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By *Buccaneer Staff*

During Miami Shores' recent experience of Hurricane Katrina's landfall on Thursday August 25th, the area was without power from Thursday evening. However, some local residents and Barry students may have been surprised the following day to see lights, action, and business as usual at established local eatery Mama Jennie's, where on August 26th a full menu was available for patrons to eat in air-conditioned

comfort, while all around the neighborhood traffic lights hung darkened and residents sweltered.

Owner John Zynko installed a generator in 2000, and as a result he is always able to provide service at his Italian restaurant and pizza delivery service at times when other local businesses are without the means. On August 26th, in addition to being able to eat and relax in the restaurant, local customers, including Rosemary Fisher of Miami



Katrina's Trail

Shores, were even able to purchase ice to take away, a valuable commodity in South Florida in the aftermath of hurricanes. Fisher was still without power by mid-afternoon and enthused

warmly about Mama Jennie's facilities. Asked if the restaurant had been taken by surprise by Hurricane Katrina, which as late as Wednesday had been viewed by many as merely a tropical storm not worth even boarding up windows for, Zynko replied that he had seen the storm coming and had only suffered minor signage and fence damage. He reported that in the storm's immediate aftermath customers were "emotional, but comfortable, and glad that they can get hot food." Zynko himself has worked at Mama Jennie's since 1989 and bought the business in 1996. Barry University has been a staple of the restaurant's business. Zynko reported that he had received "a ton of orders, especially

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Power found here. Photos by: *Buccaneer Staff*

Gas Prices

By *Caitlin Granfield and Debbie Scheel-Scott Staff Writers*

A Barry commuter who wishes to remain anonymous drives all over Miami as a delivery-guy from a Chinese restaurant and has a big problem with the rise in gas prices. He constantly drives to make money, but with the huge increase in gas prices, he actually loses money, since he is not reimbursed for his mileage.

Luckily, many of the students here at Barry have smaller cars and

gas tanks, but after driving around town, many of us end up running on empty, trying to juggle school and living costs with the ever-rising prices of a gallon of gas.

Our 1,745 page Energy Bill law has no relief to our addiction to foreign oil and does not even maintain a focus to the importance of conservation. In *The Week*, President George W. Bush said, "This bill is not going to solve our energy challenges overnight. It's going to take years of focused efforts." But what does he mean by "focused"?

Shouldn't we have focused long ago on alternative fuels and ways of life before a crisis?

According to *Fortune* magazine writer, Austan Goolsbee, the oil we import from over seas, is much cheaper to produce than is the oil we drill ourselves. If Americans were to swap their gas guzzling Hummers for bicycles and start wearing sweaters indoors, energy prices would go down. But, the drop in demand would hit U.S. oil producers hardest, since their profit margins are slimmer than their overseas competitors. We'd end up consuming just as much foreign oil, while damaging our own economy.

The long-term solution to high-priced oil is to develop alternatives such as solar and wind power, with no short-term solutions. But there are others who look towards this crisis with another perspective.

In the Open Forum section of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Dave Richards, said, "...Imagine what life could be like if prices continue to rise: traffic would improve, and neighborhood stores would come back since people could no longer afford to drive to the mall."

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On the Rise- Prices continue to climb at a tough time in the American economy. Photo by: *Caitlin Granfield*

Letter from the Editor



Dear Reader:

If you are reading this you are the little flame that fuels us here at *the Buccaneer*. We enjoy belonging to this place for ideas to be printed and messages to be carried, and what we strive to do is make topics we write about out of the things that relate to you. When we see a flipped through issue left on the seat of a shuttle bus, or the lowering of the stacks on the news stands that are a bit rusty, we begin to imagine all sorts of things. We imagine who had an inquisitive mind and a kindred spirit, and wanted to join our dialog by reading our paper. We imagine who might of used an issue we covered and made it into a paper topic. We imagine the rate of the heartbeat of those who read about themselves here. We wonder if one of our readers is apprehensive about a job interview. We wonder how many professors talk about *The Buccaneer* by the department copy machine. We wonder how many students read something that was in here out loud in the lunch room to a person in the lunch line that was a stranger, but is not anymore. We wonder if anyone who read our paper would cross out the word "novice" on a flyer for the Barry Women's Rowing team and write "dyke" in ball-point blue ink. We wonder what student hasn't much time to read at all because of a schedule that includes a full-time job and a family. We imagine what students would have read something in here if they hadn't had to waste the extra time they gave themselves to get here looking for a parking space. We wonder, and we eagerly await letters to the editor, new writers, and new ideas to come to our minds. This periodical is an evolving student dialog, for those of us who like learning, like sharing ideas, and like being able to express themselves or read about what they feel. This definition applies to those on either side of *the Buccaneer*, the writer or the reader, like two people sitting across from each other at a table that have engaged in a conversation and don't plan on ending it anytime soon.

I thank our staff and we thank you,

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Student Spotlight...

...Vanessa Armand

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Haiti is one of the poorest nations in the world, ravaged by hurricanes and political scandal. The beauty of the country and its people have been undermined by civil conflict and corrupt leaders; a notion too close to many Barry student's hearts. Many students at Barry can claim Haiti as their home or the place of their ancestry, but one student decided to take matters into her own hands and try to remedy her country's suffering as best as she can.

Vanessa Armand, a senior here at Barry, was born in Brooklyn, New York, but was raised in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where she developed a deep love and pride for her country. Her parents, both educated in the Haiti, placed emphasis on being well rounded human being with traditional Haitian morals and values. They also made sure Vanessa knew the impact their generation could have on Haiti and its people, as Vanessa recalls, "We grew up being taught that we are the generation of people that have to and will make a difference in Haiti." These strong beliefs are what led Vanessa to create Orphan's World, a non-profit organization that aims

to help the people most affected by Haiti's troubles- the children. According to Vanessa, unity is the key factor in healing Haiti. "We believe that Haitian people have to help other Haitian people," said Vanessa, "we need to stick together. That is why we decided to direct our attention and effort toward Haitian children because they are the future of the country and the world as well." Vanessa, who will be Office Manager once Orphan's World has a fixed location, is currently responsible for writing the charity's quarterly magazine.

Vanessa and her partners at Orphan's World would love Barry students to volunteer to help the charity. Please help Vanessa Armand and Orphan's World help the needy children of Haiti. E-mail Orphan's World at orphansworld@yahoo.com.



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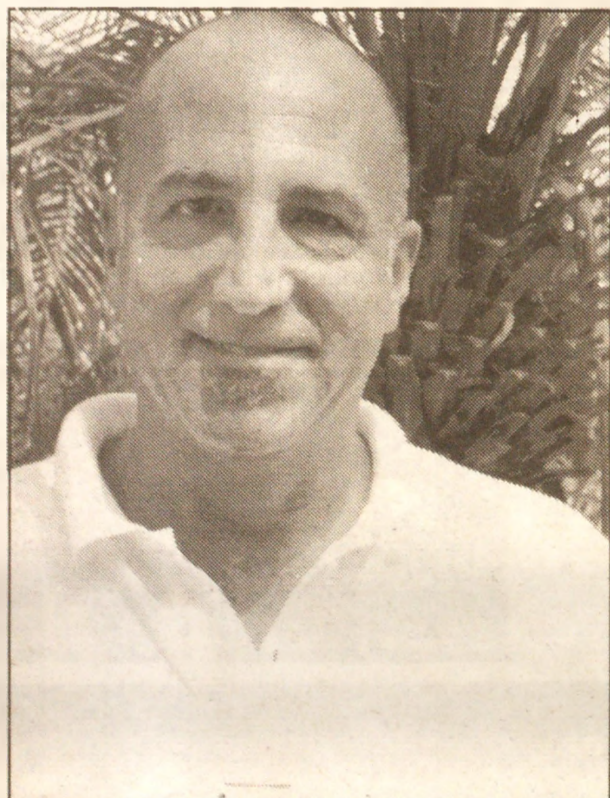
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The Future of Design is Here

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As fast as Barry University is growing, there is a new program that is developing even faster. Thomas Rockwell arrived here to create a graphic design curriculum for photography and art majors to round out their academic experience. Instead, he was given the opportunity to start his own graphic design program.

Basing it on contemporary technology and principles, students are handed the knowledge to be competitive. "I want our designers to leave with as much ammunition as they can in their



arsenal to be able to compete," said one enthusiastic Rockwell. Growing up in Connecticut, he worked along side his mother in a commercial printing shop, gaining him knowledge of the technical aspects of the ad design field.

Rockwell's father had a successful career in advertising and marketing. He later abandoned it and became a Kentucky Fried Chicken Franchisee. As a young teen, Rockwell thought being a printer would be a better option than frying chicken, so he began his college career at the Cleveland Institute of Art.

His resume bolsters a sturdy array of experience in the commercial design sphere. Rockwell was the Director of Creative Services and Sales at CPI Publications and Director of Publications at State University of New York. He then went on to receive a graduate degree at the University of Miami.

While scouting South Florida schools for new talent, Rockwell was asked to teach a few classes at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale and found his calling in academia. It was an easy environment to work in and to master the art of design.

Recalling his experiences, Rockwell said, "I felt like a fish dropped into water," and added how easy it is for someone to lose their skills after leaving school.

After finishing Graduate School with a degree in Education from Florida Atlantic University in 2002, Rockwell obtained a teaching position in the Arts Department of Barry University, where a graphic design track was non-existent. From the first day, he put together design courses to add versatility to the art and photo students'

classes. He then set off on creating a Graphic Design Department.

His philosophy is simple yet genuine." As good as any artist will tell you that whether or not I can really draw like De Vinci isn't so much the point," he said, "But that I can communicate with illustrators if I need to work in concert with them."

Rockwell found the support he needed to build something special at Barry. He was able to construct a 21st century program without the setback of old technology. A new state of the art Macintosh digital lab puts his students on the edge of the curve. He has roughly 40 graphic design majors and will be graduating his first 4 this semester.

Rockwell has always been pleased with the commitment and consistency he has observed at Barry and was proud to say "This is what I was designed to do."

He believes he could not have done it without the help and encouragement of people like art professors Angi Curri and Dan Ewing." I am blessed," said Rockwell." I have never worked for people as great as the two of them."

The Graphic Design program is almost bursting at the seams. "We got almost more than what we can handle," Rockwell said." If we had to fill 150 chairs, I'm not so sure we couldn't." This is an exciting prospect as Barry continually expands and advances. With Thomas Rockwell's belief in the quality that resonates with a parochial school, he may undoubtedly make Barry University a premier private graphic design school.

Club Fair

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Just Browsing- Students peruse the many clubs at the Fair.



Brothers- TKE takes a break in the sun.

Enthusiasm was *not* in short supply at the Student Organizations

Fair on September 14th and 15th. Although officially, the fair didn't open until 11a.m., students already began to scour the club tables for information and free items, while many were still in the stage of setting up.

As students walked by, various club members would go from loud announcements to actual cheerleading efforts just to be noticed. Some gave away free candy, water bottles, and tee-shirts. While one club, actually gave away a laundry bag of goodies ranging from CD's to bibles, just for answering their survey.

Even though the streaming 90+ degree sun was beating down upon the students during



Sisters- Omega Phi Chi poses for the camera.

All photos by: Debbie Scheel-Scott

the first day, the smiles from students and club members didn't wane. In fact, crowds continued past the one o'clock fair closing, mingling conversations from group to group.

Not just for new students, the fair offered opportunities for many who did not even realize a club

existed, to connect. Yet, out of (#) clubs and organizations on the Barry campus, only (#) participated.

If you are interested in learning more about what clubs and organizations exist at Barry, contact: studentactivities@mail.barry.edu, or pick up a booklet at Room 206 of the Landon Student Union.

And Then There Were None...

The Story of Phi Kappa Tau

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On October 16, 1991, a group of guys formed a social fraternity. It was a colony where lifetime friendships would be formed, upon blood, sweat and laughter. That club was The Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity; its chapter was Epsilon Iota.

This was the first nationally sponsored social fraternity on the Barry University campus and back then, the Alpha Class of the club had fourteen members. Its national alumni include: Paul Newman, actor, director and philanthropist; Malcom Forbes of Forbes Magazine; Nickolas Davatzes, President of A&E TV Network; Leroy Chiao, NASA Astronaut; George V. Voinovich, Senator of the State of Ohio, and Frank Rudy, Inventor of Nike Air Sole.

Since the colony received its charter on April 17, 1993, the fraternity faced many challenges to remain a club on Barry's campus. Those challenges were met, defeated with a new challenge to face and overcome. That challenge will be in the resurrection of the chapter, in an effort to make the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity a recognized club on campus.

At one time in Weber Hall, back

when it was a male dorm, there resided wall-to-wall Phi Tau (as we are known). Now the only sign of its existence is the rarely seen "Men Of Courage" t-shirt worn by this writer. The club's last class on the Barry campus had only three members. Two graduated in May.

Between 1992 and its final year as a club in 2003, Phi Kappa Tau members were involved in many activities on and off campus. These did range in nature, but were non-illegal activities.

All fraternities have their parties and this is a known, unavoidable fact. Yet for Phi Kappa Tau, their parties always seemed to gain the attention of the Barry's administration, who seemed to look forward to removing the club from its campus. But the men of Phi Kappa Tau also did some beneficial acts, which was often an overlooked.

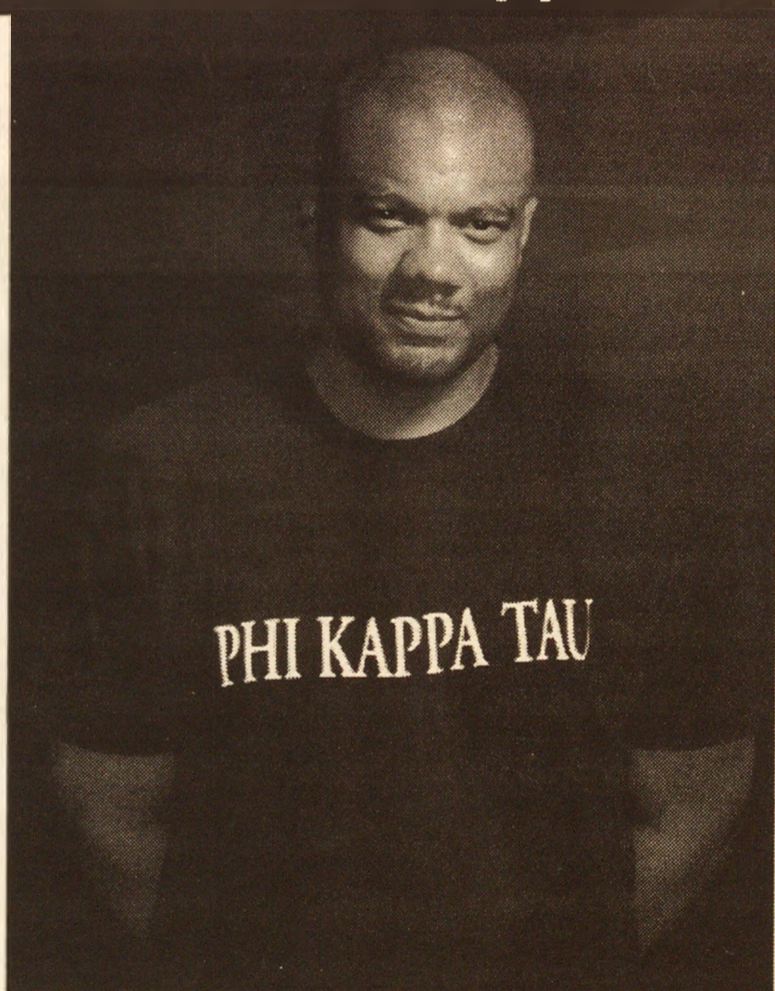
After the unforgettable Hurricane Andrew of 1992, Barry was left powerless and classes were suspended for a week. The fraternity helped in removing fallen trees and other debris that was scattered about the campus. Over the next four months that followed, the chapter would organize efforts to help the people most hurt by Andrew. On weekends, they would drive to South Dade County and help sort

food for families.

Every year during that time, Phi Kappa Tau was involved in the Miami Country Day High School's Breast Cancer Walk.

Those moments are sadly, long past gone. Gone are the laughs that echoed in Weber Hall during what is laughably called "Quiet Time."

Gone is the teamwork during the Festival of Nations, and gone is the comradery during the Bed Races on Founder's Day, which was once dominated by Phi Tau.



Last of His Kind- Jerome wonders where all the Men of Courage have gone. Photo by: Socrates Morilla



Check out the Phi Kappa Tau wesite at:

<http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/Campus/4725>

The Circumcision Debate

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Many students here at Barry are of the age when thoughts of the future begin to creep in. Beginning potential careers, buying new cars/houses, starting a family, and possibly having children begin to figure into these plans.

For those of you considering having children, have you decided whether or not to get your future sons circumcised? The issue might have never popped into your mind, but this is a *huge* question that has sparked much debate within families as well as the world of social science today.

In the 1960s the rate of male³circumcision in the U.S. was about 95%. Today it is around 60%. What has sparked this dramatic decrease? Paradigm shifts in cultural beliefs provide a good start for our answer.

Some anthropologists have dated the origins of circumcision back between 12,000 and 50,000 years ago in African hunting tribes. There are records indicating that the Egyptians began circumcising about 5500 years ago and the Jews have been performing the surgery routinely for about the last 3000 years.

Up until about 100 years ago, circumcisions were performed mainly for religious or cultural reasons. Around the mid-19th century, during the Victorian era, the practice of non-religious circumcision became routine for practically all middle and upper class families.

Torture or medical device? The 'Winkelman' circumcision clamp. **Reproduced with permission of Aescalup Surgical Products.**

Cleanliness was a big issue during this era, and for some reason people thought (and still think) that little boys would have a hard time cleaning themselves properly; specifically cleaning in and around the foreskin. Unfit scrubbing techniques could lead to a build up of smegma, a secretion produced under the foreskin to keep the glands, or head of the penis, properly lubricated and protected. Excessive buildup of this material could lead to infection and possibly other diseases

The Victorian era was classified by its strict view of sex, sexuality, and strong ties to the rigid rules of Christianity. The notion that masturbation was sinful helped further the routine practice of male infant circumcision. Masturbation was

deemed the cause of several illnesses including: blindness, asthma, tuberculosis, hyper sexuality, and hysteria, among others.

In the early 1900s, The American Medical Association (AMA) determined that since circumcision would decrease the sensitivity of the penis, masturbation would cease and eventually wipe out the other medical afflictions related to it. In 1928 the AMA actually published an editorial that urged the general public to get their newborn sons circumcised.

Even as medicine advanced later in the 20th century and showed that circumcision did not alleviate these illnesses,

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Black and White News

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On a summer day in Philadelphia, a beautiful woman goes missing. She is five months pregnant with a radiant glow and great smile to prove it, and has a 7-year-old daughter who goes to day care. The unborn child is a miracle for the woman and her family, as she is a victim of ovarian cancer and will soon need a hysterectomy.

Her family consists of close knit, hard-working Americans with a strong belief in family and God. Perhaps these tragic details have brought up images of other missing women like Laci Peterson, or perhaps this summer's missing teen Natalee Holloway; but for this 5 month pregnant woman, there is one glaring difference: her name is LaToyia Figueroa, and she is black.

All summer the cable news media focused on the disappearance of Alabama teen Holloway, who disappeared after a night of clubbing in Aruba. The bright-eyed teen with California girl looks captured the attention and hearts of American citizens. They quickly organized search groups and hired police dogs to search for the missing Alabama girl who disappeared May 30, 2005. Figueroa disappeared during the Holloway media blitz in July, but her name barely made an appearance on news tickers or headlines.

May 2004: A woman job-hunting in South Carolina is never heard from again. Her car is found on the other side of town, and police find her apartment eerily untouched. Described by her aunt as "bright and bubbly," this woman was

an aspiring singer who even tried out for American Idol. Her name is Tamika Huston, and like Figueroa, she is black.

Figueroa and Huston were two young women whose bright lives were devastatingly cut short just like Peterson, just like Chandra Levy, and just like Lori Hacking. Hacking disappeared three weeks after Huston, but got the 24 hour news coverage the Huston and Figueroa families could not.

These two women's stories are no less tragic, nor their family's pain any less, than those the American public is all too familiar with. So why is the media ignoring them? If you are doubting the theory that news media has a racial bias on missing persons, try running a couple of searches on a mega-news station's website. A CNN online search for Holloway produced over 25 results; Figueroa didn't even get half of that.

Recently, Dateline NBC featured the Huston story, a move that brought the possibility of racial bias on disappearance cases to life. Huston's aunt worked in the Public Relations field and immediately began taking the necessary measures to get her niece's story the news coverage she deserved. She spent six months attempting to get her niece on the "big league" news chan-

nels, only to be turned down by the top news media organizations.

If it had not been for the efforts of Huston's aunt, Figueroa and Huston's sad stories might have disappeared among the vast amount of tragic news headlines. Since the Dateline NBC feature, both of them have become the faces of miss-

ing black women in America. It has even spurred bloggers and other Internet users to write to news channels, like CNN

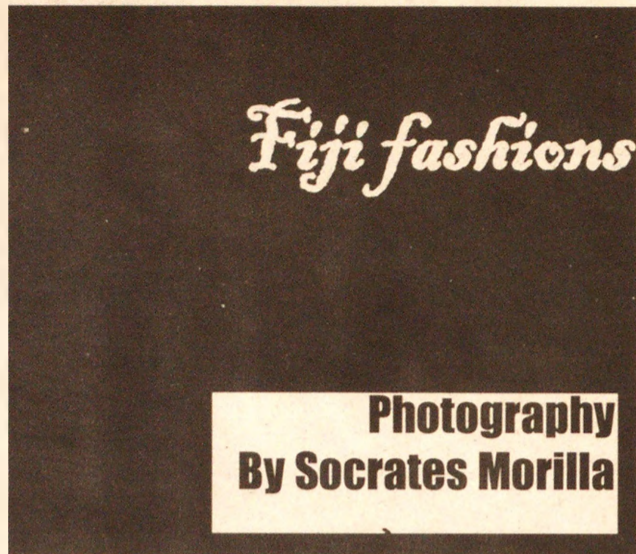
and Fox News, to complain about the prejudice and give the grieving families of missing black women the same attention any family would deserve.

While the search for Holloway continues, the searches for Huston and Figueroa ended with sad closure for the respective families. Both women's dead bodies were found, and arrests were made in both cases.

As this new semester gets underway, don't just watch your favorite news channel, dissect it. For every Holloway there is a Huston or a Figueroa, with families worried just as bad and grieving just as hard.

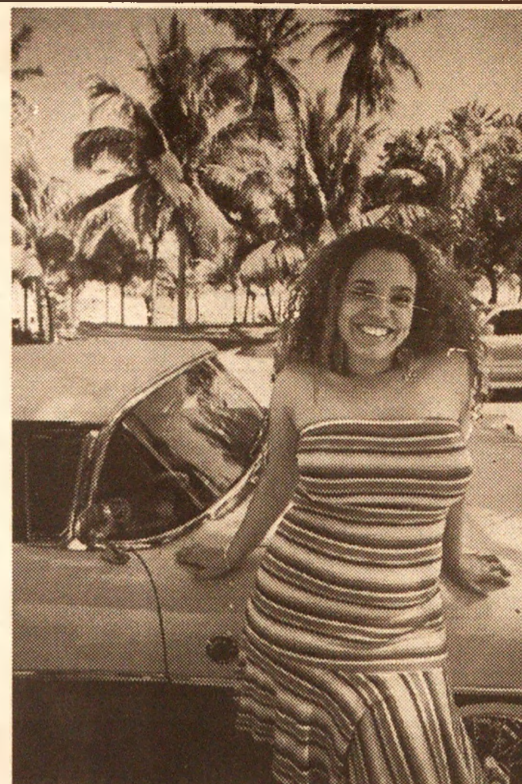
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Going on around Campus...



Fiji fashions

**Photography
By Socrates Morilla**



Gas Prices, continued

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Richards believes our health would improve just by people having to walk more.

Barry student resident Taryn Jaskunas said "Since I live in the new residence hall, Benincasa, I find myself driving to meet my friends at their halls instead of walking because I do not feel safe crossing North Miami Avenue by myself."

Jaskunas, wishing to caution others, said "Tons of bad things happen to teenage girls every day and night when they are spotted alone." Jaskunas believes it is worth the price of gas to feel safe.

Barry commuters are hit even harder. Many find they will be even less inclined to go to campus activities, since their budget will only

allow one trip per day to the campus. Some commuters are even struggling because they have both day and night classes. Before, they could afford to go back home for a few hours in between. Now, some are facing the choice of spending their entire morning until late evening on campus, or paying the price for the down time at home.

Although Richard's opinion seems pretty justifiable, is it feasible? Is America ready to go back in time and live like the "wheel" was never invented? Let's face it, we've become a lazy nation. Walking almost any distance seems out of the question for us because it's an inconvenience. Many people are scared for their safety when they think of walking in unfamiliar neighborhoods.

Moreover, there are some people whose self-esteem would be in jeopardy when they are unable to show-off their "pimped out" Hummers. Modesty, for many, is out of the question when it comes to the relationship between themselves and their vehicles.

Yet, with gas prices only to get higher and higher, people need to make a group effort to learn what is really important in their lives. Wouldn't Barry University do both the students and the environment a favor by adding classes that teach us how to use and apply alternative sources of energy?



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Studying for Grad school

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While graduate school may have seemed like the proverbial "Holy Grail" to previous generations, for us, in today's ever-expanding competitive world, it has become accessible and necessary. Academia has never been valued as much as it is today and the pursuit of further levels of higher education has become essential to earning the income that we are told we need.

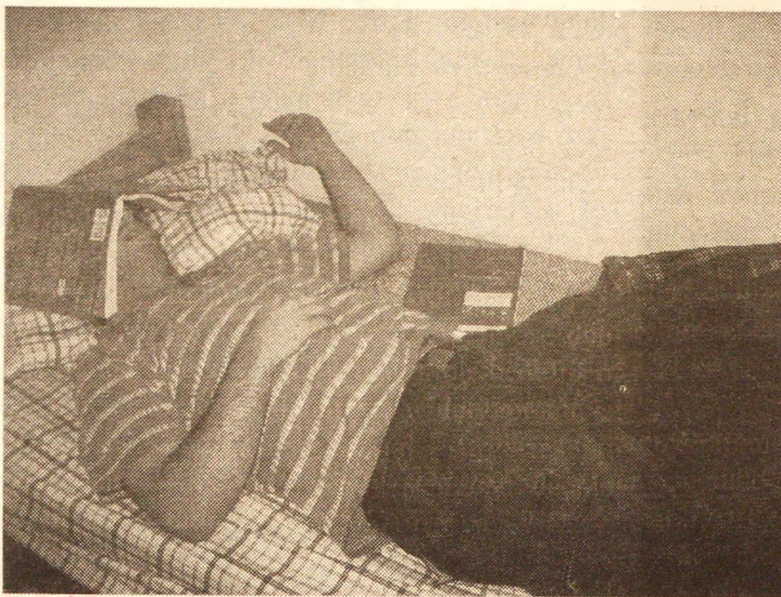
As a current college senior, praying to graduate in May 06', I found that going on to law school and becoming an attorney would be the best path for me, and found others like me here on the Barry campus. Many people I know are gearing up for a master's degree or a potential MBA. Even more among us hope to go to medical school. However, these wonderful aspirations come with a roadblock: one must first achieve excellent scores on a grueling standardized test before entering the halls of the school of their dreams. One thing that I have realized on my journey: the LSAT is hard!

Now we all remember the SAT's. The pressure from parents and teachers to do well on it or else they'd say, "We won't get into college!" Well, it couldn't have been that bad because we all made it here. The difference between then and now is, chances are, we're calling the shots. It is our choice to stay in college and it is our choice to continue to graduate school,

although, it was not our choice to set the standard at such a difficult level.

Many of these tests are required to accompany your applications to perspective schools and those applications must be on the desks of admissions committees before February, THE LATEST! This means that a student must study and take the test during their generally hectic fall semester, while taking at least 12 credit hours and maintaining that perfect resume those colleges look for. Don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining. I am conscious of my decision. I am putting myself through this horrible, time-consuming situation. I don't have to make \$100,000 a year. I could live in a studio apartment and eat out of cans, but something tells me, that wouldn't be fun in my sixties.

I think the point of all this, is to alert the campus community to this situation. To speak for myself, if I look sleep deprived or a little edgy in class, it isn't because I'm partying or going on alcohol binges, it's because I'm a geek up until two am reading logical reasoning questions, or because I am trying to finish the many chapters of class work.



Grad School Ain't Easy- Studying is draining!

Photo by: Joshua Tremper

It is an interesting set-up that this country creates for its youth. There are so many parallel ideas of what your twenties should entail. Being a New Yorker leaving for college in Miami, everyone expects my life to be a non-stop party on the beach, but little do they know, there is another school of thought that describes internships, good grades, and extra-curricular activities as the only way to go.

I admire the adults that were able to spend college wisely, leave with a 4.0 and go on to a fabulous job. The media teaches us that in order to have a great life, you must solely value your youth and remember those experiences forever. What it doesn't teach you is that those parallel ideas are like two roads that never meet, but remain parallel.

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Mama Jennie's, Continued

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Barry orders" for pizza delivery. "We love Barry," he smiled. Meanwhile in the restaurant's main dining room wait staff, including employee Justine Mulcahy, busily moved among the capacity crowd trying to keep down the long line of waiting customers and serving a Barry reporter a coffee during the

long wait for a free table, as customers were lingering over their meals and clearly in no hurry to venture back out into the heavy afternoon rain of a city paralyzed by lack of electricity. At nearby Capri Gardens Apartments, home to many Barry employees, residents were dealing with vehicle damage due to downed trees in addition to the power outage. Just across the street, Mama Jennie's was an oasis of calm

and comfort thanks to a generator paid for, in part, by many years of pizza orders from Barry University students.

Mama Jennie's Italian Restaurant is located at 11720 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Miami Shores, close to Barry's main campus, and is open seven days per week.

<http://www.mamajennies.com/>

Check out more images of Katrina's damage here at Barry, on Page 13.



Owner John Zynko takes a break from his work to talk with The Buccaneer. **Photo by: Buccaneer Staff**



Mama Jennie's employee Justine Mulcahy kept customers comfortable and eased worries during the hurricane. **Photo by: Buccaneer Staff**

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Marriage While Studying: It Can Be Done!

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What's it like to
be married *and*
full-time college

student? How do they juggle both worlds and still maintain sanity? Forget the fairy-tales that you're used to. When it comes to marriage, reality is nothing like Disney will explain it.

I can admit that it can get a little hectic at times, like when you get home and instead of setting up a romantic evening, you set up for a long night of studying. Or like when you wish you could have a fun weekend getaway and instead you get to do laundry and yard work. As I was being asked by friends how do I juggle both worlds, my answer was...actually I had to really think about my answer. There were so many good responses that I could give, but the one that stuck out the most was to have a supportive spouse.

Some of my friends have labeled my new hubby as the perfect man; and that's easy for them to say because they don't live with him. Actually I do believe he is perfect even if he snores. I think nowadays its important for relationships to realize that times have changed and that female college students don't necessarily attend college to

look for a spouse; they attend college to gain independence.

After my husband proposed and I said yes, the next words out of my mouth were: "if you're looking for a maid or a mother, you've got the wrong woman, but if you want a wife then you've got me." I'm not bashing the traditional values some of you out there may have, I'm simply pointing out that gender roles have evolved. Now don't go labeling me as a feminist. In definition we are all feminists because we're students; we believe in our right to an education. The problem might lie in the fact that people feel that marriage needs ALL of our attention and energy and we cannot split that up into other parts of our lives. Actually, it's healthier when you both have hobbies of your own.

Unfortunately, marriage carries a bad reputation. In psychology we learn that the toughest years of marriage are the first 5-7 years and if you pass that you have a higher chance of having a successful life. I keep wondering if maybe my hubby and I are doing things wrong; it's our first year and we're not having the hardest time. Honestly, every once in a while we admit to each other that it doesn't feel like we're married,

it just feels like a sleep over, like an extension of our dating. As unromantic as this may sound, being organized helps a lot with keeping sanity between both worlds.

Everything must get written down. Even scheduling newlywed duties and shaving your legs daily. The refrigerator gets filled with "to do" lists and your school planner gets invaded with all the academic and personal things to do. If you think its rough having to keep in touch with your own family while you work and handle school, think how much harder it is when your family doubles in size. In all truthfulness, you can never juggle both worlds and give them each 100%. Something always has to give; something always gets less of you.

There is an adjustment; mentally and physically, that has to occur. You have to be willing to accept not having a rhythm or a routine schedule. Having discipline is absolutely important and it helps to stay focused. While many people have told me how difficult it would be, no one told me that it could give you a sense of satisfaction and it could prove your relationship works when you can figure it out like a map, one that is as tentative as a syllabus.

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Are you married or a new mother and going to school full-time? Are you employed full-time and also a full-time college student? Write to mmorrow8@yahoo.com, lourdesU21@yahoo.com with your story.



The Crooked Column

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This column has been started to let others have a voice, not just my own. If there is anything in your life that's JUST NOT RIGHT, please email me in detail at scheel-scott@bucmail.barry.edu. You have a right to be heard when others turn a deaf ear and there seems to be no other recourse, but to accept the way things are. If more people believe they have a voice, change will occur.

The \$10 dollar car give-away fiasco: Has anyone seen those ten-dollar giveaways from one of the biggest dealerships in the United States? Believe it or not, Maroone does give \$10 dollar cars away, but in the process, some of their practices towards the people that go to those give-aways seem to be a bit unethical.

After going twice to a Maroone's give-away event that occurs once a month at various locations, it was clear they had a method to their madness. The rules for the give-away were simple. Just be behind the wheel of the car of your choice by 9 a.m.(when the doors were to be officially open), and that person behind the wheel has first dibs on that ten dollar car. Sounds pretty simple doesn't it?

What their advertisements don't tell you is that they allow people to sleep in the chosen cars overnight and when morning arrives, salesmen go around and begin to talk with the various "squatters". These salesmen have approached people (before 9 a.m.) to let them know whether or not they are behind a ten-dollar car before the give-away begins. But there is a hitch.

Salesmen are telling people they are certain that they are sitting behind a ten-dollar car and ask the people for their personal information so they can write up the contract. They ask for a license, insurance card and other confidential information that a person would not normally give out, unless they were doing a business transaction. The salesmen write up the contract for ten dollars, give it to the participants, only to come back later to say they were mistaken and say how the boss said it was a more expensive car.

Now the dealership has attained your confidential info without ever meaning to give away as many ten-dollar cars as people are led to believe. With this information, the salesmen can easily check on a person's credit and lifestyle to see how much they can assume a participant can afford to spend. They then come back with an offer they feel the participant can afford. This practice seems more than a bit shady and I wonder what the attorney general would have to say about such tactics?

When You have to Pay For Volunteering

Recently, someone informed me of an email going around that asks for volunteers, especially in the wake of the Katrina Hurricane crisis. The problem was not that they were seeking volunteers, but they were asking people for \$15 just to submit your application to volunteer.

This company that calls themselves a "not-for-profit", is known as Single Volunteers of South Florida (SVSF) and/or Southfloridacares.com (SFC). On the top of their one page application, they ask for the \$15 dollars to help defray costs. Why wouldn't a volunteer agency, use volunteers to enter in a one page application into their system? Isn't it hard enough to find volunteers without asking them to pay a fee to help?

When doing a search for who actually owns the website, some interesting facts came to light. After going to WHOIS.org, where you can look up who had registered the site, there seems to be a discrepancy of who is actually the contact person was for SFC.

The website of SFC, says the president/CEO as one name, but with a phone number given, belonged to a residential number of someone else. When we tried to call the phone number given, a message of "phone no longer exists" was heard. The address given was a P.O. box.

So, we have no real physical address to investigate, coupled with a non-exist phone number. To add to the questionable legitimacy, the contact email address given is a Google address. Wouldn't a reputable company have at least, an email that was more established? Just for the heck of it, we tried to contact the email address given. Guess what? Not so surprisingly, there was no reply. Even though SFC is sending out emails for paid volunteer requests, when we went to their website, the page had been removed or changed.

Given that we cannot contact the company in any way, I would be quite leery of doing any kind of business. Especially since we went to several charity watchdog sites that did not recognize either SFC or SVSF. We cannot say with totally certainty, they are illegitimate, so look at the facts for yourself.

There will be many attempts by fraudulent people to take advantage of others within a crisis like Hurricane Katrina. Just recently, the FBI issued warnings to the public on how there were over 2,000 new charity sites that sprang up during Katrina. In fact, so many have popped up that they have only been able to investigate 60% of them.

Find out where and what percentage of your donations is really going to the people that you are trying so hard to help. The Better Business Bureau suggests that even though some websites might be legitimate or have good intentions, many of these sites do not have the means or experience to deliver aid in a timely manner.

If you have any comments, information to add to these stories, or you suspect something is JUST NOT RIGHT, please feel free to email me at the above email address.

Circumcision Debate, Continued

(CONTINUED FROM, pg 5)

Americans continued to get their sons routinely circumcised. Meanwhile, globally, other countries such as England, Australia, New Zealand and Canada had slowed or completely stopped their practices of non-religious circumcision, following the trends of medicine.

The main medical arguments in favor of the surgery included lowering the risk of contracting penile cancer, urinary tract infections (UTI), and STDs. Several studies have shown the risk of penile cancer is actually pretty rare (less than 1 per 100,000 men), therefore can't be a completely coherent reason to routinely perform the surgery. Although the risk of UTI in intact newborns is three to ten times more than for their circumcised brothers, occurrences of the infection is general pretty rare; about one out of 100 intact newborns. Not to mention, an UTI is quite treatable.

The issue of STDs is an equally questionable matter. Even after many studies have shown a link between decreased rates of HIV and syphilis, there seems to be no differ-

ence in the occurrence of gonorrhea, chlamydia, and venereal warts in circumcised males. If circumcision actually curbed the rate of infection, the numbers would show it. Instead, it has been shown that countries with very low rates of circumcision, like Europe and Canada, actually have lower rates of STDs and HIV than the U.S.

In 1971, after numerous studies, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) found there was not enough benefits of circumcision to warrant its routine use in infants and declared there were "no valid medical indications" for the practice.

The AAP did not condemn the surgery; but suggested parents should make an informed decision and highly encouraged anesthesia (now in the form of a local analgesic called a dorsal penile block). It was after this assertion that the number of routine infant circumcisions in the states began to decline.

Another major reason, many people advocate routine non-religious circumcision is aesthetics. In the mid-1900s, medical textbooks and journals began depicting penises as circumcised; projecting the surgi-

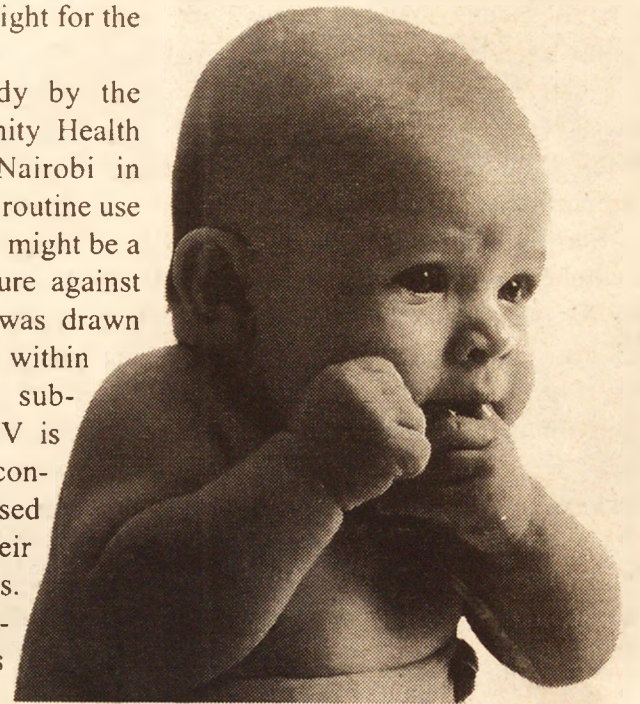
cally altered penis as natural. This was a clever way to further the idea that circumcision at birth was a good practice and perfectly normal. Nowadays many people in the U.S. (men and women alike) do indeed view the circumcised penis as normal looking and several even tend to prefer the altered appearance.

Though circumcision may not be routinely indicated, there are indeed some practical and beneficial uses for it. The surgery might be indicated in people that suffer from a condition called phimosis, in which the foreskin is too long and tight for the penis to retract easily.

In 1994, a study by the Department of Community Health at the University of Nairobi in Kenya had indicated that routine use of circumcision in Africa might be a good preventative measure against HIV. This conclusion was drawn after the analysis showed within Africa, particularly sub-Saharan Africa, that HIV is twice as likely to be contracted by non-circumcised males than it is for their foreskin-free counterparts. Yet, how beneficial is circumcision in regions

where HIV is not as prevalent, with readily available health facilities and hygienic resources?

Circumcision specifically, harbors the dangers of possible hemorrhaging, bruising, infection, excessive scarring leading to sexual dysfunction, surgical error, or even psychological trauma. Are those dangers worth the negligible benefits of one of the most widely practiced and controversial surgeries in America? Only you can decide, future parents of America.



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Fall Fashion 2005

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This fall's fashion trends and themes are so plentiful and rich that there really is something for everyone. From dark, gothic styles to bohemian looks with a twist to masculine chic and a revamping of the 70's, this fall fashion is a free for all. For the guys, styles are increasingly tailored, but still cool and comfortable enough to just chill in.

Here's how to get the looks:

GOTHIC

Black is back and darker than ever before. The key this time around is femininity and shape, with an emphasis on the waist. "A skinny black pencil skirt and black blazer carefully cinched around the waist combined with some pointy, patent leather t-strap stilettos would be a perfect fit for you graduate students out there.

Pair that same pencil skirt with a plain black tank top embellished with rhinestones, studs, or other metallic accents with funky ballerina flats and you're set for an everyday outing. Add a sense of gothic mystery to your look with dark violet finger nail polish (keep your nails short for darker shades) and add a spooky spider or insect ring.

BOHEMIAN

The look is still peasant and pretty, but also very rich and sophisticated. The twist on Bohemian styles this season is a mix of Russian, Latin, and Victorian flavors. Key things to look out for are super rich fabrics and textures like velvet, silk, chiffon, cashmere, crochet, and tapestry. Look for deep, romantic, warm colors this season too, like plums, velvety reds, roses, and dark golds.

The flowing pleated knee and ankle-length skirts that were so hot for summer are super cool for fall, but now they're in velvet and crushed velvet. Combine unlikely fabrics like a thin, form-fitting, yet flowing chiffon dress under an oversized, ribbed wool sweater for effect.

MASCULINE CHIC

This is just about the most versatile theme this fall. This look can be comprised by coupling fully tailored wide-leg trousers (pleats are optional) with oxford shirts or tuxedo-front blouses. A more complete outfit might entail a vest or cardigan over that button-up with a fun, boxy blazer on top (yes, if you can believe it shoulderpads are creeping back in).

This look can also be achieved, by mixing plain Bermuda shorts (denim, corduroy, khaki, bright yellow, whatever) with flip-flops, a lacy or silky soft hued bib-front blouse, and a high pony-tail with a carefully coiffed pompadour on top. You get the plain, boyish feel from the waist down, but a light femininity from the waist up.

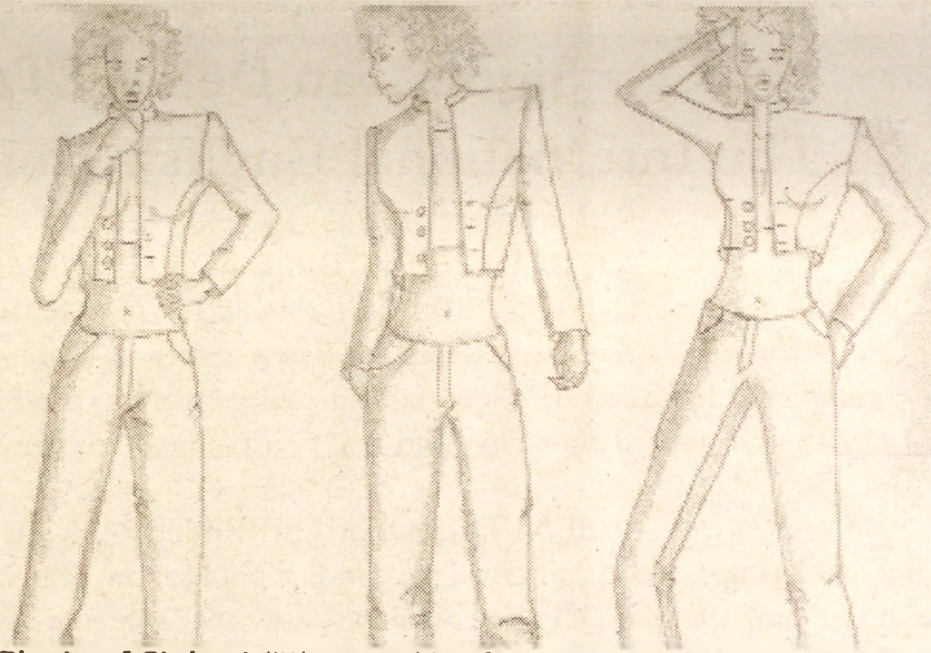
There will be many blazers and jackets in stores this fall. Look for pinstripes, deep and dark colors, busy prints, and a smaller, more fitted shape. Full sized blazers get to the heart of the "masculine chic" movement, but shrunken jackets and cardigans add a new sense of shape and flair that will be fun to play with.

RETRO SWEETNESS
This style is super fun and playful. The color palette here is very warm and earthy. Just imagine all the gorgeous, full-bodied reddish browns in the form of cowboy boots (how hot are these?) and huge, relaxed leather bags. Or think of the darker browns and rusty reds in cool, textured fabrics like large-wale corduroy and suede that might be manifested in clogs, cropped pants and even handbags. Stripes and plaids on thick wools make up what might be your favorite sweater this fall.

If you really want to get adventurous, layer a striped wool vest over an earthy plaid button-up. Combine that with a brightly colored, flowing cotton or jersey knee-length skirt and your favorite cowboy or riding boots.

GUYS

As I mentioned before, a guys' looks this fall are a lit-



Plenty of Style- A little something for every taste.

Drawings by: David Barnes

tle more tailored and fitted. Look for polo shirts that accentuate your body's natural shape, not just shapeless, boring blobs (think Penguin, IZOD, and Le Tigre).

Also, grab at least one pair of really nice jeans that fit fairly snug (not tight, but tailored) and are funky up different washes of distress, embroidery, or stencil. (Diesel, Sean John, Paper Denim) This is going to be a key piece this season because, for guys especially, style is going to be a mix of old and new; thrift store meets designer.

So your super-hot, super-expensive jeans are going to be paired with that t-shirt that you bought at Red, White, and Thrift for \$1.50. Or, if you're going out, just throw on a funky-but-fitted blazer right on top of that \$1.50 tee and add some super brightly-colored (or at least brightly accented) kicks to make your outfit pop. It's Easy, fun, and sure to attract the attention of that special someone.

To get a couple more hints about this fall's trends, I caught up with Barry's own David "D" Barnes, who is a member of the Public Safety staff. Anyone who knows Barnes surely knows that he is an extremely talented fashion designer, complete with a clothing company (Pidda Didda, Inc.) and clothing line (Sassy Couture.)

Excitedly, Barnes said, "They should be coming to a store near you in the spring of 2006." He has traveled the globe and has been witness to the ins and outs of fashion trends, but knows what really works.

Barnes gave me a list of his favorite hot fall trends including: bomber jackets and bomber boots; hardware on handbags (studs, huge buckles, grommets, rivets, etc); embroidery on jeans, jackets, handbags; silk set off with a metallic sheen, along with the "bootie," which is a cross between an ankle boot and a shoe.

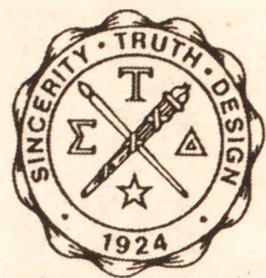
You must always remember: no matter what anyone says, your style is a part of you and how you express yourself. Have fun with your fashion sense, make it up as you go along. Heck, do the complete opposite of what the trends say. As long as you are confident in yourself and your style, you can make anything work.



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In the Wake of Katrina



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October 3rd	CAB's Monday Night Football	LSU- Grille 155	9:00 p.m.	CAB
October 5th	Synergy Workshop	LSU- Conf 204-109	12noon	OSA
October 6th	CoSO Meeting	Commuter Lounge	3:00p.m.	CA
October 6th	Local Lounge- Barry Stars First Round	LSU- Grille 155	8:00p.m.	CAB
October 9th	Phantom of the Opera	Broward Ctr for Perf. Arts	12noon	OSA
October 10th	CAB Monday Night Football	LSU- Grille 155	9:00 p.m.	CAB
October 10th	Monday Massages	Commuter Lounge	12-2, 5-7	CA
October 12th	CAB Game Night	LSU-Grille 155	7:00p.m.	CAB
October 14-16th	Disney World Trip	Walt Disney World	7:00a.m.	CAB
October 17th	CAB Monday Night Football	LSU- Grille 155	9:00 p.m.	CAB
October 20th	Local Lounge- Barry STARS Semi-Finals	LSU- Grille 155	9:00 p.m.	CAB
October 20th	BOB (Breakfast on Barry)	Commuter Lounge	8:00 a.m.	CA
October 20th	CoSo Meeting	Commuter Lounge	3:00 p.m.	CA
October 22nd	Horseback Riding	Bar B Ranch	2:30p.m.	OSA
October 24th	CAB Monday Night Football	LSU- Grille 155	9:00 p.m.	CAB
October 25th	CAB Movie Night- Candy Man	LSU- Events Room	6:05, 8:10, 10	CAB
October 26th	CAB Game Night/ Late Night Dining	LSU- Dinning Hall	10:00p.m.	CAB
October 27th	Halloween Dance	Thompson Hall	10:00 p.m.	CAB
October 29th	Halloween Horror Night	Departs from LSU	2:00 p.m.	CAB
October 31 st	CAB's Mon. Night Football	LSU-Grill 155	9:00 p.m.	CAB

The Puck Drops Now

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If you know what a zamboni is, chances are you know that the National Hockey League (NHL) came to a standstill last year. The players, backed by the NHL players association (NHLPA), went on negotiation wars against the owners of the hockey clubs.

The owners wanted to institute a new salary cap, decreasing team costs, and as the players fought for the money they worked hard for decades to receive, the owners tried to institute better competition. Ultimately, a player lockout began stopping play in the NHL.

At first, die-hard fans were kept on edge, thinking this lockout would be for a short time like the previous strike in 1994. Hockey legends Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux tried to keep fans and themselves optimistic that there would be someone hoisting the Stanley Cup in the air by this July. Despite the hopes and prayers of puck-heads across North America, the season was lost

underneath a wave of money squabbles and bureaucratic bickering.

No hockey? Canada would riot! Fans would picket and beat down NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman's door, but instead there was silence and a lingering feeling

"No hockey?
Canada would riot!"

of discontent. Fans were upset that a sport for the most part, still clear of major scandals like steroids, had sunk into the realm of greed and selfishness. For Canadian fans, they still had Junior hockey to rely on, but here in Florida, hockey fans had to find something else to spend their time with.

Florida actually has two hockey teams, the Florida Panthers and the Tampa Bay Lightning. While hockey is definitely not #1 in this notoriously fair-weather fan state, hardcore locals with Barry students from Canada and American hockey towns won't be without their favorite game this academic year. The lockout is over, and hockey is back!

South Florida is Panthers' territory and this year looks promising

for the struggling team. The new salary cap has allowed the Panthers to acquire talented veterans like Gary Roberts and Joe Nieuwendyk. The Panther's new coach, Jacques Martin, once the stone-faced coach of the Ottawa Senators, will bring playoff experience to a team still missing a Stanley Cup championship banner from their arena's ceiling.

At Barry, you may catch a glimpse of a student in a Philadelphia Flyers or New York Rangers jersey, both conference rivals of the Florida Panthers. However, in this private university, students in the past have attempted to push rivalries aside and actually form a Buccaneer hockey team twice, without success. Maybe those students in the Flyers and Rangers jerseys wouldn't want to watch a Florida Panthers game, but unlike the complacent NHL

Right Wing and watching the Boston Bruins, wanted to raise hockey awareness on the Barry University campus and promote the game Nobrega and others love so much. While the club may consist only of gatherings and game watching at first, Nobrega along with other Barry student hockey players, plan on forming a Barry University Hockey Team.

So, if you have October 5th marked on your calendar, your favorite hockey jersey ready to go, and a love for the most underrated game in the United States, join Derek Nobrega and fellow hockey fans to help form Barry University's first Hockey Club.

Derek Nobrega can be reached by phone at (508) 816-6048, or through the Bucmail system at nobregad@bucmail.barry.edu.

"The lockout is over,
and hockey is back!"

fans, Barry puck-heads are once again emerging from the dark cave of a lockout to take their place amidst a student population more akin to being baseball, basketball and football fans.

Barry Sophomore Derek Nobrega, a native of Easton, Massachusetts, plans on giving Barry hockey fans a place to gather, discuss, watch, and even play hockey. Nobrega, who grew up playing

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Player Profile: Robert Luongo

Roberto "Louie" Luongo
(Loo-WAHN-go)

Born: April 4th, 1979 in Montreal, Quebec
Height: 6'3 Weight: 205 Number: 1



From flpanthers.com

When the Florida Panthers acquired Roberto Luongo from the New York Islanders in the year 2000, South Florida hockey fans were given the privilege of being able to boast that the Florida Panthers have an All-Star Goalie. Not only did Luongo help Team Canada win the World Cup in 2004, he did so by making an astounding 37 saves in the semi-final game between Canada and the Czech Republic.

The new equipment size changes in post-lockout hockey haven't even affected the 6'3 "Superman", as a matter of fact, they have made his play even better. The lighter goalie equipment allows Luongo to move faster to make his jaw-dropping saves on the ice. With only a short post-lockout pre-season and one official game, the Panthers already have 36 penalty kills under their belt. In the team's home opener against the Atlanta Thrashers on October 5th, Luongo added yet another shutout to his resume when he stopped all 34 shots in the 2-0 against the division rivals.

New rules? New gear? Roberto Luongo remains unphased, and unstoppable.

A Disappointing End to An Unprecedented Season

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Barry Soccer has always been a constant force in the Sunshine State Conference and this year is no exception.

With last year's late round disappointments, the men's and women's teams are putting in extra effort to surpass the cleat marks they imprinted in the grass at Buccaneer Field.

The ladies suffered a heartbreaking loss in overtime to Lincoln Memorial (1-0), after out-shooting their opponent 27-3. The Buccaneers failed to continue in the tournament, but this year they are poised and prepared to make sure that bad luck does not repeat.

The lightning-fast feet of Emelie Karlsson, Tiina Saario, and Elisa Pirinen return as forwards for the Buccaneers. All three of these athletegirls hail from Finland and were last year's top 3 scorers (respectively).

Karlsson comes in with some of the finest footwork Barry has ever seen from a female soccer player. She is the Barry all-time leader in assists with 40, and is 2nd all-time in

points with 152. She even ranks 2nd in goals scored, kicking the ball into the net 56 times while wearing the red and black. Perhaps her most prestigious record is her 19 game-winning goals, an incredible mark by any player.

The unselfish play of Saario will aid Karlsson in her goal scoring, as well as help out newcomer, Elanna Brady. The Florida native shows awesome speed and even attended a tryout for the Jamaican national team.

The Enforcer, Ulla Matikainen, will be the key to the Buccaneers' defense this year. Her size and extremely aggressive play gave opponents second thoughts about crossing her path. Her strong kicking abilities will be a major asset to Barry's soccer team.

This year's keepers, Kelly Tryson and Liz Morgan, will battle for a starting spot in net. Both girls show great athleticism and quick hands, which will be the difference from making the team a good team from a great one.

On the men's side, rebuilding is the magic word. The boys lost their top four scorers and need to find a way to generate the great offense that fueled the team last semester.

Canadian born Lee Yakubowich lead the returners in scoring last season and is being hailed as one of the new major tools of offense. His athleticism will be a major advantage on the field he stands at 6'4" and has very good speed. Yakubowich scored 5 goals last season.

England native, Henry Apaloo, will bring the strong attack from the outside. Apaloo, who has been a starter since his freshman year, has some of the finest soccer knowledge on the team and is one of the more accomplished servers that offense can deliver. His ball work and passing game will be his biggest impact to the team.

Chris Rich tries to play brick wall this season. In 14 games last year he finished with a 2.28 goals allowed average. His hard work and dedication have demonstrated to coach Steve McCrath that he is constantly improving. His size will help as well, standing at 6'3" and being impenetrable on the low shots.

Coach McCrath will have the toughest position on the men's squad this season. Losing so many goal scorers will change the strategy McCrath has used in recent time.

This is McCrath's 8th season as coach, and he looks to push the Bucs to the top of the Sunshine State Conference.



Henry Apaloo- Powerful
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The Southpaw Swing: Lefties' Secret Sports Advantage

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It is a right-handed world. The truth is undeniable.

From the computer mouse to notebooks to scissors, even how the forks and knives at the dinner table are set; life is designed for the right-handed man.

We lefties have found our niche in sports. We have been confusing the minds of righty athletes for decades by simply playing from the other side.

Think about all these lefty greats: In baseball there is Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Lou Gehrig, Ted Williams, and Griffey Jr. to name a few. There's still "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, Sandy Koufax, Randy Johnson, and Florida Marlin Dontrelle Willis.

Basketball has Larry Bird, Walter Berry, Bill Russell and Lenny Wilkins, who are all lefties. In football Steve Young and Mike Vick each deliver from the left hand. Even Rocky Balboa of the "Rocky" movies swung with a southpaw fist.

Being a lefty in these sports presents an advantage that righties do not have.

In baseball, a left-handed batter stands closer to first base than the right-handed hitter. This gives him about a two-step advantage over any right-handed hitter. There is also a theory that left-handed pitchers have a natural "tail" or movement on their pitches.

From a pitcher's perspective, a left-handed pitcher is allowed to make a pickoff to first base without stepping off the mound. He can pretend like he is delivering a pitch to the plate and make a step towards first to try to throw the runner out. A righty must step off the pitcher's mound and spin around to make the pickoff throw, leaving



the lefty with a clear advantage.

Also, many lefties have "pretty" swings, which is more of a rarity with righties.

On the basketball court, playing defense against a lefty creates a little confusion. Players are under the assumption that the ball-handler's strong side would be his right. To see a move to his left then allowing the lefty hook to be released... it's almost as if you never saw it coming. The change of angle is enough to let the shot off if you are not accustomed to lefty play; a clear advantage on the court.

The same concept is held with left-handed quarterbacks. The change of angle and direction is so

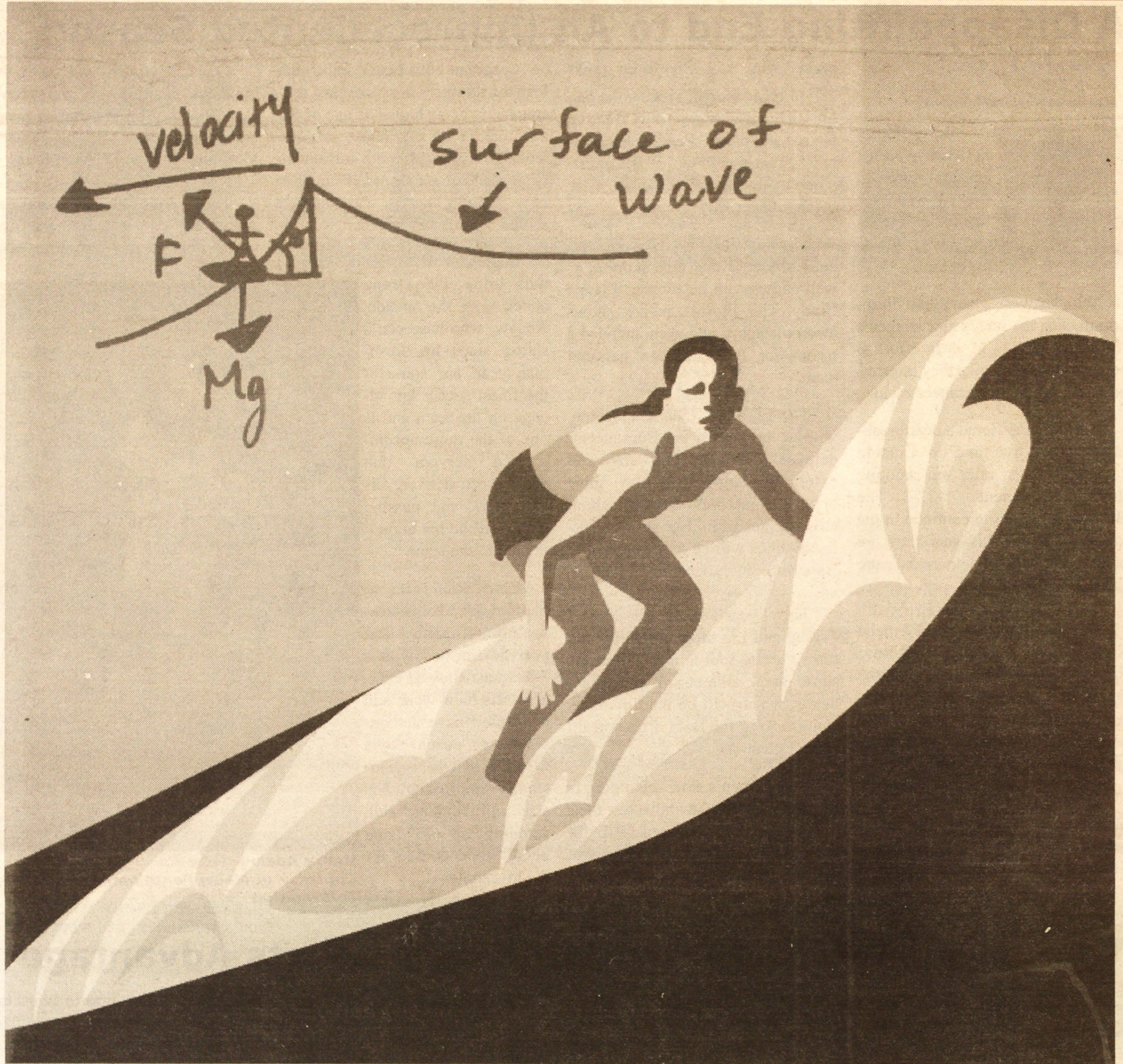
uncommon it takes time to adjust to. Although not proven, it is said that they throw tighter spirals to receivers.

Left handed goalies in ice hockey make all righty shooters turn to their backhand to shoot glove-side and create hesitation in deciding where to shoot. Also, a left-handed shooter is more likely to play left wing in order to receive passes and execute one-timers more easily.

Not all is good for lefties in sports. In baseball, lefties do not play any infield position besides first base. This is because when they field the ball, they must turn their bodies around to make the throw to first, which takes too much time. Also, it is extremely rare to find a left-handed catcher, who has a right-handed batter in his path to throw to second base and third.

In polo, playing left-handed is illegal because it scares the horses.

Even if society is not as welcoming to the ten percent of the population that is lefty, we still have sports (except polo) to welcome us. If only snowboarders didn't declare us "goofy."



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