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By *Buccaneer Staff*

Immediately after Wilma's eye passed over it on Monday October 24th, *Buccaneer* staff got a peek at the battered main campus, where by early afternoon some of Barry's heads, including Sister Linda, Jeanne Hock, and Patrick Devine of Residential Life were already golfcarting their way around surveying the extensive damage.

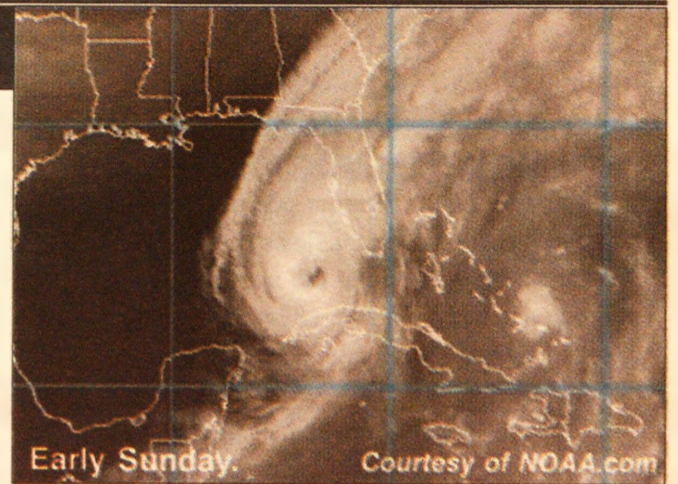
Their attention was prompt and early during a period of a week and a half when classes were canceled and the school closed due to post-hurricane damage control and

restoration. Below, *Buccaneer* staff review the way Barry's recovery ensued.

School Announcements

As with previous hurricanes, Barry news was released on regular newscast tickers, but some students found it

difficult to become informed. While the University of Miami and Florida International University (as well as the rest of Florida's colleges) were announcing closures early, there was



a perception among some students that news from Barry was not being released until the latest moment.

However, the school was attempting to keep students informed, both through the Barry University

main website and a hotline number. While news was quickly available on campus, some commuters had to rely on gossip and failing cell-phone networks to get the facts on time. Power outages and phone outages made it difficult for others. Some commuters who work in Commuter Student Affairs office found themselves out of the loop. One CIA (Commuter Information Assistant) drove 25 miles on the Friday before Wilma made landfall, only to find that the main campus was closed.

School Schedule Changes

Most professors and students were pleased with the decision of the university to extend classes through finals week. The memo sent out to faculty members encourages professors to continue their courses



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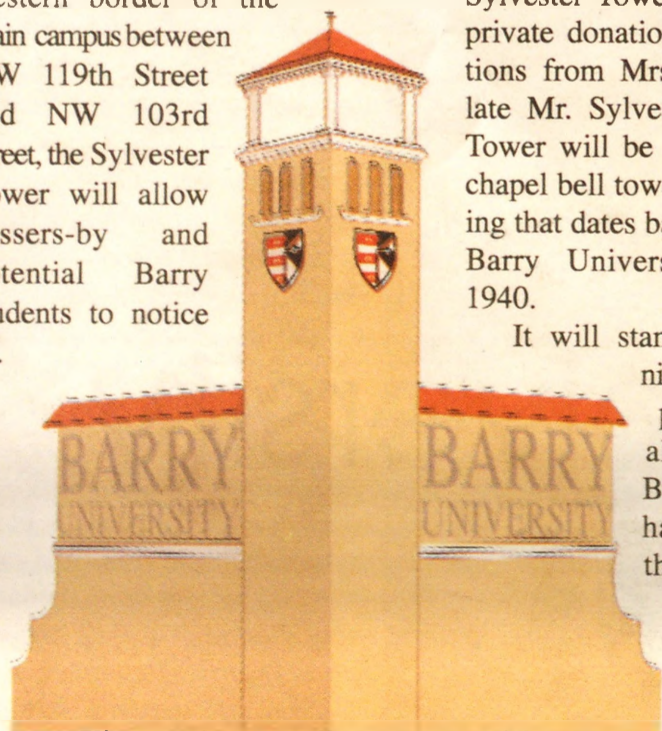
Barry's "Tower of Babel"

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For the spring semester of 2006, Barry students and faculty will have a historic landmark for all of South Florida to see. It may come as a surprise to some that Barry has not been widely heard about, as University planners are so inclined.

Overlooking I-95 on the western border of the main campus between NW 119th Street and NW 103rd Street, the Sylvester Tower will allow passers-by and potential Barry students to notice us.



"Barry is one of the best kept secrets of South Florida in higher education" says Tom Severino, Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement and one of the many minds behind this project.

The total cost to build Barry University's new landmark will be around \$600,000 to \$700,000. The Sylvester Tower will be funded by private donations along with donations from Mrs. Sylvester and the late Mr. Sylvester. The Sylvester Tower will be a replica of Barry's chapel bell tower; an original building that dates back to the time when Barry University was founded, 1940.

It will stand at an impressive ninety feet tall, accompanied by a memorial wall of all of Barry's donors that have contributed to the funding of the tower.

The Sylvester Tower will serve as a complement to a building that is also

in planning. At night, the Sylvester Tower will light up and mark the campus site.

"Interviews(...) revealed a mix of responses"

The plans for the Sylvester Tower adhere to the requirements for air traffic lights, and other provisions. The University has attained all the appropriate permits.

Interviews with resident and commuter students revealed a mixture of responses. Some students are looking forward to the creation of the new tower, thinking, as the planners do, that the creation of this tower will serve as good marketing for the school. Another hope is that the extravagant addition will somehow promote a growth in traffic of people in the area, i.e. more restaurants, stores.

However, some students were

concerned that the donated money should be put towards a better cause, believing the tower is such a waste of good money that could go toward the improvement of the school in general. Although the University is willing to have this tower, the application of this donation is not so flexible, Mike Laderman,

a University Relations spokesperson, told *The Buccaneer*. The Sylvester money is being given to build us a tower in their name, intended to benefit the University, by bringing prestige and awareness.

The thought of the tower being nothing more than a near million-dollar billboard has crossed the minds of students and with the public showing more interest in Barry, there is a growing concern for the maxed-out class sizes, instead of the small sizes that Barry is so famous for.

Other student objections: the tower will not be climbable.

Letter from the Editor



The stairway on the closest side of Garner to the Lehman building that joins the Q coffee bar and the computer lab shows signs of procrastination remorse. Litter—flyers of forfeited parties, gum and cookie crumbs of the study munchies—decorates the steps like a postmodern Christmas tree. Anyone see something like that at Art Basel?

Anyone see, a sign of vandalism in that same stairway at the beginning of the semester? I referred to it in October's editorial. Apparently some of those whom the vandalism offended didn't see it. My statement regarding the audacity of anyone "who would cross out rows and write dykes," was intended to call out thee vandal on offensive language, and point out their ignorance, not to condone it, as a few readers mistakenly believed. *The Buccaneer* appreciates however, that this impression, however erroneous, was taken to heart and brought to my attention. On behalf of the *Buccaneer* staff, I apologize for my phrasing.

I want to congratulate all students, professors, and tutors (not to mention those coffee makers full of grace; you are the wind beneath my wings) on another semester. Only we know how well we did or if we could have done better. As the season of giving approaches and we find ourselves budgeting time and money to go shopping—at least those of us who chose to lay low on Black Friday—I hope we all get a chance to relax and be with people we love. If we are lucky enough to have life (and electricity after the hurricane season) we should be grateful enough to work hard, play hard and love much. The season of taking is almost over, taking assignments, taking mandatory evacuations, taking one sleepless night over to meet the restless day, and now the season of giving is upon us. I can't wait to be good to those who have been good to me, not just under the guise of St. Nick, but as a New Year's Resolution. If you're going to commit to shedding a few pounds, quitting smoking or forgiving an enemy, making the effort to be good to people, helping them, should be a piece of cake, right?

One last Thank You. Thank *you* reader. We hope you enjoy this issue, and let us hear how to make an even better issue next time. The staff will write for you again in January, after all the festivities and sleeping in during the holidays. And always remember who we are, just students, in the same shoes as you.

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Benincasa Hall: Hastily Built or Following Protocol?

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Residents of Barry University's newest dorm, Benincasa Hall, survived the first few weeks of the semester despite many problems: lack of parking, power outages, faulty cable and telephone, leaky ceilings, broken/unfinished closets or bathrooms, and at least three people stuck in the elevator.

A bit after the hustle and bustle of the new school year, residents noticed a bright yellow piece of paper affixed to the front door of the hall saying, "Temporary Certificate of Occupancy," in big bold letters. The sign was printed by the Building Department of Miami Shores Village on August 18, 2005, stating that four items needed to be addressed and a re-inspection passed within 90 days. The items that needed to be addressed were 1) Final approval for Certificate of Occupancy from the Miami-Dade County Fire Department, 2) Final inspection for irrigation from Chief Plumbing Inspector, 3) Final approval from Planning and Zoning (trees missing in park area and replace dead ones in courtyard), and 4) Final approval for low voltage (data and telecom) from Chief Electrical Inspector. No

consequence was listed for non-compliance.

The sign stirred up feelings of concern and confusion among Benincasa residents who began to wonder if they would still be able to live in their dorms, if the hall did not pass that final inspection. The possibility of staying in a hotel for the second semester of the 2005-2006 school year, was now imminent.

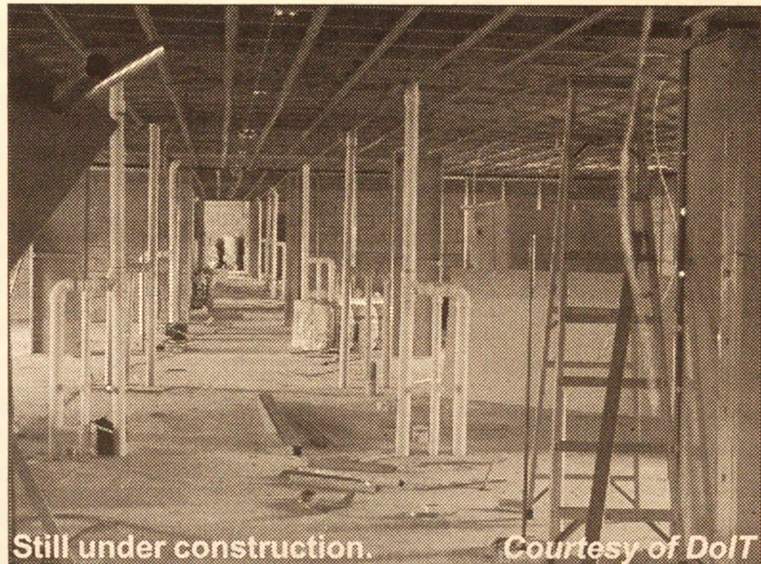
This confusion led to a barrage of questions including 1) Why is Benincasa Hall not complete/listing as temporary housing, 2) What is the cause of these various aforementioned technical problems? And 3) How and when are these problems going to be fixed? To find the answers *The Buccaneer* searched BU's campus high and low.

Richard Bartley has been Director of Construction for the last year and a half here at Barry. He works with the Office of Residential Life, architects, and contractors to carry out the construction of new buildings on campus. Bartley fields our first question regarding the

permanence (or lack thereof) of Benincasa Hall by explaining first and foremost that every newly constructed building must first obtain a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy before getting the permanent one; it is standard protocol.

The reason Benincasa did not have its permanent Certificate of Occupancy at the beginning of the semester was apparently because building permit paperwork processing is an extremely slow venture that passes through many people and many hands. Bartley assured us that all of the issues outlined on the temporary certificate had been addressed and the re-inspection passed. The final paperwork

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Still under construction.

Courtesy of DoIT

Graduate Student Running Clinic

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In exchange for becoming a research subject, graduate students at Barry University are offering running advice by appointment.

Three graduate students along with medical experts of varying degrees and ties to the school are doing a runner's clinic. Any student or South Floridian, from a new runner to an Iron Man hopeful, can get their running techniques scrutinized, said Monique Butcher, a certified athletic trainer with her doctorate in biomechanics, movement and exercise science. "The idea is to improve and be injury-free" said Butcher, who is also directing the program.

One clinic in which Butcher is directly involved costs \$150 to the runner; students pay \$115 which pay a practicing podiatrist who is on board, and for the use of the equipment. During the clinic, four experts watch the runner and record their movement on digital video. Then they show the video back and explain what they see to the runner. The runner also undergoes various stretching examinations to let the experts take good look at the runner's capabilities.

The fees are worth the service, Butcher assures. Although the names of the runners were not released due to the confidentiality of the visits, she offered up anecdotes of their success.

One session revealed a surprising diagnosis to one runner in particular. A one-leg squat test showed he had weak stability muscles in one leg. "The deep, tucked away muscles in the hip and trunk that are necessary for balance were not strong enough to prevent him from wobbling on his way up and down from the squat" Butcher said.

Another runner, this time a convert, previously used to walking and in need of coaching, took from her experience a referral for professional custom-made shoe inserts.

The other clinic is free of charge, and run by graduate student Tsuru Castel, who uses a treadmill in the gym, and a few Barry-owned instruments to carry out his research. The tests measure the lactic acid released into the body by strained muscles, and the amount of oxygen the lungs are consuming at particular moments during the running; all are used to measure the performance and natural capabilities of the runner.

"I would like to run 100 miles a week"

This test would cost around \$200 if done professionally.

Not that Castel isn't professional. In fact, he is at the cutting edge of his particular research, which is for his graduate thesis. Based on his theory, he says, he might be able to predict a runner's talent, using their lung capacity for oxygen consumption and other variants. This has not been done before and the knowledge his research offers the runner is crucial for helping avoid overexertion, a common cause of injury and poor training.

Of the Barry research clinics, this one is only for women, "because not enough research is being done on women," Castel said. Also, not just any recreational runner can be eligible. Castel's research requires women who are serious about running as a lifestyle or at a competitive level. So far, track runners from the University of Miami and a woman who is aspir-

ing to compete in the Iron Man Triathlon competition, in March, are working with Castel.

A new development is on the radar for the clinic that Butcher is involved in. With the research they have acquired over a period of six months, they can begin to schedule follow up visits with the patients. The graduate students will be able to see their diagnosis and advice at work when they re-examine runners.

Butcher said the idea to have a general runner's clinic came during a conversation between herself and Dawn Hairston, one of the graduate student researchers. They both shared an immediate interest in running and running injuries, Butcher said, but since there is no track and field program at Barry, Butcher's incentive to make a clinic had fallen to the wayside. That changed when Hairston enrolled in the Biomechanical studies program. There they were able to acquire enough benefits to support making the clinic.

"So I was speaking to Dawn one day and I said 'Why don't we start a running clinic, and not just one single research study but a service for the community,'" Butcher said.

Castel researches running because of a similar motive. Besides being on the brink of a development in the field of exercise science, he sums himself up with a simple desire to run and be around other runners.

"Runners have a special relationship with running," he said. "A runner feels bad if they have to put aside hours in their day for studying, per se, if they could have spent it running."

Sadly he starts to get up from the exercise ball he had made his seat, and admits, "I am bothered by the fact that I don't have much time to run. I would like to run 100 miles a week, but I must run much less than that because I don't have enough time."

CAMPUS BEAT

A Message from Campus Ministry:

Spirituality can play a part in the college life

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Many young adults find their college years a time for letting go of family rules and high school routines, a time for discarding thoughts, beliefs and ways of life that weren't really their own, just things imposed upon them by others. College tends to be the first time for many people to truly explore life in new ways, rather than just following the ideas and schedules imposed upon them by their childhood or adolescent lives. Gone are curfews, 8 hour high school days, household chores, or sneaking in and out of your bedroom window so mom and dad don't know where you're going and hopefully, not finding out where you've been.

Unfortunately, during this time many young people also leave behind anything that looks, sounds or feels like religion. For many, "church" becomes some place that they were simply forced to go to on Sundays, or part of their schooling that seemed really old fashioned and not very useful in their real everyday lives.

For some, the words "church" and "religion" are synonymous with "boring" and "useless." For others, when surrounded by all the voices in today's culture that claim to be religious or speak for religion, these self-proclaimed "religious" people just seem weird, pushy, opinionated and close-minded hypocritical jerks. Who wants to be associated with the likes of them?

This is a shame. Ideally, university life is dedicated to the development of the whole person, and what could be more at the heart of the whole person than the spiritual life? But for many, as religion gets cast aside like a high school uniform or a parental curfew, so does the further pursuit of spiritual development.

We all know a university life is a

busy life. There are classes, clubs, teams, parties, working out (so you look good at the parties), friends, jobs, and the list goes on. All these things are about development (even the parties). They help us develop intellectually, socially, emotionally, physically; in all the ways that make us human. But what about the spiritual nature within us? Where in our busy university lives is that fitting in?

It's popular nowadays for individuals to claim that "I am spiritual, but not religious." Well, yeah... you were spiritual from the moment of conception, but what have you done *spiritually* lately?

Intellectually, you are in class 15 or more hours a week plus countless hours of homework and reading. Physically you are committed to a team, or to 5 to 10 hours a week in the gym. Emotionally and socially, you are dating, partying it up in South Beach (responsibly!), a couple nights a week, so when as a *spiritual* person, do spiritual commitments fit into your weekly schedule?

All human persons are physical too, but if we do not take the time and claim the responsibility to eat right and exercise, our physical natures suffer dramatically. Likewise, our spiritual natures can go un nourished and neglected. Sure we can all claim to be spiritual without conscientiously pursuing its development, like I could claim to be a basketball player simply because I can hurl a ball in the direction of the hoop, but in the end, both claims are relatively meaningless, if not somewhat fraudulent.

One of the great aspects of being part of this university community is that Barry's Office of Campus Ministry offers many programs and events specifically designed to help students pursue this often neglected side of the young adult life. The problem is that many students in the Barry Community either do not

know much about Campus Ministry or misunderstand what it is all about.

The first thing everyone should know is that Campus Ministry's goal is to aid in the unique spiritual development of every student from whatever background, place in life, or point of view. What we do NOT consider is judging or condemning anyone, wherever they may be in life, or forcing anyone to think or believe certain things just to fit in or be a part of what we do. How could we aid in each student's unique spiritual development if we went about doing those things?

Campus Ministry offers a variety of weekly programs, special events and groups, which are all designed to meet students wherever they may be in life, and from whatever background. If you are worried that Campus Ministry may not be for you because you are not Catholic, or not Christian, no worries—everything we do is open to all. Believe it or not, we are not weird, pushy, close-minded, hypocritical or anything like some of those people you see on cable TV but don't take our word for it; come and meet us at our offices behind the Chapel.

So whether you consider yourself deeply religious, or the best candidate for the next President of the South Florida Atheists Club, Campus Ministry is here to serve you.

College life is about growth, not just intellectually and socially, but in all ways that make us who we are. We invite you to come discover Campus Ministry and when you do, you'll discover fun times, great people, and amazing opportunities to grow *spiritually* through discussion, reflection, fellowship, prayer, social justice action, interfaith opportunities, or whatever *you need* to explore the deeper side of life.

We will not, however, be giving basketball lessons...

Question about Campus Ministry?

Want to join the Campus Ministry Team? Call Alex at 305-899-3653 or drop by the Chapel Offices!

Campus Ministry Schedule

SUNDAY

11:00 AM—Community Mass
9:00 PM—Student Mass

MONDAY

"Relationships: God's place in Family, Friends, Sex & Strangers"
(Beginning Oct 24th) 7:00 PM

Meditation Study Break 9:15 PM
In the Chapel

TUESDAY

Unveiled: A Faith Sharing Group 6:30 PM
Meet in Weber Game Room

WEDNESDAY

Ultimate Questions? Ultimate Frisbee!
3:00 PM

Spirit & Truth 7:30 PM
Catholic Worship and Praise Group
(in the Chapel)

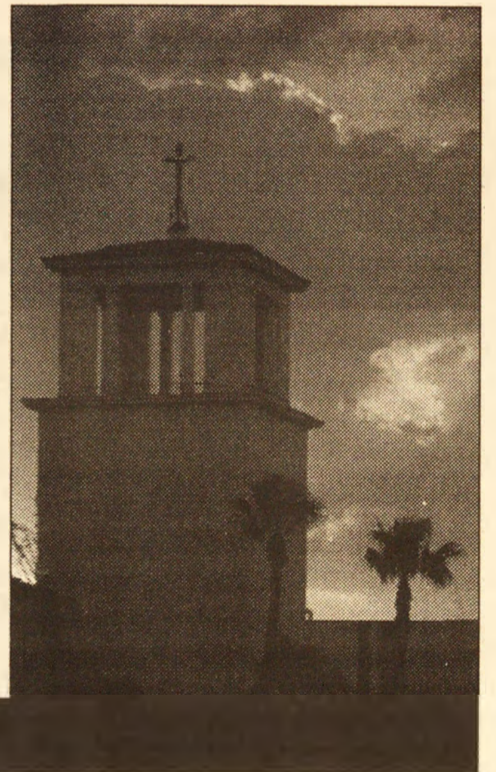
THURSDAY

Lunchtime Bible Study 12:45 PM

Pax Christi 6:15 PM
(Social Justice action every other Thurs.)

FRIDAY

Pray the Rosary 11:45 AM
In the Chapel



Wilma Woes, Continued

with necessary modifications fit to their discretion, saying a "final exercise" on the last day of classes would be appropriate, a broad instruction that each professor will interpret according to the objectives of the course.

Grounds Control

During a recent interview with David Mace, the Grounds Manager for Barry University, he told *The Buccaneer* about Hurricane Wilma's destruction of over 400 trees on campus. "I've been in this business for 45 years, and never have I seen a hurricane worse than Wilma," said Mace.

"Wilma produced more yard waste in one day than is humanly

produced in one year in Broward County." He went on to say, "We cut down the really damaged trees so they don't pose as a hazard to people. Part of the reason they fall so easily is because Florida has very sandy soil; approximately 70% of what these roots grow in is sand."

When asking about which trees are more storm resistant than others, Mace was quick to say, "Palm trees are the most sturdy when it comes to strong hurricane winds. Also, Great Oaks have strong roots which help them from falling but their long branches pose as targets for tropical storms and hurricanes."

When asked which trees are the most susceptible to being knocked

down by typical Miami hurricanes, Mace remarks, "Yellow Tabauas have just one taproot and fall easily. It's a shame because they bloom beautiful bright yellow flowers." He then described the different kinds of trees that Barry has within its grounds.

"Although they have rich wood, Mahogany trees are more susceptible to disease. If a deciduous tree falls and we try to replant it, the next approaching storm will surely take it down once again."

A *Buccaneer* source said some of the trees that were felled by Wilma and subsequently removed had been donated to the school right after infamous Andrew left the cam-

pus significantly bare.

So where do all the trees go once they are taken away? "They are taken to landfills. The closest fill I know of is in central Florida," Mace speculated. So, what can be done to keep trees from falling? "Constant tree trimming is the number one preventable way to keep trees in good shape. It's healthy for the tree and it is less likely that tree will end up on the ground," Mace said.

Check the Buccaneer Sports section to learn about the effects of the hurricane season on our fields, signage, and game schedules.

Study Abroad: Spain, Summer 2005

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I went to Spain this summer; better said I was able to actually live there for an entire month. Last year, around this time, my mom told me that Barry University was offering a study abroad program. After she mentioned it, sure enough I noticed all around campus green and pink fliers advertising the Spain study abroad program. I was really excited that my parents were willing to pay for it. It isn't a cheap experience, but well worth it.

I arrived in Madrid, on a sunny Monday morning. On my first day in Spain, I went to the Reina Sophia and saw Pablo Picasso's Guernica, which is one of the most beautiful masterpieces of all times, depicting the bombing of the city of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War. I also got to see Salvador Dali's artwork. I have a thing for surrealism, it depicts life the way someone feels it. It reminds me that truth is stranger than fiction.

On Tuesday, the Barry students, three professors, and I went to Avila on bus. Avila is a historic city that is an hour northwest from the capital city Madrid, which is smack in the middle of Spain. We stayed in the Real Monasterio de Santo Tomas. It was built in 1492 by the Catholic Monarchs, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabel. It is still used by monks of the Dominican order, as a residency for local college students, people who work in the area, and people visiting the city.



The Cathedral of Salamanca

Photo by: B.M. Pelaez

The central area of Spain has a dry climate. Most of the shrubbery, streets, and even the walls of the city had a yellow-brown tint, because of the antiquity of the city most of it was built with large stones.

Avila is one of the hilliest cities in the central part of Spain. Dr. and Mrs. Cantens did tell us this before we left, but none of us really understood what that entailed. Since we didn't have cars, we obviously had to walk everywhere. Going up and down hills was extremely annoying (not for the physically fit), I came back ten pounds lighter with nicer calf muscles. I also lost weight because we were being fed by the monks at the monastery. And you thought the Barry food was bad, try eating foreign food

done cheap.

Living in the residency was a lot of fun. That's where I met my Spanish friends. The first day I was there I saw a group of guys sitting down outside. I'm an outgoing person and decided to say hi. They were confused that I spoke Spanish (I'm a Cuban-American). They just assumed I only spoke English. After that, I was introduced to the people who showed me a great time, Ana, Ari, David, Jorge, and Iago. David, Jorge, and Iago are all from Galicia, which is in the Northwest part of Spain on top of Portugal. Jorge, Iago and David are studying Law. Spain and most of Europe's school system is different from ours. First

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Jimbo's Island- A Son's Story

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I first discovered Jimbo's Island a little over two years ago. I traveled by sailboat and found myself in awe over its simple beauty. The lukewarm bay water complete with schools of splashing yellowtail fish can make anyone feel like a true Floridian. Located off Key Biscayne, Virginia Key is also home to a secluded rocky beach and a water treatment plant. However, visiting Jimbo's is what makes the trip worthwhile. Jimbo is known by regulars as the "friendliest guy in the world". His modesty about owning perhaps the most laid-back getaway is apparent whenever he welcomes a visitor with a huge bearhug. During his 78th birthday bash, along with trucks full of free beer and free food, he gave free words of wisdom. He explained to me that this fun-filled place may not always continue to be as it is now, since the City of Miami has plans to take it over. "You see," says Bubba, Jimbo's son, "once my father dies, the governmental officials from City of Miami will not allow him to give away this land, since it is legally not private property because of zoning complications. They will most likely make it into a five-star restaurant like most places." This is not just any story; this is Bubba's story.

In order for you to fully appreciate this true story of events, both fortunate and unfortunate, you *must* have an idea of what this place is like. It appears as if it came straight out of a beach bum's imagination. You can either get there by boat or car (there is a connecting bridge). After stepping foot past the various tropical trees and

the vibrantly colored prop houses, you see a dilapidated rainbow-painted 70's Volkswagen with a huge Partridge Family-style school bus behind it. These vehicles have been there since the revolution and continue to gracefully rust over time. There is a docking and fishing pier no more than 20 feet away, where people relax and dip their feet, if not their whole bodies, into the calm water inlet that embodies Jimbo's. To the right of the dock is a bait and beer shop where there are a few benches, tables and chairs for customers to enjoy their fresh smoked salmon (only \$4 a lb.) or fresh smoked marlin. One of the tables is a checkerboard and all you have to do to play is reach up into a fishing net where the checkers are stored and assemble the pieces. To the left of this shop—the only shop on the island—there is shelter for the many unleashed friendly dogs, cats, roosters, and if you're lucky to spot one—albino raccoons. These pets live the island life; they roam freely, have never bothered anyone, and usually just sunbathe and sniff each others' butts.

When I walk towards Bubba he takes a drag of one of his unfiltered Marlboro Reds. Chatting with his buddies, he politely smiles when I approach and listens to what I have to say. When I explain why I want to interview him, a former heir to his father's kingdom, he immediately gets up from the weathered plastic chair he was sitting on, and escorts me to a bench for a private chat just a few steps away. With no real technology at Jimbo's, except a small black and white television that only gets channel 7, the football station, I am a bit skittish when presenting my tape recorder. Luckily, he says he doesn't mind and we start the interview.

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Photo by: Caitlin Granfield

Jimbo's Island, Continued

With hardly any concerns on the island, the problem that seems to be lingering is the sad fact that Jimbo's Island will one day become the City of Miami's Island. They have banned Jimbo from passing it on to his loved ones because of "legal issues, such as not having a zoning permit at the time it was constructed, the high amount of money and profit that can be made, and the ongoing plans to put a restaurant/marina on this island" says Bubba with a melancholy tone.

Originally I planned on saving the more serious topics for later; for example, government interference and the inevitable dilemma of what may come when his father passes; however, Bubba shows eagerness to answer the more personal ones first. He does not shy away from any questions. He converses with me like I am one of his buddies. "Well, at a recent governmental zoning meeting I asked my friend who is a lawyer if he could represent us, but he couldn't because his father is a lawyer for the city. It's all politics." He then tells me about his boyhood and how he played and grew up on his dad's island. "At 12 years old I helped put a roof on this place. I love this place. It was my home then, and it is my home now. I feel as though I have a right to this land in the future. The government has no right to say otherwise."

I was curious to know if this land was inherited by Jimbo. "In a way," Bubba answers cautiously. "My dad worked for his brother-in-law, who owned a bait-delivery company. He ran the operations by maintaining the boats and delivering shrimp. When he (brother-in-law) passed away, my dad kept the bait business alive. Now, selling bait is only a minor part of why people come to Jimbo's. It has developed into more of a hang-out or meeting place." Even though Jimbo's has died down some since it is nearly nightfall, there is still the circle of friends to my left. No one seems to mind getting eaten alive by blood-guzzling mosquitoes; I guess you

develop immunity after living on this island for so long.

"What is a typical day on Jimbo's Island like for the average visitor?" I knew of course, it's almost a weekend routine for me to come here now, but I wanted to hear what others thought. Past Bubba's

draw in people. We don't want to make it too commercial but at the same time we're proud that it's here."

Don't let the evasiveness of the island fool you; it is a popular spot for model shoots and movies. When entering the bait house, one is bound to see Kodak photos of island models, scrawled with, "Dear Jimbo" and signatures on nearly every picture. These young girls pose beside the directionless chickens and roosters, stand beside the pier, the bait shop, or the botchy courts, and flash their sly smiles.

Besides being the hang-out for pretty girls and their photographers, Jimbo's is also the hot-spot for movies. "The original *Flipper* was filmed right there on that dock." I knew where the dock was but I looked anyway as Bubba stretched out his forearm to point out exactly where the dolphin would have been. "Parts of *Miami Vice* and *The Fast and the Furious* were filmed here as well as another big-budget movie—*Island Claws*. The producers of *Island Claws* hired people to build five colorful shacks for the movie here. One burnt down and one fell down since then, but these three remain," he says proudly as we both glance at the neon yellow, red and green shacks that we are sitting right next to. As we look to the other man-made area, Bubba chuckles and says, "A local band built that stage right there but they never played on it much because it

went back to the Carolinas for a while, and then came back. The people that live here work here, either at the bait shop, the bocce courts, or selling stickers that have my dad's face on it. "Yea, I remember Jamaican Paul sold a couple of stickers to my friends; it read "Virginia Key. Jimbo's—The Place To Be." I remarked. After a long pause I bravely asked Bubba "Where will the inhabitants of this island go if the government gets their way?" Bubba readjusts his posture as if his grandma were watching and says, "Well, since my wife and I have a houseboat here, we will probably go to Argentina if they do end up getting their way. She wants us to move there" he says with a faint smile while talking about his wife. "Butch has friends in town but he will probably go back to the Carolinas. It's hard to say where Don's going to go because I know he doesn't want to go back to Minnesota. It seems like they've made their home here." Bubba then explains to me how representatives for the City of Miami condemned Jimbo's for its trailers. "We had to get all of the trailers out as well as the people that lived in them because it violated the code of conduct for tax evasion. The government hates it when they don't get their money from tax payers. We let them live here tax-free, but the government took control." Bubba continues, "They've been trying to get rid of us. They took away our power on the island for three years. We managed. My dad put a generator on the house boat and he had a holding tank for the shrimp. They can try and try, but that doesn't mean they'll succeed." I admire his determination. I sense that he knows this.

There is no other island like Jimbo's Island. My final question: "What can Jimbo fans look forward to in the future?" Bubba

looks me square in the eye and says, "Look forward to it still being Jimbo's in the near future. My dad says that he'll live until 100, so we still have some time to go. With the support of the people, we will remain a 'Jimbo community'." I thank him for his time as he flicks his cigarette into the tropical night air. "One more thing," he says, "The thing that keeps me going," he pauses, "are the people that tell me they feel at home when they are here. It's a great feeling to be around comfortable people." I shake my head, agreeing whole-heartedly with what he says.



"Jimbo" is greeted with a hug by Barry student Sarah Davis.

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multicolored beard I see a muffled smile as he remarks, "My daughter brought a friend from the Virgin Islands here and he couldn't believe how much it felt like home. We hear this all the time. It's like a curtain that you cross that leaves the city and all of its pressures behind you." If that doesn't sound tranquil, then I don't know what does. "We get a lot of regulars and quite a few out-of-towners. Those not from around here find out about it on the web or in sight-seeing magazines. Some people come up to me and say 'I saw this place in a magazine and had to come'. Others hear about Jimbo's from word-of-mouth. A lot of times people bring their friends and say,

'Oh, I had to show them this place.'

The physical features of Jimbo's Island can be best compared to the scenery in the movies *Lord of the Flies* and *The Beach*. It literally takes your breath away each time you step foot on the fine sand of this paradise and gaze upon the glistening diamonds that bounce from the water. Maybe the infatuation is because Jimbo's is like a secret that you just want to indulge in and leave little room for sharing. When asking Bubba if he tries to keep this Miami treasure a secret from society, he is hesitant to say, "No, not really. We don't advertise as far as trying to

was not shaded and was way too hot. So, I cleaned the shaded area of this green shack right here and they play there instead."

As Bubba lights another Marlboro, he tells me, "I would like to see us win the good fight in this case over land. It all depends on how much support we have and the politics of it." He sympathetically looks over to his small circle of friends under the pearl-white full moon. He nods his head to the right, "That's Butch over there." Butch waves "hello". "He came down after Hurricane Andrew with a repair crew. They stayed a couple of years,

"It's all about politics."

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The 22nd Annual Miami International Book Fair

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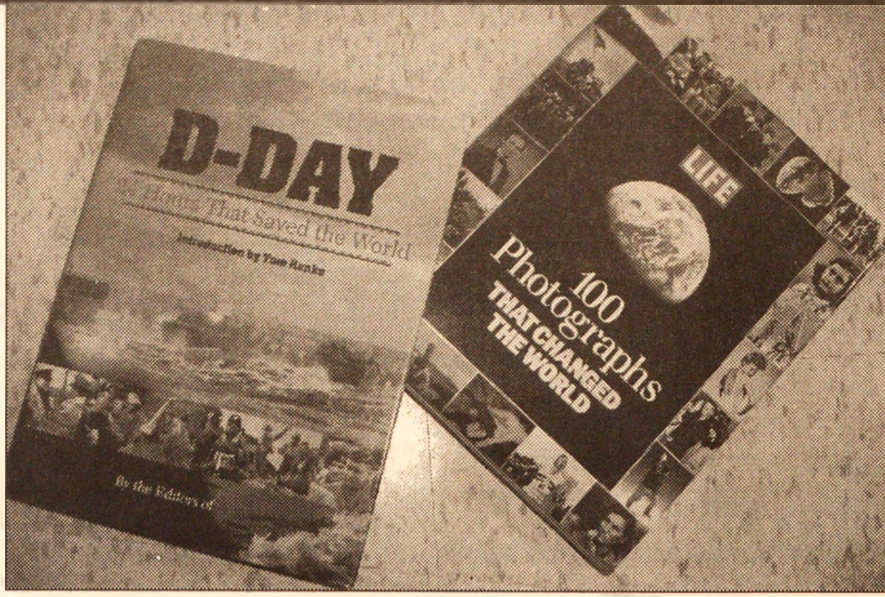
This is a sight to see. Thousands of people jam-pack the streets of Wolfson Campus, at Miami Dade College, downtown Miami. They are all here for the same reason: to buy books, visit international festivities, and to listen to authors speak. The entrance fee is only \$5 for non-Miami Dade college students and after that, the price bargaining is up to you. There are books as cheap as \$1, and then there are books as expensive as Bill Gate's mansion. Since the book vendors have some pretty tough competition from other vendors, the average prices are from \$5 to \$10 for "good books." For example, *LIFE* published a 176-page hardcover book titled "100 Photographs That Changed the World", which is brand new and valued at \$30; it sold for a mere \$5. The original first prints of *Harry Potter* sold for \$2,000 for the set. Aside from books being sold and bought, there are international pavilions that host over seven countries. At these sites, one could find Peruvian alpaca wool, traditional Brazilian dishes, and learn information about one of the world's most famous active volcanoes in Japan. However, the best treat lies within the campus classrooms—authors of cherished books.

One book and one author in particular catches my attention. Her name is Lisa Ling. Although her journalist assignments have taken her to numerous countries, she remains humble with her words and is

careful not to brag about her credentials. She is only in her 20's, and has worked for *The View*, *Oprah Winfrey*, and *National Geographic*. Her empowering book titled, "*Mother, Daughter, Sister, Bride: Rituals of Womanhood*"

has proved to be an inspiration to women of all social and economic classes. "This book is a lesson in the history and culture of the rituals of women" Ling says proudly to the audience. "There are many hard-hitting stories that I have witnessed from around the world, one being 'Gang Rape in the Congo' which is a story that Oprah Winfrey assigned me to cover." Ling looks at the audience to make sure she has our attention. She does. "There are women in the Congo that are sex victims of invading armies of armed men who savagely rape them in front of their own children." She gives us these hard-to-grasp facts before she moves on to her next story.

"*Beneath the Headscarf*" is about Iranian girls and the codes of conduct they must obey. "76 lashes and/or imprison-



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ment are the penalties inflicted upon girls and women for disobeying the standard dress code", Ling admits in disgust. "When I was on assignment in Iran covering this story, the temperature reached over 110 degrees, but since I was on *their* land, I had to conform to *their* rules and dress codes." Ling subconsciously wipes the tiny beads of sweat off her forehead. "What's sad is that these girls are brain-washed into thinking this is a sign of modesty and not a conviction of their freedom. When I moved around from town to town in the Islamic Republic of Iran I couldn't help but notice the bright pink and purple colors of girls' midriffs and scarves." The audience appreciates the lighter note this story has taken. "Some girls had even dared to dye their bangs platinum blonde

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in defiance, even if it could land them in jail." Ling's voice rises as she talks about "The Blood of God" which is an Islamic group that rides around in white vehicles making sure girls wear their veils correctly. "Satellite television is illegal here and everything is strongly censored, but women shouldn't be." Ling firmly states as she flips through the pages of her manuscript.

Her final story to the audience is

perhaps the worst of all. "Dowry" takes place in India. The term "dowry" means offering. Since so much time and money is invested in Indian boys, it is expected that when married, these boys, or men as they soon become, receive reparation for taking care of their brides. Ling tells it as it is to the audience by saying, "Brides with insufficient funds are covered with kerosene and set on fire by their husband and his family.

This catastrophic event is known as "bride burning." Ling then tells the tragic story of a woman whose husband lit her on fire because her family could not afford to give him any more money. "In attempts to help her mother, Uma, the six year-old daughter, jumped on top of her flame engulfed mother to help put out the fire, but she caught on fire too. Both suffered third degree burns."

"Oprah Winfrey once told me, 'Now that you know, you can't pretend that you don't.' It is my knowledge about this kind of subject matter that keeps me going with what I do. Women make up half of the population and are the givers of life so it is essential that we stand up for ourselves, because if we don't then who will?" asks Ling as she exits the podium and leaves us to decide the answer.

Study Abroad, Continued

of all, their public university, is completely free. The catch is you are not able to study whatever you want. In Europe, everyone who wants to go to the university has to take an exam, like our S.A.T. Depending on the grade that you receive in this exam, you get a list of careers that you can choose from.

The rest of the trip was almost like a giant, fun, amazing blur. I know I went to my Cultures of Spain class every week and did the assignments, two five-page papers with presentations, Senior Nodarse assigned us. I even managed to get a good grade, but that wasn't why I was there. I wanted to see Spain like the Spaniards see Spain. I was really lucky to make friends with Spaniards. They took me to this small bar called *El Sur*, where we would drink *cañas*, small beers, and *pinchos*, a small little plate of your

choice of traditional Spanish food. Some of the food is really good, like their ham, mushrooms, *chorizo* or sausage, olives, and cheeses, and some of it I tried, but didn't like for example, pig's kidneys and cold French fries with mayonnaise and ketchup. When the food got even worse at the residency, I took some of the Barry girls to go eat there. Cindy, the mom of the trip, and Alicia, had a hard time getting use to the food. Michelle, Jessica, Seni and I stopped caring. Seni, Jess, Cindy, Frantcesca and Peggy found the best places to go shopping. They found great deals. We all got really close by the end of the trip.

During the week, it was pretty low key. We all had class in the morning, but the weekend was ours. Everyone went to different places. Cindy got to go to Marbella, Spain which is where all the celebrities go

hang out. Some Barry students went to Barcelona, Valencia, and even Ibiza, the party island of Spain. Michelle went to some amazing places outside of Spain. She went to France and Sweden. I, on the other hand, didn't know anyone who was going on the study abroad program until I got there, and I didn't get to leave Spain. I went to Segovia a couple of times. The first time I went was for a little day trip to visit David's friends from the first university he attended. Segovia is an old city. It is so old that the walls had to be dug into so cars would be able to fit. Almost all the lanes are for one car only. David, his friends, and I went to local bars. They like to listen to Metallica, old punk, techno, and Puerto Rican reggaeton. It was funny because they would ask me to tell them what the Metallica songs are saying.

Ana, Ari, and I went to a *dis-coteca*, or club, in Avila called *El Delicatessan*, Deli for short. We danced till 7:00 in the morning. Spaniards have a different idea of time. They eat lunch at 2:00 p.m. and then have their siesta, or nap. In Avila, the siesta is taken very seriously every thing is closed until 5:00 p.m. Dinner would be served at 9:00 p.m. and usually around 10:30, my friends and I would go get ice cream at the top of the hill.

It was hard to say good bye to my Spanish friends at the end of the trip, but I was excited to get back to my family, friends, and boyfriend, Dave. I met many different people and made great friends. I am glad that Michelle and I staid friends after Spain. We hung out for the rest of the summer. When school started, it was nice to see everyone again.

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No Permission to Work

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Imagine this: You are a foreigner and this is your first year alone in a totally different world. You come from outside of the US and, like most of your classmates at Barry University, you are cut off financially from your parents because they already help pay your tuition. No problem, right? You can get a job so you can pay your cell phone bill, go out to nice restaurants with friends, and have a little extra spending money in your pocket.

Actually, this is a problem, a big one. You see, since you are not a U.S. citizen, you are legally not allowed to work in the United States. So how are you going to afford daily expenses and survive while in college?

You could turn to your university for help; after all this is "where you belong." But wait; since Barry's work-study checks are federally funded, you can't work here either. There are restaurants that pay under the table and you can find out where, if you ask other international students at Barry. Of course, if you are hired, you are sure to get less than minimum wage, because they are already doing you a favor.

If the wrong person finds out, then "adios"

to you and "hello" to deportation and tax evasion charges. If that doesn't work out, of course there are plenty of drug dealers that could hook you up with a job in no time. You really don't have many choices.

The struggles that most of the 412 international students at Barry University face when seeking legal work seem to be unending. American laws do not allow foreign students to work without a working permit—having a visa does not mean you have permission to work in the US—leaving many immigrants having to go through illegal means to earn money.

Many U.S. citizens side with the government and do not feel that America should open jobs to foreigners because it takes jobs away from American-born citizens, but how can we expect foreign students that become U.S. citizens to have the work experience needed after graduation?

Ask any college student; it's not easy to work and study at the same time. Barry University's work-study program makes it a lot easier for students to work and study without having scheduling conflicts and late-



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nighters as a result of a job off campus.

Even if the work-study program accepted foreign workers, the Barry campus is not big enough to host enough jobs for many legal U.S. students.

The jobs for non-U.S. citizens at Barry are scarce. There is the Phone-A-Thon, in which workers solicit money from people to donate to Barry University. The hours are slim-to-none and when the expected sales are not met, the job ends.

The Student Ambassador position, where a student shows those interested in attending Barry around campus, is also another job
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International Students:

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Higher Education Higher Prices

Mellissa Phillips remembers the defining moment when she decided that Barry University was where she belonged. "Barry offered me the best scholarship, so when I got it, I knew that that's where I was going to go," she says, reminiscing about that instant she would leave Trinidad and Tobago to travel to Miami in pursuit of higher education.

Like Phillips, this year a little less than 400 students at Barry are international. With as many as 83 countries represented, for the seventh year in a row, Barry University ranks as having the highest campus diversity among all schools of its size in Southeast Florida. Students from Iceland, Surinam, Japan, Jamaica, the Virgin Islands, Ethiopia, and Turkey—just to name a few—all to come to Barry University in search of higher education.

Similar to Phillips, students are attracted to the sunny Miami weather and the fact that Barry is a small institution. Barry also provides specific academic programs that are unique and may fulfill many international students' wishes about careers, professions, and future. Even though sports are not what brought Mellissa to our Miami Shores University, it is one of the major reasons why international students come to here.

Phillips admits, however, that "If I had known of all the rules and regulations, I would not have bothered to come; I would just visit. Too much hassle, headaches, crying sleepless nights and stress." Now a junior at Barry, Phillips, 23, is expected to graduate in December 2006.

The midterms, finals, and the homesickness are not the only things that international students have to endure. With a tuition payment of about \$30,000 per year, many students deal with financial problems as well. Although many of their parents are well-off in their countries, it is still difficult for international students and their parents to endure four years of American university expenses.

Although Phillips refers to her parents being "comfortable [financially] back home," she agrees that it is a question of survival when it comes to withstanding years of constantly buying phone cards, sending money wire transfers, and spending more than \$30,000 per year. "People make assumptions that international students' parents are wealthy but they don't take into consideration the exchange rate of the countries where the students are coming from." For example, one U.S. Dollar equals 6.269 Trinidad and Tobago Dollars.

The six percent of international students at Barry University face more challenges than most U.S. citizens or residents who receive financial aid. All the students are advised and/or required to have contact with the Intercultural Center (ICC) at Barry University. The O'Laughlin Intercultural Center serves both U.S. and international students attending the university. The ICC provides resources, programs, services, and advocacy to international students. In addition, the ICC informs and advises students about the immigration laws and process. The ICC also is proactive at helping students transition smoothly from their native countries; they try to make sure that "every aspect of their life is fulfilled," says Damaris M. Vasquez, the Director of the ICC at Barry University. In her fourth year at Barry, Vasquez oversees the leadership administration and makes sure that the ICC is abiding by immigration laws. Vasquez also admits that she has the responsibility of being a "voice for them," when referring to her efforts at helping international students during their stay and attendance at Barry University and in the United States.

Ineligible international students do not get any funding from the United States government. For those who qualify, students resort to applying for loans, for which they need U.S. citizens as cosigners.

International students cannot work in the U.S.

and have few ways of earning extra pocket money. "What do [the government] want us to do? Steal? Sell our bodies? Sell drugs?" Mellissa asks incredulously. Vasquez admits that she knows of some students who have resorted to working illegally in order to make extra cash when their parents can't come through for them.

Financial reasons are usually to blame for 27 percent of students returning to their native countries after one or two years of the college experience. The University's records show that since 1998 the percentage of students that stay in the U.S. has gotten lower. In tracking a group of 20 students, 56.9 percent made it to the third year. By the fourth year, only 28.8 percent graduated. A lot of international students do not graduate because they and their families cannot afford their stay in the U.S.

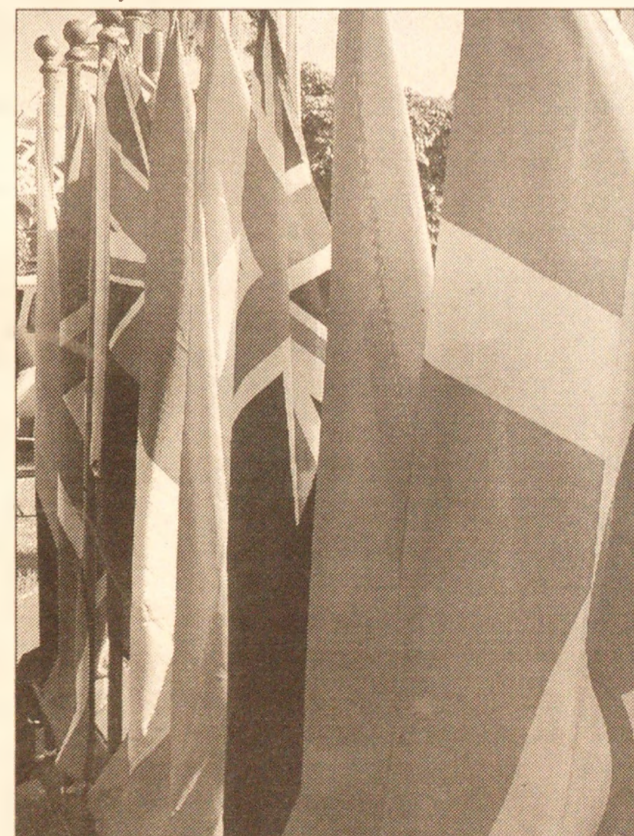
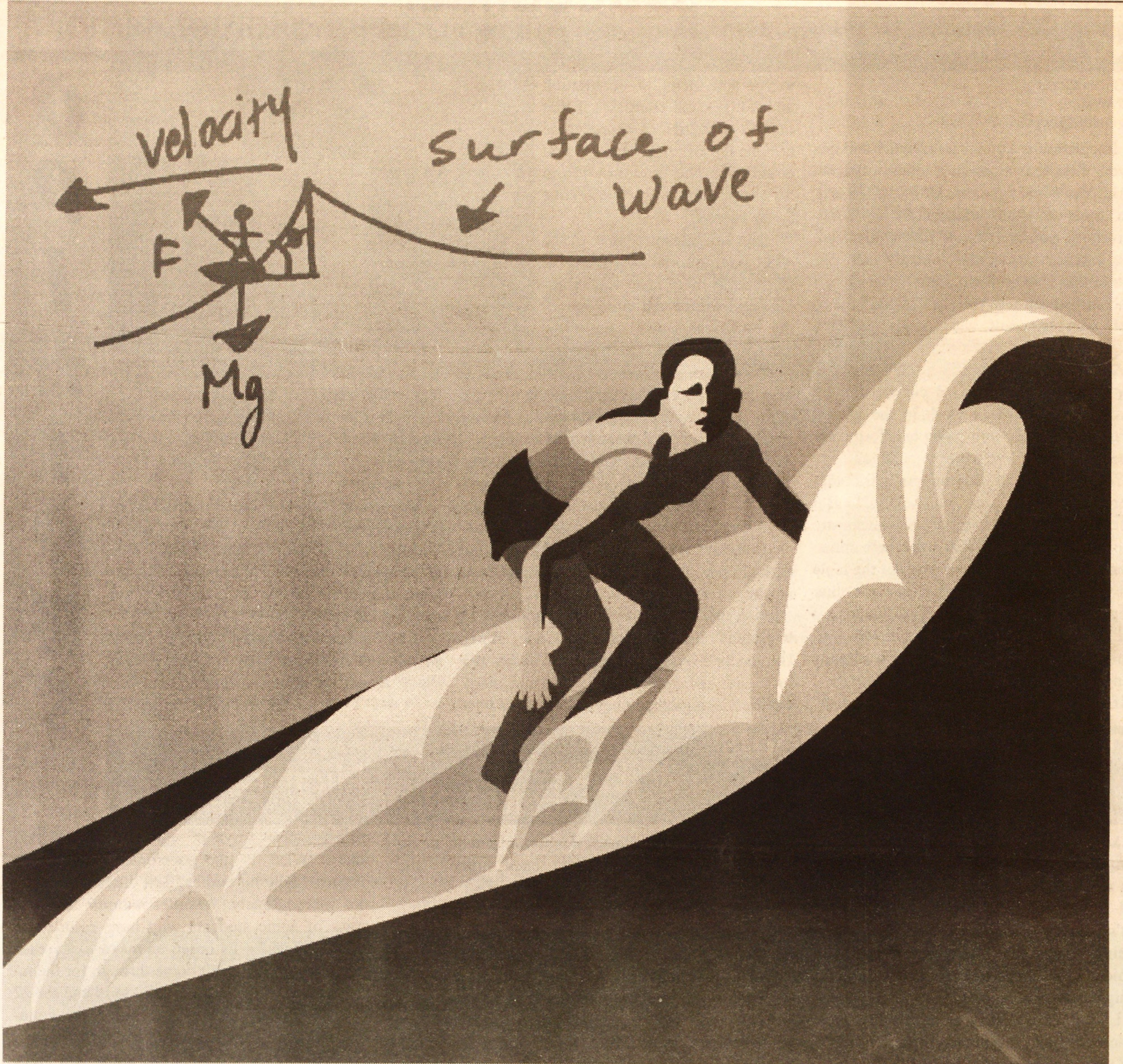


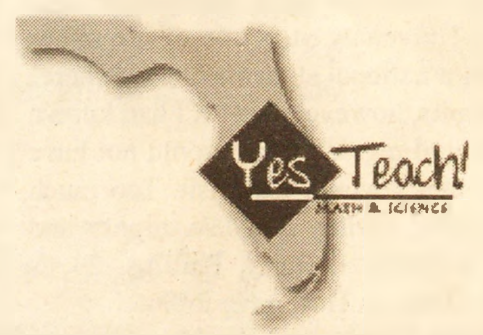
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Coldplay Rocks South Florida

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The welcoming sounds of guitars, piano, and drums of the British sensation Coldplay, were heard blasting from the Sound Advice Amphitheater, rocking South Florida on September 13, 2005. This rock/pop band comprised of Chris Martin (Vocals/Piano), Jon Buckland (Guitar), Will Champion (Drums) and Guy Berryman (Bass), formed in 1998, while the musicians were attending University College of London. Although the band's music has often been overshadowed by Chris Martin's Free Trade crusade and his marriage to actress Gwyneth Paltrow, Coldplay gained multi-platinum status with hits such as Yellow,

Trouble, and Clocks.

Touring in support of their newest album, X&Y, Coldplay never strayed far from their political views, with booths set up for concertgoers to sign the "One" Campaign Petition and receive their ever-trendy white wristbands. When it came time to perform, politics was pushed aside for remembrance and tributes, as Chris Martin changed lyrics to a song to "Send your love to New Orleans." Later on, two Johnny Cash songs were performed in tribute to the legendary country music icon.

The band played a variety of songs from all of their albums, including fan favorite Clocks, as well as favorites from their X&Y album: Fix You and Speed of Sound. Spectacular visuals and light

effects, as well as Chris Martin's crowd participation and banter accompanied Coldplay's melodious tunes. He even messed up on a song and apologized, starting again much to the crowd's delight.

The concert culminated with an encore and came to a close with a fireworks show that rivaled Disney World's Magic Kingdom extravaganza. Coldplay fans who have yet to catch the band live should try to do so next time the band comes to town, the experience is well worth the ticket price. Coldplay's new album X&Y is now available in music stores everywhere, including the Barry Bookstore.

U2 Takes Over the American Airlines Arena

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When U2 comes to town, it's never a quiet event. The Irish rockers, who are fans of the Delano Hotel on South Beach, can often be seen around the party district or hanging out on the

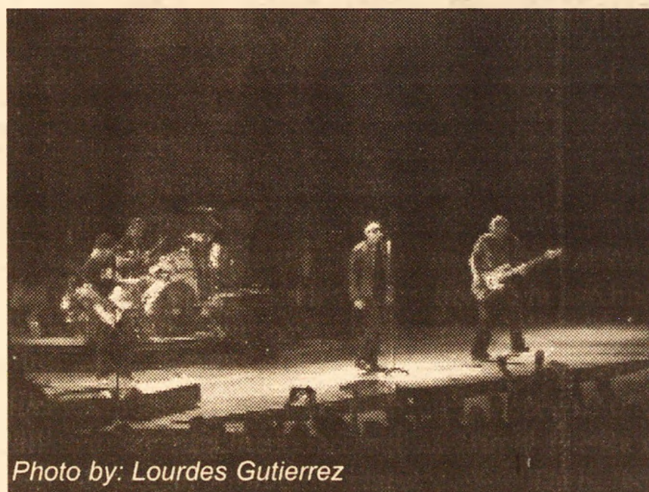


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beach the day before their concert. If you aren't lucky enough to catch them there, U2 gives fans one and often two chances to see them later on at night. This is exactly what happened with U2 announced their November 13 Miami date for the Vertigo tour. Tickets sold out so quickly the band announced another Miami date, a common occurrence for their 118 plus Vertigo tour.

The stage setup was similar to that of the Elevation tour, featuring a walkway that enclosed a small group of lucky fans and allowed Bono and the boys to get a 360 degree angle of all of the loyal fans, giving out high fives and yes, the famous sunglasses. Four large digital screens high above the stage gave fans a constant view of the four members performing in color and black and white, while oversized "bead curtains" served as a backdrop and spectacular light show behind the Irish band.

Four years ago, U2 opened their Elevation tour in Miami, creating a greater connection between the South Floridian fans and the band. "Miami - nowhere else on earth... there's a special thing with our band and this place.

Something very special happened when we started that tour, like this city gave us a big kiss" said lead singer Bono in his faded Irish brogue.

Well U2 kissed Miami right back with a 2 encore show that included old favorites like "Where the Streets Have No Name" and "Mysterious Ways" to songs like "Miracle Drug" and "Vertigo" from their latest album "How To Dismantle an Atomic Bomb". The sold out American Airlines arena did a lot of singing and screaming, leaving the band speechless during "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" which the crowd started off all by themselves.

Underneath the flash and flair was the message U2 and their front man have sung about since the group first got together in the late 70's as "The Larry Mullen Band." Growing up in terror-troubled Ireland added a heartfelt and political edge to their songs that has become a signature of the band. Bono himself has become a crusader for the AIDS crisis in Africa and Debt Relief for third world countries, convincing the political left and right that the world and its people were worth saving. Fans were not surprised when U2's message was preached once more on the concert night.

Using cell phones to "turn the arena into the Milky Way," Bono performed an experiment in which all of the fans would send a text message with their name to sign up for the "One" campaign. This campaign which Bono, along with other celebrities like Cameron Diaz and P. Diddy, have voiced their support for, to end world poverty. Bono's crusade to save the world even earned him a Nobel Peace

Prize nomination, a first for the Irishman and a rarity in the rock and roll world.

After saving the world and two encores, it was time to say goodbye to U2 for the night. One fan got sunglasses from Bono, and one lucky girl got the dance that made every fan envious during With or Without You. Many fans were just grateful they could get into the show that sold out within two days, but the lasting applause was a surefire sign that U2 fans would line up any day, any time, and anywhere to see Ireland's greatest export.

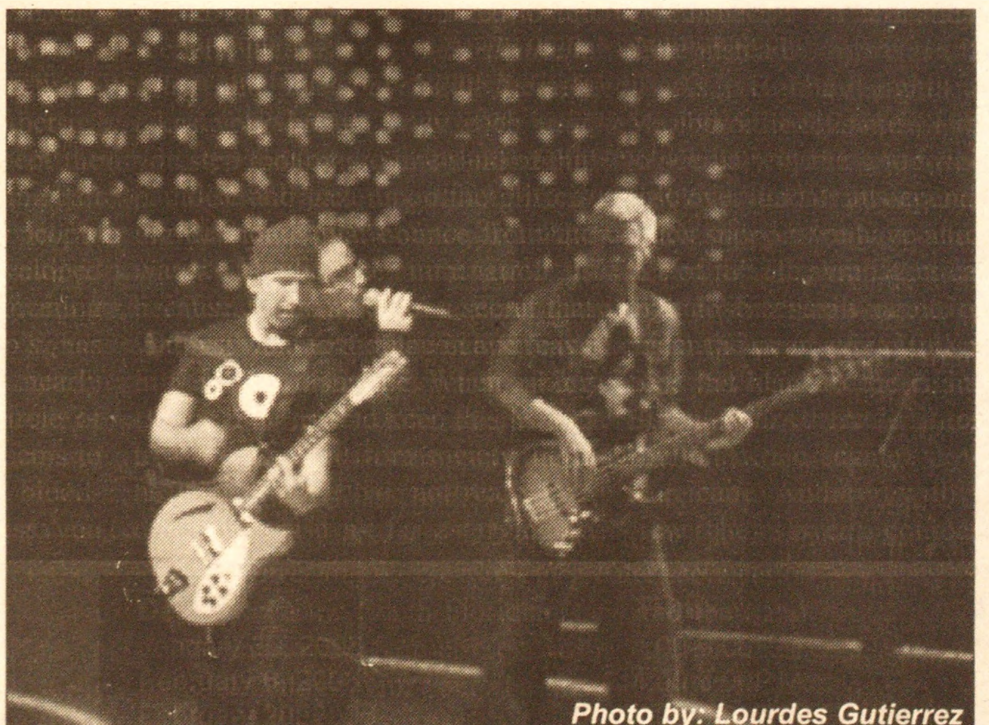
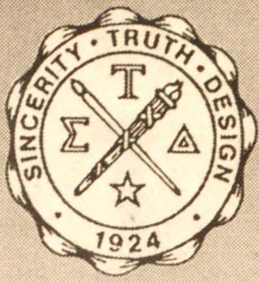
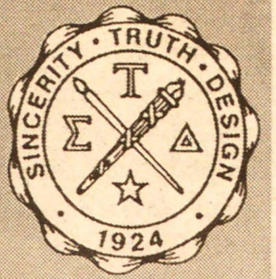


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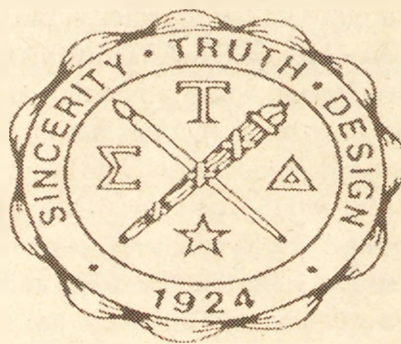
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No Permission to Work, Continued

open to international students. But, it is very competitive to get the position, with a limited number of spaces that fill up quickly, and a permit is required from the government in order to work while studying in the states. Student Ambassadors also need to be fluent in English, which is sometimes hard for those coming

from a non-English speaking country.

Another possibility for international students is working at the Barry bookstore. *Follett*, the corporation that heads the Barry bookstore and over 700 other stores nationwide, does hire international students with permission to work, but usually for what is known as

“temporary work.” This means international students get to work for the busiest two to three weeks, when each semester starts and students rush around madly to grab the last copy of *Theology 101*. After things settle down in the bookstore, the temporary workers are let go.

Wanting to work and not having

the permission to is a position some students must face in the U.S.—those who have a different experience than those of us who know nothing much troublesome beyond senioritis, or chronic procrastination.

International Students, Continued

There are programs that attempt to help international students graduate and stay in the United States. One Barry University alumnus from Jwaneng, Botswana graduated from Barry in December 2004 with a Bachelor's Degree in Management Information Systems. After paying a \$200 application fee, he now has an OPT, equivalent to a 1-year work visa.

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is a program designed to provide students with the opportunity to gain employment and experience in their major/profession. During this year, students have to get sponsorship from companies, which will allow them to stay in the country for a longer period of time.

Barry's alumnus agrees that he has to hustle in order to find a company to sponsor him. Then he will attempt to get an H1B visa, which is good for three years and may lead to permanent residency in the U.S. Currently, he is working in the Information Technology Department at Barry. “Barry is keeping the lights on for now,” he says.

He admits that he did not encounter financial difficulties during his four years because he received a full scholarship from the Botswana government. However, he says that “The job search is hard.

A lot of companies are not willing to sponsor. I've been on 10-12 interviews for the last couple of months and once the employer hears that you're not a U.S. citizen, they lose interest.”

So why would a student go through so much in order to pursue an education in the United States? And why Barry?

Barry's former student says that “Miami has its own charm. Plus, Barry's a Catholic school.”

A recent change in Admissions at Barry makes it easier for students to come to the Catholic university. Students no longer have to have tuition paid for one year in advance. Some students travel to the U.S. because schools in this country are more widely recognized than schools from their native countries. For example, certain universities in Haiti are not recognized in the U.S.

With the anniversary of 9/11 having passed, international students are reminded of one of the reasons why immigration laws have changed, been enforced, or have emerged. Since the tragedy in New York four years ago, international students have been affected by the difference and extra rigidity in immigration to the U.S. For example, Phillips knows that there has been a difference in the process of getting a Social

Security card. International students must show a letter from their employer in order to get a Social Security card, while employers need to see a Social Security card in order to hire an employee.

Vasquez knows of students who have more problems doing something as simple as getting a driver's license than they would have had four years ago. Vasquez says she needs “to be on top of the law” and she also feels a great need to establish professional relations with certain facilities like driver's licenses and Social Security offices. Vasquez has had to communicate on behalf of the students with employees of these offices who feel the need to play their part of protecting the nation. Students simply would like the convenience of showing a plastic card ID instead of their passport picture to the bouncer of a club. Vasquez says that people like that spread “a message of ignorance” rather than patriotism. She adds that it is unfortunate that people redflag Arab/Middle Eastern students and deny them visas while they could potentially offer benefits culturally

to U.S. citizens and others.

“Ignorance has been ignited versus making us aware,” Vasquez says about people's cultural knowledge and openness ever since after 9/11. Although there have been negative effects to the immigration process since after 9/11, Vasquez says that things are “more stringent but more organized.” Accountability is much easier now that certain immigration laws have changed.

Although there are consequences to students leaving their countries, they are still attracted to Miami. Both Phillips and Barry's alumnus agree that Miami's great weather lured them to the sunshine state. But they also confess that they question their decision to come to the U.S. still.

“I'm conflicted,” says the former student from Botswana, “My head says I should stay. There are more opportunities for my career and I'm already settled here. But I've been away from my family for that last 6 years. If I think with my heart, I'll go back home tomorrow.”

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The NHL Makes a Strong Comeback

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October 5th marked the end of the 2004-2005 hockey lockout and the return of the Canadian game to arenas all over North America. Rule changes brought on more goals and unfortunately, more injuries to NHL goalies thanks to a reduction in the space goaltenders have to move. However, doubts about the NHL's ability for a successful return were

crushed recently with the release of the NHL's attendance records.

Not only did the NHL have the best November attendance record in their 88 year history, but Florida's own Panthers Hockey Club experienced a 16% increase in fan attendance. Add that to this season's great figures of an Opening Night Sellout and seven crowds of over 16,000 fans (the Bank Atlantic Center holds 19,250 hockey fans), and the Florida hockey market com-

ing on strong.

Some of the recent changes that could be attributed to the increase in fan attendance is the promise of a shootout after one regulation overtime period in a tied game. The Florida Panthers have also added "cheerleaders" to entertain and encourage fans throughout the length of the game. Coupons for free food at places like Cheeburger Cheeburger are handed out regularly, and game-giveaway prizes

include goodies like signed jerseys.

If the Panthers can pick up their game and start winning, they still may have a chance for a run at the play-offs, an event that would continue to increase fan attendance and hockey's recognition in South Florida. Currently, the Pittsburgh Penguins lead the NHL in fan attendance with an increase of 35%.

Benincasa, Continued

just needed to be signed, sealed, and delivered.

Bartley said he was "actually expecting the final approval [for the Certificate of Occupancy] today." That was on September 28.

When asked what would happen if the paperwork did not come in on time, Bartley said that he did not know since he has never had to deal with such a problem. He assumed, though, that one could probably file for a 30-day extension.

There were many guarantees about the completion of Benincasa Hall. Meanwhile there were still many power outages and various other technical problems suffered by residents. One Benincasa resident, junior Sarah Saez, told us that in "order to keep our power on, my roommate and I have to keep at least one light on at all times; otherwise all the power in the dorm will shut off." Another resident, senior Jaeshaun Christopher, said, "Almost every night I see a maintenance person come through here," no doubt trying to address the hundreds of service calls from residents regarding power outages and other technical problems.

Regarding these power outages, Bartley noted that there were several defective circuit breakers (which of course can be very dangerous) in

the batch brought over from the electrician. He said they would simply have to be replaced as necessary.

Bartley also told us that BU's two newest dorms, Kolasa and Benincasa are one of a kind buildings, which Jean Hock, the Director of Residential Life for the last 10 and a half years, can personally attest to, as she (with the input of a focus group comprised of students) personally picked the layouts for the bedrooms and bathrooms for the two new dorms.

Furthermore, Bartley made sure to impress upon us the notion that architectural ventures are never 100% guaranteed when he said, "building a dorm is not like building a car," it can not be compared to a standardized assembly line; there are "always going to be kinks that need to be worked out." This is especially true of a building that has only recently been finished.

Plus, the construction of any new building entails dealing with several different contractors like a general contractor who oversees everyone else, an electrician, AC contractor, one in charge of the flooring, one for the painting, etc. The hard part is that they operate as separate entities, so when something goes wrong, one must hunt down the correct contractor and find time

when they can work with Barry to troubleshoot the problems. This alone makes it hard to fix problems in an efficient, timely manner.

Terry Kushi has worked for the passed 14 years as the Director of Infrastructure Systems at DoIT (the Department of Information and Technology). He gave us some insight on the nature of the many phone problems in Benincasa hall early on in the semester. First, Benincasa—as well as the Human Performance and Leisure Sciences (HPLS) site and 20 offices in DoIT—is on a new phone system, separate from the rest of campus, and for some reason the line here at school and the BellSouth box have had some trouble communicating.

It has always been hard to pinpoint the problem in Benincasa; there has never been a pattern of working vs. nonworking phones. Kushi, who has been corresponding with BellSouth regularly this semester, said that the phone company "never gave a straight answer" as to why some phones worked and some did not. Kushi said that they had the problems fixed that same day, September 30, but residents still report that their phone connections are unreliable.

The procedure for residents to follow in the case of questions or problems regarding their phones is: email helpdesk@mail.barry.edu, which will generate an electronic request to DoIT and the problem should be addressed within 4 hours of receipt.

Some residents of Benincasa Hall had also reported cable problems, such as losing some channels, or their cable going out completely. To get to the root of these problems we went to Freddy Ulloa, the Assistant Vice President for Business Services and Facilities, who deals with cable television, among many other things. Ulloa, who has been with Barry for the last 27 years, said that he has "not received many complaints from Benincasa students specifically," regarding cable trouble. In fact, he could recall only one student whose cable was never properly installed and, upon inspection, turned out to

be severed. The cable got replaced, and has had no problems since.

Most cable problems, which he notes an abundance of at the beginning of any given semester, actually relate to user errors instead of problems with the cable provider, DirecTV. Many students have new televisions with which they are not familiar and might not know how to program correctly. Some students push their cable jacks into the wall with their desks or TV stands which can cause an interruption, and some students do not set their remotes to the "cable" setting, making their cable appear to be nonworking.

Ulloa asks that students troubleshoot these problems carefully themselves, and if they are still having problems, to call his office at x3052, where his assistant will set up an appointment to help troubleshoot.

Though the "kinks" were mostly worked out at Benincasa Hall, they had not been part of the plan. A safe, clean, new, efficient dorm was guaranteed to students who instead were greeted by a myriad of problems. Some students felt they were entitled to receive a prorated resident's fee for their inconvenience and dissatisfaction.

When the possibility of students receiving partial refunds for their substandard rooms was suggested to Res Life director Jean Hock, she said that she "[wouldn't] answer in a general manner" and would simply address that issue on a "case by case basis."

The general consensus of faculty approached by *The Buccaneer* was that the best thing for residents of Benincasa Hall is to understand that their dorm is indeed a new building with "kinks" to be worked out.

For the speediest resolution of any further maintenance problems, residents need to keep in touch with their Resident Assistants and front desk staff, and report any problems immediately. Resident questions can also be fielded at the Office of Residential Life, which is on the 3rd floor of the Landon Student Union building and available by phone at either 1-800-756-6000 or at x3875.

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Fall Soccer Wrap-up

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Year after year the lady Bucs dominate. They finished off their season with an amazing overtime victory over rivals, Lynn University. Emelie Karlsson netted the game-winner in Hollywood style to end her career as one of the Sunshine State Conference's all-time best.

The lady Bucs continued to play great football with the guidance from coach Kyllene Carter-Weiss. Four seniors have made their mark on the team, but unfortunately will leave the team, as their tenure at Barry University will end.

Emelie Karlsson, Tiina Saario, Lauren Rodriguez, and Elisa Pirinen will leave the university as maybe the best women's soccer graduating class ever.

Karlsson finished her career as the Sunshine State Conference's all time leading scorer. She also just received the Offensive player of the year award for the fourth straight season and Overall player of the year award. She finished the season with a conference leading 19 goals and 9 assists for a total of 47 points.

She currently holds the record for most goals with 72, a record 52 assists, all for a total of 196 points. She also holds the record for most game winning goals with 25. Tiina Saario, Elisa Pirinen, Tiffany Roling, and Daniela Tjeder all made SSC selections. Pirinen finished up with 11 goals and 7 assists with Saario close behind with 9 goals and 5 assists. Tjeder did her fair share of scoring with 5 goals and 8 assists during the season. Roling made the SSC cut with great defensive play.

The girls had an outstanding season, finishing with an overall record of 13-3-1. They were extremely effective in conference games, boasting up a nice record of 7 and 1. As usual, the Bucs defended their home field with great valiance, going unbeaten at home in the 2005 season.

As a team, they averaged scoring a hefty 2.75 goals per game, shooting nearly half their shots on net. The defense with Ulla Matikainen was strong, allowing less than a goal per game.

In their regional match-up, the girls would officially end their season with a 3 to 0 loss to

the University of Tampa. Kelly Tryson made to saves in the affair.

"I had lots of good memories...good times.... I'm going to miss my teammates", said scoring phenom, Emelie Karlsson. "I'm thinking about going to London after Christmas," she said in hopes of getting together with a former teammate, Tammy Torton.

When asked how she became such an offensive threat, the humble lady turned the focus outwards. "I have a lot of good players around me. I get a lot of help."

What is the mentality of a player shattering records out on the field? "Just have fun" she says. "It's fun to be recognized". Emelie hopes that if her records are ever broken, it will be a Barry Player.

"I'll miss hanging out more than soccer," she said, thinking back on good times.

Long live the legend of Emelie Karlsson and the 2005 Buccaneer girls soccer team.



Possibly the best Barry women's soccer team ever?

Photo courtesy of Barry Athletics

New Season, New Dreams for Men's Basketball

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New seasons equal new dreams. That is new dreams for a new basketball team. The Buccaneers basketball team made their first NCAA tournament last year, which was a major accomplishment for the team. This year, they have an entirely different look, with different players, and a new dream. This year they go even further into the tournament. The team has new leaders. Phelipe Barrios, Melvin Triche, Ryan Saunders, and Amadou Fall will have to work hard to lead the team to victory. With the absence of Nick Ellingsworth-Perez and Clifford Smith, the team has a lot to overcome. Elingsworth-Perez was recently signed by an English professional team

Optimism is high in the locker room. The team is off to a great start. In their first game they matched up against Puerto Rico-Cayey. Melvin Triche and Barrios each scored 20 points in a 71 - 41 onslaught. Both players were also great on defense. Each picked up 2 steals and Barrios recorded 3 blocks. Rookie, John Pierre,

scored his first points as a Buc. "I'm having fun with the team." Pierre said. "Coach Odio makes us work hard. Every team needs Coach Odio's style of defensive play. His system works, but it's going to take us time to get used to it."

Other rookies to the team include Otis White, Phil Puccia, Bryan Astigarraga, Eddie Young, John Parafinczuk, and Jeff Willis. The young squad has great promise for

the future. White brings great defense and size. Puccia is a great 3-point threat. Astigarraga is a Miami native who shows great heart. Young shows great scoring ability. Parafinczuk will bring good size to the team and Willis will be the tallest on the team, standing 6 feet 9 inches.

The team is not showing signs of youth, however. In their second game against North Carolina

Central the Bucs squeaked out a victory 66 to 60. Triche, Barrios, and Fall, all scored in double digits. The team played their patented defensive style of play, ripping for a total of 9 steals. They also were outstanding from the outside, scoring seven 3-pointers.

The Bucs currently have a 3 and 0 record, with their final victory over Palm Beach Atlantic. Triche scored 20 points and Barrios with 18. Otis White had 6 assists in an overall impressive game. The team shot 50% in the first half and went on to win 97-74.

Coach Cesar Odio, a defensive-minded coach, is doing a great job teaching the players how to play a strong defense. On the offensive side, Barrios, Triche, and Fall are moving the ball around quite nicely, giving the team many offensive options.

The men's basketball team has great hopes for the season. They play rivals, Lynn University, Saturday the 10th of December at 7 PM in Boca Raton. They will also take on Florida Southern on January 14th at 4 PM at the Health and Sports Center at Barry University.



Practice makes perfect.

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