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Morgan Spurlock, the Oscar nominated filmmaker, wanted to quit on his ninth day into the *Super Size Me* project. He had already eaten everything on the McDonalds menu and his body had begun to feel the effects. Prior to the project, Spurlock's former lifestyle included home cooked, vegan inspired food, and fairly rigorous exercise. Switching to a sedentary, sugary, and processed one caused degradation that, as displayed in the film, three doctors could not have predicted.

By now, most of America has seen Spurlock's nationally acclaimed film, *Super Size Me*. He did something no one had ever purposely done before. Spurlock went on a consecutive thirty day McDonalds binge, consuming the fast food for all three meals. After gaining over twenty pounds and turning his liver into one that is



Let's Get Physical-Morgan Spurlock, author of the recent documentary, *Super Size Me*, speaks in the Broad Auditorium on Wellness Day this year. Photo Provided By: University Relations

equivalent to a life-long alcoholics,' Spurlock made a documentary that could change the way society viewed the fast food industry.

According to the film, Spurlock began the Super Size Me project in response to a lawsuit against the

McDonalds Corporation in 2002. Two young women were blaming the golden arches for their obesity and health problems. Many

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## Fighting to End Modern Day Slavery

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Slavery is alive and well with 27 million slaves in the world today. This number is quite shocking, considering most people think slavery ended after the Civil War. It often takes the form of debt bondage, in which someone is trafficked into the country for a certain amount of money, and the cost of their travel is then repaid by work-

Incentives to live, work, or even go to school in the US, for instance, is great. Companies make it seem as if U.S. job opportunities are legitimate and employees will be making more money here than they could ever hope to within their own countries.

The working and living conditions are often poor, with little or no pay ever given to the tricked and trafficked slaves. Adding to the hopelessness, bonded people can rarely escape from their plight.

An example of how prevalent slavery is today, everyone of us touches an object that is somehow linked to slave labor daily. Whether it is your car, your clothing, a Persian rug in your families' home, or even those tomatoes on your Grilled Stuffed Burrito from Taco Bell, slave labor contributes to everything we need and consume in this country.

This information was presented to students on Wednesday, February 23 at Barry University's Second Annual Anti-Slavery Day seminar. The seminar was hosted by the Department of Sociology/Criminology, the Volunteer and Community Service Center, Multicultural Affairs, Pi Gamma Mu (the International Social Science Honor Society), and Campus Ministry. Three presenters brought to light the issues of slavery and the slave trade today.

Carol Chehade, writer, self-proclaimed "guerilla filmmaker," and abolitionist, presented one of her films on slavery in Mauritania, a northwestern African, Muslim country that still adheres to a strict caste

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Second Annual Anti-Slavery Forum--(left to right) Carol Chehade, Regina Bernadin, Suzanne Quinn panelists  
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# Letter from the Editor

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All of nature, which is a reflection of God's power and love inspires me so much. I especially feel this way around springtime. It is my favorite time of year—a time of rebirth and rejuvenation, a time of beauty and cheerfulness, a time of joy and reverence, and a time of celebration and yes—graduation.

It's hard to believe that there are only five weeks until that big day. Only five weeks until we graduates leave our student lives behind us and venture out into the real world. Only five weeks until we will see the proud, shining faces of those we love as we step down from that stage. As I sit here within the four walls of the *Buccaneer* office, looking out the window, I can't help but wonder just where I'll be next year

at this time. Will I be writing for a successful publication? Will I be running my own? It's hard to say for sure, but I do know one thing, wherever I am, I will always cherish the time I have spent here at Barry. I believe God is all over this campus—and that it is truly a special place to study. A place where positivity is nurtured. A place where goodness resides. A place that allows us to grow while reminding us of who God wants us to be.

Come May, many of us will be starting new chapters in our lives—some will start working and for others, it's on to graduate school. In the article, *Useful Tips on Going to Graduate School* on page 7, one of our writers shares some insight on the steps one must take to apply to and get accepted to graduate school. For those of you who are in the process of applying or still pondering the notion, it is definitely a worthwhile read.

In my last letter, I mentioned that we wanted to make, *Meeting Barry University's Clubs and Organizations* a regular section of the paper, and we still would like to do so. You won't find it in this issue because in its place we have a spe-

cial, one-time section called, *Student Government Elections Candidates: Look Who's Running*. Elections are coming up and we wanted you to be able to read a little about each of the candidates before you voted. For those Clubs and Organizations who weren't in the last issue and are interested in being spotlighted in the April issue we are still accepting submissions. Just email us at [buccaneer@mail.barry.edu](mailto:buccaneer@mail.barry.edu), and we'll send you the questionnaire.

I have to admit, when I heard that Morgan Spurlock, producer of the documentary, *Super Size Me* was coming to Barry for Wellness Day, I didn't believe it. I mean, I know we're a great school, but getting a star like Spurlock to show up to a campus event seemed like a long shot, especially when it was the day after the Grammy's. I couldn't have been more wrong. In, *A Wellness Day to Remember: Filmmaker Morgan Spurlock Visits Barry* on the cover page you will read about a phenomenal man who in 2004, single-handedly produced the groundbreaking documentary, *Super Size Me*, that exposed the fast food industry once and for all. Can you say powerful?

Speaking of powerful, check out the other cover story, *Fighting to End Modern Day Slavery*, written by one of our new writers. Prepare to be compelled to aid in the fight. It's an issue that whether we know it or not affects all of us in one way or another.

On a political note, in *A Look at What Bush's Proposed Budget Means to Students* on page 9, one writer dissects President Bush's proposed budget so we students can see where he plans to spend federal money, and can apply it to our lives.

This issue is packed with great articles, more than I have space to mention. There is certainly something for everyone. I hope you enjoy it as we have all worked so hard to make the *Buccaneer* a better student newspaper for you—the Barry community. I also encourage you to send us any tips on story ideas you may have, letters to the editor, and just general comments—let us know how we're doing. Till next...



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# Student Government Elections Candidates: Look Who's Running...

## Presidential Candidates



**Herold Geffrard**  
(Francisco Vasquez VP running mate)



**D. Ryan Saunders**  
(Michelle Sullivan VP running mate)



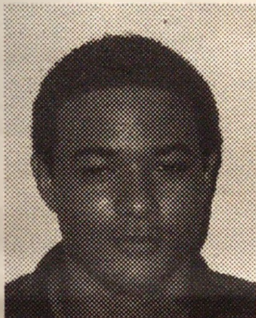
**Lorna Willie**  
(Cigi Fleissner VP running mate)

"Our mission is to work in close conjunction with all the schools and departments of the university to see that the positive changes can be implemented so that the undergraduate student body can feel that Barry is the place where you truly belong. We possess the leadership, diplomatic and interpersonal communication skills necessary to successfully secure your rights and effectively implement the changes that you desire."

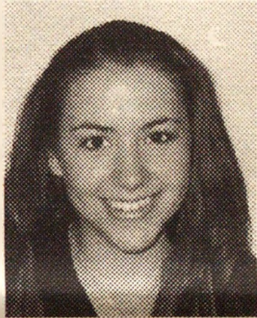
"I believe that SGA must serve as a governing body able to represent the rights of students in issues that affect our education. I am committed to continuing the plans of the current SGA administration of uniting the students and rebuilding SGA to be more of a student voice. One of the many issues I plan to address, if elected, is the funding for clubs and organizations."

"Serving as Vice President this past year has left me unfulfilled and yearning to do more for the students here at Barry. As your President, I will be the voice of the students not only to other students on campus, but also to the administration and staff. Instead of taking the back seat and waiting for others to "get around to getting it done" or "creating new committees," as the head representative student I will personally take the lead in promoting campus events that will bring students closer to the desired Barry experience."

## Vice Presidential Candidates



**Francisco Vasquez Jr.**  
(Herald Geffrard Pres. running mate)



**Michelle Sullivan**  
(D Ryan Saunders Pres. running mate)



**Cigi Fleissner**  
(Lorna Willie Pres. running mate)

"We will strive to improve the daily lives all Barry University Students. We feel that SGA should be governed with students in mind. We believe that SGA is the forum by which all students will have a voice; it should defend student's interests, ideals, and values. We need an SGA that works. We need an SGA that gets things done. We need an SGA that will position it self to be a positive influence in the school."

"My priorities are team work, excellence, and ethics. My main intention as a Vice Presidential Candidate for the Student Government Association is to help create a more powerful organization that can better serve as a voice for Barry students. Initially our focus will be to push for increased funds for campus organizations, and to increase opportunities for commuter students."

"As your Vice President I will try my best to be a dynamic and productive asset for SGA. I have learned the proceedings of the Assoc. and am knowledgeable of many of the VP job aspects. This experience combined with my drive for success and the betterment of the organization make me an excellent choice for this office. I plan to address such problems as resident and commuter parking availability, campus housing problems, and campus safety."

## Treasurer Candidates



**Claudette Baptiste**



**Lynda Nora Durand**



**Malie Moreau**

No statement Submitted.

"If elected Treasurer for SGA I will push for more funds to be allocated for the students, and ensure that the monies that are given for the Students is distributed in a way that will best suit the undergraduate population of Barry and their organizations. I know that there needs to be more funds for students and for the student organizations, so they can flourish and there can be more venues for the student to be represented and participate in. Being Treasure will allow me to push that the money given to the students is used in everyway for the students of the university."

"I have held many leadership positions at Barry including President of the SOC (currently), President of the BSU (currently), and President of Haitian Inter-Cultural Assoc. My personal goal has been to develop leaders for the greater community. I strive to become a role model so my peers can understand that whatever they take away from Barry University can use to improve the world. With my observations I have identified several issues that need to be addressed on our campus."

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**Secretary Candidates**



**Dominique Agri**

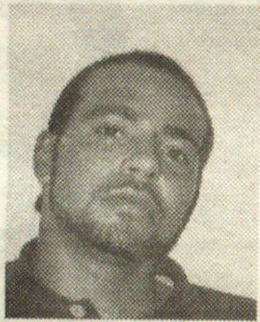
"As a current Senator, I believe that I have adequate experience to enter into an executive position. I feel that I have exemplary organization skills and if elected would continue to diligently work toward a stronger and more successful recycling program on campus. I would also like to continue working to bridge the gap between students and the administration and to address issues of campus safety and security."



**Millia Jimerson**

"I know what it takes to be in a position of leadership and have held the Secretary position at a previous university. I lead by example and am an excellent communicator which Improving the conditions of the residence halls and maintenance are two issues which I plan to address if elected to office. I will do everything in my power to make sure that your issues and concerns are heard and addressed."

**Senatorial Candidates**



**James Kelly**

"There are several issues I plan to resolve within the offices of residential life, financial services, and registration with additional reforms reflecting the concerns and recommendations of the student body. I will build relationships with university officials to close the gap in communication between students and staff and will work to create a system that allows students to voice their concerns. Loyalty, determination, self-motivation, and eagerness are qualities that I will bring to my role as your Senator."



**Joseph Dabdoub**

"The issues that I will address include the lack of student involvement in campus activities, theft on campus, and the identification of funding for grants and such. The SGA is the voice of the students and serves as the student governing body responsibility for representing students' interests and addressing students' need with the campus leadership. We must be back to involving more students in meetings and in resolving issues."



**Caroline Fisher**

"There are various issues facing the Barry University community, and though the efforts of SGA I anticipate we will be able to change them. I feel that I am highly qualified for the position of Senator because of my leadership skills and gregarious personality. I have been part of the Orientation Team and have volunteered over 500 hours helping people. I hope you will grant me the opportunity to serve and represent you. I will do my best to facilitate your needs as a spokeswoman for you the student body."



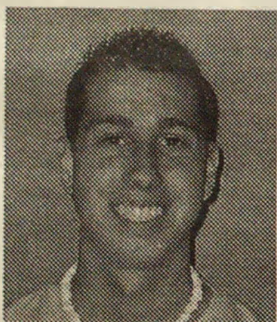
**CaSandra Vigue**

"I have been involved in major school activities like sports and I know the value of school spirit and team work. I am willing to work my hardest to reach out to my classmates whom I represent and I am running to get the student voice heard on campus. One of the main concerns that I have been hearing is getting the school spirit back on campus and I will work to address this issue if elected to serve as your Senator."



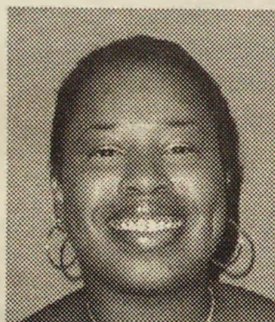
**Justin Herres**

"I have never really been interested in politics until I came to college and had the freedom to actually change things. I used to feed the homeless in my home town and continue my volunteer work here in Miami at Camillus House. I listen to people and the problems that one might have and are seeking resolution to and would very much like to represent the students by serving as your Senator."



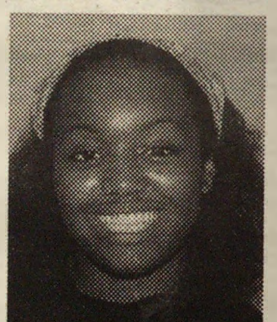
**Scott Bishop**

"I believe my experience with being a leader and talking with students to find out what their concerns about the university are will help me get the job done. The issues I am most concerned with are residential issues. As past president of RHA I will be able to pinpoint issues which the students are most concerned about and effectively work toward their resolution."



**Charisma Stratton**

"I have many years of experience in serving on school committees and I have acquired extensive leadership skills and social skills in the process. If elected, I intend to lead Barry University toward a safer and more enjoyable learning environment. I am dedicated to making Barry University a balance of excitement and academic success for everyone."



**Nichole Reid**

No Statement submitted



**Alexander Hannett**

"As a Senator of the SGA, I will strive for nothing short of excellence. I will bring the university faculty, staff, and students together to address issues of dining quality and hours, residential and commuter parking facilities, residence hall cleanliness, transportation to off-campus destinations, and campus activities on the weekends."



**Juan Mercado**

"I will make it my duty to ensure that all activities and on-campus events reflect the requests of the entire student body. I will also try to concentrate on more issues involving students that live on campus. As a residential student, I feel that there are not enough activities which reflect our needs. With the number of residential students increasing, the demand for weekend activities and events around campus also rise."



# A Closer Look at 'Barry's Beauties'

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It was a night no one will soon forget, although some may have wanted to afterwards. It was The 24<sup>th</sup> annual Barry Beauties Pageant, where guys dressed up as girls and competed for the first place prize of \$100, second place for \$70, and third place for \$50.

It was not long ago that Barry was an all girls' college. This show comically recalls the fact that this was once an all girls' school, where very elegant, debutant balls were held. Barry girls would have a chance to dance in their most beautiful gowns.

Nowadays, with a more modern atmosphere to enjoy, the pageant brings a little bit of the past into the present. Definitely a sight to see, the performance, "Dude Looks Like A Lady," might surprise some who would think this type of behavior at a Catholic university would not be allowed.

The nine contestants dressed up in their signature outfits and were introduced by the popular comedian who appeared on Comedy Central and BET, Dexter Angry. Angry as MC, interacted with contestants on the floor. Each competing had alias names, fitting their styles perfectly. The real names of the contestants and their alias' are as follows:

- Christopher Bueno AKA "Bubbles"
- Joseph Dabdoub AKA "Bertha Macfarlene"



**Barry's Beauties-** (from left to right) Chris Dabdoub, Chris Bueno, Joe Salas, Stephen Parre, Jeremy McCullough, Casey Fisher, Moises Rodriguez, Patrick Deacy, and Nick Bouthillette. **Photo by: Caitlin Granfield**

- Joe Salas AKA "Bobbie Joe"
- Stephen Pare AKA "Monalisa"
- Nick Bouthillette AKA "Vivica Burnados"
- Casey Fisher AKA "Nikki Slickbootie"
- Patrick Deacy AKA "Princess Roxy"
- Jeremy McCullough AKA "Amish a Mama"
- Moises Rodriguez AKA "Amaris"

These bold young men sung songs like "I Feel Pretty," "Barbie Girl," and Prince's "Bohemian Rhapsody." They also danced to these songs as well, while the laughter could hardly be contained. One of the performers, Nick Bouthillette, made a noteworthy performance dancing

to one of Jennifer Lopez' new hit songs. He shook his booty and danced on chairs.

The crowd sat wide-eyed with jaws open in amazement at how these "girls," looked. The majority of the guys in the audience did not know what to think, seeing their friends all dolled up like the girls they would normally date.

Besides singing and dancing, these Barry Beauties had to answer an array of random questions by Angry. "What animal would best describe you and why?" Dexter asked Dabdoub. Just asked to do his sexy vogue pose, Dabdoub answered,

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# Students Concerned That Books Are Too Expensive

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The Follett Higher Education Group owns a chain of bookstores serving campuses all around the United States and Canada, with more than 500 bookstores similar to the one found in Landon. The bookstore has a twenty-year contract with Barry University to use the campus facilities, stipulating a 25% markup from the publisher's price, and Barry profits a percentage over the books sold on campus.

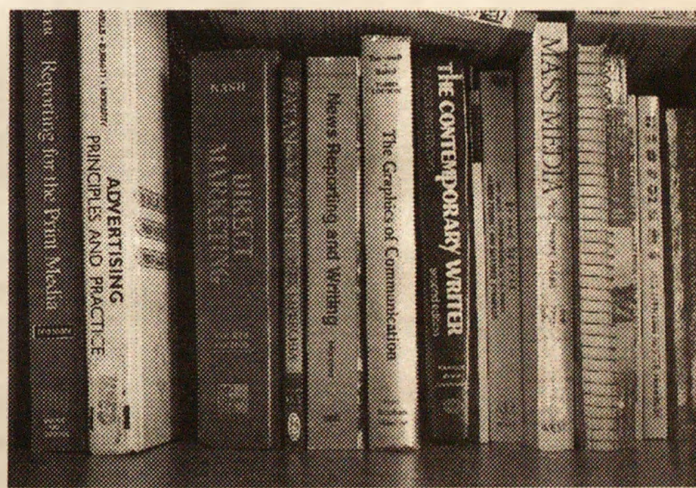
The trade of used textbooks can generate a huge profit. Last year the Follett profited \$45 million only with the trade of used textbooks. Students, however, don't get a fair share of this pie. In *Acumen*, the Follett newsletter, an article titled *Used Textbooks: Student Savings?* states that "Follett Higher Education Group's comprehensive used book programs last year saved students who bought and sold back used textbooks over \$300 million ... A student who both buys a book used and sells it back when it is readopted saves 63% over the new book price." Another article, *Used Books: Potential Saving*, shows the following table: "Average Retail Price - New: \$75.00 / Used: 56.25 / Buyback: \$28.13 - Net Cost (Bought as used and sold back) \$28.12 - Savings \$46.88 or 63%."

Students on Campus have a different math. Twenty students surveyed gave the

prices they received for their textbooks. Their statements were checked with the books for sale in the bookstore, which displayed a large disparity in the prices actually paid and the percentage shown in the newsletter. One student received \$25.00 for a chemistry book that issold in the bookstore for \$117.00 used, and \$156.00 new. Another student bought a used advertising book for \$97.00 and sold it back for \$12.00.

Many students in the survey openly showed their dissatisfaction with the bookstore. "I'd rather not sell my books because of the prices they give them," said one Podiatric student. Another student said, "The bookstore rips off poor college students!"

Another student tried to sell a used textbook, *Manual of Style*, to the bookstore. The book was bought in last September for \$13.00 and they offered \$1.25, which is 10% of the price paid, not the 25% shown in the newsletter. As the new *Manual of Style* costs \$17.00, they should pay \$6.25 for the book. A female student was in line trying to sell a science book. They offered \$5.00 for a used book she bought for \$63.00, while the new book costs \$105.00. Applying the percentage shown in Follett's newsletter, they should



**Pricy Textbooks-**Students feel they are left in the dark when it comes to paying for and selling back their textbooks. **Photo By: Elise Colon**

pay \$36.20 for her book. She walked away with her book.

Students can buy books whenever they want, and they can find more affordable prices on the Internet or in other bookstores. Many of Barry's students receive monies for book buying from the Financial Aid program. Some choose to have their book money in the form of a refund check, enabling them to buy their books elsewhere. The only problem with that is refund checks are issued exactly two weeks after they are requested. As classes start, professors do not wait to give assignments, thus forcing students to opt for the credit on their buc cards, which can be spent only at the bookstore.

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# Father Daniel Madden: A Skilled, Genuine Homilist

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The Barry University Department of Theology and Philosophy said goodbye recently to Fr. Daniel Madden who died on Thursday December 30th at Mount Sinai medical center from complications resulting from a surgical procedure.

Father Madden was a familiar presence in the department who taught classes for the department since 1971, when he came to what was at the time, the Barry College for Women. A graduate of St. Paul University in Canada, Father

Madden held a double doctorate in theology and sacred theology.

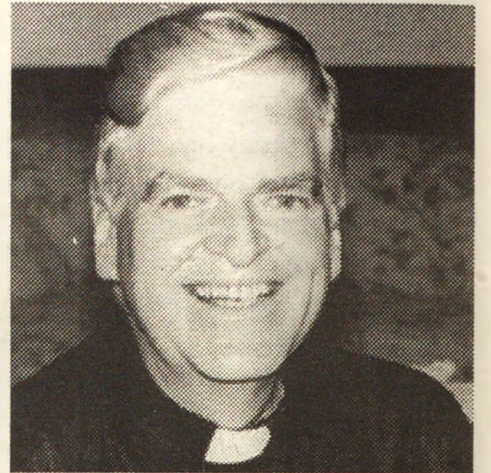
"As department chair I'd like to recognize Father Maddens long-standing service to the department and the University," said Father Mark Wedig. "Especially for contributing to teaching classes in world religions, scripture, and ecumenism."

Father Madden put a seemingly limitless effort into the practice of faith, both in teaching and in preaching. He was known by his students for his exceptional personal involvement in their studies, by friends and co-workers as a skilled, genuine

homilist.

For 17 years Father Madden preached at St. Joseph's Parish in Miami Beach in addition to his teaching duties. When not in the pulpit or the classroom, he spent his time with recovering addicts or administering to recovery, support and prevention groups, including Alcoholics Anonymous.

Father Daniel Madden is survived by his sister Margaret Madden. The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be given to the Southern Dominican Province, 1421 North Causeway Blvd., Suite 200, Metairie, LA 70001.



Father Daniel Madden-A man of great faith.  
Photo Provided By: www.barry.edu

## Modern Day Slavery, Continued...

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system. Darker skinned citizens who live on the bottom wrung of society are often found in proverbial shackles and are discriminated against. The lighter skinned Arabs are often the ones holding the whip and making the rules, following an all too familiar history of the inequities within races.

Her film, *From Freedom to Slavery: The Root of My Racism*, parallels the trials and tribulations of one Mauritanian slave named Selma to scenes of protests in Selma, Alabama during the struggle of the Civil Rights Movement. This technique highlights Chegade's main theme that slavery is international, going hand and hand with racism.

As an activist and revolutionary,

Chegade said, "we are all responsible for racism everywhere." Moreover, something needs to be done about the discrimination and exploitation of fellow human beings. Eventually this will take the form of legislation or sanctions against those who discriminate and those who practice slave ownership.

Getting the word out about the issue is crucial. "Change must come from public consciousness," Chegade said.

The second group of presenters included Regina Bernadin and Suzanne Quinn from Florida Freedom Partnership (FFP). Their lecture was centered on bondage and human trafficking right here in Southern Florida. Their presentation highlighted several facts about the human trafficking trade and

what governmental measures are being taken to help victims and prosecute the perpetrators.

The FFP's mission is to provide a rapid and effective, comprehensive support service to trafficked persons, while teaching community awareness. They also help these modern day slaves return to a normal, healthy, safe way of life, restoring their human rights.

There are several ways the FFP gets their information to the public. "Outreach" events are held in South Florida counties and include activities where volunteers can get involved in hanging posters or flyers in local grocers, libraries, and businesses. This gets the word out to citizens and might catch the eye of a bonded person in need.

Events called "Train the Trainer,"

teach the community and volunteers how to inform others about the atrocities of human bondage in today's society. These newly-trained trainers, in turn, go out into their respective communities and spread the word to the general public.

Though the headway made feels like baby steps, these grassroots techniques are paving the way for the leaps and bounds of social change. Most people think slavery ended in 1865, but it still exists today, and is not going to disappear on its own.

For more information on the Florida Freedom Partnership, and to find out how to volunteer, call (305) 443-0102, toll free 1 (866) 443-0106, or log on to [www.FloridaFreedom.org](http://www.FloridaFreedom.org).

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# Useful Tips on Going to Graduate School

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There are some who imagine spending the majority of their lives with the letters Ph.D. tacked on to the end of their name. Graduate school can be an important and even necessary step in a person's career. Graduate programs train students for work in some of the most demanding fields. Yet, choosing and applying to those graduate programs can be a daunting task. With a steady increase in graduate school applicants, there is a highly competitive environment. Most students will need to begin their applications early and will need to be thorough in their approach.

### When to Begin

It's never too early to think about graduate school. Before you begin putting together your official application, consider the kind of program you want to enter. PhD programs are different from MA programs and their requirements vary.

Some careers require a PhD, while others only a MA. Know your field and what kinds of credentials you will need to have. Once this is clarified, build your college education around that knowledge.

Take on summer jobs meaningful to your area of study. A good example is a pre-law student who works summers doing clerical and research for a law firm. Keep a detailed log of all your volunteer work and employment, along with dates and contact information.

If at all possible, participate in faculty research close to your area of study. This gives you the chance to familiarize yourself with the career you've chosen, plus an opportunity to develop personal relationships and networks within your field.

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### The Application

Most application deadlines are from the end of December to the end of February, but others can be as early as November or as late as August of the entrance year. Obtain applications early, over the summer or even in the spring of Junior year.

Look over them carefully and start planning your personal statements and writing samples. All programs require some extraneous supporting materials, such as writing samples or subject tests. Make sure you give yourself enough time to collect all the required materials.

Many applications can be obtained online. Online applications may require you to pay the application fee by credit card or may give the address where it should be sent. Be prepared to pay anywhere from \$25 to \$150 per application and remember that many schools discount their fees if you apply early.

### Supporting Materials

The writing sample should be the paper that you are most proud of and says as much about your analytic, critical thinking, and writing abilities as it does about your interests or goals. It should pertain to the area you wish to study and will usually be anywhere from 15 to 20 pages in length.

Schools typically ask for three to four letters of recommendation. Ask for letters from those who are the most familiar with your work. A good letter addresses not just your qualities as a student, but those qualities, such as determination or dependability, that you as a person will bring to your field.

Many schools have forms that require

each recommendation to be fill out and signed. Make sure all your letters are accompanied by the appropriate form and addressed to the correct establishment.

Within the personal statement, some schools may ask a specific question they expect the student to answer, others will simply ask for a personal statement. If given a question, answer all parts of it. *Never* use the personal statement to explain the weak parts of your application.

The personal statement should reflect those qualities you bring to the program. It should highlight your own unique goals and aspirations. As your mouthpiece, it will give you the chance to tell the committee what sets you apart and why.

At Barry, transcripts take anywhere from three to five business days to process and cost five dollars each. Some schools require two to three sets of transcripts. Ask for them early and keep them on hand to send off with your application.

Some schools ask for your Curriculum Vitae, but most simply ask you to list on the application all the information usually contained within it. A Curriculum Vitae usually lists your educational credentials, publications, employment, awards, and volunteer work, but it may also contain other pertinent information. It is a good idea to have one on hand as a quick and clean list of everything you have done in four (or more) years.

### Financial Aid

Most applications for graduate school are also applications for graduate financial aid, but there are exceptions. Some schools have a deadline for those seeking

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# Washington Internships Up for Grabs

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The Smithsonian National Museum of American history is offering several internships in Washington, DC, in a variety of fields. Although the museum does not offer college credit, some offer a substantial stipend. The experience alone could boost your resume above all others.

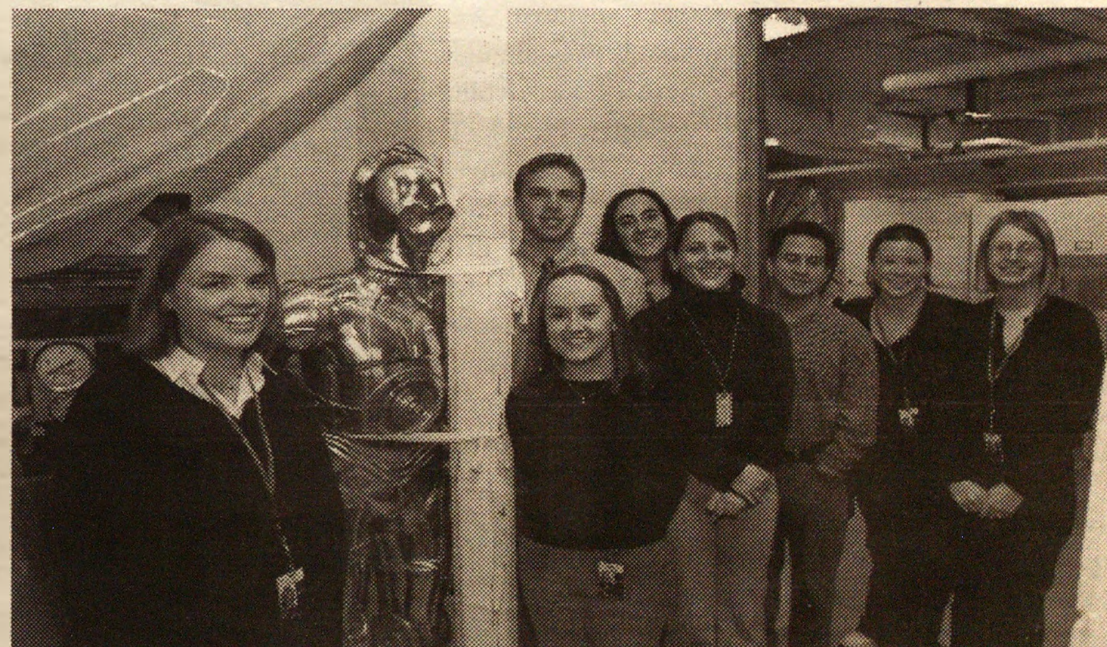
Each internship is designed within a specific type of museum project that includes exhibition design, archival, curatorial research and public programs. As the world's largest museum, students will have the chance to delve into everything from the historical clothing industry to exhibition design.

Here are just a few examples of internships available:

### The Latino/Hispanic Education/Collections Internship

focuses on the Museum's collection of 6000+ Latino/Hispanic objects ranging from horsing gear to Caribbean culture. Applicants should have a strong computer ability with good communication skills in both English and Spanish.

**The Archival Science Internships** offers experience in arranging and describing collections from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century. Library, archival and computer exper-



**A Great Internship-** Students in the Museum Management internship in Washington D.C.

**Photo By: Debbie Scheel-Scott**

ience is a plus for this position, but not a requirement.

Under this department, two other sections, the Costume Collection, and Lemelson Center Archives, offer positions that enable a student to build an archival file for others, learn about identification, and the management of historical records.

### The Collections Management

Internship has thirteen departments that offer positions. The Departments include: Community Life, Cultural History, Domestic Collection, General Physical Sciences, Graphic Arts, History of

Computer Software, Mathematics, Modern Physics, Numismatics, Photographic History, Political History, Registration Services of Legal Documentation, and the Scurlock Studio Collection. The qualifications for each department varies but enthusiasm and motivation is a major plus when applying.

**The Graphics and Design Internship** has four department positions. Three in Exhibition Design and one in Graphic

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## Hunter S. Thompson, Founder of Gonzo

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Hunter S. Thompson, who was born on July 18, 1937 in Louisville, Kentucky died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound on February 20, 2005. Thompson created his own style of journalism called Gonzo. He said it is "based on William Faulkner's idea that the best fiction is far more true than any kind of journalism." He was 67 years old.

Thompson's new style first appeared in his piece, *The Kentucky Derby is Depraved and Decadent*,

in June 1970. He was supposed to report on the Derby itself, but drank himself in a stupor. Instead of turning in traditional notes, he turned in his notebook, filled with inebriated rants and drawings. The editor thought it was brilliant and his career began from there.

Beyond revolutionizing journalism, he also wrote many books. He lived approximately one year with the Hell's Angels, the terrifying motorcycle gang. It turned out to be his first book, *Hell's Angels: A Strange and Terrifying Saga*. He

also wrote *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas: A Savage Journey to the American Dream*; his most popular novel to date, placed on the big screen with Johnny Depp as Raoul Duke, Thompson's alias.

Thompson tried to follow Jack Kerouac's approach in introducing the writer in the article. Thompson preferred the secluded life of Owl Farm, where he retired, retreating from fame. He is survived by his wife Annita and his son Juan, from a previous marriage.

**"Contemporaries Remember**

**Hunter S. Thompson As Ravenous, Mutant 40-Eyed Lizard-Demon." Quote provided by: The Onion.com**

## Supersize Me Continued...

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believed this was like the unsubstantiated claims toward the tobacco industry, twenty years ago. However, to Spurlock, it was a challenge.

The seeds for a healthy lifestyle were planted throughout his life, with his mother's home cooking to the negative experiences with his model ex-wife who had a poor body image with unhealthy eating habits.

Spurlock's idea of the project was spurred from his past experiences coupled with a statement issued by a *McDonald's* spokesperson in response to the lawsuit. After several conversations with camera people, his vegan chef fiancé, and his family, Spurlock's *Super Size Me* project was born.

Currently, *Super Size Me* has created such a stir that it has reached public school boards. PTA meetings now include education for parents on healthy eating habits and ways to cook at home. Parents are forming "nutrition task forces" in schools and neighborhoods so that big industry advertising will not have as much of a strong-hold on this country's children.

While *McDonald's* denies it, it seems a strange coincidence that right around the time *Super Size Me* came out they introduced a line of salads to their menu and removed the super size option. Even more startling, after the film opened, *McDonald's* sales fell 75%.

Spreading a health conscious message in his film, Spurlock said "Right now, obesity is second only to cigarettes as a preventable death in the United States." Consciousness must be raised to this growing epidemic.

Hoping to bring a greater awareness to college students, Spurlock enthusiastically said, "There are better ways to deal with things than suing people; like making a movie!"

The opening scenes of *Super Size Me* focus on overweight people and the audience is introduced to

Spurlock's thesis with the reminder that "everything is bigger in America." It seems to be the American way and Americans are showing it in their waistlines.

The American way of life is beginning to spread further than the size of our bodies, it is taking over other countries. "The American way hasn't just taken over our country; we've franchised it out," said Spurlock, cautiously. "It's because of this that there is a Burger King in Iceland."

Before leaving the Barry stage on the evening of March 2, 2005, Spurlock wanted to emphasize the power Americans have for societal change. He used his own experiences as a small documentary filmmaker as an example and told the Barry audience that "whatever we feel passionate about, we should pursue to the fullest extent of our abilities." He recollected President Bush's 9/11 speech and his message to Americans to "go out and spend money." Spurlock noted that the true American vote is not on Election Day, it is in the purchases we make and the places we spend the most valued thing in this country, our money. He asked us to be "conscious consumers," and to remember to vote wisely, because we have the power as consumers to choose what we believe in.

Spurlock's comical air and go-getter attitude helped paved the way for much of his success in the recent years. He personally commissioned the film's production, a mere \$65,000. His vision enabled him to reap the rewards of a job well done and not only will he tour colleges, he is planning a sitcom on the FX channel.

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# A Look at What Bush's Proposed Budget Means to Students

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In mid-February, President Bush sent Congress a nearly \$2.6 trillion federal budget that would boost spending for defense and national security while scaling back or eliminating hundreds of domestic programs, mostly in education and social services. The 2006 Federal Budget calls for the biggest cuts in domestic expenditures since the Reagan years, but would still result in a \$390 billion federal deficit.

While we may be students, we should also remember that we are adults who are responsible for shaping the future of this nation with our votes and political voices. We can start by evaluating the effectiveness and responsiveness of the current president, who will be in office for a second 4-year term, thanks to the voting behavior of millions of Americans, including some of us. One of the best ways to evaluate a US President is to evaluate how he spends the money Americans entrusted to him.

Based on Dubya's 2006 budget, here is what we can expect as students/new graduates.

## Military

Although he does plan a 4.1% increase in military spending, Bush would like to see Jacksonville's USS Kennedy Naval Ship decommissioned, despite warnings from critics that such a move would mean that the only East Coast naval port would be in Norfolk, VA, leaving us very vulnerable to attacks. Such a move will also possibly have negative effects on the Jacksonville economy, as military installation closures are often tantamount to the shedding of numerous military and civil-

ian positions. This could impact businesses servicing the base.

On the other hand, job markets near closed military installations, have been known to improve when the installations were converted to resort areas or high-tech business parks. For those who are not planning to locate in Jacksonville, there will still be plenty of defense industry positions in areas such as Melbourne/Cape Canaveral, particularly since the president plans to resuscitate a project to design weapons that can burrow deep into the earth and destroy underground bunkers.

With the 3.1% military pay hike, it may be a great time to join the military, if you can stomach the thought of being sent to Iraq. Many military positions in the future will focus on intelligence and counterterrorism, areas where a college degree is essential.

## Homeland Security

This may be a great time to get a job related to Homeland Security (think baggage screener), as that government department is facing a 6.8% budget increase.

## Travel

The bad news is that to finance that 6.8% budget increase, Homeland Security tax fees will have to increase from \$2.50 to \$5.50 per leg of trip, making the cost of the average plane ticket increase by \$5-\$8. Those who plan to circumvent the problem by traveling to their destinations by train, should know the government's plan to eliminate congressional subsidies to Amtrak may result in the nation's only railway to cease operations.

## Health and Social Services

Massive cuts in HUD (which funds public housing initiatives) and Medicaid (the federal-state health insurance program for the poor and the disabled) may mean the elimination of certain jobs in the health and social service sectors as programs get curtailed or eliminated.

Such jobs include Medicaid/Public Housing eligibility screeners; occupational therapists, nurses, or mental health clinicians within certain nonprofit agencies.

## Crime Control

Now that Bush plans to eliminate the Community Oriented Policing Program, people will need to relocate to "naturally safe" neighborhoods more than ever.

## Education

Approximately one third of the 150 federal programs slated for elimination are related to education. Given the fact that a strong educational system is key to a strong economy, this is not a good move. Two cuts, the Gear Up and Trio program will alleviate the K-12 teacher shortage, since those grants for smaller learning communities will no longer exist.

Closer in interest towards the average college student/young professional, Bush's plan is to all but eliminate federal funding for vocational education, particularly special career training programs for downsized American workers.

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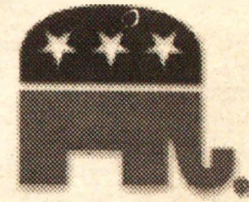


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# Bookstore: Paying the Price for Convenience

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It is a story as old as magnetic bar stripes on the back of IDs. Parents put money on a student's account; student views their account as "monopoly money;" then school bookstores metaphorically rape student for books and everyday expenses. All across the country, Barry students are among the elite who not only over pay for tuition, but sink themselves and their parents, into financial misery through those "extras" that come with college life.

Those "extras" sold at the Landon bookstore, aren't extras. They are necessities for hygiene and everyday life. Shampoo, toothpaste, painkillers, highlighters and spiral notebooks are where the average college bookstore makes a killing. They overcharge for textbooks, but with the growing popularity of Amazon and EBay, students will order online to save \$4 on a textbook. Yet, they can't be bothered to go to their local

Walgreen's or Kmart to buy shampoo.

I must admit, I am as big an offender of the overpaying for convenience, as anyone. In fact, my most egregious offense is being too lazy to walk the four flights of stairs to the laundry room. Instead, I paid \$30 for mustard colored velour pants at the "Spirit Shop" so that I wouldn't have to wear the same pair of sweatpants to class three days in a row.

I am a repeat offender, and am wearing a mismatched grey jumpsuit as I type. All are plastered with my school's mascot and are too short because they were originally made for vertically challenged cheerleaders.

On my most recent trip to acquire a new piece of Barry University fashion, I noticed a brightly colored pamphlet sitting on the checkout counter. It was called "half-truths" and was a defense to rumors that buying textbooks online was cheaper.

To quote the pamphlet, made by efollett.com, "...anyone who tells you to save

money by ordering online is only speaking half truths. Truth be told, you'll save more money collecting empty soda cans than you will ordering your books from somewhere other than your campus bookstore and efollett.com."

Students should get as much practice in collecting soda cans as possible, because after four years of overspending for necessities, the average college student has wasted quite a lot for the luxury of buying detergent on the way home from the dining hall. My question to efollett.com is: what aspect of spending \$5.29 for a bottle of Clairol shampoo at the bookstore is false, when Walgreen's charges \$3.99?

Most students are on strict budget, and are trying to get through college without spending exorbitant amounts. The bookstores overpricing system is merely taking advantage of a student's laziness.

The answer is clear: it's time to stop buying those ugly sweatpants and paying too much for toothpaste.



# Grad School Tips, Continued

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financial aid and another deadline for those not seeking financial aid.

### Test Scores

The Educational Testing Service's website contains all the information you need to register for these tests. Typically the LSAT (Law School Admission Test) is reserved for those applying to law school and is administered by The Law School Admissions Council. Most programs require GRE (Graduate Record Examination) test scores, but other tests can include the CLEP (College Level Examination Program) and the GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test), which may be

required depending upon your program of choice.

Depending on your level of English competency, you may be asked to take the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). The amount of times you can take these tests is limited so check deadlines, locations, and prices.

### Tips

- ✍ Leave enough time to take tests more than once, in case you don't get the score you wanted.
- ✍ Find mentors in your field who will help you in your area of study.
- ✍ Look for publication opportunities. A published paper can give your application added spark.

- ✍ Don't apply to just one school.
- ✍ Edit your writing sample and personal statement. Then, edit them again.
- ✍ Consider applying to MA programs and transferring into graduate school.
- ✍ Try to keep up your grades. Grades are an important component in any application.



## Bush's Budget, Cont.

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Although many of us may be getting college degrees, we will most likely have to attend a public vocational training center at some point in our careers to keep up to speed in the latest business methods and computer technologies. If ever our jobs were downsized, it would certainly be nice to have access to short-term career training.

On a happier note, Bush plans to expand the Pell Grant program for needy college students by 45%. You must remember that this is the same president that authorized No Child Left Behind and did not authorize enough funding to pay for both required achievement testing or special remedial assistance for children at risk for being left behind.

### Environment

Environmental Science majors are probably happy that more money is earmarked to help restore the Everglades. Yet, many of Bush's previous environmental initiatives

were either scrapped entirely or deferred until well into the next decade.

President Bush inherited a \$236 billion surplus in 2001 and turned it into a \$427 billion deficit. His goal is to reduce the deficit to \$207 billion by 2010. We must also remember that what the president proposes, is not always what Congress does.

There is a growing bipartisan coalition in Congress that is opposed to some of the domestic spending cuts, for example. While Bush targeted 65 programs for elimination last year, all but 4 ultimately survived.

Students who have concerns about the budget should take action and contact their lawmakers in Washington. In addition, they should also contact their state lawmakers as states often have to decide how to respond to significant budget cutbacks at the federal level. After all, if our voices are not heard, nobody will help protect our interests.

## Barry Beauties, Continued

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"A hippopotamus, because I could stay under for a long time." The crowd went into a laughing fit.

After the crowd simmered down, Dexter asked Dabdoub, "What three things would you bring with you on a desert island?" Giving his last answer, Dabdoub enthusiastically said, "You, because I really like chocolate." Everyone, including the comedian, laughed like wild hyenas.

One of the most intriguingly dressed performers was Joe Salas AKA "Bobbie Joe." He dressed as a cowgirl with a lasso and used it on someone in the audience. He then pulled him up on stage, only to put him on his shoulders and carry him backstage.

He sang Gretchen Wilson's "Redneck Woman," which added a country theme to the predominately hip hop play list that was heard. When Dexter asked, "Why do you think you're sexier than the other contestants?" Salas smacked his own booty to imply that his butt

was what made him sexier than the others.

Casey Fisher, AKA Slickbootie, was asked which candy best described him. He then licked his lips and said, "Snickers, because if you have me, satisfaction is guaranteed."

This added to the credence that body language can be more powerful than just words.

Everyone who attended the Barry Beauties pageant is still raving about how great and shocking it was. It was the Amish butter churner named "Amish a Mama," who landed the third prize, a "Pretty Woman" look-alike "Princess Roxy" who took second place, and Nick Bouthillette AKA "Vivica Burnados" that was victorious in first place for the second time. Each of these winners can tell you the competition was very close. As it is every year, this successful CAB (Campus Activities Board) show will be the talk on campus for some time.

## Washington Internships, Continued

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Production. Some qualifications needed include: Knowledge of Macs, Photoshop, QuarkXPress, and more.

**The Museum Management Internship** deals with planning and producing projects behind the scenes and collecting information for the internship program itself. The five departments include: Editing, Intern, Office Development, Public Affairs, and Special Events. Strong writing and communication skills are recommended.

These are just a few of the many

internship possibilities waiting for eager students to fill. As with all internships offered, a person must have an open mind, be detail oriented and have a willingness to learn.

The deadlines for applications vary and can be downloaded from: [www.americanhistory.si.edu](http://www.americanhistory.si.edu).



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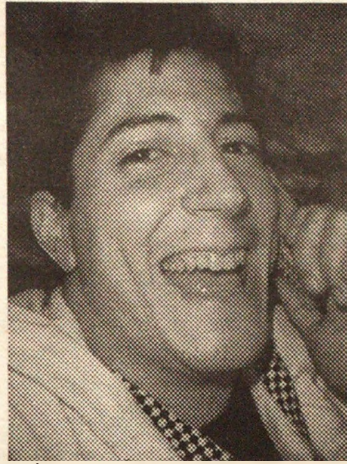
# What are you doing for St. Patrick's Day?

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"I'll probably check out a parade somewhere. I know whatever I do, it will be wild. I love how crazy the Irish are."

**-Ashley DiNatale**  
Sophomore  
Professional Writing



"I'm going to wear green clothes and eat green clover shaped cookies."

**-Derrick Vargas**  
Sophomore  
Theatre



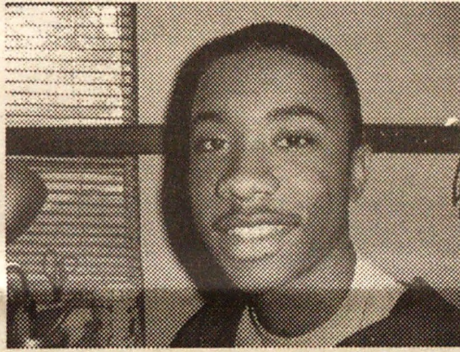
"Since it's my roommate's birthday, I plan to do whatever she wants to do. We might go to a club or out to dinner."

**-Sara Davis**  
Freshman  
Broadcast Communication



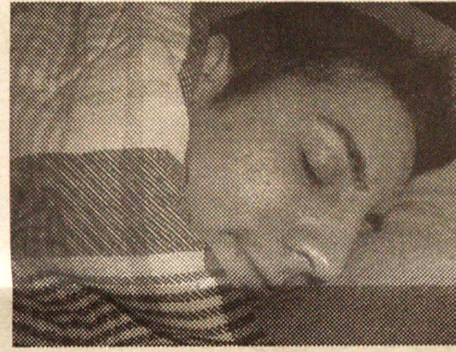
"I planned a trip to Ireland in honor of St. Patty's Day where I will hunt leprechauns in search for a pot of gold."

**-Patrick Deacy**  
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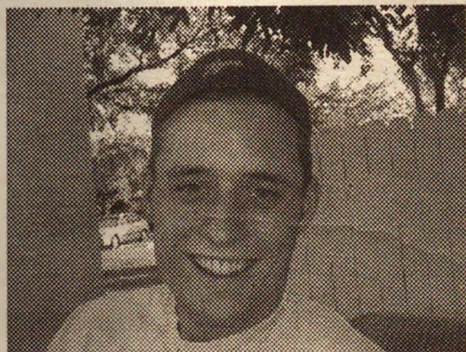
"Since Thursday starts off the weekend for most college kids including me, and it's St. Patty's Day, I'll be getting the weekend started by going to some clubs."

**-Wynton Stuart**  
Freshman  
Accounting



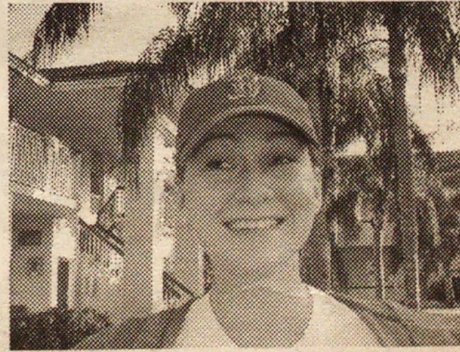
"I'm Italian, I'm going to sleep."

**-Joe D'Amico**  
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Pre-Law



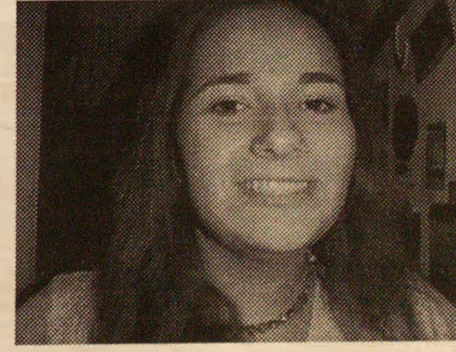
"I'm eating corn-beef and cabbage."

**-Joe Dughie**  
Junior  
Undeclared



"I'm going to dye my roommate's hair green while she is sleeping."

**-Heather Magee**  
Junior  
Criminology

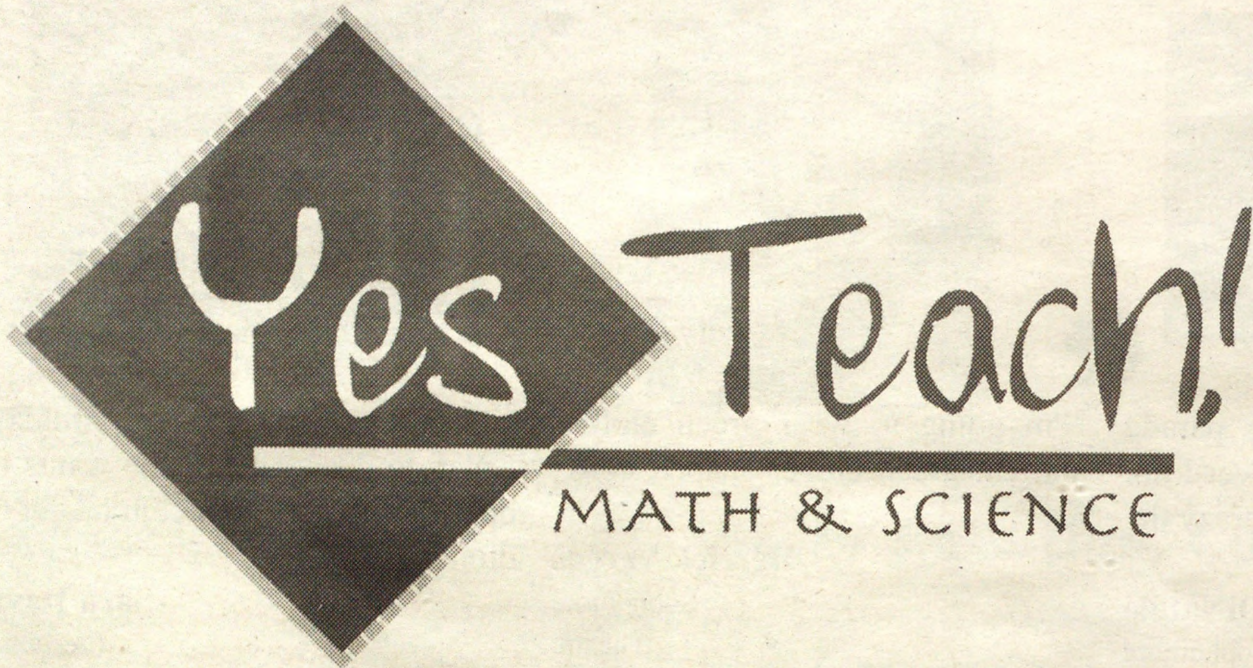


"I'm going to watch my roommate prance around in her leprechaun outfit because St. Patty's Day is my birthday and that is my birthday wish."

**-Taryn Jaskunas**  
Sophomore  
Social Work







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## Local French Restaraunt

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Picture a warm dining room, with soft candles and smooth music. Imagine intoxicating smells floating into the room through traditional swinging doors that lead into a kitchen filled with French delicacies. Visualize tables, where the chairs beg to be sat in and then think of the menu that awaits you once you get there. This is not a dream; it exists in the form of a seven-month-old restaurant called Cocopelli Bistro, located on 11099 Biscayne Blvd.

Moroccan native, Hassan Benjelloun, decided to open the bistro after a trip to the Arizona desert. He was immersed in the Navajo culture and was surrounded by the story of Kokopelli, a flute player that brought happiness and fortune to the tribe. He was inspired by the mythical figure so much that he chose to name his charming new restaurant after him, in hopes it might bring the same joy to the people around it.

When it debuted, the bistro was simply sandwiches and a cafe. After experiencing an initial success, Benjelloun decided to offer a full dinner menu with traditional treats like Foie Gras with almond oil, Quiche Lorraine, and lamb chops in



**Cocopelli's Restaurant**-The dining room experience alone makes for a wonderful place to eat. *Photo By: Dominique Agri*

provincial crust with tomatoes. All of this can be enjoyed at a reasonable price.

While this may seem a little "mature" for the average college student, I assure you the flavors will tantalize the palate. The physical presentation of the plates arouses the senses and awakens the taste buds, even before a morsel of food touches your tongue.

The experience gained from this restau-

rant will in retrospect, seem like only a fraction of its worth. To sit in the quaint and comfortable dining room, one feels as though they have made the trip to France. It is the perfect environment to bring your loved one.

## Hollywood Mardi Gras a Huge Success

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The Eighth Annual Mardi Gras Tropicale kicked off its five days of fun, food, costumes and parades in Hollywood, Florida on February 4, 2005. This Mardi Gras tradition first began 50 years ago, but sadly dwindled into non-existence. Eight years ago, the city of Hollywood reinstated the celebration that now expects over 40,000 spectators from all over the country.

Board member of the Mardi Gras Tropicale, Tai Vaz said, "This event is an opportunity to bring together the communities in a positive, fun way." This is accomplished by bringing the New Orleans atmosphere here to South Florida.

Throughout the week, a carnival with rides and games attracted not only families, but college students as well. Since the admission was free, many could partake in the contests, parades and merriment.

Helpful in attracting crowds, most of the restaurants set up tables outside, offering foods full of Cajun flair. The restrictions for open alcohol containers in public was also temporarily lifted. With so many restaurants participating, it looked more like the, "Taste of Hollywood," with their



**Fun For All**-The city of Hollywood threw a great celebration this year including all the festivities found at the real Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

*Photo By: Debbie Scheel-Scott*

own unique sidewalk showcases.

On opening day, there was a costume contest and foot parade called Deco Drive. The following day offered a float parade that held a frenzied bead catcher's attention. Both of those events were judged by five Broward County judges and cash prizes included the Monarch Award for \$750, the Queen's Award for \$400, and the Duke's Award for \$100. The prizes were based on costume, float and

originality.

Super Party Sunday offered a giant wide screen TV where football fans could enjoy the game. Closing the event, was the Fat Tuesday celebration, where a Miss Fat Tuesday was chosen while tailgate parties and non-stop music ensued. To see the results of the various contests, go to [www.MardiGrasFiesta.com](http://www.MardiGrasFiesta.com).

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# Local Skatepark Just Blocks from Campus

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Anyone who skateboards, whether it's long or short board, will tell you Barry University's campus is a fairly good place to cruise around. Those same people who need to add thrill to their favorite hobby, should check out Control Skate Park.

Matt Cantor, who has been skating for over 20 years together with friend and business partner Nicole Diaz, proudly founded the park three years ago. Control Skate is a complete street park with a 4-foot fun box, five different quarter pipes, and tons of rails to grind.

The best part about the park is the lack of restrictions. Regulations don't require helmets or pads in order to skate, so soul borders will not feel hampered by constraints.

"We're a place where people can come, skate, and chill," said Cantor, smiling. "We try to keep it peaceful." Proud to say people of all ages come to the park and enjoy learning from each other, Cantor said, "It's (skating) a great equalizer."

Cantor shared how his idol is actually a 15-year-old friend named Tony, who is a regular at the park. Age doesn't matter when people are

having fun. Both Cantor and Diaz know everyone that enters the park personally, but always encourage new faces.

Their sidekicks, a mutt, a Chihuahua, and German Shepard, are permanent fixtures that greet customers also.

Despite the laid back friendliness, the park takes skating very seriously. They are knowledgeable enough to help with any problems and can fix a board or a bike. They also have a broad selection of boards, wheels, trucks, hardware, and clothing available for purchase.

The park is not for skateboarders alone, they have a bike night every Monday strictly devoted to BMXing. For beginners, you can get one-on-one lessons for the reasonable price of \$20, which includes a free day of park use.

No one is ever discouraged from just going to watch the action. The park hosts demos and events on a regular basis, becoming a popular attraction of crowds.

The park does not offer much for the long boarder. Yet, the owners are confident, that after a move to a bigger location, a snake might be possible. It is open from noon on weekends and from three on weekdays. Their current website is under



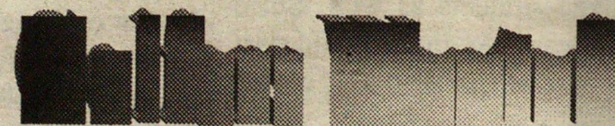
**Extracurricular Fun-** Eddie Regan, freshman and Criminology major, grinds a rail at Control Skate Park.  
**Photo by: Caitlin Granfield**

construction, but still posts their upcoming events at [www.Controlskateboarding.com](http://www.Controlskateboarding.com) or you can find the park located approximately ten minutes from school at 380 NW 24<sup>th</sup> Street.

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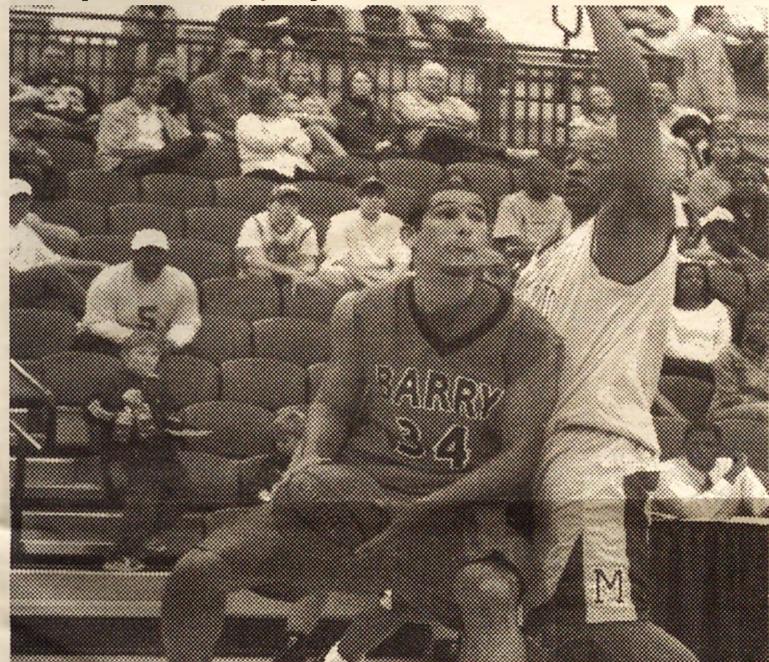
# A Disappointing End to An Unprecedented Season

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Before the start of the 2004-2005 men's basketball season, Barry University Head Coach Cesar Odio had a strong core of players including Nick Ellingsworth-Perez, Clifford Smith, Ryan Saunders, and Andres Alfonso. Throw in newcomers Calix N'Diaye, Amadou Fall, and Melvin Triche, Odio had himself a deep team.

Depth, something which Barry's basketball teams have lacked throughout its history, was probably the underlying theme of this year's team as it accomplished a lot of accolades and milestones that it had never achieved before.

The Buccaneers won 14 of their first 16 games, including a championship at the Disney Tip-Off Classic



Nick Ellingsworth-Perez in action against Monvallo's Caleb Kennedy.

Photo Provided By: Sports Information

in November. On December 1, Barry claimed their highest spot in the NABC/Division II National Poll at the 16<sup>th</sup> position.

In a season that saw exhilarating victories against NCAA tournament participants Lynn, Florida Gulf Coast, and Bentley (who was ranked nationally in the top 5 for most of the season), the Bucs seemed well on their way to their first NCAA tournament bid after registering their first 20-win season in team history.

The team made it more interesting than it had to be, however, losing to the Tampa Spartans in the quarterfinal round of the Sunshine State Conference Tournament. That loss made it very doubtful that the team would be invited to the big dance, but two days later, the team would rejoice in finding out that they would spend the latter portion of spring break in Montevallo, Alabama for the NCAA South Regional Tournament.

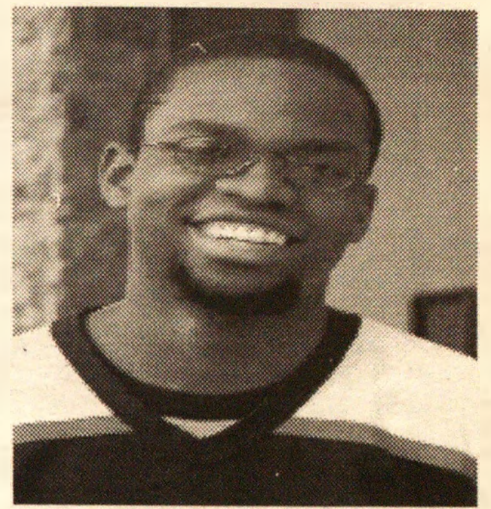
Nick Ellingsworth-Perez led the Bucs to their first NCAA bid, becoming the first player in Barry men's basketball history to be named SSC

Player of the Year. During the season, he became just the fifth Barry player to surpass the 1,000 career point mark in addition to setting the Barry single-season record for rebounds with 313.

If college basketball had a comeback player of the year award, it would go to Calix N'Diaye. Last year, N'Diaye transferred from Division I University of Wisconsin-Green Bay to try out for the Bucs. That tryout, however, ended in disaster as he obliterated his knee and was injured for the duration of the season. N'Diaye did not quit, returning this season to make the team, earn a spot in the starting lineup, and be a key contributor for the Bucs, playing in his first and only season in a Barry uniform.

As for the game in Montevallo, well, most people reading this article know the outcome, but for those who don't know the outcome, I am forced to type the end result again. 74-48. The Falcons of Montevallo won behind stellar defense and, more specifically, the hot shooting of James Hall, a player who was a McDonald's All-American in high school, was recruited to go Division I, ran into some problems with the law, and served some time in prison. That time in the slammer seemed to have no affect on his game as he probably could have made a shot from half-court on that night.

Going on the trip with the team, I witnessed two things. One was the game itself. The Bucs played a "C" game while the Falcons, in their beautiful new Student Activity



Center, played an "A++++" game, dominating in all aspects of the game.

The other thing that I witnessed was the end of a great season for a great bunch of guys who carried themselves not as basketball players but as real people. Everybody who was around the team while it was in Alabama (bus drivers, waiters and waitresses, airplane passengers, and airline personnel) noted that this group of Bucs was a real group of Bucs.

Despite the way the season ended, nobody can ever take away the reputation and the soul with which the Buccaneers carried themselves on and off the court.

In retrospect, is that not what Barry University is all about?

## Coach McDonough Going Above and Beyond the Call of Duty

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From the cool autumn air of Chestnut Hill College, where she studied chemistry, to the warm days at Barry University, there is not much that Dr. Eileen McDonough has not seen. A 1982 MBA graduate of Barry, Dr. McDonough is the NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) for Barry. Like most FARs around the country, Dr. McDonough is not a direct employee of the University's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. It is mandated that a FAR be a faculty member at that particular institution and Dr. McDonough is more than that; she is also Barry's Associate Vice President of Student Services.

It all began in 1983, when Barry's athletics program was in its infancy. Dr. McDonough was a professor at the campus, and the athlet-

ics department, then, was overseen by the Vice President of Student Services, who, at the time, was Dr. George Wanko.

"He asked the president [Sr. Jeanne O'Laughlin] to appoint me as the Faculty Athletics Representative," Dr. McDonough says.

Sr. Jeanne obliged and from that point forward, Dr. McDonough, among few others, has watched Barry's athletic program grow into the prestigious NCAA Division II entity that it is today.

In her role, which differs from school-to-school, Dr. McDonough's primary responsibilities are to oversee initial and continuing eligibility for all student-athletes and amateurism.

"Amateurism is a big thing now because institutions were bringing in professional athletes from Europe," she states.

Because of her responsibilities,

Dr. McDonough has a much more hands-on role than most FARs around the country. She deals with new freshman prospects, current student athletes, and transfer prospects. One specific example of Dr. McDonough's work is women's basketball newcomer Sandra Jansson. Jansson, whom Dr. McDonough would call a 4-to-4 transfer (four-year college to four-year college), made a quick and smooth transition from the University of Miami to Barry.

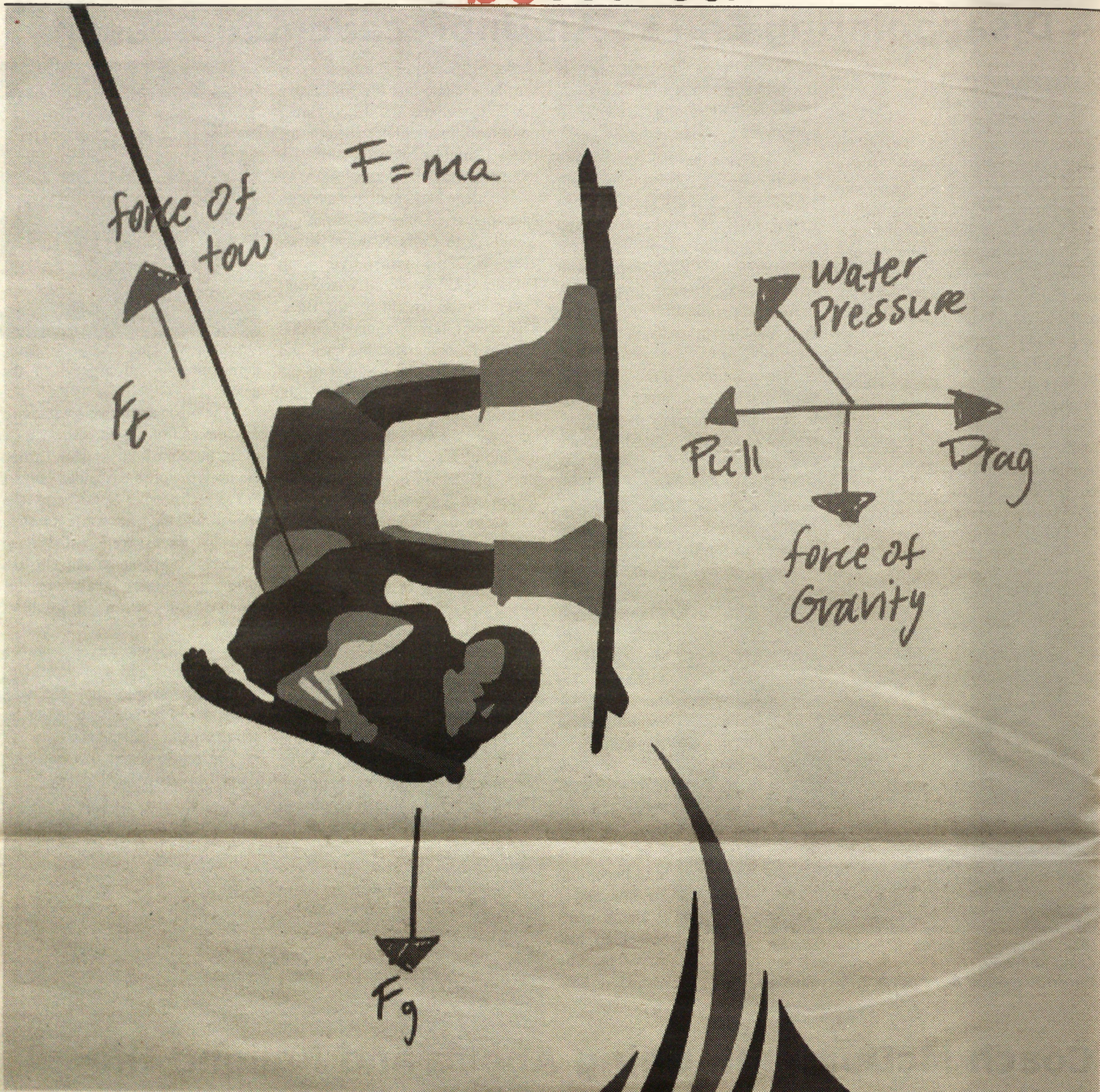
"First, Miami granted Sandra a release [to speak to other colleges], finished her fall classes, applied and got accepted to Barry, applied for and got on-campus housing, registered for classes before the campus closed for Christmas Break, and was ready for competition on December 29th."

Dr. McDonough's favorite part of her job is the interaction with student-athletes.

"I am a fan of all student-athletes because they work so hard, not only academically, but in practice and in the games," she declares.

For all of her hard work and all of the great student-athletes that have passed through this institution, Barry's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is, no doubt, a fan of Dr. Eileen McDonough.





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