge their students to contribute to the forum," said Beaubrun. "I suggest giving extra credit perhaps."

He believes the information posted, the responses and debates following topics, will allow us to see which thoughts, issues or opinions are hot on campus. But the possibilities are endless. Participation is stretched out to the entire Barry community, not just to the students or faculty on campus,

and topics are open to suggestion to all who subscribe as writers by simply visiting the site, and signing up with a username.

"I was asked if the forum was filtered. It is not," said Beaubrun. "I want to operate on trust."

Submissions should be written in good taste, and there should be no explicit language, but no opinions or views will be censored.

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Bring on the Steak

By OWEN IOZZIO
Online Editor

So you don't eat meat? That's fine. It's no one's job to tell you which principles to embrace and which to reject. Before you bite into your next soy burger though, there are some things you should know about the path you've chosen. After all, a person who is informed enough to make such a significant lifestyle decision is interested in learning all they can about both sides of the issue, right? You're not just doing this to be trendy, are you?

Eating meat is nutritionally unsound you say? Vegetarianism offers less chance of obesity, and high cholesterol? Granted, but many such health problems stem from a lack of physical activity, and sadly, this afflicts people of all diets. The person who enjoys a good New York Strip can stay just as healthy as the one who sits across the table at The Roadhouse and has a Caesar salad (without chicken). Good old-fashioned exercise is the universal cure for numerous health problems.

Avoiding animal foods will leave your body yearning for many essential vitamins and amino acids that your vegetarian alternatives cannot provide in sufficient quantities, if they contain

them at all. OK, they make pills for that. Which do you think your body would prefer though? Nature's very own sources of iron, zinc, calcium, copper, manganese, and vitamins D and B-12, or a synthetic, synthesized alternative? Your body will not be fooled.

Here is a tricky one: the ethical aspect; the treatment of animals. Now it may sound cold to say that the types of animals that are born and raised solely to provide us with food have little or no conception of their own existence, but it is the truth. While dolphins and other creatures higher up on evolution's ladder might give us the finger as we go about capturing them to satisfy our appetite, lower life forms, such as chickens and pigs, are incapable of dreading their fate. Do not cry for them.

It's also noteworthy that the veggie products you buy are just as doped

up on steroids and other genetic alterations as their vertebrate counterparts. There's no such thing as a cubed bovine, is there?

We, as human beings, were granted dominance over these animals. If not to turn them into food for ourselves, then why? Survival of the fittest, after all, yes? In nature, stronger animals gain dominance over their weaker neighbors, hence that little thing called the food chain. Strip away our complicated societies and marvelous technologies, and our purpose on this planet is exactly the same: survive, at the expense of those

forms of nature less fortunate than us.

Basically, avoiding meat altogether is downright unnatural. Over hundreds of thousands, or even millions of years of evolution, our human bodies and minds have adapted to utilizing the animals around us for food, as a natural resource. While the vegetarian route may appeal to your humanitarian sensibilities, to follow that road is to deny what your body and mind have been programmed to like, and what they require to function to their full potential.

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Veggies, it's what should be for dinner

By KENITA WILLIAMS
Layout Editor

Vegetarianism is becoming more popular especially on college campuses. Because more people are becoming aware of the health risks associated with meats, in particular red meats, this trend is gaining popularity.

There are common mistakes made in mixing up vegetarians with vegans. A vegetarian is someone who does not eat meat, fish or poultry. Vegans are vegetarians who abstain from all animal products including all dairy items, eggs, wool, silk, and leather. There are many reasons for becoming a vegetarian: health, ecological, religious concerns, dislike of meat, compassion for animals, belief in non-violence, and economical issues. There are also other variations within vegetarians including semi-vegetarian, who will eat chicken and fish but refrain from all other meats.

Economics

One: it is much cheaper to eat vegetables, fruits and grains compared to a massive bloody slab of steak. The average steak dinner (at a restaurant) is \$23, while a vegetarian dinner can range from \$11-13. The time factor should also be considered to prepare. A vegetable dish takes about 5-10 minutes at most to prepare, while most meats, to ensure that they are properly cooked and will not give you salmonella or e-coli or mad cow disease, take at least 20-30 minutes.

Health Issues

The diet: Like all diets, if balanced properly, you can fulfill many of the nutrients you would be missing

from meats, except if you're a vegan you might have to add a B-12 vitamin. Vegetarians get their protein from beans/peas, tofu, low-fat dairy products, nuts, seeds, and soy products. Also foods such as whole grain bread, greens, potatoes, pasta, and corn quickly add to protein count.

Good iron sources are: dried beans, spinach, chard, beet greens, blackstrap molasses, bulgur, prune juice, and dried fruit. Also, a tip for you vegetarians: adding a food containing vitamin C, such as citrus fruit or juices, tomato, or broccoli, will increase the amount of iron absorbed at a meal.

Good calcium sources are: collard greens, broccoli, kale, low fat dairy products, turnip greens, tofu prepared with calcium, and fortified soy milk.

Because B12 comes from animals, a diet containing dairy products or eggs provides adequate vitamin B12. Fortified foods, such as some brands of cereal, nutritional yeast, soy milk, or soy analogs, are good non-animal sources.

Meat digests more slowly than do vegetables, that usually digest faster. Usually after people eat a big steak dinner, they are left feeling lethargic



Photo By: Fabienne Josaphat

and lazy. On the other hand, after a vegetarian meal, I tend to have a lot of energy. Vegetables are also very low in cholesterol, and there is also less chances of obesity. Years of consuming red meat can leave you stuck on your couch, popping pills just to lower your cholesterol. Many doctors recommend high cholesterol patients to refrain from consuming red meat, and try and consume more vegetables. Obviously, there is a drastic link to high cholesterol.

Animal Cruelty

If you think cramming hundreds of chickens in a box until they are ready to be killed is just, or pumping cows with steroids and other hor-

mones is morally right, then continue on your path to self destruction.

Others feel as if animals don't have feelings or are not able to comprehend situations. Then why is it a chicken will run from their killer even after their head has been decapitated? A goat will kick and scream in anguish when he is being tied to a tree.

So when you end up stuck in a hospital bed from your third heart attack, you can think back to your days of complete ignorance and wish you had changed your lifestyle when you had the chance!

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can understand, and helps them to retain it better as well.

"I want my students to have good morals and ethics, and to be compassionate and devoted to the profession. I want them to go the extra mile for their patients. I know I've made an impact when, even after their clinic rotations are up, they come up to me and ask whether this patient stopped smoking, or whether that patient has a better handle on her heart disease.

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RAD Empowers Women

By: MELISSA ADAMES
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Many women dream of affording a personal bodyguard. However, reality calls for self-reliance nowadays. Women dread having to look over their shoulder when they're walking toward their car in the dark parking lot. Walking across campus alone at night isn't a pleasant experience, even though security patrol should reassure students.

Of course, paying for bodyguard protection is far from practical. Also, sometimes you have no choice but to take the risk of walking alone. Therefore, an increasing number of women are taking advantage of the Rape Aggression Defense Classes offered at Barry. Four instructors teach their own respective courses: Miguel De La Paz, Ed Londono, Shannon Foster, and Scott Boczon. A supplemental, no cost, three-day seminar can also be taken to help women acquire additional knowledge to keep themselves safe. An important manual is also used during the class, containing vital information that women can refer to long after they have graduated from college.

Students feel free to ask questions because the class isn't large. It presently holds seven students. That enables women to practice their skills in a comfortable, caring environment. Classes are only taught by nationally certified RAD instructors to ensure the correct teaching, and safety of the

women. Completion of the class allows each woman to hold a lifetime membership in the national Rape Aggression Defense System. This membership should be a priority, since the lessons are equally as important as any CPR technique.

Miguel De La Paz, of the Public Safety Department, is instructing the class of seven women. With a 17-year background in law enforcement, he knows the importance of self-defense for women against potential robbers and rapists.

It takes more than simply saying, "NO"! Putting the words into action, class begins with a series of muscle-targeted, easy to follow stretches. Arm circles, leg stretches, and, especially, hip rotations are essential to successful execution of the movements. Hip rotation could either make or break the success of your attack efforts, because when you're getting ready to deliver the kick that will send your attacker off in tears, you want to make sure that your hips are in the right position. Once this happens, your leg kicks become more controlled, making it easier to kick where it counts. Of course a loud voice is also a given when you are being attacked, since it helps your body fight harder.

De La Paz explained to the women that a loud voice, "serves as an extra surge of adrenaline" when fighting off the attacker. Practicing this technique of combining kick and



Teaching self defense to women on campus
Photo From Public Safety Website

arm movements, and voice amplification can be practiced every day. All you need is a mirror. After these stretches, students lined themselves shoulder-length apart, surrounded by mirrors. De La Paz then used two black, elbow length cushions so the seven women could practice their arm block movements. This allowed each woman to safely practice techniques such as the "transfer of energy". It is a direct-forward punch in which balance is very important. He cautions the women that without the proper balance, "even if you connect the

kick, [if you are off balance] you might fall." No way do you want to give the attacker even the slightest sign of weakness.

His parting piece of advice to the women: be careful who you practiced your moves with. No matter how much you think you trust another person about your moves, you never know what the future could bring. The key to success in the RAD class is the element of surprise, so the fewer people that are clued in to your RAD skills, the better you are protected.

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Hardball Draws Big at Barry

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What's cooler than sitting amongst a crowd of one thousand enthused college students watching everyone's favorite Viagra spokesperson engage in a little French-bashing? Not much.

On Wednesday, February 19th, Chris Matthews took his MSNBC political commentary show Hardball to Broad Auditorium here at Barry for a live telecast, and his special guest was none other than World War II veteran and former senator and presidential candidate Bob Dole. The production visited Barry University on the road of the Hardball College Tour. Barry was stop number 17 on this tour.

As is customary on Hardball with Chris Matthews, the participants (Matthews and Dole in this case) discussed the key issues of the day, with the most prominent being the impending conflict with Iraq. Those who tuned in or attended the show on this particular day however were in for a special treat. Matthews spared no words of praise for his guest as he introduced Bob Dole as a war hero, a dedicated public servant, and an outstanding American citizen.

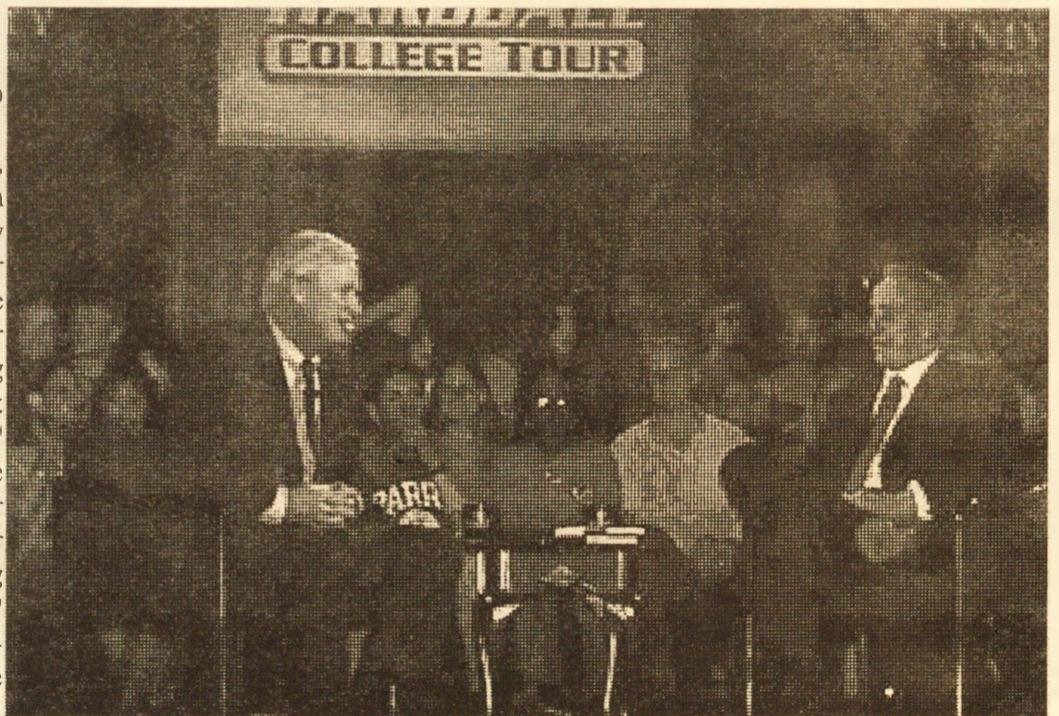
Viewers and audience members were treated to a brief glimpse of Dole's past military experiences, as well as some insights into his presidential candidacy, before Matthews

steered the show straight into the issues.

To no one's surprise, much of the hour's discussion was centered on the now seemingly unavoidable war with Iraq. On this issue, Dole didn't appear to take a clear position for or against, saying only "you've got to hope that it's the last, last, last resort." When questioned about the lack of European support for war against Iraq, the former senator didn't mind naming names about certain nations' bitterness towards U.S. policies, notably Britain's cheese and wine-crazy neighbor to the south.

Several students were given the opportunity to take a microphone in front of the Hardball stage and ask questions of Dole as well. These ranged from his opinions on President Bush's course of action regarding the war on terrorism to his thoughts on wife Elizabeth Dole's career as a U.S. senator.

After the airing of the show, a Barry student was selected to take the Hardball Hotseat. Stephen Gaymont was given ninety seconds to answer a series of questions about national and world issues. He answered 10 correctly, placing Barry in fairly good



Bob Dole visits Barry University
Photo by: Elise Colon

company, with 15 out of 23 being the highest score so far on the college tour.

So just what was it like for Barry students to go to the live telecast? As the minutes and seconds before the show ticked away, and the audience received final instructions from the production staff, a nervous energy filled the auditorium. The room was brought to silence before erupting into applause as the show got under way and Bob Dole was introduced. After the initial tense moments leading up to the airing, the Barry audience was

loose and enthusiastic, not afraid to chime in with applause and intelligent laughter whenever Dole or Matthews broke out their cable news wit.

By the end of what seemed to be the fastest hour ever, the audience was completely involved and hanging on every word Matthews and his special guest had to say. In the end, this was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience that all who were lucky enough to attend will surely remember, even many years after they leave Barry.

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Professor Educates Students on Muslim Culture

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Dr. Walid Phares stated, "We need to understand how the world perceives us," arguing that America knows too little of the world outside its coasts. He attributed America's current sense of immediacy toward involvement in the Middle Eastern conflict to foreign policy's lack of involvement in human rights, and the ignorance of Americans during the years before September 11. In his lecture on February 26, at Barry University, Phares discussed his perspective of Middle Eastern Conflict, attempting to help America contextualize Middle Eastern hatred of the west.

"Why do they hate us?" asked Phares.

He argued that it is because of American ignorance of the Middle East. If this war were to be fought Phares' way, the energy currently focused on biological and nuclear weapons would instead be focused upon the other side's interests of human rights, and gaining an understanding of the reality of the Middle East, so that the ideologies that are being fought against, which take the forms of ideologically indestructible religions, may be better understood, as a way to shorten the barrier between Middle Eastern and Western worlds.

Phares is professor at Florida Atlantic University, and teaches a course titled "Clash of Civilizations."

Having been educated in Lebanon, France, and in the United States, Phares can relate to the notion of multiculturalism. He brings experience and expertise into his sharing of his perspective of Middle Eastern cultures. With this verifiable voice he went on to explain Middle Eastern life and the tense conditions.

"Going after an ideology with an anti-terrorist campaign is not enough," said Dr. Walid Phares.

His lecture on "Jihad and Human Rights" explained the multicultural environment of the Middle East and the reasons the cultures do not blend. He emphasized that the main factor forbidding peace is religious conflict, adding "and how do you stop religious conflict?"

He rested in his own conviction that this is an intellectual war, and the key to coming to an agreement "may just be talk." His major criticism of the United States was that "we ignore the other side's ideologies." And he equally stressed, that this war is beyond the fight for control of oil, naming African, Saudi Arabian, South American, and even Canadian oil as feasibly accessible.

"What we are really dealing with is religion," said Phares, "the political agendas that are drawn from religious



texts, and the Jihads- wars in the name of religion- that are used as propaganda for opposition to the west."

Phares argued that the Muslims are fundamentalists, traditionalists, and reformists. Their problems are structural, dealing with their regimes. The United States must make the Iraqi people realize that Saddam Hussein must be ousted, but the Iraqi people fear a regime change because of the uncertainty of what regime will emerge after Saddam Hussein.

Phares said, "If there were an appointed, approved candidate, these countries would be in more agreement for the regime change."

Fear is also manifested in the influence of American power. Phares accounted for audio tapes of a Bin Laden speech aimed at the masses in the region, where it was stated that the Islamic fundamentalists do not care if

Hussein falls from power, but will not have the country fall to America.

Phares pointed out that there is division among the Iraqi people; some want a regime change and others want to see the changes occur internally, without an overthrow of the current regime. Countries such as Morocco, Jordan and Kuwait want a united Arab state. They do not want the terminal effect of a regime change from an outsider. Phares said an agreement on the form of regime that is to replace the current one is necessary.

"It can be concluded that civil society is needed in this region," Phares said.

Phares' rather minority voice, this time expressed at Barry University, urged Americans to resist ignorance of the "ideologies of the other side."

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Storyteller Enchants With Tales

By LAUREN RIVERA
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Black History Month may have passed, but it will not be forgotten in Miami Lakes with the performance of Shanta, professional African American Story Teller. To Shanta, this month is important because Blacks are from Africa, the place where archeologists have theorized to be the primitive origins of all human life.

Shanta enticed the audience with her talent at Miami Lakes branch of the Public Library System. There were no indications of a stage. But Shanta's presence filled the room with an overflow of charisma and profound beauty that lasted throughout the entire hour.

Her first few words explained her trouble in school, when she was a young child.

"I always made good grades, but my mother never liked the little comments on my report cards saying that I had trouble shutting my mouth," said Shanta. "Well, as a professional storyteller, I can talk as much as I want, and I never get in trouble for it."

She accompanied her stories with musical instruments made of iron, wood and gourds. The eyes of the children in the audience crinkled with laughter and joy when they pronounced their beautiful African names like Toa, Okwa and Imbera. The adults among the audience each held a constant smile as the stories of wit, friendship and heritage entered their

hearts through Shanta's various voices, soulful movements and delicate sounds from her instruments.

Shanta was inspired to become a storyteller when she "had babies, lots of them."

"I didn't want their sole education to be based on the Chicago Public School System. So I would read to them, and I found that I was enjoying the stories more than they were. The best way for them to understand the story was for me to stop reading the lines and tell the story. I started to volunteer in classrooms and one day I was offered money to travel around the United States telling my stories."

Shanta sympathetically added, "...It was so hard for me to consider it."

It may seem that anyone can be inspired to become a storyteller, but that sweet, sad, deep, soul that mixes with earthy sounds of her rustic strings and percussions, produces the such profound lyrical art that requires talent, love, and passion, for the spontaneous life of storytelling.

She began one story in a singing voice, "Manbeye was lonely..."

And the story goes something like this:

Manbeye was lonely even when



Shanta, professional story teller brings happiness to children at library
Photo by: Lauren Rivera

she lived in a house with a large family. A woman's value was based on how well she did her work, and how many babies she had. Manbeye wasn't having any babies yet, so she needed to work extra hard to have worth as a woman. Manbeye was not allowed to go to school, but her brother would teach her what he learned each day and read to her when she finished her chores. She realized she did not have a friend. One day she looks into a well and sees another face. She smiles and the face smiles back. They spent time together each day and grew together, but never said a word to each other. One day Manbeye ran to the well and

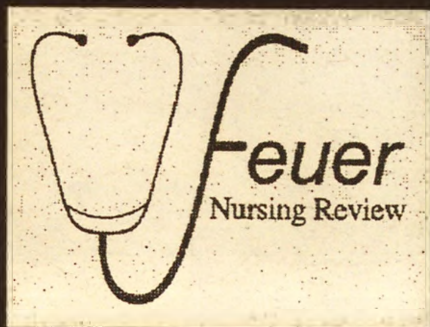
spoke to the other face who could only answer back in her own voice. Now Manbeye knew she had a friend. Her father and grandfather started to treat her as a person with more importance and all the little children would come to see her, sing songs with her and tell her stories. Shanta ended the story with a modest bow: "Come to know your oldest friend."

The experience of Shanta's storytelling does not compare with reading any rendition. She asked the audience to promise to share some of her stories with someone for that is the way the stories live on.

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private parts my slapping my butt very hard."

After that, Reyes was nervous and ran to her boyfriend's room. Tim Hyatt, a resident of Dunsbaugh, returned to the computer lab after his girlfriend reported the incident to him.

There, he met Owi and both of them stepped outside to talk. Owi extended his hand for a handshake. When Hyatt shook his hand, Owi "put him in a headlock," and they both fell to the floor. They fought for a while, kicking and punching. Reyes went to get security.

When they finally separated, Reyes said Owi ran to the gates and screamed: "Wait till I get back, I'm going to get you."

When the security guard arrived at the scene, he called the police who later arrived and questioned both Reyes and Hyatt.

Owi's version is also presented in the police report. According to Owi,

Reyes asked for help at the computer lab, then asked him to escort her outside. Then, she led him to an alley where "Hyatt tackled him to the ground and punched and kicked him."

No witnesses were listed on the police report. After filing reports with both the police and her R.A., Reyes saw the Dean of Students, Dr. Kenneth Rockensies, whom she said assured her that he would look into the matter. Dr. Rockensies was away at press time, but said he would talk to the *Buccaneer* the following week.

At the fighting scene, a pencil, a piece of Hyatt's clothing and some pocket change belonging to Owi were found.

Phillip Owi is no longer working at Barry University. According to the police report, "Owi was issued a trespass warning by Barry Security not to return." The *Buccaneer* will be following this story's development in the next issue.

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Send letters to the editor

BARRY'S NEW MASTER DEGREE DESIGN TO REINFORCE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM

Press Release Provided by University Relations

(Miami Shores, Fla.) A Professional Master of Public Health degree that can be completed in 20 months by attending classes every other weekend will provide working health professionals a cutting-edge education in an environment conducive to public health teaching, research, and service.

Barry University will begin offering the Professional Master of Public Health in the fall 2003. Sessions meet every other weekend on Friday evenings and Saturdays on the Barry campus, 11300 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami Shores, Fla. The program is offered by a collaborative effort between Barry's schools of Graduate Medical Sciences and Natural & Health Sciences.

"Barry developed the MPH degree to address the critical role played by the public health system, its researchers and professionals, in reacting to and confronting the health hazards and concerns of the modern world," said Dr. Chet Evans, associate vice president and dean for the School of Graduate Medical Sciences.

"The tragic events of September 11, 2001 demonstrated how ill-prepared America and the global community were to deal with the physical, psychological, social, economic, and environmental challenges generated by this calamity and its aftermath," Evans said.

The prescribed 40 credit program curriculum is designed to develop knowledge and skills fundamental to contemporary public health practice with a focus on health sciences administration. For further info on the MPH Program contact Mr. Marc Weiner, director of Admissions, School of Graduate Medical Sciences at 305-899-3130 or email mweiner@mail.barry.edu

Note From Volunteer Center

Dear members of the Barry Community,

Spring Break week (March 2nd - 8th) was another opportunity for five of our students to share their time and talents with one another and with a community of underprivileged families of the Dominican Republic. We spent the week painting the Early Childhood Center of the Fe y Alegria School founded under a tree by two Adrian Dominican Sisters, Maurine and Renee, under a tree in 1994.

Sister Maurine is still actively working to improve the school which accommodates about 1,000 students. She lives in community with two other Dominican Sisters, Margaret Lane, OP and Patricia Stringer, OP. Sister Margaret is a nurse and does community outreach in the neighborhood of the school. Sister Pat, director of the school, graduated from Barry University in 1985 with a Masters in Communication.

Before flying back to Miami on Friday March 7th, we spent the afternoon of Thursday March 6th at a public beach not far from the school. Friday morning was dedicated to visit the colonial part of Santo Domingo - the capital.

On behalf of the students and personally, I want to thank all the members of the Barry family who made this trip possible by their prayers, moral and financial support. The donations received after Sister Arlene started a week-long drive six big suitcases. The students spent most of their last meeting on Friday, February 28 packing the donations in Thompson 101. The Volunteer Center looked more like a warehouse than an office. When we unpacked the Barry donations (medicines, toys, school supplies, shampoos, arts and crafts supplies, coloring books), they filled two empty bedrooms at the retreat center where we stayed.

Pictures of the trip are available in Thompson 101.

Have a blessed Saint Patrick's Day. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones during this Lenten season.

Father Victor Laroche, OP
Volunteer Coordinator



Photo Provided By: Victor Laroche

Support Your College Newspaper: Male for Sale

By: DADI RAFNSSON
Alumni/Former Editor-in-Chief

For three and a half year while I was the editor in chief of the Barry Buccaneer we were always struggling on a low budget. A small staff would have to publish a paper and also come up with ways to make money. You know the drill, advertising, bake sales, begging, crying. The results were usually very sad.

Talking to the current editor in chief, I realized things have not changed at all. More begging, crying, bake sales and all that. The conversation was really dim and hopeless...so it was bound to end up turning into a conversation about my latest dating endeavours. That is when there was no hope left, begging, crying...not too many bake sales though.

You see, I lost my mojo. It has

been gone for a few weeks and I am not sure whether I miss it at all. In the past it has only succeeded in getting me all the wrong girls at the right time or the right girls at the wrong time. So recently I celebrated my 22nd birthday for the fifth year running, but this time without a significant other.

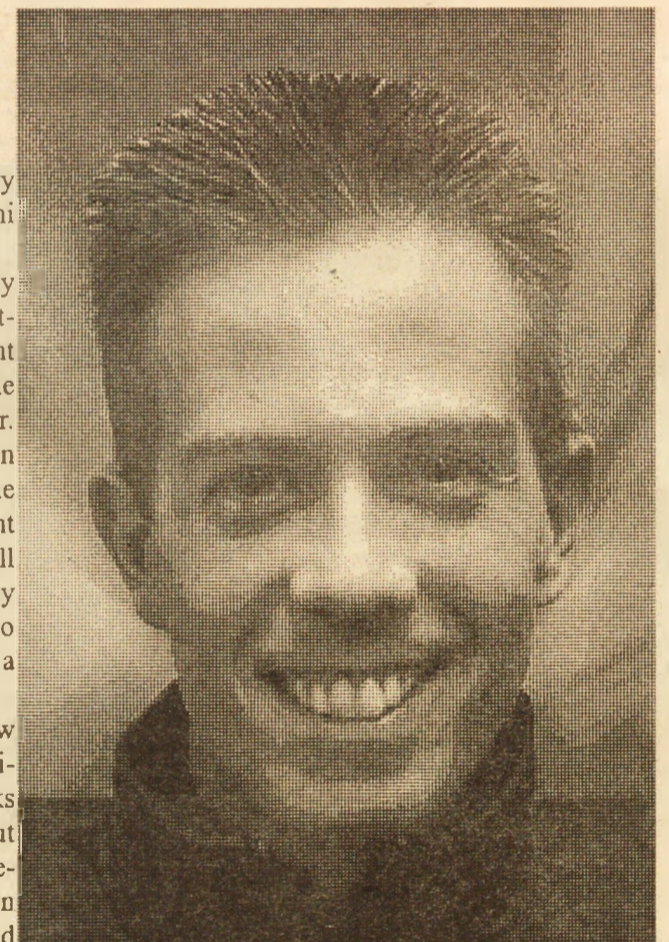
The current editor in chief expressed her surprise at this. Why would a strikingly handsome and devastatingly intelligent male specimen like myself still be single? Okay, she did not exactly say it like that but I think she should have. Her meaning got through.

After a short brainstorming session we came up with a great new fundraising method for the Barry Buccaneer.

The Monthly Single Barry Alumni Fundraising Sale

Single, strikingly handsome and devastatingly intelligent European male for sale to highest bidder. Slightly used but in excellent shape. Some history of bad treatment by past owners but well fixed up and treated by previous owner who needed an upgrade to a newer version.

Non smoking, low noise, school of business graduate. Speaks three languages but only one is really useful. Dark hair, green eyes, white teeth and



tan exterior. Relatively simple upkeep consisting of Starbucks Coffee and chicken breasts but not necessarily together. Is cleaned thoroughly at least once a day. Also useable as an excellent door stop. Product is located in Europe, expected to visit Miami within a year. Available for very selective test rides providing insurance.

(1) All proceeds of this sale will go to the Barry Buccaneer.
(2) The male must be delivered within a year of sale to the doorstep of buyer. Buyer is allowed to hasten the proceedings using their own funds.
(3) Sale only guarantees one date, one kiss and one compliment. The rest must be earned by buyer.

(4) Buyer can not be of the same sex as the product.

(5) Minors under the age of 18 are prohibited to participate in this bidding.

(6) Buyer must smell good. (Pleasant odor is not a matter of personal taste)

(7) Barry University is in no way liable for anything to do with this sale at all.

So go on, get your wallet out and support your local college newspaper. Send your bids to The Barry Buccaneer at buccaneer@mail.barry.edu
Bidding ends on May 1st.



Rice for Peace

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thousands, Eisenhower told the generals that as long as so many Americans were expressing active interest in having the U.S. feed the Chinese, he certainly wasn't going to consider using nuclear weapons against them."

On Jan. 13, when the pope met with the diplomats accredited to the Holy

See, he lamented preparations for a war against the people of Iraq, "a people already sorely tried by more than 12 years of embargo" and added that war is "never just another means for settling differences between nations."

I am sending you this note, hoping you will pass it on to your friends and that many of you will send President Bush this concrete, Biblical message of concern. "If your enemies are hungry, feed them."

"I sent out the Rice for Peace project as an informational device," said Dr. Sunshine. "I had heard about it through groups I have been in contact with. I thought I could share it with people and let them know. To put it mildly: all hell broke loose."

Responses poured in one after the other, starting with an outraged email from Dr. Chester Allen Evans, Associate Vice President, Professor and Dean of the School of Graduate Medicine Science.

"It was imposing to me...., to receive this invitation on the Barry News network and to have to deal with it during the course of my work day," said Dr. Evans.

In his response, Dr. Evans wrote: "...It doesn't seem to fit the guidelines, is not a birth or death announcement, or the announcement of a scholarly lecture or debate, or human resources issue that affects the entire Barry community."

According to Dr. Evans, the Barry News Network has been misused.

This intranet site is dedicated to Barry employees who want to exchange information pertaining to the university.

But the problem seems to extend further. Other responses came in from participants who felt Dr. Evans was attempting to "stifle free speech." As Dr. Evans says in his email:

"Since it hasn't been recalled and as with at least a dozen "News" items that have appeared over the last six months, I can only presume that utilization of Barry News as a political soapbox is condoned. Unfortunately, I cannot just "ignore" this one. Here is my two cents: Some of us who have been, or have family who have been, in the line of fire, or friends and family of the victims of 9/11 just may take SOME exception to such an invitation. Since we're into it, PERSONALLY, I am offended, consider it unpatriotic and as repugnant as an invitation to join the John Birch Society. If Barry News is to serve as an instrument to foment political debate, someone show me the rules of engagement. Better still, and since I have better things to do during my workday than bag rice, please UNSUBSCRIBE me from this service."

Dr. Evans explained he was not against free speech.

"Please do not get me wrong, everyone is entitled to their personal and political views," he said. "This is America after all."

He added:

"If Barry News is to be a forum to foment political debate, then BOTH sides AND the gray area in between, need to be represented as well. But nowhere in the guidelines have I seen that this is to be the purpose of the Barry News Network."

Dr. Sunshine maintains that his intention was not to encourage people to protest the war, but rather to inform them of the grassroots movement which circulates around the country. Those who are interested can certainly

ly chose to take part in it.

"I think of myself of letting people know about events that are going on and letting them make up their minds if they are going to do something about it," said Dr. Sunshine. "If I'm not bullying people and making them feel guilty, then I don't get the problem."

The government's approach on the possible war with Iraq leaves Dr. Sunshine doubtful. He says he is critical of the president's policy on Iraq.

"I'm not denying that Iraq is a problem or that Hussein is a dictator," he said. "The question is how you go about doing it. I don't think [the policy is] helpful or rational. I think it is rhetoric in the worst tradition. It's intimidating and bullying to get one's way. I don't think it's the rhetoric our country should be using."

According to Dr. Sunshine, the current government is manipulating people's thoughts.

"I resent that as a good American," he said.

As concerns rose about whether the Barry News Network was being misused, John Beaubrun, Vice Provost for Information Technology, transferred the heated debate onto a forum specifically created for this intent. Students, faculty and staff are all welcome to share their views on that page, now accessible on Bucwis and the Student Web.

"... The forum has been created as a place for open discussion of politics and other issues of the day, and is intended to provide a place for faculty, staff and students to share their views," Beaubrun said.

In addition, Beaubrun is hoping that professors in the future will add the forum to their class curriculum in order to get students to participate in discussions.

But even with the forum up and running, some remained unhappy with Dr. Sunshine's message. A few comments were still sent through the Barry News Network. One very angry

email, whose author was not unveiled to the Buccaneer, was sent to the professor's mailbox on February 13.

"I suspect someone said this had to stop," said Dr. Sunshine.

The following day, February 14, Dr. Sunshine was unable to access his email. After teaching his 8 a.m. class, he tried once again to check his messages.

"All the exchange and controversy that was there at 5:30 the night before was gone when the email [list] came back up," Dr. Sunshine said. "The evidence disappeared. It's like a crime scene swept clean."

Dr. Sunshine explained that the Rice for Peace message came from a friend working for Newsweek Magazine, whose friend sent out the message.

"I thought it was interesting," said Dr. Sunshine. "It was more politicized, so I edited before I sent it around."

The original messages referred to Secretary of State Colin Powell and called some of the administration's statements lies.

"I pulled that out. I put down the bare essentials. I left in the quote from the pope since this was a Catholic University, and I invited them to participate."

Since then, responses have continued pouring in, some in support and some opposing the project. Dr. Sunshine did receive some support from some people in his department. Some are even amused more than they are shocked. In some professional schools and Administration, some were quite disturbed. But he doesn't seem worried.

"In Arts and Sciences, my sense is there's general support," he said. "It's the kind of field where people are used to this.... This is a side current of what I'm doing. The main concern is teaching."

The forum remains open to all students, faculty and staff to offer input on the possibility of war against Iraq.

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Surfing for Love

Online Dating New Trend for finding Mr or Mrs Right

By GUY HARRISON
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Okay, so you're single and you're sick of watching every couple on campus come out of the woodwork. To quote Keanu Reeves from the movie Speed, "What do you do? What do you do?"

If you prefer multiple choice tests, you can do a few things to dash your frustrations. You could drink yourself into a stupor (which I don't recommend), or you can binge and get fat off of a Meat Lover's (no pun intended) pizza and chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream (while not good for you, you can do it once in a while, a long while), or you could do what every other Joe or Joanna Shmoe does and pick yourself up a significant other. Duh. You laugh at me and say, "If it were only that easy."

Alright, so you're not Rico or Rita Suave. There is another, more controversial option: The internet, or more specifically, online dating services. Oh my gosh, did I just say that? Yes I did, and it is okay. The world, for the most part, has accepted online dating

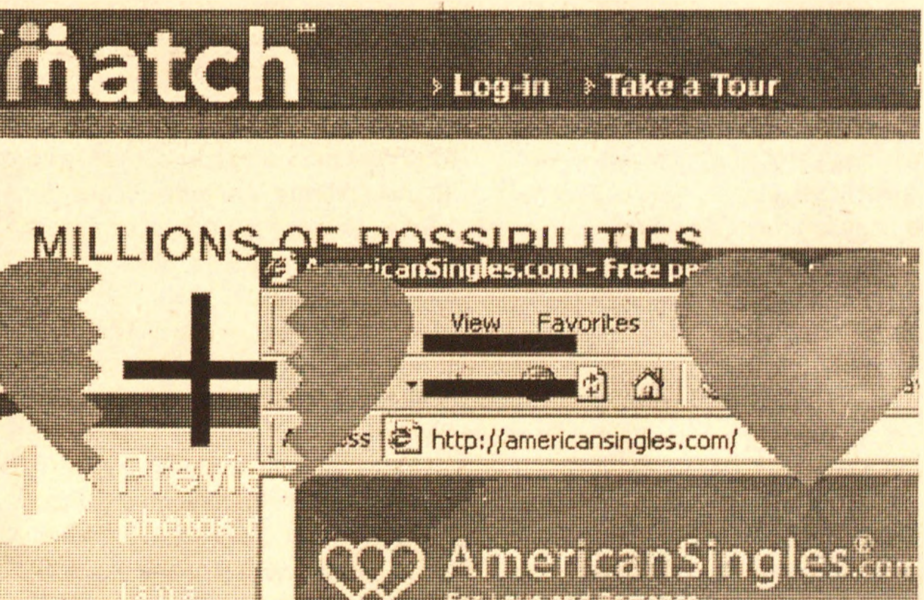
services to be an okay thing. It is mostly seen as clean, good fun. As with mostly anything, however, you always get your detractors.

"I have safety issues with websites like that," says Jared Andrus, a sophomore at Barry. "You can't trust anyone on the net, and if it were me, I wouldn't believe them until I saw them.... from a very long distance."

There is the chance that the tall blonde aspiring to be a school-teacher could end up being a tall dude aspiring to make it out of probation, but that is the kind of risk you take when being interested in anyone, is it not?

"[I think] they're safe because you get to usually view a profile of some sort first, giving you an idea of what you may be getting yourself into," says Dawn Diamond, also a sophomore at Barry.

The most obvious advice for anyone looking to test the online waters can be used for anyone testing the real



Jimmy Buffet brings Margaritaville to Miami
Photo By: Lauren Rivera

world waters: Tread softly. No matter where you go, there is always the chance that you could meet a weirdo. Use common sense and follow every rule in the book, and you will be fine.

Who knows, you may end up meeting Mr. or Ms. Right on the internet. It is a very distinct possibility. Check websites like match.com or dreammates.com, and they are sure to have dozens upon dozens of success letters. You may think they are bogus, but

who really wants to spend all of that time making up fake letters of approval (not to mention the pictures that come along with them?)

So the next time you log onto your PC and you want to check out online dating services, do not feel like you have to watch over your shoulder. It is okay, as long as you are careful.

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Entertainment

Resurrection of Musicals

By: SHALETTE GRANT
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Ever wanted to "sing in the rain?" Did you ever hear "the sound of music?" Or maybe you've just fantasized about dancing on a rooftop with a broom. If you have ever done any of these things, chances are you've had the distinct pleasure of watching a musical.

But now, yes, in the last couple of years musicals have been resurrected and now are evolving into a commercial and critical success. We have forgotten the days of Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire and are now noticing dramatic actors such as Richard Gere in "Chicago" and Ewan McGregor in "Moulin Rouge," who are making the transition to musicals.

But, the road to the resurgence of the musical has been a long time coming. The 1992 film, "Newsies" was the first full-length musical in 20 years since the film "Grease". The film explores the problems dealing with the child labor laws of 1920's New York. Unfortunately, America was not ready for singing on cue and dancing in unison, so the film crashed and burned at the Box Office.

The next unsuccessful attempt at pushing song and dance numbers down the throats of audiences was the 1994 film "The Fantasticks." But this film had something that "Newsies" did not have: a pop star. Ex-New Kids on the Block member, Joey McIntyre, starred in this Broadway film adaptation. But even he could not save this dismal film

Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk

CATS *Miss Saigon*
Pippin *Moulin Rouge* *Ragtime*
evita *Hello, Dolly!*
Hair **Chicago** *West Side Story*
My Fair Lady *Les Miserables*
Annie *Cabaret*
Man of La Mancha **DAMN YANKEES** *Oklahoma!*
Guys & Dolls **Oliver!**
Grease *Showboat* *42nd Street*
Phantom of the Opera *Sound of Music* **Rent**

from failing miserably. "The Fantasticks" didn't even get a distribution deal with a production company. So it stayed on the shelves for three years, and was finally released in 1997.

Then came along a little-engine-that-could, the film "Dancer in the Dark." The film starred Iceland pop star Bjork. It received a couple of Oscar nominations and catapulted musicals into the hearts of the public. This preempted production companies to spit out musicals that peaked the interest of the audience. One of these

Photo Montage By: Kenita Williams

films included "Moulin Rouge," featuring Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor in a stylized can-can musical. The use of contemporary music in a historical setting attracted viewers, making this film one of the most successful of 2001.

This year, the commercial and critical success of musicals reached an all-time high with the Broadway hit adaptation of "Chicago," starring Renee Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Richard Gere. This film put a spin on this classic Broadway hit about two actresses stopping at noth-

ing to attain fame. The popularity of this film became obvious when "Chicago" swept this year's Golden Globe Ceremony, getting awards for everything from Best Actress to Best Film. Now they have received 13 nominations for the Academy Awards. Although "Chicago" wasn't a huge blockbuster, it did suggest that musicals are perhaps here to stay.

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PIPPIN Offers Unique Take on War

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Pippin was another magical play performed by the Fine Arts Program, which took place on the weekend of March 21-23. Fine Arts senior Jason Garcia played the title role of a prince in search of his place in life amidst the Middle Eastern Old World of royalty and territorial war. The vibrant scenery came alive with the rainbow-hued costumes of the actors and actresses dressed in Arabian Nights-style attire. A highlight of the play was also the unique narrative style of the play.

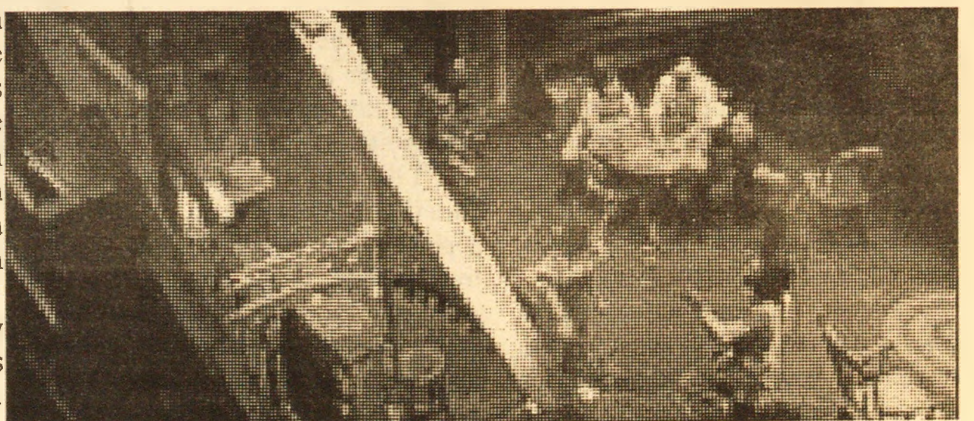
The audience became part of the play because of the direct address. At one point the actors rushed into the audience to get participation for a song number. Also, the approximately two-hour play was unique because it featured an on-stage orchestra which played a major role in setting the tone for each scene.

The main plot consists of a

Mesopotamian kingdom's fight with the neighboring Visigoths. When the king is preparing for war, he favors Pippin's stepbrother to take charge and fight alongside him. Although Pippin is a prince, at times he is seen as the unlikely hero, since he has a good heart, but is more of a lover than a fighter.

It is only after Pippin clumsily convinces his father that he too wants to help, that his father finally gives in. Soon, Pippin learns that war is not the valiant fight that his father, stepbrother, and the king's army have made it seem. He feels remorse for the victims, and begins to rethink about how he wants to live his life, and whether or not he should really follow in his father's footsteps.

When he discovers that his father's actions are not in the best interest of the people, he and his allies form a secret conspiracy, and he quickly becomes the single rebel to save the kingdom. He slays his father when his stepmother clues him in that



Theatre Department practices for show

Photo By: Kenita Williams

he will be alone praying at mass on a given day. The ironic humor of this slaying is that his father comes back to life later, to forgive Pippin for what he was forced to do. However, he soon discovers that being king isn't at all the glitz and glamour he thought it would be. One can't always give all the land and money to the poor, and get rid of the army. When his people begin to turn on him, he embarks on a self-imposed exile, where he learns what it is like to live like a peasant

instead of the prince. Pippin is depressed at first, but he is soon persuaded that the ordinary love of a peasant widow and her young son have filled the void that all the riches could not.

He finally chooses that her love is worth having against the expectations of those in his kingdom. In the end, he finally returns to them to take his rightful place on the throne.

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Night Life

Parrot Heads flock to Miami

By: LAUREN RIVERA
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Crowds of parrot heads - the common name for Jimmy Buffet fans - were tailgating in the parking lot of the American Airlines Arena.

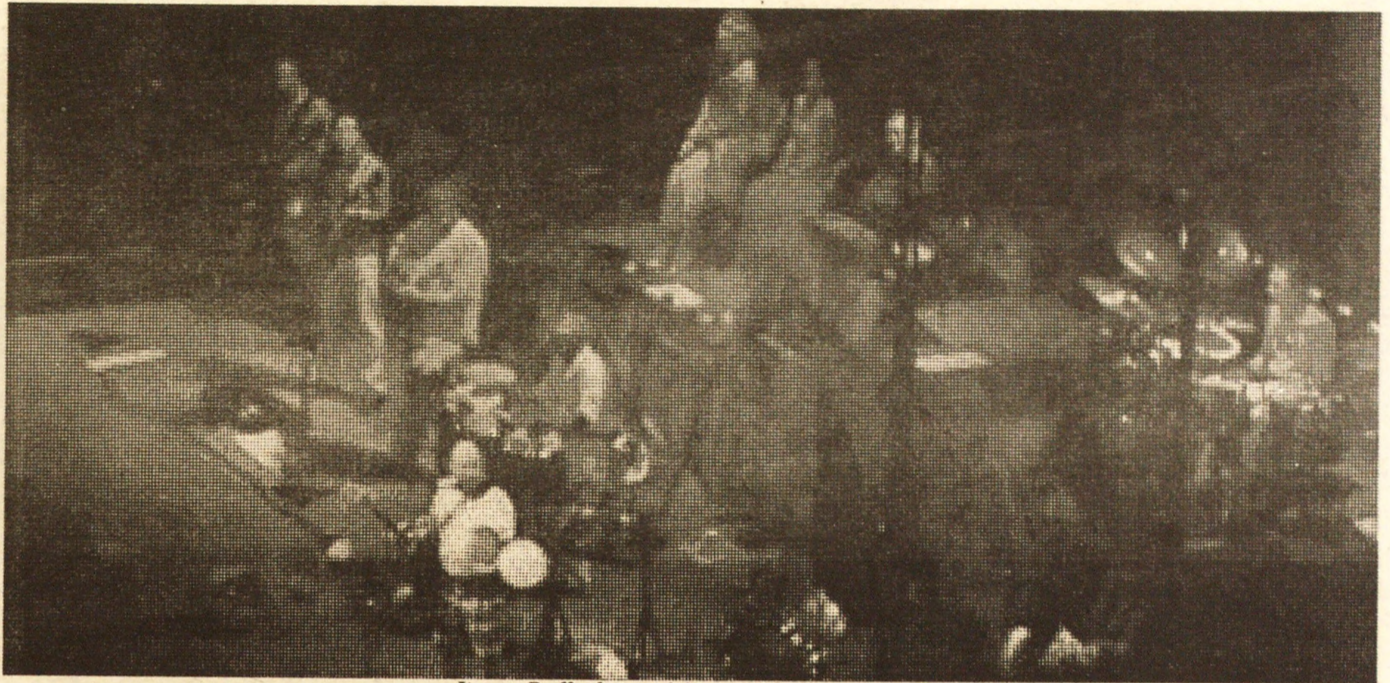
"Well, I've been here since three o'clock," said a man in the line, well into a few Margaritas. "Gotta celebrate life, that's what Jimmy's concerts are all about."

Sitting next to me, another man whose straw hat took up most of the space, said this was his eighth Jimmy Buffet concert. He had once even traveled to Newport, Maine to watch him, "on the first.... No, the second base of a baseball field."

Clearly, these fans have a life of memories attached to Jimmy Buffet's music, and everything associated to a Jimmy Buffet Show. Everybody on the floor level of the Arena was on their feet the entire night, dancing and tapping beach balls and inflatable sharks. At one point during the concert, Buffet said:

"I wonder why I dream of beach balls every night," while he kicked some off stage.

There is something about the way Buffet hops on one foot to his easy



Jimmy Buffet brings Margaritaville to Miami
Photo By: Lauren Rivera

Key Western chords and speaks in a language special to his fans. It is the language understood by those, especially of the 1970's generation, who love to lay back in the sun, sip on margaritas and care about nothing. During one of his songs, reminiscent of an old nightclub on a rock called "Au Tour La Roche," he mentioned:

"Some say it got so wild at The

Rock, that if you looked through the floor boards you could see Hell!"

Before his second encore performance, Buffet said:

"Friends, I'm so lucky to have had this summer job for 37 years and 5 weeks."

February 14 was the last Jimmy Buffet show for the winter tour.

"It's always great to be so close to

home in Miami, starting our weekend early, where you never know what can happen," Buffet said.

Old and young couples and friends in parrot shirts and hats were celebrating life in the best way they knew how: relaxed, careless, remembering and making new memories with Jimmy Buffet.

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Reality TV: Entertainment or Irritainment

By: Esther Farin
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I remember the turn of the century (that sounds so much longer than three years ago) when major networks predicted the downfall of reality television. And yet... they did not quite act according to their prediction, and their wallets are thicker as a result.

No, reality television has not died down; it has become a trend in the scope of pop culture, afflicting us with either saddening addictions (my professors better thank their lucky stars their classes don't coincide with Joe Millionaire), or utter abhorrence and disgust. Reality television shows are everywhere. Most people seem to be exhausted by their faux environments. But for some reason, we keep watching.

I forced my coworkers, Nicole Rangil and Emerson Jean-Philippe, into a not-so-heated debate about the reality television situation and mighty Joe Millionaire, whom I predicted will marry Zora and raise dopey little babies who will someday learn that daddy did something funny under the blanket with bondage "model" Sara. Can you tell I'm an avid watcher?

"I believe reality TV bites," says Emerson, a 20-year-old Psychology major.

And in a lot of ways, it does. I mean, most of the characters on these shows don't seem to have been able to make it in the "real world" in the first place. Look at Puck! He can barely manage basic personal hygiene, let



Photo Montage by: Owen Iozzio

alone function in society.

Or Mr. Oaf, I mean Paul Bunyon, I mean Joe Millionaire, whose real name is Evan! Why not just call the show "Evan's a Big Fat Liar!" Maybe that wouldn't make the product sell.

I myself, proudly, yet reluctantly, admit my fascination with the un-real and therefore brilliantly ironic reality television. Joe Millionaire is among my favorite reality television shows because it creates a true conflict, a real human conflict, that isn't often addressed. The show is making a commercialized (and therefore bogus, but still entertaining) production of how money plays into romantic situations. Are we still a society of women who are seeking the money-making man?

According to Emerson, "Joe Millionaire perpetuates the gender stereotype that men are supposed to be rich, and all women are gold-diggers."

This may be true. But if we look at the Joe Millionaire outcome, women are not gold-diggers. If this show is not a fabrication, but some kind of unreal reality, then money is not the object in a love situation. For Zora, it was the sense that despite her inclination that she should not trust Evan, she did anyway. Maybe that is more the essence of a relationship: defying your mind because your heart feels so strongly about someone.

As for Nicole, she couldn't understand why any network would purposely try to belittle and humiliate an

individual (woman) on television. She found Joe Millionaire's premise to be saddening and dehumanizing. She figured that if our society thought wanting a lot of money was a bad thing, then we should have educated people who believed this. I think if we dig deeply into the psychological aspect of this situation, Nicole is right on.

But for myself, and many like me, reality television is not our means of defining our own beliefs. It is simply something to make fun of, to discuss for no reason, to gossip about at school.

Simply put, it doesn't represent reality.

Do you or your friends have a place like any of the Real World Homes? Highly unlikely. As for Fox's Joe Millionaire, well, perhaps there is some embittered rich white man, money-grubbed by "the ladies" a few too many times, trying to prove that beautiful women are out for the moolah. Thanks to Zora, we now know he's wrong. What's next, you ask, in this reality hooplah? A show where strangers get married according to the votes of viewers like you. The end of reality television is nowhere in sight. So if you think Joe Millionaire was bad enough, just you wait and watch!

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SPORTS

Serving Up Win After Win

By GUY HARRISON
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The Barry University women's tennis team has done nothing but win since the season started on February 5, a win against Webber College. They have won the vast majority of their singles and doubles matches over the aforementioned Webber, Florida Gulf Coast, Northwood, and Saint Leo. They accomplished a combined 29-5 record in singles and doubles matches against those four opponents, which has vaulted them to a 4-0 (1-0 SSC) record.

Senior Victoria Courmes has won all of her singles matches in straight sets, defeating her Webber opponent (Maria Pergamalis) 6-1, 6-1. She also defeated Florida Gulf Coast (Izabela Ciesinska) 6-0, 6-1; Northwood (Melanie Roy) 6-3, 6-1; and Saint Leo (Caryn Hague) 6-0, 6-1. She and her doubles partner, freshman Conny Grunes, have won all of their doubles matches with virtual ease.

As for Ms. Grunes, the Berlin, Germany native has also won all three of her singles matches defeating Florida Gulf Coast (Angie Mykieta)

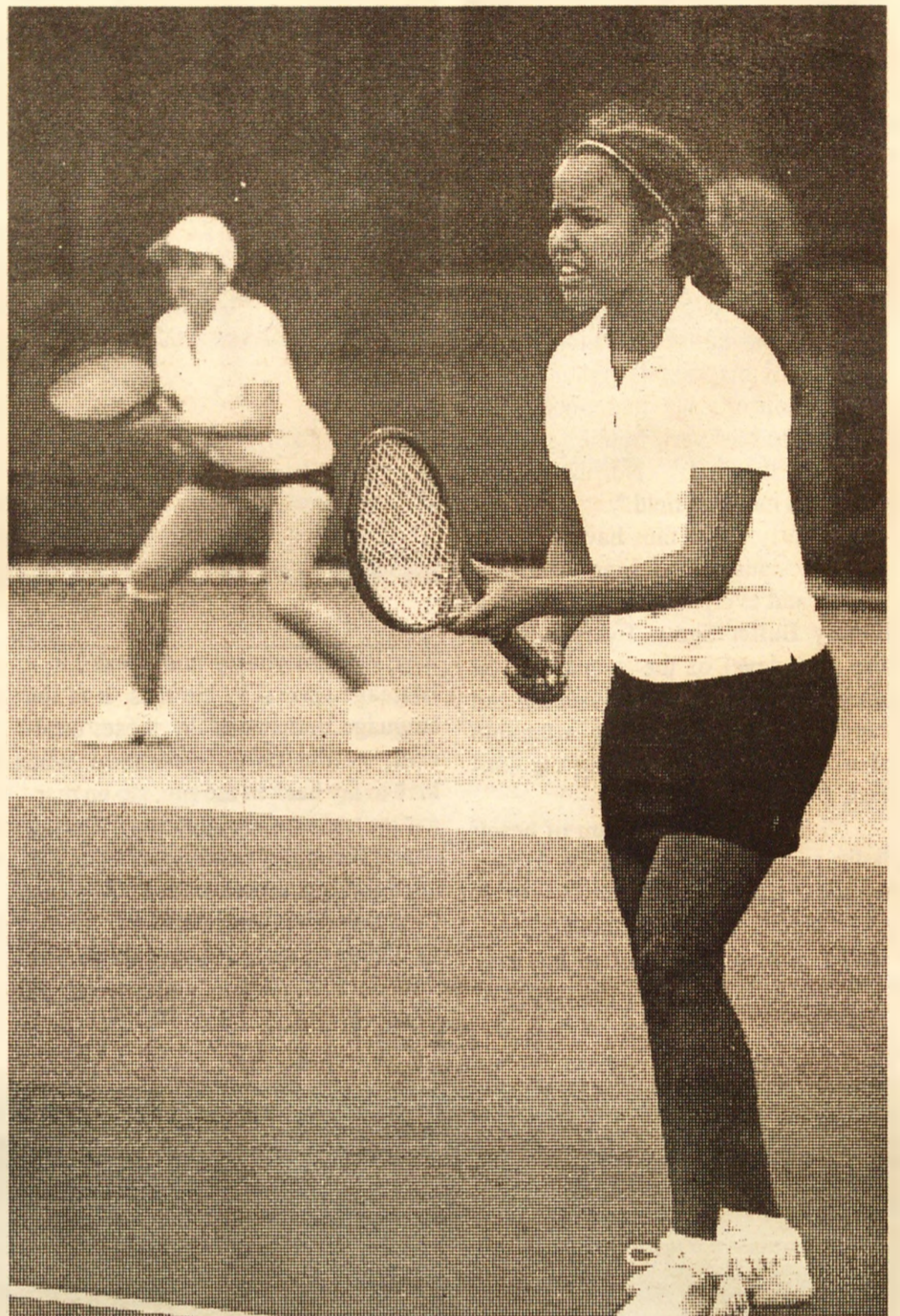
6-1, 6-0; Northwood (Avnie Kazakevich) 6-1, 6-0; and Saint Leo (Kryisia Scherlinger) 6-1, 6-0.

Senior Valeria Papandrea also won her singles matches in straight sets. She went 2-1 in doubles matches with partner Greta Trotman and won her first doubles match with partner Gizella Turbok.

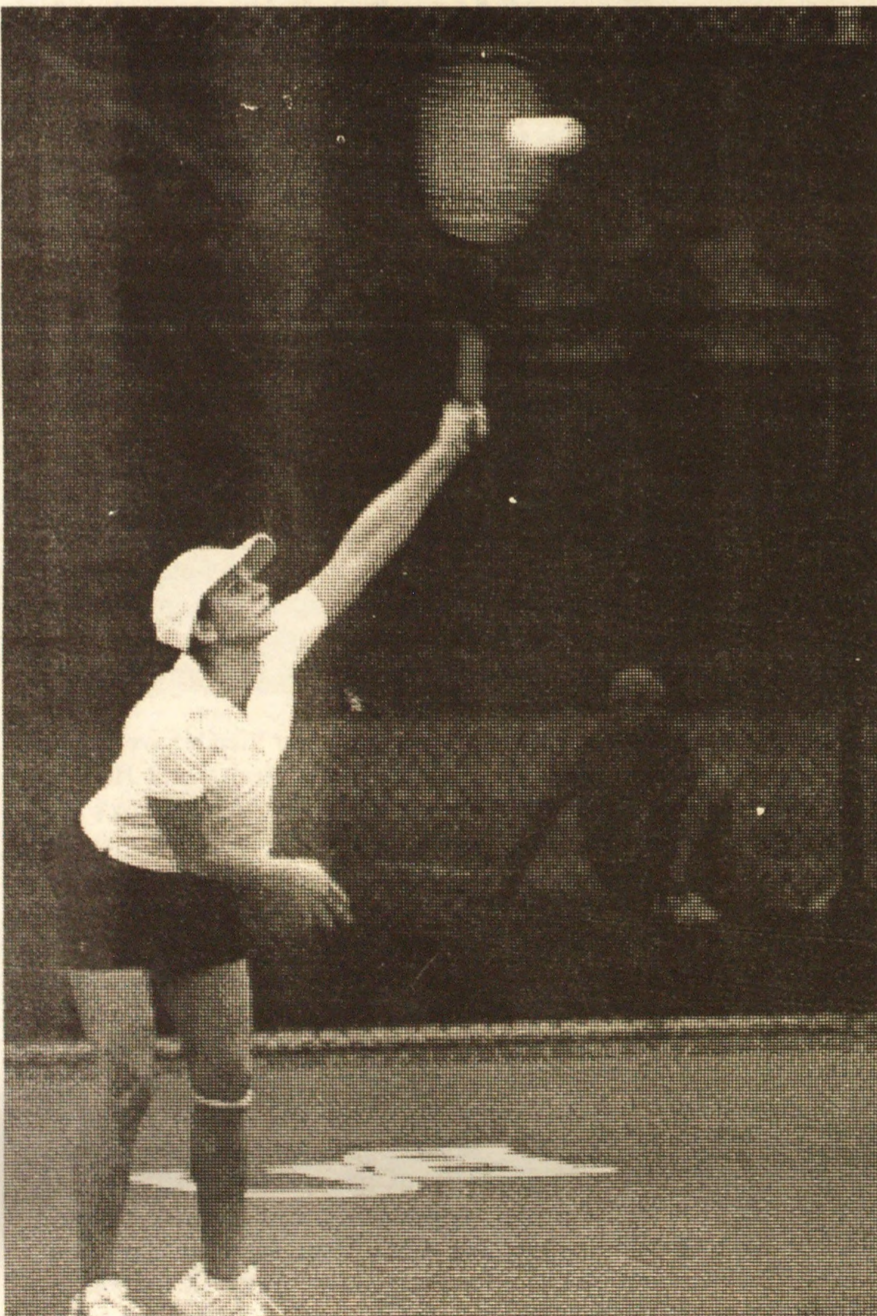
Since then, the team has gone 3-0 and are now 7-0 overall. Not only are these ladies winning the vast majority of their matches, but they are winning them with ease. The competition does not even come close.

Upcoming matches for the team include conference rivals Lynn and Rollins February 27th and March 1st, respectively. Lynn is the only other undefeated team in the conference at 3-0, and their match with Barry could have huge SSC championship seeding implications.

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Barry Tennis swings for success
Photo By: Shawn Clark



Slamming to Victory
Photo By: Shawn Clark

Mouthpiece

By COLENE GERSTNER
Sports Editor

The Dance has begun. Just two teams, one game, for 40 minutes. This isn't a best of seven series. This is a sweat drenched, down to a tenth of a second fight until the end. Also, save the smack talk about your record because it really doesn't matter. It is a time when the sound of Dick Vitale's voice brings a smile to the many basketball fans out there-it's March Madness Baby!

In the first two rounds of playoffs, every game seems to have gone down to the last minute. The double-overtime loss suffered by Gonzaga to Arizona has been said by many to be one of the best games in tournament history. I however will always have a soft spot for Duke's Christian Laettner's buzzer beater against Kentucky in '92. But what about Butler? They seem to be the surprise of this year's tournament. With the same old "Hoosiers" comparisons, Butler seems to be the America's Cinderella team. The team from the small little school that could.

The underdog of the tournament by far would have to be Pittsburgh. The Panthers' whole team has played consistently all year. Numbers are put up by everyone, it's a group effort. Yes, Brandin Knight was named first team All Big East by conference coaches and Chevon Troutman may be the best sixth man, but they do it together. Together being the key word. With old fashioned ball playing and a swarming defense, Pitt is looking sharp. This is Pitt's second trip to the Sweet Sixteen, with four other teams from the Big East also represented. This leads to the question of a Big East Final Four possibility.

What is really great about college basketball is that anyone really can win. Yes there will always be the schools that have great legacies, but there will always be the underdog who will contest them. So break out your five dollars and fill out a poll, March Madness has begun.

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CENTER

Lady Bucs Softball Anything But Soft

By CARLOS CAMACHO
News Editor

Barry University's Lady Bucs Softball Team is well on its way to reaching its goal of winning a national championship.

In order to reach that goal this year in May, the softball Lady Bucs have improved on their hitting and solidified their team chemistry. Speaking to Kathleen McNamara, Junior at Barry University and Outfielder, with regards to their prospects for this season, she is impressed with the team's hitting talent.

"The team works very hard at practice and so far our hitting is amazing," she said.

The improvements made to the hitting aspect of their game along with ever-charged team chemistry increases their prospects for the national championship. McNamara is very excited about the possibilities for this year's team.

"Our team attitude is different. We have two mottos: "Together Team" and "Get it Done." Together Team is all about our unity as a team. Get it done is a command, and we



Women's softball shows "domineering" smile.
Photo Provided By: Sports Information

command ourselves to work hard and do what we need to do to be on top of the country in May."

The Lady Bucs have so far managed to stay above the curve. This

season's record, under the direction of Coach Shelly Lis, is currently 32-7 overall, 9-1 in the conference. The softball Lady Buccaneers have simply been dominant and the National

Fastpitch Coaches Association responded by ranking them in the top position on March 12, 2003.

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- Eggplant
- * Feta
- Ricotta
- Tomatoes
- Onions
- Olives
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- Spinach
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- Green Peas
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- Pineapple
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- Jalapeños
- Basil
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Wings

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| 8 Pieces | 4.45 |
| 12 Pieces | 7.45 |
| 20 Pieces | 12.95 |

Side Orders

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| Mozzarella Sticks | 5.25 |
| Zucchini Sticks | 5.25 |
| Onion Rings | 5.25 |
| Chicken Fingers w/ Honey Mustard | 5.25 |
| Fried Calamari w/ Marinara Sauce | 7.25 |
| French Fries | 1.95 |
| Mushrooms | 5.00 |
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| Meatballs | 5.00 |
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| Grilled Chicken Breast w/ Lettuce & Onions | 6.35 |

Dinners

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| Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana | 9.00 |
| Veal Cutlet Parmigiana | 11.00 |
| Eggplant Parmigiana | 9.00 |
| Meatball Parmigiana | 9.00 |
| Chicken Marsala | 11.00 |
| Chicken Catalani | 11.00 |
| Chicken Francese | 11.00 |

Pastas

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| Alfredo Fettuccini | 8.50 |
| Alfredo Fettuccini w/ Chicken | 9.50 |
| Alfredo Fettuccini w/ Chicken & Broccoli | 9.50 |
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| Stuffed Shells w/ Cheese | 7.50 |
| Stuffed Shells w/ Homemade Meatballs | 8.50 |
| Stuffed Shells w/ Chicken | 8.50 |
| Stuffed Shells w/ Vegetables | 8.50 |

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| Manicotti Ground Sirloin | 8.50 |
| Manicotti Vegetables | 8.50 |
| Manicotti Shrimp | 9.95 |

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| Penne w/ Marinara | 7.50 |
| Penne Marinara w/ Chicken | 8.50 |
| Penne Marinara w/ Vegetables | 8.50 |

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| Jumbo Ravioli | 9.50 |
| Tortellini | 9.50 |

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| Salami | 5.25 |
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| Ham & Cheese | 5.25 |
| Chicken Provolone | 5.95 |
| Italian | 5.95 |

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| Veal Cutlet Parmigiana | 7.25 |
| Meatballs Parmigiana | 6.95 |
| Eggplant Cutlet Parmigiana | 6.95 |
| Sausage, Green & Bell Peppers, Onions | 6.95 |

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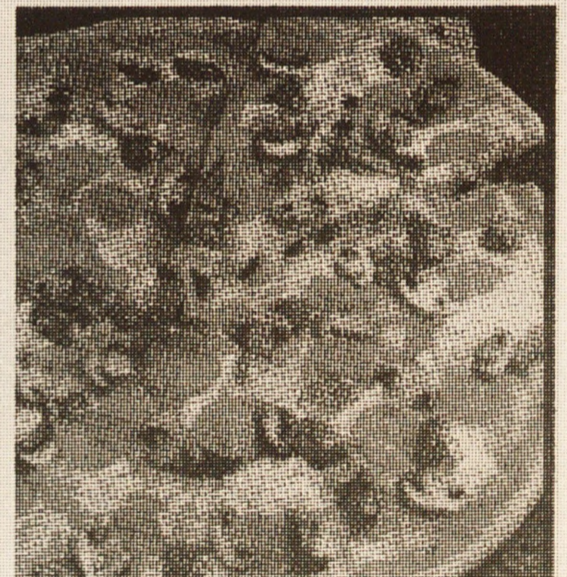
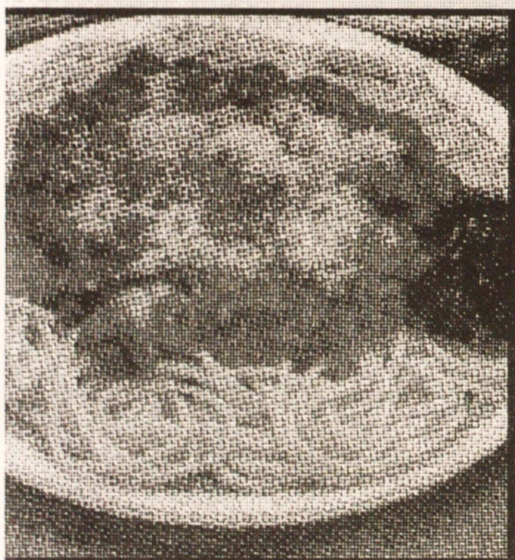
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