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A Writer's Dream: Meet Virginia DeBerry and Donna Grant

By Ashlee Jabbour

On March 29th, Barry's Professional Writing program was fortunate enough to get authors

Virginia DeBerry and Donna Grant to take time out of their day to come and speak to the students. Described as "Refreshingly honest," by Publishers Weekly, these women exemplify professional attitude and creative flair. The two experienced authors took the stage as they shared their journeys into the publishing world, as well as some tips on getting published in this ever changing and competitive field.



Photo by: Ashlee Jabbour

Virginia DeBerry graduated in 1971 and started her career as an English teacher in New York. At the time, DeBerry was also involved in plus-size modeling and had no interest in becoming an author, until she met Donna Grant. Together, Grant and DeBerry got their first job together writing and preparing a newsletter for Hanes Hosiery. Eventually, some entrepreneurs picked up on the newsletter and offered the pair an opportunity to start a magazine for plus size women. The duo worked hard on the magazine and did everything; from writing, booking the models, organizing the photo shoots, making lunch, working around the clock, and even choosing the cover and graphics. DeBerry's Madison Avenue apartment added a fancy address to go along with the picture perfect image of their dream magazine. Yet despite their endless hard work, the publisher dropped the magazine and put an end to this chapter of the women's lives.



Photo by: Ashlee Jabbour

However, this discouragement only made the two determined women realize that if they could work that hard for someone else, then they could work even harder together. With "words being in their heart," they decided that writing was the career path for them.

With little money, DeBerry and Grant gathered almost \$4.00 and purchased "How to Write a Romance and Get it Published" by Kathryn Falk. This book supplied (CONTINUED, pg. 8)

Tiger Force: Elite Forces Gone Wrong

By Caitlin Granfield

What happens to soldiers in the course of war? This is the story of Tiger Force: Behind the Scenes.

What happens to soldiers in the course of war? This is the story of Tiger Force: Behind the Scenes. In 1965, an experimental unit in Vietnam with a platoon of 45 Army volunteer soldiers from the 101st Airborne paratroopers division paid a visit to the jungles of 'Nam. There, they were stationed to kill the Vietnamese enemy who were hidden in the trees as well as underground tunnels and in mountain hideaways. This mission was known as the Tiger Force. But then something went wrong. Very wrong.

Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist / Miami Herald Investigations Editor, Michael Sallah is the reporter who helped expose the U.S. Army's secret experimental unit in Vietnam known as the one and only "Tiger Force." His lecture at Barry hardly seemed like a lecture at all, it was more like a deep conversation full of interesting true accounts of what happened in Vietnam from May to December of 1967.

According to Sallah, "Tiger Force was originally very heroic.

They were there to kill the rival deep within the forests in order to help save Vietnam from falling into enemy hands. These young, confused soldiers then took a turn for the worst. They took control of the central highlands and took over the farmland of Buddhist civilians," Sallah said with disgust in his eyes. "Tiger Force convinced themselves that the civilians were supplying the enemies with rice and other foods. They contained the people in the highlands as detainees, but they kept escaping back to their land to meet with their reincarnated ancestors whom they believed still roamed the grounds."

Tiger Force now took violent action against civilians, Sallah commented, "It (the violence) started first with the prisoners. Tiger Force tortured them to no end, lashing out their personal frustrations with the war out on them. Then it got worse. They opened fire on innocent men, women and children. They went on a killing spree."

Vietnam Veteran, Henry Tuffs, who served as a Colonel during the



Photo: Stock Image

Vietnam War, kept a secret hidden for 36 years. Knowing his time on earth was numbered, he left 22 archival pages of top-secret military accounts about the Tiger Force to his friend, neighbor and reporter Mike Woods. Though appreciative of the documents, Woods had no interest in war; he was more interested in technology. That's when Woods thought of Michael Sallah, whom he had met through the technology division in Washington, D.C. He knew Sallah would be the right man for the job.

With rare documents in hand, Sallah went to work on investigating his newfound gift.

What Sallah went on to discover, words can not describe. "When I opened the folder, I saw photographs, snapshots, of American soldiers beheading babies for their Buddhist good-luck charms they wore around their necks. I saw our American troops mowing down the elderly in their rice fields. I read accounts of the Tiger Force throw- (CONTINUED, pg. 10)

Letter from the Editor



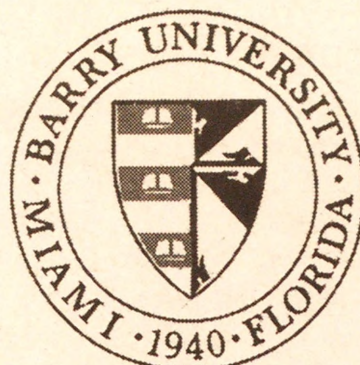
The semester is over, can you believe it? I can't even believe I typed that sentence. For myself and others on the *Buccaneer* staff, this semester is not only the end of another school year, but the end of our time at Barry University. This May, thousands of Barry students will make the walk down the aisle to receive their diplomas and their new status of Alumni, taking their first steps out into the real world. So where does this leave the *Buccaneer*?

It leaves the *Buccaneer* in a place of opportunity. Our veteran staff who remain behind like Caitlin Granfield and Josh Tremper are ready and willing to help our devoted rookies Elana Ferrari, Ashlee Jabbour, Barbara Pelaez and the rest of our great staff bring you a wonderful newspaper. But they can't do it alone. They need you and all of your stories of success and loss, clubs and parties, protests and problems you experience at Barry University. After all, the *Buccaneer* is a student-run paper, which means you decide what goes in and what stays out—don't be afraid to join us!

As for this coming summer, who knows what will happen? We can fear the heat, the hurricanes and rejection letters, or we can take advantage of our days and make them the best we can be. There is so much turmoil in our world right now, and so many people who are lost and need help. Perhaps that's where you come in. Sure, you could laugh and think you, a party-wild college student, couldn't do anything worthwhile—but you can. I think if we all realized our own potential as human beings, any task could become a great task, from cleaning up a beach to submitting your 500 word opinion to the *Buccaneer*.

This issue highlights a few of Barry University's spectacular students who have exemplified the meaning of taking advantage of time. They may seem familiar to you, but their life stories may be more of a surprise. These special people are sure to be an inspiration to us all, and the *Buccaneer* is proud to feature them. Their stories may strike a chord with you, or make you realize you have been thinking about things the wrong way all along, and either way, it would be a wonderful thing. The *Buccaneer* would like to thank these students for sharing their personal stories with us, and to those of you who are graduating, we wish you the best.

THE BARRY BUCCANEER



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Human Trafficking Awareness at BU

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Barry's 3rd Annual Anti-Slavery Day was quite a success. The presentation room was full to capacity with faculty, staff, and students. Most of the students appeared to be at the lecture to fulfill a class requirement, but they walked away with much more than a tossed quiz.

The forum was comprised of a lecture by Barbara Burns and Allison Forsyth, who both work for the Florida State Attorney's Office, as well as a PowerPoint presentation compiled by Florida Freedom Partnership (FFP). The FFP is a non-profit organization that works all throughout South Florida to dismantle modern day slavery, and help victims who have been trafficked.

The global human rights issues of modern-day slavery and human trafficking are hardly new, but recently they have received a lot of recognition in the media. This is probably because human trafficking is a multimillion dollar industry and the third largest organized crime in the world, behind arms trade and drug trafficking.

It is also the fastest growing global crime because unlike gun and drug trafficking, profits do not cease to roll in once the product is sold. Trafficked humans can continuously make money for their oppressors by being put to work in a myriad of deplorable, dangerous, and undignified conditions.

Human trafficking is defined by FFP as "the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services through force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery."

Burns and Forsythe emphasized the words force, fraud, and coercion to the audience because they encompass many crucial control strategies used by human traffickers. Force

includes rape, confinement, beatings, torture, etc. Many times family members of victims are also threatened or tortured to keep victims quiet.

Coercion includes severe threats and mental abuse. These strategies successfully subdue victims and severely damage them psychologically for indefinite amounts of time. All of this force and coercion break their spirits and hopes so they have no energy or motivation to call upon authorities.

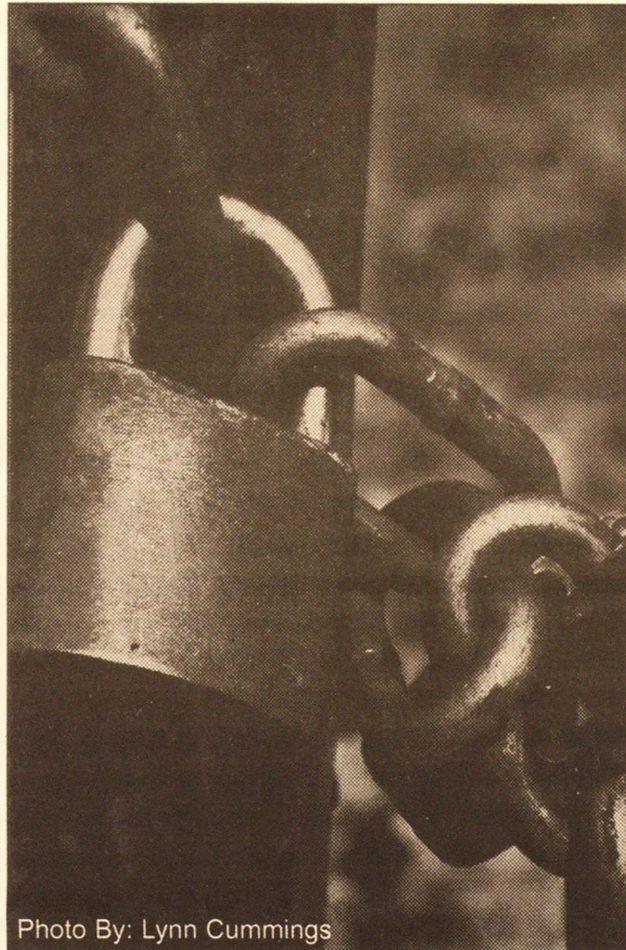


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As far as fraud goes, it is the strongest tactic used by human traffickers to acquire slaves. Sometimes pimp traffickers will court young girls, make them feel comfortable and special, then turn around and sell them as sex slaves around the world. In some poor countries chil-

dren are kidnapped or even sold by their own families to traffickers and pimps to be rented out for sex, child pornography, or to assist professional beggars. Most of the kidnapped children are never found.

Trafficking organizations which range from young couples to families to large organized crime rings will often post false classified ads for jobs in the U.S. in local newspapers around the world, especially in impoverished countries that are experiencing political and economic instability, militarism, and civil unrest.

To the vulnerable and poor in these destitute countries, the ads for waitresses, secretaries, and housecleaners sound like the chance of a lifetime to make better wages to support their families and a better life in America, the land of opportunity. When applicants, who are mostly women and children (though men are not excluded from being trafficked slaves), finally arrive on U.S. soil the story changes considerably.

Trafficked victims suddenly find themselves in a completely foreign country, ripped from their families with no resources or contacts except their abusive, demanding traffickers. They are then forced to work in underground

brothels, strip clubs, dance clubs, or sold as mail-order brides to unscrupulous "husbands" who often use them as domestic and/or sexual slaves.

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Campus News

Let Career Services Help You

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Are you concerned about your career and employment options? Do you often wonder if you are in the right minor or major? Well you are not alone. These are questions that Barry University students ask themselves everyday. Plenty of students come to school to get a good education that will further their capabilities of getting a good job in an occupation of their interest. Even alumni have a hard time getting started after graduation and could use an extra push to help them develop the skills needed to further their occupation.

Being a student in college, you are on a mission to find yourself, who you want to be, and where you want to go. Career Services at Barry University are here to help you do just that. Not only are these workshops and events open to students and alumni at Barry, but to faculty and staff as well!

Career Services is in its second year as a department at Barry University and is building its reputation quite rapidly. Before the year of 2004-05, the Career and Counseling Center worked with students on both career and personal development issues. Now, with the improved full Career Services staff, this department is able

to offer a variety of services to students, alumni and employees. Career Planning and Placement Services offer career and development planning, career programs (such as seminars and activities), and an open schedule with extended hours for the convenience of Barry University and its members.

The staff at Career Services is striving to build the reputation of their department and its services and have put great efforts into increasing recruiting activities on campus. Career Services has been working with employers to not only increase participation at career fairs, but to give students opportunities throughout the year to interact with recruiters. Career Services have also opened up the annual "Dine like a Diplomat" program for employers to sponsor tables.

Just recently the Career Planning and Placement Services hosted a spring career fair to promote the interest in furthering careers of the students at Barry University. Organizations such as Target, Enterprise-Rent-a-Car, Inlingua Language Centers, The Miami Heat, and others attended to speak to students about part-time and full-time jobs, or internship opportunities.

Dr. Amy Raphael, who is the director of career services, had nothing but good things to say about the success of this event. "The spring

career fair at Barry was a great success. We had 72 organizations registered, which is up from 48 in the fall. The new location, in the gym, added a more spacious atmosphere and allowed us to combine the career fair with the countdown to graduation celebration." Amy is very dedicated to this program and has spent time with many students trying to encourage them to take part in this opportunity.

David Rost, a junior at Barry University, found the career fair to be quite effective, "The thing I liked about the career fair was it gave me the ability to test my skills at meeting prospective employers without the pressures of performance." David, having returned to Barry after being in the workforce quotes, "Unemployment may be down but the difficulty in getting a good job is up. It's really rough out there!"

If you would like to take advantage of this amazing opportunity, Career Services is ready to assist you in choosing a career path and major, writing a resume and cover letter, your interview skills, and of course job search techniques. You can locate the Career Services office in Landon 105, or give them a call 305-899-4010. They can also be reached through Barry e-mail at careerservices@mail.barry.edu. Take advantage of this opportunity, make the best of your tuition and help secure your future.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Buccaneer editor:

It was with great dismay that, in the February issue of your newspaper, I read the article entitled "Gay Pride Week at Barry University?" The article claimed to shed some light about what happened last year with Gay Pride Week and to show what will be done this year to recognize the needs and rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender individuals. However, the article failed to accomplish either objective for it was based on inaccurate information and left out some basic facts and analysis about what happened at the end of last academic year.

As I understood it, the basic thrust of the article is that the cancellation of some of the events of Gay Pride Week last year was the sole responsibility of Tamica Ramos, the then Multicultural Affairs Coordinator, at Barry University—the article says that she was a GA, but this is not true; she was a full-time Student Services employee. After several "conversations with other faculty, staff, students, and administrators", she decided to cancel these events for no particular reason. Quoting Anwar Cruter, Director of the Office of Student Activities, the article proceeds to explain that there was never a problem with Gay Pride Week on the part of Barry's administration, which had certainly celebrated it in the past. Furthermore, the rumors that the cancellation had to do with the fact that "gay" and "pride" are two words that could not be used together at Barry are false: "there was 'somewhat of a correlation' between the semantics and the cancellation, but that word choice was not the main issue". Ms. Ramos' decision was made apparently without the sanction of any of her supervisors, who seem to remain puzzled by her actions. As Cruter claims, "nothing was ever taken away by the university itself."

The second important point that the article mentions is the fact that, despite last year's fiasco, this year, Student Services is organizing some events to deal with GLBT issues: GLBT/Hate Crime Awareness Week. Supposedly, this is the last piece of evidence we need to be convinced that Barry does not have any problem with students who are not heterosexual. As Cruter says, "Barry University strives to be an inclusive campus for all, and has never tried to marginalize groups of people on campus".

Neither of these basic points makes much sense. First, if there was not a problem with anything, why did Ms. Ramos have all of these conversations with administrators, faculty, etc.? What was the nature of such meetings so that she mysteriously decided to cancel the events? And second, if the word choice ("gay pride" versus some other rubric) was not the "main issue", then there really was an issue. And is so, what was it? Was it the specific events, the speakers, the color of the flyers...?

I am afraid that there was an issue about which Mr. Cruter seems to have forgotten. An issue that was important enough to warrant both those meetings and the taking down of all the advertisements for Pride week, as Mr. Cruter's e-mail to Ms. Ramos, sent on Friday, March 11, 2005, seems to imply:

"Tamica-
Please do not send out, post around campus, etc. any publicity advertising 'Gay Pride Week' 'Second Annual Gay Pride Week' or 'Pride Week'. Anything you have in motion will need to be stopped immediately until further notice. We will speak about this on Monday after 11am."

As can be seen, Ms. Ramos' cancellation was not an unwarranted act, but one that might have been an understandable reaction to her boss' comments. What was the point of having an event that could not be publicly advertised?

Furthermore, Mr. Cruter's insistence on taking down any publicity with the word "pride" seems to suggest that this was indeed, not an *issue*, but *the main issue*. Further evidence of this can be found in the subtle change of wording from last Spring's to this year's planned activities. If last year's events were organized under the moniker of "Gay Pride Week", this year's actions are planned around the notion of "awareness". What does this change in words imply? In my opinion, what this shift implies is that Student Services does not feel comfortable using the term pride when speaking of GLBT issues. Let me explain why I think this to be the case:

As the events unfolded last year, I personally went to talk to Mr. Cruter to find out what happened. Without mentioning names, he told me that his orders to take down the ads for the events (see the e-mail to which I referred above) came from upstairs. I decided to go *upstairs*, and there, I was told that Ms. Ramos was not ordered to cancel any events, but to take down any materials that advertised our events under the rubric of "Gay Pride". The reason is that, after receiving some complaints, it was decided that a Catholic university could not endorse the idea that homosexuality is something of which to be proud. Student Services accepts GLBT students, but cannot endorse their lifestyles publicly. This is why there are no "Gay Pride", but "Gay Awareness" events this semester. That is, the notion of awareness that Student Services is embracing this semester means something akin to *tolerance without pride*.

So, there was indeed a problem with the language chosen by Ms. Ramos for the series of events around GLBT issues last year. The problem was that, following what is claimed to be Catholic tradition, certain sexual orientations can be regarded with *pride* while others only deserve our *awareness*.

Most problematic about this issue is that the sacrosanct diversity of which this campus is so publicly proud seems to end at gay pride, and this semester's choice of words seems to support this claim. If we are to take diversity seriously, we will have to make the effort to base our diversity policy on solid catholic theology that justifies true inclusion. And we just need to take a look at the many actions of the Adrian Dominican Sisters to get some inspiration! It should be nothing too revolutionary to do so, given the history of the congregation. Let's go the extra mile and develop a truly inclusive policy about diversity of which we can feel proud; one that we can defend from a catholic standpoint. This way, we will not need to change our policy every time somebody claims that our activities go against catholic teachings.

As I was a direct witness of what happened last year, I thought it to be my responsibility to shed some light about Ms. Ramos' actions, advance some possible solutions to the diversity problem this issue speaks about, and in general set the record straight, or should I say, set the record proudly gay.

Sincerely,

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Great Summer Jobs for Freshmen

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Well, it's that time of the year again, when spring semester finals are approaching and many of you are preparing to move out of the comforts of your dorm room and purchasing your airline tickets for points called hometown. And when you get home, you will realize that unless you are planning to get a jumpstart on your next year of studies by taking a course or two at your local college, you will have 12 weeks of unstructured free time waiting to be filled. What are you going to do with that free-time? Well, if you live near water, you could work on your sunburn at the beach and go people watching all day. Or, if your parents reside in a less glamorous locale, you could check out all those "community attractions" that you never had time to visit while in high school. But chances are, unless your daddy owns the bank or you win the lotto, you will have to fill at least some of those hours with a J-O-B.

Now all those college-to-career planning experts tell you that the best job is one that will give you exposure to your career. They advise you to go after "brass ring" jobs such as corporate intern (making coffee for the boss) or research assistant (watching chemical reactions until midnight or inputting mounds of data into a MS Excel spreadsheet). They eschew the obvious choices like flipping burgers at Micky Dees or babysitting that spoiled brat down the street. While that may be sound advice, if you are a junior or even a sophomore with a few courses in your major under your belt

(assuming you even have a major), the cold hard reality is that these cushy jobs simply are not available to college freshmen.

So if you have completed 45 or fewer credits towards your degree, what can you do? Are you doomed to returning to the same "dead end" job you had throughout your teenage years, even though you are now technically a "grownup?" Will your summer 2006 job get you any closer to your degree? The answer is yes and no. Admittedly, jobs for rising college sophomores tend to be similar to jobs for recent high school graduates and high school students. But the good news is that now that you have completed some college and are supposedly "more career focused," you can use your "ordinary" summer job as a learning experience that will help you grow, regardless of your intended post-college plans. That being said, here are some summer jobs that are particularly good "resume-builders."

Restaurants

Do you plan to go into scientific research? If you can stand to bus tables and wash dirty dishes all summer, the professor who is considering offering you a research assistantship probably will be convinced that you won't get grossed out washing his dirty test tubes and bacteria-laden petri dishes. Alternatively, if you are a budding artist, you can get a job waiting tables at a fancy restaurant and carefully observe how food is arranged on the plates and how "designer bar drinks" are constructed. After graduation, you can then offer your services as a highly-paid food stylist who arranges the food on

plates during restaurant marketing photo shoots and theatrical productions involving food.

Retail

Think that retail is for high-schoolers, college dropouts, cash-hungry full time mommies, and others? Think again. In any given year, the majority of recruiters on college campuses are retailers seeking management-level staff. Many of these jobs are not at the corporate headquarters but rather in the stores themselves, where recent college graduates have the opportunity to manage \$20 million departments staffed by dozens of hourly workers.

Contrary to popular belief, retail can be a particularly rewarding career. According to a representative from Target Corporation (which recently recruited at Barry), it is not uncommon for a student to start college as a pre-med or pre-engineering major, work for them as an hourly associate to earn money for school, decide that they enjoy retail, work full-time for them as a store manager (sometimes even before completing their degrees), and in a few years, earning more money than they would have earned had they pursued their original career.

Nearly all the major retail chains are growing and will need more management-level workers in the next decade. Because many retail management training programs give preference to college grads who worked for the company while in school, working at your local Sears or Wal-Mart over the summer could be the first step in a lifelong

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Campus News

Grad School Alternatives

By Rachel Harrison

Help!

I didn't get into grad school!!!
What next?

So, the admissions process to medical/law/business/graduate school is complete and despite the zillions of applications you sent out, all you received was a bunch of thin envelopes. If that happened to you, you're not alone. Despite Barry University's excellent reputation of sending students to the graduate programs of their choice, getting into graduate school is tough these days. Statistically speaking, medical schools accept only 5% of their applicants, law schools only accept 10% of their applicants, and MBA programs only accept 20% of their applicants.

What this means is that there are plenty of talented college graduates who did not manage to land a spot in a program that will prepare them for the school of their dreams. And if you're one of them, you have several options. You can reapply the following year and meanwhile work to save some money. You can abandon your career dreams entirely, figuring that maybe you weren't meant to be a doctor. Or you could consider one of many other alternative career options that will at least get you a little closer to your "target career." [Hint: These alternative career options can also be good for those of you who did get into graduate/professional school but didn't get a enough financial aid to let you attend.]

Medical School

Consider an Osteopathic Medicine Program.

Unlike allopathic (traditional) medicine, which focuses on symptoms and the medications needed to treat them, osteopathic medicine focuses on the interrelationships between nerves, muscles, bones, joints, and organs to develop a holistic approach to a patient's maladies. Given the nation's emphasis on overall wellness, it is not surprising that this medical profession is one of the fastest growing health professions. Therefore, it is surprising that Osteopathic Medicine programs are somewhat easier to get admitted to than allopathic medicine programs.

Osteopathic physicians (D.O.'s) enter the same specialties and residencies that traditional medical school graduates enter. And in many states, they take the same licensing and certifying exams. Currently there are 21 colleges of osteopathic medicine nationwide. While Barry University does not have a D.O. school per se, there is an excellent osteopathic medical school at Nova Southeastern University in Davie. In addition, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine operates a branch campus in the Tampa Bay area.

For more information, visit the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (www.aacom.org.)

Consider the Physician Assistant Option

Physician assisting can be an attractive option for medical school rejects. This allied health profession, which requires 2-3 years of masters-level training, was established in the late 1960s in an effort to utilize the skills of former military med-

ical corpsmen to provide needed health care services in underserved rural and inner city areas. Therefore, most physician assisting opportunities are in smaller communities and poorer urban neighborhoods. However, in this age of health care cost-containment, physician assistants can also be found in metropolitan neighborhoods that traditionally have had no trouble attracting physicians. For example, South Florida ENT Associates, a three-site ENT practice with offices in central Miami, Aventura, and Pembroke Pines, employs several physician assistants to perform routine tasks such as cleaning out ear wax.

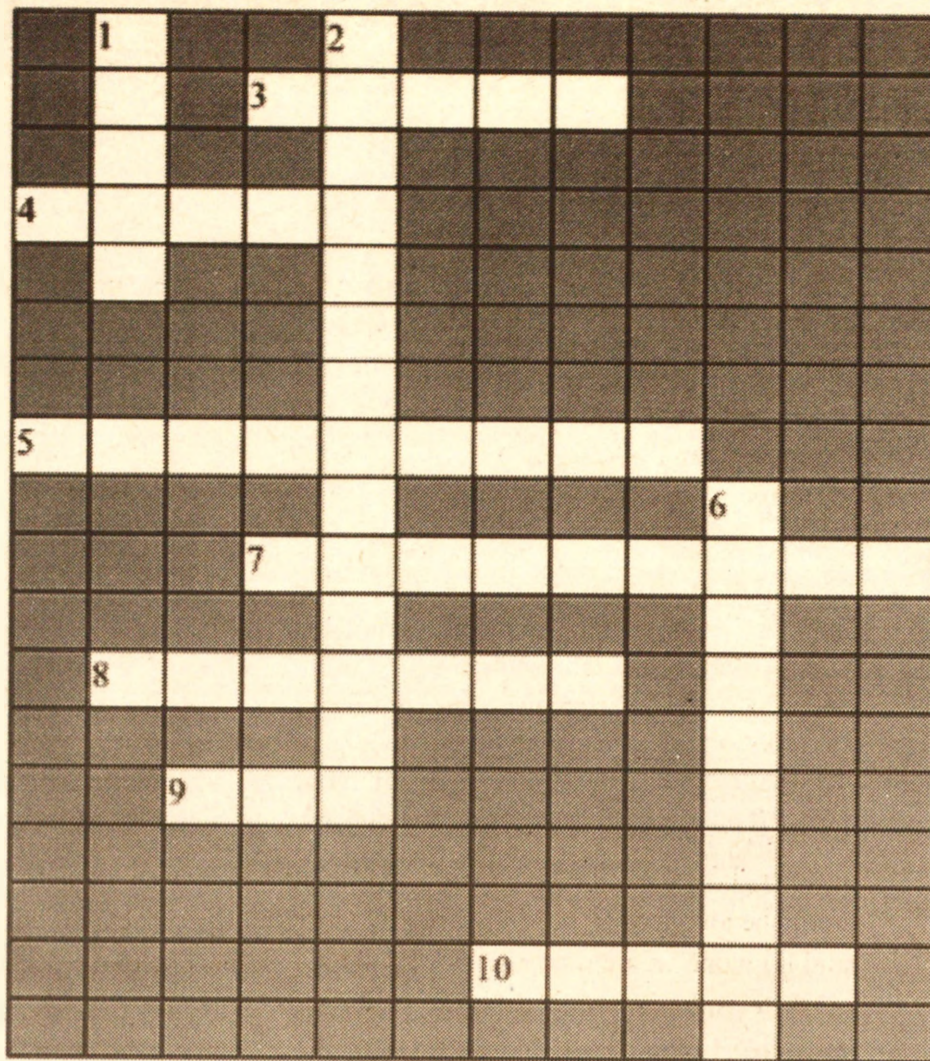
According to Florida practice law, physician assistants can perform many of the more routine tasks physicians perform under the loose supervision of a licensed practicing physician. This basically means that the physician assistant can render his/her services in a separate building and merely has to show his/her charts at the end of the day to his supervising physician. And these health professionals are highly qualified to perform such services. "Our basic and clinical science courses in our 2 1/2 year program are essentially equivalent to those taught in medical schools," asserts Dr. Doreen Parkhurst, faculty member in Barry University's own masters-level physician assisting program.

Consider Podiatry

Long considered to be the stepchild of the medical profession, podiatry is actually a legitimate medical specialty in its own right. "It [podiatry] is not just about treating corns and calluses. Our program graduates are trained and qualified to

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- 4. Name of gold Academy Award statue
- 5. Played Ray Charles in the movie "Ray"
- 7. City the ceremony is held in
- 8. Film with the most Academy Awards, took place on a big ship
- 9. Color of the carpet actors walk down
- 10. Won Best Actress award in 2006, first name is a chocolate peanut

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- 1. Best Picture winner in 2006
- 2. Hustle & Flow lead actor
- 6. Joaquin Phoenix played what famous country singer?

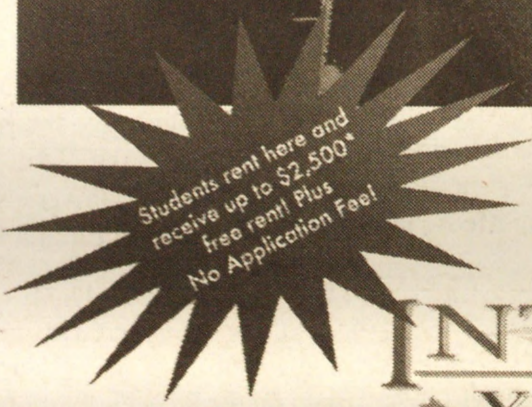
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A Long Road Back



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I watched my daughter, Jackie, get ready for college all summer long. She bought new clothes, shoes, and an assorted collection of hand bags. She also bought sensible things like storage containers and a laundry bag that doubled as a garment protector, to hang her new clothes, inside a tiny closet. Oh! Can't forget the cooking utensils – fit to cook a regal meal every day. I didn't have the heart to tell her she'd be eating lots of peanut butter, tuna, and hot dogs for the next four years of her academic life. I guess she'll acquire this knowledge from her "college experience."

Watching my daughter prepare for school brought me back to my own college days. I didn't go away to have the college experience. When I started school, I had already been away from home having the "army experience." Back then, I was still trying to digest the words, "Peace with Honor." In

those days, I was not concerned with "who I was", but rather, "who I was not."

I worked during my time in college, sometimes two jobs. One day I married, and took on the responsibilities that come with a partner. It took four years, and a lot of determination to finish an Associate in Arts degree. But, I finished it!

Sadly, and although I was offered a scholarship, I didn't pursue a Bachelor's degree. Instead, for the next twenty-three years, I settled for the working life. I made money, sometimes a lot of money, and

I lost money, more than I wanted to part with. My marriage broke up—only to marry again (different woman), and end it one more time. My father passed, and I inherited my mother. I kept all the promises I made her, until she also moved on. I fathered two girls, and now one was moving away to college.

Life had been series of slow starts with quick stops; false starts with very long pauses. Like Morse code, a series of dots and dashes with unexpected spaces in between. I

gave everyone my undivided attention and care. But, I was not happy. I wanted a Bachelor's degree. I longed for the college experience.

The demands of my profession required a college degree if I wanted to stay competitive with the rest of my colleagues. So, at the age of 55, and after twenty-three years of not seeing the inside of a classroom, I enrolled in the adult evening program, BS in Biology with a minor in Medical Technology, at Barry. My daughters were both surprised, and delighted.

At last, it was my turn. The smell of new books; learning new stuff I never knew existed; the screech of chalk on a shiny blackboard, and maybe, making new friends. I was shy and nervous on my first day of school but the discomfort quickly disappeared. Although, occasionally someone asks me if I'm the professor teaching the class. I love to watch their faces when I proudly reply, I'm a student.

The Life of a Military Wife

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Married life is hard. Well, at least mine is. The marriage isn't hard in itself; it's a long-distance marriage that makes it difficult to maintain. I've been married for a little over three years and it has been an emotional journey since day one. My husband and I tied the knot one day before he left for the U.S. Army. As young adults, we did not know what we were getting ourselves into.

From the first day my husband left to serve in the military, I've had to take on the roles of both mother and father for our son. It's been a tough task to handle. During the first year of my husband's departure, finding adequate daycare and taking days off from school when my son was sick was something I never expected to bear alone. What hurt the most was not having my husband here to experience his growth.

Over two and a half years ago I decided to make a sacrifice and move from Miami to a military training base in California where my husband was stationed. During my year-long stay in California, my marriage was what I had dreamed of: quality time, dropping our son off to school together, movie night, getting a dog, and watching our son grow. Besides the occasional spats that come with being married, everything was wonderful. For once, everything was normal. Towards the end of my second year at a community college, I felt like my life slowing down. I wanted to go beyond community college; however, the nearest university was 150 miles away from the military base. I had no choice but to return home to Miami.

Many people didn't understand my reason for leaving my husband. People said that I was placing my marriage in jeopardy by leaving my husband alone once again. But, what they didn't

know was that he understood where I was coming from. He supported me in my decision to move back home to complete my education at Barry University and I am grateful for that.

In January of 2005, my husband left for Iraq. I had to go to school and work every day with a smile on my face, despite the horror I felt inside. My husband's state was my daily concern. Was the base where my husband is stationed the one that was bombed today? Was he in that Humvee that was ambushed two days ago? Will he get hurt while on guard? These questions were always in the back of my mind while sitting in class and attempting to give the instructor my undivided attention or while at work trying to finish up quickly. I did these things as if that would bring my husband home faster. During that time, I wished that I had someone to understand what I was going through, someone to understand the emotions I was feeling. Those who smiled and said, "He will be alright," and those who offered prayer did help a lot.

During my husband's deployment, my son got really sick and he was in and out the hospital and at the doctor's office frequently. I look back now and don't know how I bore that burden alone. Thank God for the help of my mother. Also, I thank those caring instructors and supervisors who understood what I was going through and didn't hold it against me when I had to be by my son's side.

I am currently in my last year at Barry and it has been time-consuming. I go to school full-time and work 7 hours a night at a transportation company. I do homework in between drivers checking in and sometimes have to sacrifice sleep to get papers done. I am

more worried about not turning an assignment in on time than I am about sleep right now. I know that my dedication will pay off eventually.

I am not telling my story to ask for sympathy. I want others to understand my role as a student, worker and most importantly as a mother and military wife. I also want people to appreciate the

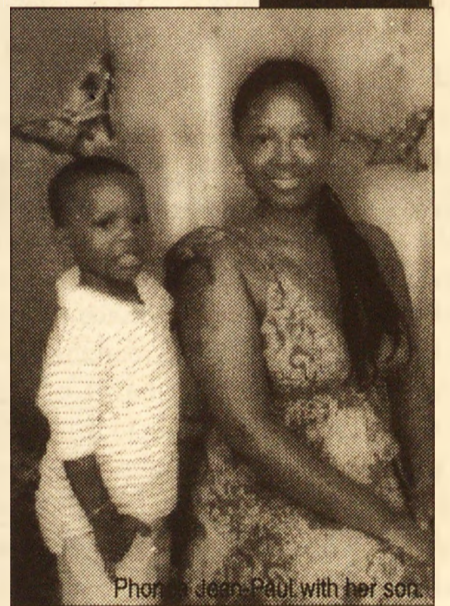


Photo: Jean-Paul with her son.

wives who stand by their soldiers. We make just as many sacrifices as the soldiers. At the end of April, my husband will be making his transition from the military back to the real world. I will be by his side every step of the way. He has been back from Iraq since January of this year. I know he has been affected by being in Iraq, but I will be here for him always. Thank you to my husband for making the ultimate sacrifice. And thank you to all our soldiers.

"I had to go to school and work every day with a smile on my face, despite the horror I felt inside."

Features

Summer Jobs, Continued

career.

Kinko's Copy Centers

Nearly all managers and professionals are expected to prepare a presentation at least once in their careers. You can learn this valuable skill by getting a summer job at your local Kinkos and helping current business professionals put together theirs.

If you plan to major in graphic design, a job at Kinkos has an added bonus. During slow periods (which are prevalent during the graveyard shifts), you can use the computers and learn all the required software packages before you even take a class in your major.

Call Centers

Because call-center jobs are repetitive, stressful, and low-paying, the customer care industry has an extremely high turnover rate, with most of its hourly workers quitting their jobs after 3-6 months. As a result, companies such as Precision

ers to learn firsthand what motivates a customer to buy. And these "dreaded" jobs also come with a bonus. Since more and more service-oriented companies such as 1800Flowers and Office Depot are looking to cut costs by sending their customer care volume to home-based workers, working for a summer or two at a standard bricks and mortar call center could eventually lead to a highly flexible \$10/hour job that you can do from the comfort of your off-campus apartment and work around your school and extracurricular schedule.

Temporary Placement Firms

Summer is when many office workers go on vacation, prompting many companies to turn to temporary service firms such as OfficeTemps, KellyTemps, and Manpower to find replacement workers to pick up the slack. And if you can type 40-50 wpm and have completed the equivalent of CS 180, you have a good chance of becoming

one of these workers in this booming economy.

By serving as a short-term temp, you will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of workplace environments so that you can best determine which jobs are the best-fit-for-you. In addition, you will be surrounded by professionals. By observing how they dress and

behave, you will be developing good habits that you can take with you to the real world after graduation.

Summer Parks and Recreation Programs

Depending on your major, working for your cities (or counties) summer recreation program can be the best thing you do for your future career. If you are an education major, working with a group of 10-30 children (who will not always do as they are told) will give you classroom management experience that will come in handy when you land your first student teaching gig. And if the program is located in a designated socioeconomically disadvantaged area (as many of them are), it can give budding social workers insight as to how the problems of poverty affect the lives and daily functioning of children. Finally, jobs as lifeguards and sports instruc-

tors will give workers the sports and water safety skills necessary to succeed in Diving Management, Physical Education, Athletic Training, and other majors offered by the Barry School of Human Performance and Leisure Studies.

Health Careers Schools

If you are pre-med or are studying one of the health occupations (including nursing), you might want to consider forgoing a summer job and spending six weeks in a concentrated vocational training program to prepare you to be a nurses aide, home health aide, or phlebotomist (blood drawer). If your parents ask you how you plan to earn enough money to pay tuition, you can assure them that when you return to campus, you will have many \$15-\$20/hr PT and per diem jobs waiting for you in hospitals, clinics, and home health agencies.

Whatever job you end up doing this summer, remember to not waste the experience and to do it well. At the very least, you will be learning the value of punctuality, professional behavior, and other traits that will serve you well in your first FT job after graduation. And you will be earning money for the upcoming school year. This will take the financial pressure off you and will allow you to focus on strengthening your credentials so that you can get that comfortable job next summer.

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Response Corporation and Convergys are constantly seeking workers to answer phones, engage in web chat conversations, answer e-mails, and make outbound sales calls in behalf of their Fortune 1000 clients.

Call center work can be a valuable experience for advertising and marketing majors as it allows work-

ing one of these workers in this booming economy.

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A Writer's Dream, Continued

them with the answers they needed to get started on their career as authors. Taking the advice, they contacted an agent who read the first five chapters and a synopsis of the book. The agent went on to sell their first novel, "Exposures" in two weeks. However, the publisher, along with DeBerry and Grant, agreed that using two names might not be good, so instead they agreed on the pen name,

Marie Joyce. The novel was sold in Russia, Spain, and the United States. Their next success was with the book, "Trying to Sleep in the Bed You Made." DeBerry and Grant wanted to give their audience a story about people who grew up in neighborhoods similar to them, and who issues in their lives that both DeBerry and Grant faced. "It just hit a cord with more people than we anticipated," explained DeBerry and Grant. Tons of mail began pouring in and the authors were finally fulfilling their goal of making this their career. Grant explained how as a writer you want readers to take something from your book and at last it was happening.

DeBerry and Grant then went on

to giving eager Barry students their tips to success. The helpful duo first explained the steps to take to get the work sold to a publisher. The writer either tries to sell a completed manuscript or a "partial" and an outline. A "partial" is the first three to five chapters, while an outline is a synopsis to the novel. The writer then

"DeBerry and Grant wanted to give their audience a story about people who grew up in

wants to find a literary agent, which they described as needing a "good household seal of approval." At this point, they warned the journalists that they are going to be "hungry" to get the process of publishing started, so there will be many offers and the need for caution would be important. DeBerry and Grant noted that a legitimate literary agent only takes a cut once you make money. In order to find a good literary agent, try going to writing conferences or online at the Association for Authors' Agents. The next step would be getting a publisher, and in order to get a publisher you will need a query letter. This should be no longer than two paragraphs and it needs to be "dazzling" because they

want to be able to promote you, the writer, and your fabulous work.

DeBerry and Grant accused television and movies of making the publishing process look very simple, however there are many steps. After the manuscript is accepted, the editor reviews it, and then it goes to a copy editor who looks over every-

thing from grammar to the continuity of the manuscript. Next, the author gets the manuscript back with the notes, and they then decide if they accept the revisions or not. In that case, the author sends it back, where the editor makes the corrections and then sends it back to the author to double check with him or her on the final product. The next step is paging and pricing, where they choose the text and the price of the work. At that time, they choose the cover. The ideas are sent away and two months later the author receives an advanced reading copy of the manuscript, or what the book will look like and the marketing plan on the back cover. Six months later the book ends up in the shelves of

stores. If the book is a hit, then the whole process can be shorter.

Unfortunately, the market is now consolidating to public houses and they are more "bottom line orientated" than before. DeBerry and Grant noted to the many aspiring journalists present that they needed to be aware and stay informed of the market. They advised their listeners audience to go bookstores and see what is out there, as well as to keep updated with the publishing industry. Some good references to keeping track of the industry are Publishers Weekly and online at Publisherslunch.com.

It's a great profession if you have the heart, declared the two authors. "You don't give up if you really believe," explained DeBerry. It's all about "getting above the noise," proclaimed Grant, and if you are committed it will happen. Virginia DeBerry didn't really know if this occupation was for her, but Donna had gratefully led her to it. The two authors had a struggle, but they overcame the obstacle and are now living proof that success is possible.

Speak Out!

Barry students give us their story

By Elyse Aldikacti

As the school year comes to a close, Barry students are asked:

What has been your most memorable moment at Barry this year?

Sports Mgmt., Sophomore

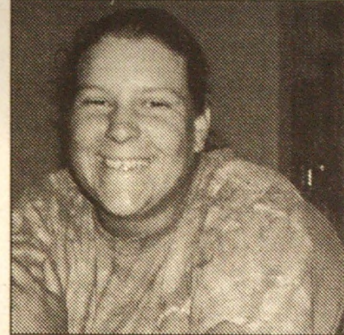
Karla Pratt



"Playing in the hurricane."

English, Freshman

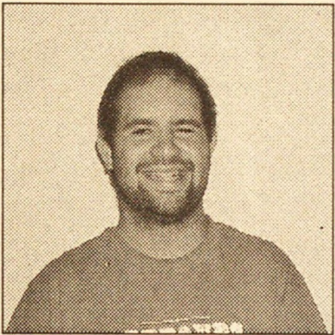
Amber Jack



"Pitching a softball game against Florida Gulf Coast and winning after ten innings."

Nursing, Sophomore

Stephen Farrow



"Getting written up five times in one day by an overzealous R.A."

Sports Mgmt., Sophomore

Orly Stein



"Skating around Barry with my friends."

Exercise Science, Sophomore

Nicole Uno



"Tribal living during the hurricane."

Chemistry, Junior

Libby Lowe



"Rowing Head of Charles in Boston."

Cristine Parmigiani



"Being part of Fiji Fashion and being in the show on campus."

History, Sophomore

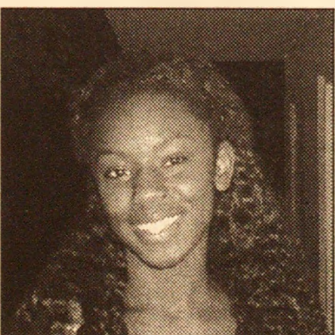
Barbara Pelaez



"Watching the fashion show, it was awesome."

Industrial Organization Psychology, Junior

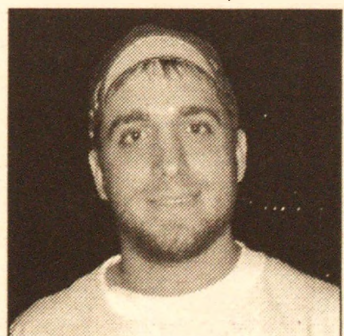
Carlyne Jean



"Being part of Fiji Fashion."

Theatre, Sophomore

Ronnie Lamb



"Being written up four times."

Opinions

Tiger Force, Continued

ing grenades underneath bunkers where women and children hid, providing them with mass underground graves." The atrocious reality that Sallah speaks of becomes even more horrendous when he talks about members of the U.S. Army denying the murders committed by Tiger Force. "A few years ago, when I was conducting my investigative reporting about this matter," says Sallah, "I made numerous phone calls to both Vietnam Veterans who took part in the massacres under Tiger Force and investigators in the army who were supposed to find and convict these soldiers with war crimes. A few of the conversations stand out, like this one with Criminal Investigative Agent, Gustov Epsy.

Sallah: Did you investigate Tiger Force?

Epsy: (Long pause) My God.

Sallah: What happened?

Epsy: (Another long pause) Nothing happened.

The army investigation that took place from June 1971 to November

1975 was conducted by criminal investigative agents like Epsy. In all there were only 20 war crimes involving 18 soldiers that were documented. They must have missed the other hundreds of innocent victims killed by U.S. forces. "This is the longest war crimes case in Vietnam," says Sallah, "with 460 filed new claims about U.S. soldier brutality."

Sallah then spoke with Rion Causey, who played a huge part in the genocide of Vietnamese people. "I murdered out of frustration; I've had this guilt for 30 years now," Causey says while crying, "there have been no hearings on what we've done. The army has played their part in covering it up." Sallah mentioned he need to get the truth about the Tiger Force incident firsthand. "Aside from all the lives lost," says Sallah, "the army's denial and cover-up is what irks me most. I needed to travel to Vietnam and get some real answers."

In the summer of 2003, Sallah got his wish to travel to Vietnam with other journalists from the Miami Herald. Their objective—

find witnesses. In all there are 1200 records of reports filed by outraged Vietnamese citizens on the torment Tiger Force instilled in their people. Bringing much awaited publicity to this case may help to prevent soldiers from acting out against innocent people in the present war in Iraq. "Although the army is better today then it was in Vietnam, the troops are still getting frustrated at the wrong people," says Sallah. "Two years ago, fifteen family members in Iraq were shot and killed by U.S. soldiers; most of the dead were children. The soldiers blamed their deaths on the detonation of a car bomb, but the bullet holes proved otherwise."

"When I tried to contact retired members of Tiger Force," says Sallah, "I discovered that most had died in their 30's and 40's of alcoholism, cancer, and drugs. "60% to 70% really wanted to talk about it," says Sallah. "I guess they felt a sense of liberation after keeping this secret bottled up for all these years."

Not one civilian was armed. Summaries of the report were sent to Nixon, Ford, and even Rumsfeld.

Nothing was done. This army's conspiracy was buried. With the help of Henry Tuffs and Michael Sallah it was dug up.

"In studying the psychology of atrocities," says Sallah, "when soldiers are put in battle their reasoning decreases and the dog part of the brain, survival, takes over. They dehumanize the enemy because by making them less than human, it allows one to kill easier." The many soldiers who suffered from post-traumatic stress were told to suck it up. These soldiers came from promilitary backgrounds whose families thought they were doing the right thing.

By understanding morality of right and wrong, even in the toughest situations that one may endeavor, like war, it is more probable than not that wise decisions can be made. The willpower to stand against corrupt hierarchies and to stand for equality and freedom is perhaps the hardest power to attain at all, and to Sallah, it is the most important.

Human Trafficking, Continued

There have been reports indicating that some children as young as 8 – 10 years old are sentenced to work in brothels and service over 30 men a day! But many of those trafficked are not just hidden away in underground sex rings, they are right here before us. They work at our nail salons, restaurants, massage parlors, in our homes and hotels as housekeepers, and in the fields picking the food we eat. Florida is the third largest trafficking state in our nation, so the reality of trafficked persons is imminent.

Recently, the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Act of 2000 was just renewed and strengthened by President Bush and Congress in January of 2006. Over the next two years the bill will provide about \$361 million to prevent trafficking by increasing awareness and economic opportunities, to protect and assist victims through federal and state services, and to pro-

there is something that all of us can do to help end this violation of human rights. The first step is public consciousness. Simply being aware that these atrocities exist and spreading the word to other people in our lives and communities is significant and helps greatly.

Second, be aware of your surroundings and even more aware of suspicious activity like: padlocks on the outside of housing, which could indicate that people are locked inside; seeing a group of individuals being regularly led into and out of unmarked vans, perhaps going to and from undisclosed locations to perform some type of suspicious work; or even keeping an eye on establishments with extremely high rates of turnover (like some nail salons), which might indicate that trafficked workers might be getting moved from place to place to disrupt any possible social bonds they might make with clients whom they

minute of your time could help get someone — possibly an innocent child — out of a hopeless, abusive, oppressive reality.

If you are interested in helping the fight against human trafficking the FFP has plenty of volunteer opportunities and information on this issue at:

www.FloridaFreedom.org

The U.S. State Department also has extensive up-to-date information on trafficking at:

http://usinfo.state.gov/gi/global_issues/human_trafficking

And for heartbreaking testimonials of victims and to help fight human trafficking, visit:

www.PolarisProject.org

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ecute traffickers and customers of trafficked sex slaves and child pornography through increased law enforcement.

Although the bill was a big step in the fight against human trafficking and is making good headway,

could tell of their victimization.

Finally, stay informed. Be aware of ever changing statistics; of the value of every person's life, dignity and human rights, and find out what you can do to preserve those rights. Every minute counts. Every

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The 2006 Renaissance Festival

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On the six weekends from February 11th to March 19th at Quiet Waters Park in Deerfield Beach, one could find that spending time at the 14th Annual Renaissance Festival would be the most fun you could have in a long time. This year's setting focused on medieval England, with special exceptions for Irish jig dancers and Spanish gypsy dancers, to name a few. There was delicious food, an artisan village and plenty of entertainment that was on display for all to enjoy.

Perhaps one of the most eye-catching sights to observe was human chess. You read that right—human chess. It was a chess match where the audience participated as chess pieces, having to act out outrageous dances to earn their spaces. Speaking of dancing, the Maypole peasant dance was energetically taught by Lady Ophelia, who showed audience members how to weave patterns with ribbons around the pole while swing dancing with partners. Many shows required active audience participation, so you never knew what to expect.

Other rides and activities included Barrel o' Bedlam, Once Upon a Time Stage, Fight Ring, Giant Pony Ride and of course, the famous Mud Pit. There was also a maze made out of hedges that was confusing for not only children, but adults as well. The Renaissance Festival proved to be ideal for those of all ages.

Have you ever wondered how that glass sculpture your grandma bought you was

made? No need to contemplate anymore, professional glass blowers were back again. Last year's theme, dragons, consisted only of sculptures that were made from a mini torch; this year, the torch was replaced by a giant oven in which glass blowers molded creative vases and figurines. Amazingly, hardly any heat could be felt from standing just over ten feet away. This site drew in a lot of people, and as soon as the completed work was set on the tables, it was hurriedly bought by those who were eager to purchase.

With so much going on, it's no wonder stomachs started to rumble for food. Luckily, there was plenty to go around. No matter what food stand your feet took you to, the typical greetings were, "Hello, kind sir," or "Good afternoon, my lady." Everyone was very respectful upon serving you sweet corn or onion blossoms. By the way, the portions were very generous. Now don't you wish you had gone?

Keep in mind that although ticket prices are twenty dollars at the gate, you can get in for free if you donate blood or if you volunteer. The actors and actresses, singers and dancers, and the musicians all work very hard and put on great shows so they can entertain us. Spending a weekend at the Renaissance Festival is sure to leave you with a lasting grin and tons of unforgettable memories.

If you missed the Renaissance Festival this year, be sure to check it out next year at the same location. The only thing that you are required to bring is an open mind.

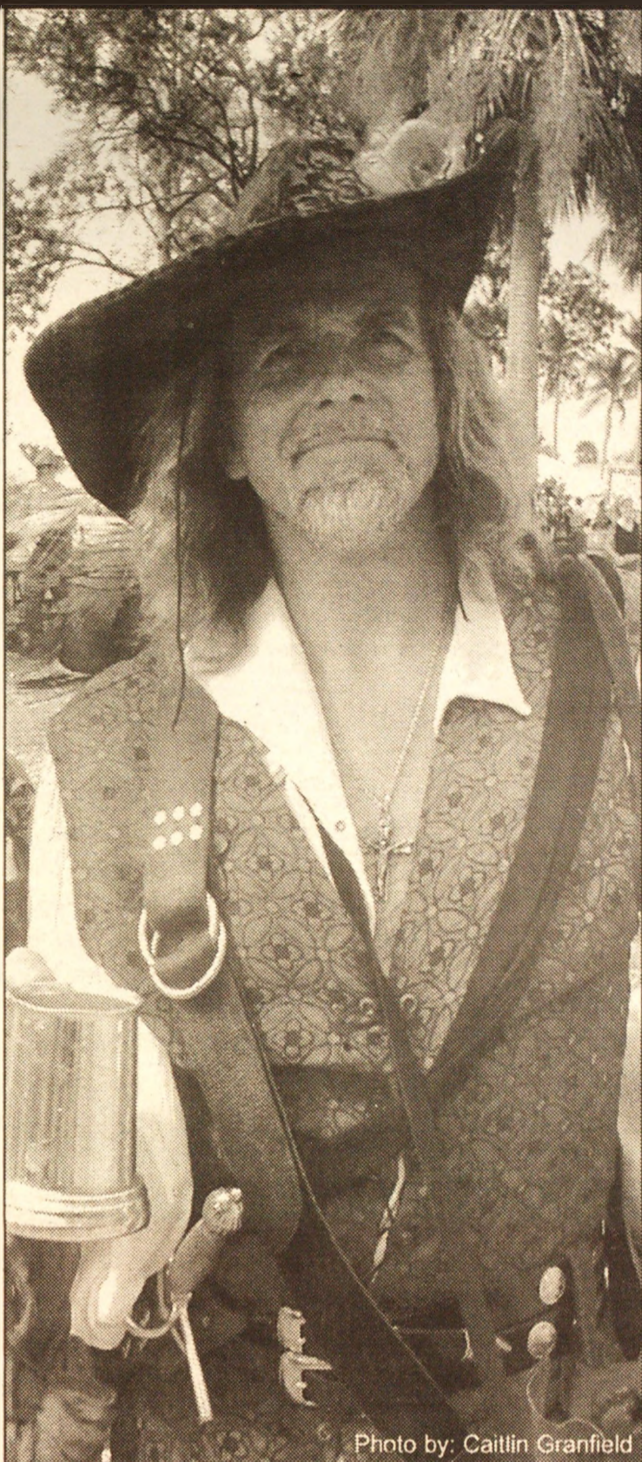


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Entertainment

Get Away from the Stress: Go Snorkeling!

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Spring Break has passed and many students have returned to their busy college schedules. With all the stress, many students are unaware of the many different types of attractions to blow off some steam here in Florida. Maybe it does not have to be a week's worth of fun, but rather just a day to get away and relax. Students are always so geared at working...working...and more working, and someday that is all you are going to be doing! So, while you are young; live it up and make the most of your youth here in Florida, for you may never get the chance to do so like you can now.

Many students are unaware of the many different types of fun that is in hands reach, while attending a college in Florida. Over Spring Break, a group of my friends looked into a day of snorkeling in Key Largo. Since it was a group of seventeen of us, we only had to pay around thirty dollars each to enjoy a day of fun in the sun. We all met at the Keys Diver Snorkel Tours, where we purchased our boarding passes.

For many of us, this was our first time snorkeling, and it was a great experience to see the underwa-

ter life and also to socialize during the week. One of the sites was called the Christ statue. Standing 8 feet tall and weighing 4000 lbs., the Christ of Abyss statue of Jesus Christ stands in 25 feet of water off of Key Largo. "My first time looking at the statue I thought it was remarkable. I never thought someone could put such a humble statue under the water", says Cliffy Gayle, a scuba diving major at Barry.

After returning from our trip at around 5pm, the snorkeling group was craving some ice cream. Here in Miami, the type of ice cream shops with the homey feeling is hard to find, but in Key Largo, there is a small ice cream place that gives you the great atmosphere and even better ice cream! It's called Mr. C's Gourmet Ice Cream. This small shop that is definitely a must if you are in the area for some good ice cream and some nice servers to go along with it.



Photo by: Ashlee Jabbour

Whether it is a day at the beach or a day in the Keys, make the most of it. As young students, we are always working so hard, which is good because our education here at school is bound to prepare us for the real world ahead of us. However, you are still young and sometimes you do need a little bit of fun to go with it. So, look into different types of packages and get a group of friends together, and go and live life a little, while you can!

Grad School, Continued

diagnose and surgically/medically treat a variety of health problems from the knees to the toes," explains Dr. Chet Evans, Dean of Barry University's Graduate School of Medical Sciences, which includes one of only six podiatry schools in the nation.

Consider Nursing

If you can't get into medical school, perhaps you would be happy being a nurse. If that is the case, Barry University has a special program just for you. The Accelerated BSN program is a one year intense program that starts in May of each year and leads to the BSN.

Once a student completes nursing school, he/she will have no problems finding a job. According to a recent survey by the Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security, the State of Florida alone needs 36,000 nurses in the upcoming year. Those who want to advance after a few years in the profession can pursue graduate level nursing degrees in a variety of related fields. For example, they can complete Barry University's MS in Anesthesiology and become Certified Nurse Anesthetists, who administer anesthesia to surgical patients semi-independently. Or they can become Certified Nurse Practitioners through Barry University's MSN program. Nurse Practitioners can practice medicine (including ordering treatments and prescribing medications) independently on a limited basis. They are frequently utilized by public health clinics, family planning centers, school-based health clinics, and college health centers.

Strengthen Your Credentials in a High-Quality Pre-Med Program

If you couldn't get into med school, it was probably because your application couldn't convince admissions officials that you could not survive four years of rigorous academics and clinical training. After all, medical school is a business and admissions committees cannot afford to take risks on applicants who might attend and then drop out after one year. Therefore, with competition for limited medical school slots being so intense, many successful applicants find out that they need to spend a year or two after college completing a structured postgraduate program designed to fill in the gaps in their application. The better programs, such as the one offered by Barry University's School of Natural and Health Sciences, allow students to conduct original research projects and to enroll in graduate-level basic science courses that parallel those offered in first-year medical school curricula.

Once such a program is completed, a medical school applicant's chances of success increase dramatically. For example, 100% of the recent graduates of Barry University's MS in Biomedical Sciences program were admitted to medical, dental, or graduate school. "These people have taken basically the same courses our

first-year podiatry students take so there is no reason why medical schools would think that they cannot do the work," claims Dr. Ralph Lauden, director of the MS in Biomedical Science program.

Law School

Pursue Your Career Plans Peacefully

If you are going to law school, it is probably with the idea that you want to help people get the justice they deserve. But are you aware that given the high costs of legal fees, many people are turning to mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution that do not involve going to court and having your case heard by a judge but rather airing their differences in front of a sympathetic third party?

Admittedly, only licensed attorneys fully admitted to the state bar can become circuit court mediators who help resolve major civil suits. However, to become a mediator for county court, which involves lower-profile cases involving smaller sums of money, merely involves completion of a 20 hour noncredit training program (no college degree required). And to become a family court mediator handling divorces, child custody arrangements, and competency/guardianship issues, you need to complete a 40 hour noncredit training program after you complete a masters degree in taxation, social work or family/marital counseling.

For a listing of approved mediation training programs, see: www.flcourts.org

Become a Paralegal

Paralegals are highly trained professionals who assist attorneys with routine tasks, freeing the attorneys to actually argue cases in court. While it is still possible to enter this profession with only an associate degree (or even a vocational certificate), the better jobs go to those paralegals who have bachelors degrees.

"Contrary to popular belief, paralegals don't just prepare wills and fill out forms. They research cases, write briefs, and do just about anything attorneys do except go to court for their clients," asserts Eric Olsen, director of Barry University School of Adult and Continuing Education's bachelors and postgraduate certificate programs in Paralegal Studies.

According to Olsen, many individuals complete the 30-credit paralegal program at Barry University, work in a law office for a few years, and then go on to law school.

Business School

Consider a Lesser-Known School

While competition for admission to the top business schools such as Harvard, Wharton, and Chicago is still tough, there are many lesser-known B-schools that are literally begging for students. Most of these smaller programs are more focused on the needs of the regional economy, which is a boon for those who are placebound. Some of these lower-tier

schools, such as Barry University, will even waive the GMAT for those students with some post-college work experience and/or high grades, especially if they are not seeking scholarships.

Consider Programs Other Than the MBA

Because of business school accreditation standards, MBA admission is somewhat competitive, even at the lesser-known schools. The good news is that there are several other graduate business-related programs available that might actually be better for your career development, depending on your interests. Some of these programs at Barry University include:

MS in Taxation, which thoroughly familiarizes students with the federal, state, and local tax codes.

MS in Management, which combines soft-skills development with training in strategy and entrepreneurship

MA in Administration (offered by ACE at off campus sites), which provides soft-skills training that helps mid-level managers better lead work groups to excellence

Human Resources Development (offered by the School of Education), which focuses on employee training and in-house skills development, two important issues for businesses

MS in Health Care Administration (offered by School of Natural and Health Sciences), which prepares business professionals to work in health care settings

Or, an MS in Organizational Communication (offered by Arts and Sciences), which gives individuals the business knowledge and communication skills necessary to work effectively in any business environment.

Consider Whether You Really Need an MBA

According to Robert Scully, faculty member at Barry University ACE's Professional Administration program, there is really no advantage to obtaining an MBA when it comes to getting your first job, particularly if you majored in business as an undergraduate. "Basically, the MBA is an introduction to business for those who have other backgrounds but were thrust into business leadership positions." This is especially true in today's bolstering job market, especially if you plan a career in retail or other service industries. For example, a person could get hired by Target fresh out of college to manage a \$20 million department, a job which rivals the jobs newly-minted MBAs get at corporate headquarters.

Other Graduate Programs

Get Your Masters First

In the olden days, everyone used to get a masters degree before applying to a Ph.D. program. Now, it is not uncommon for talented graduates to want to head directly to the Ph.D., especially in the hard core sciences. But because they are primarily seeking students to help with the professors' research and offer generous

stipends, Ph.D. programs often have limited slots.

If college teaching is your ultimate career goal, a masters degree may very well suffice. This is because many of the nation's two-year colleges require only a masters degree with 18 graduate semester hours in the discipline in order to be appointed to the faculty. Admittedly, few masters programs offer financial assistance. However, their classes are often taught at night, allowing students to work during the day. Some programs can even be completed online. Once you obtain your MS/MA, you can pursue a Ph.D. while teaching at a junior college.

Teach High School

Those budding Ph.Ds interested in teaching serious subject matter to serious students might want to give high school teaching a serious look. Especially in metropolitan areas, there are many advanced placement programs and specialized magnet schools that require faculty who are experts in their subject area as well as in working with youth to teach courses that usually generate college credit.

If you want to make a difference in a young person's life and are willing to obtain the needed credentials, you will easily find employment as the State of Florida needs an average of 30,000 new teachers each year to keep up with student population growth. In fact, some schools are so desperate for teachers that they will offer all sorts of benefits, including full subsidy of any graduate degree that is even vaguely related to your teaching field. If you don't have a degree in education, don't worry. The State of Florida has an Emergency Certification option that allows individuals with an undergraduate in any field to get hired as a teacher in a critical need area such as ESL or science and work for one year while taking free teacher certification classes at night.

Work First, Go to School Later

In certain fields, you may be able to strengthen your graduate school application by obtaining relevant work experience. This is especially true if you had limited internship or practicum opportunities while in school. For example, applicants to the Scripps Institute's Kellogg School of Science are often not considered unless they have "ample advanced-level research experience equivalent to 2-3 years of post-college employment". And candidates for library school admission can strengthen their applications by working for a few years as a library paraprofessional (clerk or technical specialist).

Movie Review: Lucky Number Slevin

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Released: April 7, 2006
Director: Paul McGuigan
Writer: Jason Smilovic
Starring: Josh Hartnett, Lucy Liu,
Morgan Freeman, Bruce Willis
Genre: Comic Thriller
Rating: R

There hasn't been a movie like *Lucky Number Slevin* since *Snatch*, or my I dare say, *Pulp Fiction*. I went to the theater not knowing what to expect, but I was definitely not disappointed. It is in a genre on its own — a make believe world of gangsters rivaling, gambling, and mistaken identity. It is a rather intricate story line, with interesting character development, and a good concept all around.

Slevin, played by Josh Hartnett, seems to be the unluckiest guy around. When he goes to visit his friend Nick in New York City, he is mugged. Then Slevin goes to his friend's apartment and is mistaken for Nick by goons who work for "The Boss," (Morgan Freeman). Slevin tries to tell "The Boss" that he is not Nick, but cannot show proof. Slevin is then sent home by the goons, and not a moment later he is picked up yet again by

goons who work for "The Rabbi" (Ben Kingsley), the sworn enemy of "The Boss". Nick owes "The Boss" and "The Rabbi" a lot of money; and Slevin is placed in a position he cannot refuse.

I asked the director, Paul McGuigan, a witty Scottish man who uses colorful language, to tell me about the script and the film. McGuigan said, "The film has a lot of twists and turns, it's intricate and funny — It's funny and kind of dark, the tone shifts on a good level."

This movie is an elaboration of words and actions. The director uses bright colors and funky wallpapers and juxtaposes the characters to them. I was quite nervous to interview such a significant director as McGuigan, but he was extremely accommodating. I asked him how he became involved with *Lucky Number Slevin*. McGuigan was actually requested by the writer, Jason Smilovic. McGuigan's other movie *Ganster No 1*, is also about the "gangster world."

McGuigan explained to me how Smilovic "really wanted me to be the director. When I read it, I just thought this is extraordinary — this is a great script. He has a great sense of language, and writing — he has a great voice. I'm from Scotland, and I wanted to see what type of guy he is, and I met Jason at a pub. He actually talks as he writes. This script is his little world."

Lucky Number Slevin was first released at the Sundance Film Festival in Utah. It was a low budget independent film. McGuigan told me about his experience at the film festival — "When I watched it in Sundance, with all those people, I was going to leave after five minutes. Josh and I were going to have a beer. We stayed because of the energy of the people. I never stay because I'm scared the people are going to get up and leave. It wasn't just a standing ovation, but people were saying that this movie rocks, it was lovely to see, it was the right demographic the right kind of people. Anyone who appreciates language—it's not a dumb movie, it's actually quite smart. Jason, that's just the way he is a smart guy." McGuigan is quick to give credit where it is due. He said, "as a director, I depend on other people's talents."

I was curious how McGuigan was able to afford the actors on such a low budget. McGuigan explained to me how, "there are two ways of getting the actors: 1) by paying for it, which we had no money, 2) by the script." Earlier in the interview, McGuigan said, "you can make a bad script seem okay, but it's hard to mess up a great script."

McGuigan further explained how you slowly bring each actor into the project. "For example, Ben Kingsley was thinking of playing the part of, 'The Rabbi.' When Morgan Freeman's people asked, 'who else is in it, we said that Ben Kingsley is thinking of this part.' Morgan Freeman's people were then like 'Oh, Morgan really likes Ben Kingsley.' All of the actors loved the script. The roles are very well defined — the girl next door, the Rabbi. I was amazed about the cast we got. I didn't even realize it until I saw them all there."

Throughout this comic thriller, the audience is taken through a curious world where nothing seems as it is and is continually entertained because of it.



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On March 1st, educator and entrepreneur Bob Hall woke up and flew from New York to visit the Barry main campus to discuss sex with students. While the idea of sex talk was what drew students to the events room in Landon, Hall said that getting people to attend his talks were like doing "gymnastics."

Hall proposed the idea that addiction and sex seem to be on one plane. Because the hormone dopamine is involved in arousal and sexual activity as well as with other pleasurable activities, humans tend to want more. Hall suggested that often times in the middle of a passionate situation people have a need for their "dopamine fixes" and tend to forget their behaviors.

Sex, however, was not the whole idea of his discussion; it was violence that Hall wanted to talk about. He stated that violence is the act of getting control of a situation. Addiction he was defined as changing one's reality to escape, gaining control; therefore, he argued, violence and addiction are one and the same.

"Ignorance isn't bliss but knowledge is power." Many have heard this phrase out of the mouths of their teachers but the same idea applies to sexuality. Hall states the importance of understanding that rape is under-reported. Some think that this is that rape never occurred or the victims don't care enough to report it. The opposite is true.

So why does Bob Hall speak for *Campus Programs That Matter*? Some may have assumed that he knows someone close to him who has been raped but he denied that. Hall's reasoning for being adamant about such a topic is the fear he sees in women. He stated that he "doesn't want to deal with the repercussions" of the violent sexual behavior of others.

Like the song goes, "All I'm askin' is for a little respect" and Hall's main idea is that we as humans need to have "consideration of others before self." His motto is as follows:

To care for things as if they were people is illusion. To care for people as things is violence. To care for people as people is justice. To care for people as ourselves is love.

While Hall was not presenting abstinence as the only means of safe and appropriate sex, his views leaned towards that direction with a slogan stating, "Just 'cause we're dating don't mean we're mating." Hall joked that some like the slogan backwards much better.

Hall did stress the importance of taking responsibility for one's own actions. While the conversation was directed at males, Hall also touched on the idea of teasing on the part of a woman. After a short mention of "blue balls" he asked the question, "If a girl brings you home, takes off her shirt, lays down and then says, 'Hey I don't want to have sex,' does the male have the right to force her?" No one believed so although everyone realized the point of the scenario. While women have the right to say no at anytime it is also their responsibility to be aware of their actions. Bottom line, we all need to have respect for one another.

After the discussion I asked some students why they attended and what their reactions were. One student attended the talk as a requirement for one of her classes and stated, "It was alright. It made sense." Another student who attended for her own benefit stated that she would, "like to see more discussions based on the topic of sex." She expressed a need for more sex education and



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thought that this type of discussion was helpful to people her age.

While some enjoyed the discussion and attended to get a better grasp of sexuality others, were not as enthused but were still able to get something from Hall's time at Barry. Next time you are engaging in what Hall refers to as "creative nocturnal activities," remember to have just a little bit of R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

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Almost everyone hates a cheater. Even many cheaters hate cheaters. There is nothing that

grinds my gears like a cheater trying to get an edge on everyone else, an unfair edge.

That is why I hate you, Barry Bonds. According to the new book, *Game of Shadows*, you are a cheater. You are a cheater among cheaters. You are possibly the biggest cheater Major League Baseball has ever seen.

Say it isn't so, Barry. Is everything you ever achieved on the diamond a lie? When the entire country watched you pass the 60 home run mark back in 2001 and trot around the bases matching Ruth, was it a lie? Was it all you? Or was it you and steroids? When you raised your arms when hitting number 71, were you REALLY the all-time best?

73 home runs became the all-time mark that you set. You have one of the most prestigious honors. You own it Barry Bonds, but did you earn it? Was it the extra time in the weight room that did it? Or was it the extra pills and needles?

Assuming you cheated, I would have to believe that you are not alone. I would put Mark McGuire and Sammy Sosa right up on the podium of oversized cheaters. Nonetheless, how dare you? Are you not aware that you are a role model?

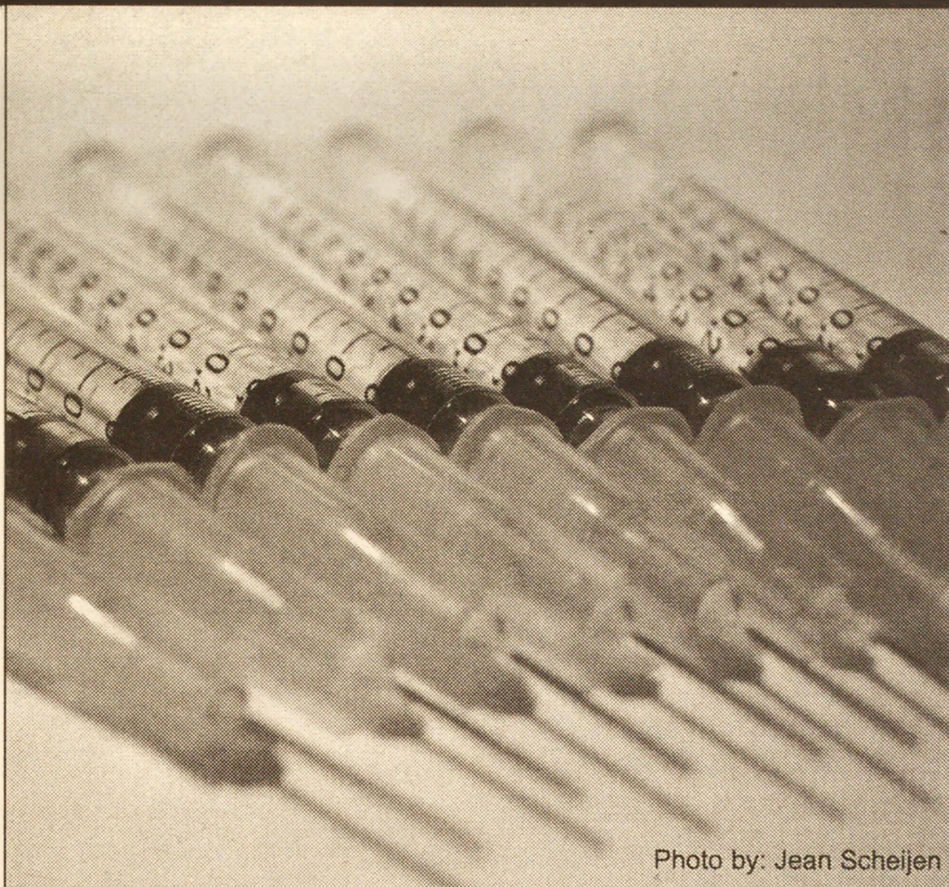


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Are you not aware that there are many fans of yours willing to do anything to meet your caliber of play? Do you think steroids are wrong? According to one of your press conferences, you say drugs and tobacco are wrong, but what about the juice, Barry? What about cheating?

I hate you because what you are doing is bigger than the numbers. It is bigger than a World Series. Steroid users in baseball sacrifice the integrity of the game. If the integrity of the game is diminished, fans will stop showing up. If fans stop showing up, the league may

die. If the league dies, baseball itself may die. How dare you put yourself before the game?

The league sure can die. The strike of 1994 had Major League Baseball in a sewer it barely crawled out of. The 1919 Black Sox scandal nearly ended the game. Great thanks to Babe Ruth, a name you will never truly surpass, saved the game about 85 years ago.

I don't know if and when you started taking steroids. However, the media portrays your playing as the product of steroids. You are a fantastic ballplayer. Before 1998, you had hall of fame numbers. After 1998,

you had baseball God-like numbers. Now, after steroids, all of that is a joke. You are the card-counter. You are the Richard Marcus of baseball.

How did it feel to break a record knowing it was done taking a shortcut? Should I ask McGuire that question? How does it feel to know you are caught? Why not file defamation charges against the authors of *Game of Shadows*? Why not apologize? Most importantly, why did you not do it the natural way, like your Godfather, Willie Mays?

All credit to you, you did it. You hit 73 home runs in one season. You are third all-time in career home runs. You were a great ballplayer before 1999, when you allegedly started taking steroids.

You are also a cheater.

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The Fist Pump of Glory

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Athletes play to win. Athletes play for the triumph. Athletes play for the glory. Winning brings a feeling in your gut that almost makes someone feel God-like. It freezes time and eliminates sound. Nothing is better than the immediate moment after a game is finished, the final putt is made, or the game winning goal is scored. The body grows wings, and the winner celebrates.

Celebration for great players is the fist pump. It is a fist that has never been squeezed tighter with an arm in front of the body. Nothing feels better to an athlete. It represents conquest. It represents a job well done. It is the poster-look of a champion. Other than holding a trophy above one's head, there is no single picture that represents victory in such a

way as the fist pump does.

A fan of golf can find Tiger Woods showing off his patented fist pump each and every time he takes a title. He may start from his hip and bring his arm up like an upper-cut. He then locks his arm and

flexes his muscles until he feels it is time to stop. Fans can even buy autographed pictures of Tiger with his patented fist pump. With his fist in the air and his mouth wide open screaming, any winning athlete can understand the tremendous happiness swaying through Tiger's soul.

Wayne Gretzky did the same and most likely still does with events of victory. In 1994, when he broke Gordie Howe's record for most goals in a career, he proceeded to pump his fist back and

forth in front of his body before he was surrounded and hugged by teammates. The fist pump would continue with Gretzky through-

"It represents conquest... It is the poster-look of a champion."

out his career. Goal after goal would be followed with a fist in the air or a fist ahead of him. It is a winner's natural reaction.

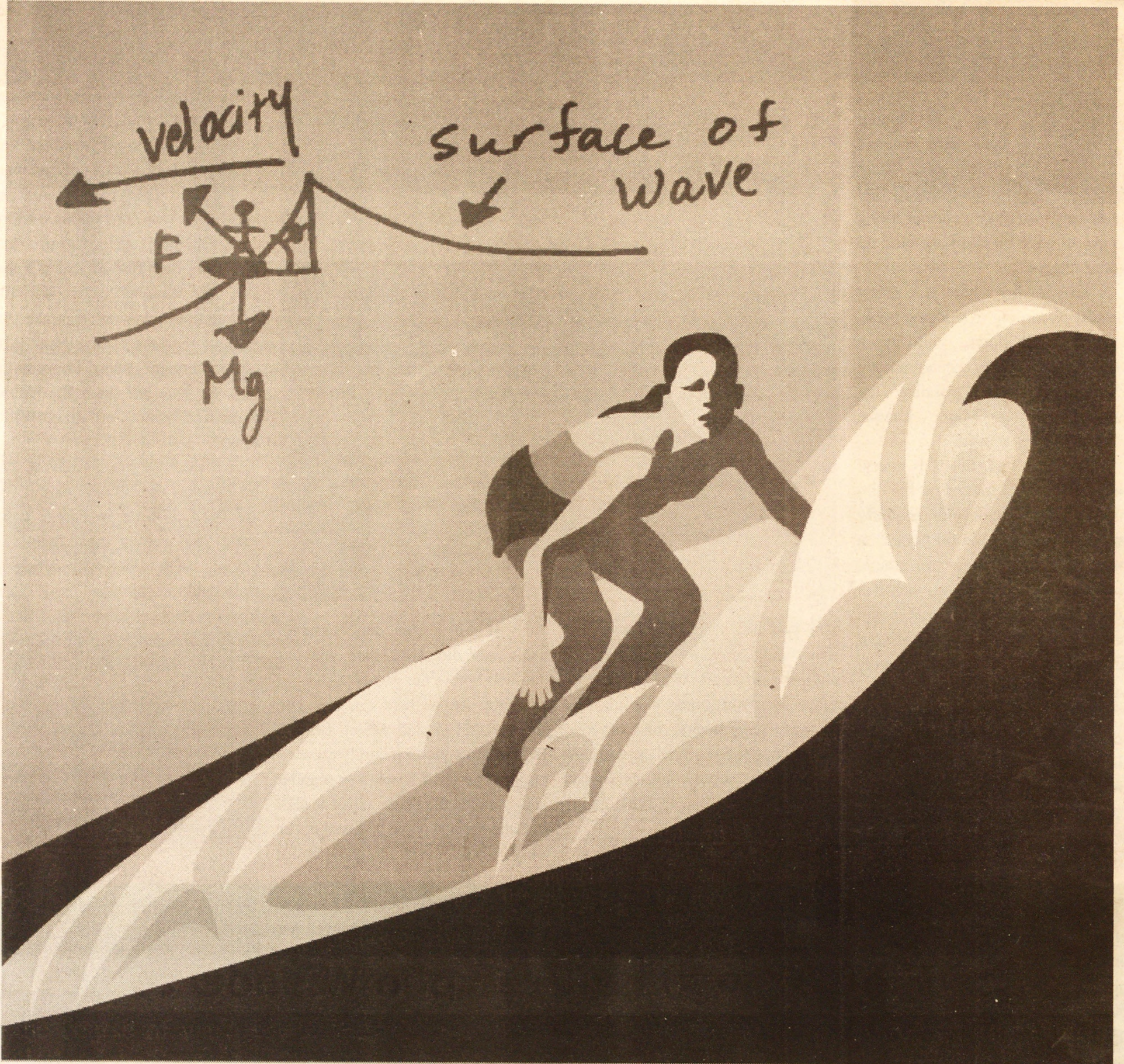
Even Michael Jordan was an avid user of the fist pump. Time after time, fans have witnessed Jordan sink a game-winning shot, only to see him jump for joy and pump his fist. Whether he would swing a punch in the air or stick his tongue out, one could always find Jordan with his fist squeezed tight, enjoying the moment of glory. From his Chicago Bulls

days, to his less victorious times with the Wizards, Jordan would succeed and use the fist pump.

The fist pump is not something used by great athletes alone. All around the world this feeling of glory is represented with

this simple physical expression. Even the players from a local beer-league softball team will express the fist pump. A little league baseball player is almost sure to have his fist clenched after hitting his first home run.

The fist pump puts the body into a state of euphoria for just a couple seconds, while the feeling of triumph sets in. It is an art form. It is personal self-expression. No two fist pumps are exactly alike. Nonetheless, they all feel the same: glorious.



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