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Newspapers

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In a recent lecture, Susie Babka spoke to the audience about the importance of finding faith, hope, and God when such horrid events, like the tsunami of December 24, 2004 occur.

Babka, a graduate of both Notre Dame and Duke University in theological studies, estimates that over 226,000 people have perished from the disaster. There is now even more poverty than before the incident because the houses and crops were wiped clean by the mighty force of the ocean. Who can forget about the parents forced to choose between which of their children to save in the rush of the moment? All of these astonishing facts seem too much to bear in light of what happened.

Babka spoke of one of the most influential theologians of the twentieth century, Karl Rahner. When thinking about all of the innocent human beings that were killed in catastrophic events such as the September 11 attacks and the tsunami, one may have a hard time accepting God back into his or her life. How can someone who is sup-



The Cor Jesu Chapel-Barry University's place of worship.
Photo by: Joshua Tremper

posed to be so good and all powerful let this happen? Babka shared some of Rahner's wisdom saying there is no death that has not been God's death. When a father suffers the loss of losing a child, that father must also remember that God lost his son too.

Many people do not realize that loss of habitat also contributed to the deaths of the wave, not just Mother Nature alone. Man's destruction of mangroves, which are natural barriers, and coral reefs led to the greater damage. Not many people know this

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New Residence Hall Construction Underway

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Barry University's long-term vision for more on-campus housing is closer than ever to becoming a reality. Construction for the new undergraduate housing which is directly behind Kolasa Hall began around September of 2004. Although there is no set completion date, students can look forward to it opening in the fall.

The new building is part of a 4-

hall continuing plan the university has had in the works to add more available on-campus housing. The new hall will hold 173 undergraduate students, and will have the same layout as Kolasa.

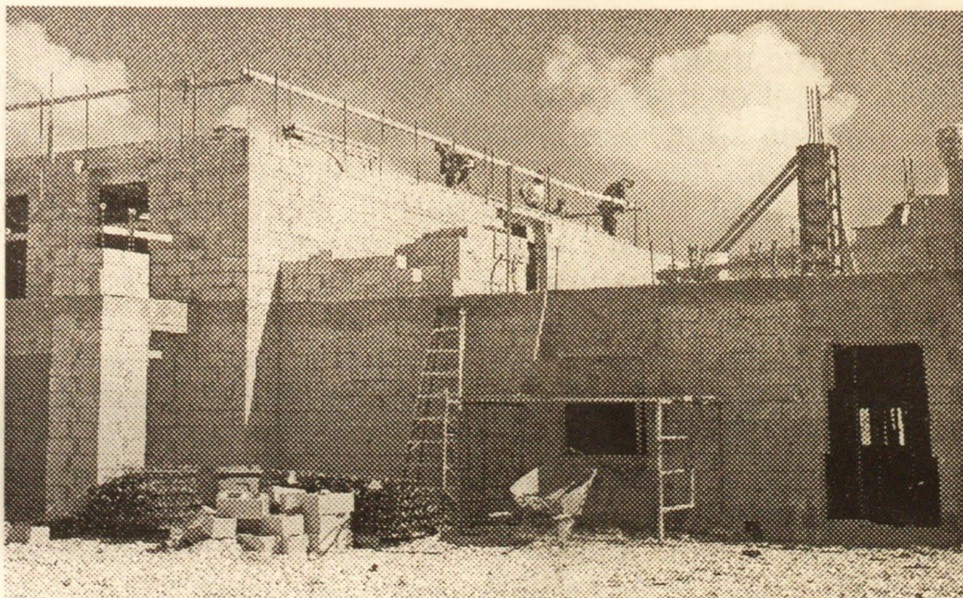
Taking the new building into consideration, students who wish to choose what hall they would like to stay in, need to remember that the lottery is coming up from March 30-31. Packets will be distributed to resident students that will include times and lottery rules.

After a student signs for the packet, they need to remember to go into the Residence Life Office and pick up a lottery number.

Patrick Devine, Assistant Director of Residence Life said, "No one else can pick up another student's number," as he recalled how other students in the past have tried to bypass the rules. When a number has been picked, the student will still have the responsibility of checking in for the room within the guidelines.

Devine candidly said, "If a student doesn't show up, there is a possibility they might not get a room," but added that one of the few exceptions is made for athletes that can have someone else check-in them for them.

Chances for a room in the new hall will be given as in any other hall, via the lottery with first dibs to Seniors, then Juniors and so on. The name for the new hall has not been chosen yet, but it will more than likely be named after one of the bigger philanthropists of the university. Students wishing to find out more information about the lottery can either go to Residence life located on the third floor of the Landon Building, or check the 2004-2005



New Residence Hall Under Construction-Located just behind John and Neta Kolasa Hall is Barry's newest residence hall. It is expected to open this fall. Photo By: Debbie Scheel-Scott

Letter from the Editor

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In past letters I voiced to the community that the *Barry Buccaneer* is in need of help—hoping to recruit more regular staff members. Well needless to say, the response has been terrific. I just wanted to open my first letter of the semester with a genuine thank you. To those of you who stepped up and got involved with the paper. To those of you who show up to our bi-weekly meetings (Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:00 o'clock). To those of you who make it your business to regularly pick up assignments. To those of you who continue put forth such an amazing amount of energy toward the improvement of the *Buccaneer*. You know who you are. Thank you so much. Without you, there wouldn't be a student newspaper. And

because of you, there is new hope on the horizon for the *Buccaneer*. Now on to the issue...

In a new section starting on page 3 you'll find, *Meeting Barry's Clubs and Organizations*, where you can read a little about some of the clubs and organizations here at Barry. *The Buccaneer* would like to keep this as a regular section. We feel it is beneficial for the clubs to get some extra visibility as well as for prospective club members as they may not have time to research each campus club. This issue features Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Phi, The Jamaican Association, and Habitat for Humanity. Any clubs or organizations who would like to be featured in this section of the paper should email us at buccaneer@mail.barry.edu or stop by the office in Landon 202-J. All are welcome to participate.

One of our goals here at the *Buccaneer* is to create dialogue amongst students—it is so beneficial to hear other peoples perspectives—especially in a community as diverse as ours. There are so many issues that effect all of us. We urge students to bring any questions, concerns, or opinions that may arise to the newspaper. There's a good chance we can help—just by putting

the word out. In the opinion piece *The Shuttle Experience* on page 8, one student voices some of her concerns about the shuttle service here on campus. Her purpose for writing it wasn't to criticize, it was to raise some concerns and to promote a change for the better. The student newspaper provides all students a vehicle where their voices will be heard. Now the only question is, will you speak up? We can only hope you will.

February is Black History Month. There is so much to think about when it comes to Black History. It is a time when we remember and pay homage to the famous Americans of African decent who have made the many contributions to the history of this nation and to all of humankind. It is also a time that we, as a multicultural society of people, must remember the precious dream of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., and do our parts in turning his dream into an absolute reality. Even amidst the great adversity that he faced during his time here on earth, Luther held on tight to his faith in God. He had no doubt that his heavenly Father was going to make a way and justice would prevail sooner or later. If he were alive today he would probably say that

although we have made great strides toward equality, there is still much more that remains to be done. It is so important that we all do our parts to help eradicate racism and hate—for the sake of humanity and all that is good. For the sake of our future. So that one day, people "will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." Because that is all that really matters—who we are on the inside.

In the article, *Talib Kweli's Music Stays True to Itself* on page 13, one writer shares her take on Talib's music and personal introspect. Kweli is just one member of the Hip hop community who pushes nothing but positive messages. He, along with other artists such as Mos Def and KRS-one use their music to raise social awareness amongst today's youth. No one can deny that the Hip hop musical movement is a phenomenon and it is yet another huge contribution that Americans of African decent have made to all of our history. It is attracting people of all ages, race, gender, and class. It is transcending culture. It is bringing people together like never before. It is a beautiful thing. To me, anything that can bring so many different people together on one common ground can only lead to a better day.



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Corrections & Clarifications

CORRECTION

In the article, *New Offices Open in Landon: Student Services Better Serve Students*, on page 8 of the December 2004 issue, career counselor Melissa Orshan was mis-quoted in the first paragraph, in the last column, the last sentence. Apologies.

The Buccaneer would like our readers to know that we never intentionally print false information. We take accuracy very seriously. Please let us know of any future corrections that must be made. Call or email us directly with any complaints that you may have.

Meeting Barry University's Clubs and Organizations

Alpha Phi

What is your organization?

The organization I belong to is Alpha Phi. We are an International women's fraternity established at Syracuse University in 1872. We are the Theta Omega Chapter, chartered here at Barry in 1996.

What is your mission this upcoming year?

Our mission for this year is to become better than our best.

What are your plans for activities this upcoming year?

In the upcoming year we plan to participate in many campus sponsored events, attend a Southeast Regional Conference in Virginia, have a beach BBQ with Tau Kappa Epsilon, our international brother fraternity, and many other fun activities!

What are your plans for volunteer work this upcoming year?

This year we are going to continue our tradition of helping with Homecoming and we plan to also host a Mass as well as raise money for our Philanthropy, the Alpha Phi Foundation, which funds programs that provide leadership and educational opportunities, encourage and recognize superior scholarship, and support women's cardiac health.

Who is your target audience at Barry?

Bright, young, undergraduate women looking to enhance their college experience.

What goals must you accomplish before the close of the Spring semester?

By the close of the Spring semester we would like to have at least doubled our chapter size, and continue to improve our

Will there be much change (election of board members, roster, etc...) within your organization this year or will it be stable?

Our executive board changes only in November when we have elections and our roster is always changing because of our continuous open recruitment and frequent initiation of new members.

How would you like to see your organization improve this year?

I would like to see our chapter more visible on campus. And also I would like to see the chapter reach a campus ceiling, which is to have the most members allowed in an NPC group on our campus.

What are you most proud of within your organization this year?

I am most proud of the women in Alpha Phi here at Barry. Our chapter is strong, responsible, intelligent, and dedicated. We have done many volunteer hours together and apart both on and off campus and always strive for a high ideal of womanhood.

Alpha Gamma Delta

What is your organization?

Alpha Gamma Delta International Women's Fraternity

What is your mission this upcoming year?

Our organization looks to extend our circle of sisterhood to the wonderful women that attend this university. Our other goals are to maintain the highest academic ranking of Greek chapters, increase campus visibility, better the relationship between the University and Greek Life, contribute a significant amount of money to our philanthropy, sponsor social events, and support other organizations.

What are your plans for activities this upcoming year?

We have many events planned for the upcoming year for our organization, alumni, and for the campus community. These include a Mocktail Party Fundraiser and Alcohol Awareness program, Karaoke Night, Valentine's Day Fundraiser, Advisor Appreciation Dinner, Dinner with the Barry Dominican Sisters, Greek Week activities, and our International Reunion Day.

What are your plans for volunteer work this upcoming year?

All fundraising activities that we hold benefit our national philanthropic project, the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, Inc. This is a non-profit organization separate from the fraternity that provides grants for diabetes research, education, and summer camps for children. In addition to our philanthropy, we participate in community service projects locally. The events planned for spring include a children's book drive, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk, the Miami AIDS Walk, and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Our chapter will be delivering the books that we collect, as well as bookmarks that we made, to children at a local shelter. We also have members that participate in campus projects such as the Festival of Nations.

Who is your target audience at Barry?

Our target audience is all undergraduate women who are ready to enter a sisterhood that will last a lifetime. Our organization recruits new members throughout the year. We look for women who will live up to the values stated in the Alpha Gamma Delta Purpose which focuses on scholarship, friendship, leadership, community service, and personal development. There are a few obligations that come with membership in a Greek Life that is comparable to a professional organization. There is a minimum GPA requirement of 2.3 and above to be eligible. Beyond that, the individual will make a commitment to the chapter with her time and money as well as her heart. It is through the commitment of the heart that the strength of sisterhood will benefit the individual for the rest of their life.

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Clubs Continued...

Jamaican Association

What is your organization?

The Barry University's Jamaican Association, (popularly known on Campus as JA), is an organization made up of first and second-generation Jamaican Students, as well as other students who wish to gain a greater understanding of the Jamaican Culture and its people. The association provides an avenue through which the Jamaican culture and issues are distributed unto the university's campus. JA creates a space for members to relax and enjoy themselves in the true West Indian spirit of food, music and collective exploration of the Jamaican culture. Through cultural, educational and social activities we seek to foster awareness about the Caribbean here at Barry University and its surrounding Miami areas.

What is your mission this upcoming year?

Our mission for the upcoming year is promote the Jamaican Culture to the Barry University community and the surrounding Miami Shores areas. We also hope to work closely with other organizations on campus, as well as, other offices, such as the Inter-cultural Center (ICC) and the office of Multicultural Affairs.

What are your plans for activities this upcoming year?

We plan to have our bi-annual fundraisers, which include Caribbean theme parties, jerk chicken sales, and bracelet sales. We also plan to attend the Bi-Annual Florida Caribbean Schools Association Conference (FCSA). We also plan to take part in on campus activities such as Homecoming, Festival of Nations, and the spring dance concert.

What are your plans for volunteer work this upcoming year?

We plan to Volunteer at the Bob Marley Festival 2005: to pack canned goods for the less fortunate. We also plan to work with a Boys and Girls Club in the Miami area. We are also currently working on trying to get a group of students to go to Jamaica to do some volunteer work on our 2004 - 2005 Project, which is the Kitson Town All-age School in St. Catherine, Jamaica.

Who is your target audience at Barry?

Our target audience is anyone interested in learning about the Jamaican Culture.

What goals must you accomplish before the close of the Spring semester?

One of our major goals for the spring Semester is to raise at least \$1000 for our ongoing project, improving the learning environment of Kitson Town All-age school in Jamaica. We also started a Dennis Barry Book Fund in the memory of our late advisor Dennis Barry. The organization gives \$200 to one member of the Jamaican Association to aid in the purchasing of books for the semester. We hope to achieve these goals through many fundraisers and generous donations towards our cause.

Will there be much change (election of board members, roster, etc...) within your organization this year or will it be stable?

We just got a new advisor, Mrs. Damaris Vasquez, Director of Inter-Cultural Center.

There will be a change in the executive board for this coming Year, with many of the executive members moving on to their senior year and others will be graduating. Every semester our number of members increase and we are looking forward to having new members for the spring semester.

How would you like to see your organization improve this year?

As we strive to make our organization a vibrant and dynamic one on campus, I would like see more participation and support of other organization events. I would like to see the members taking part in the various events that are put on by other organizations and offices on campus.

What are you most proud of within your organization this year?

We are proud of the growing number of members that we have. We are proud of the active participation and enthusiasm of the current members. We are proud of our successful JA Dance Team, but most of all we are proud of the support that we get from the Barry University community.

Habitat for Humanity

What is your organization?

Habitat for Humanity

What is your mission this upcoming year?

Promote awareness on the issues of homelessness and substandard housing.

What are your plans for activities this upcoming year?

As usual, we will hold a number of building trips. Also, we will be holding an on campus event.

What are your plans for volunteer work this upcoming year?

Building trips are our primary source of volunteer work.

Who is your target audience at Barry?

Anyone and everyone interested in helping out.

What goals must you accomplish before the close of the Spring semester?

To bring up the number of active members within the chapter.

Will there be much change (election of board members, roster, etc...) within your organization this year or will it be stable?

Our organization is stable, and luckily seems to constantly be growing.

How would you like to see your organization improve this year?

An increase in active members will allow us to get more of the campus involved and hold more activities.

What are you most proud of within your organization this year?

Individuals and organizations on campus always seem to be interested in participating in our effort to help bring an end to poverty housing. We are always proud to facilitate that.

From the Desk of... The Dean of Students

By Dr. Ken Rockswold
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Risk Management Tips for Student Organizations

In today's litigious society, the leaders of student organizations must be cognizant of safety and loss prevention practices when their members engage in activities that could be considered risky. Because all groups are vulnerable to being sued, it is of paramount importance that they minimize or eliminate potential hazards. The selection of a course of action that results in the control or minimization of accidents, injury, loss or death is known as *risk management*.

All student leaders should consider themselves "risk managers." This means that they are responsible for demonstrating to their groups a strong commitment to safety and accident prevention through compliance with rules and regulations. A *standard of care* philosophy—which is a legally recognized duty or obligation that requires conformity to the highest standards of safety and conduct—should prevail. It is your duty to ensure that potential hazards or dangerous situations are avoided. As the foreseeable risk increases, so does the standard of care. For example, an organization that uses dangerous weapons such as guns in its activities is held to a higher standard of care than those which don't.

Failure to exercise a proper standard of care could result in accident or injury and the possibility of you or your organization being declared *negligent*. Student

leaders should be responsible for steering clear of unreasonable risks that could result in damage or harm to others. When confronted with a potentially dangerous situation, you should ask yourself, "What course of action would a reasonable, thinking person take?" Remember, it is unlikely that anyone else will.

The specific responsibilities of a risk manager are outlined as follows:

- 1) Know potential areas of risk. Audit your organization to determine areas of potential liability and risk. Some major considerations include: alcohol, firearms or weapons, drugs, equipment, property damages, transportation, hazing, fire hazards, harassment, and overnight or extended trips.
- 2) Develop a risk management policy. Create a policy that reflects the standard of care philosophy and clearly states that risk management takes precedence over expediency or shortcuts. The policy should: emphasize safety of members, employees, guests, or operations; outline specific risk management practices; and require compliance with all rules and regulations.
- 3) Inspect facilities. Inspect University or other facilities in order to identify hazards that could be potentially dangerous to participants, spectators or guests. Also, ensure that the location allows access for emergency medical support vehicles. Some potential areas of risk include: poor playing field conditions, inadequate or inaccessible exits, poor lighting, faulty electrical



wiring, and inoperable smoke detectors.

- 4) Develop an emergency plan. Emergencies such as accidents that cause fatal or severe injuries, fires, explosions, damage from storms and floods, or damage resulting from malicious mischief may require putting into effect an emergency procedure. An emergency plan should be practical and simple, made known to all members, and tailored to fit the organization. It should also: detail procedures for immediate action in the event of an emergency, outline responsibilities and course of action, identify trained personnel who will carry out responsibilities, list police and fire department phone numbers, describe methods of first aid treatment and identify means of transportation to medical care facilities, as well as meet the special needs of persons with disabilities.

5) Report injuries. Injuries should be reported to the proper authorities, offices and individuals. Also, a determination of the cause of an accident or injury should be made in order to prevent future mishaps. In case of accident or injury, you should notify the following: Public Safety, Student Health,

parent(s)/guardian(s), law enforcement officials (if it is a crime), insurance carrier, and national organization or headquarters (if applicable).

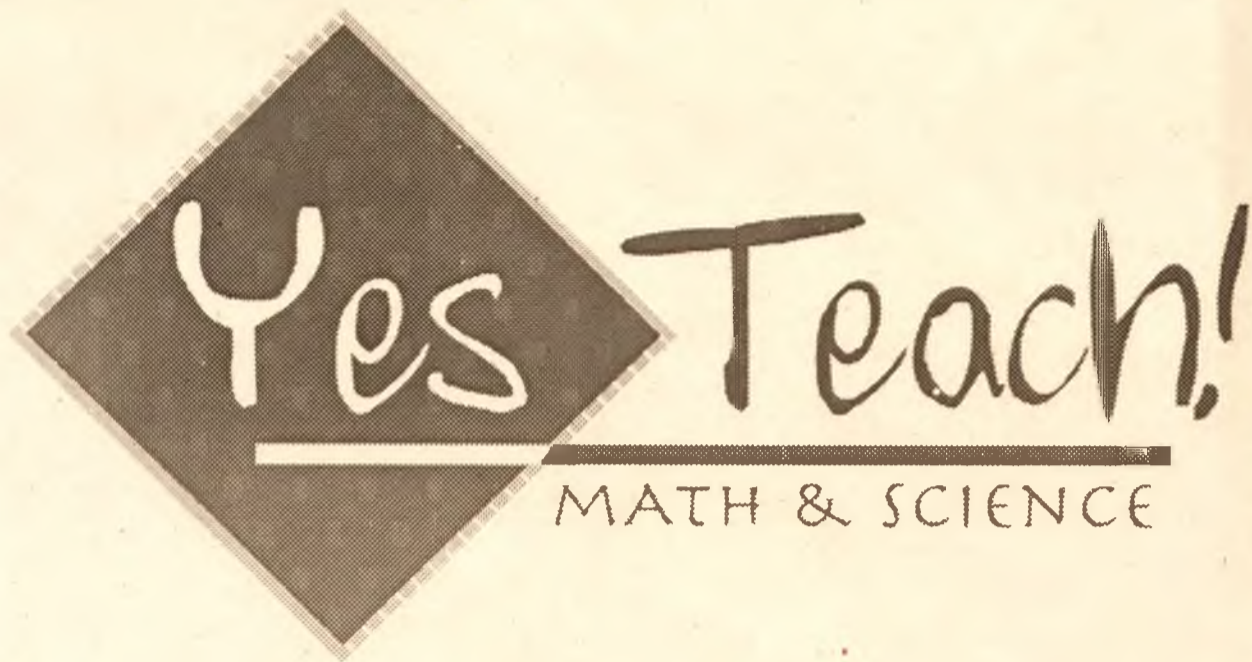
6) Consider insurance. Assess personal liability to determine how vulnerable you are to a lawsuit. Consult with various resources including the Dean of Students office, Student Activities, local lawyers, faculty advisors and alumni. Also, check out the possibility of using liability waivers as a means of protection. Possible types of insurance include: liability, travel, property, aircraft, vandalism, automobile, theft, and lastly, watercraft.

7) Use Common Sense! Effective risk management is characterized by common sense and concern for the well-being of others. In the pursuit of enjoyable activities, safety should always be the priority.

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More a Risk Than You May Think

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It's happening everywhere. Your home, work, and even on our campus. Many of the users aren't even aware they are addicted. The drug of choice: Caffeine.

Approximately 80 percent of Americans consume caffeine in one form or another without a second thought about the ramifications. This widely accepted, legal substance, is also known as Trimethylxanthine and can cause havoc to almost every system in the body.

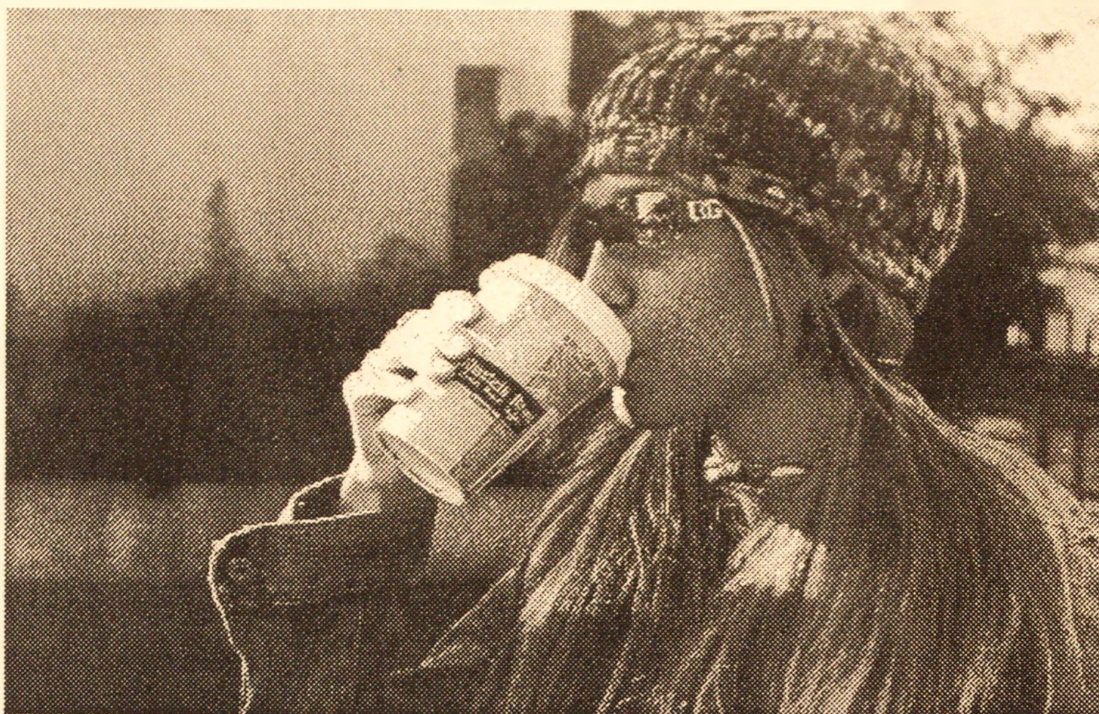
According to the National Institute of Health and The American Heart Association, caffeine changes the metabolism, raises blood pressure, increases heart rates, decreases bone density from natural calcium loss, effects the kidneys, and much more. What makes matters worse is when someone tries to stop consuming caffeine, a person can become physically and psychologically ill.

Once a person begins to consume it on a regular basis, they will tend to find themselves in a pattern where if they skip their daily "dose", they could find themselves with a headache, feeling lethargic, and even feeling depressed.

When these withdrawal effects happen, a person reaches for a little Java or chocolate to soothe them, unaware they are replacing one caffeine supplement for another.

These supplements are not only found in beverages, chocolate, mints/gum, but even in soaps, lotions, shower gels and hot sauce! The average cup of brewed coffee usually contains between 40-180 mg. And some shower gels contain a 200 mg. dose of caffeine per shower.

So why would anyone want to consume or use anything that can cause more



Coffee Lover-One Student Takes a Sip of Her Coffee in front of Thompson Hall.
Photo By: Socrates Morilla

problems than benefits? One reason could be the many fallacies associated with caffeine usage, such as it helping test performance. Students often use it to cram for exams. Although it does help keep a person more "alert" while studying, when morning comes without a decent amount of rest, that lack of sleep will inhibit memory.

A second popular fallacy is that a cup of coffee can help "sober" a person up. Although it can have a variable effect on a person depending on age, size, and even weight, no matter how much caffeine is administered to a person under the influence, it will not negate the alcohol in their system.

Another popular misconception about caffeine is that it helps with weight loss. Studies have shown, it does have properties of an appetite suppressant and diuretic, but it wears off so quickly that weight loss is only seen from water loss and not from actual body fat

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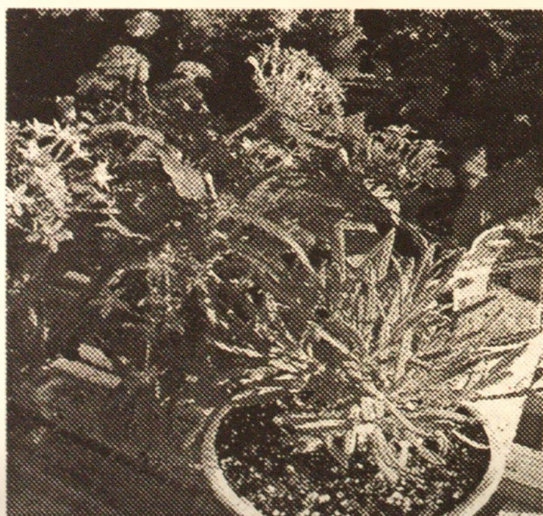
After needing to consume more than 4 liters of soda a day to avoid withdrawal, recent graduate, Mark Morrow said, "I think the seriousness of caffeine as a drug should be reevaluated." Morrow had started consuming larger amounts of caffeine in his twenties, but now feels it has gotten out of control. People like Morrow, now need to "feed" their habit or suffer the consequences. These consequences have been serious enough for doctors to recognize the debilitating effects of withdrawal.

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It Makes "Scents" to Use Aromatherapy

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With tense days and sleepless nights, it sometimes helps to turn to Aromatherapy for a healthy mind, body and spirit.



A Botanical Garden-Do you know all the benefits of aromatherapy?
Photo By: Elise M. Colon

Besides combatting illness, it also helps promote good health. Aromatherapy captivates essential oils

from various plants and promotes well being through scented candles, potpourri, incense, or any other aromatic venues. If you've always wondered what your favorite scents attributes were, look no further. Here is list of scents and their healthful qualities:

- Lavender**- known to promote relaxation and elevate mood.
- Peppermint**- helps with headaches, and boosts immune system.
- Lemon/Citrus**- invigorating yet with calming effects.
- Clary Sage**- calming, promotes balance and is used as a natural pain killer.
- Chamomile**- helps with anxiety, sleeplessness.
- Rosemary**- invigorating.
- Vanilla**- offers warming with aphrodisiac properties.
- Basal**- soothing yet energizing.
- Passion flower**- unlike its name, it has a calming effect.
- Anise Seed**- has been said to remove the human scent, helps with muscle aches,

- and bronchitis.
- Nutmeg**- stimulating and energizing.
- Jasmine**- uplifting, relaxing, and known for its sensual aphrodisiac properties.
- Atlas Cedarwood**- helps promote clear nasal passages.
- Amber**- promotes harmony, balance, and calming.

For more interesting aromatherapy information go to: National Association for Holistic Aromatherapy (www.naha.org) or write to them at: 3327 W. Indian Trail Road PMB 144 Spokane, WA 99208

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South Florida Surf Report

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Ahhhh, the simple joys of the beach. Not just any beach, a beach in Florida. People living up north and inland can only dream about a nice, sunny, warm Florida beach. We, however, get to make dreams a reality because we are just miles away from some of the best beaches that America has to offer. So as you and your friends jam out to a CD of your favorite beach mix, take a good look around and remind yourself that you are in the sunny, the beautiful, the one and only: South Florida.

When we think of South Florida, we think of the beach and the sun, but rarely do we hear about surfing. So does this mean that there's no good surfing here?

What many Barry students do not know is that there *is* some great surf in the Sunshine State, you just have to know when and where to find it.

If you are looking for local surfing spots to go sometime in between classes, I would recommend going to the Harbor House in Bal Harbor on Collins Avenue. There is a rock jetty that extends into the ocean which creates good breaks for surfing. Plus, it only takes around fifteen minutes to get there from Barry. Although there is a fifty cent toll each way, it is well worth it. Meter parking is available, so stock up on quarters. On windy days the water tends to get pretty choppy, but nevertheless, the surf is still decent.

More advanced surfers with more time to spare should travel up to Deerfield which is about forty minutes away. There are piers that separate the surfers and the body boarders. This separation creates a safety zone to block overcrowding and to protect those who get in the way of

the wave and the surfer.

Sebastian's Inlet is about two and a half hours away from Barry. This would make a good weekend trip to venture to because the surf is usually very good and roadtrippin' is always fun. In fact, some of the best surfers in the world, like the legendary Kelly Slater, surf there. Two weekends ago there was a surfing competition held there with professional surfers riding awesome Florida waves.

The waves are better the more north you travel. On a windy day, one can usually tell that the ocean is going to be roaring. However, you should always go surfing with a buddy, because the windier the day, the feistier the rip current will be.

Daily swimming in the Barry pool will help a weak swimmer become a stronger swimmer who will be ready to paddle out into the mighty ocean. Paddling is perhaps one of the hardest things to do when it comes to surfing. In order to catch a wave, one must paddle out behind it on his/her board in order to catch it. When a wave is forming, it is necessary to paddle like crazy and then once riding it, do a push up and try to stand up with legs bent. This creates a balance so weight is evenly distributed. Of course, one must watch out for others in the water and should jump off the board if there is any interference. The main idea is to have fun while being safe.



Photo By : Caitlin Granfield

Whoever says size does not matter is wrong. When shopping for surfboards, there are long boards and there are short boards. When the waves are big it is easier to maneuver on a short board since they are lighter in weight and shorter in stature. One can also advance in more tricks on a short board, like doing 180's or 360's. Twists and turns are also easier to do when using a short board. If you are in need for speed, a short board is the board for you. When the waves are light, long boards are far better to use than short boards. Coasting is an all time favorite for long boarders alike. The typical long board is more buoyant in water, which makes it easier to sit on when waiting for the perfect wave and for standing on your board for a longer time. If you are into extreme coasting and are a beginner at surfing, then a long board is for you.

I am proud to introduce people who have never surfed before but

want to learn, less experienced surfers, and advanced surfers to the Barry Surf Club. As vice-president of this new club on campus which will start this spring, this club is for anyone who is interested in surfing. So if you do not have a board, ask Santa for one over Christmas break or just save your money so you can purchase one at Ron Jon Surf Shop at Sawgrass Mills or Island Water Sports in Deerfield. If you decide to become a member, we will take weekend trips to Bal Harbor, Deerfield, Sebastian's Inlet, and Melbourne. To get the local surf report call (305) 949-SURF. You can also go to www.surflife.com to get some of the hottest surfing tips and to view a live web-cam of the ocean.

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What goals must you accomplish before the close of the Spring semester?

Our chapter must donate a minimum of \$50 to our philanthropy, (which we have already done), effectively train new chapter officers, submit volunteer service hours, and complete all annual reports. We also need to recruit 15 women this semester to share Alpha Gam sisterhood.

Will there be much change (election of board members, roster, etc...) within your organization this year or will it be stable?

The elections for this year will occur this January and the length of office is for a full year. Any open positions will be filled by appointment from the Executive Council.

How would you like to see your organization improve this year?

I would like to see my chapter and Greek life grow to become a major influence on the University. The major improvement I would like to see is for every member to fully live up to the commitment that each of us made to Alpha Gamma Delta. This means financially, academically, and personally. We are close to the ideal, but there is always room for improvement.

What are you most proud of within your organization this year?

I am proud that our chapter has consistently maintained a high overall GPA. We have a recognition program Strive for Pi (3.14 GPA) for individuals and chapters. At our International Convention in July, our chapter received this recognition for the past triennium. In addition, we celebrated our organizations' 100th year with a Centennial Ball which was a great success. We were proud to have a picture of our chapter featured in the Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly in the fall. Closer to home, our chapter opened a website that is linked to the student webpage. I am proud of the strong, intelligent, and dedicated women that are in my organization. All across the country we are working towards the same purpose: to inspire the woman, and impact the world.

Are You Willing to Trade Comfort for Safety?

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As assured as Angel Ramirez, a flight attendant for JetBlue Airways may feel about flight safety, there are still ways, under human influence, to cause a crash. "After job training, all the fears of flying are calmed," said, Ramirez confidently. "I can't be afraid of being on a plane because the only problems we've ever experienced are turbulence and no one has ever crashed due to turbulence."

JetBlue has survived the curse of bankruptcy that many airlines faced after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, by keeping fares low to insure customer satisfaction with quick and convenient service. They make certain that each passenger gets aboard as quickly as possible so no one is forced to feel the discomfort of delay. But what does delay mean?

Delay may mean annoying time spent in stiff airport terminal chairs, but to others it may signify the amount of precaution the airline is taking before departure. Precautionary measures such as rigorous searches of the baggage that will be stored under the plane, multiple passenger identification check points, meticulous testing of aircraft equipment, and the staff.

According to Ramirez, before each flight takes off, the staff makes certain that the internal equipment is functioning properly and supplies are well stocked. Yet, equipment like the engines, rutter, and wings are only checked once a day,

before the planes initial departure.

Depending on the route of each JetBlue Airbus A320 aircraft, a single plane can make up to four trips per day. The luggage that is only checked randomly is stored in close proximity to the engines within the cargo hold.

While this may shy some from attempting any kind of secret explosive device, it is not a real deterrent when there is only a fifty percent chance of being caught.

In the hope to speed along the boarding process, JetBlue has done away with its final identification point. Currently, passengers must show valid identification when picking up their boarding passes upon entry of the airport and at security, where carry-on items and people themselves are scanned to insure no one is concealing any weapons.

While this may quiet most passengers' fears, some may notice that this is where security seems to stop. Upon entry to the aircraft, a passenger simply shows their boarding pass. During the walk of several hundred feet between security and plane, anyone could change boarding passes to secretly board a plane, under a false identity.



Airport Security- Travelers trudge through security checkpoint lines. *Photo By: Joshua Tremper*

Tommy Carbone, a passenger on a routine flight from Ft. Lauderdale into New York, grumbled as he dragged his belongings through security and towards his departing flight. "If a terrorist was going to choose to take down a plane, I'm sure it could happen," said Carbone. "This small amount of checking may be a little more convenient, but it isn't much of a help."

While Ramirez may be correct that turbulence has never caused an accident, he may not be wise to assume he is totally safe on a JetBlue aircraft. In today's world of war and hatred, over zealous pilots with scantily crafted products, may be wiser to assume that instead of attempting to insure customer convenience, JetBlue should attempt to continually maintain their customers' safety and well being.

The Shuttle Experience

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With the new semester beginning, many had believed the shuttle service would have worked out its few kinks from the prior semester. One of the main issues surrounding the shuttle is: inconsistency. Students don't know when or how to figure what the "real" rules are for catching its service. It seems that with each new driver, comes their own separate rules.

Not only do students need to know the approximate time the shuttle comes and goes, but the work schedule of each driver. That way, we can figure whether or not, when you're walking on the street, you will be picked up, or when you pull in the parking lot, the whole bus will wait on you.

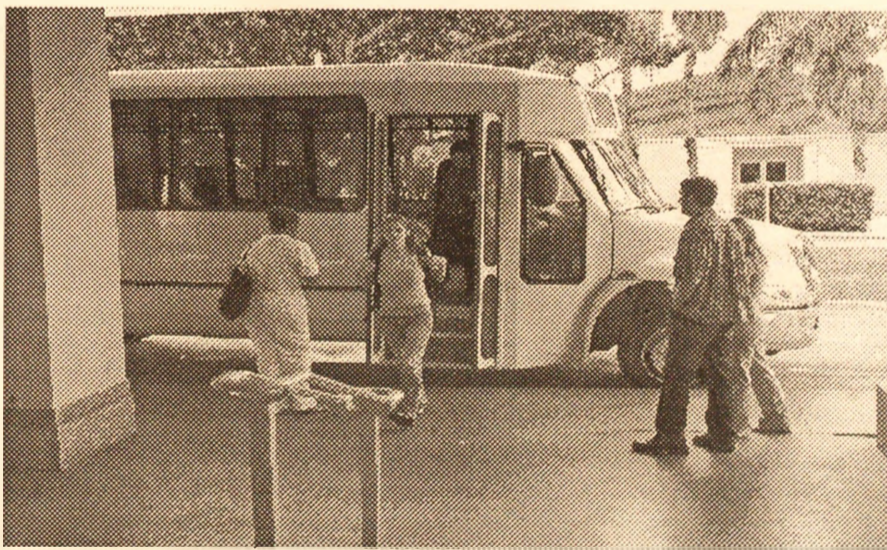
How about those times when a certain driver decides that after he lets students on the van, he strolls to the back for a lunch break? I can understand when the bathroom calls, but how about those 20 minute waits? Even better, how about when the van just left the campus with very few passengers late in the day, and does not return for 15-20 minutes? Upon its return, there is only a handful on board. What's up with this lag time? Are they waiting for students to pull in the lot or what?

I know I am not alone in feeling this way. People have told me more stories about their shuttle experiences than I can write about. Just in the past week, a passenger told me about how a van driver fell asleep at one of the stops and how Barry security has been clocking the times at both shuttle lot and campus.

Don't get me wrong; I am grateful there is a shuttle. However, if we as students are to learn to follow rules and directions so we can learn to work in the "real" world, so should employees. There should be no inconsistencies.

If you pull in on time to the lot, you get on the shuttle (providing there is space). If you pull in and it's just about to pull away, why should other students have to wait for anyone that couldn't bother to manage their time better?

Has anyone experienced the drivers pulling out (making a left) and not yield-



Taking the Shuttle- Students get off the shuttle as others wait to board. *Photo By: Elise M. Colon*

ing the right a way to cars already on the road? I have seen an array of ticked off strangers waving their fists and what appears to be cussing when this happens. Will we make it to campus in one piece?

I do understand that traffic and other problems can arise that can make a person late. I also recognize that probably many of the stragglers are grateful to be waited upon. But why should their problem be transferred to the rest of us?

Some would say we should be patient with everyone. But when the same people continue to "run late" or when we piss off the next driver on the road, what will everyone eventually feel?

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fact or choose to accept that it as truth.

Concluding her inspiring presentation, Babka said, "I wouldn't be able to sleep at night knowing that God is not in every abused child, in every beggar on the street, and in

every parent who loses a loved one."

Every time we feed the homeless, adopt a child, or do any kind of goodwill, we bring Christ back to life. So when talking about the justification about who God really is in the midst of tragedy, we must remember that everything happens for a reason, *everything*.

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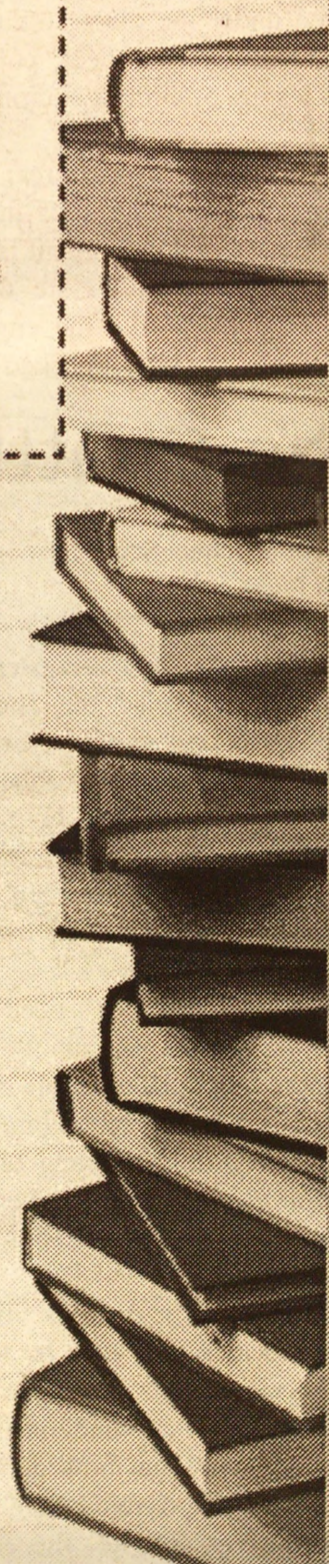
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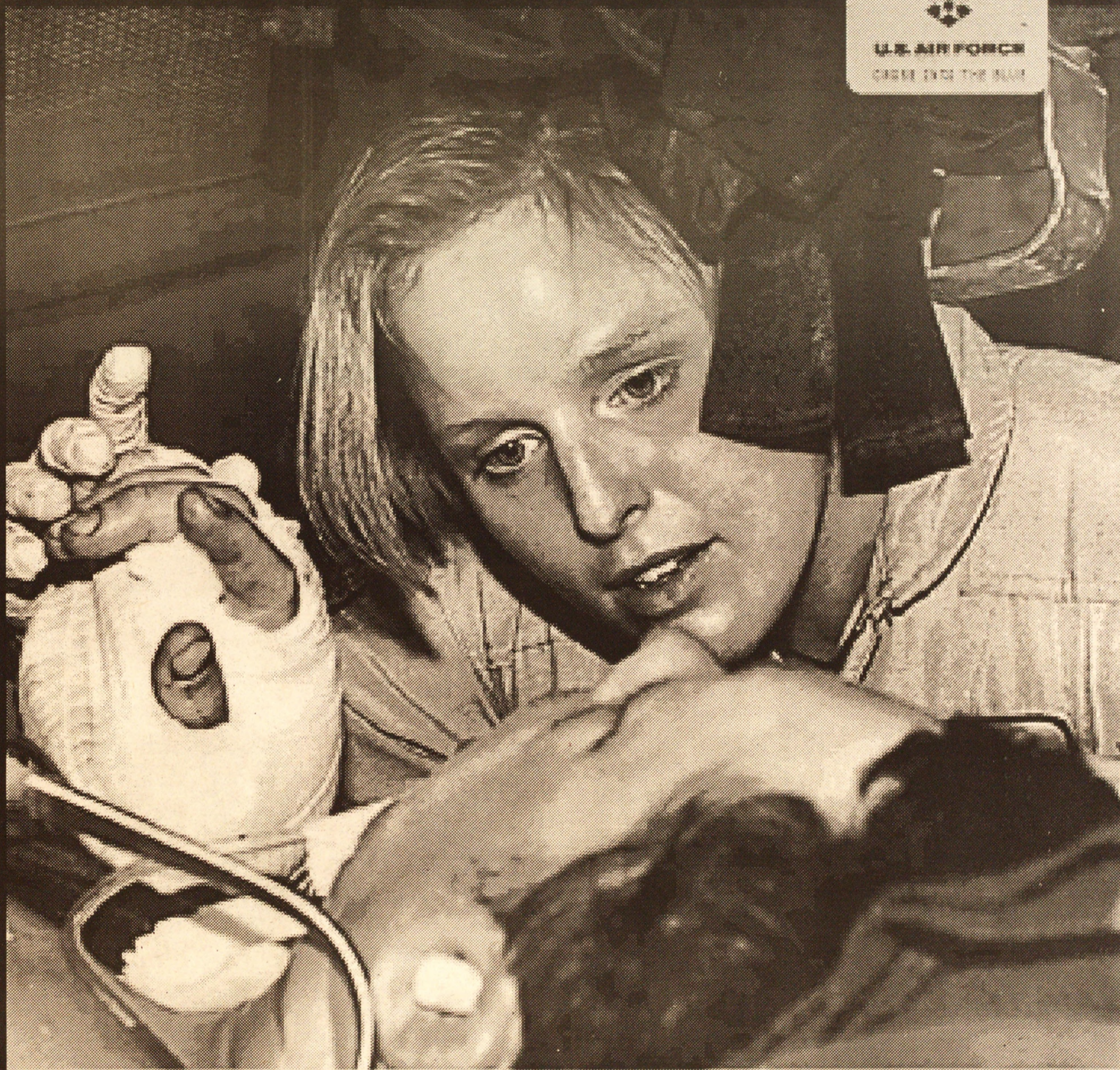
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Talib Kweli's Music Stays True to Itself

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Hip-Hop has taken a turn for the more introspective since a MC named Talib Kweli has broken out into the scene. Considering that the Arabic translation of Talib Kweli means student of truth, it seems obvious that his cerebral and socially relevant approach to MCing was written in the stars. Kweli first began to write rhymes in junior high for his friends and later in high school met Dante Smith, who has now gained notoriety in the hip-hop world as Mos Def. The two boys started hanging out in Washington Square Park in downtown Manhattan, where aspiring MCs from all five boroughs of NYC would meet to battle each other. Then, in 1994, on a trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, Kweli met Tony DJ Hi-Tek Cottrell, who, at the time, was the producer for a local hip-hop group named Mood. Impressed by Kweli's rhyme style, Hi-Tek tapped him to appear on several tracks on Mood's 1997 album, *Doom*. That same year, Kweli and Hi-Tek

released *Fortified Live* as a single on Rawkus under the name Reflection Eternal. The track, which appears on the first volume of the Soundbombing compilation series, became an instant underground classic that immediately established the duo as an up-and-coming force to be reckoned with. The following year, Kweli teamed up with Mos Def to record and release *Mos Def and Talib Kweli Are: Black Star*. The disc was widely hailed as one of 1998's finest albums. At a time when mainstream hip-hop was dominated and stifled by self-indulgent, materialistic boasts about money, cars, jewelry, loose women and clothes, *Black Star* offered more socially conscious, self-aware lyrics that pumped life back into the 90's despairingly hollow hip-hop, seemingly ushering in a new decade of music. Talib Kweli is not just all about words; he proved that later in 1998 when he put his thought provoking lyrics into action. When Brooklyn's oldest black-owned bookstore, Nkiru Books, was in financial trouble, he and Mos Def purchased it and eventually converted it into the Nkiru

Center for Education & Culture, a non-profit organization promoting literacy and multicultural awareness for people of color.

Talib Kweli may not be a new name for some, considering his extensive work with big name producers and artists, but these past years have brought him mainstream recognition unlike ever before. You may have seen him as a guest on the Dave Chappelle Show, where he performed "Just to Get By," from his album *Quality*, released in 2002. "Just to Get By," is a song inspired by the struggles of overcoming social standards and the strength it takes to pull out of streets and into a realized dream. If you've heard his music then it's apparent that lyrics aren't the only thing he's mastered; his beats speak loudly for themselves when masterfully mixed with female harmony and his brassy, strong voice. Talib Kweli's music stays true to itself in his newly released album, *The Beautiful Struggle* which hit record stores September 28, 2004.

Crazy Fingers Providing Free Live Music

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For those Barry students who feel deprived of live music here in Miami and haven't been fortunate enough to find any, your search may be over. If you've heard of a band called the Grateful Dead, then you'll appreciate what *Crazy Fingers* is doing.

Crazy Fingers is a band that has been bringing *Phish* and *Grateful Dead* covers, as well as their own jam songs to the public since 1990. Currently, they play free of charge every Thursday night at The Fisherman's Wharf in Ft. Lauderdale. Although the Wharf is a lounge, it is a venue for all ages. Wharf goes don't just get a good view for their thirty minute drive; they also get an atmosphere unlike any other.

Crazy Fingers' fan base is just as diverse as their music and ranges from hardcore hippies to the conventional college student looking for some good music. This of course, does not mean that the band doesn't have their own die-hard fan base that has been with them since the beginning.

The band performed their first official show on Halloween Night, October 31, 1990. Bassist/songwriter Bubba Newton, and drummer/vocalist Peter Lavezzoli are the two remaining founding members.

The band developed a core following in South Florida as a tribute to the music of the Grateful Dead, playing weekly shows and expanding their repertoire.

In 1993, rhythm guitarist/keyboardist/vocalist Corey Dwyer, and lead guitarist/vocalist Rich Friedman joined the group and began to tour Florida, opening for national acts while composing original music.

By 1998, keyboardist Josh Foster joined full time to help *Crazy Fingers* release its first collection of original material on a CD entitled "C'mon and Dance" in the summer of 1999. All eight songs showcased the songwriting prowess of Bubba Newton and Corey Dwyer as well as the instrumental and vocal talents of the entire band.

Over the past years, the band has had the privilege of opening for headliners such as Ziggy Marley, The Band, and The Neville Brothers as well as take part in prestigious festivals such as SunFest and MagnoliaFest in Live Oak, Florida. Which brings *Crazy Fingers* to its present CD release titled "It's a Strange Life," that can be picked up on their website (www.crazyfingers.net) or at any of their shows.

Something must be said about the



The Crazy Fingers Band
Photo Provided By: crazyfingers.net

importance of seeing *Crazy Fingers* live. The band's music has a full, exciting quality that often doesn't translate as well through recorded material and could very easily be lost if the listener is unaware.

Crazy Fingers is an approachable, humble band that often takes requests during shows and even dances along with their listeners while playing. The atmosphere, the people that fill the Wharf and most importantly, their music, give Barry students who have found this hidden treasure, something to look forward to every Thursday night.

To get to the Wharf from school: Take I-95 North. Get off Atlantic Blvd. exit and go East to the beach. Turn left and look for the pier. You can't miss it!

Caffeine Controversy Continued

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The McKinley Health Center, in association with the University of Illinois, suggests the following: When deciding to stop caffeine usage, do not go cold turkey. Instead, make a diary of how much you

have been consuming and slowly consume a smaller dose per day. Try to replace caffeinated products with non-caffeinated ones. Stay active and quit smoking. Studies have shown a link between caffeine, smoking, and their interdependence. If the physiological and

psychological symptoms are overwhelming or go beyond a week in duration, contact a health professional.

To learn more about the effects of caffeine and use an easy caffeine calculator, go to: www.sleepfoundation.org.

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Movie Review: House of Flying Daggers

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House of Flying Daggers is the latest film by renowned Asian film director Zhang Yimou to grace the silver screen. Starring some of the hottest names in Asian cinema – Andy Lau (*Fulltime Killer*, *The Duel*), Zhang Ziyi (*Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*; *Hero*) and Takeshi Kaneshiro (*Chungking Express*, *Returner*).

This film has something for everyone with action, drama, romance and a number of surprising twists most film goers won't see coming. Set in the Tang dynasty, Lau and Takeshi portray police deputies Leo and Jin, who are sent to investigate a blind dancer named

Mei (Zhang) who is suspected to be involved in the House of Flying Daggers, a secret organization plotting against the Chinese government. Leo and Jin arrest Mei, and in hopes to gain information from the blind dancer, Leo sends Jin on a false rescue mission that turns into something far more complicated than any of the characters could imagine.

House of Flying Daggers is vivid and gorgeous in every frame. The colors and music in the opening scenes at the Peony House, not to mention Zhang Ziyi's mesmerizing dancing, are breathtaking and rich, truly transporting the viewer into a different world. Unlike Yimou's previous movie *Hero*, *House of Flying Daggers* has less wire-action and

fewer fight scenes in general, which would be a better sell to audiences turned off by the typical action of *wuxia* movies like *Hero* and *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* (directed by Ang Lee). Instead, the movie focuses on the story between the three main characters and the surprising ways in which they interconnect.

While *House of Flying Daggers* is beautiful and intriguing, at 119 minutes long, viewers may grow impatient at the drawn out visions of scenery, horseback riding and aerial shots of Jin and Mei together. The action is not non-stop as in the aforementioned *wuxia* movies, so those expecting another *Hero* may want to keep that in mind.

These movies are not meant to be

quick shots. Every frame and every word of the poetic dialog is meant to be taken in and enjoyed. These elements are just as important to the scope and heart of *House of Flying Daggers* as the fighting or love scenes that usually attract moviegoers in the first place. All of the actors give wonderful performances. Takeshi will surely bring out some laughs as the playboy Jin, Andy Lau is regal yet intimidating as police officer Leo, and Zhang Ziyi is captivating as the blind dancer Mei.

House of Flying Daggers is a Cannes Film Festival selection, Golden Globe nominee and one of Time Magazine's Best Movies of 2004. This movie is truly an experience and well worth seeing.

Movie Review: Meet the Fockers

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The sequel to *Meet The Parents*, Greg Focker (Ben Stiller) and his fiancée Pam (Terri Polo), get both sets of parents together for a pre-marriage approval from Pam's dad Jack (Robert DeNiro). Jack, retired from CIA and wife Dina (Blythe Danner), are the sedate, conservative parents who finally meet Greg's parents, an ex-lawyer, stay-at-home

father, Bernie (Dustin Hoffman) and sex therapist mom, Roz (Barbara Streisand). Added to the stress of the get-together in the Keys, the grandchild (Spencer and Bradley Pickren) of Jack and Dina is brought on the trip, where Grandpa Jack makes it his mission to nurture him into genius-ness. When the two family's belief systems start to clash, the fun begins.

From the opening credits, the

movie made almost everyone laugh. Unlike many sequels, this might be even better than the first. Hoffman plays the perfect idolizing, sensitive father who is passionate and loves life. Streisand is hysterical with her antics combined with Hoffman as her husband and the pair can almost remind the audience of someone they either have known or would like to know. DeNiro's stuffy complex and seriousness is what makes

him funny and when he uses his "circle of trust" talk, it is hard not to mimic him to real life family and friends. Between the animals and baby stealing the show, Stiller could still manage to yield some laughs throughout his plunders. This movie deserves five stars for a must see.

Movie Review: Kinsey

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For those who have tired of Cosmo's "Best Sex Tricks," the shocking escapades of HBO's "Sex and the City," or watching the grandmotherly Dr. Ruth explain the female orgasm, *Kinsey* can unsettle even the most seasoned viewer. This is a story about a man who made sex an acceptable (or more acceptable) topic for a living room discussion.

Directed by Bill Condon, the film follows the life of Dr. Alfred Kinsey, played by Liam Neeson, a man who escapes the rigid pressures of a conservative upbringing to become a zoologist at Harvard, only to become the first and most celebrated "sex doctor." Dr. Kinsey was inspired to help Americans bet-

ter understand sexuality after overcoming his own sexual confusions, while helping several Harvard students do the same. Prior to Kinsey's work, there were no statistical studies of sexuality in America and his research paved the way for the "sex sells" mantra of modern America.

If one goes to the "sexuality" aisle of the local Barnes & Noble, they will see nestled among novellas of erotica and "An Idiots Guide to Getting It On," the simple story of Kinsey, a man who merely wanted to be able to answer his students' questions. Although the film's plot has its fair share of scandal, it is the actual findings of Dr. Kinsey that will most likely continue to haunt the viewer, long after the walk from the theater to the parking lot. The published statistics on the frequency of extramarital affairs, bisexuality,

bestiality, and sexual deviations will shock even those who have memorized the Kama Sutra.

It is easy to understand why Kinsey's release of the books in the 1950s might be considered an original shock and awe campaign. Despite the suggestive subject matter, those who seek a "how-to" or raunchy ramp through sexuality gone awry should look elsewhere. Condon's main aim for the film is to portray the uphill battle Dr. Kinsey faced when attempting to complete his research and although the film is about sex, it is never "sexy."

Neeson presents the picture of a man who was able to take the utmost scientific approach to sex, separating himself from most of the emotional connections of intercourse. Mrs. Kinsey (Laura Linney) with fellow researcher Clyde (Peter

Sargaard) offer supporting roles, but it is the compelling performances of all three that maintain the driving force in the movie.

Linney, who portrays the perfect half to the Kinsey couple, is rumored to have gained over 30 pounds for the role. It is her character, a woman who is able to devotedly support her husband's taboo findings, yet maintain a keen sense of social grace and dignity, that wins audiences. Just under two hours long, it is advisable to pick up an extra large popcorn bucket at the concession stand, since the movie's lacks of a fast pace, makes for dull moments.

Sports Editor's Note: What's in a Name Anyway

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After Barry University hosted the NCAA Division II Volleyball National Championships this past December, a question was brought to my attention about the nickname of Barry's sports teams. The Elite Eight featured two teams, the Queens (NY) Lady Knights and the Lock Haven (PA) Lady Eagles, which had the word "Lady" in their nicknames. Someone asked me why Barry does not call its women's teams the Lady Bucs or Lady Buccaneers.

After talking to the Sports Information Office here, I found out that the reason why we don't classify our women's teams like that is because a Buccaneer is seen as a

gender neutral nickname. It makes sense not to separate men and women from this nickname because there are male buccaneers and female buccaneers, although we think of most bucs as being male. So, the signs that were up during the national tournament saying "Go Lady Bucs" were inaccurate.

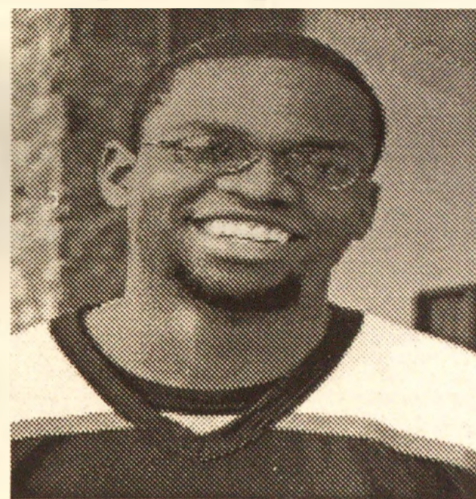
When you give it further thought, you begin to realize that for Lock Haven it's overkill. Eagles can be male or female, just ask Florida Gulf Coast University which refers to both its men's and women's teams as the Eagles.

As for the Queens Lady Knights, well, it's just a bit awkward-sounding, is it not? Okay, they got the gender thing right with knights in that you can't have a female knight, according to the old medieval structure of things (unless your name is

Joan of Arc). It's just that the whole name (Queens Knights or Queens Lady Knights) is just a whole conundrum in itself.

Speaking of tournaments, I will take this time, and space on this page, to remind everybody that Barry is hosting the Sunshine State Conference basketball tournaments (men's and women's) from March 2nd to the 6th. Both of Barry's teams have realistic chances of winning conference titles, but they could use the crowd support.

Most fans who witnessed the volleyball Elite Eight had fun and I would say that for basketball it would be no different. When you think back to the volleyball tournament, even if Barry wasn't quite so talented, there was no way they could lose with that kind of crowd



support. I would like to see that happen for basketball and I'm sure Barry's athletic department would echo those sentiments.

Depth Fuels Men's Basketball to Impressive Start

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After a 2003-2004 season which saw the emergence of Nick Ellingsworth-Perez as a leader and Ryan Saunders named to the Sunshine State Conference, Barry University men's basketball coach Cesar Odio knew that the key components were in place to field a competitive team. The only work left to be done for Odio was to fill out the roster with role players.

Eckerd College head coach Tom Ryan earlier this season said that this year's version of the Bucs is "the deepest team I've ever seen Cesar

have. They've got [a number of] role players that could start for most teams."

In particular, three newcomers have made huge contributions for the Bucs. Melvin Triche, Calix N'Diaye, and Amadou Fall are all transfers and have been vital cogs in the Bucs' machine this year.

Triche, a transfer from Palm-Beach Community College, has been a lethal weapon off the bench, providing Odio's team with athleticism and versatility. He has shown an ability to play multiple positions and has provided an offensive spark off the bench when needed.

If the NCAA presented a

Comeback Player of the Year Award, N'Diaye would be nominated for it, if he did not win it. After a season-ending injury in tryouts for the 03-04 season, N'Diaye is back for his last year of eligibility. Becoming a mainstay in the Buccaneers' lineup, Calix, a transfer from Wisconsin-Green Bay, has shown no ill-effects from the injury, leading the Bucs in playing time with 33 minutes per game. He is third on the team in points, averaging 11.6 points per game and is the team's second-leading rebounder with 6.1 boards per game.

Fall, who came over from PBCC with Triche, has become the Bucs'

big low-post presence. At 6-5, Fall plays taller than his frame would suggest, serving as the team's center. He has a 20-point game to his credit this season and, with the help of Odio, he has developed some slick low-post moves and, lately, has shown an ability to score points from the low-post when the situation calls for it.

With the Sunshine State Conference's hosting rotation falling into the hands of Barry this season, coach Odio's squad is in a promising position to win its first SSC Championship in team history.

Women's Basketball Improves With Newcomers

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Whether on the point, through the key, or on the outside, the Barry University women's basketball team is sinking buckets.

The Bucs have been running the court throughout Florida for the last month and they are not too shabby. Their 10-7 record (as of January 25th) is showing the Sunshine State Conference that Barry is a contender.

Getting their first look at college basketball is Ratisha Rumph, Taisha Combs, Kelli Welch, and Amanda Mageean. Rumph and Mageean have seen considerable amounts of game time for freshmen and are showing they can play the defensive side of the ball. Combs and Welch are showing promise and will most likely see more time in the future.

Coach Nicci Hays-Fort and the gang started off the season 5-1. This included a 111 to 27 victory over Puerto Rico-Cayey. The domination

did slow down as time went on. They would lose 6 of their next 11 games. The Bucs sit only 2 games behind for the conference lead with an overall conference record of 3 and 3. They experienced three tough losses from games decided by six points or fewer.

The problems for the team have, by no means, been the defense. They have never allowed more than 70 points in a game this season. The team is known for its defensive style of play. This season, living up to past expectations has been a success. It is a matter of dropping the shots to win the ball games.

Drake University transfer Nicole Denmon is trying to change that. Her 231 points leads the team along with averaging nearly 14 points a game. She has led the team in scoring in nine events this year. In recent games, Karla Mast, a sophomore guard, has also shown she can shoot the ball. She has tallied 70 points in the last 3 games. Each were all-conference games against

Rollins, Florida Tech, and Florida Southern. On January 15th, she recorded her first triple double. At the end of the game she scored 24 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists. She also leads the team in blocks.

Alana Wirth has owned the ball when it falls off the rim. She leads the team in rebounds, closely followed by Mast. Yashica Nesbit did lead the team with steals, but she has departed from the team due to personal reasons. Luckily, though, the Bucs acquired another guard from the University of Miami, Sandra Jansson. She is a witty player with plenty of potential and could prove to be a vital piece of Barry's puzzle in the future.

The ladies have 11 more games until the Sunshine State Conference Tournament. The Health and Sports Center's attendance for the women's games have been far lower than many of their opponents. The team could use a helping hand as well as a few screaming mouths.

Attendance has not exceeded 140 people this season.

The Bucs are on pace to improve last year's 14-14 record. A tough schedule lies ahead but these women are confident. The remaining 11 games are all conference games and are critical to Barry's seeding in the tournament.



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