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Wearing the same Hawaiian shirt he wore on December 1st, 2001, Barry University Volleyball Coach Dave Nichols told his team on December 4th, 2004 that its best match was still out there to be played. His team did the same thing this time he wore the shirt that they did in 2001: they won the NCAA Division II National Championship.

In a match that was as well-played and hard-fought as it was emotional, the Buccaneers, who finished the 2004 season with a record of 34-1, found a way to stave off the fearless Bulldogs (37-1) of Truman State University (Missouri) by a 3-1 final. The 1,935 fans that watched the match, the largest crowd ever to see a sporting event at Barry's Health and Sports Center, were treated to an experience that they will not soon forget.



Our Very Own Champs-Volleyball team poses for a group shot after winning the championship game. Photo by: Raechel Bush

In game one, Truman, the second-ranked squad in the nation, came out and showed that they were a worthy opponent surprising everybody at the HSC except for themselves and perhaps Nichols. The 'Dogs took game one 30-25 paced by the leadership of senior outside hitter Jessica Sears, who finished the match with a team high 22 kills and .378 attack

percentage.

After losing a game for the first time in all six rounds of the NCAA tournament, Coach Nichols rallied his third-ranked troops and made the necessary adjustments. Truman coach Qi Wang would later say, "They adjusted very well. They are

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New Offices Open in Landon: Student Services Better Serve Students

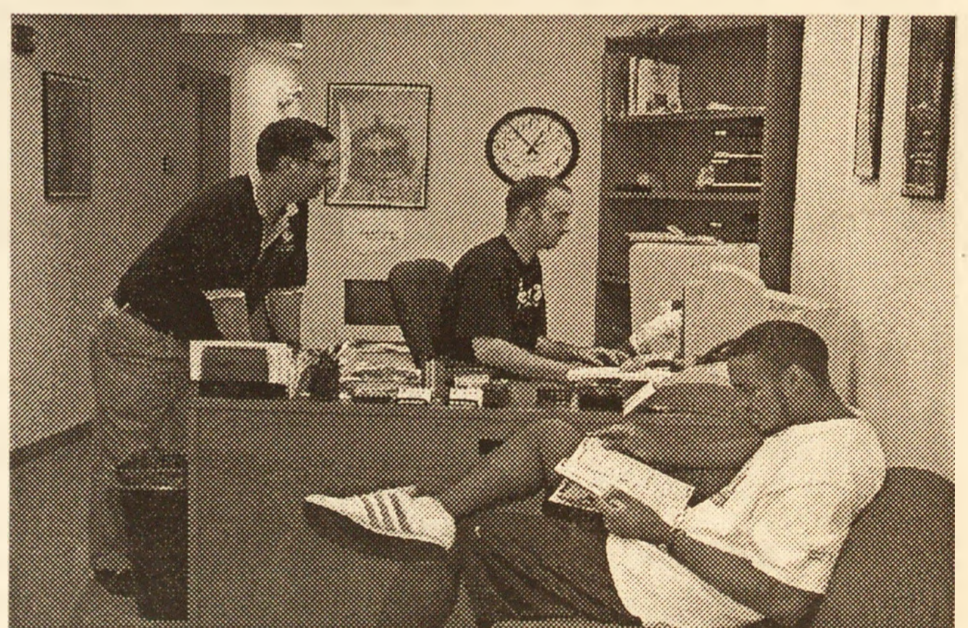
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As we all know, Barry University opened a brand new student union (Landon Hall) just before the start of the semester. By now, most of the student service-related departments have relocated into Landon.

Moving into a new facility often gives a department the opportunity to make much-needed changes in its services to better enable it to respond to the current needs of the population it serves. Below are some of the changes in Student Services departments that were prompted by the move to Landon Student Union:

Commuter Services establishes a Commuter Center, expands hours

The Department of Commuter Services opened a new commuter lounge in Room 108 on the first floor of Landon Union. While the area was primarily intended to be an



The new Career Center-Paul Luttmeyer, its new director looks on with his work study student in the new office.

Photo By: Debbie Scheel-Scott

alternative to the library and outdoor areas for study and light socialization, it also has a full-screen TV equipped with a VCR so that commuters can watch their favorite movies and TV shows between classes. The front of the center also has a bulletin board that announces campus and local community events of interest to commuters. In addition,

there is a locked group study room at the back of the lounge that is available for commuters wishing to work on team projects. The center will be open from 7:30 a.m. until midnight M-F, and from 9 a.m. until midnight, the same hours when Landon Union is open.

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Letter from the Editor

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I have to open this note with sincere congratulations to this year's Women's Volleyball team. What an amazing accomplishment it is to win Nationals. You go girls! We're all so proud of you! To learn more about the team, check out the segment of the Campus Beat called, *Meet the Champs: V-Ball Year in Review*, on page 3, where our sports editor recaps the season for each of them.

It is already the last issue of the *Buccaneer* for the semester. For those of you who are wondering why your student-run and produced newspaper isn't as consistent in its print schedule as it truly attempts to be and should be, here's why: there aren't enough people on our staff. In order for us to produce the as-close-to-a-professional publication that we so long to produce, we need

more people to be involved with us. Including editors, writers, photographers, layout/designers/ and advertising and sales representatives (the basic components of any given publication), we have about 10 regular staff members. That is not nearly enough to generate a noteworthy paper every month (not that we aren't proud of the papers that we have produced, because we are). So if you think you could contribute and are interested, stop by our office or attend one of our bi-weekly meetings (every Wednesday and Friday at noon). We need your help to make the *Buccaneer* a better student newspaper.

Not only is the newspaper seeking out more members, but Student Government is as well. In the article, *Restructuring Student Government*, on page 5, you'll read about their plans to reach out to the student body and get students involved while bringing them together. It is so important to be active in your community, not to mention advantageous in more ways than one.

College life can sometimes be tough, especially if you're involved with extracurricular activities, working, and interning on top of being a full-time student. In our opinions page, one student shares

her struggle as she supports herself through college in, *Life's Not Easy When Your Working While Schooling*, on page 9. I think a lot of students, including myself, can relate. I have had a job since I was twelve, and I'll admit, it's a great feeling to be making your own money. But once college hits and you're trying to juggle everything at once, it can be really difficult. So all you students out there who are reading this and saying, "that's me," I can feel your pain. Just keep reminding yourself that it will all be worth it in the end, and you're not alone in your woes.

Being broke and going to college definitely go hand in hand and we can't help but being reminded if this especially around the holiday season. Check out the piece, *How to Make Holiday Gift Baskets Under \$10*, on page 13, for some inexpensive gift ideas suggested by one of our new writers, Debbie Scheel-Scott.

The holidays sure do evoke such nice feelings, don't they? Although for some, the holidays can be difficult, especially for those who are less fortunate. I remember growing up and some years dreading Christmas because I knew my mother didn't have any money for gifts. She raised my sisters and me alone,

supporting us on the tips she made as a waitress. But somehow, every year, there were presents under the tree. Years later I learned that a group of Veterans called *The Elks* had come by every Christmas with a bag of presents, a turkey, and a gift certificate to DeMoulas (a supermarket in Massachusetts). Every Christmas and Thanksgiving, this group would gather a list of families that were in constant financial struggle in my town, and bless them. I think back on it now, and it make me feel good to know that those people really cared about my family, without even knowing us. And that is what the holiday season should be about: pure charity and goodwill, giving to those who are truly in need, giving with no desire to receive. Those people don't even know how much they have touched my life and it's okay, because it's not their knowledge of my appreciation that makes the difference, it's my desire to do for others what they have done for me that really counts. I hope you'll do the same. Have a nice break, and may God bless you all this holiday season.



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Meet The Champs: V-Ball Year in Review

By Guy Harrison

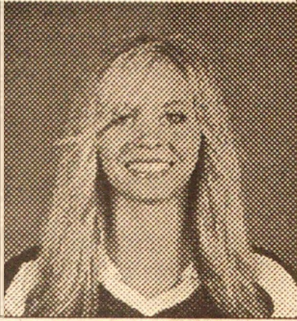
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Year in Review: With the talent the Buccaneers had this season, Redinger saw limited action, but when needed, provided a spark off of the bench, sometimes playing as a libero (defensive specialist). Her biggest match was on November 11th, when Barry faced Lynn in Boca Raton. On that day, Jentry registered a match-high 10 kills and 11 digs for a double-double.

Coach Nichols Says: Jentry would start for 95% of the Division II programs... a great leader and teammate... the team's best defender. Next year, she will be a co-captain.

Number: 2
Outside Hitter
Sophomore
Height: 5'11"
Hometown: Scottsdale, Arizona

Jentry Redinger



Michelle Rycroft



Number: 3
Middle Hitter
Freshman
Height: 6'1"
Hometown: Satellite Beach, Florida

Year in Review: Rycroft was one of a handful of newcomers for the Bucs. This year, she sat back and learned from experienced middle hitters like Kelly Dantas and Sarah Alexander. Michelle's best performance came November 12th at Nova Southeastern where she tallied seven kills and compiled a fantastic .429 attack percentage, a solo block and four block assists.

Coach Nichols Says: Michelle is high energy, very talented, with great potential...can be a great middle hitter, especially with her blocking skills...we hope to smooth out her game in the spring...expected to start next year.

Year in Review: Brino was perhaps the most talented of Barry's "Magnificent Seven." With a lethal jump serve, Fernanda was recognized by the American Volleyball Coaches Association as a First-Team All-American. Number 5 finished 2004 with team-highs in kills (427), service aces (63), defensive digs (368), and solo blocks (23).

Coach Nichols Says: Fernanda was the best all-around player in Division II...clutch under pressure...as nice a person as you'll ever meet.

Number: 5
Outside Hitter
Senior
Height: 6 foot
Hometown: Sao Paulo, Brazil

Fernanda Brino



Michele Rosamiglia



Number: 6
Setter
Junior
Height: 5'6"
Hometown: Sao Paulo, Brazil

Year in Review: After redshirting her first year after transferring from Miami-Dade Community College, Rosamiglia burst on to the scene, using her leadership and intelligence to run the Bucs' offense. The AVCA recognized Michele as a First-Team All-American. As a member of the "Magnificent Seven," she collected a Barry season record 1424 set assists, breaking Meghan Clarke's record of 1326, which she set in 2000.

Coach Nichols Says: Michele is the smartest setter in Division II...very clutch player...makes everyone around her better...will be co-captain next year with Jentry Redinger.

Year in Review: Fittingly, Melissa is the seventh member of the "Magnificent Seven." Relegated to the role of "utility player" because of the emergence of Rosamiglia, Lehman accepted the role and served mostly as an unofficial defensive specialist and was substituted in to exploit her jump serve, which is one of the best in the country.

Coach Nichols Says: Melissa was a great utility player...she has tremendous heart...gave us the best pair of setters in the country...when setting for the second unit, she really improved those players.

Number: 7
Setter
Senior
Height: 5'8"
Hometown: Longmont, Colorado

Melissa Lehman



Samantha Tucillo



Number: 8
Opposite Hitter
Senior
Height: 6'1"
Hometown: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Year in Review: One of the understated members of the "Magnificent Seven," Tucillo showed a great all-around game in 2004, ranking near the top in most of the team's offensive and defensive totals. When the Bucs were taken out of their system by good serves and/or attacks, she showed an ability to step up as a setter. Samanta was also named a Third-Team All-American.

Coach Nichols Says: Samanta was a gifted all-around player...has the best float serve in the country...brought tremendous energy and passion to the game, making it fun for everyone.

Year in Review: Coming off a year in which she redshirted due to injury, Bersano looked to end her career at Barry with a bang. As a member of the "Magnificent Seven," Karla did exactly that ranking near the top, as Tucillo did, in a lot of team statistics, offensively and defensively. She also displayed a nice jump serve, tallying 61 service aces.

Coach Nichols Says: Karla was a great leader...has a tremendous heart...was the heart and soul of the team with her attitude.

Number: 9
Outside Hitter
Senior
Height: 6'1"
Hometown: Sao Paulo, Brazil

Karla Bersano



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Re-Structuring Student Government

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The Student Government Association has been working diligently this semester, attempting to re-structure and re-establish itself in the Barry community. As the university continues to grow, many other campus-based services and organizations have had to do the same.

Armed with an all-new Executive board as well as a new advisor, SGA hopes to inform students of their role in SGA, and invite them to take part in the decision-making here on campus. They want students to know that each and every one of them is a member of Student Government. "I think the most

important thing that this e-board is looking at is trying to get across the idea that Student Government is not just the four executive board positions and the senators. The student government association is the entire undergraduate student body at Barry university," said Tim Bessler, SGA's newly-appointed advisor.

Bessler, who took the position as advisor to SGA this past May, is also in charge of all first-year programs and leadership development programs on campus. He poses the question to SGA members, "As the campus community has grown, what impact has that had as far as the ability of the student government to really serve it's role? and, How can SGA adapt in order to serve in that role as efficiently as possible?" He is working with the board to amend



SGA Executive Board-(from left to right) Brittney Morris, Lorna Willie, Anne Jackson, and Ryan Saunders.
Photo By: Elise M. Colon

the constitution and re-establish certain guidelines for SGA, in order for it to more competently serve the Barry community.

One approach to serving the community is reminding students that their voice matters and one way

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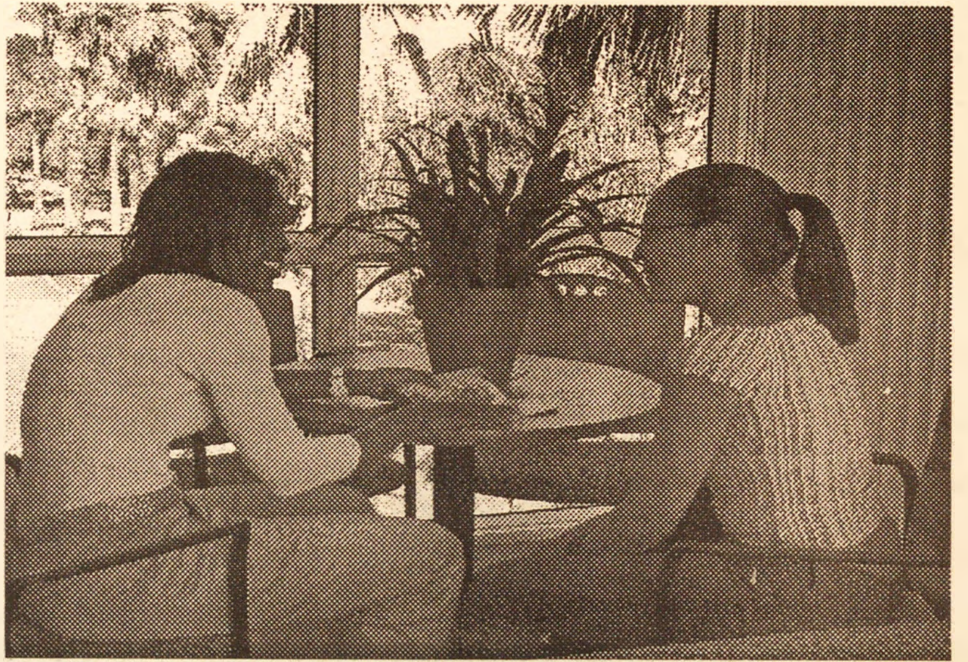
Volunteer Services Striving for Change

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"Providing community service and presence within a more caring environment" are two parts of Barry's four-part mission statement. The Adrian Dominicans believe in a strong commitment to social justice. However, community service is not a mandate for every student and faculty member that attends or works at this school. It is only a requirement for those who choose to be members of an on campus organization. Even then, there are loopholes for the more apathetic students to get out of civic duty in that only 60% of club members must participate. To many, the concept of volunteering is nothing more than extracurricular homework. There is no willing force within our daily campus life that

drives us to perform helpful and meaningful activities to those in need.

Jo Anne Zarowny, the Director of the Volunteer and Community Service Center, is hopeful that with the placement of a new office and some new staff members, including a first-time-ever graduate assistant, the Center can now accomplish its goals to be a more integrated part of campus life. In the upcoming months, the Center is planning several events that could bring more acclaim to the office. These include the "MLK Challenge" in which students emulate the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the "Alternative Spring Break" in which students choose to use their time off to help others in a variety of ways. Currently, there are several options that must be weeded through and decided on. One possible trip is to



Lending a Helping Hand-Stephanie Aniles, graduate student, sits talking to Miletta Green, student worker in the Volunteer Center.
Photo By: Debbie Scheel-Scott

New York City to participate in an "urban plunge" with YSOP (Youth Service Opportunity Project) where

they will be assigned to different locations that deal with helping the
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Photography Alive and Well on Campus

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Photography is alive and thriving here at Barry. Currently set up in the library is a gallery of photos, taken by some of our most talented photographers here at Barry, and headed up by Stephen Althouse. Every other summer for the last fifteen years, Althouse has led photography students to inspiring places that include the likes of London, Madrid, Paris, and the Galapagos Islands. This year the group headed to Paris, to spend one month immersed in quite possibly one of the most influential art centers of the world. Althouse wanted to "take students out of their normal environment, and put them in a foreign environment, so they get the entire cultural and global view of the world. Hopefully that will affect their photography as well as their lives."

Asha Fuller is a perfect example of how his philosophy has manifested itself.

Asha came to Miami from Centerville, Tennessee, about three years ago, in the quest for a job in commercial photography. After coming to a crossroads in his soccer career, he found photography to be his calling in life, and started looking for colleges in Miami. He visited Barry, and was drawn to the location and the congenial staff. Since coming to the school, his talent has certainly flourished, to say the least. He has not only appeared in many school exhibits but he is also the recipient of the Sarah Rytteke's coveted Pineapple Award, and was even a finalist in the Photographer's Forum Student Annual (a competition which has approximately ten thousand entries). Also this year, his photographs have graced the pages of *Cosmopolitan* magazine.

While many college students



The Paris Exhibit- Photography students and others listen as Steven Althouse discusses the Paris exhibit on display in the library.
Photo by: Socrates Morilla

come into college not knowing what they want to do with their life after school, some students get a clear signal. While hanging around a photographer friend's studio during a fashion shoot, Asha asked if he

could finish the roll of film in the camera. He got a few good shots, and when the model left and the best of the best pictures were kept, four

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Student Health Services Offer New Insurance

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As the fall semester draws to a close, it is time for many students to finalize financial arrangements for the upcoming spring semester. While most students remember to include obvious expenses such as tuition, room/board, and textbooks in their academic budgets, many do not realize the importance of ensuring that they have adequate health insurance coverage during their college years.

Not having proper health insurance coverage can be disastrous for some students. Eileen Hine, Director of Student Health Services, recounts several instances when students had to withdraw from school after developing serious health problems and discovering that their insurance would not cover the treatments they needed in order to be able to continue their studies. Other students were healthy enough to continue their studies but still had to put their educational plans indefinitely on hold when high medical bills used up funds that were designated for tuition expenses.

Often the problem is not that the student does not have access to health insurance coverage but rather that the private health insurance coverage that the student does have (usually through a parent's employer) either does not cover the student after a certain age (19 or 21) or does not cover health care provided in the South Florida area. And students who rely on Barry University's Basic Health Insurance plan sometimes do not realize that coverage for more complex medical services provided outside the Barry University Student Health Center is very limited.

The Student Health Service strongly encourages all Barry University students to review their health care coverage over the holidays. Any student whose insurance does not cover off-campus health care services in the South Florida area should strongly consider purchasing Barry University's Supplemental Health Insurance Plan For Students With Insurance, especially if they feel that the low-cost Student Health Center will not

meet their health care needs. This plan, which pays all eligible medical expenses not covered for whatever reason by the student's primary insurer, covers hospitalization (including surgery, physician visits, preadmissions testing, and psychiatric hospitalization), outpatient surgery, physician office visits, prenatal care (for pregnant female students), lab tests, x-rays, physical therapy, psychotherapy, testing for learning disabilities, immunizations/allergy shots (at the Student Health Service) and one annual "well-woman" exam for female students. It even offers a prescription drug benefit. The plan costs just under \$100/semester, approximately what public university students pay for the use of their student health centers. Maximum benefits are \$1000 per incident of injury/sickness, with a \$50 deductible per incident. Dependents can also be covered for an additional cost. Students interested in purchasing basic or supplemental health insurance coverage from Barry University should drop by the Student Health Center in Room 105 Landon Union.

Students who are Florida residents and who have limited assets (if they are financially independent) or who come from families with limited assets (if they are financially dependent) have another option for health insurance coverage. The Medicaid Share of Cost Program, which is sponsored by the Florida Department of Children and Families, pays for a por-



Affordable Healthcare for Students-Student Health Services now offer Cigna Healthcare. *Photo By: Debbie Scheel-Scott*

tion of the catastrophic medical bills of Florida resident individuals/families who have less than \$5000 in assets, regardless of income. Program participants are expected to pay their medical/dental expenses each month until their monthly share of cost is reached. The State of Florida then picks up the remainder of the tab. Share of cost is determined for each individual using a complex formula that takes into account monthly income, total assets, and monthly expenses on necessities such as rent and utilities. Most hospitals have a designated officer that helps eligible patients apply for the Share of Cost Program. Other participants may apply by visiting their local Department of Children and Families office, which may be found in the blue pages of your telephone book or at www.dcf.state.fl.us.

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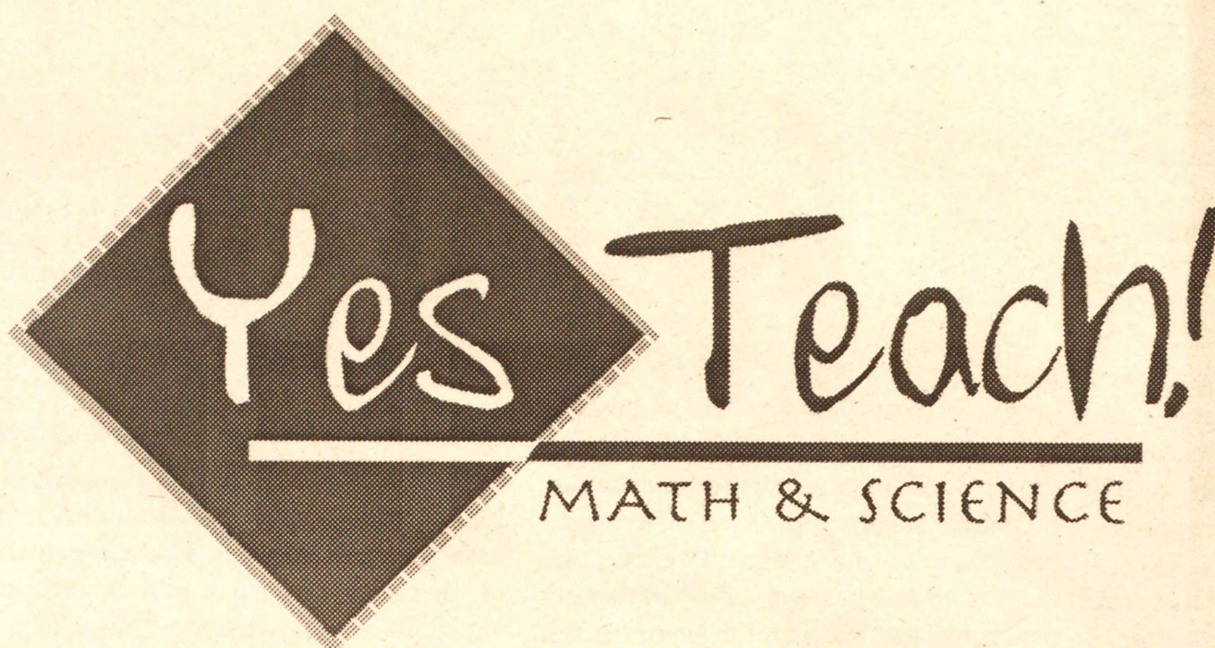


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From the Desk of...
The Dean of Students

By Dr. Ken Roekensies
Dean of Students

Greeting friends! In this edition of the Barry Buccaneer, I would like to highlight a very important set of rights that college students have under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a 1974 Federal law that controls access to and disclosure of your educational records. It applies to any school that receives funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education, and guarantees that students have a right to access their records and control, to a certain extent, their release to third parties.

What is Considered an Educational Record?

According to FERPA, educational records are defined as records that are directly related to a student and maintained by the educational institution. At Barry and most other colleges and universities, the following records are subject to the privacy restrictions established by FERPA: official academic records maintained by the Registrar (admission applications, course registration forms, grades/transcript information, and documentation relevant to a student's academic progress); records maintained in academic departmental offices; disciplinary records; financial aid and employment-related records; medical, psychological and counseling records; and career center placement files.

Students' Rights Under FERPA

All students should be aware

of the following rights they have specific to the contents of their educational records and the release of such information:

The right to inspect and review an educational record. A student has the right to access his or her academic, disciplinary and financial aid records within 45 days following the submission of a formal written request.

The right to seek a records amendment. Students who believe that their records are inaccurate, misleading or in violation of their privacy or rights, can request the university official with direct oversight to amend the contents. If this request is denied, the student has the right to seek a hearing in order to arrive at a fair and final decision.

The right to limit disclosure of personally identifiable information. In general, an educational institution may not release such information from an educational record without the prior consent of the student. Exceptions to this include directory information such as name, address, major, degree, and participation in officially recognized activities and sports (unless a request to withhold this information is received by the Registrar when registering or no later than the first day of a semester or term); faculty, administrators or staff deemed to have a "legitimate educational interest" in academic or disciplinary matters; other schools to which the student seeks or intends to enroll in;



authorized representatives of the Federal, state and local government; accrediting organizations; parents of dependent students; a subpoena or judicial order; a health or safety emergency; and, in disciplinary hearings, the results to victims of crimes of violence and sexual assault.

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failure to comply with FERPA. Students who wish to file a grievance can do so with the Family Compliance Office of the U.S. Department of Education.

Other Important FERPA Items

Additional FERPA items of interest that are relevant to students include parental notification and annual notification of rights.

Parental Notification

In 1998, as part of the Higher Education Amendment Act, colleges and universities were granted the option of releasing information to parents regarding violations of laws or policies governing the use or possession of alco-

hol or controlled substances. At Barry, we notify the parent(s) or guardian(s) of financially dependent students under 21 years of age of alcohol and other drug infractions in an effort to promote educational success through prevention and intervention.

Annual Notification of FERPA Rights

Each year, colleges and universities are required to inform students of their FERPA rights through the school handbook or catalogue, student newspaper, registration packet or web site.

Further Information

The above represents a brief overview of what is a very lengthy and somewhat complicated piece of legislation. For further information, please send an e-mail to kroekensies@mail.barry.edu or stop by the Dean of Students office in Landon 101. You can also find the complete FERPA legislation in the General Provision Act (20 U.S.C., Sec. 1232g) of the U.S. Code or at the following Web address: <http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/20/1232g.html>.

FREE AT T U U R E S

Photography Cont.

(CONTINUED FROM, pg 4 of his were the only ones remaining. "I figured if that isn't a sign, I don't know what is," he said, laughing.

In the Paris exhibit, Fuller's exhibit, titled "Monolithique" is a collection of everyday objects that proliferate the streets of Paris, but are hardly thought about. The shape of the objects- things like trash-cans, traffic cones, phone booths, and newspaper racks- really caught his attention, drawing inspiration from the

artist Marcel Duchamp, the artist who took ordinary objects and placed them in a gallery, elevating the beauty of industrial design to level of other art. In the same frame of mind, "Monolithique" takes these objects out of their everyday context and "[when] they're taken out of context, you have to rethink them and put them in a new context."

But not all photographers learn so early of their life's path. Michael Muñoz, another one of Barry's seniors, was only minoring in photography until April of this year. Suddenly, a passion for pho-

tography leapt up within him, and he decided to take a double major in broadcast communication and photography. While in Paris, his zeal for the art only grew, and he decided that photography would be a major part of his life. Michael's photos, which are also on display in the exhibit, show of his love for detail and texture. His view of photography is to bring out the common details in life that are often overlooked, and show the wonders that abound, yet are often passed over by in our everyday rushed lives. Photography isn't the only part

of the arts Muñoz partakes in; he also plays drums and bass guitar. His photography is still blossoming, and already it is impressive. In years to come, he plans to bring photography to a career as possibly a forensic photographer while shooting freelance on the side.

The Paris exhibit, which runs until December 2nd, features the work of eight Barry photographers, and is a small showcase of just some of the incredible talent our students are capable of. Also, look for the Senior Showcase, which opens December 17th and will run until February 2nd.

Student Support and Counseling Services More Efficient

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The commuter lounge will also be used throughout the semester to host special "mixer" events that will introduce faculty in Barry University's 10 schools to the staff of Commuter Services and help them understand the special needs of commuter students. "Barry University is primarily a commuter institution with 60-80% of its students living in the community as opposed to on campus. Yet our faculty does not always know how to support commuter students. We at Commuter Services would like to make the faculty understand that commuter students have special needs in areas like class activity scheduling that resident students do not have," says Dr. Susanna Fernandez, Director of Commuter Services.

The Commuter Services office has also worked with other university service departments to make the campus more commuter-friendly. For example, it worked with the new resident cafeteria on the second floor of Landon to allow students to take meals out of the cafeteria, something which was forbidden in Thompson. This enables resident students to pick up their prepaid cafeteria meals and take them downstairs so that they can eat with their commuter friends who brought their meals from home. "We are really excited about anything that allows us to bridge the gap between commuter and resident students," says Fernandez.

The new commuter lounge was not the only change implemented by Commuter Services upon moving to Room 109 Landon. The office recently started offering evening hours to better accommodate the needs of graduate and ACE students. The Commuter Services office is now staffed with at least one Work-Study student whenever Landon Student Union is open, seven days a week.

New Counseling Center Offers Students More Privacy

With the move to Landon, the Counseling Center and Career Center officially split off from each other, allowing each office to focus on its own respective missions. Sr. Anastasia MacGuire, director of the Counseling Center in 205 Landon, sees this as a positive change that will make most students feel more comfortable about receiving psychological help for common stressors such as loneliness, depression, exam anxiety, eating disorders, and relationship problems. "Our clinician offices are larger and more comfortable. And we have an actual waiting



New Commuter Lounge Provides a Great Spot for Study Groups- Occupational graduate students take advantage of the new space. *Photo By: Debbie Scheel-Scott*

room with an actual door we can close so that outsiders cannot hear conversations between counselor and counselee. And we have our own full-time secretary who handles all our appointments. Therefore, students will not feel so embarrassed about coming for help."

Career Services Finally a Department of its Own

In addition to splitting off from the Counseling Center and moving into much larger headquarters in 105 Landon Hall, the Office of Career Services also hired a new director. Paul Luttmeyer came to Barry University in August with a charge to build a new career services department for a 900-student university from the ground floor up. Prior to coming to Barry, Mr. Luttmeyer headed the career services office at Spring Hill College, a 2500-student Jesuit liberal arts college in Mobile, AL.

Luttmeyer accomplished many great things during his 6 years at Spring Hill College, especially in the area of on-campus recruitment. During his final year at Spring Hill, 21 recruiters visited the campus to interview a graduating class of 250 students. Mr. Luttmeyer is very excited about being able to work with a much larger, much more diverse student body and feels that the added space made available to Career Services as a result of the move to Landon will help the center greatly. "We now have room to bring more employers to campus to conduct screening interviews with prospective students. And we can conduct more career fairs. We have also purchased video equipment so that we can now videotape mock interview practice sessions with students."

Mr. Luttmeyer's other visions for the career center include offering more interviewing and resume writing workshops to the general cam-

pus community, similar to the one that was held in the Commuter Center during Commuter Awareness Week the first week of November. To accommodate the needs of ACE students, graduate students, and working professionals, the center is also open until 8 PM on Mondays and Tuesdays. "In the past, many night students were simply looking to get promotions at their current workplaces. But with today's changing, unstable economy, even the adult students need to develop their job seeking and job keeping skills," remarks Luttmeyer.

Now that he has more space, Mr. Luttmeyer would like to expand the center's resource library. But he cannot do so without the help of the Barry community. "I would like to invite students and faculty to drop by, take a look at what we have, and make recommendations as to what would be most helpful in terms of their (and their students') job search."

In addition to a new director, Career Services also has a new career counselor. Melissa Orshan, a recent UN Mental Health Counseling graduate who did her internship in the UM Career Center, joined the staff in September to replace Joe Keener, who is now working for ACE. The Career Center also is in the process of hiring an additional career counselor to replace Amy Bandolik, who left Barry in October to accept a position at NYU.

Luttmeyer and Orshan feel that many job seekers need help in polishing their resumes. To make their resume critiquing service more convenient for busy students, the Career Center has established a resume drop program, where students can drop off their resumes without an appointment and pick up their critiqued resumes within 48 hours.

Orshan is confident that more students will use Career Services now that it has broken off from the

Center for Counseling and Psychological Development. "Now that we no longer have to share a 'visible to the public' waiting area with the Counseling Center Students will now be able to come in to have a resume looked at or to meet with a counselor concerning issues with their job search without fearing the stigma of being labeled a 'crazy who needs counseling.'"

Health Center Services More Convenient and Efficient

The Student Health Center finally had a chance to step out of the back wings and into the limelight when it moved from a set of converted dorm rooms in an isolated corner of Weber Dorm into a new state-of-the-art facility on the first floor of Landon Union this summer. "We are really seeing more students, particularly more commuter students come by now that they know we are in Landon," says Eileen Hine, Director of Student Health. "On a typical day, it is not uncommon for us to see one patient every 15 minutes."

This increased patient load necessitated that the Student Health Center become more efficient, which it was able to do upon moving to Landon. "We are no longer working out of converted dorm rooms with limited facilities. We now have a facility that was built to be a clinic, making it easier for us to perform most simple patient care tasks," says Hine. One of the clinic's new facilities is a limited service clinical laboratory, where simple tests such as dipstick urinalysis and throat cultures can be performed and blood can be drawn and sent to a local full-service laboratory for more complex tests. Another new facility is the IV therapy room, where a patient who is running a high fever and is dehydrated as a result can receive a simple IV on campus and then return to his/her dorm room to rest, eliminating the hassle and expense of an emergency room visit.

One convenient service many students do not know about is the Self-Help Centers located in the Student Health Center and at various strategic places across campus. At the Self-Help Center, students can obtain various over the counter medications such as antibacterial ointment, band-aids, aspirin, and Pepto Bismol (as well as the instructions for using them) free of charge, courtesy of their tuition fees. Self Help Centers are located in the Student Health Center, the Landon Information Desk, Kolasa Dorm Lobby, D&D Lobby, and Weber Dorm Lobby.

Life's Not Easy When You're Working While Schooling

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Money is one of the biggest priorities in a college student's life. It's needed to spend casually or to purchase more important things such as, rent or books. But no matter how students choose to spend it, it seems, more is needed.

Most college students find ourselves juggling both school and a job. Some of the more popular jobs students choose range from being servers or retail associates to jobs that are more career-oriented.

Serving jobs in the restaurant industry and sales in the retail business provide students with more flexible hours. Choosing a job that allows students to make our own schedules provides us with more time to study. This leaves more time for school work and, students freely admit, fun time to party.

Waiting on tables seems to have an upper hand over retail. Students who work as servers find it easier because they are able to leave with money in their pockets after every shift. There is no hassle of having to wait for a check.

"I've been working as a server since I was 16," said Darelle Lopez, a freshmen at Florida International University. "Now that I'm in college, it's the easiest way to make money fast." Darelle receives no income from her parents and pays for col-

lege with financial aid and student loans.

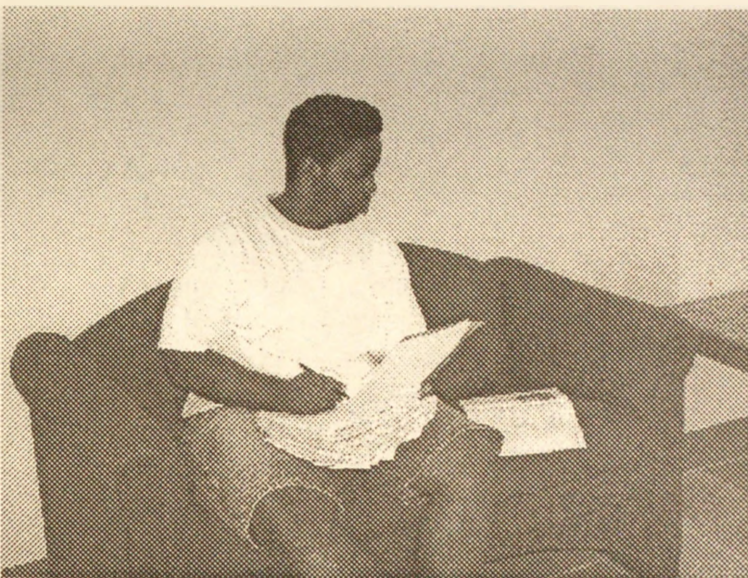
An even better option for students who need cash is to find a job related to the field of work in which we plan to enter. These students figure that not only are they making a living, but are gaining experience in their career choice and improving their resumes.

Some students have chosen an even harder route, by taking on double responsibility--working jobs that provide them with cash and interning at other jobs to gain knowledge and experience in their field of work, as well as college credits.

Juan Serrano, a senior at the Art Institute, has recently found an internship in graphic design. He is a full-time student who lives with his parents, and only works his job in retail on the weekends for a little extra cash.

"I got loans to pay my way through school, and my parents usually help me with gas, and car insurance," says Juan.

Why has money become so important to students? It seems that more and more of us are living on our own. Money has



Studying Between Classes-It's hard to get ample study time when you support yourself through college.
Photo By: Debbie Scheel-Scott

become a number one priority for students, alongside our college career. Responsibilities for college students are increasing every day. Who knew it was so hard becoming an adult? Rent, car insurance, utilities, school, books, gas, food, entertainment, everything we studied in high school economics has become a reality.

Not only are those of us who live on our own having to struggle with money, but also the stress of making good grades. It's difficult to keep up with school work when we're working full time jobs, unlike some other college students who can give all their time to school.

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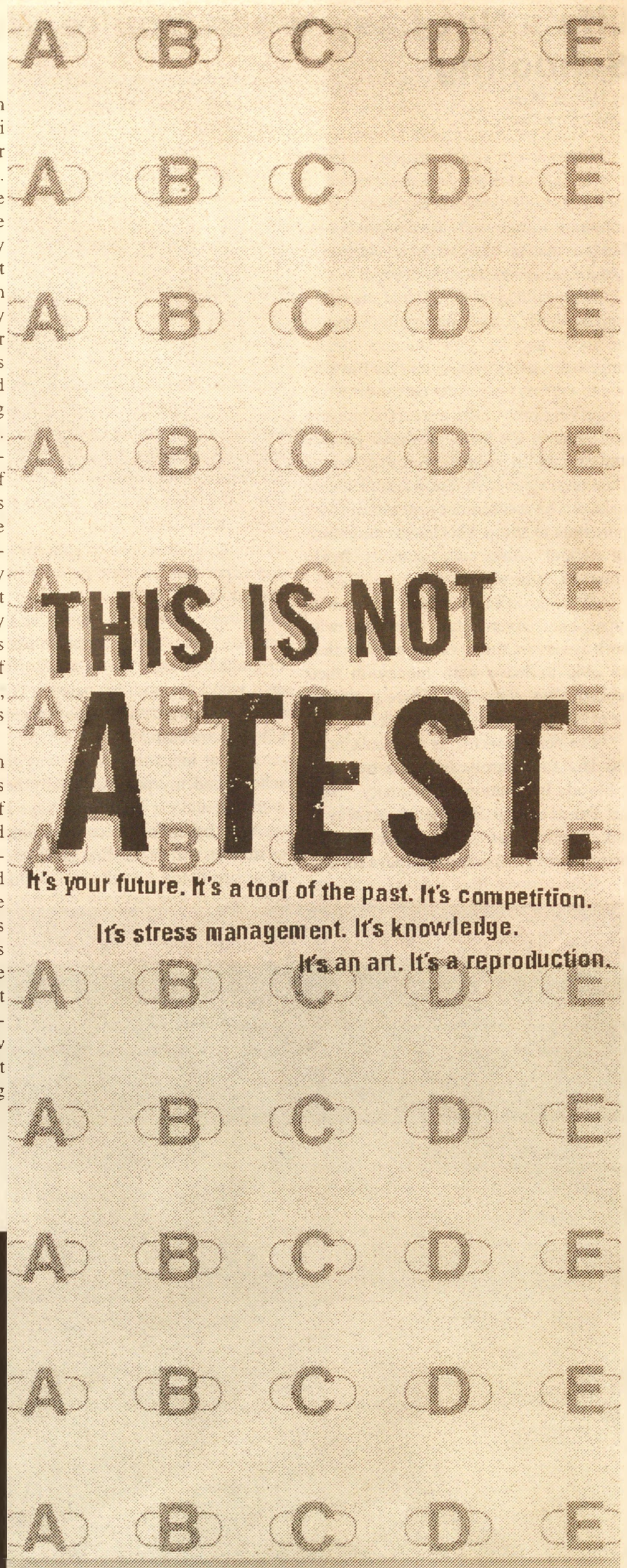
Adolescent Females." They are a therapeutic environment for young women with emotional disturbance as a result of sexual abuse. They believe that in a farm setting where the women can have contact working with animals; they can rebuild the bond that was destroyed because of their abusive situations. The third option is in Guatemala at the "Agua Viva Children's Home." This is an orphanage in which the volunteers will help by working directly with the children. As of now, there are more than forty people interested and the plans for the trip will be finalized this Thanksgiving. The students involved will fundraise the cost of the trip, only about \$500 each, and will have a Spring Break experience unlike anything else. The Alternative Spring Break program has been going on for the last three years now and has been wildly successful each year.

Many on-campus clubs dedicate themselves to community service as well. Habitat For Humanity was able to achieve great things last year by giving a family in need a home. The Nursing Student Association and Best Buddies work with those in need regularly and the podiatry students go down to Yucatan, Mexico where they volunteer their time and efforts by performing foot surgery on those, especially children, in need. Zarowny believes that to be effective, community service, "must be part of the community consciousness."

Zarowny believes in the work her office does. Her hope is that in the near future, it can be incorporated into every facet of student and faculty life at this school. She plans

to start a website for the office with links to the places in the Miami community that individuals or groups have the option of service. Zarowny also feels that if "service learning" is incorporated into the curriculum in some of our many classes, students would be more apt to participate. Zarowny herself is an active participant in community service. She was an active member in the Grace Cantrino Abraham's Peace Education Foundation and she has spent many hours working in the Camilla's House environment. When asked how much federal support plays a role in the conception of more places such as Camillus House, Zarowny replied, "of course the government must believe in aiding the population of this country that needs it, but it is more important that the members of the community believe in it as well. So many of us think that when it comes to issues of poverty, hunger, abuse, and neglect, we can take care of it as long as it is not in our own backyards."

Out of sight, out of mind is an ideology that so many Americans have taken on. The truth is that if we don't help the people in need with federal and community support, the problems that the world faces today will never end. The Volunteer and Community Services Center believes that civic action is the duty of every individual. If we can be taught at an early age that it is important to the world communities' survival to help out our fellow person, then this world may turn out to be a better and more nurturing place to live.



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Meet the Champs Continued



Kelly Dantas



**Number: 10
 Middle Hitter
 Junior
 Height: 6'5"
 Hometown: Sao Paulo, Brazil**

Year in Review: Dantas really picked up her game in 2004, becoming a big force in the middle for the Bucs, both offensively and defensively. A member of the "Magnificent Seven," her .420 regular-season attack percentage ranked her 5th amongst all Division II players. Defensively, Kelly led the team with 103 total blocks.

Coach Nichols Says: Kelly was the biggest improvement from one year to the next I have ever had...really matured this season...really got herself fit in the offseason...a dominant player.

Year in Review: Seeing limited action, Renville gave Coach Nichols depth defensively. Sarah, a 2002 walk-on, averaged 1.30 defensive digs per game in 20 games played over 14 matches.

Coach Nichols Says: Sarah is a great teammate...smart and disciplined defensive player...is all about the team.

Sarah Renville

**Number: 11
 Libero
 Junior
 Height: 5'7"
 Hometown: Miami, Florida**



Stephanie Navarro



**Number: 12
 Libero
 Freshman
 Height: 5'5"
 Hometown: Miami, Florida**

Year in Review: Navarro walked on to the team after trying out in the spring. Receiving the least amount of playing time of all of the Buccaneers, Stephanie made the most of it averaging 1.80 digs per game.

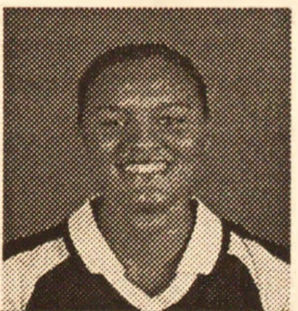
Coach Nichols Says: Stephanie is also a great teammate...quick and explosive defensively...absolutely fearless on digs...improved a lot this year.

Year in Review: Castera was a pleasant surprise last year for Barry, making the team as a walk-on. Learning from players such as Fernanda Brino and Samanta Tucillo, Nicole had a chance to hone her skills, racking up a .324 attack percentage in limited action.

Coach Nichols Says: Nicole is an explosive hitter...has an excellent vertical leap...will push for starting outside hitter next year...the team absolutely loves her as a person.

Nicole Castera

**Number: 13
 Outside Hitter
 Sophomore
 Height: 5'11"
 Hometown: San Juan, Puerto Rico**



Sarah Alexander



**Number: 15
 Middle Hitter
 Senior
 Height: 5'10"
 Hometown: San Marcos, Texas**

Year in Review: "Deep from the heart of Texas," Sarah performed extremely well in the postseason. Perhaps the most unheralded member of the "Magnificent Seven," she closes out her collegiate career with a career year. Alexander, a crowd favorite, ranked second on the team with a .362 attack percentage and ranked third on the team with 71 total blocks.

Coach Nichols Says: Sarah had an amazing senior season...the most underrated player I've ever coached...played great in regionals and nationals.

Soca Venue Helping Preserve Caribbean Culture

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Just off the side of a busy city, moonlight and the cool Miami River breeze accompany a music-loving crowd. A Soca band is the cause of the "limin," a colloquial word in Trinidad and Tobago for chilling out. Those dancers know they are in Downtown Miami, at a place called *The The Big Phat Fish*, on 55th Street and Southwest Miami Avenue, but every scent, sound and sight tell them they are in a Caribbean paradise.

While they are "winding," there is a unique vibe that is creating a notion of cultural identity. There is something that protects that vibe and makes the dancers feel they are at a home away from home. *Mama Glo* is a Trinidadian folklore character that is carried throughout the Caribbean as a myth about protecting good vibes and destroying bad ones. That myth is the running theme that echoes throughout this open air venue by the water.

Mama Glo is the preserver of the friendliness, diversity and unity of the Caribbean. Her story, as it has been told throughout the Caribbean, "is indeed a tie that binds the scattered peoples of the Caribbean," wrote Shelley Marshall, a Trinidadian novelist. That is the effect of the *The The Big Phat Fish* thanks to what happened before the place became open for business.

When the creators of the spot envisioned it, they decided to use *Mama Glo* as the inspiration for a logo that suited the mood of *The Big*

Phat Fish, and at the same time reflected the Caribbean culture.

The manifestation of that vision can claim some of its roots at Barry, with one of its founders being a current student. The love of Soca is what brought the four friends together from Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica, to create an environment where everyone could come and appreciate the diversity and flavor of Caribbean music. They are Jonathan Suite, Kevin Palmer, Troy Marshall and Damien Smart, four unique young men who bring their personal cultures to this new music venue.

Barry student, Jean Claude, originally from Jamaica, says *The Big Phat Fish* is, "a unique experience with great sound playing and beautiful people."

One of the other founders, Troy Marshall, told the *Buccaneer* that, "*The Big Phat Fish* has been successfully running for six months with an increasing interest by the Jamaican population in Miami. We are hoping to have a bigger turn out of American people."

If you ask the founders, this Soca phenomenon will feed any soul that is thirsting for a little taste of the



What a Great View—Just one of the beautiful visuals caught at *The Big Phat Fish*.
Photo By: Maresa Patience

Caribbean, and for native islanders who feel they are missing that Caribbean sweetness. At *The Big Phat Fish* you experience a variety of music from all the Caribbean islands reggae, dub, retro, hip-hop with an emphasis on Soca.

The Big Phat Fish brings together those separated islands into one place, through Soca, the vivacious music that gets into your skin, to celebrate the friendly energy of their culture and give others a window into it. Listening to Soca and partying with people from the Caribbean is a way to preserve the culture of the Caribbean. Imagine that dancing can serve for the greater good of a heritage.

It was from their collaboration that the name *The Big Phat Fish* came about. "This title came from a

Soca song by Machel Montano, a Trinidadian artist," said Marshall.

Co founder Jonathan Suite says, "I hope *The Big Phat Fish* will make Soca known as the music of the Caribbean and someday break into the mainstream market as reggae has done." The founders' hope is that *The Big Phat Fish* will be the showcase for Soca music from all over the Caribbean.

Events at *The Big Phat Fish* are held on the second Saturday of every month at *The Big Fish Restaurant* that is located at 55 S.W. Miami Ave. The next *The Big Phat Fish* event will be held on Dec. 11th, this Saturday.

Check out www.bigphatfish.com for information on *The Big Phat Fish*, events and contacts.

SGA Continued

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for it to be heard is bringing any concerns they may have directly to SGA or the Dean of Students, Doctor Ken Rockensies, who works hand in hand with SGA, sorting out and getting through the various student-related concerns. Once students know that they can make a difference, it is up to them whether they choose to act on it or not. Bessler reminds students that they shouldn't merely voice a concern, "But also come with a willingness to get involved with the solution process as well."

President Ann Jackson, Vice President Lorna Willie, Treasurer Ryan Saunders, and Secretary Brittney Morris, who were voted into office in April, are this year's Student Government e-board. They are well aware that active involvement on campus while in college is key to long-term success. They have made it their responsibility to encourage involvement amongst the

student body and inform students on how rewarding it can be. "There are an incredible amount of opportunities within a balanced approach during your college years, one that focuses on academics but allows for engagement in the campus community outside the classroom. That's what creates the well-rounded college experience and that's also what creates a strong campus community—that we are always trying to make stronger," comments Bessler. Now, they must seek-out those students who want to aid in that strengthening.

"There are students out there that care, that want to get involved," said Ann Jackson, who is also the former president of S.O.C (Student Organizations Council). She hopes that those students will step up and do just that. Jackson not only urges students to participate, but she also let's them know the seriousness of the job.

"We aren't telling students that

joining SGA is going to be the 'thing to do,' and that's why they should join. No. We are telling students the reality. It's going to take long hours—some days, and it's going to be hard work—always, because it is a position that holds great responsibility." Her role in SGA of the highest importance to her.

Not only is SGA somewhere that students voices can be heard but it is also a place that can bring students together. Although we are a diverse campus, some may argue that there is still some segregation amongst students on campus. Jackson feels that, "SGA can serve as a place where students can meet someone else from another side of the fence. A place that reminds us that we all have the same problems and issues that we go through day in and day out...from financial aid to cafeteria hours. SGA can serve as the place where all students can meet on that common ground."

This year, the energy is there, and

the e-board is brewing up big things for the Barry Community. "We're working together and implementing some great new things into the Senate—where the power is. Look for some huge happenings on campus next semester with elections," said V.P. Lorna Willie. In addition to their regular annual events such as the Toy Drive, the Haunted House, and Feb Fest, it seems there will be more exciting things to look forward to next semester.

Clearly SGA has made it their business to challenge students to get involved—to step up. To say hey, you're a part of our community, help us continue to strengthen it. Now the only question is, will you be one of those students?

How to Make Holiday Gift Baskets for Under \$10

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As students, many of us are on a shoe-string budget. With the holidays just around the corner, the thought of spending what little money we have can be anxiety-provoking.

But stress no more! Here are a few gift ideas that don't take great skills and won't break the bank. Often, these homemade presents will seem priceless because of all your thoughts and efforts.

Basket themes 101: Decide on what theme is appropriate for your giftee. Some examples: Tastes of Italy, chocolate, coffee, old-time movies, Victorian, etc; The only limit is your imagination and if you really home in on what your loved one likes, you can't go wrong!

Find a basket or better yet some other container that can be reused that can hold



A Great Gift-Try an easy-to-make, affordable gift baskets for a loved one this holiday season. *Photo By: Elise M. Colon*

a group of items. Examples: For Italian tastes, use a colander. For Chocolate lovers, make a basket made out of chocolate (directions below). For a movie lover, try a big bowl to be used for popcorn.

The best place to find accessories to add to your basket is at your local dollar store, Big Lots, or other department stores like Wal-Mart. To also save money, do not buy filling or stuffing for the bottom of the basket. Instead, find the comics, colorful magazines, or colorful old project papers. Then find a paper shredder and shred away! These shreds will be great for any basket. Keep in mind the size of the basket you will be using before making your purchases. More than likely, you will only have room for half of the suggestions.

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Italian Lovers Basket

- 1 colander
- Decorative shredded paper
- 1-2 boxes of favorite pasta
- Bread sticks
- 1 jar of minced garlic
- 1 small bottle of virgin olive oil
- 1 small bottle flavored vinegar
- 1 Italian seasoning
- Wooden spoon set
- Cheese grater/solid Parmesan cheese chunk
- 1 bag of large balloons
- Christmas Italian cookies

Chocolate Lovers Basket

- 1 chocolate basket
- Decorative shredded paper
- Homemade chocolate/peanut butter balls (recipe follows)
- Homemade Hot cocoa Mix (recipe follows)
- Homemade Mocha cappuccino (recipe follows)
- Strawberries dipped in chocolate (recipe follows)
- Cocoa Mugs

Italian Butter Ball Cookies

- 2 cups flour
- ½ cup confectionery (10x) sugar
- 2-3 tsp. of one choice: Almond or Vanilla
- 2 sticks of butter NOT margarine, softened
- 1 cup of choice: almonds or walnuts
- Mix all well. Roll dough into walnut size balls.
- Roll each into 10x sugar. Bake 350 for approx. 5 minutes. Balls should only be only lightly brown on bottoms.

Chocolate Baskets

- 1 bag semi-sweet chocolate chips
- Blow up balloon to desired size
- Melt chips, one handful at time, in a small bowl in microwave (approx. 30 seconds)
- Be careful not to over heat or get water in chocolate, or else chocolate will seize.
- Pour melted chips over balloon in whimsical pattern of nest. Once cool, break balloon, peel balloon pieces off, and now you have your chocolate basket!

Chocolate Dipped Strawberries

- 1 quart strawberries
- 1 pkg. chocolate chips
- Cupcake or large candy wrappers
- Wash all strawberries and dry completely with paper towel.
- If there is any water left, chocolate will seize.
- Melt chips in microwave in small bowl.
- Dip berry ends until covered and then place in cupcake wrappers.

Chocolate Peanut Butter Balls

- 1 pkg. of semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 pound bag of 10x sugar
- 2 cups Peanut butter
- 5 Tbsp. butter or margarine
- Mix 10x sugar with peanut butter, and butter.
- Roll into small hazelnut size balls.
- Put aside
- Melt chips on low heat on stove or in microwave
- Drop balls, one at time, then let cool on wax or aluminum foil paper.

Mocha cappuccino

- ½ cup instant coffee
- ½ cup sugar
- ¾ cup powdered milk
- 2 - 3 Tablespoons of cocoa powder
- Mix well in blender.
- Pour into Christmas tin or Christmas bag.

Hot Cocoa Mix

- 2 cups Powdered Milk
- ¾ cup sugar
- ½ cup cocoa powder
- ½ cup non dairy powder
- 1 tsp salt
- Mix well together, place in sealed Christmas tin or Christmas bag.
- Label: 3-4 heaping teaspoons per one cup of hot water.

After each basket is complete, cover with either colored plastic wrap or colored cellophane. Add a ribbon and you're work is done!

Sports Editor's Note: Kudos Anyone?

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I think back to this weekend's unbelievable events, which will leave indelible images in the minds of many people at

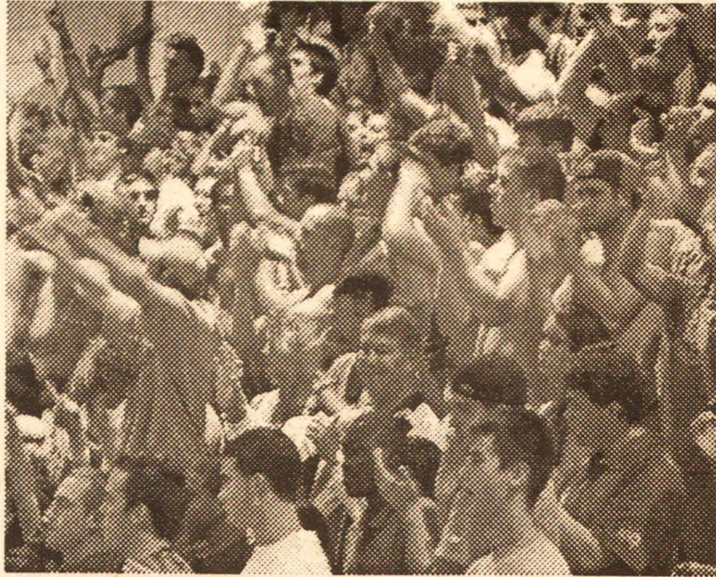
Barry University, I have to pass out kudos to many people.

First of all, the team deserved this championship more than anything in the world. Only Dave Nichols and his players know how hard his team worked to attain this goal. Not only were there hours of practice in season, but during the spring months, Melissa Lehman, for example, would spend hours upon hours practicing her jump serve. I am truly proud of this team, and I feel privileged to have been a part of this season.

Praise should also go to Barry's Department of Athletics for putting together this event. One look at the championship manual and it's dizzying

how much work actually goes into an event like this. The department put as much work into the event before this past week as they did during the event. The reward is a national championship.

Last but not least, the fans deserve as much credit as anybody, and nobody will deny that. All 1,935 that come to see volleyball on Saturday night played an instrumental part in the championship. In particular, the section of fans that I am calling the Miami Shores Maniacs were so boisterous, I don't think they know just how intimidating they were to the opposing teams. Players would often times look into the crowd and stare in amazement. Some players would even respond to the crowd, not realizing that the fans had gotten into their heads.



The Miami Shores Maniacs—Fans made up the biggest turnout in Barry history. Photo by: Raechel Bush

With all of that being said, I think Dave Nichols said it best when he said that all teams should get a chance to be a part of something like that. Keep up the school spirit, Buc fans. Just because volleyball is over does not mean that your work is complete.

Lupton Explains Lynn Fiasco

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It was an electric night on October 8th. A pretty sizable crowd at Buccaneer Field was witnessing a very entertaining soccer match. The Buccaneers were facing the Lynn University Fighting Knights, their arch rival. What Waterloo was to Napoleon, Lynn has been to the Bucs in recent years. The referees let a lot of clutching and grabbing go in the early going of the match, and one could see that, unless the officials took a firm hold of the match, emotions would escalate.

With a little more than 10 minutes left to go in the match, the Fighting Knights led 2-1. It was then that Ricardo Raposo scored a game-tying goal which featured a choreographed celebration by a group of Buccaneers in front of the Lynn bench. Fans of both teams were vocal at this point, obviously for completely different reasons. Mike Lupton, who assisted on Raposo's goal, capped the scoring with 2:58 left in the match and gave Barry the lead for good, a 3-2 lead. The Bucs' celebration, which included Lupton being mobbed by his teammates, seemed like mere bedlam, but in hindsight, was nothing compared to how the game ended.

As the game wound down, the Barry crowd got louder. The Buccaneers gained final possession and the team celebration began for the Bucs had just defeated the defending NCAA Division II Champions.

What followed afterwards is, upon review, subject to interpretation.

Instead of merely going to his bench quietly, Lupton, as he puts it, barely went over the midfield line to the Lynn

side and made a gesture that some believe was inappropriate. Some say it was comparable to Terrell Owens' celebration as a San Francisco 49er when he celebrated on the Dallas Cowboys' famed star at midfield at Texas Stadium in 2000.

"The clock wound down and I was just filled with emotion. I just stepped over half and, with my arms in the air, I was just like, 'Yeah, we did it,' you know? It was a comeback," Lupton said. "There was no [inappropriate] gesture, I didn't swear, I didn't flip anybody off. There was nothing out of place that shouldn't have happened."

After the gesture, whether it was inappropriate or not, some of Lynn's players then blind-sided Lupton, jumping on him and throwing punches. Barry's coach, Steve McCrath, came in and pulled Lupton out of the pile. Both the Barry crowd and the Lynn crowd were enticed and some Bucs fans jumped onto the field but were quickly escorted off. Both teams became entangled in a melee which included Lynn's head coach Shaun Pendleton, who could not be reached for comment.

The Fighting Knights are a team with a reputation of playing dirty, so it should come as no surprise that Lupton, whose opinions most likely represent the views of his teammates, says that Lynn is the school with a history of malicious taunting.

"I've been here for 4 years and playing there has definitely gotten a lot worse. I mean, they put up posters of us saying 'Go Back to Canada,'" says Lupton, who hails from British Columbia, the westernmost province of Canada.

"They've made gestures and stuff like that and nothing's ever been said."

For the incident, Lupton received a 2-game suspension from the Sunshine State Conference and was required to write a letter of apology to the SSC Commissioner's Office.

"For me to get sucker-punched and I didn't even do anything, I didn't even punch anyone or anything like that, it just sucked to get a two-game suspension."

If he were presented with the same circumstances, knowing what he knows now about the brawl and the suspension, would Mike Lupton have celebrated the same way he did, inappropriate or not?

"Yes. I wouldn't change a thing, after everything they've done to us. They talk about class. I have class. This is a rivalry, [these things] come with the sport," Lupton declared. "Yeah, I could have celebrated with my guys, but where I was when the game ended, I was over by their area, for us to win it was like 'In your face, all the stuff that you did to me, that's just what you get.'"

Was this a case of overzealousness gone overboard, or was this simply a spillover of a lot of emotion between heated rivals? It is hard to say, but one thing is sure; Buccaneer Field had not seen a soccer match that entertaining in years; it is just a shame that the match was marred by the brawl.



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Women's Rowing More Than Experienced This Year

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Boat to boat, oar to oar, and the sky's reflection on the water. Among a great many things, this is what a rower sees at the start of a regatta. Some rowers, though, are so focused on the task at hand that all of those little details may as well not be there. As Jayme Peck, a junior on the Barry University Women's Rowing team says, "Before a regatta, you're trying to listen to your coxswain, instead of your breathing."

During the 2003-2004 rowing season, the Buccaneers displayed a lot of focus as they competed in prestigious regattas such as the Head of the Charles and the Head of the Chattahoochee in the fall, then ripped through the Sunshine State Conference in the spring, culminating in a bid to the NCAA Division II Championships at Cal State Sacramento as the South Region representative. Barry lost the 8+ petite final of the National Regatta to Nova Southeastern University by .3 of a second.

"It was great to be there," says head coach Paul Mokha, a graduate of Temple University, "but the performance there is not what we want-

ed. I think [the team] realized that once you're there, it's a whole other level. The honeymoon of being invited is over immediately when you start competing."

The loss left a bitter taste in the mouths of the rowers, but the fact that they got a taste, bitter or sweet, left the team hungry for more.

"They said, before we left the [championship] site, that they were going to come back [to Nationals] this season," Mokha affirms.

"We had girls here working out together three extra times a week over the summer," says Peck, who is from Cleveland, TN.

Some teams, however, have a hangover from the season before when there is such a devastating loss like the one these rowers had in Sacramento. Senior Natalie Williams, from Drexel Hill, PA, says that the team is determined to not let that happen. While building on what they achieved last year, Williams states that "we basically need to not focus on the past too much. It's a clean slate now."

Coach Mokha acknowledges that his team's biggest asset is its experience. Not only has that experience come from the team's run last year,



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but some of the rowers came in with previous experience.

"We've got Europeans that have been competing in Europe for years, we've got rowers who have been rowing six, seven years, and mixed in with that, we've had people move up through our novice program."

Mokha also cited team chemistry as a strength of his team. According to him, "that's probably more important than anything else."

The coach does acknowledge that a lack of depth is probably his team's

biggest weakness. "Every one is important to the team. If we have any illnesses or injuries, it's definitely going to affect the performance of the team."

Paul Mokha is now in his seventh season as the Barry head coach after coaching the University of Miami women's varsity team from 1994-1997. The team's home races are held at Shane Watersports Center on Indian Creek in Miami Beach.

Bucs Win National Championship

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very quick and we were not used to the high intensity quality of performance."

The match was a chess match between both coaches, move against counter-move. One team would strategically use a timeout, make a run, and then the other coach would do the same thing.

Despite Truman's best efforts, the Bucs took games two and three which set the stage for a game four to be remembered.

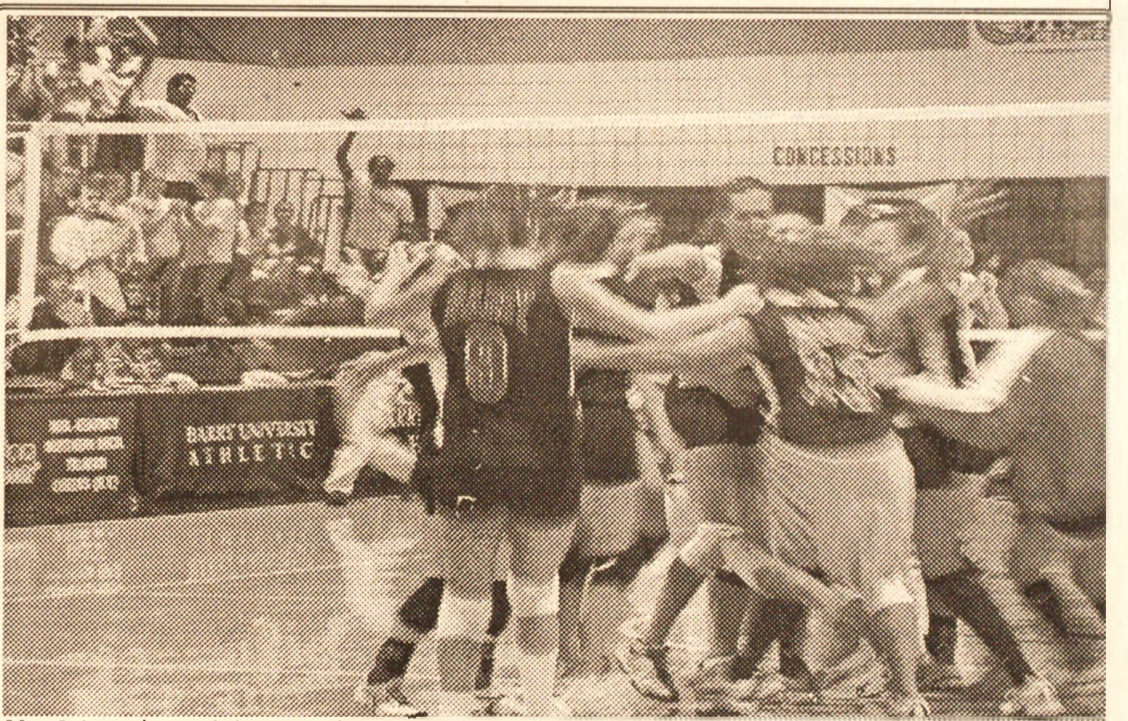
The Bulldogs grabbed the momentum early on and jumped out to a 17-11 lead. At this point, it seemed to be the HSC's fate that it would see a game five. Barry, however, exploded with a 16-5 run. In the final stages of game four, Nichols thought senior middle hitter Sarah Alexander, who finished with 10 kills and a .333 attack percentage had "played out of her mind," getting Barry closer to Championship Point. After Truman's Tiffany Graham registered a kill, Annie Nickolai served with Barry leading 28-24. Barry's junior middle hitter Kelly Dantas then received a nice set from junior First-Team All-American setter Michele Rosamiglia and Dantas put the Bucs up 29-24. With Championship Point, senior opposite hitter Samanta Tucillo served the ball.

After the ball crossed over the net a few times, Dantas engaged two Bulldogs at the net, tipped the ball off of one of them and watched the ball hit the floor. What ensued was utter bedlam as the crowd erupted and the Buccaneers mobbed each other on the floor.

Alexander, who played a small role in that 2001 National Championship as a freshman said, "To come in and get one and leave and get one is awesome. You couldn't ask for anything more."

After taking down the net, there was a ceremony on the court with both teams facing each other on the end lines. The huge crowd gave a stirring salute to the Truman Bulldogs who received the silver-plated National Runner-Up plaque. When Barry received their gold-plated National Championship trophy, the crowd erupted and Nichols and his squad responded with a rousing homage to the home fans.

"Every time we got a streak going, I felt that the crowd added one point to that. Absolutely, [the crowd's presence] was huge, and it



Yes!-Let the celebration begin! Photo By: Raechel Bush

brought out the best in the players," Nichols said.

For Barry University, it is their sixth national championship and third for women's volleyball. Barry is the only school in the Sunshine State Conference to have won a national title for women's volleyball. Now, only seven of a possible 23 Volleyball Elite Eight hosts have won it all. Barry was the last school to do it in 1995 and they have done it again in 2004. They join Portland State as the only schools to have hosted and won an Elite Eight multiple times (Portland did it in 1984,

1985, and 1992.)

With five key seniors graduating, next year is bound to be a rebuilding year for Dave Nichols and his Buccaneers, but one thing that next year's team will carry with them is the team-record 33-match winning streak which began after the team lost on August 27th to UC San Diego.

No matter what happens to the 2005 Bucs, the campus of Barry University will never forget the 2004 Buccaneers, National Champions of Division II Volleyball.



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