

## Smoking and drinking are allowed on campus; posters about them are not

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Photo by Joe Rodgers

Krystin Carby, a junior photography major, sits outside the Monsignor William Barry Memorial Library to take a cigarette break after one of her classes.



Photo by Joe Rodgers

Lavell Demonbreun, a senior accounting major, has a nice cold drink at the newly open Bucky's Cove Bar.



## Sophomore wins \$100k in Dr. Pepper challenge

Garrett Booker, sophomore acknowledges Barry University during half-time at the SEC Championship football game

By Claudia Corbetta  
Sports Editor

Garrett Booker, sophomore sports management major, won \$100,000 after competing in the 2012 Dr Pepper Million Dollar Tuition Giveaway on Dec. 1 at the Southeastern Conference's championship football game.

Each contestant had to throw footballs into an oversized Dr. Pepper can and whoever threw the most would continue to the next round.

Booker won the final challenge after

throwing the most footballs in the Dr Pepper can.

“I want to thank God (and) my family for (their) support; my hometown of Memphis, Tennessee, and all the support from Barry University,” said Booker on CBS-TV, following his win.

Booker caused millions of viewers to ask the question, “where is Barry University?” or “is Barry a real school,” including John Stansberry, who tweeted his reaction to Booker's win and misspelled Barry.

“Berry University? Is that a real school? I think Garrett Booker just stole \$100K from Dr Pepper and will now spend it on

a BMW 3 series,” said Stansberry, who is known as @LonelyTailgater on twitter.

Booker competed against runner up Ryan Kovacic from Virginia Commonwealth University, who took home \$23,000.

To enter the competition, Booker had to submit a 60-second video explaining why he deserved to win this scholarship. A panel of judges reviewed each video based on criteria described by the Dr Pepper website as “a description of how the tuition money and a college education will help the student make an impact in the world, and overall presentation quality.”

In his video, Booker explained his jour-

ney of moving from Memphis Tennessee where he “decided to do better” and ended up at Barry University.

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-Garrett Booker, sophomore sports management major, on CBS-TV



# Still no signs of smoking regulations on campus

SGA claims they're still working on keeping their word to post "No Smoking" signs  
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By Katrina Naar  
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There are still no "No Smoking" signs posted on campus as promised by the student government association in 2011.

"The signs are on their way. It's just a matter of the budget at this point, but they should be here within a few weeks. There will be 25 signs posted all over campus. They will definitely be posted in the problem areas such as O'Laughlin entrance near the library and near the International Cafe," said former SGA President Valery Charles.

According to the SGA website, "The Student Government Association is interested in implementing and enforcing a stronger smoking law on campus. What this legislation will do is limit the areas people can smoke and create designated areas where people can go to smoke. This is important because it will improve the health of many students, and it will promote a safer and nicer environment."

But current SGA President Benjamin Otero says that SGA doesn't pass policies, and that it's not their job to enforce them.

"SGA has nothing to do with smoking regulations. We don't have any power to pass a policy that inflicts a \$25 fine," said Otero. "The policy with smoking here at Barry is that you need to stay 20-feet away from a building to smoke. That's Florida State Law. Now, that's always been in effect. Public Safety was the one enforcing that last year."

Brett Klein, SGA advisor and director of the center for student involvement, said this issue never came back up during Otero's administration.

"I think it's a good thing," said Klein,

referring to still putting up the signs. "But there's going to need to be monitoring and enforcement on behalf of public safety."

Klein said the issues were dropped during Charles' administration because they saw it best to use the money towards funding student organizations and activities, despite the promise to put up signs.

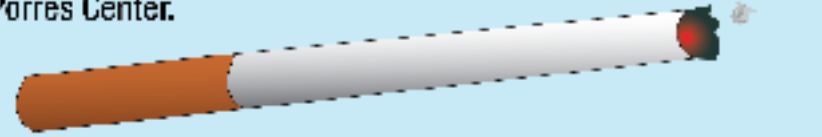
"Last year was a very productive year in getting student organizations funds to support what they want to do on campus," said Otero. "This year we've doubled that. Already we've had more student clubs and groups come to us and ask us for funds. We don't want our budget to have anything at the end of the day because then we can always say we provided a service for the students to better the student experience." SGA recently voted and granted to fund the \$45 piping and draping of P.R.I.D.E fashion show for Aids Day.

Yet Otero, who claims that SGA acts as a liaison between the students and faculty, staff, and administration, still sees the need for the signs to be posted around campus and says SGA is working on finding designated areas to smoke, as well as the cost for signs.

"It's a huge problem," said Otero, who doesn't see SGA putting up the signs this year. "Before we do anything, we conduct our research. I taught the SGA senators how to form proper research, how to do a layout. Now we have surveys for everything. Smoking survey--I'm going to start conducting because I believe that before we walk out. We need to have enough weight in order to turn that into administration."

## This is a portion of the Smoking Survey

conducted last spring by the Barry Green Team, mostly theology and sociology students, an initiative of the BEST committee and the De Porres Center.



The survey aimed to gain students' opinion on smoking on campus. \*Not scientific measures

~If you are a nonsmoker, does smoking on campus bother you?

✓ 230 YES    ✗ 320 NO

~Would you support an entirely smoke-free campus?

✓ 490 YES    ✗ 343 NO

~If so, where is the biggest problem of smoking on campus?

- In front of library 81
- Café International 51
- Near dorms 21
- Garner Hall 16
- Outside classrooms 10
- Second-hand smoke 10

~If Barry were to prohibit smoking or allow it only in designated areas, what do you feel is an appropriate sanction for those who do it anyway?

- Pay a fine 106
- Designated Smoking Areas 54
- Warning 23
- Remove it altogether 8
- Not allowed to live on campus 1
- Suspension 3

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# Are you under the influence because of a poster?

Drug-related artwork prohibited as it promotes drug use, according to housing director

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By Desire Wyatt  
Contributing Writer

Housing and Residence Life is fining students for having posters that display alcohol, drugs or drug-related images on the walls of their room.

"When health and safety inspections begin, if a student is in violation they are given 24 hours to comply with the policy, and it is not unless they do not comply that they may be fined \$50 for the first offense," said director of housing and residence life, Matthew Cameron. "If a student, in my opinion, is found in violation again of this same policy during the second month, not only should they be fined the \$100 posted fine, but they should go through the conduct process as they are outright disregarding university policy."

Associate Vice President and Dean of students Maria Alvarez also defends the drug paraphernalia policy.

"If you read the policy carefully, you will notice that it says 'Possession of drug-related paraphernalia...and/or drug related signs/posters and/or drug related artwork, advertising or promotion...' It does not say that signs and posters are paraphernalia. It is in addition to paraphernalia," said Alvarez. "This policy has been in effect for several years. We review our Student Handbook annually and have decided to keep this policy in the handbook because it is in

concert with our university's missions."

However, the university's mission is not very evident with its recent opening of an on-campus bar. Thus, administrators continue to enforce this rule because they believe these posters provoke the use of illegal drugs and possession of alcohol.

"Having those materials promotes that type of behavior, which is the opposite of what Barry stands for," said Cameron. "Posters like that can influence students' behaviors. We want to promote health and safety; these types of posters promote drug use and possession of alcohol. What students don't think about are the consequences. It's not that we don't want our students to be happy and live in a fun living environment, but our job is to protect our students. There are proper ways to go about things."

But this policy has students questioning whether they are truly free to express themselves.

"I think posters are just a way of expressing your interest," said junior public relations major, Rebeca Checo. "I feel a way you express yourself can be through the posters you like."

Others think the rule is ridiculous.

"The administrators already control enough, and they're trying to control our room art too?" said junior business major Xiomara O'Leary. "They shouldn't be worried

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~Matthew Cameron, director of housing and residence life

about our choice of décor--that's silly."

Some students say the posters don't have an effect on their use of drugs.

"I have a Bob Marley poster in my room because I like his music; I enjoy listening to his lyrics," said senior criminology major Carlos Eyzaguirre. "I have a Kid Cudi poster, too. Should they ask me to remove that, too? I just don't think it would make a difference if I did or did not. If I smoke, I wouldn't stop just because I don't have a poster up in my room. If I can relate to an artist, I would want to be able to honor him or her on my wall if I want to, especially since it's completely irrelevant if I smoke or don't smoke weed."

Some students, however, think it's a matter of respect for the university rather than a violation of their freedom of expression.

"If you live on campus, it's like rented space. You don't paint the walls without the landlord's say so," said senior forensic biomedical photography major, Abby Orcutt. "It's not unheard of to have students respect the sanctity of the school's property. And, let's face it, if we want to look at a picture of Bob Marley every day, you can find some without smoke."

Students who think that this policy is unfair can contact the director of housing and/or the dean of students.

"If students in the majority feel that a policy or procedure should be changed, they are welcome to submit a proposal and signed petition," said Alvarez. "It will be carefully studied, and I would be happy to meet with these students."



# Gabrielle Union's visit called off by vice president of student affairs

Unclear policies, political affiliation and miscommunication prevent Union's visit to promote student voting

By **Katrina Naar & Khadine Baksh**  
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Barry's vice president of student affairs, Scott Smith canceled a planned get-out-the-vote visit by actress Gabrielle Union, Dwayne Wade's girlfriend, five days before the election because of the political nature of the event and the fact that the organizer didn't follow proper policies.

Leslie Redmond, junior political science major, thought she was following protocol when she arranged for Union to come to Barry. She has arranged for several speakers to come to campus in the past, including the get-out-the-vote campaign when Rocsi from 106 & Park came in the Spring.

Scott Smith, however, said Redmond should have followed Barry's policy requiring that she get the event approved by Office of Student Services, as required in the Student Handbook.

He was also concerned that Union would endorse President Obama, which he said he thought could put Barry's non-profit status in jeopardy.

"There was some suggestion that it might of been a political rally," said Smith. "There are tax code parameters that we have to follow, and if we didn't have the right answers or the right responses to those questions, that could have compromised the institution as well."

Redmond said she was notified

on Oct. 30 by Organizing for America that Union would be coming on Nov. 2. She also said she was working with student life and the Center for Student Involvement.

"At no point did anyone ever say (anything) about contacting the vice president," said Redmond.

She also said she got permission from her RC, Michael Fountain. Fountain said his only involvement was to reserve space.

"I did not necessarily approve the program," said Fountain, who reserved the Landon Courtyard.

When Organizing for America requested a closed event space, Redmond moved the event to the Weber game room. Redmond also contacted public safety, informed them of the event and reserved four parking spaces.

At 4:15 p.m. on the day before the event, Smith said he was pulled into a meeting set up by Conference and Events, who received a reservation for 100 chairs. Smith said they had questions about space, security and audio-visual equipment.

"Given that, not knowing the answer to those questions didn't seem like a good place to be," said Smith. "I just said 'I think we need to slow this down and we need to find out more of what's going on. We can't do it tomorrow.'"

Though the Student Hand-

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-Scott Smith, vice president of student affairs

book specifies that "the institutional control of campus facilities shall not be used as a device of censorship," Smith said that this policy doesn't pertain to students having political events, but instead guarantees students' freedom to organize.

"I don't think anyone suggested the students couldn't come together," said Smith. "If you want to bring a prominent celebrity that raises the bar a little bit; the expectations of how you do that need to be vetted and looked at a little differently."

The handbook also says "Sponsorship of guest speakers does not imply advocacy or endorsement of the views expressed, either by sponsoring group or the institution."

Matt Cameron, director of Residential Life, was also in the meeting when Smith decided to cancel the event. He said there

were concerns that Barry would need to also bring in a pro-Romney speaker if a pro-Obama speaker came.

"A university can't be seen as one side or the other; we have to be the middle road," said Cameron.

Union also spoke at Florida Memorial University and Florida International University on Nov. 2.

A week after the cancellation, Redmond met with Smith to understand what went wrong.

"He kind of broke it down for me and said that anytime a celebrity comes, we have to notify certain people and certain policies have to be followed," said Redmond. "The only thing was these policies weren't introduced or exposed or even at (my) reach. So these were policies that I'd never heard of."

To avoid confusion in the future, Smith said he is drafting policies and procedures that explain the process for students and registered student organizations to host such events.

"We didn't have the right mechanisms in place to help the students and their advisors do this well and that's why we're trying to create a better policy so that we don't have this situation again," said Smith.

Despite the cancellation, Union held a conference call with Redmond and several other Barry students in an effort to still encourage them to go out and vote.

"She never listed a specific candidate to vote for or anything like that," said Redmond. "She was just stressing the importance of voting, which was what the event was supposed to be about, getting students out to vote."

## Ask a BUC: Do you think that Barry should have an on-campus bar?

By **Khadine Baksh**  
Editor-in-Chief



**Jairo Angulo, sophomore, computer science**

"Yes, I don't mind it, but as long as students [follow] the rules, it's great! Either way people are going to try to get alcohol on-campus anyway. So this makes it easier for students."



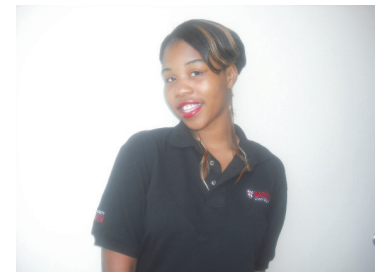
**Justin Crayton, senior, philosophy**

"If we had a bar, there might be less underage drinking because Barry will check for IDs. However, I feel like we still have other unresolved issues on campus, like smoking. It is an ethical issue though, with Barry being a Catholic university, but if it's going to help make more money for Barry then sure."



**Modawi Alhasinan, senior, public relations**

"I don't live on campus, I don't go to the WOW, so I won't benefit from the bar, even if they opened it. If I lived on-campus, then probably I would have benefited."



**Leslie Redmond, junior, political science**

"I don't see an issue with it. If people are of age, we can't baby them forever. They should be mature enough to consume what they can control. I rather them drink here where they can walk home than go off-campus and drink and drive."



**Martha Reyes, sophomore, biology pre-med**

"I don't like that idea. I'm totally against it. I don't think that Barry should promote alcoholism; alcohol is not good for your liver or humans in general."



# Prime minister of Haiti Laurent Lamothe tells students to stay in school

This notable alum takes his degree to the next level-- he became prime minister. Lamothe shares insight about how to succeed after graduation.

By Laura D'Ovidio  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

**BUC:** If you feel as though Barry has been influential in your success, both in the political world or just as a professional in general, what would you say Barry did to attribute to that success?

Lamothe: I believe that Barry University has made me the person that I am today. I studied political science at Barry, and it taught me the virtues of discipline, of perseverance, hard work and, of course, that if one studies hard enough, you can become anything that you want-- even president or prime minister. I never thought I would become prime minister after I graduated from Barry. To tell you the truth, the day that I graduated, I wondered what I would do next. I went on to St. Thomas to complete my MBA, and today I have the government of Haiti. I seized the opportunity, and I made the most of it, so I'm very grateful to Barry University.



**BUC:** Do you have any specific tips for graduates or students who are working towards graduation--that be in an interview setting--to prepare them for the professional world?

Lamothe: As far as what to tell other students, of course, stay in school, take notes, study well before exams and do well. As you do well, the sky will be the limit as to what you can become in life. College is definitely the way to ensure or guarantee a successful life.

Photo provided by Gladys Amador, Communications Coordinator  
Haitian Prime Minister & Alum, Laurent Lamothe speaks to A&E editor, Laura D'Ovidio on Nov. 10.

## 20-plus years of promises, alcohol now served

By Raychel Lean  
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Twenty-eight days after The BUC published its article titled "After 20 years, Barry still doesn't have a bar," Barry applied for their license to permanently sell alcohol on campus.

Their main obstacle was to have a co-applicant, which is now Sodexo, one of Barry's food providers.

"We (Sodexo) operate the World Of Wings already, so it made sense for us to operate the bar also," said executive chef Glenn Reynolds.

Another new application needed to be submitted in order to obtain the license.

"Last August (2011), we put in the first version of the transfer application," said Jean Hock, associate vice president of business.

The application was continuously sent back with changes that needed to be made.

"That happened literally four times before the legal counsel and I started speaking in person," said Hock. "We met with them and got it straightened out because sending things back and forth was a comedy of errors."

"WOW was considered to be the best choice of location because it has the bar atmosphere," mentioned Victor Sanchez, general manager of food and beverages.

Some students are happy with this new addition.

"People were excited," said Brian Otero, junior political science major. "Barry selling beer on campus is an incredible idea because it gives students the chance to drink

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alcohol on campus without worrying about getting in trouble for doing so."

Some find that it can be a haven to help escape the stresses of university life or just hang with friends.

"For people who live off campus, the bar could be an incentive to come to school more, something to do after studying," mentioned Marlon Skinner, a graduate exercise physiology major who recently visited the bar with friends.

But some students think allowing the sale of alcohol on campus could pose a threat to student life and academics.

"With some immaturity on campus, it could be a negative thing, taking the focus away from school," said Maximilian Pollack, graduate movement science major with a specialization in sport science. "But, if controlled, it would be fine."

Drinks are not allowed to be taken away from the premises and the bar is opened Monday through Thursday from 5-11 p.m. and Friday to Saturday from 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Last orders occur half an hour before closing time.

There are plans to host birthday parties and events in Bucky's Cove because of this new addition.

"At this moment, we are working with student involvement or any department that wants to do a birthday or goodbye party or something in particular that the student wants," said Sanchez. "We'll back them up and work something out as long as the university approves."

## Campus Crime

Compiled by Khadine Baksh  
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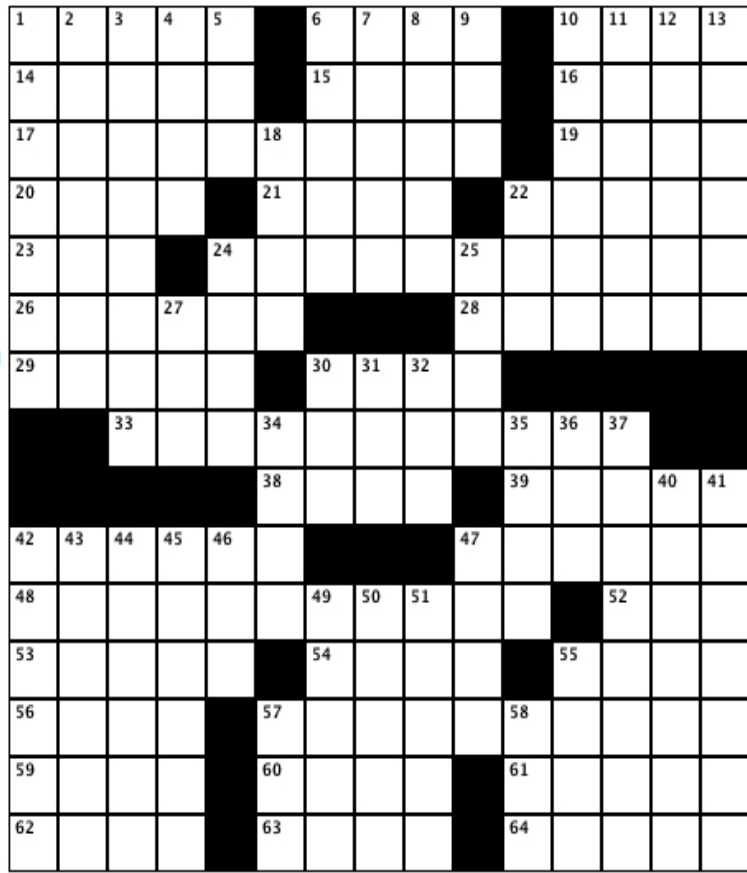
No crime has been posted on the public safety website since Nov. 1.

Incidents are taken from the files of Public Safety, located on the 3rd floor of the Landon Student Union. For more information, call 305-899-3335.

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# Study Break



**Across**

- 1- Gives up
- 6- It's got you covered
- 10- Suit to \_\_\_\_
- 14- Small antelope
- 15- This, in Tijuana
- 16- Roloids rival
- 17- A soldier
- 19- Very, in Versailles
- 20- Warts and all
- 21- \_\_\_\_ and terminer
- 22- Seventh sign of the zodiac
- 23- Insect
- 24- Scientific study of ferns; 26- Peaceful
- 28- Thrills
- 29- Article of faith
- 30- 2002 erupter
- 33- Triangular pyramid
- 38- Author Harte
- 39- Blow one's top
- 42- Ostentatious
- 47- Spenser's "The \_\_\_\_ Queene"
- 48- Heavy handwoven woolen fabric
- 52- Univ. aides
- 53- \_\_\_\_ Irish Rose

54- Compass direction

- 55- Parent's sister
- 56- Falafel holder
- 57- Flagship of Columbus
- 59- Some Ivy Leaguers
- 60- Words of understanding;
- 61- Give it \_\_\_\_!
- 62- \_\_\_\_ majeste
- 63- Actress Harper
- 64- Beau \_\_\_\_

**Down**

- 1- Live together
- 2- Sign of a slip
- 3- Industrious
- 4- Recedes
- 5- Sprechen \_\_\_\_ Deutsch?
- 6- Color anew
- 7- Basketry material
- 8- Cheri of "Saturday Night Live"
- 9- Pro
- 10- King of the Huns
- 11- European flatfish
- 12- Come out
- 13- Compositions
- 18- Campus mil. group
- 22- Chat room chuckle

24- Big East team

- 25- Slain
- 27- Maiden name indicator
- 30- Musical ability
- 31- Definite article
- 32- After taxes
- 34- Diamond stats
- 35- Went through, as the paper;
- 36- Source of iron
- 37- Nourishes
- 40- Chopin or Liszt
- 41- Having a valid will
- 42- Oratory
- 43- Dexterous
- 44- Eye inflammation
- 45- Wrinkle
- 46- Towel word
- 47- Goat's milk cheese
- 49- Mock, annoy
- 50- Declines
- 51- Adlai's running mate
- 55- River in central Switzerland
- 57- Canine command
- 58- Periodical, briefly

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- Egg Nog
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- Hail
- Headband
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- Hockey
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- Olympics
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- Snow Tires
- Snowball
- Snowboard
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- Snowman
- Snowshoes
- Solstice
- Soup
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- Toboggan
- Vacation
- Wind Chill
- Wool Socks

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Sudoku Puzzle - Medium

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# Finals will be here before you know it

## Plan ahead to relieve stress for the spring semester

By **Nelida Insua**  
Contributing Writer

Finals are coming and everyone is ready to go home but the spring semester isn't that far away.

So how should students find a way to come back to campus without freaking out?

1. Plan everything out and manage your time. Get a time management system.

2. Remember, take a reasonable course load. Don't take a lot of classes if you know you won't be able to keep your grades up. Taking more classes may improve your transcript, but the lower grades earned won't.

3. Set up healthy breaks for fun and to relieve stress.

4. Have your books purchased, or already shipped, so you have everything you need to succeed in your classes.

"After the winter break, I come back and it's not that stressful

because I'm not taking a lot of classes," said Mariely Cepeda, senior broadcast communications major. "I also enjoy my break as much as possible."

The Landon Fitness Center is available for Barry students from Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Fridays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and weekends as well.

"Exercise helps reduce stress because it increases your endorphins. If endorphins are increased, stress decreases. You'll also have more focus, clarity and your grades will improve. Doing only 30 minutes every day is enough--that's only two and a half hours a week," said Tonya Carswell, graduate assistant for Landon Fitness Center.

If stress does build up, the Counseling Center has a stress and time management educational program that's available to all students.

"Depending on my stress level, I may listen to music, speak to my family, hang out with my sorority sisters, go to the gym, take a nap or things to get my mind off everything. I once went to the Counseling Center in Landon, and I spoke to someone, and we came up with these ways to relieve my stress," said Jennifer Cardenas, junior psychology major.

"When I come back from the winter break, I make sure I have all my books purchased, as well as materials, so I'm ready," said Cardenas.

There are many ways to know how stress is affecting people's daily lives and how they act.

"Taking steps to manage your stress can have numerous health benefits. Explore stress management strategies such as physical activity, relaxation techniques, meditation, yoga and tai chi," according to the Mayo Clinic website.

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# Unlocking the reasons behind dreads

## Dreadlocks are a unique look, but what's the real reason behind this trending hair style?

By Desire Wyatt  
Contributing Writer

Dreadlocks are more than just a hairstyle for some, and they're trending in many women, men, students and professionals.

"My dreads started as a bet in high school, but eventually I fell in love with my dreads and wanted to explore my West Indian roots," said Brian Strachan, a junior communications major.

Strachan's family is from Grenada—where he found his inspiration for dreads.

"I wanted to really understand what dreads really stood for and what it meant to Rastafarians. I fell in love with my dreads just like anybody would fall in love with their own hair style, from weave to natural, short too long. It's all the same," Strachan said.

Other inspirations range from manageability to spirituality, from frustration with barbers to simply loving the individuality the locks exude.

"I initially decided to lock my hair because I really liked the look and wanted something different," said Jameson Mercier, professor in the

school of social work. "It started out as fashion, but at this point it's less about that and part of how I choose to identify and present myself."

In the professional world however, some employers might choose to accept this hairstyle. Others might reject it and question qualifications based on appearance.

"My dreads did not interfere with my profession. I feel that my dreads add to my profession," said Mercier. "When seeking employment, people often feel they have to conform to get the job. This may include dressing a certain way, speaking differently. In the end, you may get the job, but you lose sight of who you are."

Mercier feels his locks helped his career and portrayed his personality. "My hair adds to my profession by reminding me to stay true to myself."

Some choose dreads for spiritual reasons.

"I decided to begin the journey in locking my hair as a way to start a journey for myself— a journey of new changes, growth and prosperity and figured, why not lock all of

this positiveness into my hair," said senior computer information science major, Denist Oscar, who likes the two-strand twist style.

Dreadlocks prove to have meanings that start deep at the root of the individual and can be seen as an easily managed look, but they must be maintained by proper care and treatment.



Photos provided by Desire Wyatt

Pictured above is Canaan Holbrook, senior business management major and pictured on the left is Adam Miller, a graduate student, show off their dreads as a sign of their individuality and culture.

# Under the jaws of confidence

## The BUC uncovers the story behind "Shark Hat Boy"

By Desire Wyatt  
Contributing Writer



Photo provided by Joe Rodgers

Kevin Criado, a junior education major, proudly displays his "shark hat" that he is known for wearing on campus every day.

"Shark Hat Boy" is more than just a confident student; he is making a statement about his spirituality.

"If I can get over the fear of being ridiculed for wearing something as silly as a shark hat, which I wear for laughs, it's much easier for me to get over the fear of being ridiculed over my Christian faith, something that has influenced me and helped me develop my entire life," said Kevin Criado, junior education major.

Criado said he wears the hat because it makes him stand out, and he likes the attention. It helps him practice being silly in front of other people.

"I can be silly and entertain my classes," he said.

He's locked himself into this trend and has no intentions of letting it go. He would feel weird if he stopped.

"At first, I thought he was very immature and silly to wear a different hat each semester, but now I actually understand him and why he's doing it," said junior nursing major Shellyann McKenzie. "Ever since I came to college, everyone takes life so seriously and can't even smile and that's his way of relaxing, being himself and not taking everything so seriously."

Criado's parents weren't as confident in his bold statement.

"My parents thought I shouldn't wear these types of hats because they were worried about how people might view me," Criado said.

His parents have accepted that he's going to wear the hat and haven't spoken about it since then.

His friends think wearing a shark hat shows Criado's confidence.

"I think it's awesome that Kevin has such high confidence while wearing his shark hat that he really doesn't care of the negative opinions of himself, which is rare nowadays," said senior fine arts major Meryl Kieffer.

Criado got the hat from Universal Studios.

"I was looking for a crazy hat to match with my squid hat, and I was getting worried that I would leave the park without one. At the exit of the park was a store that had this shark hat, which I wanted ever since last year. It wasn't a hard decision," Criado said.

When people ask him what happened to the squid hat he wore last semester, he replies by saying it's still in his room.

Generally, he wears it during classes unless it becomes too distracting or the professor tells him to take it off.

"I think Kevin's hat is just like any other attention-grabbing attire we see in different forms all around campus. Because the course he's taking with me is within the field of professional writing, I'm pleased that he's taken the hat off during oral presentations to the class," said Kathryn Comer, assistant professor of English.

Professors who don't teach him also have opinions about his hat.

"The first time I saw him, I smiled," said Laura Alonso-Gallo, professor of English. "It is a different hat, and I thought it was brave of him to wear something so unusual. The second time I saw him, Holden Caulfield came to my mind, which is the main character of 'The Catcher in the Rye.' I thought how Holden treasured his hat because it meant safety for him and separated him from his phony society, a society with a value system he despised."

To him, the main purpose of wearing the hat is to bring a smile to anyone's face. He doesn't wear it anywhere else besides campus.

"I just want to make people's days a little bit better. Everything else is a bonus," said Criado.





# NOTABLE ALUMNI SHARE TIPS FOR

It's a couple weeks before graduation, and the reality of student loan payments and career choices step in. The Buc decided to get some advice from some notable alumni to make this transition a little easier. Students can access the Barry University Network on LinkedIn, which has 5,100 people (90 percent alumni). It has helped more than 200 people find jobs and business opportunities.

By **Khadine Baksh**  
Editor-in-Chief

*Keep applying!* In certain economic times, it may seem like very few employers are hiring, and that may be true, but persistence is key. Let your friends, family and your contacts know that you are actively seeking employment. Send an email to your trusted contacts and attach your resume. When you apply online, follow up with a phone call to confirm they received the application and let them know that you are looking forward to interviewing with them. If you're interested in public service, find an organization that speaks to your values, get involved and volunteer. It is not uncommon to find employment after volunteering or interning since many of the people who you'll be surrounded by, too, have a common interest and can offer guidance or referrals. Again, *persistence is key.*

- Enbar Cohen, Political Science class of 2011, City Commissioner for the City of Aventura

*Don't be pigeonholed.* Just because you studied engineering or library science or communications doesn't mean that you should only research job openings within companies that do just that. Mix it up a bit. Try to match a hobby of yours with your field of study. With that in mind, some of you may end up serving as an innovations engineer for Walt Disney World, as curator for the Miami Art Museum or a public relations director for Lockheed Martin. *Think outside the proverbial box.*

- Tiffani Knowles, Broadcast Communication class of 2003, Editor/ Station Manager for NEWD  
Professor of Communication at City University of New York - LaGuardia

I was a math major. Teaching was something I decided to try after I graduated. The best advice that I would give to someone who is about to graduate in this field is to *make the best out of their internship and take advantage of service learning opportunities.* After you graduate, never think you're too good or educated to volunteer. My current position was actually offered to me because of my willingness to volunteer while I looked for a job.

- Tessa Frederick, Mathematics class of 2011  
Math Teacher/ Interventionist,  
Miami Norland Senior High School





# LANDING A JOB AFTER GRADUATION

My advice to new graduates in the field is to *be patient and never forget the code of ethics*. So many social workers get out into the field and forget our core values. Always put your clients first! Also, when searching for a job, provide information and examples of experiences that you have had while in the program and during your internships. Agencies like to know about your direct experience with clients/patients, how you handle conflicts and the outcomes. It's tough out here in the real world, and people are dealing with serious issues. *Remain humble, compassionate and remember to use all the great tools that the professors at Barry University have taught you...* You'll be glad ya did!

- Keosha Lincoln, Masters in social work class of 2008  
Medical Social Worker, Baycare Home Care at Tampa General Hospital

My advice is to *be marketable for any prospective employer*. You must be willing to relocate, willing to start in lower-level positions and work your way up, prepared to research the various companies that will be interviewing you and check for the right fit and well-versed on related companies and industries that would benefit from your academic achievements and work. One example that I know is the companies that sell their products and services to the hospitality industry, for example. Even though the thought all along was to go into hotel management, some companies connected with the hotel industry may be looking for someone with a degree in business or hospitality management, for example, to start as a sales executive, selling their product and/or services to hotels.

- Orestes "Orr" Rivero-Abreu M.S. in Human Resources Development & Administration class of 1995.  
Vice President of Human Resources for Latin America & Caribbean Region for Hilton Worldwide

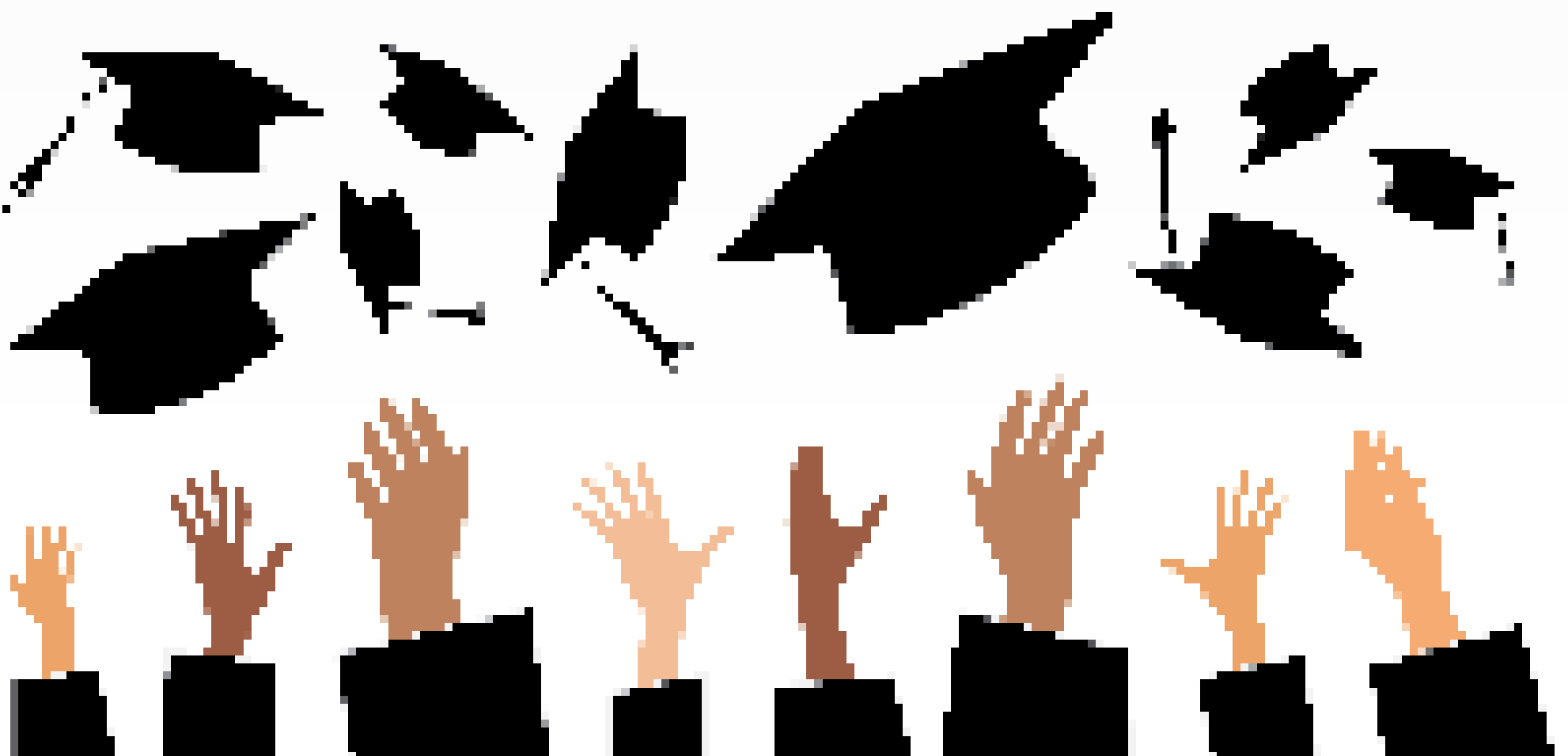
*Relax, don't stress!*

I know most students are concerned about finding employment after graduation, but it's okay if you don't have an offer lined up yet in your field. Know that right now, any job is a good job. Until you get to where you want to be, focus on getting real world experience in the meantime that you can use to your advantage in whatever position you do end up working. Internships in your desired field is always a great way of getting this experience.

- Roodelyne Davilmar, Criminology class of 2011,  
Language and Culture Assistant, Council on International Educational Exchange, Spain

I would advise all seniors to do their best to *attain high marks* on the LSAT and their GPA. Also, these days law schools are looking for more than just grades and LSAT. They are interested in *extracurricular activities* and what other interests the candidates have to see if they will contribute in the class room.

- Imran Malik, Juris Doctor class of 2007  
Partner at Cohen Battisti and Malik, Attorneys At Law, Winter Park, FL





# Places to eat when you're not paying

The BUC has suggestions for your post-graduation dining experience--and they're all affordable.

By Laura D'Ovidio  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

## 1 Perricone's (15 SE10th St.) - \$\$

Take a great location, specialty Italian food and reasonable set menu prices and what do you have? A perfect spot to host your graduation dinner.

**Review:** With great ambiance, a tasty menu and reservation capabilities, this is definitely a restaurant to consider. They also have a full bar, indoor and outdoor seating.

**Bonus:** It's near the James L. Knight Center, so you won't have to travel far.

## 2 Yakko-San (3881 NE 163rd St.) - \$\$

In the mood for Sushi or Japanese? Yakko-San has the perfect ambiance for a festive-family get together. Be courageous and taste their authentic cuisine.

**Review:** The service is quick, and the prices are fair. Their alcohol is limited to beer and wine, but they are open late until 3 a.m.. It's located in a great neighborhood with a lot of parking space available.

**Bonus:** It's easy to find, so all those aunts, uncles and cousins won't get lost.

## 3 Pubbelly (1418 20th St.) - \$\$

Take the "gastropub" experience, where the food is the most important part of the restaurant, and combine it with your family and friends to spend your afternoon or evening with a happy appetite.

**Review:** The food is excellent; you will definitely taste the cultures behind the dishes you order. Pubbelly offers a great atmosphere with good service.

**Bonus:** Ask the waiters for their suggestions. They seem to hit the target every time!

## 4 CVI.CHE 105 (105 NE 3rd Ave.) - \$\$

If you've ever wanted to travel to Peru and couldn't afford the ticket, now is your chance to get a

taste of the country. Enjoy a tasty steak or speciality dish and leave with a happy stomach.

**Review:** The food is so tasty. It is the perfect setting for a large group -- order several dishes to

share and sample. A full bar is available and, like the name suggests, the ceviche is great.

**Bonus:** Tasty and fresh dishes that will do more than just satisfy your appetite.

# Stuck on campus for winter break?

Here are a few options that'll give you a good time and the best run for your money!

By Laura D'Ovidio  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

**1 Dolphin Cove--Key Largo**  
Just because it's December doesn't mean you can't hang out in the water--we live in Florida! Swim with the dolphins at this facility and interact with these awesome animals on a personal level.

**2 Three Sisters Spring--Crystal River, east of King's Bay:** Head out for kayaking, snorkeling, or even just a picnic with a beautiful view! The Crystal River is breathtaking, just make sure to do some research before you go to get the most out of your trip.

**3 Lion Country Safari--Loxahatchee:** Literally walk with the herd! Take the courageous opportunity and walk with over 900 animals. The breezy December weather is the perfect time to spend the day enjoying these animal displays and encounters. Purchase tickets online for a discount!

**4 Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party--Orlando:** Experience Magic Kingdom like you never have before, and it's not just for kids. From parades to snow falls, entertainment to shorter lines for rides, make sure to get your tickets in advance so you're not left out!

**5 St. Petersburg--St. Petersburg:** Take some time off to relax and take in the fresh air. With a mix of state parks, art centers, theaters, museums and outdoor activities, you'll definitely feel away from campus.

**6 Key Biscayne--Key Biscayne:** Don't want to take the drive all the way down to Key West? Hang out by the lighthouse or enjoy the beautiful beaches in Key Biscayne, where you can catch all the food, fun and activities you desire, minus the 3-hour drive.

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These are the winners of the contests from The Buccaneer's November edition. Congratulations!



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Dominic Smith, freshman English major was "just bored," and decided to shave half of his beard and comb half of his hair.

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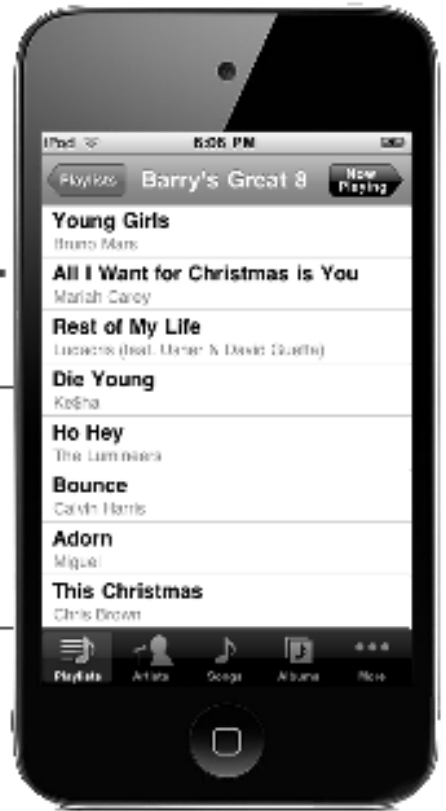


Photo by Joe Rodgers  
The BUC caught Krystal Mortimer, a freshman business major, reading the paper on the Landon staircase.

## Barry's Great

Here's *The Buc's* playlist - the top eight songs we think make the beat drop.

List compiled by Laura D'Ovino, Arts & Entertainment dir.



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# They went, they saw, they did not conquer

## Women's soccer team succeeded to the NCAA championship but lost their first game

By **Claudia Corbetta**  
Sports Editor

The women's soccer team made it to the NCAA championship after seven years, but they lost after their first game against University of Tampa's Spartans.

The team travelled on Nov. 8 to Tampa to play the Spartans as their first game for the post season. If they won that game, they would play the Tars from Rollins University.

However, that didn't happen. "Tampa was the hardest team, and it was the first time we played them. They actually played better than us," said Lavinia Nkomo, freshman and sports physiology major.

Unfortunately, the team lost to Tampa 1-0 for the third time, according to their statistics on Barry University's sports website.

"I wouldn't say we did anything wrong," said Amber Bender,

senior and broadcast communications major. "We just didn't fully execute our chances. We fought all game and played well. Tampa has always been a strong opponent against us."

The team will start their season again next year with a game plan that will move them one step closer.

The team faced several challenges before getting to the championships.

"I think this year's biggest obstacle has been injuries," said Natalie Diaz, sophomore and biology major. "We've had two girls tear their Anterior Cruciate Ligaments, and the last six games of the season we've had only three or four subs."

When the team found out about their qualifications to the NCAA championship, they were ecstatic.

"We were all kind of down

because it's the end of the season, and you're tired and, as soon as we found out on Monday, it's like everything's changed within everyone," said Diaz.

"I hope they continue to move forward. We had a great preseason this past year and, if they can come in strong again, I think they will set themselves up for another great season and hopefully post season run," said Bender.



Photo provided by **Dennis Jerek**, sports information director

**Top Row:** Coach Fred Jungemann, Katrina Molfetta, Joniece Butler, Danielle Mabie, Emma Karp, Melissa Madrid, Lavinia Nkomo, Sarah Wolfer, Asha Starks, Assistant Coach Denise Brolly

**Middle Row:** Amber Bender, Tamara Vuckovich, Chelsea Stoeckigt, Melissa Toledo, Emily Brunnschweiler, Becca Rogers, Giselle Johnson, Dominique Richardson, Sofia Jakobsson

**Bottom Row:** Lauren Manna, Aly Picascio, Natalie Diaz, Amber Smith, Katie Lamendola, Morgan Garcia, Kayla Hodge, Sara Karna, Kayla Nanoo, Laura Rockel

# Rowing their way through school

## Getting to know your rowing team a little better

By **Nelida Insua**  
Contributing Writer

As the sun barely becomes visible, the Rowing team members are getting prepared to get into the water and put in all they've got.

"At 5:45 a.m., we meet in the van. At 6:05 a.m., we run for about ten minutes, and we go to the water right after that," said Anna Boada, junior athletic training major.

"We then have to row for almost two minutes, but workouts are different every day," said Boada.

Having rigorous practice hours sometimes puts a strain on the players, but it also gives them a burst of energy throughout the day.

"I'm not going to lie, some-

times it's very hard to get up for practice but, over time, I got used to it," said Kristina Boncheva, senior management major.

"Being on the team has led to many friendships I'm grateful for. It is very helpful as well to mix studying with working out because physical exercises are the best stress reliever," Boncheva said.

Although the team travels and has several meets, mostly in the spring, classes are the number one priority.

"When I travel with the team to participate in different competitions, I study on the way there and back," said Miriam Zaga, freshman sports management major.

"When you're a freshman student or have lower than a 3.0 GPA, you have to attend study hall, which is very, very helpful," she said.

They train on the Indian Creek Waterway in Miami Beach. They also travel to races in Boston MA, Chattanooga TN, Philadelphia PA and Sacramento CA according to Dave Sanders the rowing team coach.

"It's tough but worth it," said Boada. "On Monday, we row with exercise to improve technique. Tuesday we do little series of high speed. Wednesday we do a 5km race. Thursdays we practice on land that include ergo meter, and

Friday and Saturday we row with eight or more on water, making it a hard practice."

"The biggest challenges for the team were all the races we went to, and every fight we had to put up there was another challenge, which we had to overcome as a team," said Boncheva. "In order for the team to work, everybody should be on time for each practice, be prepared and motivated to train each day and to be consistent."

The rowing team is divided between what they call the varsity and the Nova's. The varsity girls are the ones who get to go out and race in competitions.

"It is always sad to see people left behind but, on the other hand,

competition is the key to our success," said Boncheva. "Nobody's place in the varsity team is permanent, so everyone has no other choice but to work hard to improve every day."

The team members come from different parts of the world, like Spain, Bulgaria, Poland and all over the United States.

"I am new to the team. I am from Barcelona, Spain, but I have been rowing all my life, and my dream is to try to go to the Olympics someday," said Boada.

Traveling across the states and sometimes across the world, college athletics require a strong commitment but can also be quite the adventure.



# Athletes travel: Perks and the downside

By **Steffane E. Wharton**  
Contributing Writer

Student athletes travel to compete while trying to balance a full college workload.

The current sports in season are men's and women's basketball and volleyball. For women's basketball, there are only 13 away games out of 28 this season. Men's basketball is 14 away games out of 27 games, and, for Volleyball, there are 21 away games out of 30.

"We've been to Pensacola, Tampa and Arkansas. I like Arkansas because we were at the NCAA Tournament, and that feels good," said Vladimir Raymonvil, senior and exercise science major and on the men's basketball team.

The teams travel around Florida and other states in the north east to be able to compete with other colleges.

"We went to Michigan and Chicago," said Tashalyn Begon, freshman pre-professional biology major and member of the volleyball team.

"My first year, I went to Georgia and Alabama. My second year, I went to Colorado. This year, we just came back from Pensacola," said Amanda Frontino, senior graphic design major who's in women's basketball team.

Traveling is hectic, but it can give athletes a break from school.

"As far as schoolwork, it is hectic when you have exams, papers and assignments that are due, but, overall, traveling is fun," said Vladimir Raymonvil, senior and exercise science major who's on the basketball team.

"I like to travel. I like experiencing new things. I try to

learn about the town I'm in and explore," said Alicia Guerrero, senior and biology major who's in the volleyball team.

Athletes are picked according to their injuries. However, their grades and academic excellence are always important with who plays first and who doesn't.

"When we travel, it's as a team thing unless you're injured. The five that perform well in practice keep their grades up and show leadership see the court first," said Derrick Bolanos, junior computer information science major, men's basketball team.

During practice, coaches take note of outstanding players.

"Just practice hard, but everyone gets to travel unless you're injured," said Frontino.

Some students wonder how

athletes travel and whether it is by bus plane or train.

"Vans, buses, planes, everything," said Head Coach Bill Sullivan of the women's basketball team.

All this traveling can bring a strain in the athletes' studies. Or does it? Although they miss a lot of class, some more or less than others, the athletes make sure they communicate with their teachers and get their assignments done on time.

"Usually, we miss more Friday classes, and I usually talk with my professors before we travel, so I can stay on track with my schoolwork. My GPA from last semester was 3.391," said Guerrero.

All athletes still strive for high GPAs, and being part of an NCAA team isn't an obstacle for them--

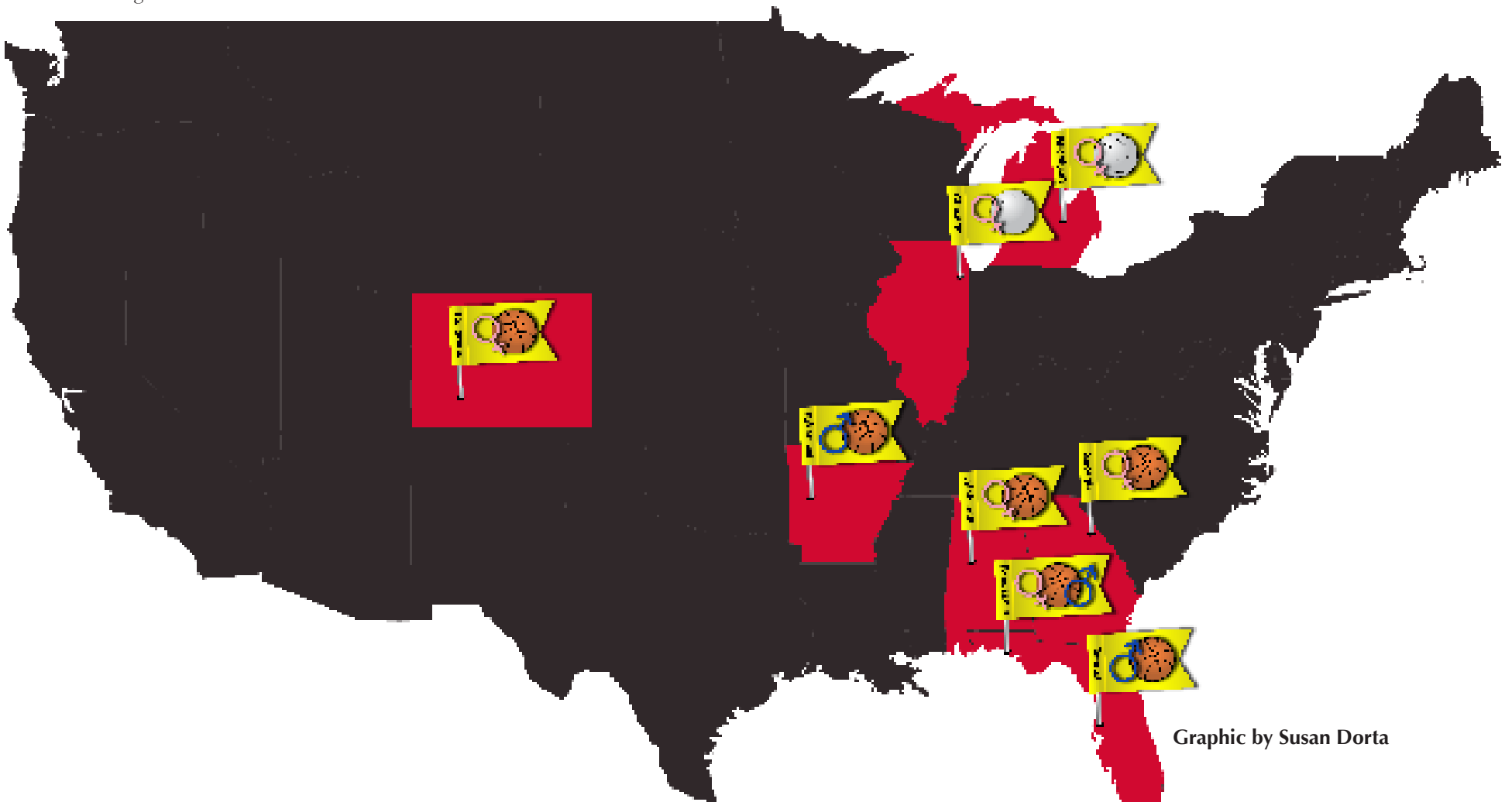
it's more of an accomplishment.

"Tania Torres received the First Team Academic All-District with a 3.95 GPA, majoring in biology from last semester," said Jim McCurdy, assistant sports information director.

Coaches also help their team to strive for the best. Assistant Coach Ryan Saunders of the men's basketball team said they have an on-the-road study hall and, if they stay in a hotel, they use meeting rooms, so the team can study in a quiet place.

On the other hand, Head Volleyball Coach Steve Hendricks said the team takes a charter bus with internet, and at a hotel the team has a one-hour study hall.

Athletes have a lot of obstacles to overcome, but traveling doesn't seem to be one of them.



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## All eyes on: Houghton Kinsman

### He's more than a soccer player—he's a trendsetter

By **Taylor Melvin and Claudia Corbetta**  
Contributing Writer and Sports Editor

Houghton Kinsman, a senior studying studio art, attended a semi-private all boys' school in South Africa. The school was extremely diverse as was his soccer team where he was usually the only white person on the team.

"It was a blessing. I learned about new cultures, and it opened my eyes to the preconceived notions I had of other people in the town," Kinsman said in his South African accent. "I also picked up a whole new language by playing with people from such different cultures."

Kinsman's first experience outside of South Africa was when he traveled to Texas for the Dallas Cup in 2004.

"We got slayed, but that is when I knew I wanted to come back to America," said Kinsman. "I loved Texas. It was my first time outside of South Africa. We also stopped in England, and I loved it there, too. It was a culture shock at first coming from South Africa, where the population is predominately blacks."

Kinsman went on to send his tapes to Barry University, where assistant men's soccer coach, Henry Apaloo, helped in the recruiting process.

"I gained worldly knowledge by coming here, and I feel that there are so many more opportunities for me now," he said. "I recommend for people to travel aboard if they

have the chance."

On the field, Apaloo said Kinsman is "goal oriented, a very hard worker and a very professional player."

"He is one of the few four-year seniors on the team, and he understands the dynamic of the team," said Apaloo. "He's a very unselfish player. He's a fantastic kid."

Other than being a soccer player, Kinsman stands out from his other team mates as he can be seen wearing a fedora, colorful shirt, perfectly miss-matched sweaters and a white converse.

"His dress sets are hilarious. Seeing what he wears is always unique and different," said Apaloo.

Kinsman said his girlfriend has

influenced his flamboyant fashion choices.

"My girlfriend played a big part in how I dress. She likes fashion a lot," said Kinsman. "I look like a completely different person from the time I first came till now."

Although Kinsman gives props to his girlfriend, Kayla Nanoo sophomore and nursing major, for his style, she says he is being modest.

"If anything, we help each other," said Nanoo in a message interview, "he's generally my first sought out opinion when I'm trying on clothes and if one of us is dressed well, how silly would it be if the other one wasn't?"

While Kinsman and Nanoo



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Houghton Kinsman, a senior studio art major, shows off his stylish wardrobe outside of Dominican hall.

contribute in each others fashion, Kinsman is a senior and is set to graduate this upcoming year.



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# Editor-in-Chief

## Letter from the Editor



You've listened to my rambling all semester long. I've written about elections, insufficient parking, the use of students' photos on flyers to advertise parties and, of course, the infamous SGA vice president impeachment. It's been a journey for us here at The BUC.

We began the journey with a heart-wrenching half page of corrections, then we moseyed on to violating copyright, then we bumped into some unsatisfied customers along the way who were very unhappy about some stories written about them or their organization. Yet...we kept writing. The BUC climbed up a steep hill of deadlines, meetings, projects, presentations and mid-terms. Yet...we kept writing.

My staff toiled until 4 a.m. during four different production weeks, each week bearing different challenges. Time and time again my photo editor christened the newsroom's couch with his saliva (come to our office if you want see the pics, shhh!). Yet...we kept writing. My sports editor made memes (google it) while I was attempting to have a meeting about conduct and budgets. Other editors underwent surgeries, illnesses and even lost loved ones. Yet...we kept writing, all for you--our readers.

I appreciate your readership and loyalty to The BUC and hope that our articles have made your semester a tad more

interesting than it was last year. The BUC anticipates fresh ideas and new faces. It would warm my heart to see all interested writers, photographers and budding writers and photographers at our news meetings every first Tuesday of the month.

Next semester, you can look forward to many changes to The BUC, especially with this column. Sadly, I won't be personally writing to you all anymore. Instead, BUC editors will choose an issue, make a concerted stance and collectively produce a column. Yes, my ramblings are no more...It's all of the editors time to shine now. Hey, their opinions matter too!

I will definitely like to take a stance against those new parking meters that have magically appeared in the Landon parking lot. Somebody's got some explaining to do. And those of you who didn't notice or just don't care, you should still look forward to that story in the paper next semester. I hope that SGA and others affected will rally with me to ensure that these parking meters are accounted for. The BUC can and will affect change, as seen in the Bucky's Cove story (see pg. 2).

Also, as you might know, I am responsible for the crime section of the newspaper. However, there has been no crime on my log this edition because public safety hasn't posted any crime since Nov. 1. Now, this leads me to believe that either there hasn't been any crime reported since Nov. 1 or that public safety has stopped reporting about the crime. We deserve to know about the crime that happens on this campus. Don't you think?

All in all, I would sincerely like to thank each student, faculty and staff we've written about. As we move into the new year, I wish you all safe travels, and I really hope you enjoy our fancy graduation edition.

Sincerely,  
Khadine Baksh  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



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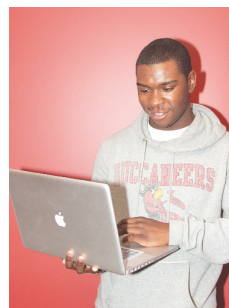
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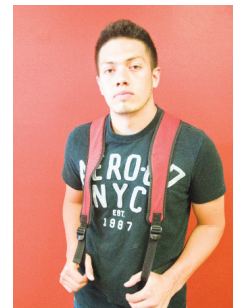
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## Corrections and Clarifications

On pg. 7 of the October edition, Richard Glukstad should not have been included as one of the faculty and staff who donated to the 2012 presidential election campaigns. Glukstad donated funds to the presidential election campaigns in 2008, not in 2012. Also, Glukstad was not a professor at Barry; however, he did work in the Writing Lab until July 30, 2012. Daniella Levine Cava should not have been included as one of the faculty and staff who donated to the 2012 presidential election campaigns since she is no longer a Barry employee.

The editors of *The Buccaneer* strive to present accurate information and correct any errors we become aware of. If you see a mistake, please let us know:  
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# The Barry Buccaneer

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# Student involvement disappearing: Where's the Barry pride?

By Natalie Payan  
Copy Editor

Students sprint to meet their next class, disregarding student activity fliers while others walk past Barry's bookstore neglecting the displayed Barry t-shirts inside.

Although student-driven organizations like Campus Activities Board (CAB) and Student Government Association (SGA) provide ample activities like Founders Week, Midnight Madness and Bucfest, some students still turn the other cheek.

"I don't see enough school spirit. It's a small school, so that could be it," said Carrissa Darrell, junior social work major. "It's up to the students. If they don't want to get involved, then they won't."

But there's hope! Students like Marie Jean, senior nursing major, believe school spirit can arise from student pride.

"There are activities on campus. It's just some students focus just on their education, so they don't go," said Jean. "We need some activities for school spirit." She recommends students of the same major to wear a distinct color shirt that represents their specific major. This could generate

into a "Barry's Favorite Major Day" where students from different majors--nursing and business majors, for instance--engage in competitive, but friendly sports games for entertainment.

Barry could also "pump up" student pride by hiring big name performers from well-established music companies to perform for the students at the university for a once-a-month event. Students interested in attending the music "concerts" can create fund-raiser programs to help the university with the money factor.

More student involvement will promote better interaction among students and will better invite returning students. With students engaging more, people will see Barry as a homey environment instead of just a school for education.

It's up to you, the students, to step up and liven up Barry's spirit! Brett Klein, director of Center for Student Involvement, encourages students to drop by the offices at CSI located in Landon with suggestions about new activities on campus. Make sure you get out there and suggest new ways to revive Barry's fading spirit.

# Don't borrow without a plan

By Xavier Gonzalez  
Contributing Writer

The current and on-going disaster looming over the United States economy and the pocket books of middle class households is the student debt crisis. Within the last year, the student debt crisis has surpassed one trillion dollars.

Reelected President Barack Obama has been urging Americans to get back into the education system to enrich their lives through knowledge and income.

In the most recent debacle between the White House and Congress, there was an attempt to settle an agreement to lock student loan interest rates, which would allow borrowers to avoid high student loan balances after graduation. They negotiated an agreement to create a bill that would lock the current 3.4 percent student loan interest rate. This locked interest rate would provide relief to graduates and parents who carry the weight of student debt.

If the bill was not created this would of led to interest rates spiking to 6.4 percent, stated an article in the Chicago Bureau. This rate increase of 3% would increase the principal balance, making it difficult to make payments with the already struggling economy.

With the high unemployment rate and the dream of getting into the workforce, students see the American dream more unreachable.

Graduates who are receiving their bachelors are leaving the institution with an average principal balance of over \$25,000 in

educational debt, according to USNEWS.

The economic crisis has led each state to individually provide less funding to college institutions, which affects the amount that is given to students. A vast majority of students are unaware of the repercussions of taking student loans.

Some students haven't considered how they'll tackle their student debt.

"I haven't even started to think about how I will pay it back, so a budget is not in mind. At this point I will be lucky to find employment after graduation and be able to slowly pay it back," said Jeanna Di Raimondo, senior public relations major. "I just hope I will be able to pay my debt before it builds ridiculous interest, that's the scariest part."

Students pass on advice to their classmates.

"I would tell anyone to research their outlets on how to pay for school before signing any loan papers. Between grants and private scholarships there's bound to be a way to finance your education. I jumped on a loan before doing my foot work," said Di Raimondo.

With all of these facts being put into perspective, students should be more aware of what financial responsibility comes with student loans.

Always take the opportunity to know your resources and options on how to tackle student debt. Be aware of a possible future budget and political positions on education.

# Let's offer online classes—other universities do it

By Desire Wyatt  
Contributing Writer

There are a lot of universities that offer online classes for undergraduate students, but Barry isn't one of them.

Some professors say that students need to be inside the classroom to have the full college experience.

"I am generally opposed to online classes for undergrads," said George Cvejanovich, associate professor of geography and political science. "They need the classroom interaction and the direct contact with the instructor."

Though that may be true, Barry should still offer online classes for its undergraduate students because online classes are more convenient.

Some students love the idea of online classes and how it would make things less stressful for them.

"I would want Barry to offer online classes," said sophomore sociology major, Carlesha Bradley. "Stress is caused on students when certain professors don't know how to explain a specific subject matter. There are some professors who can't teach well, and I'm the type of person that could teach myself. For instance, if I have something in front of me, like reading passages or doing formulas for math, it would be easier for me to learn online."

Other professors wouldn't mind online classes as long as there are some restrictions.

"Online classes offer flexibility for both educators and students and certainly helps students who might work all day or those with other hardships, making it difficult for them to get to class," said Laura Finley, assistant professor of criminology and sociology. "I think some classes are a better fit with online education. Some are not at all suitable, as in-class interaction is essential to understanding the material. Public speaking is an important quality in most professions and is hard to develop through online education. It is also challenging to ensure there's no cheating."

And I agree, not all types of classes would work online. It wouldn't make sense for students to take sports or exercise classes online or even some science classes where the student must to go to a lab and perform actual experiments. Still, some classes should be offered online because students would be able to "attend" class on their own time, not feel so rushed and therefore be more likely to perform better. They can stop and take breaks, like using the bathroom, without worrying about missing any important information from the professor.

# The more languages you know, the better

By Nelida Insua  
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In a world with various cultures, speaking more than one language is becoming very important.

"In the future, this country will be filled with a wider Hispanic culture, and a lot of people will be bilingual," said senior theater major Celia Grisales. "Being bilingual will open a lot of doors and opportunities."

Living in Miami exposes students to different cultures, opportunities and the chance to become bilingual.

"In Miami, it is very normal to be bilingual. Almost everyone around me speaks two languages," said Grisales.

More and more jobs require a person who can speak a second language. In Miami, people who speak both fluent English and Spanish have a better chance at finding a job than people who only speak English.

"When I started working, I was the 'go-to' person mostly because I'm bilingual. It's great to be able to communicate with two cultures," said senior theater major Helen Benitez.

Some students use this bilingual advantage as a way to help them get jobs.

"I want to be a psychologist for deaf

children," said junior psychology major Jennifer Cardenas. "Knowing Spanish and English, as well as American Sign Language makes me more available for work."

But being bilingual doesn't only help careers. It also helps personally, as well.

People who grow up learning to speak two languages are better at switching between tasks than people who learn to speak only one language, according to a study funded in part by the National Institutes of Health.

However, the study showed that bilinguals are slower at improving their vocabulary than are monolinguals, because bilinguals must divide their time between two languages while monolinguals focus on only one.

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-Jennifer Cardenas, junior psychology major



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