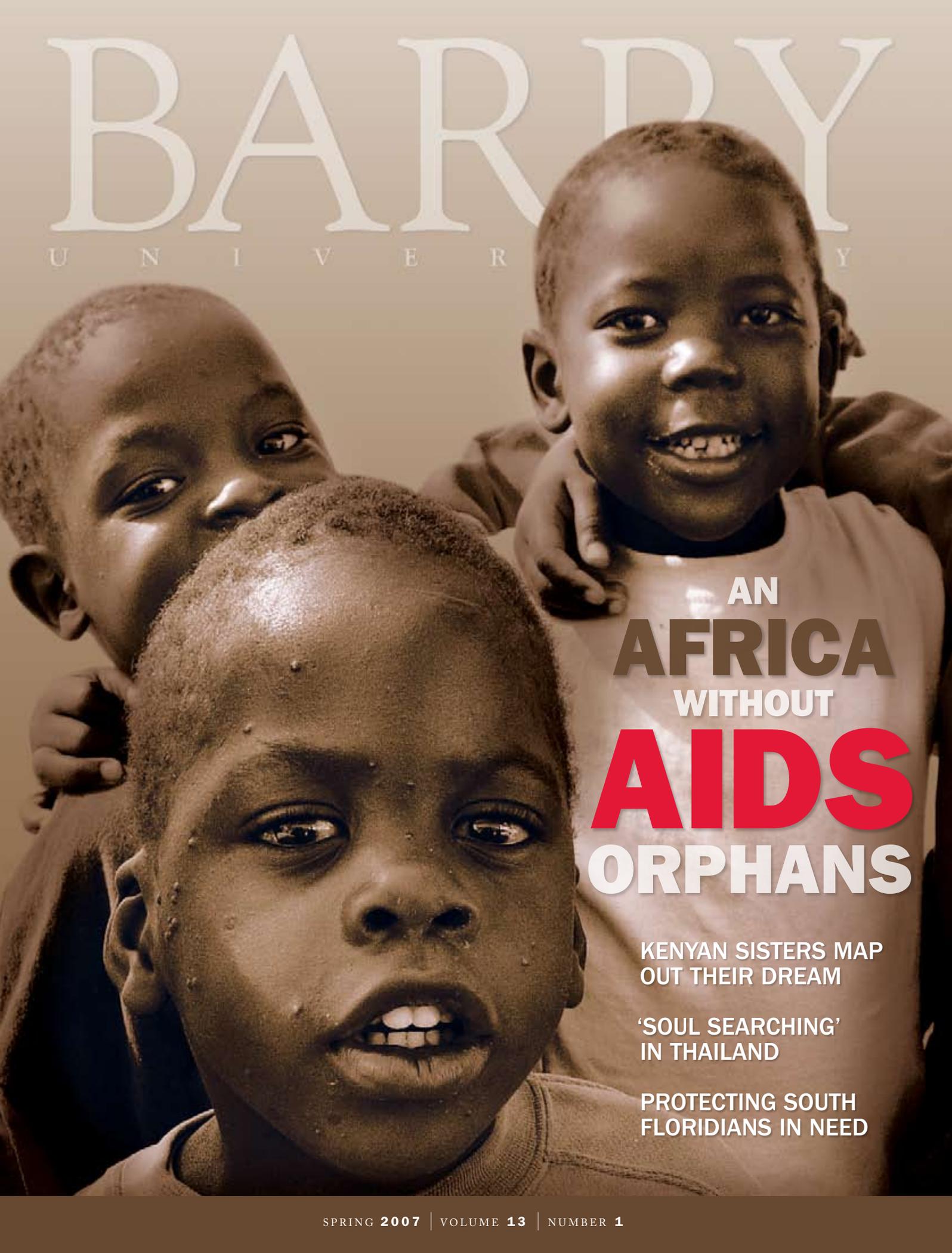


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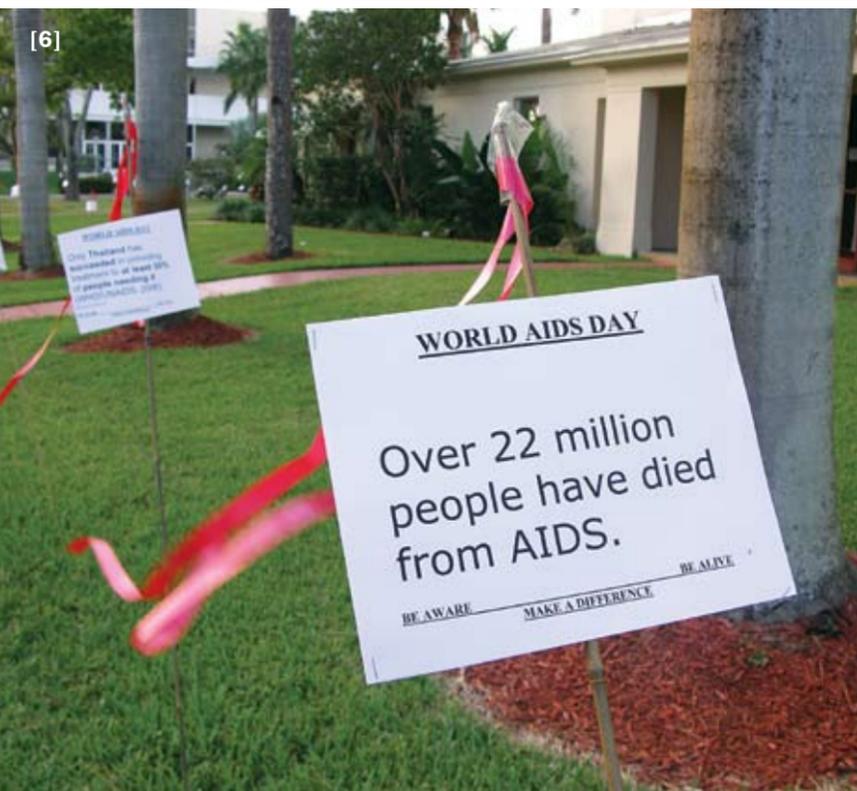
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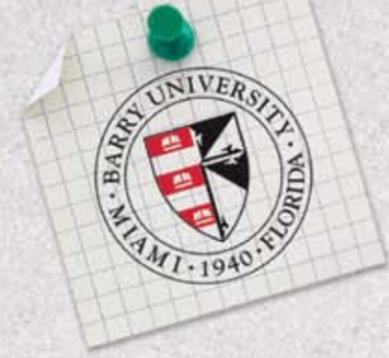
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CAMPUS SNAPSHOTS

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> letters to the editor

This month's issue was exquisite throughout. Several articles stand out.

The article about Fay Roseman and her journey to visit the man who saved her mother was deeply touching. I believe it did for many readers, myself included, what Fay wrote to me that the experience did for her: "I learned in a



whole new way what hate can do and the true meaning of one person making a difference."

Another article, "Seeing is Believing," was equally inspiring. Upon learning of a child's tragic plight, Ashley Severance was filled with hope for helping. Rather than thinking about the impossibility of the situation, or doing it alone, she moved heaven and earth (and hearts) to heal Alaa.

I am proud to belong to Barry. Thanks for the great work. Keep it coming.

Sr. Frances O'Dell, OSF
Reference Librarian

This is a great issue this time. I have two favorite stories. First, of course, is our own Ashley Severance from the law school. That was a great story. Also, I liked the info on Sister Peg; she was a great part of the law school along with all of her other duties.

Carol L. Gibson
Collections Analyst, Student Accounts
Barry University School of Law

I really enjoyed the new layout – more 'reader friendly!' Keep up the good work

Paula J. Borkowski
Career Center Counselor

I loved the latest issue. I think the layout and graphic design is super. The story about Dr. Roseman's trip to Poland to meet the man who rescued her mother from Auschwitz was especially poignant. The other stories about our remarkable students, faculty and staff remind me that Barry is a very special place. I did find an inaccuracy in one article however. It was concerning the story about Christina Martin ("Her Ramp to Success"), the quadriplegic student who earned her degree at ACE with a 4.0 GPA. The article mentioned she graduated magna cum laude when, in fact, a 4.0 GPA earned Christina summa cum laude honors.

Keep up the good work!

Deborah Reato
Director of Operations
Office of the Registrar

In general the magazine has been looking great. I did not receive a copy of (the previous issue) but the cover seems grim and not a welcoming image for the school, especially at the beginning of the year and in the current global climate.

Angi Curreri
Professor of Fine Arts

Kudos on the most recent issue of the Barry Magazine. The cover was pure "visual capture" and the great cover story by Jeremy Jones about Dr. Fay Roseman's mom at Auschwitz was fascinating. The entire layout of the magazine was well done. All the pieces were well-written, relevant and interesting. I am eagerly looking forward to the next issue.

Dr. Steve Koncsol
Associate Professor
Department of Psychology

My name is Edward Vazquez and I attend Barry University at night in the ACE program for my undergraduate degree in Professional Business Administration with an HR certificate. I did read the article titled, "Journey Back To Auschwitz," and needless to say I was very touched.

It is so sad that in a world like ours where there is endless beauty, millions of people have to experience such revolting and horrible things. However, I do think that it is necessary that these stories are brought to light because people need to know what has happened in past times. It is

especially important that the young minds of today are knowledgeable of these facts.

Edward Vazquez
Student

I thought the issue was wonderful. I saw an improvement from previous issues of the magazine.

However, the only thing that I would comment on is the lack of student-centered stories. What I mean by student-centered stories is information relating to what is happening on campus, what student clubs and organizations are doing in the community, stories like that. I think those types of stories would really stand out to alumni, benefactors, and most importantly the parents of current students.

Ryan Saunders
President
Student Government Association

I enjoyed it greatly. I thought the stories were touching and thought-provoking. Keep up the good work!

Jennifer Mathis-Fisher, MS
Registered Mental Health
Counseling Intern
Center for Counseling and
Psychological Services

I recently had a chance to read the latest issue of Barry Magazine and I really enjoyed the article titled, "Journey Back to Auschwitz." It was interesting, appealing, heartwarming and touching. I think that it is really important that these types of human-interest stories are shared with the world and passed down from generation to generation so that our history is never forgotten.

Also, it's imperative that people, especially young people, be exposed to stories like this so we can insure that nothing like what took place during that time in history ever happens again.

Alisha J Sanford
Student

The Office of University Relations and the staff of Barry Magazine would like to hear from you, so please e-mail your thoughts on the current issue and your suggestions and story ideas for future issues to universityrelations@mail.barry.edu



[COMING FULL CIRCLE]

JUST SEVEN YEARS AFTER BEING ACQUIRED, BARRY UNIVERSITY'S Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law received full accreditation by the American Bar Association's Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

The Council's formal announcement came at their meeting in Naples, Florida on Dec. 2 and follows the recommendation by the ABA's Accreditation Committee this past October.

"This is truly a historic and proud moment for all of Barry University and, particularly, our School of Law," said BU President Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD. "I am thrilled that we have achieved this accreditation, and I am very grateful to former Dean Joseph Richard Hurt, our outstanding faculty, loyal students and alumni."

"Courageous efforts and hard work have characterized the development of this law school, starting with the vision of (Chancellor and former BU President) Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, OP, PhD and leadership of (former Executive Vice President) Sister Peg Albert, OP, PhD. We are proud to join the nation's other outstanding law schools, especially those within Catholic higher education."

O'Laughlin led Barry University's purchase of the University of Orlando Law School in 1999. Just three years later, BU's School of Law was given ABA provisional approval.

Since 2003, Barry's School of Law has nearly doubled its

enrollment from 311 to 575 students, increased its full-time faculty to 29 and captured numerous national honors: 2004 national champions, National Tax Law Moot Court Competition (Florida Bar); 2006 "Best Brief," National Tax Law Moot Court Competition; 2006 Best Oral Advocates and first runner-up overall, Southeast Regional, National Trademark Law Moot Court Competition (Lefkowitz); 2005 and 2006, runner up, "Best Brief," National Sports Law Moot Court Competition (Tulane); 2004, runner up, "Best Oral Advocate," National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition (Pepperdine); 2005 Southeastern Regional champion and national final-four finish, American Trial Lawyers Association National Competition; and 2005, "Best Advocate," St. Johns University Civil Rights Competition.

BU law students are taught by a diverse and distinguished faculty. The faculty is 45 percent minority — more than twice the national average.

"This is a day of great joy for the students, alumni, faculty, staff and administration of the law school and the Barry University community," Hurt said. "We celebrate this decision and look forward to a very bright future. With full accreditation, we can continue moving forward as a strong educational leader in legal education throughout the Southeast region and nationally in such areas as social justice, eco-jurisprudence and children's advocacy."



[A LEGAL AFFAIR]

John A. Walker, Esq. has been named general counsel and vice president for human resources at Barry University. He will head up BU's newly created Division of Legal Affairs and Human Resources.

Walker represented Barry while with Jordan Burt LLP and Jones Walker LLP (no relationship). He was an associate with Jordan Burt, specializing in labor and employment law, defense and complex commercial litigation, and, most recently was a partner with Jones Walker, specializing in business law, labor and employment law and management.

He is a member of the University of Florida College of Law Alumni Council, the Florida Bar Labor and Employment Law Section and the Business Law Section. He was voted one of Florida's Up and Coming Attorneys in 2005 and 2006 by Florida Trend Magazine and was named Outstanding Law Student of the Year in 1995 (UF College of Law Claude Pepper Award).

Dean of the Year

FOR THE SECOND TIME IN LESS THAN A year, Barry University's School of Nursing Dean Pegge Bell, PhD, was honored for her commitment to teaching and the nursing profession, this time being named the Florida Nursing Students Association (FNSEA) Dean of the Year.

Bell, who has been at Barry since 2002, earned the honor after being nominated by School of Nursing students, including Barry

FNSEA chapter president Jevon Olea, and the association's executive board.

In August, Bell was named Chair of the Florida Center for Nursing's Board of Directors, a two-year term that expires in June 2008. In this role, she helps lead the organization that addresses issues of supply and demand in the nursing field, including the recruitment, retention and utilization of nurse workforce resources.

"I am thrilled to receive the Florida Nursing Students Association's Dean of the Year Award," Bell said. "This organization fosters leadership development in nursing students and provides opportunities for students to become the future nursing leaders on the state and national levels. I am honored that they submitted a nomination for me and that they recognize the support we at Barry University give them to participate in this organization, which reflects well on all of us."

In their nomination letter to the FNSEA, Olea and the executive board wrote, "Dean Bell is an inspiration to all nursing students as she promotes excellence, stewardship and professionalism through her own example of involvement with our Nursing Students Association chapter."

Bell also serves as a professor and associate vice president for graduate studies at Barry. She spent the previous decade with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences' College of Nursing serving in numerous capacities, including department chair and associate dean. She has earned numerous honors and awards, including the Sigma Theta Tau International's Dorothy F. Buschmann Presidential Award in 2001.

A League of Their Own

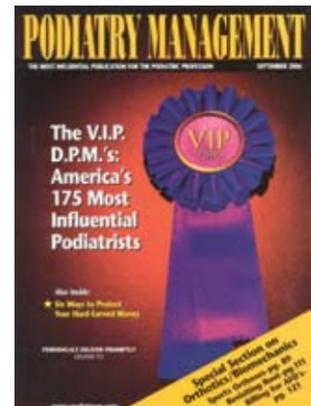
CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. CHET EVANS, vice president for medical affairs and dean of the School of Podiatric Medicine, Dr. John Nelson, associate dean of clinical education, and Dr. James Losito, professor, for being named among "America's 175 Most Influential Podiatrists," in *Podiatry*



Management's September 2006 issue.

Evans was recognized for his leadership in graduate medical education, national and international podiatric medical education as well as his role as founder of the American Academy of Wound Management (AAWM). Also a founder of AAWM, Nelson was cited for his contribution to medical literature and his work with residency programs throughout the United States. Losito's contributions as an author, lecturer and authority on podiatric sports medicine earned him a spot on the list.

Distributed to more than 9,000 podiatric physicians every month, *Podiatry Management* is considered the most influential publication for the podiatric profession



Lending a Helping Hand

NEARLY 100 VOLUNTEERS CONSISTING OF Barry students, faculty and staff turned out to paint ceiling murals for Hospice Care of Southeast Florida. The volunteers created landscape murals on ceiling tiles that were used to decorate the center's common room. Members of Barry's Volunteer and



Community Service Center presented the tiles Oct. 16. The project was designed to brighten up the center and capture the attention of the patients.

To Be the Best

THE ANDREAS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AT

Barry University was named an outstanding school of business in Princeton Review's annual business guide, "Best 282 Business Schools." The School of Business ranked fourth in business schools that provide the "greatest opportunity for minority students." BU was also cited for providing "choices that are typically available only at larger universities," while at the same time giving its students "the benefit of personalized attention."

"Best 282 Business Schools," contains 11 ranking lists of top 10 business schools in various categories. The lists are based on The Princeton Review's surveys of 18,000 students attending the business schools profiled in the book.

Honorary Mention

SWEETWATER, FLORIDA MAYOR MANUEL Marono presented Barry University's Maritza Cabrera with an award for her "outstanding help and cooperation to the City of Sweetwater." The award was presented during a city council meeting on Oct. 2.

Cabrera, who serves as a program director of Barry's Academy for Better Communities, was honored for directing the School of Social Work's neighborhood technical assistance program in Sweetwater and five other Miami-Dade communities. With funding from the Alliance for Human Services, the technical assistance project works to build partnerships between



local service providing agencies and neighborhood residents.

"We create a partnership between service agencies, the school, the city and many residents who are involved to improve the lives of their families and children," Cabrera said.

White Coat Ceremonies

FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE BARRY UNIVERSITY Physician Assistant Program held two separate White Coat ceremonies on two campuses. On Aug. 24, 44 students from the class of 2007 were recognized on Barry's Miami Shores campus and, on the following evening, 24 students were recognized at the University Partnership Center at St. Petersburg College.

The white coats, which today symbolize the beginning of clinical training, have been recognized as the attire of the medical profession since the middle of the 19th century. Physician assistant students donned the coats during clinical rotations at practice sites ranging from rural areas in the Florida Keys to a state mental hospital on the Florida/Georgia border.

The St. Petersburg ceremony honored outstanding students, including Roxanne Blouin, Crystal Coker, Michelle Jordan and Rosemary Woolfe, who were each awarded the Dean's Scholarship for the highest grade point average. The ceremony on Barry's main campus honored students Robert Gehret, Joanna Calderon, Adam Clark, Amy Garten, Emma Gibbons, Robert Gehret, Kaitlin Jacobs, Kyle Horner, Brian Petrine and Jessica Spinelli. Each was awarded the Dean's Scholarship for the highest grade point average.

Better to Give Than to Receive

THE CENTER FOR DOMINICAN STUDIES received a \$25,000 gift from Charles and Grace Heising. The gift will go toward the Center's preaching workshops and other programs. This is the Heising's fourth gift to these programs.

For three years, the Center has hosted preaching workshops and programs for the ordained clergy of the Archdiocese of Miami, church lay ministers and Barry University student-preachers. The Rev. Dave

Caron, director of the Center for Dominican Studies at Barry, said the recent gift from the Heising will enable the Center to continue the work of the Order of Preachers and the Dominicans in South Florida.

The Center for Dominican Studies is a collaborative partnership of the Adrian Dominican Sisters, Barry University and the Dominican Friars of St. Martin de Porres Province.

Improving On Success

THE SCHOOLS OF EDUCATION AND ARTS and Sciences are participating in a national study funded by the Lumina Foundation that focuses on improving retention and academic success among minority students. The initiative was brought about through Adrian Dominican School of Education's Department of Educational Leadership and High Education Administration.

Known as the Building Engagement and Attainment of Minority Students (BEAMS) Project, it is a five-year initiative aimed at increasing academic success among minority students. A research team from Barry will be implementing and evaluating a program designed to improve the critical thinking and writing skills of first-generation students as well as their overall transition into college.

The primary objective of BEAMS is to utilize results from the National Survey for Student Engagement (NSSE) to improve retention, achievement and institutional effectiveness at minority-serving institutions.

The BEAMS Project was established in 2002 by the American Association for Higher Education and the NSSE at Indiana University. The project is administered by the Institute for Higher Education Policy, a think-tank located in Washington, D.C.

The Doctor Is In

BARRY UNIVERSITY'S DIVISION OF MEDICINE appointed Dr. Kaloian Georgeiev Ouzounov director of research for the School of Podiatric Medicine. Ouzounov, who also serves as associate professor of podiatric medicine for the university, teaches research methodology, epidemiology and statistics. He also performs duties as clinical coordinator of podiatric medical rotations.



After completing his bachelor's in health sciences at the State University of New York in Buffalo, Ouzounov earned a master's in biomedical sciences from Barry

and graduated in 1998 with a doctorate in podiatric medicine from Barry's School of Podiatric Medicine. In 2001, he completed three years as a resident at the South Miami Foot and Ankle Program.

Prior to coming to Barry, Ouzounov was the staff podiatric physician for Community Health of South Dade, Inc. He is board qualified in fore-foot and rear-foot /ankle reconstructive surgery by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery.

Fighting the Pandemic

RENOWNED HIV RESEARCHER, DR. NDASHI Chitalu, visited Barry University the week of Sept. 6 to present a lecture titled, "The Role of Gender and Traditional Medicine in HIV Interventions in Zambia."

Dr. Chitalu is the co-principal investigator on the NICHD grant, Zambia/US Research Partnership in HIV Prevention & Care in Zambia, and co-investigator on the NIAID grant, Interventions to Enhance HIV Medication Adherence among Zambians. Dr. Deborah Jones of Barry's Psychology Department is the principal investigator on both grants, which are funded through the National Institutes of Health.

As many as 24.5 million people in sub-Saharan Africa are infected with HIV, according to Chitalu. Poverty, dietary problems and the way in which gender roles are defined are among the factors contributing to the region's rate of infection.

Dr. Chitalu's September lecture focused on the role of health practices and traditional healers in HIV treatment in Zambia and the implications of sexual behavior change in male-dominated Zambian culture. The study specifically highlighted the potential role for traditional healers in sub-Saharan Africa's healthcare system. Outside this specific study, much of Dr. Chitalu's work has

[TAKING HEALTH PUBLIC]

Three recent graduates of Barry University's Master of Public Health program were presenters at the American Public Health Association's (APHA) 134th Annual Meeting and Exposition Nov. 4-8 in Boston, Massachusetts. The APHA is the oldest and largest organization of public health professionals in the world, representing more than 50,000 members from over 50 occupations of public health.

Regine Joly and Yvonne Fray Clarke's submission, "Hypertension, Diabetes and Health Disparities in the Black Population in Miami-Dade County" was selected for poster presentation, while Yola Duhaney was invited to give an oral presentation titled, "Obesity and Overweight in Black Women: Assessing the Effectiveness of a Faith-based Screening Program." Duhaney also received an APHA-SA scholarship to present at the meeting.

"Many black women in Miami-Dade can get access to church but they don't have transportation to a clinic or a hospital," said Duhaney, who developed a model for a BMI (body mass index) screening/weight management program at her church in Kendall.

Joly and Clarke were also interested in finding solutions to the health problems they saw in their own community, specifically the diagnosis and treatment of hypertension in the black population and diabetes.

"We both realized that many of the issues affecting both topics were the same - access to health care, transportation, cultural beliefs," said Joly. "We also noticed that a lot of providers were not culturally competent. They tend to lump all blacks (together) as African Americans, but in Miami-Dade County you have a large population of blacks with different ethnic backgrounds, such as Haitians and Jamaicans, and their beliefs and perceptions of health are different from African Americans."

Joly and Clarke are working to develop a program that will address these issues and meet the goals set by the CDC in its national health promotion initiative Healthy People 2010.





Renowned HIV researcher Dr. Ndashi Chitalu (center), pictured here with BU President Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD, (left) and Dr. Deborah Jones, visited Barry in September to present a lecture on the role of gender and traditional medicine in HIV interventions in Zambia.

centered on HIV treatment through antiretroviral (ARV) drugs.

Dr. Chitalu's visit to Barry was to help develop the focus of the Partnership grant for the next six years. He plans to return to Barry in the future as the Partnership grant continues.

Change Is In the Air

THE DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES started the 2006-2007 academic year with some changes, most noticeably, its name. The office is now known as the Division of Student Affairs.

Additional changes include folding the Department of Public Safety, Sodexo Dining Services and Follett Bookstore into the Division.

On the Path to Success

FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, THE Adrian Dominican School of Education at Barry University received a Project SUCCEED teacher preparation grant. The grant, in the amount of \$381,151, will help increase the number of qualified special education and reading teachers in the state of Florida.

The money will be used to provide scholarships to individuals with a bachelor's degree in a non-education field who wish

to receive a master's in education through the Project SUCCEED program at Barry. Through this unique program, students will be able to complete their degree in as little as a year. This year's SUCCEED grant consists of \$293,110 in new money and \$88,041 as a continuation of last year's \$251,000 grant.

International Appeal

CONSULS FROM 17 NATIONS CONVERGED ON Barry's campus last fall as the O'Laughlin Intercultural Center hosted a special Consulate Reception. Representatives from various countries including Barbados, Colombia and Canada were on hand to meet students, staff and university administrators. Barry President Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD, gave a formal address to thank the consuls for their support.

In the past, the Intercultural Center has partnered with various consulates to assist international students with a variety of issues including visa and immigration support and advice on finding foods from their native culture.

Nursing Back to Health

BARRY UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF NURSING received \$450,965 from the Florida Department of Education to fund the

second year of its SUCCEED Project, "Partnerships to Create Nursing Faculty for Florida." The project is a partnership between Barry University, Nova Southeastern University and Broward Community College.

The project began July 2005 with the goal of producing more nursing faculty to alleviate the critical nursing shortage in Florida. Student coursework is supported with scholarships provided by Blue Cross & Blue Shield. With this second year of funding from the state, the partners will add new students to the MSN and PhD programs creating faculty with the appropriate degrees necessary to teach in the state's 151 schools of nursing. State and National accreditation bodies are requiring nursing faculty have advanced degrees. By offering this program, nurses who want to become faculty for nursing programs will have the educational credentials to do so. This collaborative, educational project will create the nursing faculty this state needs to make sure we have enough nurses to address the state's health needs.

Jump On Board

JORGE A. GROSS, DR. EDUARDO OTERO, Shirley Wiseman-Lach, John P. Horan and Susan Aaronson Rosenthal were elected as the newest members of Barry University's Board of Trustees. The announcement was made by Bill Heffernan, chief executive officer of Total Bank, who was named chair of Barry's Board this past year.



Named as one of the leading Latin

American tax advisors in the United States by the International Tax Review for six consecutive years, Gross is an active member of the South Florida community. He is currently director of the Zoological Society of Florida, Inc. and is a member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Gross also serves as the partner in charge of

[A PERFECT 10]

Barry University's Yucatan Project is celebrating a decade of helping thousands of crippled children in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula who otherwise couldn't afford medical treatment.

Fifty-two flights have been made and more than 5,000 crippled children in this area have received medical treatment, including life-altering surgeries as a result of the Yucatan Project at Barry. In addition, more than 75 physicians and 50 residents have volunteered over 20,000 hours to the project, which officially marked its 10th year of operation at a celebration in Merida, Mexico Nov. 18.

The Yucatan Project is the brainchild of Dr. Charles Southerland, a podiatric surgeon at Barry's School of Graduate Medical Sciences. Inspired by the Baja Project for Crippled Children in Baja, Mexico, Southerland and the physicians from Barry first made contact with officials in Yucatan in 1992, but it wasn't until 1996 that the first surgeries were performed.

Although their work has benefited thousands of children and adults in the Yucatan, the experience gained by the medical students and physicians who make the trip is inestimable, according to Southerland. The Yucatan Project is presently budgeted for 48 roundtrip tickets a year for physicians and residents and is supported by donations from private foundations. The goal is to expand the project to other areas in Central America and the developing world.



PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) South Florida.

As corporate medical director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Chris Evert Children's Hospital at Broward General Medical Center, Otero provides clinical and administrative leadership to a group of five physicians and four advanced neonatal nurse practitioners in the 63-bed, level III newborn intensive care unit. Otero also served as director of interim physician services at the Pediatrix Medical Group.

He is a member of the Florida Pediatric Society, Florida Society of Neonatologists, the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, American College of Physician Executives, Cuban Pediatric Society in Exile, Inc. and Miami Medical Team.

Wiseman-Lach is the owner of The McVay Group in Lexington, Kentucky. She is a past president of the National Association of Home Builders. A licensed assisted living administrator and residential care facilities owner, Lach worked for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development from 1983-85. She also served as chairman for the Mortgage Review Board. She is the president of Wiseman Homes, Wiseman Real Estate, and Wiseman Construction and Development in Lexington.

Rosenthal is the vice president of finance and senior financial officer for The Miami Herald Media Company. Before moving to South Florida, she held several positions in New York City, including senior director of business development for Commerce One, director of financial planning for Viacom, and senior analyst for General Motors Treasurers Office.

New Dean of ADSOE

FOLLOWING AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH, THE Adrian Dominican School of Education at Barry University appointed Dr. Terry Piper its new dean. Dr. Piper's appointment became effective Aug. 15.

A native of Missouri, Piper comes to Barry from Nova Scotia, Canada, and has extensive experience in the field of higher education. She received her bachelor's and master's in English from the University of New Hampshire and her doctorate in Linguistics from the University of Alberta.

Piper served as dean at Memorial University (1994-1999), York University (1999-2001), and was the first female dean at Saint Mary's University (1990-1994). Awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for outstanding contribution to higher education in Canada, Piper is also an accomplished author. Her work includes: *Language and Learning: The Home and School Years*, which has been widely adopted by American and Canadian universities; *And Then There Were Two: Children's Second Language Learning*; *Language for All Our Children*; and numerous journal articles on education, English and language.

Prior to joining Barry, Piper served as academic vice president at Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning in Toronto. As dean of the School of Education, she oversees approximately 100 faculty and staff.

A Rare Honor

DR. CHARLES RARICK, PROFESSOR OF management in Barry University's Andreas School of Business, was recently named a Fulbright Distinguished Lecturer. One of the most prestigious of the Fulbright honors, the Distinguished Lecturer is awarded to only a select few of the country's top scholars each year.

This is Rarick's second Fulbright award in a year, having received the Fulbright Specialists Grant last year. Rarick traveled to the Philippines in January to deliver a two-week series of lectures. During his visit, he lectured on: "How South-east Asian Countries Compete with India and China," "Economic Integration and Political Disintegration," and "Principal-centered Leadership."

Inaugural Celebration

DELIVERING A MESSAGE OF ACADEMIC vigor and expanded outreach, Sister Peg Albert, OP, PhD, was inaugurated as the 10th President of Siena Heights University on Nov. 3.

More than 600 people attended the inauguration, which took place in Lumen Ecclesiae Chapel on Siena Heights' Adrian campus in Siena Heights, Michigan. Drawing on the theme "Be Bold, Think Higher," Sister Peg outlined the future



LEFT TO RIGHT: Mitch McBee, ACE regional director, West Dade/South Broward, Dr. Heidi McLaughlin, ACE associate dean for marketing, Dr. Kim Loutzenhiser, assistant professor of public administration, Capt. Frank Verklin, Firefighter Tara Swainston, Battalion Chief Bill Huff, Firefighter Marian Myers, Lt. Jermaine McFarlane, Capt. James Estep, Erick Block, associate director of the Barry ACE campus in Davie, Chief of Fire-Rescue James Hunt, Frank Casale, BU assistant vice president for alumni relations, Capt. Randy Gonzalez, Deputy Chief Joe Cabrera pictured here at a luncheon honoring firefighters from the Miramar Fire Department.

[Fire In the Hole]

Firefighters from the Miramar Fire Department were honored at a special luncheon Aug. 24 for earning their bachelor's in Public Administration from Barry's School of Adult Continuing Education (ACE). More than 20 firefighters took classes for more than 18 months to complete their degrees, but were unable to participate in graduation ceremonies due to work schedules and city event obligations. As a result, Barry hosted a lunch at the Miramar Fire Department in their honor.

ACE helped make it easier for the firefighters to achieve their educational goals by offering classes at different Miramar fire stations. Through hard work and dedication, these firefighters achieved their goal of earning a bachelor's degree. The luncheon was a time to honor their commitment to higher education, themselves and the community they serve.

"They worked very hard and sacrificed many hours to attain this important goal in life," said Eric Block, associate director of the Barry ACE campus in Davie. "We are very proud of their accomplishment and are also very proud to have Miramar Firefighters associated with Barry University and being part of our alumni family."

of the institution founded by the Adrian Dominican Sisters in 1919.

Sister Peg, who served as Barry's executive vice president for 12 years, is the first Adrian Dominican Sister to be appointed president of SHU since 1969. The Adrian Dominican Sisters founded and sponsor both SHU and Barry University.

The Results Are In

BARRY UNIVERSITY ELECTED ITS FIRST-EVER Administrative Staff Council in October. The Council will function as an advisory and policy referral body to the President and Executive Committee of the Administration for proposed actions, programs, policies and procedures; facilitate communication and

promote collaboration between and among staff, students, faculty and administration; and facilitate staff participation in University governance, planning and decision making.



Elected representatives are as follows: Cherrie Ali, Joan Bueter, Nildy Polanco, Monica Massana, Mitch McBee, Helen Carlson, Maria Aloya, Jill Merlano, Anne Stephen, Orlando Barreto, Ron Hultquist, Michael Taylor, Theresa Moorehead, Sandy Sanchez, Joann Clark, Patti Dopico, Estela Azevedo, Gloria Arcia, Gwen Duvall, Tommy Gonzalez, Yeshica Yanes, Patricia Ramlow, Bridget Stallworth, Ed Londono, Diane Seubert, Leticia Diaz, Carey Courson, Deborah Montague, Pam Foster, Reina Ray, Gala Munnings, and Mary Consuegra.

The Council was elected in a university-wide, on-line election process with each school/division being represented. Congratulations to all the winners.

Courting the Big Apple

DEFYING THE ODDS, BARRY UNIVERSITY'S Law School was one of only 28 teams in the country that that competed in the finals at the 57th Annual National Moot Court Competition in New York City in January.

During a rigorous preliminary competition that included nearly 200 law school teams from 14 regions across the United States, Barry Law School earned one of the 28 coveted spots in the finals at the National Moot Court Competition by defeating teams from Emory University, University of Georgia, Stetson University, University of South Carolina and others. Barry was one of two schools from Region 5 selected to compete in the regional round of competition, which took place the week-end of Nov. 18 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Third-year Barry Law School students Stephanie Knott and Priscilla Rivers are

the only team members that attended the National Moot Court Finals. Led by their coach, Barry Associate Professor of Law Brian Holland, Knott and Rivers finished second overall in the preliminary round. Knott and Rivers worked hard during the grueling competition, writing a brief and arguing six rounds over the course of two days to earn Barry one of the coveted spots in the finals.

"This is a true testament of the quality of our program of legal education," said former Barry Law School Dean J. Richard Hurt. "Our success in both Moot Court and Trial Team shows not only the quality of our students, but also the quality of our faculty and the great unwavering support we have received from the Central Florida bench and bar."

The skills competition teams from Barry's School of Law have had remarkable success in recent years. Teams from the Moot Court Honors Board have earned 10 awards in the past three years, including a 2004 National Championship in tax law. The Trial Team has achieved similar success, reaching the national finals of the 2005 Association of Trial Lawyers of America Trial Team competition.

A Day of Education

CONGRESSWOMAN ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN and Sister Evelyn Piché, OP, PhD, were honored at Barry University's Education Day '06 on Nov. 9. The event recognizes outstanding achievement in teaching,

leadership and advocacy for educational excellence.

Ros-Lehtinen and Sister Piché received the Adrian Dominican Education Leadership Award for their many years of service and contributions to education. Among her accomplishments, Rep. Ros-Lehtinen has secured billions of dollars for teachers, students and schools; created the Florida Prepaid College Tuition Program; reinvigorated the Head Start program by offering more help to low-income families.

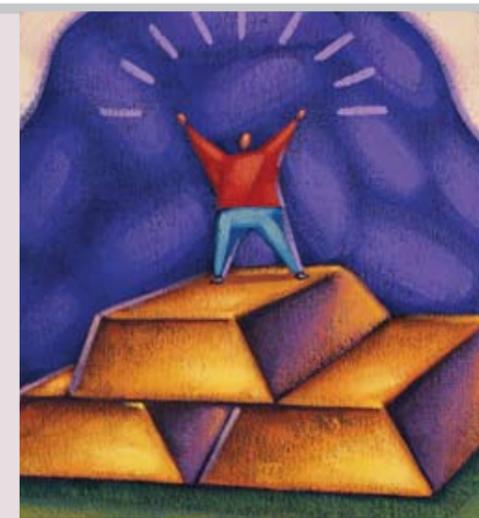
Sister Piché, former dean of Barry's Adrian Dominican School of Education, helped foster the growth of the School from one bachelor's program and three master's programs in 1986 to its current offering of three bachelor's programs, 18 master's programs, three doctorate programs, 16 EdS programs, and one EdD program. She now serves as Dean Emerita.

Beam me up, Barry

WORKING WITH OFFICE OF ALUMNI Relations and the School of Adult and Continuing Education, Barry's Career Services Center launched Career Beam, an innovative new virtual career center. Barry is one of only 27 colleges and universities in the country to make this technology available. The system enables Barry students and alumni to research more than over 15 million organizations, 20 million industry contacts, in-depth industry profiles, occupational information and companies in 70 different countries.

[We're No. 1]

Barry University ranked No. 1 in Campus Ethnic Diversity for universities in the South offering master's programs, according to the 2007 *U.S. News & World Report* college ratings. The rankings can be accessed at www.usnews.com. The rankings are released once a year and are based on student surveys and enrollment figures.





Towering to New Heights

BARRY DEDICATES NEW LANDMARK, THE SILVESTER TOWER

By Jeremy Jones, jsjones@mail.barry.edu

MORE THAN 150 PEOPLE gathered Nov. 16 for Barry University's dedication of its newest and most noticeable landmark, The Silvester Tower. Standing 73 feet tall, the tower sits adjacent to I-95 at the west end of Barry's campus,

between the NW 119th and NW 103rd Street exits.

The tower was designed by Stephen J. Althouse, chair of Barry's Fine Arts Department, and modeled after the Cor Jesu Chapel, which was built on Barry's campus in 1940. Construction of the tower cost approximately \$650,000 and was underwrit-

ten entirely by a group of donors. Renee T. Silvester of Palm Beach Gardens provided the signature gift and is the tower's namesake. Luigi Salvaneschi, PhD, adjunct professor and former Board of Trustees member, spearheaded the tower project.

Since 2002, Salvaneschi dreamed of an attractive and attention-getting landmark

on the major Florida thoroughfare on Barry's western border. With his experience in international business leadership, Salvaneschi knew the potential of a campus landmark to attract both students and

tower without diverting vital funds from other areas that are used to support Barry students. Both Luigi and Aleyda Salvaneschi are major donors to the project.

Barry benefactors and their fami-

"The Silvester Tower is a gift for the present, but most especially for the future. It is a hopeful beacon of what is to come," said Bevilacqua. "As a major Catholic university, we must proclaim to the com-

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benefactors to Barry University.

Guided by the original Althouse design, Salvaneschi further designed the details and placement of the structure. He worked with the Department of Transportation to provide an opening in the newly built I-95 soundwall, optimizing the view of the structure. In addition, Salvaneschi was successful in attracting donations to Barry that would cover all expenses for the

lies, students, faculty, administrators and other visitors affiliated with the university attended the dedication. President Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD led the ceremony - providing opening remarks and presenting Silvester and Salvaneschi with gifts from the university. The Barry University Choir performed several selections as the Rev. David Caron, OP, led the group in prayer to bless the tower.

munity and to the world that Barry is here expanding the tradition of instructing those with the most sincere desire for wisdom."

The tower, visible to the thousands of motorists who travel I-95 everyday, stands as a beacon marking the location of Barry's main campus in Miami Shores and represents Barry's mission of learning, service and religious commitment within a caring environment. ■

Front to back, left to right: architect Ed Cannon, main donor Mrs. Renee Silvester, Luigi Salvaneschi, PhD, Aleyda Salvaneschi, Barry President Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD, Zach Rappaport, designer Stephen Althouse, Dean Thomas, and Chair of the Barry Board of Trustees, William Heffernan.



[THE SILVESTER TOWER] NOVEMBER, 2006

Barry University gratefully acknowledges the generosity of those who have made construction of this campus landmark a reality.

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Michael Mikulin celebrates scoring a goal against Tusculum College on Oct. 16, 2005.

Barry Community Mourns Loss of Student-Athlete

THE BARRY UNIVERSITY MEN'S SOCCER team tragically lost a member, Michael Mikulin, 20, from Geneva, Ohio. Mikulin, a junior at Barry, was a dedicated student majoring in management in the Andreas School of Business with a 3.38 GPA. He was a quiet leader, a great competitor and team player. Michael was well respected, sincere, generous and kind. He will be forever missed by his teammates, coaches and the university community.

Members from all areas of the Barry community came together on Dec. 4, 2006 to celebrate his life. Cor Jesu Chapel overflowed with those who turned out to attend his memorial mass.

Mikulin's teammate, Jason Wiles, former roommate and teammate, Michael FitzGerald, and Steve McCrath, the men's

soccer coach, described laughs they shared with Mike and memories they will carry with them. All three reminded students not to be discouraged and to follow Mikulin's model of confidence and zeal for life.

"Mike was one of a kind, his personality was so unique and funny," Wiles said. "He was a great person, a very talented and gifted athlete, and an even better teammate and friend. The mark he left on me will forever be entrenched in my heart. Keep him in your heart and his family in your prayers; and don't ever forget his laugh and smile or the uncanny ability he had to put one on every face that was around him."

BU President Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD, welcomed students, and the Rev. Scott O'Brien, OP, celebrated mass and addressed the Barry community through his homily.

The men's soccer team also traveled to Geneva, Ohio, to remember Mikulin at a funeral service in his hometown.

The Barry community sends thoughts and prayers to the Mikulin family, the members of the men's soccer team and all of our students, faculty and staff who are grieving this great loss.

Alex Meneses Drafted By the Seattle Mariners

FORMER BUCCANEER SHORTSTOP ALEX Meneses was selected in the 35th round by the Seattle Mariners. After starting with the Rookie League Arizona Mariners and hitting .387 in nine games, he was called up to the Inland Empire 66ers in High A Class. In 32 games with the 66ers, he hit .270 with a .373 on-base percentage and helped lead them to the championship of the California League.



Above: Alex Meneses dives back to first against Rollins College on March 25, 2006. Meneses was drafted by the Seattle Mariners and helped Inland Empire to the California League championship. Below left: Dave Nichols looks on as the Buccaneers take on Florida Gulf Coast on Oct. 10, 2006. Nichols picked up his 250th win this season.

Meneses was one of four seniors from the 2006 Buccaneer club to sign professionally. Greg Dicso signed a free-agent deal with the Cincinnati Reds organization, while Nick Corbeil (Shreveport Sports of the American Association) and Jerry Thornton (St. George Roadrunner of the Golden Baseball League) signed with independent clubs.

Dave Nichols Wins 250th Match; Volleyball adds another All-American

BARRY UNIVERSITY HEAD COACH DAVE Nichols earned his 250th career win as his

Buccaneers defeated Western Washington 3-0 (30-27, 30-20, 33-31) in the opening game of the Cactus Classic on Sept. 1. Nichols, who has led the Bucs to the NCAA Tournament in each of his 13 seasons and has won two national championships, finished the year with 314 wins.

Samara de Freitas (Jr., MH, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), who led the Bucs with 494 kills and a .348 attack percentage, was named honorable mention AVCA All-America for the second straight year.

Welcome Aboard

BILL SULLIVAN WAS NAMED THE HEAD



coach for the Buccaneer women's basketball program, taking over for Nicci Hays-Fort. Sullivan is only the fifth head coach since the program began in 1988. For the past seven seasons, he has served on the Buccaneers' men's basketball coaching staff.

Dawn Scott-Viyella has been hired as the new head coach for women's rowing. She takes over the helm, replacing Paul Mokha to become only the third head coach in the program's 10-year history. Prior to joining the Buccaneer staff, Scott-Viyella served as the head junior women's coach at the Miami Rowing Club in Key Biscayne, Florida, where she trained over 40 female rowers for competition at the local, state and national levels.

Dr. Bridget Lyons was named associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator. She replaces Kathy Turpin who resigned to join Sport Management, Inc. during the 2006 spring semester. Lyons was the assistant athletic director at Virginia Commonwealth University from May 2003 to August 2006. ■



By Mike Laderman, mladerman@mail.barry.edu

Standing Tall

BARRY UNIVERSITY IS TOPS IN THE NCAA DIVISION II WITH SIX WOMAN OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



GRETA TROTMAN ADMITTEDLY doesn't fit the stereotype of the college "jock." "No, the typical college athlete, the kind you get in the movies, is the athlete that goes to class every now-and-then, barely gets by, doesn't stay in classes, is at parties all the time, and

yet is all ready to play and go on the court or on the field," explained Trotman. She said this, mind you, from her apartment at Harvard University, where she is a student at its law school. Upon graduation, Trotman plans on handling international corporate law mergers and acquisitions. At 5 feet 6 inches tall, she is of average size,

with a non-imposing build that could be described as both slim and trim. Oh, and she just so happens to be the reigning Sunshine State Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year. "I guess I'm not typical," said Trotman, laughing. But she is not alone. Rather, Trotman

is in elite company with five other former Barry University female student-athletes who have defied the stereotypes and stigmas that sometimes go along with college athletics, and have set the standard of what an individual can achieve in the classroom, on the field and in the community. This past October, Trotman became the latest Buccaneer to be named a finalist for the NCAA Woman of the Year award, an honor that the national association bestows upon one student-athlete from each division (I, II, III) who displays academic and athletic excellence, as well as community service and leadership. Two other women's tennis players have earned the

gel) to win this past year's NCAA Woman of the Year ahead of Trotman. A five-time All-American and president of Homeless Holiday Dinners (Tennessee's Lauryn McCalley) edged out Lehman. Courmes finished behind Kenyon College's Ashley Jo Rowatt, a national swimming champion majoring in molecular biology. Hallbergson, too, lost out to a swimmer — Georgia's Kristy Kowal, who was a silver medalist at the 2000 Olympic Games. In 1998, Janina Moruseiwicz watched as the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association's Player of the Year, Virginia's Peggy Boutilier, took home the award. And two years before that, her sister, Marya Moruseiwicz, finished

Big Sisters program, worked with Habitat for Humanity, and "did some medical things, too, down at the children's hospital. Just helping out with the kids, not a huge deal," she said, just as humble as Lehman. Trotman worked in the Camillus House soup kitchen and frequently organized the tennis portion of National Girls' and Women in Sports Day. To them, though, it's not a competition among the other schools and student-athletes. Rather, it's a club, a "clique" that they're all in — a special group of academically and athletically successful women who have made a difference at each of their respective schools.

"You never know how your athletic career is going to go, but no one can take your brains away from you."

national distinction—Anna Hallbergson in 2000 and Victoria Courmes in 2003—as has volleyball's Marya Moruseiwicz (1996), Janina Moruseiwicz (1998) and Melissa Lehman (2005). Competition for this award is fierce and since 1991, its inaugural year, only Division I University of Georgia has had more finalists (seven) than BU. Overall, the Buccaneers are tied with Nebraska and Tennessee for the second-most finalists in program history. Barry's six finalists is also the highest total among all NCAA Division II schools. "That's due to a combination of factors," Trotman explained. "Barry is such a supporting environment that you have the opportunity to grow so much. People can find themselves there. There are benefits of not being at a Division I school, of being at a school more focused on the academic side, because it gives the chance to the students to be more well-rounded. You never know how your athletic career is going to go, but no one can take your brains away from you. The things you know now in school, the people you meet, the classes you have will be with you forever." It took a Fulbright Scholar who interned at the United States Embassy in Oslo, Norway (Wake Forest University's Anne Bersa-

behind Nebraska's Billie Winsett-Fletcher, who helped lead the Cornhuskers to the NCAA Division I women's volleyball national title while volunteering with several children's programs. "In my year, one was even a translator for battered women," recalled Lehman. "I had been doing things here at Barry on a smaller scale. You know, you go read at elementary schools and have student-athlete days ... but some others that I met, they went out on mission trips overseas, they did more worldly things than I did. It's great to know that there are people out there like that." Lehman was being humble. She had helped the Student Athlete Advisory Committee coordinate its fundraising drive for the Make-a-Wish Foundation (which raised almost \$3,000 in two years) and assisted with the toy drive for Child Hope, Inc. (which provided over 100 toys for foster children in Miami-Dade County), while maintaining a 3.6 grade point average in communication studies. All of the women athletes, in fact, have done their share of giving back to BU and to the community while excelling in the classroom and on the field. Hallbergson, for instance, maintained a 4.0 while majoring in biology. She was with the Big Brothers,

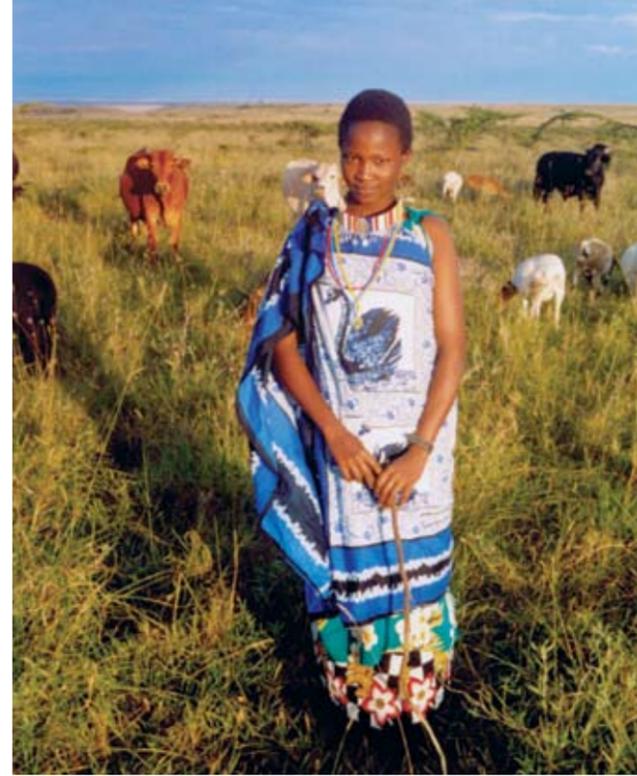
"We may not all have known one another, but I know what kind of life they must have lived in college," Hallbergson said. "The strict routines, the focus, working hard, the strong drive... I know what they all must be like, even though I don't know all of their ins and outs and personalities. But I also know they enjoyed it, and had the time of their lives." Lehman, too, said she feels camaraderie with her fellow nominees and even she sometimes marvels at what they've accomplished. "I didn't realize just how special it was until I got to hear, at the awards dinner, the two-minute summaries of what every athlete had accomplished throughout their four years," Lehman added. "It was just amazing; no other words could describe it. And then you think, 'how did we all have the time to do everything, like get the good grades and do community service, plus try and be a standout in sports?' These women who were finalists with me were all so remarkable, but it really didn't hit me until I met everyone else that morning (at the award's banquet), and I saw and heard what everyone else had done. It really puts things into perspective. They really were all special." And, like her fellow Barry finalists, they are certainly not stereotypical. ■

BY JASMINE KRIPALANI

Stirring a DREAM



TO FULFILL A PROMISE, BU CHANCELLOR SISTER JEANNE O'LAUGHLIN TRAVELED HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD AND RETURNED HOME WITH A BURNING ADMIRATION FOR AFRICA AND THE 'LIGHT OF ITS WOMEN'



SISTER JEANNE O'LAUGHLIN'S RECENT TRIP TO NAIROBI, KENYA began with a simple promise to a nun visiting Barry University in the early 1990s.

Sister Marie Therese Gacambi, a native of Kenya, had long dreamt of converting 100 acres of farmland ceded to her order, the Assumption Sisters of Nairobi, into a thriving university where young women and men could obtain higher education.

O'Laughlin had promised Sister Gacambi that when their first sister received her PhD, she would visit her in her homeland and help the Assumption Sisters of Nairobi achieve their goals.

One of the first sisters the Assumption Sisters sent to study at BU was Sister Candita Mukundi. After Mukundi earned her doctorate of philosophy in May of 2006, true to her word, O'Laughlin spent more than two weeks in the latter half of September traveling through a nation where educational opportunities for young women are scarce and girls as young as 9 are promised into marriage. As she boarded a British Airways flight to the capitol city of Nairobi, O'Laughlin recorded her thoughts in a journal:

Tuesday, Sept. 12

I am living now on grace, the gift that carries me to this far away land that I never dreamt of seeing or even wanted to see, but now I yearn to touch the soil of this land and seek to find ways to help it prosper through the dream of its people. If the clock turned back far enough the human family would all have been so poor. It is not color or IQ or poverty which ultimately is the determining factor. It is timing beyond our understanding that will raise these people far above anything we can imagine. Africa is just stirring and in that movement must shake the shackles loose so it can awaken with new vigor and strength. God seems to have left some people for last, however, "the first shall be last and the last shall be the first." In a small way I pray that I might help the stirring.

O'Laughlin spent hours helping the sisters put together a four-page proposal outlining the school's mission, a vital first step if they are to obtain the funding needed for their dream to take shape.

Although it could be many years before their dream becomes a reality, the sisters could begin laying its foundation much sooner. This fall the sisters hope to begin teaching in the conference rooms at a local hospital that belongs to them, St. Mary's Hospital.

According to the proposal O'Laughlin helped to draft, the university will initially be affiliated with the Catholic University of Eastern Africa in Nairobi and registered with the Ministry of Education Science and Technology. "To start with, they could do well with \$2 million," she said. "But the full master plan could take much longer to complete."

Saturday, Sept. 23

Today was the day I accomplished what I came here to do. I met with the sisters who have academic degrees or experience. We revised the proposal and then had a conversation about it and its implications. They all embraced the dream and were intent on not delaying. They have the courage to dare to move into unknown ways and take paths no women in Africa have dared to take. Starting a university is a mammoth undertaking but they're into it and ready to take the first step. Candita is the point person. She feels inadequate but she'll do it with the help of the six [other sisters]. I felt I helped give them direction and plan first steps for both the short and long term. It was inspiring to hear them talk about their past and their future.

O'Laughlin describes the site of the proposed university as peaceful, on a vast expanse of land overlooking Lake Elementaita, which is how the university received its name –Regina Pacis University (Queen of Peace). The land, which is about 100 kilometers from Nairobi, was ceded to the sisters for their work.

Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin is pictured below with Sister Marie Therese Gacambi (left), ASN, PhD, and Sister Candita Mukundi (right), ASN, PhD.





During her visit, O’Laughlin made time to visit with the Mukundi family. Something she at first resisted, but after meeting Sister Candita’s mother who had raised 12 children, she said she found God’s presence in the humble home.

Thursday, Sept. 21

From there we went to Sister Candita’s home. How can I explain that journey? Down paths of red sand and stones and mud and holes. I was upset to have been shanghaied into this trip – WAS I WRONG – the humble home, the older brother, the marvelous mother. It took my breath away and made tears flow to experience such a simple, holy family. Twelve children – the mother lives alone near a son – but in the village they all know and watch out for each other. What we would cast aside, they present with pride. Two sheds – one to store food and one to cook. It was too much for my middle-class mind to absorb. All I knew and could understand was that it was something wonderful, beautiful and holy. The roads scared me however for they are ‘holey’ in a different way!

Although Barry University would not be affiliated with the school, O’Laughlin said she hopes there can be faculty and student exchanges once the Kenyan university is established.

“My dream would be that we would help with the mentoring of faculty and help people to achieve their doctoral degrees,” she said.

In her diary, O’Laughlin also recorded her view of education and wrote about how much she admired the girls for having the courage to continue to dream and hope for a life that did not consist of early marriage and endless physical labor. She also describes the harsh living conditions with unpaved roads and various animals sharing those roadways with cars.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

What a day! Off we went at 9:30 in the morning to Baraka Oontoyie Girls School. We picked up Candita and then three hours later we were at the school. They were waiting for us in the midst of dry desert land, the land of the Maasai. After going down a rocky road (path) past butts, we finally reach the compound. It is a gray brick structure encircled by trees and bushes struggling to survive. There are also rocks galore to prevent mud during the rainy season. We were greeted by Sister Christina, the founder. She is surprised by her miracle in the midst of this wasteland. We met her faculty. There are too few with too many hours of work and no nearby place to live – nothing but dedication. They take pride. They have come up to a C+ in their school and eight girls have been accepted at universities but lack the money to get there. One wants to be a lawyer and return to protect girl children of her tribe. There are 250 girls in secondary school. They are promised in marriage as young as 9 years old and then there is no possibility of further schooling. But these girls are here. They perform a dance for us – a poem and a song. I talk to them with a heavy heart for a heaviness penetrates the small hall as if they know this is all there is. They smile and clap, but hope



Women perform a traditional dance at the St. Martin de Porres Secondary School.

*These beautiful women
anointed my hands so
when I touched the people
they would be my
people – my feet so
the land would be
mine and I would
walk safely on my
journey.*

lies still and, yet, they are there and they cling to the possibility that perhaps there is more than marriage, children and herding cattle and goats. We share tea at the convent and I leave them with a feeling of admiration at their courage. The girls are seen running to the corn field. They have to use that as their lavatory because of there is no running water. This is a boarding school and far better than their homes. It is sadness....

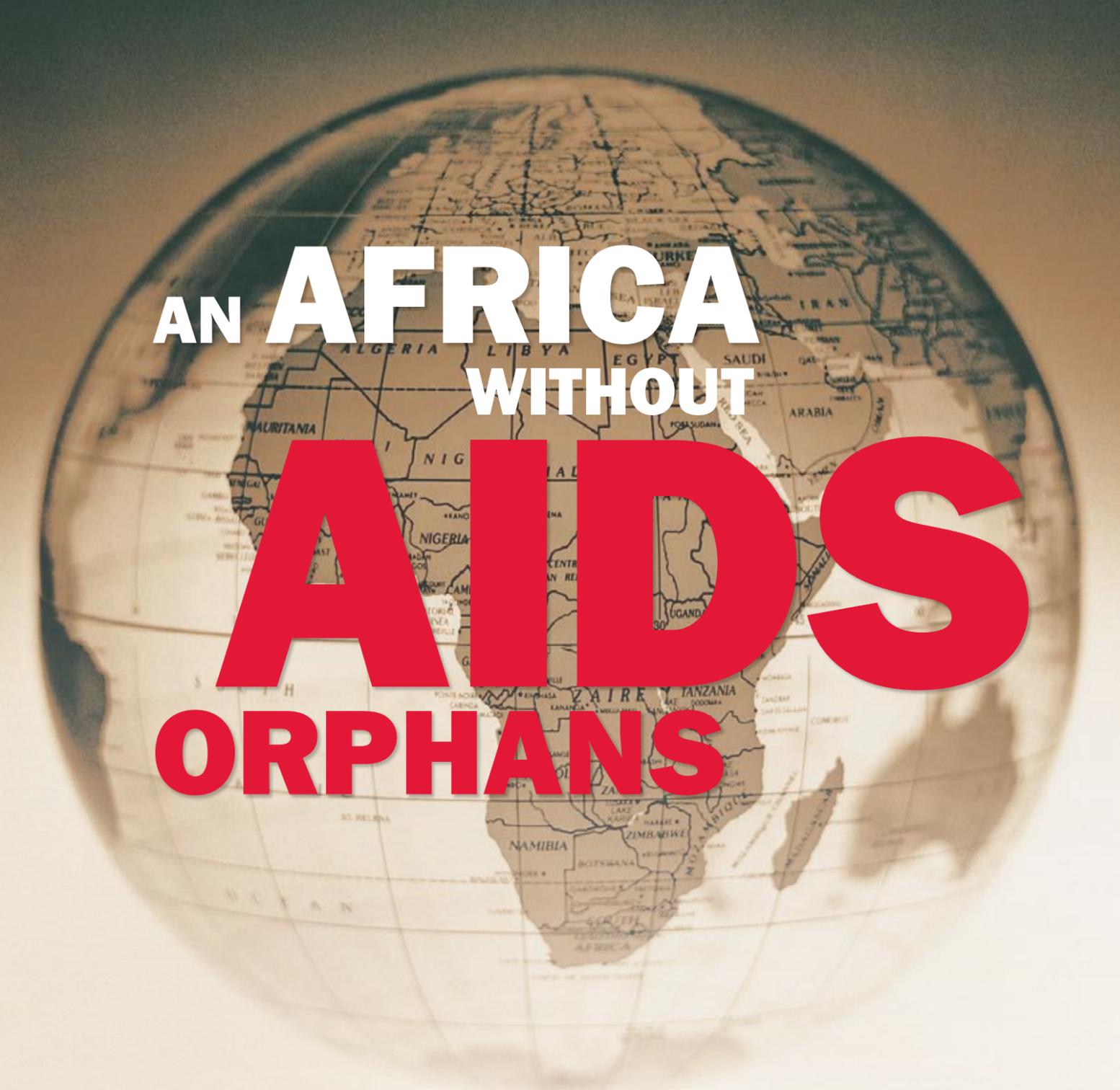
O’Laughlin said she has considered the possibility of continuing to helping them, but fears her age would slow them down.

“I’m not sure I would be a blessing. It’s important for Barry to be involved in the development of the third world,” she said. “When I was young we studied and heard of the Dark Continent. I believe it will be a continent of light in part because of its religious and educated women. Everyone we educate is a precious resource for this world.”

Wednesday, Sept. 27

I am packed and ready to go. I reviewed with them what I would try to do to help them but made no promises. How I would love to help them build the university, but that I guess is in the hands of the Lord. I will need some reflection time to integrate what I have seen and experienced here. I have seen poverty, fear and selflessness. I have been tired and scared and inspired. I resented and then admired. I have become impatient with words and then marveled at the reality of the actions – and more. I have been blessed to come to Africa the “Dark Continent” filled with the light of its women. ■

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AN AFRICA WITHOUT AIDS ORPHANS



BY FINDING WAYS TO INCREASE ADHERENCE TO DRUG REGIMES, DR. DEBORAH JONES, IS WORKING HARD TO STEM THE TIDE OF ZAMBIA'S **AIDS** EPIDEMIC

BY JASMINE KRIPALANI

A CHILD SLUNG ON HIS AUNT'S BACK – like a burden on her shoulders – came into a Zambian hospital. Seven-year-old Moses was malnourished and orphaned after his parents had died of AIDS.

Their disease was his inheritance. He was expected to die by the end of the week.

Meanwhile, Dr. Deborah Jones, 48, a behavioral scientist at Barry University, was in the sub-Saharan nation after successfully obtaining a \$1.2 million, five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to educate Zambians on reducing their AIDS risk. In this nation of 10 million people, slightly larger than the state of Texas, more than one million adults and their children are HIV positive. As a result, children are often orphaned at a young age.

The day Moses arrived, Jones happened to be waiting for someone in the lobby of the pediatrics wing at the University of Zambia's School of Medicine – the nation's only public hospital located in the capital of Lusaka.

She spotted Moses. He looked too ill to wait. After much maneuvering and pleading with hospital staff, she finally got him into a bed.

Moses was dressed in clothes too small for his age. The scars on his legs pointed to abuse. His aunt had other children to feed, and brought him to the hospital 10 miles away from her home with the

intention of leaving him there to die. In the Zambian language of Nyanja, one of the nurses told Jones that Moses was now all alone, implying that Jones had been trusted to care for him.

"Zambians speak in a way which is laden with intent," Jones said.

There, in the hospital room, where flies swarm around the ill faces, the American academic and the Zambian orphan – literally worlds and generations apart – learned to communicate with each other through actions and a few words in Moses' native Bemba.

Jones did what nurses are not required to do. She bathed him, fed him and, at times, entertained him.

"As he got stronger, I showed him something interesting. I had him take pictures," she said. "The ones he took are totally unusual. They're two feet off the ground. It's how the world looks through his eyes. He came back to life."

To everyone's surprise, Moses survived the week. By the second week, he was strong enough to stand up on his own allowing him to be transferred to the Kasisi Children's Home run by Catholic nuns just outside Lusaka. He's now 11 years old, and strong enough to take medication. Moses still lives at the orphanage with 259 other children.



Children from the Catholic-run Kasisi Children's Home (above) pose for a picture. Below, an image of daily life at the orphanage, dozens of baby suits are hung to dry.





WORKING AMID TABOOS

But in Zambia there are hundreds of thousands like Moses.

Jones works a 12-hour day in Zambia on two other grants totaling more than \$4 million. She and Dr. Stephen Weiss, University of Miami's vice-chair for behavioral science and research, oversee and administer a \$3.2 million, five-year grant, also from NIH.

One HIV-prevention program funded by the grant was originally aimed at women, but now includes 220 couples for counseling. Classes include instruction on the use of both male and female condoms.

"When we started the group sessions [aimed at] men and women, we were met with a positive response," Jones said. "Men said things such as that they were able to ask questions without feeling shame. What was missing was sexual communication and most people really don't talk about sex in the bedroom or in public in Zambia."

Added Weiss: "The focus is to reduce high-risk sexual behavior.



Abstinence is safest, but that usually gets a few laughs. Our goal is to reduce transmission."

Because of her work in Africa, Jones also serves as a consultant through the University of Alabama on a study of the use of microbicides to prevent the transmission of the HIV virus during sex.

A microbicide is a type of anti-bacterial agent, often found in household cleaners, which has been manipulated to be safe for human use. Although the product will not be available to the public for at least another five years, the ointment could one day empower women who would be able to use it to reduce their risk of contracting the HIV/AIDS virus.

According to the study, "this prevention strategy is urgently needed throughout the world because many individuals at high risk of transmitting or acquiring HIV infection cannot or will not use condoms with every act of sexual intercourse. Reasons for lack of effective condom use include power imbalances in relationships that result in the inability of the receptive partner to negotiate condom use, physical discomfort and decreased sexual pleasure."

Jones and her team also teach courses in which they encourage women to negotiate with their partners to wear a condom. But it's not easy, Jones said, because in Zambia, as in most countries around the world, sex is not discussed openly, even between partners.

"Most women and men feel anxiety about discussing sex because there is so much ego tied up in performance," she said. "I teach women and men to get in touch with the fear of the discussion and to recognize that the fear prevents communication. The next step is to find gentle ways to discuss sexual behavior that is not threatening or judgmental to their partners, and to share concerns about transmission of STDs and HIV. They are successful in implementation, but it is a process, and takes time."

The women who come to the counseling sessions often have several children at home and do anything they can to get by. Both partners often survive by selling candies or belts on the streets.

A PERSONAL FIGHT

Couples are taught how to prevent transmission not just in counseling sessions, but also through street theater.

About 50 nurses, counselors and doctors are on the project's payroll, including Zambian native Ndashi Chitalu, 60, a medical doctor and senior lecturer working on the project.

He said crowds often gather around the actors in the hospital's courtyard. There a man will act out how he was not cured, even after having been tattooed by a traditional healer. His aim is to reduce misconceptions about the healers who often serve up an herb concoction or even tell HIV patients to have sex with a child to rid themselves of the disease.



Opposite: Dr. Jones and her team use street theater to combat myths that surround AIDS. Opposite (below): Scores of children are abandoned at orphanages, in some cases, their parents have died of AIDS and no one is left to care for them. Above: Many young men earn a living selling household items. Here's an example of a sandal shop set up in a street market.

"Traditional medicine has been around for thousands of years, for various diseases," Chitalu said in a telephone interview.

Because of the integral role traditional healers play in Zambian culture, he is working on a project to measure the impact of herbal medicines on patients. The results must be turned into the government before he can discuss them.

Chitalu says he is one of the few Zambians who has decided to stay and help his country.

He studied public health at Tulane University in Louisiana after receiving his medical degree at the University of Zambia.

"I could have lived in Miami in 1991, but I decided that Zambia needed me more," he said.

It's a personal fight for Chitalu whose niece died of AIDS at age 25. She said nothing until it was too late.

"Stigma is in the families and the workplace," Chitalu said. "To fight this stigma is virtually impossible."

Often, women must hide their condition from their husbands

for fear that they will leave them. And many do.

LEAVING THE LIGHT ON

For Jones, the 12-hour working days in Zambia are filled with scheduling meetings and organizing paperwork to comply with the demands of the grant. They begin much like they do at Barry, with morning staff meetings. At midday, she meets with scientists to discuss their work and afternoons are reserved for calls to government officials.

She also administers a two-year, NIH-funded, adherence grant. The grant, totaling \$335,000, enables Jones and her team to find ways to increase the rate of adherence (or taking medication as prescribed) among Zambian AIDS and HIV patients. Often, patients will skip one or two doses - a lethal decision because it can lead to the disease becoming resistant to the medication.

Establishing a "buddy" system, Jones said, is one way to prevent patients from missing a dose. Instead of a health professional lecturing



on the importance of adherence, patients often listen to others who are also on medication.

“It has been found to be a very effective method of intervention,” Jones said.

One major problem her team cannot solve, however, is the hunger and poverty that abound in Zambia and the whole of sub-Saharan Africa. In the evenings, outside of Jones’ office, the light stays on. Hungry children catch grasshoppers drawn to the illumination to fry for dinner.

“Poverty underlines a lot of these problems [which the grants address],” she said.

Often Jones feels guilty eating, when others are hungry.

“I don’t throw away food anymore, no matter what it is,” Jones said. “I don’t waste things.”

‘OUT OF A JOB’

Although white scientists are often seen with distrust, Jones says that’s not the major obstacle to medication adherence.

“I don’t think distrust is at the top - it is probably hunger,” she said of reasons for patients not taking their medication. “The list of reasons for not taking medicines is huge; it includes stigma, distrust, hunger, nausea, side effects, poverty or the lack of funds to get the meds, even [to get to] the chemist, depression, forgetfulness [HIV causes damage to the brain], dislike of meds.”

Still, Jones says, historical injustices weave their way into the psyche of Zambians. White foreigners, often referred to as M’zungus, and their medicines, are sometimes viewed with skepticism.

“Zambians and many people around the world [Australian Aborigines, Native Americans, African Americans] know that there have been times in history when those who are in power have experimented on those who have less power or live in poverty. That is why all research must have an ethical review before beginning.

“We have to be sure to conduct our research with integrity, to try to repair the damage that was done in the past, but it is a process of building trust in the community through community leaders, health professionals, local stakeholders and the people themselves. We must be patient and understanding.”

Despite her obvious passion for Zambia and its people, Jones said that if she could achieve her goal of writing herself “out of a job,” it would mean Zambia’s own healthcare professionals and counselors were writing grants and implementing programs - an optimal scenario in Jones’s opinion because she firmly believes Zambians are best equipped to solve the problems of Zambians.

BACK TO MOSES

Jones’ s work began with a visiting medical professor from Zambia. Dr. Ganapati J. Bhat came to the University of Miami through a Fogarty Scholarship in the late 1990s.

He sat next to Jones during meetings or workshops and would often slip her notes.

“The notes said things like, ‘Malnutrition ward needs funds for vitamin supplements,’” Jones recalls. Or they would include harrowing statistics on how many children die in the pediatrics ward of the



Dr. Jones (right) visits with Moses (left) at the Kasisi Children’s Home during a recent trip to Zambia.

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University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka.

“He was the original inspiration for the work in Zambia,” Jones said. “It was his suggestion that we take our work to Zambia and work with the women there.”

Dr. Bhat died of a heart attack in 2004 on his way to his daughter’s wedding in India.

Now, Dr. Chitalu continues his legacy in Zambia.

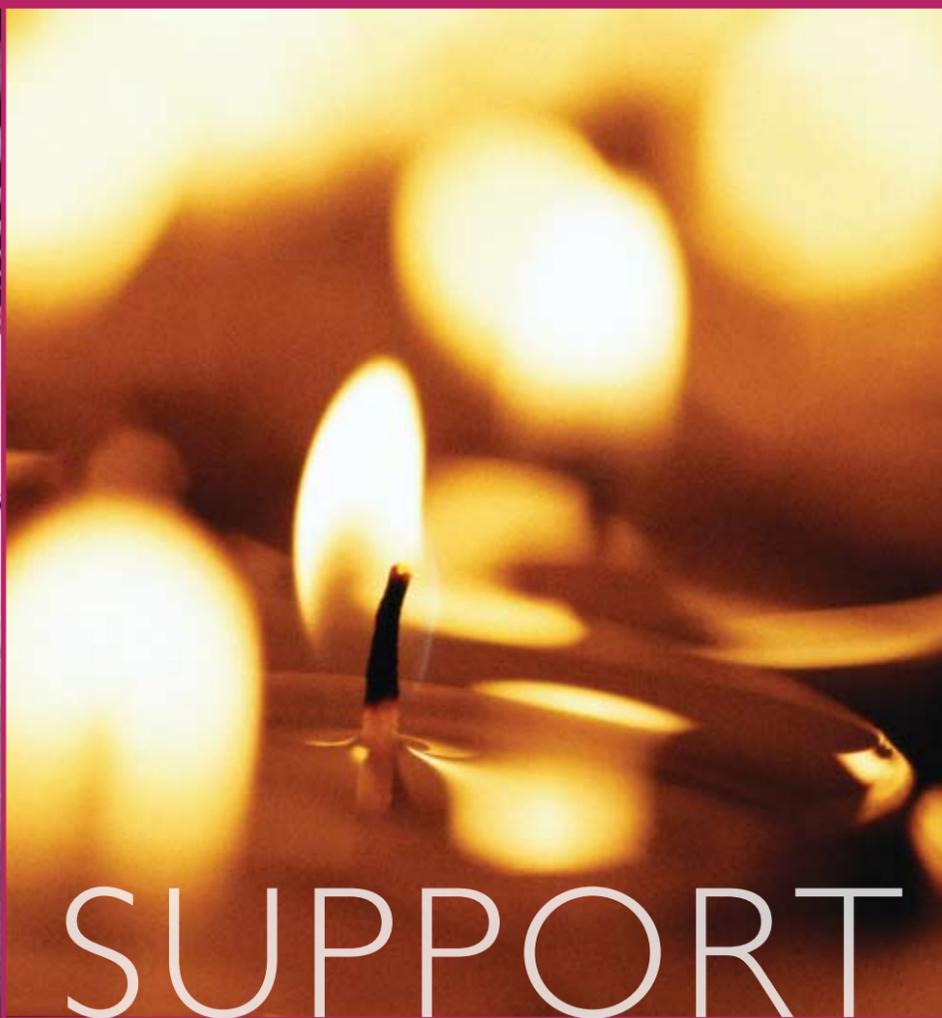
In the midst of all the routine and hard work, Jones finds time to visit Moses, at least once during her typical 10-day visits to the country every six months. With each trip, Jones takes with her a box

packed with toys, shoes and clothes for the orphanage. She said she accepts monetary donations to help the sisters at the orphanage.

She wrote about a recent trip in a word file titled, “Moses.”

Ten-year-old Moses is back at Kasisi Children’s Home, full of potato chips, chicken, fries, soft drinks and sweets. He’s got my number and he knows it; he’s known it since the first day I spent caring for him at the hospital over three years ago, when he turned his head away and cried when I left in the evening. Today, we spent the rainy afternoon in the arcade on the bumper cars, riding on helicopters, driving racing cars on racetracks and battling video images of the living dead. I see Moses is quick to make friends with other children; living at Kasisi has taught him to share and to play. He is polite and accepts whatever instruction I offer. He asks, I say yes or no, and he agrees to my direction without question, almost too easily. ■

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SOUL SUPPORT

LAST SUMMER 11 COMMUNICATIONS STUDENTS SPENT SIX WEEKS STUDYING IN THAILAND – AND LEARNED MORE THAN THEY EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE

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IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN CALLED THE SUMMER OF “MONK DODGING,” or “mai pen rai” or “temple hopping.” If you asked any of the 11 communication students who participated in Barry’s study abroad program in Thailand to describe their experience, you would no doubt get 11 different answers. But one fact stands out: the country, its people and the six weeks spent in a foreign land with relative strangers had a much greater effect on them than they imagined it would – an effect many referred to as “life-changing.”

“We went to Thailand expecting to be ourselves in a similar environment, when really it was quite the opposite,” said senior Christina Walker.

WHEN IN DOUBT... ‘WAI’

Immediately after she began posting announcements, Dr. Pawena Sirimangkala, a Thai native and professor of communication, began receiving inquiries about the six-week program, which allowed students to earn six upper-level credits — three for a class in intercultural communication taught by Sirimangkala and three for a class in documentary video production taught by communication department chair Dr. Denis Vogel.

Chiang Mai, located about 430 miles from Bangkok, would serve as the program’s base. Chiang Mai, or “new walled city” is surrounded by mountain ranges and, up until the 1920s when a railway line was constructed, was accessible only by river and elephant.

By the time the group was finalized, it included a mix of students from the United States and Latin America. Some were more experienced travelers, such as senior Gabby Salgado, who left her native Honduras when she was still in high school to study abroad in Quebec, Canada. Others, such as junior Ashlee Jabbour, had never traveled outside the United States. But, according to Sirimangkala, all 11 students who went on the trip had one thing in common — an open mind and a global perspective.

“It was a perfect group. They had a great deal of respect and open-mindedness. It didn’t come in a vacuum. I think they had parents who gave them a global perspective, and maybe it was also the result of Barry teaching and values.”

At pre-trip meetings Sirimangkala and Vogel instructed the students on Thai customs and traditions, such as “wai prah.” Known as the “wai,” the traditional Thai greeting is when you grasp two hands together and bring them towards your chin with your head bent slightly forward. It is used in greetings and farewells as a sign of

respect and acknowledgement. It is a practice that, once you start, is apparently hard to stop.

“When I got back to the states I was still bending down and ‘waiing’ people. A lot of us didn’t realize how much you absorb and pick up, especially when that’s what you’re there to do,” said graduate student Jesse Haggett.



From Left: Dr. Pawena Sirimangkala, Gabriela Salgado, Ashlee Jabbour and Christina Walker dressed in traditional Northern Thai costumes from the Lanna period, which reached its peak in the middle of the 15th century.

THE ART OF ‘MONK DODGING’

Once they arrived in Thailand, the students didn’t have to wait long to practice what they’d learned. By chance, the hotel where they stayed in Bangkok before traveling to Chiang Mai was hosting a U.N.-sponsored religious convention and was filled with Buddhist monks from around the world.

At first, this caused a bit of confusion as Thai custom dictates that passersby make way for monks on the street. The monks are also prohibited from touching women.

“At first, when we went to get on the elevator and there were monks inside, we weren’t sure what to do,” said Walker, “but then we could see from the monks’ faces that they were like, ‘it’s okay to come into the elevator, just don’t touch us.’”

The group’s desire to be respectful sometimes took a comical turn; hence, the term “monk dodging” was born.

“At first when we saw a monk coming, we would freeze. I think we overdid it. But after a while I just stepped aside for a couple of seconds and then went on my way,” Walker said.

THE MEANING OF LIFE

Although the hotel was the group’s first encounter with monks, it

certainly wasn't their last. Many of their daily three-hour inter-cultural communication classes were held in temples. There the students often had an opportunity to ask the monks questions, which Sirimangkala translated into Thai.

"If we tried to learn about Thailand and cross-cultural communication in Barry, it would be 'hearsay.' Yes, [we could learn that] Thailand has temples, but to see if for yourself and have classes in temples, to physically be there, it's completely different," Walker said.

In addition to being surprised at the monks' willingness to spend so much time "teaching" them, the students also found that this part of the trip was where they learned the most about themselves and their individual paths.

"I asked the monks a lot of questions about creationism and where we came from," said Salgado. "To the monks it wasn't as important. Their attitude was, 'we focus on today, not yesterday.'"

Admittedly skeptical at first, Salgado said she then realized that maybe the monks had just revealed, if not the key, then a key component to happiness.

"You definitely have to live today, not thinking about tomorrow or what happened in the past. You can't change the past. You can probably build a future, but if you spend so much time worrying about the past, you're not going to be happy anyway."



Dealing with anger and negative emotions was the focus of Christina Walker's questions. Some monks had a simple answer, while others gave a more in-depth response. According to Walker, however, they all conveyed the same message: "mai pen rai," which roughly translated means "let it be."

"If you hold onto something negative, it affects you and the way you are as a person. It's better to be strong and let it go, to bring a certain sense of detachment to it," she said. "To be honest, I haven't really mastered it, but the trip, the experience, has taught me I can keep trying."

THE POWER OF TATTOOS

Jesse Haggett used question and answer time with the monks to pursue the "legendary" tattooing monks.

Back at Barry, Dr. Vogel had directed the students to Web sites they could use to start identifying potential topics for the short documentary videos they were required to make. A site that dealt with Thai tattoos interested Haggett, who decided to make a documentary about the "tattooing monks."

There was only one problem. Since Buddhist monks generally shun body adornment, most are not big on tattoos. But after receiving a tip from a 'lay' tattoo artist in Chiang Mai, Haggett was finally able to fulfill his quest and, on his last day in Thailand, found himself in a taxi headed to Wat Bang Phra, a temple about 31 miles west of Bangkok where people wait in long lines to be tattooed by the temple's monks.

"Honestly, many of the people waiting in line were connected to Thai gangs," Haggett said. "But the monks feel it's better to be in a temple for one day to get a tattoo than not at all."

The tattoos are sought after, he explains, because they are thought to have legendary powers of protection. According to Thai folklore, when soldiers were tattooed by the monks, the flesh around the tattoo would rise up and protect them.

Before he went to the temple, Haggett wasn't sure if he was going to get a tattoo himself, but when the time came he decided that as long as he had come all this way, he might as well. After asking the monk what kind of tattoo he should get, he ended up with a tattoo of a temple and two birds.

"[The monk] said it was good luck for whatever you need good luck for," Haggett said. "He winked at me and said, 'good luck for lady.'"

Although it seemed like a good idea at the time, Haggett said he had second thoughts about the tattoo when he got back home.

"Then I thought, 'What if the tattoo has power, shouldn't it mean something to me?' To me it's a reminder of how free, adventurous, confident and strong I can be."

VIDEO DIARIES

Unlike Haggett, Ashlee Jabbour had to scrap her original idea for a documentary topic. Jabbour was deeply affected by the child prostitution she saw in Thailand and wanted to make it the focus of her documentary. She even wrote a story about it for the October 2006 issue of the *Buccaneer*, Barry's student newspaper. In her first-person



narrative she describes an encounter with a young girl at a bar where she had stopped to use the restroom:

Her name was Tam.... Her loud and sexually provocative lime-green dress struck me as a bit unusual on a girl who had barely even hit puberty. Speaking very little English, she used her hands to inform me that she was 12 years old. I tried to ask her what she was doing up so late, but she didn't understand me, and by the look of the scene, I could tell she was a prostitute. My friend and I pleaded with her to go home.... She just gave us a smile.

Due to safety concerns as well as practicality (that type of prostitution is not as prevalent in Chiang Mai as it is in Bangkok or the resort town of Pattaya) Vogel asked Jabbour to find another topic for her documentary. She settled on silk-making. Despite the initial roadblock, Jabbour said the experience reconfirmed that journalism is her calling and among her many ambitions is a desire to make documentaries that "raise awareness about things that go unheard and unspoken."

Senior Anibal Tineo, a native of Venezuela, also chose to make his documentary on Thailand's craft industry after being inspired by the mostly older workers at an umbrella factory.

"People come there to work and there was no pressure. They take their time. They use a machete to cut the bamboo and their fingers are very close to it.... In my country it's unusual to see older people working."

But choosing a topic was only the beginning. In the daily three-hour documentary video classes, students also spent a great deal of time scouting locations and storyboarding their videos.

"It's not just the idea [that's important when making a documentary], production values become very important, as do the scope and clarity of statement, the quality of the idea and the clarity with which the story is told. In order for stories to be engaging, they have to be personal," Vogel explained. "Jesse's was the most personal because he was the canvas, but it doesn't have to be about a personal topic. The personal touch can be the way you tell the story, what you emphasize."

WE ALL EAT

When talking about their experiences in Thailand 'respect' is a word

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heard over and over again. Many of the students were struck by the respect Thais seem to have for each other and their culture; most attribute it to the society's Buddhist roots. Jesse Haggett remembers one cab driver's response during a conversation about cultural differences.

"He said, 'you all eat, don't you? Thai, American we all eat, so what's the difference?'"

The friendliness of the Thai people really made an impression on Christina Walker, who was struck by the fact that wherever she went in Thailand people would smile and point at her, single her out.

"Thai people would say to Dr. S, 'Tell her she has a beautiful smile, beautiful skin, she's very pretty. It was really incredible,'" said Walker, who is African American. "It's not that I'm not told that here, but I'm not used to receiving special attention from strangers. It was odd to think I might be the first black person someone saw because in Thailand they're used to seeing lighter skinned tourists."

The trip also made Gabby Salgado think about our society's rampant materialism.

"I learned to be detached from material things. It's something I'm trying hard to do, but it's hard because even if you do it, people around you don't," she said. "If they know you're not materialistic, you'll find yourself alone. If you say that you'd rather go to a nice park (than the mall), people don't want to go there. If you buy a Corolla rather than an Audi, people are like, 'what's wrong with you?'"

MEMORIES AND CULTURE SHOCK

Despite the students' individual impressions and experiences during the study-abroad program, a common factor was the culture shock they experienced upon returning home. Although anxious to share details of their trip with friends and family, many of the students said it was hard to explain exactly what they had experienced.

"In six weeks I had learned so much and my friends really hadn't done anything except go out and party, but I had," said Jabbour.

Whether the trip awakened a desire to return to Thailand as it did in Christina Walker, who noted that upon leaving "she had a feeling she'd return to Thailand and take someone else with her," or a desire to travel the world, as it did in Jesse Haggett, all of the students agreed that the six weeks they spent in Thailand were not only educational and "eye-opening," but time they'll never forget.

"There are certain points in life, memorable moments, and I do believe the Thai trip to be one of those moments I'll keep with me no matter what," Haggett said. "I don't know when I'll go to another country with 10 complete strangers again and talk to them like they were my brother or sister." ■

Picking Up the Pieces

WITH SUPPORT FROM BARRY, RESIDENTS IN ONE BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA, COMMUNITY ARE WORKING TO CLEAN UP THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD

By Michelle Sheldone

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG RESIDENTS of Ciudad Kennedy are rare, high unemployment rates and drug trafficking are common. Humble brick homes in this depressed and densely populated community in southwest Bogotá intermingle with high-rises and tarp-roofed shacks lacking water and electricity.

There are, however, a few points of hope amid the savannah's poverty, crime and ever-accumulating litter.

And a Barry University partnership in Bogotá aims to help one of them – a youth-led volunteer recycling effort – establish a solid foundation so that its positive effects can continue.

“The youth community members really believe in doing a project that will help the community. They have a really high [sense of] social responsibility,” observed Dr. Carlos Largacha-Martinez.

Largacha -Martinez is affiliated with the Universidad Santo Tomas-based Center for Plural Thought.

The center, comprising sociology faculties from Barry, Santo Tomas and the University of Miami, works to improve neighborhoods and empower students and the community through research and service learning intervention.

“Our idea was . . . that, yes, we [in the university] have some important ideas and research . . . but that's not the only kind of knowledge that exists,” said Barry Sociology and Criminology Chair Karen Callaghan. “We have to understand the community knowledge as well. They've had experiences we don't know about.”

The flat terrain of Kennedy is rich with wetlands and is bordered by the Fucha and Bogotá rivers. The area gets its name from an urbanization project begun in 1961. The project was financed in part by the John F. Kennedy-supported Alliance for Progress that sought to develop and modernize Latin American countries through health and education reform and other strategies. That same year, Kennedy visited the city, then known as Ciudad Techo; in 1963, it was renamed for him.

Genesis RADES, an all-volunteer Catholic youth group, established the volunteer recycling effort less than a decade ago as one of several community-oriented endeavors, and the Center for Plural Thought students recommended it for their first service-learning project.

Bogotá's two for-profit recyclers buy in bulk, and residents tend to allow trash to build up around their homes or funnel through a straight waste management system.

“Right now in Colombia. . . there's little to no recycling,” Lar-



gacha-Martinez said. “They're just starting to think that way. [And] there's a lot of potential economically, socially and environmentally.”

It was Largacha-Martinez who was responsible for the initial contact between Barry and Santo Tomas, according to Callaghan. He was completing his PhD at the University of Miami while working as part-time faculty at the Bogotá university.

Santo Tomas, which has a Dominican heritage, wanted to develop a relationship with what they saw as their “sister” institution in Miami Shores, Callaghan noted.

Over the past three years, the Sociology and Criminology Department has sponsored academic conferences and worked with Santo Tomas on establishing a service-learning program. In August 2005, the Center for Plural Thought opened, providing a base to support service-based learning initiatives. In October, Barry and Santo Tomas formalized an exchange agreement for study abroad programs and continued international conferences and workshops.

Santo Tomas students who volunteer with the center have been working with the teens and young adults at Genesis RADES to educate residents of Ciudad Kennedy about the need for a cleaner environment and ways they can help accomplish that. They also collect recyclables, relying on private homes and a church center for storage.

“With the help of the [Santo Tomas] center and the university, [the volunteers] have become more enthusiastic for continuing this project,” Largacha -Martinez said.

But the volunteers need to earn a living as well, and so participation and progress over the years has fluctuated. Genesis RADES's leader may have to abandon the project for a time in order to take a minimum-wage job, noted Largacha-Martinez.

It's one of the reasons The Center for Plural Thought wants to help the group establish a non-profit recycling organization. The center, through grant applications and fundraisers, is seeking \$5,000 to \$10,000 that would cover initial salaries and the cost of buying or renting vehicles, equipment and an administrative and storage base.

“It would not only [bring] the benefits of recycling and cleanup of the community, but it could become a type of economic development as well, and begin providing jobs for people and stability in the community,” Callaghan said. ■

>In Our Own Backyard

GUARDIAN ANGELS

BY MICHELLE SHELDONE

TUCKED INTO A SMALL SUITE IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SOCIAL WORKERS FROM THE BARRY-RUN PUBLIC GUARDIAN OFFICE WORK LONG HOURS TO PROTECT BROWARD'S MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS

IT'S A TUESDAY IN LATE FALL AND MAYRA AMADOR-GUENETTE is working from “the heart.” She is meeting a 91-year-old woman with Alzheimer's for a PET scan. A stomach tumor has left the diminutive elderly woman with severe anemia and mounting medical bills. Amador-Guenette, a social worker representing the office of the Broward County Public Guardian, a program run by the School of Social Work at Barry University, has convinced the assisted living facility where the woman resides not to increase the cost of room and board beyond what her late husband's pension covers. She has also arranged for \$5 monthly payments toward her medical bills.

“It's a calling,” Amador-Guenette said. “I've always had a passion for helping people. You have to have it in your heart.”

Public guardians are appointed by the courts to individuals who do not have family or friends to care or make decisions for them and who lack the financial means to pay someone, such as an attorney, to help them do so.

The guardian's role is to look out for the overall well-being of clients, making sure, among other things, that they are in the best residential setting, are being appropriately cared for and receive the government benefits to which they are entitled.

Currently, there are 16 local public guardian programs in 23 of the state's 67 counties, some run by non-profit organizations, others by attorneys, but the Broward County office is the only one in the state to be run by a school of social work at a university — Barry.

“I believe, and the dean before me believed, that it's a school of social work's responsibility to lend its expertise to community service and community development. In addition to educating our students, it's about the school giving back,” said current School of Social Work Dean Debra McPhee, who noted that the “long-time collaboration is unique in its relationship among county, state and university resources.”

A NEW MODEL

States and localities have been looking for ways of addressing the “unbefriended” population since the 1960s and in Florida the need to find innovative solutions is particularly pressing.

“The need across the state is tremendous. There's a high incidence of people who are indigent, who have no family or friends.



Clockwise: Mujeeb Raza, Mayra Amador-Guenette, Eloisa Roses-Ramos (seated), Sarina Ortiz and Pam Laconis pictured here in their office in the Broward County courthouse.

They retire here from other parts of the country and leave family. They age, and they're alone. They become incapacitated. Somebody has to help with decision making,” Broward County Judge Mel Grossman said, noting that the model created by the BU School of Social Work serving as the public guardian in Broward County could serve as a statewide model.

As a Broward County administrative probate judge, Grossman contacted former Barry University President Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, OP, PhD, because he felt the work was best handled by social workers. He selected Barry, in part, because he knew of O'Laughlin.



“Part of the work of social workers is to bring the ‘heart’ and other dimensions of caring to situations,” O’Laughlin said. “Others might not be as aware of the human condition.”

BU’s School of Social Work, under the direction of former dean Steve Holloway, eagerly undertook the challenge of running the Office of the Public Guardian, viewing it as an opportunity not only to educate its students but to serve the community.

“Taking on the Broward Public Guardian program offered the School of Social Work a unique opportunity to connect our commitment of quality education with our commitment to community service,” McPhee said. “I believe the university-community partnership and model we have created speaks to the strongest of the core values of the Barry University mission.”

FINDING FULFILLMENT THE SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE WAY

The program operates out of a small suite shared with court interpreters at the Broward County Courthouse in Fort Lauderdale. There, Executive Director Eloisa Roses-Ramos, the only registered guardian, delegates responsibilities to three social workers, who are aided by student interns.

“There’s a certain social responsibility to make sure the elders and those who are incompetent in our community are taken care of,” Roses-Ramos said. All of the office’s social workers are graduates of Barry’s School of Social Work, and the interns are School of Social Work students. Administrative assistant Sarina Ortiz is studying law at Barry.

“It’s like a little family,” said Ortiz — a former New York City paralegal and mother to five children aged 4 to 14. “This is my second home. And it’s the first job I had that I actually enjoy coming to work.”

Amador-Guenette, who has a 22-year-old daughter, Alexis, earned her master’s degree in social work at Barry after deciding the corporate world was not for her. She majored in business at Connecticut State University, but did not feel fulfilled. On the recommendation of an instructor, Amador-Guenette switched her major and discovered her life’s mission. She came to the public guardian

office after having worked in hospice counseling and hospital discharge planning.

“To me, this is sort of like true social work,” Amador-Guenette said. “I wanted to follow my heart, versus following where the more competitive salaries were. “I call it coming back to . . . the original mission of social work, which is really working for the most vulnerable population — the people who are there, but not visible.”

COLORED BY SADNESS

Social workers like Amador-Guenette spend Tuesdays and Thursdays with clients and the rest of the 40-hour workweek handling paperwork and taking telephone calls in the office. They utilize the conflict resolution, advocacy, communication, problem solving and negotiating skills learned in social work training, but their devotion to clients comes from within.

“A lot of people in the community are not aware that we have a population of individuals who have no one to care for them,” Amador-Guenette said.

Although she has been at the office for a year and a half, Amador-Guenette still recalls one of her first clients - a 46-year-old Vietnam veteran whose wife and children died in an automobile crash. The man tried to overdose and, instead, became mentally incapacitated. Amador-Guenette negotiated terms with institutional facilities to find him a home that would accept his limited Veteran’s Administration pension. She also transported him back and forth to a VA Hospital in Miami for medical and psychiatric care and took him shopping for clothing, shoes and other necessities. The veteran is still under the care of the public guardian but has a permanent home to help fill many of his needs, Amador-Guenette said.

“It’s always been sort of like a mission for me to help people,” she said. “It leaves you with a good feeling after you know you helped someone out.”

But sometimes, it’s the social workers who need support, and they provide it to each other by lending an ear and words of encouragement. The majority of Broward County public guardian clients are aged 65 and older and the rate of “turnover” as a result of those who die is high, Roses-Ramos said.

“When one person is affected by something that’s going on in their caseload, we’re all affected,” Ortiz said. “It’s not like it’s a big office. We’re all here.”

The case of a former military man living with his bedridden wife in a nursing home illustrates how even successes on the job are often colored by sadness.

When the man died of respiratory complications, social worker Pam Laconis worked to ensure that his wish to be buried in uniform was fulfilled. She also helped arrange a viewing for his wife.

“It’s very rewarding but . . . very upsetting at the same time,” Laconis said. “They’re at the mercy of their caregivers.”

GROWING NEED FOR ‘UNsung HEROES’

Those at the mercy of caregivers also are increasing in numbers. Although California has the highest number of elderly residents in the country, Florida, which ranks second, has the highest per capita elderly population, the U.S. Census reports.

“The population is aging,” Roses-Ramos said. “There’s a need for increased funding.”

A recent Government Accountability Office report reflected that Broward’s public guardian probate court was one of the most active. And respondents cited that, given a choice and in specific circumstances, they would want the Broward probate court to monitor their guardianship for them over any other.

Social workers representing the public guardian office visit clients monthly and more frequently as needed, though state statute only requires quarterly visits.

Each Broward public guardian social worker handles 40 clients, the maximum allowed by the state, and the waiting list of 30 is growing, according to Roses-Ramos.

Sarina Ortiz keeps busy filing legal papers with the probate court and for the office’s 160 clients. For the state, which funds the Broward Public Guardian program, an advantage of Barry University’s involvement is that “[School of Social Work] students have to intern to graduate,” said Michelle Hollister, executive director of the Statewide Public Guardianship Office in the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. “So you get these eager students . . . coming in to the program and they’re able to supplement permanent staff.”

School of Social Work student interns shadow professional social workers before checking on clients on their own. And they’ve been instrumental in getting the uncommunicative to respond, and the bonds they form are “amazing,” according to Hollister.

Pam Laconis, a former intern, became a social worker at the public guardian office after seeing how the social workers she was assigned to work with were “unsung heroes dedicated on all fronts to people really in need of services.”

The internship provided a “hands-on experience you can’t get in textbooks,” said Laconis who, to this day, remembers her first internship call. It was to a client in a nursing home who was so riddled with arthritis that his legs and feet were purple. Dementia also had set in. Another client, severely deformed as a result of cerebral palsy, was incredibly sad to see Laconis depart from a visit.

“You’re in the world of the mobile,” the woman explained. “You can come and go as you please.”

And that struck a chord with Laconis. “It’s something most of us take for granted,” she said, “[it] opened up a whole new doorway of empathy for me.

‘UNIVERSAL’ RESOURCES

The interns earn a stipend of \$3,000 per semester to serve as aides to social workers, and the program as a whole operates contingent upon state funding, which is \$350,000 a year. But even government-funded programs receive some pro bono assistance. Broward County provides space for the public guardian program in its courthouse building and pays for utilities, while attorney Maxine Long, a partner at Shutts & Bowen, represents the office at no cost.

The university as a whole “puts in countless in-kind hours,” Roses-Ramos said, calling Barry’s program a cost-effective option that saved the state an estimated \$30,000 in the last fiscal year.

“The foundation of social work practice is a person-in-environment perspective which lends itself especially well to the needs of public guardian clients,” said McPhee.

One of the challenges for the public guardian program has been gaining public exposure. While important, growing public awareness can be problematic due to the lack of sufficient funding necessary to respond to county needs. Since the vulnerable can be referred to the program by anyone who feels someone is in need, as more people learn about it, referrals — and the number of names on the office’s waiting list — increase.

A good number of Broward referrals come from hospitals and nursing home facilities. Telephone surveys based on referrals are followed by in-person social worker assessments and, if the individual

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meets public guardian criteria, the person making the referral petitions the court. Examining committee members randomly selected by the court — including a psychiatrist, psychologist and clinical social worker — then conduct individual interviews, and the case goes to a general magistrate who then makes a recommendation to the deciding judge.

A TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY

After his parents died, a severely mentally impaired man in his 50s was referred to the Broward Public Guardian’s office.

Amador-Guenette heads to check on him after she sees her 91-year-old client safely on to a nursing home bus. She finds her second charge of the day in a common room at the group home where he lives, sleeping, his head down on a tray strapped to his rocking chair.

Because he is unable to eat, his body is attached to a feeding tube. “Hola,” Amador-Guenette says in greeting the man.

At the sound of her voice, the gentle touch of her hand on his shoulder, the man raises his head, rolls his eyes and then returns to his nap.

He had a late night, a group home aide informs Amador-Guenette. She checks his room for cleanliness, asks a group home director about a recent neurological exam, reviews his activity calendar and then suggests that they take him for a haircut.

Without a public guardian, nobody would check on him. Nobody would be there for him,” Amador-Guenette said. “We have an overwhelming responsibility to make sure all the needs of vulnerable individuals are being met, that they’re not being abused or neglected and that they’re not alone.” ■

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The Fruits Of Our Labor

HOW BARRY IS HELPING MIGRANT FARM FAMILIES IN SOUTH FLORIDA

By Jeremy Jones, jsjones@mail.barry.edu

THE TROCHE FAMILY IS MIGRATORY, TRAVELING THE state looking for jobs that pay the best wages. Yet despite the transient nature of their work, Virginia Troche, a dedicated wife and mother of four, received her GED in Spanish in 2003 as part of the High School Equivalency Program offered by Barry University. Two of her children were enrolled in the Even Start Family Literacy Program and, this past August, the Troche's eldest daughter, Gabriela, began her first year of college at Barry as part of the College Assistance Migrant Program known as C.A.M.P.

"I am grateful for what the migrant programs offered me, because they allowed me to get my GED, tutor my children, send my eldest child to Barry, and even learn a little bit of English despite the fact that we have struggled economically at times," Troche said.

Barry University's work in the migrant community began in 1998 with a small initiative - known as Mecha grant - to help the children of migrant farmers in Homestead, Florida, stay in touch with their teachers at school and keep up with their homework. Funded by the Florida Department of Education, Barry University's Office of Migrant Education used the four-year grant of approximately \$300,000 per year to purchase Web TV devices for nearly 100 children.

For most of these families it was their first connection to the world of high technology. For Barry, it was the beginning of a relationship that would change the lives of these migrant families forever. Located about two miles off Florida's Turnpike in Homestead, this community, known as the South Dade Farm Worker Housing Center, consists of mostly low-income families working hard to earn an honest day's pay. For the past eight years, Barry has worked to provide these families with the tools they need to be successful academically and in life.

From programs that help migrant parents earn their GEDs to others that enable a child to become the first member of his family to attend college, Barry's presence in the community can be felt in many homes.

"This gives them the opportunity to do things they never would have been able to do," said Sonja Montas-Hunter, director of Barry's Office of Migrant Education. "They never even thought they could go away to college. Our programs are in correlation with Barry's mission to provide quality education within a caring environment."

The Even Start Family Literacy Program, High School Equivalency Program, Governor's Family Literacy Initiative, and Reading Is Fundamental (R.I.F.) program are among the programs



Barry has implemented at the South Dade Farm Worker Housing Center. Each designed to provide the necessary tools for migrant families to further their education, and more than 500 families have benefited from the work Barry has done in Homestead since 1998, according to Montas-Hunter. Similar programs are also being implemented in Collier and Palm Beach counties.

The Florida Department of Education awards Barry an annual grant worth approximately \$420,000 to operate the Even Start program, which Barry initiated in Homestead in 2002. With these funds, Barry is able to teach adult education, early childhood education and parenting skills that emphasize the importance of parents and children spending time together. The Even Start office is located at the Housing Center, and 45 families reap the benefits of this program every day.

Funded by state and private funds, R.I.F. is the most recent program implemented by Barry at the Housing Center. Through this three-year program Barry is able to provide migrant children with new books.

One of the most successful ventures has been C.A.M.P. Through this program, Barry is able to help the children of migrant families attend college at Barry or Miami-Dade College. For the past five years, Barry has been using this grant, which is approximately \$335,000 per year, to help 30 students pay for room and board, tuition and books. There are currently six students enrolled in Barry as a result of C.A.M.P.

"It opens more doors for them. Without these programs they wouldn't know there is help out there," said Montas-Hunter, who added that most migrant families take advantage of all the programs offered to them. "Some of these kids are becoming the first in the families to graduate."

And for Virginia Troche, her daughter's enrollment in college holds the promise of a different kind of life for future generations of her family.

"I tell my daughter, Gaby, that in order not to work as much for as little pay as we get, she must continue to educate herself," Troche said. "I'm confident that with the assistance of the migrant program at Barry, Gaby won't have it as tough as we did." ■

THE FEW, THE LUCKY... *the furry*

Miami Shores strays get a new lease on life thanks to BUCKI

By Jasmine Kripalani

SOME ARE ATTACKED BY OTHER animals. Others are struck by cars. The ones that escape such fates still wander without food, water or proper shelter.

For the thousands of abandoned or stray cats and dogs throughout South Florida the ultimate destination is the animal shelter where those that aren't adopted are euthanized.

But those lucky enough to be found wandering around Barry University in Miami Shores have much brighter futures.



Since 2001, the Barry University Cats and Kittens Initiative (BUCKI) has saved the lives of nearly 200 stray cats and about two dozen dogs, according to Paul Higgs, assistant professor of chemistry who acts as a faculty advisor for the student-run program.

At a recent pet adoption fair at the R. Kirk Landon Student Union, homeless domesticated tabby cats and playful kittens were eyed by prospective owners.

Six-week-old Onyx, a Domestic Short Hair, mewed at his new owner Luis Torres, 20.

"It's for my girlfriend," said Torres, a pre-med major, as he held the squirming

kitten in his hands. "She cried to me about it because her cat is getting old."

Once spotted by students who are members of BUCKI, stray cats, kittens and dogs are picked up and taken to a local veterinarian, Dr. John Yao. There, cats are dewormed, spayed or neutered for a fee of \$70 to \$100 depending on the level of care.

"It's a humanitarian effort," Yao said.

Marilyn Arkin, Yao's office manager, said their clients are sometimes matched with strays found through the program.

"We'll call [our clients] and let them know if there's one up for adoption," Arkin said.

The Miami-Dade County animal shelter picks up or receives about 80 to 100 stray dogs and cats per day on average. And, on average, about 21,000 cats and dogs are put to sleep in the county each year, said Robert Santos-Alborna, the assistant director for Miami-Dade Animal Services.

Last year only 1,200 pet owners came to the shelter to reclaim their lost, four-legged companions.

"That's only about four percent," Santos-Alborna said. "We need responsible pet owners. The message is that as a community we need to be more mindful and spay and neuter our pets. It's so sad that we have to put down 20,000."

But with the help of student volunteers, cats and dogs found at Barry are kept at their homes until a suitable adoptive "parent" can be found, said Dr. Higgs.

"If they are feral cats, they stay on campus and eat at various discreet sites," he said.

But money needs to be raised every couple of months to pay for the vet visits.

That's where Alexis M. Caldwell, 24, a



senior majoring in biology, and the group's president, comes in.

"I liked what it stood for," said Caldwell who at age 9 had her first black and white cat named B-White. "I'm a big cat lover and I was attracted to this."

Caldwell has organized dog washes at Poinciana Park in Hollywood. On a recent Saturday, the group washed 20 dogs in five hours and collected \$250.

"We don't have an operating budget," Higgs said. "Funds come in and animals go to the vet."

Sandy Southmayd, class of 1963, said she houses as many cats as necessary until proper homes are found for them. She had been caring for Onyx for three weeks before Torres adopted the furry, black kitten.

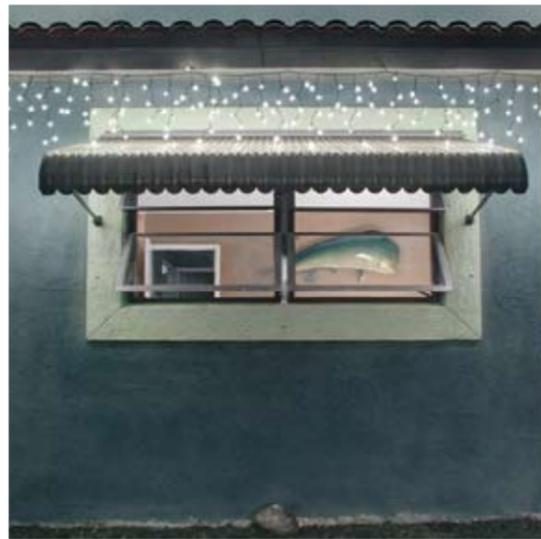
Southmayd said good-bye to Onyx by holding him in the palm of her hand and stroking his head.

Their numbers fluctuate, but sometimes Southmayd said she finds herself caring for more than a dozen cats at a time. She and Higgs often pay for their food, medication and vet visits because the club doesn't raise enough money to cover the costs.

"This is full-time for me," Southmayd said. "The cats stay with either Paul or me. It's a labor of love." ■



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BLACK, WHITE AND CLAY

Barry's Fine Arts Department presented an exhibit of clay works by Professor Angela Curreri and hand-painted black and white photographs by Professor Silvia Lizama. Curreri, a ceramic artist for more than 35 years, exhibited tree sculptures and collages from her sabbatical in Italy as well as assemblages from items found in her late grandmother's home. Lizama, a photographer for more than 30 years, exhibited 10 hand-painted black and white photographs from her new series "Windows" and 25 images from previous work. Lizama's "Windows" series are photographs of windows in her neighborhood that reveal

"snapshots of the lives of others." Both artists' work was on display in the Monsignor William Barry Memorial Library art gallery on Barry's main campus Oct. 27 – Dec. 1.

SPIRITUAL HEALING

Barry University's Africana Studies program and the office of Black Catholic Affairs at the Archdiocese of Miami hosted the Deep River Series on Nov. 10. The traveling benefit concert raised more than \$2,000 for Xavier University in New Orleans which sustained heavy damage during Hurricane Katrina. BU was the second location on the five-stop concert tour that featured opera and spiritual music performed by Dara Rahming, a former Xavier student, with piano accompaniment by Dr. Lester Green.

Rahming said her personal connection to Xavier as well as its importance as the nation's only historically black Catholic university was the inspiration behind the concert series.

MOZART MANIA

Barry's Fine Arts Department hosted Mozart Festival 2006, a three-day event filled with musical performances and demonstrations to celebrate the composer's

250th birthday. To kick off the festival, Barry faculty members Drs. Dan Ewing, Alan Mason, Giselle Rios and the Barry University Chamber Ensemble gave a brief lecture on Mozart's influence on 18th century art, architecture and music. "Burleska" and "Alleluia" were just two of the many pieces performed during the festival.

DRAMA QUEENS

Barry University's Fine Arts Department presented "The Miracle Worker," a play based on the life of Helen Keller. Junior Courtney Gillens portrayed Keller, while junior Rosanna Hurt played the role of Annie Sullivan, the teacher who changed the deaf, dumb and blind woman's life. The play, directed by Dr. Hugh Murphy, assistant professor in BU's Fine Arts Department, ran from Oct. 26 – 29 in Broad Auditorium on Barry's main campus. Approximately 600 people attended the three performances of the play which first appeared on Broadway in 1959 and was later turned into a major motion picture.

"The story itself is magical, but being able to shape and evolve the character of Helen Keller and bring it to life was an emotional and phenomenal experience as a whole," said Gillens.

SINGIN' IN THE HOLIDAYS

The Barry University Fine Arts department conducted its annual Holiday Choral Program Dec. 2 in the Cor Jesu Chapel. The Barry University Chamber Ensemble, the University Chorale and the South Beach Chamber Ensemble joined together to put on the highly anticipated event. "We do events all throughout the year for different organizations on campus, but this event is purely for us to showcase our talent to the Barry community," said student choir member Karl Liggins.



The Miracle Worker



The Miracle Worker



Holiday Choral Program





Sister Dorothy Guettler

At Home In Adrian

DOMINICAN SISTERS REFLECT ON THEIR ROOTS IN ADRIAN, AND WHAT THE MOTHERHOUSE MEANS TO THEM TODAY

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"I have seen Adrian grow. Once it was a young tree planted to produce a holy fruit. Now its seeds spill over the earth."

THEIR PATHS FIRST CROSSED 75 years ago. Or maybe it was 70 years. Perhaps, after thinking about it some more, they both agreed, it could have even been as few as 67. Either way, it was just a year, a number, a point in time for two women who now found themselves just a few hundred yards from where they first

met almost seven decades ago.

"It was a different time back then," said Sister Judith Shield, OP, now seated on a comfortable couch amidst the quiet, modern facility that is the Dominican Life Center in Adrian, Michigan. "Did Maura tell you just how many people she's known from when she was at Barry? I don't mean to imply that she's older than me, but she's ... well,

Maura, how long has it been since you were at Barry? 1950?"

"1955," answered Sister Maura Phillips, OP, who is seated just across from Shield.

Though it's a snowy day in lower Michigan, the two sisters are oblivious to the weather. Neither one has been outside recently. No reason to, not when everything they need is right at their fingertips. A caring facility. A peaceful environment. A chapel. And friends.

"Everybody knew Maura back then," Shield laughed. "And they still all know Maura. We've known each other since about what, 19? Have we answered that yet?"

"No, not yet," Phillips said.

"But we're still friends, from then to now," answered Shield.

And it still didn't matter just how long it has been.

"Adrian today is a point in time... neither beginning nor end ... but encompassing both in the moment that is now."

—Sister Noreen McKeough

That's the thing about the Dominican Life Center, and, attached to it through a maze of underground hallways, Madden Hall and Weber Center. It's as though time stands still on the southeast grounds of the Adrian Dominican Sisters and Siena Heights University, in this little Michigan town, a good 45 minutes away from the nearest "big" town. It's just, well, different.

"It's special," answered Shield. "It's true, it's special here in Adrian, and you learn that from the very day you first walk in the door. You get here with your mom and dad when you're a just a kid, and they don't pretend to break you in. No, they just present it out there, and you just pick it all up as you go along. You hope your mom and dad did a good job, and from there on out, they just look for your talent!"

Shield drifts back to a time that no



longer exists. When she, Phillips, and many of the 200-plus Adrian Dominican Sisters who currently live in the Dominican Life Center first arrived - most back in the 1930s, 40s and 50s. Looking to change their lives by becoming Adrian Dominican Sisters, they were welcomed at the front door of Madden Hall by more than 100 soon-to-be fellow sisters. Their parents, more often than not already in the Hall, would just watch, as their daughter's new family welcomed them to their new world. And then, as Shield said, they would find their respective "talents."

"We had one sister who was the registrar at (then-Siena Heights College) who knew each and every one of us, and she indicated that my talent was science," recalled Sister Dorothy Guettler, OP, who graduated from then-Barry College in the 1970s. "I just so happened to like science, so it worked out."

Guettler, like so many other Adrian Dominican Sisters, found her calling in numerous stops across the globe, not just in Michigan. Along the way, the native of Fort Pierce, Florida, visited such places as Germany, Ireland, Canada, Poland, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico, looking to help in any way possible, looking

to make the world a better, more peaceful place, as is the Adrian Dominican way: Seek truth, make peace, reverence life.

But there's nothing like going home to Adrian. Even through those years of preaching non-violent peace-making, even after being away for three, four, five decades, it was always special to get back to Adrian... to get back home. "It's true, this can be considered my second home, since I'm from Florida," Guettler explained. "But, really, this is my true home."

"We go, we travel constantly, for our life is a journey, and this world a place of pilgrimage."

—Mother Benedicta Bauer

Trying to figure out just what makes "The Motherhouse" in Adrian so special is no easy task. Not when the overwhelming thought is that it's just a feeling, it's what's in one's heart, in one's soul. Those with ties

to Barry University, who have studied here and who have preached here, have a similar feeling for these walls within Miami Shores.

“They’re both part of the same tradition, for me, anyway,” explained Sister Rose Celeste O’Connell, OP, twice a graduate of Barry — earning her bachelor’s in 1963 and her master’s in guidance and counseling in 1973. “Barry was founded by our sisters, by Mother Gerald Barry. When I was there in the ‘60s, the early sisters had her spirit and that energy about them. They loved being there and educating us. They cared for us as individuals.

“And the same thing is here in Adrian, that same tradition. We’re part of that same fabric.”

Indeed, the ties run deep between Miami Shores, Florida, and Adrian, Michigan. Without Adrian, there would be no Barry University. Shield, for example, served at Barry from 1970 to 1994. During that period she was at various times teacher, chair of the business department, associate dean, and special assistant to the vice president for institutional advancement, while Phillips was music teacher at Barry College from

Sister Judith Shield



1951 to 1963.

That same feeling of connectedness and warmth flows to and from both cities, both institutions. The quality education. The religious dimension. The community service. And the caring environment that Barry University is, that makes up its mission. It began in 1940, and it comes from Adrian. It begins there. It continues there.

“Those who instruct others unto justice will shine as stars for all eternity.”

—Mother Camilla Madden

The caring environment so often cited by those who study and work on both campuses stems from the mission of the Adrian Dominican Sisters. They identify themselves as “women called together to share faith and life with one another, sent into (the) world to be with others, bearers and recipients of his love, co-creators of his justice and peace.” The mission is exemplified by each woman who has come through Adrian, who has come through the Motherhouse and Barry’s sister university, Siena Heights.

“This place is special because it is where I began the journey into religious life,” said O’Connell, who currently serves as the secretary of the Adrian Dominican congregation, “and it’s where I was mentored by wonderful women in the congregation about religious life and service to the church. Yes, I loved being at Barry University, it was a wonderful place. Our nuns who were professors and the lay professors, they were all extraordinary, they all went the extra mile. The atmosphere of Barry is such a lovely place to study and be at, that it was just marvelous. But this is where it began.”

Like O’Connell, it seems that most of the Adrian Dominicans, no matter where their travels have taken them, always find their way back home to Michigan. O’Connell herself spent close to 30 years in Florida traveling, teaching and preaching in Miami Shores, Fort Pierce, Riviera Beach and West Palm Beach before returning to Adrian. Guettler made her way back to Adrian following worldwide treks that included almost being in the wrong place



Sister Rose Celeste O’Connell

at the wrong time—the 1965 revolution in the Dominican Republic, when the Constitutionals, citizens loyal to President Juan Bosch seized the national palace. Guettler was there when conservative forces, known as the Loyalists, struck back, and U.S. military forces evacuated her and other U.S. citizens via helicopter and aircraft carriers.

She went back just four months later to continue teaching.

Such is the way of the Adrian Dominican sister.

And it explains the “feel” of being in Adrian, with more than 200 Dominicans under one roof, sharing their Motherhouse campus with Barry’s sister institution, in a quaint Michigan town. Perhaps, just perhaps, that “feel” is not of the building, not of the institutions, per se... but, rather, those living the mission connected to Adrian.

“Perhaps,” O’Connell said. “After all, there are quite a number of us who are graduates from Barry and Siena. Most people in their retiring years come home to Adrian, and those still in ministry who had gone through Barry are now friends up here again. There are good memories from the years, and we get to keep them all going.”

No matter how long it’s been. ■

Student and alumni volunteers take time out for a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the fourth annual Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 2.



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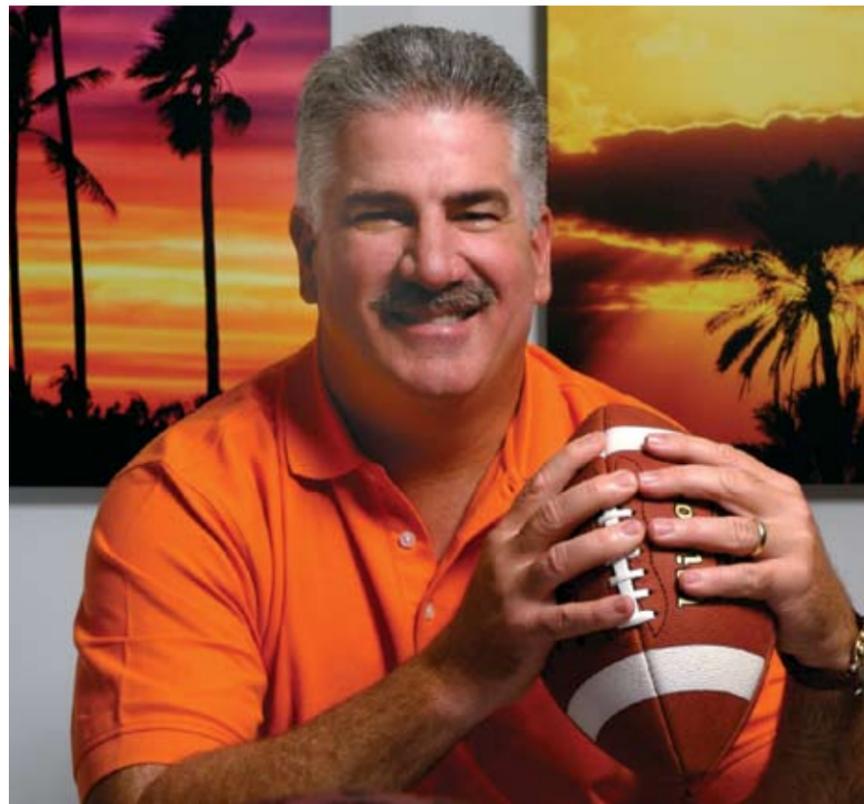
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By Bob Ross

Miami ‘Super’ Man

AFTER SERVING A SECOND STINT AS CHAIRMAN OF MIAMI'S SUPER BOWL HOST COMMITTEE, BARRY ALUMNUS RODNEY BARRETO CONTINUES TO LEAVE HIS MARK ON THE CITY HE LOVES



Goodman, public relations. He successfully appealed to Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga to “house the host committee staff rent-free in Dolphin Stadium.” He also arranged both for Miami-Dade and Broward counties, plus the City of Miami Beach, to provide in-kind donations of police services.

Again working behind the scenes, in early 2006 Barreto began cajoling the county, expressway authority and state transportation officials to beautify the community with more trees – an effort which appears to have paid off.

Rick Johnson of the Miami-Dade County Expressway Authority credits Barreto’s efforts with the decision to expedite \$1 million of landscaping projects on the Dolphin Expressway and State Rd. 112.

The county also sped up its planting schedule.

“He gave us a deadline to shoot for,” said Alyce Robertson, the county’s community image coordinator. “Some of the projects we were working on were done faster. Another outcome is better intergovernmental cooperation.”

While acknowledging the weight the Super Bowl carries when trying to persuade local and state agencies to take action, Barreto says ‘keeping up appearances’ is also important to South Floridians

“We shouldn’t need visitors to come to town as an excuse to plant more trees. It’s a quality of life issue,” he said.

A Miami native, Barreto was born into a Catholic family as the ninth child in a brood of 11. He tagged along as his older brothers fished in the Miami River under the 27th Avenue Bridge and sought adventure with them three miles off the Tamiami Trail in Big Cypress Preserve.

guided a committee made up of 20 business and civic leaders including four volunteer co-chairs in both Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Supporting them were a paid president and six paid staffers. One committee, security, has meetings attended by as many as 100 people.

Seated in the roomy and tasteful Coral Gables office of Barreto Group, his real estate company, Barreto explains that his role was mainly that of “a professional beggar.”

He says he persuaded Ernst and Young to donate accounting services; Holland and Knight, legal services; and Bitner

Today, he has a refuge in the Keys and a couple of fishing boats that transport him back to that simpler time.

“My days are really hectic. When I go outside, I can let my mind relax and enjoy what’s really important – good health, family and friends,” he said.

Barreto graduated from LaSalle High School before earning an associate’s degree from Miami-Dade College and later, as a police officer, he took advantage of a Barry University outreach program to get his four-year degree. Barry’s partnership with the Miami Police Department allowed members of the force to take some classes

going to support for a county commission seat. Barreto says he pointedly told the two men that “we” did not include him. With Barreto’s support, Penelas went on to win the race and ultimately become mayor – ushering in a new era in Miami politics.

“In Alex I saw a new breed of politician – young, dynamic, straightforward and honest,” Barreto said.

Barreto also played an instrumental role in changing the name of Metro-Dade County to Miami-Dade County. When Penelas traveled outside of South Florida, Barreto explained, he found people were often confused about exactly which area

the past seven years.

He attributes his lobbying success to “being honest, presenting the facts as I know them, both what we say and what our opponents say, not just part of the facts, and letting the politician be the judge of what to believe.”

These days, Barreto says, he no longer actively lobbies and merely serves as a “figurehead” for his lobbying firm, preferring to spend his time on real estate projects.

He maintains close ties with former Latin Builders Association President Sergio Pino, who is known as a generous campaign contributor. Together, and with

“We shouldn’t need visitors to come to town as an excuse to plant more trees. It’s a quality of life issue.”

right there at police headquarters. Barreto earned his bachelor of professional studies degree from Barry’s School of Adult and Continuing Education in 1988.

His rapid ascent into the circles of Miami’s political and business elite was remarkable in every respect.

Barreto’s mentor and political tutor was Monty Trainer, himself, a gregarious fellow whose restaurant had been a haven for political dealmakers for decades. As the restaurant thrived, Monty made scads of money for himself and generated bountiful revenue-based lease payments for the City of Miami, an anomaly in a city where public-private partnerships rarely benefit the public. Unfortunately, Trainer was convicted of income tax evasion in 1989 and went to jail for 33 months. These days, Trainer continues rehabbing his civic reputation and Barreto, along with Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, owns part of the restaurant.

Before the 1990 county election, Barreto experienced his political coming of age when he “discovered” a young Hialeah councilman named Alex Penelas, a Cuban-American. As Barreto relates it, two veteran lobbyists – Dusty Melton and the late Steve Ross – controlled Miami-Dade politics at the time. The pair had approached Barreto with a presumption about the candidate “we” – meaning the three of them – were

he represented. At the time, voters in what was then Metro-Dade had already turned down a name change several times.

“What is a Metro-Dade, anyway?” Outside South Florida, people thought it sounded like a waste-hauling company,” said Barreto, adding he encouraged Penelas to “exercise his political muscle” to try to change the name once again. Barreto said he also worked behind the scenes to make sure the mayors of Miami and Miami Beach were on board, and they were. This time, the voters approved a change to Miami-Dade County.

In the early 1990s, Barreto created and ran the Big Orange downtown celebration of New Year’s Eve. After the new millennium celebration of 2000, however, he yielded to the requests of his wife Shelia for more time with her, son Bradley, now 17, and daughter Brittany, now 15, and passed the baton to others.

In 1998, he co-founded the Coral Gables based lobbying firm of Barreto, Cunningham and May. The group quickly assembled a blue-chip client roster that has included the Florida Marlins, Codina Group, City of Weston and Beacon Health Plan. One success was to achieve the privatization of Florida prison food services benefiting client Aramark and, according to Barreto, saving the state \$60 million over

other Latin builder-investors, they started a bank called U.S. Century Bank. Barreto and Pino are also investing together in Century Gardens, a 68-acre residential project just north of Tamiami Airport.

In November, the county commission approved construction of the project’s 446 housing units, including two-dozen town homes beneath an airport runway flight path designated as a safety zone. The Miami Herald reported that in reviewing the project, Deputy Aviation Director Bruce Drum was told by his boss to “find a way to make it legal” despite long-standing safety concerns. Staff did, and the project sailed through the county commission with a lone dissenting vote.

Barreto said he “didn’t talk to one person” about the project and that “the community wanted houses there, not industry.”

This incident raises a philosophical question: Could it be that as power brokers work their magic, the illusion of having power can be as effective as the actual exercise of power in getting things done?

If so, then Rodney Barreto is a master illusionist. Either way, he continues to operate at the top of his game. ■

Bob Ross writes on education topics and is a long-term observer of the local political scene.



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[UPCOMING EVENTS]

> **March 22, 2007**
Miami-Dade County
Alumni Reception - 6-8 p.m.,
Barry University, Kendall Campus,
8990 SW 97th Ave.,
Miami, Florida 33176

> **March 24, 2007**
Eighth Annual
Easter Egg Hunt - 11 a.m.,
President's Lawn,
Miami Shores, Main Campus

> **April 21, 2007**
Alumni Association
Board of Directors Meeting
9 a.m., Main Campus,
Kostka Room

> **May 5, 2007**
Commencement
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.,
James L. Knight Center

> **May 8, 2007**
Fort Myers
Graduation Celebration and
Alumni Reception
6:30 p.m.,
St. Andrew's Catholic Church

> **May 17, 2007**
Bahamas Alumni Reception
Nassau, Bahamas

[1] Future alums take time out for a quick bite at this year's Breakfast with Santa. [2] Sallie Smith, pictured here with her family, was the student speaker at the Dec. 9 graduation celebration in Tallahassee, Florida. The youngest of 21 children, Smith was the first member of her family to earn a bachelor's degree. [3] Left to right: Assistant Dean Charles Bell and Alumni Association Board of Directors President Duane Mallory present the Distinguished Alumni Award to Fort Myers Fire Department Chief Michael Becker at the Fort Myers graduation celebration on Dec. 18. [4] Students and alumni cheer the Barry University men's basketball team at the University of Florida in Gainesville on Nov. 5. [5] Millicent Kelly, academic advisor/site manager for the Palm Beach Gardens ACE site, pictured here at the West Palm Beach Alumni Association open house and reception on Oct. 11.

Barry Alumni like to stay connected to their alma mater, and one of the ways they do that is by updating us on what's happening in their lives. Whether it's a new job, a new degree, new baby, or any number of other things, they know this is the best venue to reach the largest number of their fellow Buccaneers. Read what they're saying, and next time let them hear from you:

'54 **Georgann Travnikar Brophy** has six children and seven grandchildren. Her husband, Donald Brophy, died in 2005. She is volunteering as a Spanish medical interpreter at a free clinic in the West Chester, Pennsylvania area.

'62 **Margaret Raiss Atwood** moved to Bridgeville, Delaware after 36 years in New Jersey. She was an English major.

'63 **Margie Raible Miller's** daughter, Amanda, was married Oct. 7, 2006. Margie had a "Barry University Reunion" at the wedding and reception with Angie Brandl, '61, Carol Maloney Dickison, '63 and Kathy Pacholek Viers, '63 attending.

'65 **Margaret Fairchild's Shark** was widowed in 2003 and is remarried to Charlie Shark. Margaret has retired from teaching and lives in The Villages, Florida.

'67 **Marilyn Zynda Cushing** is working as a nurse consultant with a hospital system in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. She is assisting Calgary staff in process redesign and system design for the Eclipsys Clinical Information System.

'68 **Nereida Santa-Cruz, MS '71,** has retired as assistant superintendent from M-D CPA and currently works part time in the Office of Curriculum and Instruction with Miami-Dade County Public Schools. She is also an adjunct professor at Nova Southeastern University.

'70 **Catherine Alberte** worked as an art teacher for 12 years before deciding to change careers. Catherine received a master's of architecture degree from Rice University in Houston and has recently joined the New York office of

NBBJ Architects as a senior associate.

'72 **Mary Katherine Ernst Reger** has moved from South Florida to north central Florida and relocated her company, Matric Healthcare,

Inc., Orlando's home care RN for high risk pregnancies.

'73 **Mikki Canton** was one of 18 attorneys from Gunster Yoakley & Stewart, P.A. to be selected for



[THE 'BARRY GIRLS']

In June, some members of the class of '63 gathered at the home of Martha Baxley Brooks and husband Larry in Del Mar, California. Seen in Martha and Larry's lovely garden are from left to right: Lee Rayno Daily of Hopeville, Georgia; Josette Matthews Kippenhan of Hickory, North Carolina; Pat Fox MacLaughlin of Liverpool, New York; Lisette Hernandez Hutchison of Tucson, Arizona; Martha, Patty

Stevens Feely of Newport News, Virginia; Marie Burke Formica of Boca Raton, Florida; and Marie Maraia Loudon of Gainesville, Virginia (front). The "Barry girls" visited sights in and around nearby San Diego, and walked to downtown Del Mar and the beach from Martha's home. Mary Jo Church Brennan of Fallbrook, California also came for lunch one day. It was a wonderful visit for everyone.

>class notes

inclusion in the 2007 edition of the *Best Lawyers in America*, a compilation of top attorneys from across the country. ■ **Sister Elise Kennedy** is the principal at St. Pius V School in Jacksonville, Florida and coordinator of lay associates with the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine, Florida. ■ **Marilyn Wheeler** is an infusion therapist with national certification. She teaches nurses all over the state of Florida.

'73 **Lydia Banome** is working with Big Brothers Big Sisters tutoring reading in the Kinship Program. Lydia is still doing book signings for her recently published book titled, "My Three Lives."

'78 **Catherine Fleming** is currently filming "There will be Blood" starring Daniel Day Lewis on location in Marfa, Texas. When that wraps up, she is planning a tour of the Northwest and Alaska. Catherine has been active in disaster relief work, most recently in Alabama.

'80 **Soraya Santana Trujillo, MS '96**, is the assistant principal at Holy Cross Christian Day School.

'81 **Siouxnika Smith Bowens, MS '98**, is employed by Abilities of Florida in Tallahassee, Florida as the adult cystic fibrosis case manager.

'82 **Ann McNeill** was elected to the National Association of Investors Corporation board of trustees. Ann is president and owner of MCO Consulting, Inc. and MCO Construction and Services, Inc. She was elected at the nonprofit investment education association's September 2006 board meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

'84 **Sharon McGuire** had an article titled, "Agency, Initiative and Obstacles to Health among Indigent Immigrant Women from Oaxaca, Mexico" published in the August 2006 edition of *Home Health Care Management & Practice*. In January, she will lead the third intercession health service learning trip of

graduate RN students to the Dominican Republic.

'85 **Sue Compton** has been in private practice in Juno Beach for the past seven years; prior to that she practiced in Palm Beach County. She would love to hear from anyone from her graduating class in the School of Social Work. Her e-mail address is scompto@bellsouth.net.

'86 **Eduardo Lombard** has signed up for early retirement with Miami-Dade County Public Schools at the age of 59. Eduardo has been married for 35 years and has three children, Eddie, 33, Caroline, 29, and Jonathan, 26. He was past commandant for the Marine Corps League of Miami, Florida.

'87 **John Primeau** is president and CEO of Valley Bank of Florida.

'89 **Arlene Simon Campione** was elected Broward County Court judge in 2006. ■ **Janet Carabelli, MBA '99**, president of Ideology Advertising, won two Golden Mirror Awards at the annual Credit Union Executive Society's Nexus Conference in April 2006. Golden Mirror Awards are given each year to the most creative and successful marketing campaigns among credit unions.

'93 **Kathi Novelli Clapham** received the gift of life when she received a double lung transplant at the University of Pennsylvania in May 2006. Kathi has 2-year-old twins, Paul and Sarah and would love to hear from old classmates. She can be contacted at Kathibella@aol.com. ■ **Jorge Reyes** is publishing his fourth book, a collection of poems titled, "Day's Night." The poems, centered on the theme of a bad personal relationship, will include illustrations by the internationally acclaimed artist Neith Nevelson.

'94 **Dianna Hiatt** and son, wish to announce the arrival of Lilyanne Piper Hiatt to their family. She arrived home in March 2006 from



Hank Malanowski '93, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps, was selected to attend the U.S. Army War College to complete a master's degree in strategic studies. This two-year program is offered only to high-performing senior officers with at least 15-25 years of commissioned service.

Guatemala. ■ **Milly Lema** would like to hear from her friends from Barry. You can e-mail Milly at milly2795@hotmail.com. ■ **Joe McQuay** is the director of medical publications for the University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine. He recently published an article in *The Miami Herald* to mark the 25th anniversary of the discovery of the AIDS virus. The article described how the mainstream media covered HIV in the '80s. ■ **Patricia Reilly, MS '96**, has received her Doctor of Divinity and is an ordained nondenominational minister. She is national president/director of Christian Life ministries of America, Inc. with offices in North Carolina, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Patricia recently married Daniel Rock.

'95 **Brian Barry** started his own public relations firm in 2003. With offices in New York City and Beverly Hills, the firm caters to entertainment, sports, lifestyle and new media clients. ■ **Jason Bulger** and his wife and son moved

from Los Angeles to Melbourne, Australia. Jason landed a job with the newest professional basketball franchise in Melbourne, the South Dragons. Their head coach is Cleveland Cavalier legend Mark Price. Jason is the head of corporate sales for the Dragons. For more information about the team, visit www.southdragons.com. ■ **Laura Melveney Revolinsky** gave birth to a baby boy. His name is Christian Joseph Revolinsky. ■ **Nancy Reed Wilson** moved with her husband, Tom Wilson, to St. Augustine, Florida. She is the business manager at St. Johns County Mental Health Department and has three children, two stepsons and seven grandchildren.

'96 **Adolfo Bassart** is working at Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center (Jackson Health System). Adolfo

was certified by the Florida National Council of Sexual Assault as a trainer, focusing primarily on training advocates in the community to assist sexual assault victims go through the medical and judicial process. ■ **Laurent Lamothe** is the president of a Miami-based telecom company that does business in 28 countries around the world. ■ **James Noyes** is director of customer care outsourcing. He focuses on U.S. solutions to provide customer service, technical, business and special customer support. ■ **Hernan Ponce** has been promoted to vice president of national advertising at the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Ponce was previously director of national advertising at the *Chronicle*. ■ **Elizabeth Ricci**, attorney at Rambana & Ricci, P.A. in Tallahassee was awarded a Resolution by the Leon County Commission for her contributions

to the community and in celebration of World Heritage Day. She has also been reelected as a regional vice chair for the American Immigration Lawyers Association, Central Florida Chapter. ■ **Stephanie Alise Schwartz** is living just outside of Charlotte, North Carolina but is headed toward Atlanta for the first six months of 2007. Stephanie would love to hear from professors and classmates from the School of Social Work; buzzcut2003@hotmail.com.

'96 **Danielle Berroa** has been with Toshiba Business Solutions since 1997 in a sales position and is a member of the Million Dollar Team and President's Club. Danielle lives in Miramar, Florida with her 6-year-old daughter, Kayla. ■ **Lisa Carlton** is moving to Holt Elementary after 17 years at Brookwood Elementary. She will teach fifth grade. Daughter Jessi has just finished her first year of teaching and her other daughter, Mandi, has just begun nursing school. ■ **Karly Allen Gibbs** and **William Gibbs, '97**, had a baby boy, Owen Gregory, in September 2005. Owen has a big sister, Natalie Marie. ■ **Gillian McKnight-Tutein** is the district director of training and development at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio. Gillian is responsible for the development needs of all staff on the college's four campuses.

'98 **Joseph Chacko** teaches reading and is an assistant baseball coach at Flanagan High School in Pembroke Pines, Florida. The baseball team won back-to-back Class 6A state titles in 2005 and 2006. ■ **Latasha Evans** is working for an Alaska Native Corporation managing a domestic and international employee benefit program. ■ **Giselle Ortiz Hackney** has been promoted to assistant nurse manager of the day shift at Mercy Hospital Mental Health Services. She was also awarded Best Nurse of the Year within her department in 2006. Giselle resides in South Miami with her husband, Ray. ■ **A.J. Pinto** is a captain in the U.S. Air Force and received the prestigious Air Medal for his service during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He married Macaira Krueger in 2005. Capt. Pinto is currently stationed in



[STORING UP FOR WINTER]

In the Spring 2006 issue, Christine Hryzan, class of '95, wrote in to let us know that she and her husband, Marc, were in the process of restoring a century-old general store. The couple now own and operate the Hampton General Store in Hampton, Connecticut. "It's been an incredible learning experience. We've always wanted to own our own business and when the opportunity came up, in the town [where] my husband grew up, we just had to do it," she said.



Republic of Korea, defending the United States's interests in the Pacific.

'99 **Dally Fontaine, MS '03**, is the assistant director of admissions at South University in West Palm Beach, Florida. ■ **Larissa Carmen Tellechea** has been working at Homestead Hospital since 2001. She specializes in adult Medical/Surgical Nursing, Pediatric ICU and is a certified PICC Line placement nurse.

'00 **Ginette Hinds** graduated from Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons in 2005. She is pursuing a dermatology residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut.

'01 **Florida Roberts** is the assistant director for Head Start and Early Childhood Development caring for more than 600 children and 60 staff members. ■ **Queen Rogers** received a master's degree in Education from the University of Phoenix. Queen just gave birth to a boy, Kase Rogers-White. ■ **Ana Ysa Tejada** has been living in the Dominican Republic since 2002 and is married with one child. Ana is working for Centennial Dominicana as a human resources director. ■ **Peter Wendell** graduated from Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania and traveled to Iran 50 years ago with three professors and their wives to establish the Abadan Institute of Technology. Six years later 65 out of 78 students graduated with degrees in petroleum engineering and in October they had their 50th anniversary reunion in Las Vegas.

'02 **Melissa Adames-Ygualada** was married Oct. 8, 2005 to Paul Ygualada in Miami, Florida. Melissa is an information technology manager for Miami-Dade County. ■ **Julio Pardave, Jr.**, graduated from Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis, Missouri and married Nora Conroy, '03, in 2006. Julio is a chiropractor at Florida Chiropractic and Sports Rehabilitation Center in Aventura, Florida. ■ **Anita Staver** was promoted from vice president to president of Liberty

Counsel, a national public interest law firm with offices in Florida and Virginia. ■ **Kathleen Long** wants to say hello to all her Barry mates from the Orlando Law School days and would love to hear from them at barrykatakaw@hotmail.com. ■ **Jeffrey Anderson** has accepted a position with Concurrent Technologies Corporation to assist in operating the Department of Defense Voluntary Protection Program Center of Excellence. ■ **Kathleen Long** married and has a son, Steven. She is working as a law clerk and in real estate.

'03 **Yanique Leslie** was admitted to the doctoral program in clinical psychology at Nova Southeastern University. M. ■ **Jesusa Pantón** graduated from Barry Law School and is a practicing attorney in Orlando, Florida. ■ **Nora Conroy Pardave** and **Julio Pardave, BS '02**, were married in July 2006 at Coral Gables Congregational Church. They currently live in North Miami. ■ **Deborah Reato, MS '06**, was promoted to director of operations for Barry University's Office of the Registrar. ■ **Javier Yataco** was promoted to business development manager for Central Florida at Carnival Cruise Lines and is living in Orlando, Florida.

'04 **Nancy Clark** is working in her field of study as a systems administrator with CSR at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida. ■ **Daymond Cox** is the CEO and founder of the International Society for Six Sigma Certifications. He is a professor and researcher at the Harrington Institute. The Harrington Institute is an international consulting system consisting of three divisions – Management

Solutions, Technical Solutions and the Harrington Academy. ■ **Maray Leal** is the human resources manager at System One Technologies, Inc. in Miami, Florida. ■ **Amy Lively** is a first-grade teacher at Avocado Elementary where she did her internship. ■ **Fabio Cabrera-Mendez** is living overseas and graduated from law school but wants to keep in touch with classmates and other alumni. His e-mail address is facamen@hotmail.com. ■ **Rachel Theisen** joined the U.S. Army a month after graduating from Barry University. She went through basic training, Officers' Candidate School, (one of six women to graduate) and Military Police School. At present, she is protecting our country by serving in Afghanistan. First Lt. Theisen would like to remember Cpl. Jeffrey Gordon Roberson and Staff Sgt. Michael Allen Shank, members of her platoon who were killed in action. Spc. Sue M. Downes was wounded in action.

'05 **Philip Lee McCall, II**, has written a book titled, "Before you Imagine, Forget All You Know," a collection of fantasy short stories, parables and poems geared toward adults and older teens seeking to journey into a mystical place of imagination. ■ **Charles Thurston** opened a law office in Rockledge, Florida, the Law Office of Charles A. Thurston, P.A. His primary focus is family law. His phone number is 321-684-4100.

IN MEMORIAM:

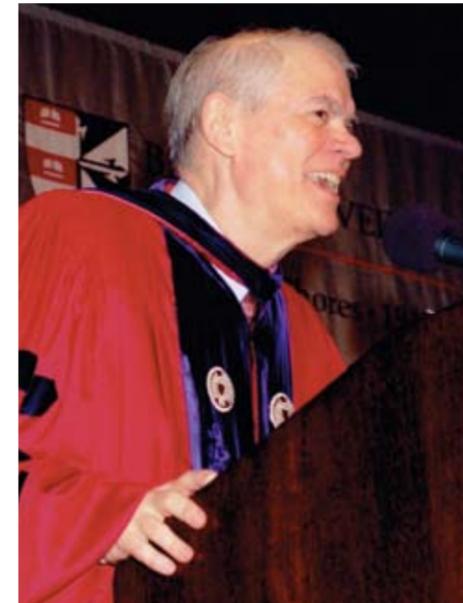
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Dr. Joseph Patrick Lee

Nov. 30, 1942 – July 29, 2006



THE BARRY COMMUNITY LOST one of its most beloved and respected members when Dr. Joseph Patrick Lee, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, passed away on Saturday, July 29, 2006 at the age of 63. He was survived by his wife of 34 years, Louise; his sisters, Mary Kathryn Lee and Jane Frances Lee; his brothers, Stephen Ray Lee and Mark Allan Lee; sister-in-law Shelley Lee; and five nieces, four nephews, two grandnieces, two grand-nephews and six godsons. He was the son of Josephine and Herman Lee, both deceased.

An internationally recognized and respected scholar and lecturer, Dr. Lee had been a member of the Barry University community since 1981 when he was named vice president for academic affairs. As its chief academic officer, Dr. Lee was an integral part of Barry University growing from a small college of just under 2,000 students to today's institution of more than 9,200 students.

Born November 30, 1942, in Leitchfield, Kentucky, Dr. Lee came to Barry University from Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, North Carolina, where he held the positions

of: vice president for academic affairs (1979-81); academic dean (1978-79); and associate professor of French (1978-81).

His love of language led him to earn his doctor of philosophy from Fordham University in New York, with a major in French, minor in Spanish, and his bachelor's from Brescia College in Owensboro, Kentucky, majoring in French with minors in English, Spanish and history. Following his graduation in 1963 from Brescia, he stayed with the college as an instructor and assistant professor of French through 1971, before taking the same role at the University of Georgia until 1978.

Dr. Lee had been an integral part of the South Florida community since his arrival 25 years ago. He served on the North Shore Medical Center's board of directors, was a president of the Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club of Miami Shores; was a board member of the Optimist Club of Miami Shores and The Cushman School; was on the education committee of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Friends of the Everglades, Fairchild Tropical Garden, Miami Committee on Foreign Relations, Alliance française de Miami and Rotary Club of Miami Shores. Dr. Lee also judged the Silver Knights Awards in 1989 and 1991.

In collaboration with Andrew Brown, Nicholas Cronk and Ulla Kolving, Dr. Lee authored "Livre dangereux: Le Dictionnaire philosophique de Voltaire" in 1994, had written book reviews in 10 publications and excerpts in 12 articles. He had also completed five chapters of a book on "Voltaire in America, 1800-present." An avid collector of 18th century rare books who was considered the foremost expert on Voltaire in America, Dr. Lee penned such articles as "Voltaire's Sermon des cinquante: A Critical Edition," "Voltaire and Cesar de Missy," "Editions of Works by Voltaire," "Voltaire and Massillon: Affinities of the Heart" and "The Textual

History of Voltaire's Sermon des cinquante." His research and travels had led him to France, England, Switzerland, Belgium, Netherlands and Germany. His reputation, however, led him to more than 30 locations throughout the United States and world as a speaker and guest lecturer. As such, he was a member of more than 15 professional organizations, including the American Association of Teachers of French, American Association of University Administrators, American Comparative Literature Association, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, British Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Modern Language Association, North American Association for the Study of Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and the South Atlantic Modern Language Association. Dr. Lee also was appointed to the editorial board of the "Complete Works of Voltaire," and was national secretary-treasurer for Delta Epsilon Sigma.

Dr. Lee's numerous honors include: the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship; Danforth Foundation National Fellowship; Fulbright Fellowship, Universite de Paris; and National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellowship. He was elected commissioner of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for the State of Florida from 2000-05, and was elected to its executive council in 2004. Dr. Lee was listed among the Outstanding Young Men in America, the Directory of American Scholars, Dictionary of International Biography and Who's Who in American Education.

Dr. Lee was laid to rest in Leitchfield, Kentucky. He will be greatly missed by everyone at Barry University.

In a Dec. 15 tribute to Dr. Lee held in the Cor Jesu Chapel, faculty presented a resolution officially naming him the first academic founder of Barry University. "It is a great day that we have witnessed with the creation of this new distinction," said Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD. "Our duty and our challenge is to go forth and to emulate the gifts that he shared so generously with our university for 25 years." ■

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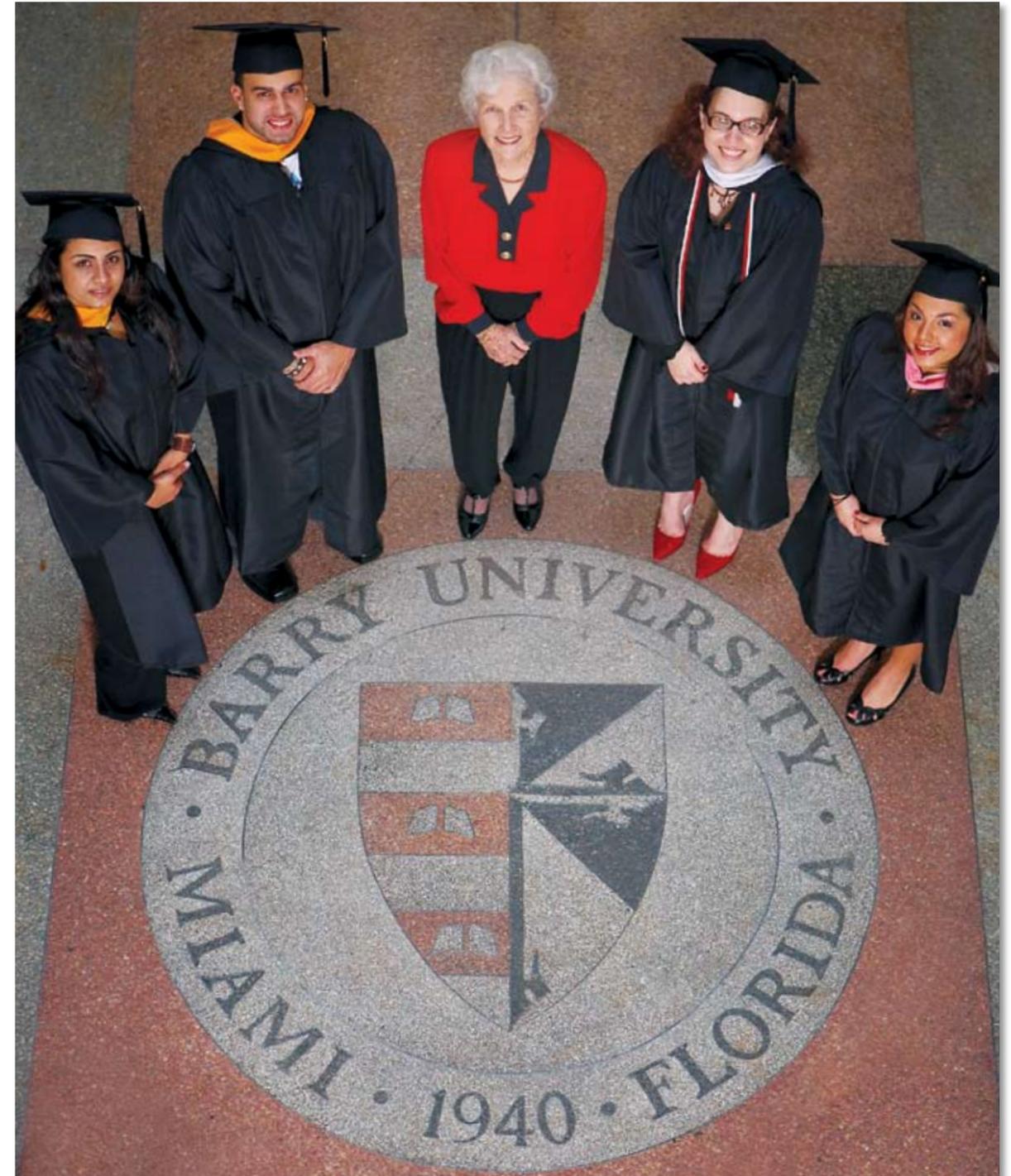
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Posing at Penafort Pool was a nice way to spend a free hour or two, even though there were no young men on campus in the early 1950s to appreciate the charm and grace of these students.

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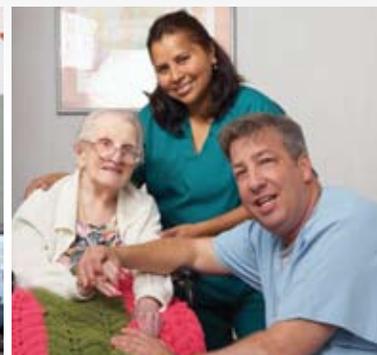
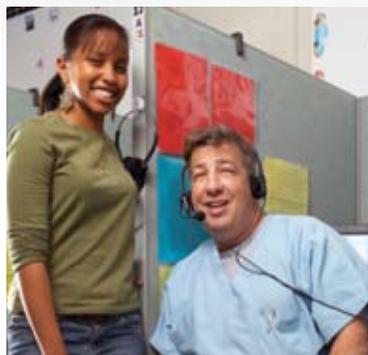
Giving Back

TO BARRY AND THE COMMUNITY

Despite a busy schedule and a highly successful practice, Dr. Bradley Haves has never forgotten Barry University. Haves, who received a doctorate of podiatric medicine degree in 1990, attributes his success, in large part, to the time he spent at Barry and the excellent education and practical training he received here. So to say “thank you,” he volunteers annually with the Barry Phonathon, taking the time to personally call fellow podiatrists and ask for donations to assist podiatric students. Haves, who is heavily involved with the Florida Podiatric Association, not only gives his time to Barry but has been a loyal donor himself since he graduated. Why does he keep coming back to help out year after year? Because he realizes that donations to the Annual Fund are an investment in Barry’s most important commodity...its students!

“Barry University prepared me to be a step ahead of the crowd. Please join me in assisting other students achieve their educational goals by giving generously to the Annual Fund.”

– Bradley Haves, doctor of podiatric medicine and Barry University graduate



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