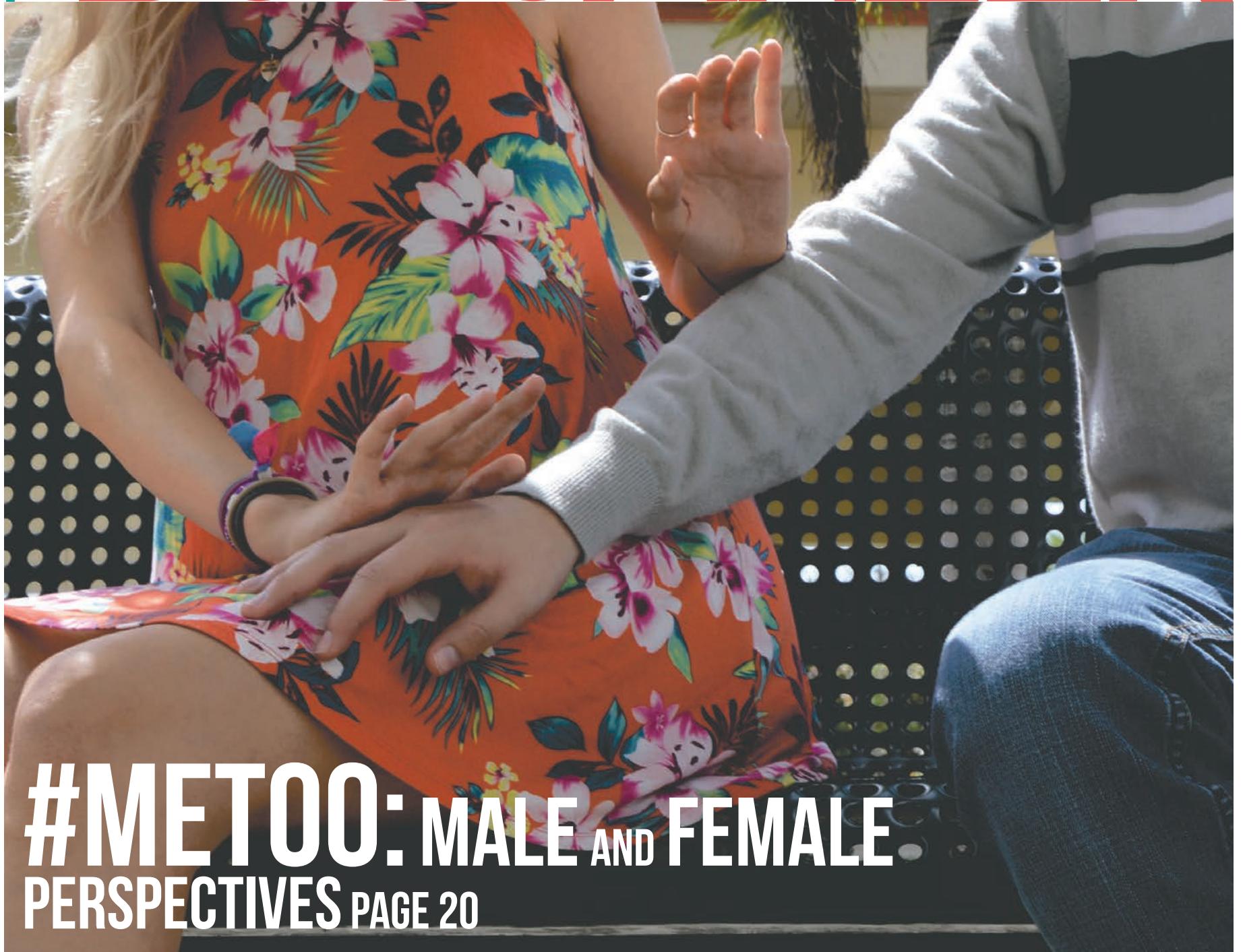


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BARRY'S CATHOLIC TRADITIONS

EASTER, LENT, ASH, OH MY!

We've just concluded the Easter season, the major Christian holiday that celebrates the belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his crucifixion, but not all Barry students are aware of the reasons that Catholics observe this time-honored tradition.

In the New Testament of the Bible, the resurrection is said to have occurred three days after Jesus was crucified by the Romans and died in roughly 30 A.D.

PASSION SEASON

The "Passion of Christ" season is a series of events and holidays that begins with Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, prayer and sacrifice, and ends with Holy Week.

Holy Thursday is the celebration of Jesus' Last Supper with his 12 Apostles, Good Friday observes Jesus' death, and Easter Sunday celebrates the resurrection. This Easter was Sunday, April 1. However, Easter falls on a different date each year.

Easter Sunday and related celebrations, such as Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday, are considered "moveable feasts," which means that these observances in a Christian liturgical calendar occur on a different date. In western Christianity, which follows the Gregorian calendar, Easter always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. The forty days of Lent represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection.

Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. During Ash Wednesday, there is the practice of rubbing ashes on one's forehead in the sign of a cross. Since it is exactly 40 days (excluding Sundays) before Easter Sunday, it will always fall on a Wednesday.

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday, on the other hand, falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast honors Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Worship services on Palm Sunday include a parade of the faithful carrying palms, representing the

palm branches that the crowd scattered in front of Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem.

At Barry University, since it is a Catholic institution, we celebrate the Easter season each year.

"I initially came to Barry because of my religious belief. I am Christian, and when I first came here on a tour, I was won over by the traditional values that Barry has as a Catholic institution. So being able to celebrate Easter at the school that I attend is pretty cool," said accounting student Kiara Pavon.

According to Campus Ministry's Coordinator of Retreats and Faith Formation Richard Clements, "we, as a Catholic university, have the opportunity to celebrate in a unique and extraordinary way since we have the best musicians attend, our clergy (who are scholars) participate and our Dominican sisters are all active—and it's open to all of our students."

Holy Week events held on campus are as follows:

Holy Thursday is celebrated in the Cor Jesu Chapel, which entails depictions of Jesus Christ as a leader and as a servant, which speaks to the heart of who we are as an Adrian Dominican institution. This service is centered around foot washing, which allows us to understand when Jesus washed his feet, and this gives us a sense of humility and service.

Holy Friday or Good Friday happens the following day and is a day set aside to reflect on the death of Jesus and the darkness of all humanity and creation without the presence of Christ.

Holy Saturday is a celebratory time that starts off with a large fire outside of the chapel and then everyone marches in where they will find a dark sanctuary with a lit Paschal candle, which represents the light that Christ brings.

Easter Sunday Mass is commemorated with a worship service where everyone gathers to celebrate Christ who has risen from the dead.

"I was not aware of the Easter events that occurred on campus when I first transferred to Barry," said Will Ramirez, a senior studying chemistry, "But, it is nice to know that there are services offered to students that are religiously affiliated, like myself, and it's awesome knowing that other students who are disaffiliated are welcomed, too."

Palm Sunday being observed in front of the Cor Jesu Chapel. Photo courtesy of Mateo Gomez.



Seventeen people (15 students and 2 administrators) were killed that fateful Valentine's Day at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

That night, the country came together as Stoneman Douglas students Emma Gonzalez and Cameron Kasky raised their voices to be sure that change was near.

The MSD was shooting No. 18 in the United States, just in 2018. After the shooting, a familiar topic became questioned: gun control.

Many have the definition of the term "gun control" incorrect.

Gun control does not mean banning weapons. Gun control does not mean taking away weapons from citizens.

Gun control means "controlling" who is able to obtain such weapons.

Since then, two major events have taken place.

The first was a CNN Town Hall with elected officials from Florida and students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School at the BB&T Center in Sunrise, Florida.

#GUNCONTROL

One of the most memorable moments from that event was when Cameron Kasky questioned Senator Marco Rubio about if he will continue to accept contributions from the N.R.A. (National Rifle Association).

Rubio was not able to directly answer the question, instead stating: "People buy into my agenda, and I do support the Second Amendment."

The second major event took place all over the United States. The March for Our Lives protest rally in Miami was even attended by Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho.

Leslie Sabala, a student at Miami-Dade College, was one of the 200,000 people that attended the March for Our Lives in Washington, D.C.

The drive to the nation's capital was over 18 hours by bus.

Mateo Gomez
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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**17 people were killed.
15 students.
2 administrators.**

"The main reason why I wanted to attend was because I saw people my age making a difference. It could have been me," said Sabala. "I just graduated from high school last year. I cannot stay back just watching. I needed to participate and let my voice be heard." Sabala rode back on the bus that same night.

"I want to be able to tell my children that I participated in that. I was part of history. I was there when thousands of people and millions across the country making change

and protecting one another."

Florida's state government passed a bill on March 5 that raised the age to buy a firearm from 18 to 21, require a three-day waiting period for gun purchases, and potentially make bump stocks illegal.

The N.R.A. filed a law suit that same day, stating the age increase is unconstitutional.

"This law restricts the right of 18, 19, and 20-year-olds to buy rifles or assault weapons, which goes against the mission of the N.R.A.," said political science professor Sean Foreman.

Foreman was also not surprised that N.R.A. filed a lawsuit that same day especially since they have been aggressive since the day of the shooting.

Overall, we have seen that there has been love from the community.

Father Cristobal Torres, Barry University's chaplain, saw and felt this love when he visited the school on March 21. He saw the memorial outside of the school and witnessed others with posters in tow.

"It was a very gripping experience especially with all the banners of love around the school. But it reminded us the need to pray and work together for an end to violence," he said.

Crowds join together at the March for Our lives in Washington, D.C. to protest on March 24. **Photo courtesy of psmag.com**





BARRY STUDENT ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FLORIDA COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

Antonio Rodriguez and Jennifer Acosta voicing their opinions during the No More Prayers rally event hosted by Barry's College Democrats. **Photo courtesy of Paola Montenegro.**

Paola Montenegro
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Antonio "Toni" Rodriguez, sophomore political science major and president of Barry's College Democrats, was elected president of Florida College Democrats (FCD) at the FCD Summer Convention on April 8.

Rodriguez bested Mickey Lamm from Florida State University for the seat. Rodriguez will begin his presidency on April 29, replacing Justin Atkins of Florida Atlantic University.

The FCD is the official student caucus of the Florida Democratic Party whose mission is to advocate for Democratic values and ideals across the state.

Their priority is to elect Democrats at the local, state and national level and mobilize college students across the state to effect lasting change in Florida. They provide a network of support, resources and materials for College Democrats chapters and members to organize the participation of all college students in the democratic process.

"I feel honored to be the first Barry student to be elected to the executive of FDC. It is a huge responsibility and I hope I can make

Barry proud in the work that I will do this November," said Rodriguez. "I hope I can inspire other Barry students to take initiative and become a part of the political process so that they too can make our university proud."

Rodriguez has been president of Barry's College Democrats since April 2018 and he will be stepping down as president to begin his new position. He is also a Senator of the Student Government Association and a Barry Service Corps Fellow.

His role will include overseeing the 26 College Democrats chapters in Florida and making sure they are running smoothly, are active on campus and have the resources they need.

During his tenure as president of the Barry chapter, Rodriguez organized many events.

In the fall, he organized an event to meet and discuss with Andrew Gillum, one of the candidates running for Governor of Florida, and he organized a march and prayer service for people with Temporary Protection Status (TPS) and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

After the Parkland shooting of Feb. 14, he organized the No More Prayers Rally, meant to hear students' frustration about Congress' and Tallahassee's lack of action.

Students who attended the rally signed over 100 letters, advocating for gun reform policies.

Sophomore Paola Lopez is a Democrat and an international studies major.

"I'm really proud of Toni, and it is a great opportunity for him. He is one step closer to becoming President of the United States," said Lopez.

In January, Rodriguez also organized an on-campus event with Juan Cuba, chairman of the Democratic Party of Miami-Dade County, who spoke about internship opportunities and the importance of students to mobilize on campus and in the community.

Chair of the Department of History and Political Science Sean Foreman believes this is a great opportunity for Rodriguez and for Barry University.

"He is in a position to really have an impact

on encouraging college students to vote and to also get more engaged in other ways. It will help shape Toni's leadership and organizing skills and build on his already impressive resume," said Foreman. "It will also increase Barry University's visibility in statewide political circles."

Rodriguez will be continuing the legacy of Barry's College Democrats who go on to hold other offices.

Michael Worley, a member of Barry's College Democrats in 2008, was chosen by the College Democrats of America to be its national communications director in 2010.

"I want to make sure there is a blue wave in the November elections so that Florida has a Democratic governor, that Democrats win congressional districts 26 and 27 and win seats in the State Senate and House of Representatives," said Rodriguez.

Foreman said that Florida College Democrats will be at the forefront of registering new voters and encouraging people to vote in August and in November.

FROM PEDRO PAN CHILDREN TO BARRY ALUMNS

Raúl López

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In March, Barry University's Broad Auditorium screened the documentary *Operation Pedro Pan: The Cuban Children Exodus*, bringing these children – now some of Barry's most distinguished alums – back to the campus that offered them a chance at a new life in America.

In 1995, Barry became the official archives of the program, and largest historical collection of OPP materials, which also includes Monsignor Walsh's extensive collection of personal and official materials.

Barry University's involvement with Operation Pedro Pan was vital and well recorded, forever placing it in the midst of Cuban and American history.

BRIEF HISTORY

From 1960 to 1962, over 14,000 unaccompanied children—the largest unaccompanied child exodus in the western hemisphere to date—fled the island. Camps in Florida, orphanages, adoptive families around the country and family members provided the shelter and care they required.

This clandestine program organized by Monsignor (then a priest) Bryan Walsh, and with the assistance provided by the Catholic Church and other entities, would later become known as Operation Pedro Pan (OPP).



Operation Pedro Pan children arriving in the United States.
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PEDRO PANS RETURN TO WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

Most kids who were part of OPP did not find out about the operation until much later in life, and thus were unaware of the individuals and institutions that took part in the operation, and two Pedro Pans who attended and graduated from Barry are no different.

Havana native, Elena Muller García, arrived in the U.S. in 1961 as a 13-year-old and one of the few that arrived via ferry. Taken in by relatives, she would not be reunited with her family for another 3 long years—in 1964.

Garcia attended Barry in the late 1960s.

"It's interesting how I ended up at Barry," Garcia said, recalling how she asked Monsignor Walsh for a letter of recommendation to attend the university most tightly connected to her ordeal.

After she began to uncover the history behind OPP, and upon hearing the news that the archive would be housed at Barry, she was "very happy and proud. It was like I really belonged."

She graduated in 1970 with a B.A. in English Literature and later with a M.A. in Religious Studies. She is now the director of parish social ministry at Catholic Charities Diocese of Palm Beach.

Garcia was featured in the documentary.

Angel Cañete, from Manzanillo, was 11 years old when he left Cuba in 1962. Prior to this, him and his family had been in hiding for two years to avoid prosecution.

He, like most Pedro Pans, traveled in an airplane to Miami, and experienced the intimidation tactics employed by the Cuban authorities toward these children.

After a brief stay in a Florida City camp, Cañete was transferred to Saint Vincent's Homes orphanage in Saginaw, MI. A year later, he was reunited with his younger sister but would have to wait until Christmas eve of 1965 to reunite with his parents.

After receiving his engineering degree in California, Cañete decided to work toward an MBA at Barry in the mid to late '90s, graduating in 1999.

"I decided on Barry in part because of its religious culture and because of their great academic record and high-quality faculty," he said.

When asked about the archives being kept at Barry he joyfully replied that he was "proud as a peacock."

"I have donated personal materials, and always encourage others to do as well," he said.



Talkback after the screening of the Pedro Pan Documentary at Broad Auditorium. Photograph by Estefania Rodriguez

"It is so important that the archives are there, at an institution so central to the OPP history, and is important because our stories cannot die with us, cannot remain untold."

Barry University professor Mariely Llopis presents findings from her research on Oper-

ation Pedro Pan at the Annual Eastern Association Convention (April 25-29th).

She researched how group interaction, and media privileges served as markers that allowed this community of 14,000 kids to flourish within our communities.

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IRON REPLACES FLESH

CAN ROBO-PETS OFFER REAL COMFORT?

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Many say spending your everyday life is possible without a pet but pointless. But owning a flesh and blood creature requires more than just your time. You have to feed your precious animal, walk it, love it. Owning a pet nowadays is becoming more and more complicated and causes more and more difficulties. But, don't worry, Japan already figured out the answer to the issue in our super-modern society. Turns out, your next puppy might be a robot.

Robot pets have been in use in Japan and Europe for more than a decade now. Takanori Shibata designed them in 1993, and they were exhibited to the public in 2001. "Paro," a therapeutic robot seal, is the most famous robot on the market in these two locations and was designed to offer a calming effect for seniors who can't take care for a living pet anymore but still desire their company.

Famous toy company Hasbro, in November 2018, released to the market the Companion

Pet Pup, its new robot pet after the Companion Pet Cat launched in November 2015. Both robots were created to comfort the elderly. The cat purrs and vibrates gently, while the dog barks and turns his head toward the owner's voice.

It's not a surprise that Hasbro isn't the only company who had the same idea. Hansa Creations also created several interactive pets, like cats and dogs of various breeds. But Japan's "Paro" is still the biggest hit. The seal robot is used as an interactive therapeutic tool in hospitals and senior living facilities across the United States.

Scientists say that owning a pet can actually benefit your health. It can lower blood pressure, cholesterol levels and feelings of loneliness and can boost opportunities to exercise and socialize. But can an iron skeleton covered with artificial fur replace the living and breathing animal?

BENEFITS FOR SENIORS

A small study published by researchers at the University of Auckland in New Zealand in 2013 proved that bots can decrease loneliness and depression. Forty people from a retirement home in Auckland participated in the study for a 12-week period. Twenty of them were assigned to interact with the seal robot "Paro" and the other 20 of the elderly were brought to different social activities. The outcome was quite interesting. Members of the control group showed increased levels of loneliness and depression while the "Paro" group showed opposite results. The group coordinator often brought her dog to the activities and realized that people showed more interest in the robots than the actual animal that could choose with whom to play.

CHILDREN'S REACTION

According to a 2009 study, researchers from Purdue University and the University of Washington observed and interviewed 72 children from ages 7 to 15 as they played

with a Sony robotic dog toy, called "Aibo," and two Australian Shepherds. The children showed equal interest toward the robot and the actual dogs.

It seems that robot pets can be more affordable and easier to deal with, and it's possible that bots might replace actual pets in seniors' and children's lives. However, in this area further research is needed. Would robot pets be a more ethical choice in cases when the social and physical needs of the actual animal are not going to be fully satisfied?

Humans should consider how robot companions might impact our relationship with animals. Pets are good for us, but the real question is: are we good for pets?

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Imagine a world where you have to pay for Instagram, Snapchat and even Twitter. This may become a reality with the dismantling of net neutrality, which not only affects companies but also our everyday usage of the internet.

The FCC adopted the idea of net neutrality in 2015 under President Obama. Net neutrality prevents internet providers such as AT&T, Verizon and Comcast from slowing down, speeding up or blocking any content, apps or websites users want to access. This allows anybody to have full, equal access to the internet and the information it provides.

Obama's FCC classified ISPs (internet service providers) as a utility, giving them the authority to regulate against internet providers.

Our society has become dependent on the internet as a form of communication, from emails to the DM's on social media pages, but all that could be a thing of the past with the ruling made by President Donald Trump's appointed FCC chairman Ajit Pai.

According to Pai, a former Verizon lawyer, the 2015 regulation of net neutrality "[was] heavy-handed and stifled competition and innovation among service providers."

But was it really?

"The internet as we know it could long cease to exist," said Dr. Linda Berdayes, professor of communication law and media theory.

PAGE NOT AVAILABLE: THE THREAT OF NET NEUTRALITY

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) CHAIRMAN, AJIT PAI VOTED TO END NET NEUTRALITY ON DEC. 14, 2017.

With the repeal of net neutrality, companies will begin charging users for certain websites. This idea of a tiered service structure originates from cable companies. Tiered service can be plans you choose based on the services you wish to have. In the internet world, a tiered service allows people to choose certain packets to have quicker access to specific websites, of course at a costly sum. The more money you spend, the more access you have to various channels.

Companies could begin to monopolize the internet by charging various rates to content providers to join the service, allowing only certain information available to consumers. Allowing companies to manage access to the content we receive could have a damaging effect on smaller sites, such as bloggers, independently-run YouTube channels and even apps. Companies will charge fees to other companies to run their websites, and for those that are just starting out, they may not have the funds to afford websites.

Net neutrality has allowed smaller businesses

and entrepreneurs to thrive on the open and free internet. At one point, your favorite app was just starting out, with no money to pay for its site, and could expand and grow because the internet was free.

"In a more globalized and technologically-advanced world, a free internet is vital," said political science sophomore Antonio Rodriguez.

Every day, the debate on net neutrality heads in another direction. As of mid-April, the rules of Net Neutrality under the Obama administration are no longer active.

Although Congress could over step the FCC's decision and create a law, President Trump may not sign the bill. States such as Washington are independently creating legislation to pass laws to overrule the FCC, but a lawsuit could ensue. This will create delays and could even go all the way up to the Supreme Court, questioning the state's authority over

the FCC.

In March, over a dozen states decided to fight for net neutrality. Twenty state attorney generals have filed lawsuits and 30 states have filed for legislation by both Democrat and Republican parties. The governors of five states—Montana, Vermont, New York, Hawaii, and New Jersey—have already signed executive orders to maintain the rules of net neutrality.

"Net neutrality is an effort to maintain non-discriminatory access to information on the internet," said Berdayes.

Consider everything you do online—filling out college applications, checking your email, updating your status. Are you willing to pay a price for these services? That is the predicted outcome of the FCC's current decision on net neutrality.

"The internet as we know it could long cease to exist."

— DR. LINDA BERDAYES
PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION LAW AND MEDIA THEORY

R.I.P DACA

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"Border Patrol Agents are not allowed to properly do their job at the Border because of ridiculous liberal (Democrat) laws like Catch & Release. Getting more dangerous. "Caravans" coming. Republicans must go to Nuclear Option to pass tough laws NOW. NO MORE DACA DEAL!" - Donald Trump Tweet on April 1, 2018.

Following a tweet written by President Trump

on April 1, lawmakers worry if Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is now completely off the table.

Last September, President Trump declared that Congress had until March 5 to come up with a deal. Two government shutdowns occurred since the year began because the Democrats could not agree with the Republicans in Congress.

They were not able to come up a plan for the DREAMers. On Feb. 9, the United States government was able to pass a budget but without a plan for DREAMers — once again leaving the DREAMers hanging, not knowing what would happen to them.

2018 is an election year and the main focus of most Congressmen and Congresswomen is to get re-elected. This was the other reason why there was a rush because they were attaching

the DACA solution with the federal budget. That ultimatum did not work and now there is no deadline with Congress any longer. To date, there is no DACA deal because nothing has occurred since President Trump announced that he will be ending the program. In fact, not even the people within his political party have been able to come up with a plan to help the DREAMers and prevent them from being deported.

But is DACA really done for? No. DACA is still alive. DACA is still covering hundreds of thousands of immigrants here in the United States. The United States government is still accepting renewal applications sent by the DREAMers. There is still hope for all of them and their faith relies on two lawsuits to determine the constitutionality of President Trump ending DACA.

Lawsuits in both New York and California are questioning the legality of President Trump's end to program. In addition to legality, the state of California is also suing because the economy of the state will be affected.

These lawsuits have put pressure on the federal government to continue accepting DACA renewal applications, but they are not required to accept new applications.

The U.S Supreme Court declined a hearing of the DACA case on Feb. 26.

WHERE IS MY FAVORITE PROFESSOR?

Girlari Rivera
STAFF WRITER

If you haven't seen your favorite professor around for a semester, it doesn't mean they got fired. It could very much be that he or she is on a sabbatical leave.

A sabbatical leave is when a professor who has been working for the university for over seven years takes a "break." No, not like a student's summer break...a different kind of break.

Chair of the English and Foreign Languages Department Dr. Laura P. Alonso-Gallo, who has been a chair at Barry since 2012 and a professor of English since 2011, has been granted a sabbatical leave for Summer 2019 and says one still has to work while on their leave.

"A sabbatical is not that you go to the beach and bathe. A sabbatical is the promise that you have your own time to accomplish a research project. A goal to accomplish within those months," said Alonso-Gallo.

Many professors take a sabbatical leave to focus 100 percent on improving their skills or writing a book without the distractions of teaching regular classes.

Alonso-Gallo says she plans on starting to conduct a research for a book she plans to publish.

Department Chair and Professor of Communication Vincent Berdayes is also currently on his sabbatical leave and will return in August. He says he has truly been productive, as he's studying the work of a social psychologist named Erich Fromm.

"I am specifically studying techniques he developed to encourage people to become more aware and self-reflexive so that we can become psychologically stronger and more independent human beings," said Berdayes. "I have also been able to sneak in a bit of travel



Dr. Laura Alonso-Gallo Photograph by Ashley Nudd.

and training during my leave."

Both Alonso-Gallo and Berdayes agree that professors who qualify for a sabbatical leave should take advantage of it.

"It's like a reward for all of your hard work," said Alonso-Gallo.

Berdayes is looking forward to coming back to the classroom refreshed with new ideas for his classes.

"I'm ready to interact with students with my renewed energy," he said.

STUDENTS LAMENT THEIR DATING EXPERIENCE AT BARRY UNIVERSITY

Kahelia Smellie
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

While we know everyone has had their hook-ups, their nasty break ups and awkward dates, do we truly know the experiences of our fellows here at Barry? We're sure you have all heard that you will marry your college sweetheart and your 18 college girlfriends will be your bridesmaids. But who has indeed found the love of their life here at Barry?

According to Campus Explorer, women not only make up 56 percent of the college population but also approximately 63 percent of women on campus would like to meet their spouse on campus.

Still, in the midst of trying to meet your future spouse, you have to kiss many frogs in your four years.

While some may not want to relive the trauma of revisiting their bad or awkward dates, others are brave enough tell the tale of the walk of shame.

Mary Smith* was in a two-year relationship that started her sophomore year at Barry. She started dating someone here on campus, and it was going well until they stopped after she found out that he was lying and cheating on her. During the relationship and after the break-up, she said her grades weren't adversely affected.

Mary* still talks to her former boyfriend on a regular basis, and it is not awkward for her because he is not attending Barry University anymore. She hasn't dated or hooked up with anyone on campus since.

For others like pre-nursing major Josh Fredericks, this campus is much too small for on-campus dating. The traditional undergraduate total between July 2015 to June 2016 was approximately 2,307 students.

"Especially for the members of the LGBTQ+ community, the dating pool is very restricted. But for straight individuals, there is definitely a bigger pool for relationships. It is also hard because not everyone is comfortable with their identity, so you don't know everyone's preferences," he said.

While he doesn't date on campus, Fredericks said has used dating sites such as Tinder and has met a vast amount of people where it is easier to ascertain an individual's sexuality.

Athletic training senior Rebekka Greenwalt also has a similar sentiment to Fredericks.

"I believe that the dating pool here at Barry is small. From the experiences I have had, most

people do not want to be in a relationship," she said. "Most people just want the one-night stand kind of relationship and do not want to deal with commitment. People do not want to be 'tied down' in college."

Thus, Greenwalt hasn't dated anyone on campus as she cannot envision herself with a Barry student, whom she believes is more so into hook-ups.

Psychology senior Ashley Anderson* stated that she entered a monogamous relationship which lasted about a year and a half. It was only the first three months that her boyfriend attended Barry before leaving to pursue his career.

Asked whether or not this relationship affected her school, she stated yes.

"When we were both attending Barry, I would sometimes skip class when he was free so we could hang out or vice versa. Then, when the relationship turned into long distance, I would often times ask for the weekends off from work, just so I could go see him."

Since that relationship, Ashley* hasn't dated anyone on campus nor has she had any awkward dates. While she hasn't experienced any awkward dates, she believes Tinder is awkward enough.

"[Sometimes], you see people that you have matched with on Tinder, on campus, yet pretend that that never happened," she said.

Ninosca Reyes, a senior majoring in broadcasting and emerging media with a minor in Spanish, actually met her husband at Barry in 2015.

"I was eating a Subway sandwich in Thompson and he saw me and approached me. We exchanged numbers and then from there we started seeing each other and it became official in the summer of 2016," she said. "After that, we spent a lot of time together and in 2017 we decided to settle down and officially get married. It's been a year now and we are expecting our first child in June."

Each college dating experience is different. Whether it is for one night, for a lifetime or for mindless scrolling through Tinder, everyone has one goal in mind — to find someone at the end of the day with whom to cuddle.

***Names have been changed to protect the source's identity**

WHAT WERE YOU BEFORE?

Kahelia Smellie
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

We sit in their classes every day. They give us advice, and sometimes we may or may not hand in our assignments on time. However, you ever sat in class and wondered who they were before working at Barry University? What was their childhood like? Did they surf the crowd at a festival or dance in a mosh pit? Did they rally against the Vietnam War? Did they travel the world, experience new cultures or fall in love in Paris? Well, if these curious questions have ever plagued your mind while sitting in their lectures or scrambling to finish their assignments, here are two professors with the most interesting past lives.

DR. LAURA FINLEY: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY

Most of Finley's best college memories are being involved in cross-country as a track-and-field athlete. She first ran on scholarship at Lansing Community College, won the Junior College National Championship in cross country in 1991 and was an All-American and Academic All-American track athlete. She also transferred on a part-academic, part-athletic scholarship to Division I Western Michigan University

where her team won the conference title for the first time in university history. Finley also stated that more than the successes, though, was the fun her and her teammates had running and hanging out together.

However, the passing of her brother shaped who she is today. Her brother died from muscular dystrophy at age 16.

"He was a wonderful and funny guy and I still miss him dearly," she said. "Watching muscular atrophy is a constant reminder to be grateful to be healthy and able-bodied and to have empathy and offer support for those who need help with physical or mental disabilities."

Finley has been fortunate to have been able to travel. She has been to Prague, Vienna, London, Edinburgh, Rome, Florence, Milan, Budapest and other cities.

Fun Fact: Finley has an identical twin sister who is a special education teacher in Reno, Nevada. She is also a part-time actor and model and is currently filming an indie-horror film. She has written 21 books (three will be released shortly) and is currently working on two others.

DR. GUILLERMO WATED: PROFESSOR OF INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. Guillermo Wated was born in Guayaquil, the capital of Ecuador. One of his fondest childhood memories was when his father would take him to the amusement park on Sundays and they would drive the bumper cars and afterward have churros. It was a small park which had a ferris wheel, a carousel and bumper cars.

In fifth grade, Wated attended the German high school in town. After he graduated, he studied in Frankfurt, Germany at the Goethe University - Frankfurt for approximately two years, majoring in business administration, and then transferred to University of Miami for his MBA.

Wated then started working in corporate America where he had an autocratic leader and was interested and curious to know why he was that way. His professor at UM suggested that he should do his doctoral studies. So, he applied and was accepted into FIU for his doctorate in industrial organization psychology.

Wated also loves to travel and has had the pleasure of visiting most of the continents, even Antarctica. However, out of all the countries he has visited his favorite is Australia.

"It is a marriage of the comfort of America and the charm of Europe," said Wated. "The people there are very easy going and friendly."

Fun Fact: Dr. Wated's grandfather was a caiman hunter back home in Ecuador. He would cure the skins and sell it in a small town called Limones. Wated himself worked both as a private Spanish teacher and helped sell Persian rugs in Germany.

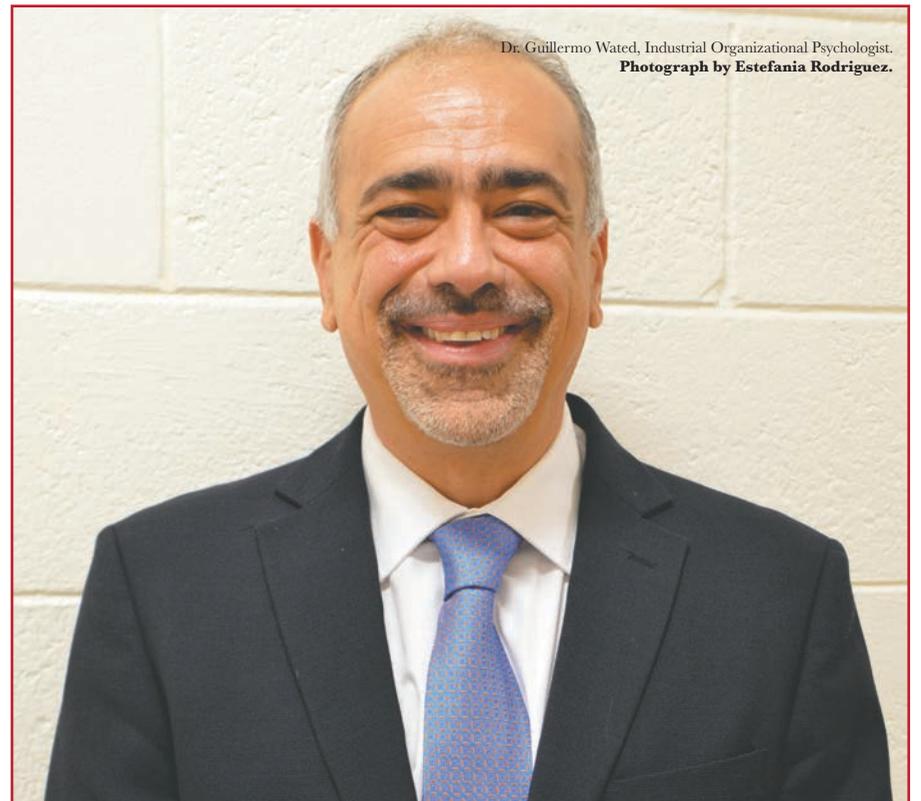
One piece of advice Wated would give to his students is that "you can't listen while you're talking."

"My professor at business school said that to me," he said.

Dr. Laura Finley, Associate Professor, Criminology and Sociology
Photograph by Estefania Rodriguez.



Dr. Guillermo Wated, Industrial Organizational Psychologist.
Photograph by Estefania Rodriguez.



BARRY GOLFER REPRESENTS COUNTRY AT LATIN AMERICA AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Nestor Noguera
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New member of the men's golf team Jorge Garcia finished eleventh in the Latin America Amateur Golf Championship in January in Santiago, Chile.

Majoring in communication and media studies, Garcia transferred to Barry this semester from University of Florida.

The Latin America Amateur Golf Championship, a tournament that is played in different locations each year, was held Jan. 20-23 in Santiago, Chile.

The 21-year-old represented his country Venezuela.

The winner receives an invitation to The Masters in Augusta, Georgia, a tournament that golfers such as Tiger Woods and Sergio Garcia have won.

Tying with another player for eleventh place in a tournament of 105 players, Garcia

said his experience in the tournament was positive.

"I feel I did very well in the tournament. I've been working very much on my game and I think it was very important to play a week so consistently," said Garcia. "It wasn't incredible, but it wasn't bad either. I was able to do very good things and besides the mistakes I made in the golf course, I handled it pretty well."

Garcia moved to Miami ten years ago and has known his Barry coach, Jimmy Stobs, since he was in the seventh grade.

Stobs views him as a player with a great deal of self-control.

"I've always admired the way he carried himself on the golf course. He controls his emotions and that's pretty rare for young golfers. Young golfers are emotional," said Stobs, who has been with the Bucs golf team for

sixteen seasons. "Jorge keeps his emotions in check, that's how pros act."

Garcia's attitude leads Stobs to think that he can be a very important piece for the team.

"He is definitely going to be a team leader for us. He's already stepped in within the first couple weeks of school and taken over as the leader of the team, pushing people to do their best," said Stobs, who has won three Division II National Championships with the Bucs' golf team.

However, in order to succeed in the professional world, Stobs believes that Garcia has to improve in some areas.

"He's not a good power hitter, so he's going to have to be very good with his wedges. Once he improves that, he has a great chance to play golf for a long time," he said.

Another Venezuelan player on the men's golf

team, senior marketing major Juan Yumar, couldn't feel happier about having Garcia as a teammate.

"Thank God we are on the same team. Unfortunately, it will only be for a semester, but I consider him my best friend. We've known each other since we were six, when we played golf in the minor leagues in Venezuela," said Yumar.

Garcia has played golf practically all his life, and his family has had a big influence on his involvement in the 18-hole sport.

"It was something that I learned thanks to my family. I've taken it very seriously and I'm happy that I chose this sport," Garcia said. "When I was a kid, mom and dad used to take my brother and I to the golf course. My dad always played with us until we were 6-7 years old."

Despite his young age, he said he feels very comfortable representing Venezuela internationally.

"I've represented Venezuela since fourteen, so I don't have that much pressure. I feel that I have great relationships with coaches and the federation," he said. "At this age, when I'm preparing to be professional, I don't feel pressure when I'm representing my country, but I rather feel pride."

Regardless of the political and social crisis that Venezuela is going through, Garcia believes that his success can serve as a motivation for fellow Venezuelans.

"People are not having a good time, but we always do as best as we can in the tournaments to spread a little bit of happiness," he said. "I want to play golf forever and I hope one day I can represent my country on a professional level."

Garcia will keep participating in amateur upcoming tournaments, but meanwhile, he knows what the key to becoming a professional is: "to work every day."

"Ups and downs are normal in sports, like everything in life. I have to keep myself motivated and try to improve everyday, being one percent better each day. Go Bucs!" he said.



Jorge Garcia at Latin America Amateur Golf Championship. Photo Courtesy of Jorge Garcia

BARRY'S SMARTEST JOCKS

Eva Patyi

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Stereotypes say that if a class is full of athletes, it's probably going to be an easy class, or if an athlete gets a "B" in a certain class, that means a non-athlete can easily get an "A." But it turns out, at Barry, nothing could be further from the truth. Assistant Director of Athletics Amanda Knight says that Barry student-athletes do a great job at balancing their athletic and academic responsibilities. Student-athletes must choose to prioritize athletics and academics over their social lives and other extracurriculars. These smart "jocks" make tough sacrifices for their passion, but they also reap the rewards others will not.

"Our high graduation rates and GPAs are a testament to their dedication and hard work,"

said Knight. The graduation rate in the Barry athletics program is 91 percent, according to the most recent NCAA report. This is by and large due to the athletic department's mentorship program for new students and study program for students who need the extra help. In fact, if an athlete's GPA drops during the semester, they are mandated to complete study hall hours.

HERE ARE SIX ATHLETES WHO PROVE THAT BARRY STUDENT ATHLETES ARE SOME OF THE MOST ACADEMICALLY HIGH-PERFORMING STUDENTS AT OUR UNIVERSITY.

ALAYNA GALLAGHER—SOFTBALL

POSITION: Plays the outfield

Has been playing softball since she was 8 years old.

YEAR: Senior Biology major and Chemistry minor

GPA: 3.97

BALANCE— I think that the key to balancing both academics and athletics is exercising good time-management skills. Any collegiate athlete would tell you that they have little to no free time during season, so being efficient and making the most of my time is essential.

ACHIEVEMENTS— 2nd team All-Conference freshman year; 1st team All-Conference junior year; 2017 Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year; Member of the 2018 Barry University Biology Honors Cohort.

FREE TIME?— I do not have much free time, but I can't complain because I like being busy. In the free time I do have, I like to go to the beach and spend time outside.

FUTURE PLANS— Immediately after graduation, I will be taking the MCAT and applying to medical schools. I will also be moving to NYC in July in hopes of working in a medical research lab during my gap year.

DIET— I am very passionate about nutrition, and I am actually writing my Senior Honors Thesis about a plant-based diet as a method for preventing chronic disease. I am a

vegetarian myself, and I do feel that it makes a difference in how I perform physically and mentally, but my go-to "cheat day" food would have to be sushi.

STRANGEST TALENT — Unfortunately, I do not have any strange talents...haha

CLOSET FAN OF? — It's not really a secret, but I am a huge fan of the Philadelphia Eagles!

YEAR: Graduate student in Entrepreneurial Management

GPA: 3.7

BALANCE— It is very difficult. But I always try to stay ahead of assignments and plan my week of studying around practices and races. I schedule time to write papers or study.

ACHIEVEMENTS— I made the Dean's List every semester undergrad; President's list summer semester senior year. Member of National Society of Leadership and Success and National Communication Association Honor Society (Lambada Pi Eta); member of 2-Year National Championship Rowing Team; Academic All-American in 2017.

FREE TIME?— I have a job on the weekends, so I have very little free time, but spending time with friends and family, going to the beach and listening to music are definitely my favorite things to do.

FUTURE PLANS— After I finish rowing, I would have gotten my master's degree. Then, off to finding a job in broadcasting and communications.

DIET — I try to eat as much protein, fruit and vegetables, as well as a healthy portion of carbohydrates. I try to make my own food so I can know what is going into my body. I have to have a cheat day once in a while. Chocolate cake might be my Achilles' heel.

STRANGEST TALENT — I know all the lyrics to every Queen song, including "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "Don't Stop Me Now." I am also insanely good at solving puzzles on the show Wheel of Fortune!

CLOSE FAN OF? — I love classic rock music. My favorite show is "Whose Line is it Anyway?" It's a great show for when I have had a draining day of school or rowing. It helps me get back into the right frame of mind.

NOÉMIE PARÉ — GOLF

POSITION: Second best on the team.

Has been playing for 9 years now.

YEAR: Sophomore Business Management major

GPA: 3.93

BALANCE — I make really good use of my planner. I try to know what is going on in the next couple of weeks' assignment wise and just try to be as focused as I can while accomplishing the task.

ACHIEVEMENTS — I obtained a diploma from a French and English high school. French is my first language and I am very proud to be training with the US. National Championship Golf team. Made Dean's List fall of freshman year, President's List in summer and fall 2018. I was named to the Sunshine State Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll in the Summer last year.

FREE TIME? — Free time comes and goes depending on which part of the season we are in. Currently, we are preparing for the post-season tournament, which means we travel pretty much every weekend and miss quite a bit of school. During that time, I see my family and friends who I neglect very much while traveling for competitions.



Rowing athlete and graduate student Jensen Rayburn proudly shows off her academic achievements. Photograph by Breana Mercado.

JENSEN RAYBURN — ROWING

POSITION: both sides, port & starboard

Started rowing in her sophomore year.

FUTURE PLANS — I would love to pursue something in golf after school, but I have to make sure that my chances at succeeding are larger than the possibility of failure.

DIET — I have a pretty strict diet on the course to make sure I have always plenty of energy especially during the 36-holes days, but I love to treat myself to an ice cream once in a while.

STRANGE TALENT — I don't know if this qualifies, but I play many instruments or I used to more often than I do now. People are always surprised to hear that when you are so caught up in sports

CLOSET FAN OF? — I love Céline Dion, she's French Canadian too.



Soccer athlete Melanie Ziegner balancing her grades as well as her goals. **Photograph by Breana Mercado.**

MELANIE ZIEGNER — SOCCER

POSITION: Goal keeper

YEAR: Junior Marketing major

Has been playing since she was 9 years old.

GPA: 4.0

BALANCE - I'm not waiting until the last minute to do my homework. If we have a game on the same day when an assignment is due I'm doing it in advance so it won't be late.

ACHIEVEMENTS — Has taken 26 classes so far, with straight As and only one A-. That's a major achievement in school. Made it to the final four in soccer her freshman year,

and in the fall season, was named one of the conference players of the year.

FREE TIME? — In season, we barely have free time because all the games are four hours away, we leave very early in the morning and we come back very late in the night. Now, off season, I have more time on weekends when we don't have practice. I go to the pool and the beach, get some ice cream and watch a movie with my friends.

FUTURE PLANS — I'm going to play soccer for sure. I'm going home for sure at some point and I will play in my home club which is different than here in the US. Maybe I will do my masters in the U.S. first and try to get a graduate assistant position somewhere.

DIET — I actually like to eat. I always eat candy and chocolate. Every day is cheat day. I'm not on any special diet. I think if you have a cheat day then you just eat too much from everything, but I eat a chocolate bar every day or something like that, but nothing crazy.

STRANGEST TALENT — I can play diablo very well, I'm pretty good at it!

CLOSET FAN OF? — I love food! Chocolate!

MAEGAN CUESTA — VOLLEYBALL

POSITION: Setter

Has been playing for 7 years.

YEAR: Sophomore Special Education major

GPA: 3.85

BALANCE — Managing academics and athletics can be difficult at times but I usually just try and really plan out my day. During our summer training, it's usually easier for me to have more time for homework since we only train in the morning. I write down almost everything in my planner, so that helps.

ACHIEVEMENTS — Last fall, I made the Dean's List, last summer I made the President's List, and this fall I made the Dean's List.

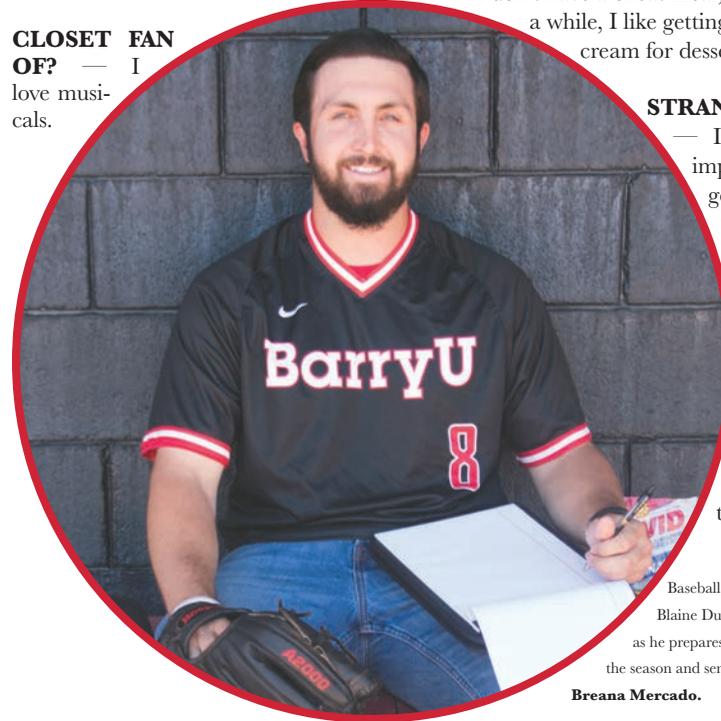
FREE TIME? — I really don't have a lot of free time since I'm doing so much during this semester. I have volleyball practice and workouts in the mornings, school pretty much all day and then I work as an assistant volleyball coach about three times a week and have tournaments during most weekends. If I have free time, I'm usually doing homework or catching up on sleep. On the rare occasions when I do have free time, I love going to The Keys for fun.

FUTURE PLANS — My plan for now is to get my master's after graduation and continue coaching and finding a job somewhere.

DIET — I live at home so I'm able to eat good food and get specific food that I know I like that are good for my diet. I do have cheat days often, I love eating desserts and stuff. So, cookies and ice cream are always my favorite.

STRANGEST TALENT — I play the ukulele a little.

CLOSET FAN OF? — I love musicals.



Baseball athlete and graduate student Blaine Duncan smiles in the dugout as he prepares himself for the end of the season and semester. **Photograph by Breana Mercado.**

BLAINE DUNCAN — BASEBALL

POSITION: Left-handed pitcher

Has been playing for 17 years.

YEAR: Graduate student, masters MBA program

GPA: 4.0

BALANCE — It's never easy for a student-athlete to balance school and sports. What helps

me is taking each semester one week at a time so I don't overwhelm myself. Then, I organize what tasks I need to accomplish throughout the week.

ACHIEVEMENT — Maintaining a 4.0 in the master's program. For baseball, I led the team in saves my freshman year and led the team in wins my junior season.

FREE TIME? — During the season you rarely have free time. When I do, I like to go to the movies, spend time with family, or visit the Everglades.

FUTURE PLANS — Likely getting a job. I may join a rec softball league so I can relive the glory days for a bit.

DIET — I'm definitely not on a diet, but I'm a firm believer in moderating what you eat. I don't have a cheat meal, but every once in a while, I like getting a brownie and ice cream for dessert.

STRANGEST TALENT — I've been told my impressions are pretty good.

CLOSET FAN OF? — Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. The man has an incredible work ethic and great attitude all the time.

BARRY ATHLETES DISCIPLINED WITH EXTRA CONDITIONING

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Many Barry coaches will tell you that they punish their athletes based on the severity of their actions, yet some student-athletes are frustrated that they pay for the actions of others.

Ordinarily, coaches penalize athletes as a way of teaching a lesson. Yet, does everyone look at punishments as fair? Should athletes be punished for another teammate's mistakes?

There are many forms of discipline in an athletic program, ranging from extra push-ups and sitting a player during a game to suspending a player or even kicking them out of the program. The most common form of discipline, though, is conditioning.

Conditioning in the sports world is the word used to describe sport-specific workouts for athletes. Barry's girl basketball head coach Bill Sullivan uses this for normal disciplining, citing a player's poor attitude as the cause.

"We get them in the gym or outside. And we'll do some running and conditioning," he said.

While some may agree that conditioning is a mild form of punishment, the players say that this is not the case.

The conditioning punishment on teams is added onto their daily workouts, which are already rigorous. For example, after completing their normal gym work-out of squats, benching, lifting and running, they may have to do an additional 15 laps as part of the coach's punishment.

Sullivan said that the basketball program prides itself on recruiting quality athletes, though, lowering the rate of incidents.

"As a coach, it is [our] job to keep harmony in order to have the team focused on winning," he said. "This is why coaches make sure they begin in the recruiting process to understand where the mindset of the potential player is."

Former captain of the Barry volleyball team, Genesis Castillo, said Barry is not as harsh as other schools when it comes to punishment.

"At my junior college, we had a Halloween practice in our costumes. We ran in the sun, for one hour and 45 minutes," said Castillo.

Other schools have had their programs completely suspend teams from competing or even worse, experience the "death penalty."

The "death penalty" to an athletic program is the worst form of punishment that a school and its athletic program can receive. When a program receives a "death penalty" it is banned from playing in any sport for at least one year.

This has only happened five times in all of NCAA history. Southern Methodist University (SMU) football program is one of the most notable programs to receive the "death penalty." The program was shut down in 1987 due to repeated violations of NCAA regulations like players receiving payments to play football for SMU. The NCAA has handed out the "death penalty" for reasons like shaving points, offering payments to players and even eligibility violations.

Barry's athletic program has never had huge scandals that would result in the "death penalty" and Dennis Jezek, director of Barry Sports Information, said the school has not suspended any player for disciplinary reasons this school year.

All in all, players do understand why their coaches may punish them, but in the moment, they become frustrated. But Castillo said that often if one person shows up late or misses a practice all together, everyone must condition and "it's the only way you can teach your team respect."

She said some of the harsh punishments her team has received has been running the soccer field 15 times, 5 a.m. practices and workouts in the sun.

Overall, Barry's athletes and coaches seem to be in sync when it comes to the topic of punishment.

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A three-time NCAA champion, Barry University's all-women's rowing team, according to Head Coach Nick Johnson, is very different from the one he coached last year.

"Last year's team had a lot of experience. There were a lot of seniors in the team, a lot of athletes who had won multiple national championships. This year is a very new group," said Johnson, who is in his second year with the team. "The biggest challenge for us this year has been trying to blend all these new people with all of the returners and at the same time trying to install a new thought process."

One of the team's new faces this year is freshman Tara Marinkovic, a business major from Belgrade, Serbia. Marinkovic says that what she likes the most about this team is the equality.

"It's very nice because you can see where you are in comparison with other girls. If some of them are sophomores or seniors, it doesn't matter because we are all in the same level. It's like you're strong," she said.

For Marinkovic, the cultural diversity of the team is also something to consider.

"I am trying to understand that everyone is different from each other. I am trying to accommodate to many cultural differences and to learn something new about each culture every day. I also think that respect is one of the most important things," said the rower.

Peruvian Michelle Etchebaster-Martins, an applied sports and exercise science major, is another new player on the team and struggled when she began rowing at Barry.

"At the beginning, it was difficult because I had too many changes at once, but now I'm much more acclimated," she said. "The most challenging part was to fix my rowing techniques with the rest of the team."

But despite her initial struggles, Etchebaster-Martins is happy with her new team.

"I feel very lucky. Barry has amazing rowers that have an excellent career as part of this team. I'm learning a lot from them, and they're helping me to enjoy my first season at Barry," she said.

Freshman Sarolta Adonyi, who is majoring in sports management, is another new rower. Adonyi also mentioned the team's diversity.

"I think it's a really good team because we are from all over the world, and it's fun to row together with girls with different rowing techniques. It's not an everyday experience," said the Hungary native.

Graduate student and team captain, Ciera Salzano, who is in her last year at Barry, explains how her experience with her new teammates has been.

"It's a different dynamic this year. Half the team left and it's a whole new team. It did take some time for us to adjust to each other. This sport is about synchronicity and if you're not in synch, you're not going to go anywhere," Salzano said. "Now that we're actually understanding each other, it is going to be great."

Salzano regrets that she will not be able to enjoy more time with these new players.

"I'm kind of sad this is my last year because it'd be fun to see these girls grow at Barry and see how well they'll do with the training," she said.

To help the new players adapt to the team, Johnson changes the way players sit in the boat every practice, that way everybody must adapt to each other, helping them prepare for the races.

"Rowing is a really foreign sport to a lot of people," said Johnson. "Nobody just pops into a boat and immediately knows what they're doing. It takes them a while to figure it out."

The team has high expectations for the upcoming competitions, and they have recently been ranked third in the nation in the NCAA Division II.

"I feel that our team is very strong. Our goals are to do well at the conference championships and then to hopefully get a spot at NCAA, so we can go compete there again," said Johnson.

THE ALL-NEW WOMEN'S ROWING TEAM



Barry University's women's rowing team prepares for a chance at another NCAA championship. **Photograph by Ashley Nudd.**

YOUR SPANISH ISN'T MY SPANISH

AUNQUE MUY DIFERENTE, MUY SIMILAR

Maria Manzanares
STAFF WRITER

In Spanish-speaking countries around the world, every country is different in its own way. They all have their own culture, cuisine, dress and dialect. Though certain phrases are said differently, the meaning is the same, and somehow, at Barry University – one of the most diverse colleges in the country – its Spanish-speaking student body understands one another. It is possible that the fact that we are different in some ways is what unites us.

Here is a list of a few sayings commonly heard in different Spanish-speaking communities represented at Barry.

PUERTO RICO

“Date un palo.”

When hanging out with friends, you say this to tell someone to just relax and have a drink.

“Pigua”

This word describes someone who is cocky, always dressed in matching clothes, and won't leave the house a hot mess or in a rush.

COLOMBIA

“Hágame el 14 pues.”

This is an expression used when asking someone for a favor.

“Uy ese man aguanta o que?”

When there's a cute boy around or a girl sees her crush, it's like saying “Man, he's fine!”

NICARAGUA

“Cada lora a su Guanacaste.”

Used around friends or in non-serious surroundings, this means “everyone to their place.” (A Guanacaste is a tree associated with parrots in Nicaragua.)

“La misma mona con distinto rabo.”

Doesn't matter how it's done, in the end it will have the same results.

VENEZUELA

“Naguara”

It is a word used for something that is cool, incredible, admirable or shocking. It can also be used as a way of signaling tiredness or happiness. Another way of describing something cool or great is “Chevere.”

“Mamarracho”

This is an expression used when someone is unorganized, messy or out of style.

SPAIN

“Vale”

This is equal to saying okay and is used when agreeing to something or with someone.

“Estas de coña?”

The word “Coña” is used often in Spain in different ways but it's most common to hear this expression above when asking someone if they are joking.

“Es la leche!”

This phrase describes something awesome, fun or good or something worth recommending.

CUBA

“Que vuelta acere.”

This is a greeting, typically used with people your same age or someone equal to you. It means “what's up?” and is commonly heard in Miami.

“Ese huevo quiere sal.”

Used when there is a mutual crush between two people, it basically means “we would be great together” and we each have what the other is looking for.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

“Dique”

Similar to saying supposedly, this is an expression used when repeating what someone says.

“Que lo que?”

Typically used with a friend or someone equal to you, it is equal to saying, “What's up?”

HONDURAS

“Ay no que muela sos.”

This describes someone who has his head in the clouds and isn't focusing and is typically used with a friend or someone equal to you.

“Catracho(a)”

This is the spirit of the country, showing pride and patriotism. It is the used to refer to someone from Honduras.



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Barry Student Courtney Wroblewski shows off her work chosen for the Juried Art Exhibition in Thompson Hall.
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BARRY ART STUDENTS SHOW OFF THEIR ARTWORK

Eva Patyi
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This summer, Barry art students exhibited their work at the Juried Student Art and Photography Exhibit in the Andy Gato Gallery in Thompson Hall starting on Feb. 16 with a reception night featuring wine and cheese alongside student artwork.

The exhibition included different art media such as paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics and graphic design projects made for service learning experiences.

Photography senior Brian Delgado exhibited two of his photographs and he emphasized that the themes of his photographs relied on storytelling and visual literacy.

“My photos are about my own personal study on the human form and its distinctive qualities,” he said.

Delgado’s exhibition was the culmination of four years of self-discovery and a complete

evolution within his photography. While he was experimenting with the themes for his art, he suddenly realized one important thing.

“It all started when I began doing a self-portraiture, and I noticed how every time, I kept taking layers off, as if I needed to undress my feelings. It came natural for me that I wanted to undress others as a more general way to further my studies about the human form.”

Then, the human body became his most important topic.

It was medical forensic photography senior Courtney Wroblewski’s first time participating in the exhibition and a fun experience for her.

Wroblewski, who has always had the eye for beautiful things, submitted four photography pieces that captured “the beauty of the woman.”

“I was shocked when two of my pieces were selected to be in the exhibition,” she said. “I felt very proud of my work. Not only that, but someone else truly appreciates it as well.”

Her hand-colored piece successfully captured her vision throughout the process from the model, outfit and shooting to the developing and hand coloring.

“I wanted a very dreamy feel to the image, so I only painted the inside of a mirror. My intentions were to color what we see ourselves through the mirror,” she said.

Wroblewski said it didn’t feel like it was a competition, rather it was a chance for everyone to show their own artwork.

Studio art sophomore Lynn Lohier exhibited two pieces in the show, both classroom still life pieces — one in black and white and the other in color.

Despite the fact that this was not her first show, the exhibition meant a great deal to her and she liked seeing the audience’s reactions to all the works of art, not just to hers.

“As artists, we are all equally talented, and we have a job to do. And that is to share our art,

our message with the world,” said Lohier. Social media was a great inspiration to all three young artists.

Delgado’s inspiration comes from personal experiences, music and seeing other photographs on Instagram. His biggest role model is his husband, who achieved his dreams at a very young age. Wroblewski says that she gets her inspiration a lot from social media and her peers. Lohier’s inspiration comes from all around, but one of her favorite artists is Frida Kahlo.

While photography dominated the exhibition, the super-sophisticated drawings enchanted the audience immediately; the ceramic works were filled with many beautiful details that reflected their creator’s proficiency, and the infographics and 3D posters were not left without great interest.

The exhibit was up at the Andy Gato Gallery until April 20, and for the art lovers that went, it was not disappointing.

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Cress Williams as Black Lightning in the new CW hit series "Black Lightning." Photo courtesy of www.ideastream.org

BLACK LIGHTNING TV REVIEW

I think it's safe to say that the days of the Caucasian male superhero saving the damsel in distress are over. We've entered a new age of superheroes.

It has become so refreshing to see diversity amongst the portrayal of super beings on screen. With the new CW show called "Black Lightning" comes a wide range of stories that haven't been told until now.

"Black Lightning" is set in the fictional city of Freeland, a city like many in the U.S. today —part poverty-ridden, part up-and-coming.

The plot: when a government-sanctioned organization called the American Security Association (ASA) secretly distributed a drug as an experiment to keep city-dwellers docile, things took a turn for the worst. Some kids started to gain special powers from it.

Before they could be exposed, the ASA tried to cover its tracks by capturing the kids who were affected by the drug. Peter Gambi, an ASA agent, learned what they were doing to the kids and chose to protect a young Jefferson Pierce and mentor him.

Thirty years later, the young boy becomes a hero for his hometown as both Jefferson Pierce, the charismatic community leader

and as Black Lightning, the superhuman who uses his electric powers to protect the innocent people in Freeland from government control, drugs and gang violence. With the help of his mentor Gambi, his ex-wife Lynn and their beautiful daughters Anissa and Jennifer, Black Lightning fights for the future of Freeland, using both book and street smarts.

Another great example is how the drug created by the ASA called "Green Light" was spread throughout the city in order to subjugate the people of the inner city. The government tries to convince people that there are certain cities which are beyond saving and that it is the fault of the citizens, when in reality the higher powers limit communities so that they can maintain control.

"Black Lightning fights for the future of Freeland, using both book and street smarts."

The main attraction of this show is how cleverly embedded the political messages are in every situation.

For example, when Jefferson's daughter, Anissa starts to use her powers and becomes Thunder, posts crop up online about her figure and looks. This situation alone pinpoints the way women are over sexualized in the media and how easily hard work and talent can be brushed off when you do or don't look the part.

many minorities that when they challenge officers, they will be embarrassed, degraded and treated even more horribly than a white community member.

One of the most interesting aspects of the "Black Lightning" storyline is the heavy community interaction in the story. Often when Black Lightning is in the news, the writers insert citizens' opinions in the form of news broadcasts in order to give an idea about how other people react to the actions of the main character, something not often done in superhero stories. The show does a great job of magnifying the fact that even though heroes mean well, every action has repercussions and you can't control how everyone else feels about being saved.

As "Black Lightning" wraps up its first season, it's no surprise that it has already been renewed for a second season. The innovative story-telling and all-star cast has put the show in its own lane. Superhero lovers in search of an entertaining, politically conscious show need look no further.

In Freeland, once they see Black Lightning trying to do some good for his neighborhood in hopes that it will improve, all types of forces oppose him, like the local gang "The 100," serving as foot soldiers for the ASA, distributing Green Light. Even the police label him as a vigilante.

Jefferson's own interactions with the authorities in Freeland show the hostility of some officers towards African Americans, but more specifically toward those who are well respected community leaders. It is a harsh reality for

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GROWN-ISH TV REVIEW

The quirky new Freeform comedy “Grown-ish,” embodies the imperfect experience of being a young adult in today’s world. From messy break-ups to battles with reputation, this series puts a funny twist on all the growing pains that come with maturity.

The show is centered on the life of Zoey Johnson, the eldest daughter from the popular ABC sitcom “Black-ish,” which follows life with the Johnsons (Zoey’s fun-loving, goofy family) as they show America that the modern-day, upper-middle class has many faces.

As the oldest child, Zoey is the first to head off to college. This is her first time on her own, and like many first years, she quickly realizes that she can’t run things at Cal U the same way she ran them in high school. She fumbles and bites off more than she can chew at times, but she brings value to the show with her realism.

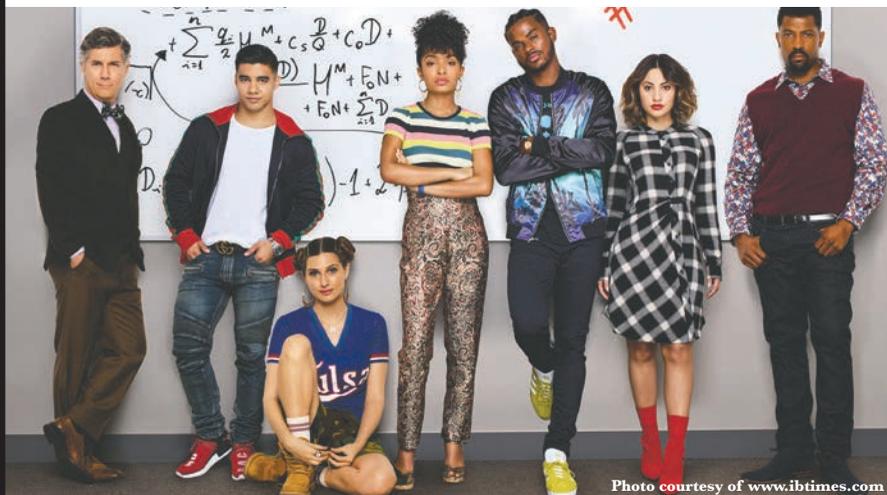
In most episodes, when a problem arises, she is the one at fault, and if at first that isn’t clear, she comes around later to realize how she can right the wrongs. Her dual role as lead character and narrator results in ongoing side discussions with the audience, which amplify the comedic presence.

As great as her character is, the show is such a hit because of the cast as a whole. Her newfound friends, Aaron, Luca, Vevek, Nomi, Jazlyn, Skylar and Analisa make up the genius ensemble that make the show stand out. All of these characters, representing multiple identities, ethnicities and sexual preferences, act as a sounding board for Zoey as they each contribute a different point of view on various current issues. When it comes to controversial topics, such as the Black Lives Matter movement and drug abuse, it mirrors “Black-ish” in that

they don’t shy away from addressing these things in a light-hearted way.

To take it a step further than simple talk, the writers cleverly construct episodes so that the cast sometimes participate as the people who feed into the stereotypes that tear apart society. For example, one of the main issues in the show is how to handle your feelings for someone else. In the entire first season, Zoey constantly struggles in a love triangle between herself, Luca and Aaron. Most of the time, her friends encourage her to take the discreet route, which means hide how she feels or subtly test how much they care for her, instead of just being straightforward. In that scenario, her friends represent society, which tells you to use tactics in order to confuse your love interests as much as they confuse you. And even though most of us know it’s not right, at times we give into believing that we must toy with people’s feelings and act like we don’t have any in order to be successful in love, just as Zoey does.

Once everyone stops with the games, the show helps young viewers realize that becoming grown is learning to face the hard things, like our feelings, head on. The beauty in watching “Grown-ish,” is that you are taken on a journey with the entire cast where you go from laughing about what’s wrong to finding ways to fix what you can and embrace what you can’t. We know college as a place for people who know what they want to do with their lives. “Grown-ish” shows that college, with all its faults, can be so much more than striving for perfection. It is a place for developing your own unique voice, making mistakes and learning to laugh at yourself while picking up the pieces.



READY PLAYER ONE MOVIE REVIEW

From the moment Ernest Cline released his debut novel titled “Ready Player One,” thousands of science-fiction fans were hooked. Now, seven years later, the story of this post-apocalyptic world is continuing to wow audiences with a new screen adaptation masterfully directed by Steven Spielberg.

The film brings you to Columbus, Ohio in the year 2045, when the world has all but fallen apart. In this rapidly declining society filled with problems, the citizens are no longer focused on solving problems but are just trying to survive and ignore their issues. This is made possible by totally escaping reality and diving into the limitless world of the Oasis, a game where players can use their imagination to create their own desired realities and live in them. Players can design themselves as they wish to be and make their universe so realistic that the people playing begin to ignore everything going on in the outside world and completely immerse themselves into the Oasis. All around the world, real life starts to take a backseat to the Oasis, which launches the state of Earth further into turmoil.

James Halliday, the ingenious creator of the Oasis, dedicated his life to making sure that others had somewhere to explore their full potential and escape the overwhelming limitations of real life. With his passing, he launched a treasure hunt to find three keys hidden somewhere in the game that hold the ownership rights to his life’s work, the Oasis, valued at half a trillion dollars.

The protagonist, Wade Watts, also known by his video game alias Parzival, is an orphan who lives in a small trailer with his aunt and her string of abusive men. He, along with the rest of the world, is a lifelong

fan of Halliday and finds himself hunting for the fortune. His biggest rival is a video game conglomerate called Innovative Online Industries (IOI), run by Halliday’s disgruntled ex-employee Nolan Sorrento. IOI is considered one of many clans, which are large groups of players that come together in order to have the best chance at winning. IOI captured thousands of indentured servants that are forced to play the game 24 hours a day to find the keys. The independent Wade, with the help of his hunter friends Aech, Art3mis, Daito and Sho, embark on a quest to find the keys first and escape the wrath of IOI, which poses a threat to his life outside of the game.

While this movie explores all the richness of imagination and shows how technology can work as the glue of our world, it also shows the dark side of too much tech and makes the point that we, as a society, should never let screen time become more important than time with people. The genius of the film lies in Halliday’s character because, although the audience doesn’t get a chance to learn too much about him, he is most memorable due to what he represents: regret. With all the trials that he puts the players through, he reveals a story about himself and how he let technology consume him and prevent him from building something invaluable: relationships. Even with all his success, he is expressing that the imperfections of reality are better to endure and conquer than to spend your life in fear, hiding behind a screen.

Our world isn’t nearly as deteriorated as the one in the movie; nevertheless, the parallels between the two are undeniable and it is for that reason that the film will resonate with every person who sees it.

#METOO AND HOLLYWOOD

THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY

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The #MeToo movement went from an empowering movement with a real chance at creating an honest dialogue about sexuality, sex and responsibility to one that is blurring the lines of sexual criminal behavior, creating confusion about what the rules should be when men and women interact, and further pushing the two sexes apart.

It should be noted—and it's sad that this even need be aforementioned since it should be self-evident—that forcible rape and predatory sexual harassment are both despicable crimes which I personally do not condone.

With that disclosure out of the way, onward we go.

THE GOOD

The New York Times, on Oct. 5, 2017, released an investigative masterpiece that shook the very foundations of how we view and talk about sex. Harvey Weinstein, producer and co-founder of Miramax, was ousted as a sexual predator, accused of rape and harassment going back at least 30 years. Over 80 women accused him of such acts after the fateful *New York Times* report.

In the Weinstein aftermath, women—and some men—found their voices and the years of untold sexual transgressions began pouring out. Enough was enough. Some of the most recognizable names in media, show business and politics began falling like dominos, pushed by the shocking allegations of sexual harassment and even rape. The #MeToo movement removed the blindfold from our eyes and revealed the monstrosity of our collective ignorance.

#MeToo was (and I hesitate to use this word) a revolution. It seemed that as a society we were ready to have an adult conversation about sex and responsibility. We were half wrong.

THE BAD

The perpetrators of bad behavior were being ousted and important conversations were be-

ing had. But it didn't take long for the powerful online movement to take a turn.

Women—some remaining anonymous—making the accusations were held beyond reproach. The disregard of rights such as due process and innocent until proven guilty flew in the face of the Bill of Rights.

Sexual harassment and sexual assault began being characterized as equally severe; they are not. The conflation cruelly undermined the experiences of the rape victims, and their life struggle to regain some normalcy. I'd be remiss to disregard the experiences of victims of sexual harassment as insignificant, and I assure you they are not. One, however, is certainly worse than the other, and the distinction matters.

After the initial free-for-all, take no prisoners mentality, an article was published, and actor/comedian Aziz Ansari stood accused of sexual assault from what seemed to be—at worst—a bad date. And, just like that, the frenzy was over. The piece encapsulated how skewed the movement had become.

The damage, however, was already done.

THE UGLY

Hollywood quickly rushed in with the typical moral grandstanding that only they can muster. Built on the young and beautiful, they have treated and portrayed sex as without meaning or consequence—a transactional tool to be used for business and pleasure.

The famed and depraved casting couch has been common knowledge going back to the '30s, possibly '20s, and been alluded to in movies such as 1950's *All About Eve*. Marilyn Monroe would later describe Hollywood as an "overcrowded brothel" in her autobiography. Tinsel Town's history is littered with the type of behavior that would make good ol' Harvey cringe, and most of which has been known for decades, and still, in a display of willful blindness and ignorance, they quickly rushed to lecture the rest of us in our inadequacies.

It is clear now that Weinstein's predations, and others like him, were no secret. His methods have been the running joke of their

productions for quite some time. Yet, for 30 years, not a single voice decried #TimesUP as he harassed, assaulted and humiliated women seemingly for sport.

In this post-Weinstein era, the Hollywood show of solidarity fell flat. Their glamorous red-carpet galas, fancy black garbs and scripted speeches fell flat. They are fake. The victims who suffered as they frivolously stood by are real.

IT'S TIME TO HEAL

#MeToo has given us an opportunity to reconsider our sexual behaviors. A responsible approach to how we treat sex, sexuality and each other will only benefit us all. It is time to listen to one another and have a much-needed conversation. #ItsTime.

THE INTRINSIC VALUE OF #METOO

WHY THE VALUE OF #METOO IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

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Every 98 seconds someone is sexually assaulted in the United States. Just sit down and think about that. 1...15...45...75...98... someone was just sexually assaulted while you counted. As you walk through your daily life, how many men, women and children within those dreaded 98 seconds were abused against their will? And how many of those same men, women and children from all walks of life have the ability to feel safe and speak about their experience?

Some may say the #MeToo Movement was just a Twitter hashtag moment, but it was more than that. It is the bra-burning moment of September 1968—a march to symbolize independence from men and for women's rights. It is the movement of 1913 when more than 5,000 women marched in Washington D.C. before the inauguration of President Woodrow, demanding the right to vote.

However, unlike the other historic protests

in the United States, this movement employed technology, creating a cultural shift in how we as victims and non-victims alike were able to witness the unfolding of such a movement. It wasn't by chance this movement gained momentum on social media — used not only for pleasure but also for highlighting injustices.

The #MeToo movement dramatically changed our perspectives and how we converse about sexual assault and violence. Unlike prior conversations, the #MeToo movement provided a platform for victims who have been silenced for so long to stand up with a simple retweet of #MeToo. Such a simple act of clicking a button became a cultural phenomenon. Since then, it has spurred victims to reclaim their voice and power even as it was brutally taken from them. Victims from all walks of life and industries now have the ability to share their stories and provide aid. The power of a simple hashtag created a unification of voices and empowerment to those who need it.

Similar to other movements, #MeToo has had its backlash and criticisms. The main argument is that the movement has blurred the lines of what it is considered sexual assault and violence. Where should the lines be drawn and who should draw the lines? Definitions of consent have also been challenged. Why now are victims coming forward to share their stories? Why wait so long?

However, isn't that both the beauty and the need for #MeToo? Where such questions and conversation around sexual assault were seen as taboo and only discussed in private, the movement has created an open space for dialogue, opinions, questions and facts to be presented and challenged. Where victims have so long been silenced because of fear of retribution by their attacker and shame of what had happened, they can now come forward.

While it has taken too long for a watershed moment like this to occur and there may be reservations about the authenticity of Hollywood and its actions, one cannot deny the power and value of the #MeToo movement. The intrinsic value of this movement is vital to how we discuss future sexual assault and violence. Moreover, as we continue with our daily lives, stop to think about those dreaded 98 seconds, 1...15...45...75...98 and how someone right now is able to be empowered by a simple retweet of #MeToo.

THE CHOICES WE MAKE

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Some choices are made for us. We have no say in when we will arrive on Earth and we have no say when we will leave it. We have no say in where we get to live or where we go to school (at first). But the choices that are made for us can drastically affect our future choices.

Futures look brighter in certain neighborhoods than others.

This is the first in-depth look at the choices we make, the choices of those around us and how they affect us as a whole.

Our choices determine identity and, over time, our school, our parents, the plans we make for our friends, the first time we decide to fight to the time we tell someone that we love them shapes who we are.

We have been molding our character over time, allowing us to look back on the choices of our past with regret or with a sense of accomplishment.

I sat down with Adriana Weng, a 21-year-old business management major, who had to deal with the aftermath of choices that were made for her. Her dad chose to focus on work and being a womanizer. Her grandmother was a severe alcoholic. Her mother was a drug addict who was constantly high. Her grandfather had contracted AIDS and Weng spent the end of her formative years watching him die.

Although her father was a successful entrepreneur in her home country of South Africa and internationally, her family was poor. Any money brought into the home, her mother used to buy drugs instead of food.

One of the earliest decisions she made was to reveal the depths of her mother's drug habit to her grandmother. She told her grandmother that her mother was stealing money and had stashed drugs in their home. This decision impacted her home life for the rest of her formative years all while living in one of the poorest areas of her country.

Since her mother was using the money for drugs instead of buying food, she was malnourished and was very skinny, which led to

kids picking on her. A term that was often used was "Chihuahua."

Weng was bullied by boys at her school and recalled a story in which her head was slammed against the school's bleachers.

At the age of 10, after waiting for hours for her mother to pick her up from school, she decided to walk home. While walking home an older boy spotted her, chased her down, and dragged her into the school's bathroom. He raped her.

Weng chose not to tell her family what happened, as it was apparent to her that they should have recognized something was wrong. However, their apparent indifference, along with her not realizing why she felt so ashamed and scared, she felt it best to not tell her family.

Joining a gang was a choice she made at the age of 12.

Weng started fighting other schoolgirls and soon made for the perfect drug mule.

Hard drugs like cocaine, heroin, ecstasy are a recurring theme in her life. The first man she ever loved was a drug addict. Once she started dealing, it led to the conscious choice to start doing drugs herself. In fact, the only way he knew how to care for her was to give her more drugs.

His overdose was one of the wake-up calls that led her to change her life, along with reconciling with her father and, on certain levels, with her mother.

The reconciliation led to some bumps in the road but the family is healing.

Weng's story is in a way like all of ours. Certain choices were made for us and we are forced to make the best out of them. Sometimes the choices we make can be as detrimental as the choices that were made for us.

How we respond to tragedy and how we decide we need help are things worth exploring.

Looking back at her choices, they were limited for there were fewer opportunities then—growing up in the townships or ghettos—to escape or alleviate grinding poverty.

There is an ideal way to navigate our society or rather a negotiated goal of how we should live in our society. However, if we look critically, it will be quickly revealed that very few manage to find it and virtually no one has lived it.

The interview with the young woman in our story will be aired on Barry Television and on YouTube on May 1.

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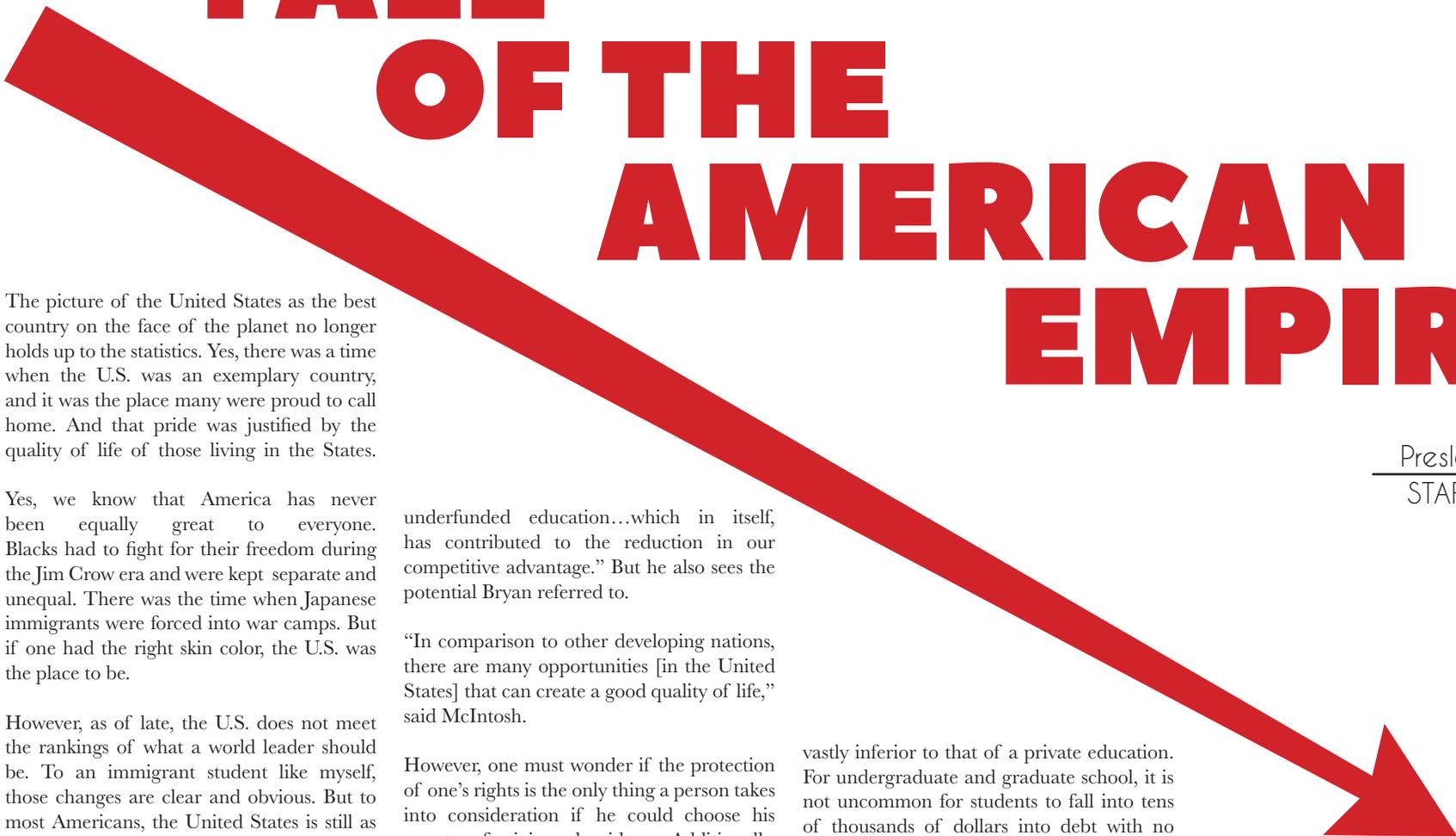
TOP 10 ECONOMIES



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THE FALL OF THE AMERICAN EMPIRE



The picture of the United States as the best country on the face of the planet no longer holds up to the statistics. Yes, there was a time when the U.S. was an exemplary country, and it was the place many were proud to call home. And that pride was justified by the quality of life of those living in the States.

Yes, we know that America has never been equally great to everyone. Blacks had to fight for their freedom during the Jim Crow era and were kept separate and unequal. There was the time when Japanese immigrants were forced into war camps. But if one had the right skin color, the U.S. was the place to be.

However, as of late, the U.S. does not meet the rankings of what a world leader should be. To an immigrant student like myself, those changes are clear and obvious. But to most Americans, the United States is still as great as she once was. It is both intriguing and fascinating to analyze what an American is referring to when he or she says America is the best place on Earth.

Senior Ashley Bryan, a biology major, thinks "America has potential."

And to be fair, the United States still has the best economy, the best military, and the most respect for individuals' rights in the world.

Jehrade McIntosh, managing director of the Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF) at Barry, expects the United States' economy will do well until 2019 because "with this political risk, who knows what could happen."

McIntosh also believes some of the problems with the United States is "government has

underfunded education...which in itself, has contributed to the reduction in our competitive advantage." But he also sees the potential Bryan referred to.

"In comparison to other developing nations, there are many opportunities [in the United States] that can create a good quality of life," said McIntosh.

However, one must wonder if the protection of one's rights is the only thing a person takes into consideration if he could choose his country of origin and residence. Additionally, it can easily be argued that minorities barely have the same rights of protection, given the way police treat them.

For example, in 2015 in New Orleans, Louisiana, an African-American was denied the rights to see his lawyer because he said, "Give me my lawyer, dawg."

The court decided that he was asking for an actual dog lawyer. Hence, one's rights seems to undoubtedly be protected based on the ethnic group one belongs to. And when it comes to anything else that constitutes the quality of life in a developed country, the U.S. is barely competing with other developed countries.

For example, the U.S. has the 20th best education system in the world. For K through 12, the quality of the public education system is

vastly inferior to that of a private education. For undergraduate and graduate school, it is not uncommon for students to fall into tens of thousands of dollars into debt with no guarantees of a job after graduation.

The United States is not in the top ten countries with the best life expectancy rate; in fact, it is not even ranked.

It is also unranked when it comes to countries with the highest overall quality of life. And, according to the *US News*, the U.S. is placed eighth when it comes to overall best countries in the world, trailing behind Switzerland, Canada, Japan and others.

Other vital aspects of life in the U.S. that do not compare to other countries are the destruction of labor unions, huge corporations' ability to silence the average voter by sponsoring candidates' campaigns, and real estate being out of reach of the average minimum-wage worker throughout

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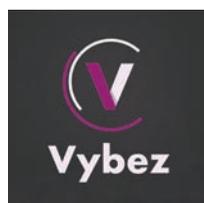
Based on these facts alone, it seems as though we are about to see the fall of another empire, the taming of a global giant.

REVIEW OF VYBEZ APP

“That’s a vibe!” Ever hear your friends say that when they’ve found the next big party or new hottest spot in town? Well, maybe it’s because they’re just copying that 2-Chainz song. Or maybe they’ve heard of an app that will tell you where all the hottest “vibes” are taking place. The Vybez App is a new mobile app that will tell you where the nearest party is to your location.

I tested the app to see what the hype is all about. When you first open it, it makes you sign up to create an account. I took the easy way and signed in with Google. From there, you are sent to the discovery page where it displays all “the popular events” and sponsored ads. Next, you can click on the location button that shows you all the categories of fun you can choose from- nightlife, live shows, college events, lounges, networking, arts & entertainment, and miscellaneous. I chose the category of college events first. It gave me a list of clubs to choose from. After clicking on the Basement Nightclub, it showed me the location and even an option to get a ride with Lyft or Uber.

The downside of the app is the dates are incorrect on the events. When I went to a different category such as arts & entertainment, I saw the same events from the last category and so on from each category. Also, it would be nice if the description box was filled out for people that aren’t familiar with the area. Lastly, when I clicked on Uber or Lyft, I expected the address to be in the app already. But, I had to go back to copy and paste or type the name in. The overall idea is great and can be extremely useful to college students or tourists. But, these problems have to be fixed before college students flood in as users. Until then, maybe it’s not a vybe.



HOT EVENTS IN MIAMI APRIL-JUNE

The end of the semester is near and that means SUMMER BREAK! Here is a list of the hottest things to do this summer.

THE MUSEUM OF ICE CREAM - “I Scream, You Scream, We all Scream for . . .” If you love ice cream, then this place is for you! Take a tour of this one-of-a-kind museum and find your favorite flavor. Each room has its own theme and don’t forget to take pictures in the bath full of sprinkles! Get your tickets online at www.museumoficecream.com

DOWNTOWN MIAMI JAZZ FESTIVAL - For all my music lovers, the Downtown Miami Jazz Festival is back! Come out and enjoy a four-day musical experience. Get your tickets at www.miamidowntownjazzfestival.org

DAY 1 - APRIL 26: GOVERNMENT CENTER- FREE!

DAY 2 - APRIL 27: OLYMPIA THEATER- \$20 (COMES WITH FOOD)

DAY 3 - APRIL 28: BAYSIDE MARINA STAGE-FREE!

DAY 4 - APRIL 29: BAYFRONT AMPHITHEATER-\$25 (COMES WITH FOOD)

REGGAE SUNDAYS - Skavelution ska fest is a weekly FREE concert located in Wynwood. The event promotes reggae music with live bands and deejays. Check out other Wynwood yard events at www.thewynwoodyard.com

Wynwood Yard from 2:00pm-12:00am

CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA - Why not end the semester with cocktails and salsa? Brickell is having a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta on Saturday, May 5 from 2 p.m.-3 a.m. Party all night long one more time before you head home. Located at Brickell Waterfront Lot 609 Brickell Avenue in Miami.

Tickets range from \$15-\$25 (drinks included, must be 21+ with ID)

MIAMI FILM MONTH - Love movies? Take a load off in June and only watch movies. A select view of Miami filmmakers share their inspiring stories of Miami and Beaches.

Tickets are \$8. Visit www.miamiantbeaches.com for show times and more information. The event is from June 1-30.

GRINGO BINGO - Forget that boring bingo you used to play! Come out and enjoy free tacos and free drinks while playing this age-old game. If you win, they’ll pick up your tab.

Time: 7p.m. - 10 p.m. first Wednesday of every month at Wood Tavern in Wynwood. For more information, check out www.woodtavern.com

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The Bucaneiros after an impressive performance at the Festival of Nations (left to right): Joseph Greenfield, Richard Hargett, Derrick Brown, Orlando Valdes, Leo Scimonelli, Aminatta Sillah and Brian Potts. **Photograph by Breana Mercado**

THE BARRY BUCANEIROS BRING BRAZILIAN-STYLE BLOCOS TO CAMPUS

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The Barry Bucaneiros, a music group organized by adjunct professor Brian Potts who earned his Ph.D. in classical percussion at the University of Miami, celebrates Brazilian culture with an entirely non-Brazilian band.

The group plays batucada, which is substyle of samba, and perform as an ensemble known as the bateria.

The instruments are based on groups called blocos, which are musical groups in Brazil that started in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro. Blocos play percussion and practice at samba schools every week in preparation for Brazil’s well-known carnival.

The Barry Bucaneiros meet once per week and play samba, other Brazilian styles – forró, baião and maracatu – and other non-Brazilian rhythms including funk, funk/hip hop grooves, New Orleans second line and North Mississippi fife and drum.

Students use traditional instruments of samba such as the timbão, surdo, repique, tamborim, caixa, agogô, shekere, and ganzá.

The music group was formed at Barry in 2008 as a percussion ensemble and was more traditional with marimba and orchestral percussion. While all the music was written out and not all students knew how to read music well, Potts reconfigured

the music ensemble using Brazilian music, something he was always passionate about. “In samba, everything is taught by mouth, which is easier to communicate with non-readers or musicians lacking reading skills,” he said. “Samba started in the favelas of Brazil and hence, samba is built around community and large groups. Samba breaks barriers between musicians and non-musicians since anyone can join and play.”

The group has performed at different events throughout the years.

On campus, they have performed at the Festival of Nations, at an Afro-Brazilian festival and at basketball games.

The largest performance thus far was at the New World Center last October. The group does regular performances throughout the year and a parade throughout campus at the end of the semester.

Aminatta Sillah, music major and senior, started playing with the Barry Bucaneiros in the summer of 2015. As part of the group, she has played the tamborim, caixa and surdo.

“The group is very fun. We come together and input what we like and create our own sound as well as playing the traditional samba music,” she said. “This group has helped me a lot with timing since when we play we all have to be in sync and has also

(cont.)

helped me in coming up with rhythms and in performing in front of crowds.”

Joseph Greenfield is a fine arts major and a music minor but enjoys the freedom of playing instruments like the timbao, repique, agogô, surdo, tamborim, shekere and caixa.

“I love being part of the group, it has changed my life for the better. It has grown from the commitment of Brian Potts, the band coordinator,” said Greenfield, who has been a member since 2014. “I am already teaching Brazilian music through the context of capoeira, and having the additional knowledge of Brazilian style batucada only helps open new doors of learning for the community.”

Students can join the group by taking the class, MUS 186 Section 07, for one credit. The group is inclusive and does not require any music background or knowledge about Brazilian music.

In fact, no one in the group, not even Potts, is Brazilian.

“Even though the idea of blocos are from Rio de Janeiro, blocos are such a flexible group of instrumentation that it can perform any rhythm or groove and can implement other influences,” said Potts, who has studied in Brazil since 2011 and is an active member of the Rio de Janeiro musical community. “I would love to see

SUMMER BODY

Maria Manzanares
STAFF WRITER

Let's get summer ready with these hot tips

Every year we make a pact to get in shape for spring break, and when that fails, we try again in the summer.

Most people, when hearing about getting fit, think of diets or killer workouts. Well, the truth is the sooner you start thinking about getting into shape to feel your best, the easier it is to get there without the temptation of trying out a crash diet or a juice cleanse.

First, let's clear up some common misconceptions about working out.

“People think specific exercises can burn fat in specific areas and it's totally wrong. The location of fat loss is not targetable, and it is genetics that determines what areas lose fat first. The only way to lean out a specific area is to lose overall fat mass on the body,” said history major and bodybuilder Matthew Salata.

It's common for people to feel like their workouts aren't working when they see the number on the scale. That number can remain the same because your body weight doesn't change. It all depends on how much fat you exchange for muscle gain.

The “I don't have time to work out” excuses are over!

Barry offers many wellness courses called Instructional Activities in Sport and Recreation (ISR) courses which have a range of choices that fit any workout style. Some of the many courses offered on campus are strength training, Zumba, yoga and mind and body training. Offered Monday through Friday at different times, it's easy to fit them into your schedule.

When it comes to motivation, it is hard to make ourselves go to the gym, get on a treadmill and do the workout.

“Some advice would be to stay consistent and motivated. Motivation would be one of the perks that comes out of fitness, like the results and opportunities,” said business junior Karina Tabuteau.

Once we start going to the gym, it's common to begin calculating how long we want to work out, what days we want off, what we want to concentrate on and how often we want to go to the gym.

“There is no set number of days you have

to work out, since everyone's body is different,” said Salata. “Some people can work out three to four days a week with great results, but some workout everyday with good results too. I think everyone should...adjust their training schedules based off how they feel and their results from it.”

However, if it's your first time starting to work out, here's some advice:

1. Don't overdo it your first day. The results won't happen immediately; it takes time and consistency. Overdoing it will just make you feel extremely sore the next day.

2. Soreness doesn't always mean it's working. Sometimes, it can mean you're not working out correctly.

3. Always make sure you stretch before and after your workout. Stretching can affect your body and determine how sore you'll be.

4. Your workout is only as good as your diet. You must eat well and workout to get

the results you want.

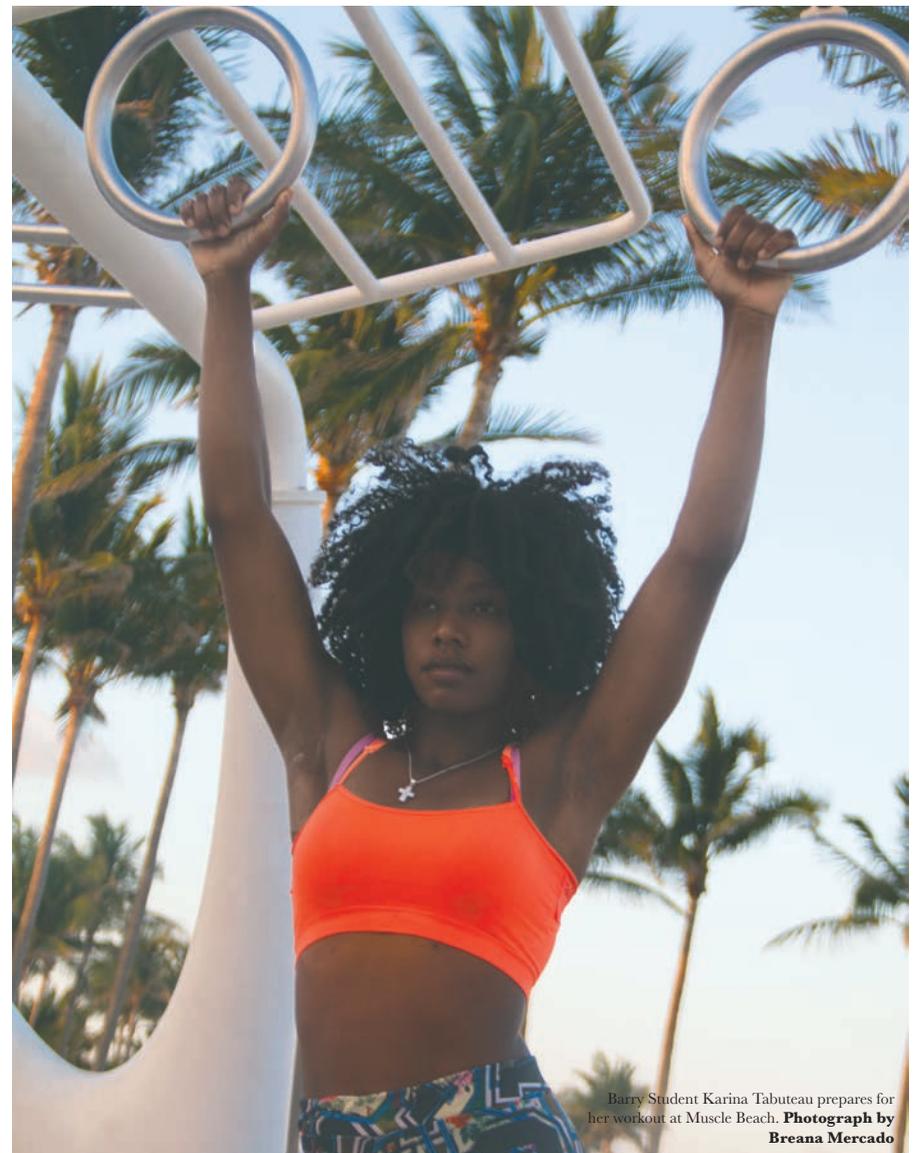
5. It's normal to feel a little awkward your first time at the gym, but don't worry. Everyone is there doing the same thing you are.

6. The most important rule of all: stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water to make up for the water you're losing.

What's most important is to be comfortable with yourself first. If you're going to start working out, do it for yourself, nothing else. You must want to work out and see results for it to happen.

Once you start, it becomes a lifestyle and part of your routine. Don't get discouraged when the results don't come as fast as you want them. Many times, they're there. You just can't see them because it's your own body.

Remember: stay motivated, stay consistent and stay hydrated. The results will come with time.



Barry Student Karina Tabuteau prepares for her workout at Muscle Beach. **Photograph by Breana Mercado**

Pa Sheikh Tijan Ngom
STAFF WRITER

Did you have to read that title twice? Yeah, you read it right. It's time to stop pointing fingers. From the comfort of our moral superiority, it feels great to label someone as fake, shady or something negative. As long as you're the one pointing, there's nothing to worry about. Name-calling is easy, but what's difficult is introspection and calling yourself out for your wrongs.

How many fake people do you know that openly call themselves fake? None probably. Not many would label themselves as fake, racist, sexist or xenophobic, simply because people, many times, are blind to their own faults. Instead, we justify our actions to feel more comfortable with ourselves because it is easier to rationalize our behavior than to change it. Yes, being fake sucks, but it's something we can all address and change.

Proceed with caution, it's about to get real.

1. YOU ALWAYS ASK YOUR FRIENDS TO PAY YOU BACK.

Granted, we're all a little broke sometimes, but if you can't let that \$2.49 slide, you're either an extreme cheapskate (Are those Louis Vuitton's you got on?) or you just suck.

2. YOU DON'T TAKE THE ADVICE YOU GIVE.

Don't talk to me about abstinence when your weeknights are jam-packed. Both you and your friend could be making the same mistake, but for some strange reason, it's okay when you do it. You could even write an entire essay on why you're right and they're wrong.

3. YOU'RE ALWAYS INVOLVED IN DRAMA.

Yet you claim to hate it. Hmm...suspicious.

4. YOU CAN'T TAKE "NO" FOR AN ANSWER.

The world cannot revolve around your desires. Most of the time, "no" is nothing personal and just something you must deal with.



WAYS TO KNOW YOU ARE THE FAKE FRIEND

Unless you like losing friends.

5. YOU ALWAYS WANT TO TALK ABOUT YOURSELF.

Haven't you noticed your friends have changed the subject 15 times already? Let it rest, man.

6. YOU NEVER REMEMBER ANYTHING YOUR FRIENDS TELL YOU.

Do you ever just look at someone talk and not hear a single word they say? Understandable. If this is you most of the time when your friend talks, there's something wrong there.

7. YOU ACT DIFFERENT WHEN SOMEONE ELSE IS AROUND.

C'mon, don't switch up on your buddy just because the rich kid walked by.

8. YOU JUDGE EVERYONE.

Except yourself, because you're perfect and how could the world not see it?

Maybe this entire list is you. Maybe only some of it is. Or maybe, just maybe, none of this applied to you. In that case, you're a Godsend, straight down from heaven, gracing us with your presence. Or you're just a liar, but you can go ahead and decide that. No one is perfect, and we all have our faults. However, what's noble about humanity is that we are constantly taking action to correct our flaws. Despite the title of this article, no one is entirely fake. The best we can all do is work on the flaws we see and minimize them as much as possible. To fix something, we must first see because we can't fix what we don't detect as broken. You can be fake to your friends all you want, but if you cannot see the fault in your actions, the only person you are truly being fake with is yourself. And that is probably the worst fate of all.

DOWN IN THE DUMPS: FEELING SAD & BLUE

Pa Sheikh Tijan Ngom
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Our collective mental health particularly in college campuses is the worst it has ever been.

Time Magazine reports that the number of college students who reported having a major depressive episode (MDE) has risen significantly from what it used to be — from 8.7% in 2005 to 11.5% in 2014. That's a 37 % increase. This begs the question, what are we doing wrong? Are we the ones manufacturing our own demise? Are we destroying our own mental health?

Sometimes when you're feeling sad and blue, you can't always tell what's wrong.

According to *USA Today*, about 11 percent of the world's population struggles with some form of depression but the percentage skyrockets to 33 percent among college students. That's roughly one in every three students.

Nevertheless, there is a particular topic that is strongly linked with the recurring theme of damped spirits on college campuses and that is a feeling of inadequacy.

The renowned medical research group The Mayo Clinic believes that this is because college students combat a unique set of obstacles that make them even more susceptible to depression.

For one, there is the obvious pressure to get good grades. Then, there's the weight of a good social life, the stress of tuition, the looming fear of student loans, homesickness, maintaining a steady income, budgeting your money, getting involved on campus, and sustaining a romantic relationship.

"Sometimes it can get overwhelming" said graduate student Denis Ordonez. "You want to have a social life, good grades, friendships, sleep, food but these unreasonable expectations have the most negative effect on our mental health."

With a distinct rise in social media use and the gift of easy internet access, the world has become a lot smaller, and college students are affected by that, too.

We no longer have to travel to Paris to see the Eiffel tower or trek to Namibia to see the gorgeous Namib Desert. We can see all this through our multiple screens. This sounds amazing until you realize that whilst your heart longs to be on the beach sipping something fancy out of a coconut, you miss out on the beauty of your surroundings.

In the novel *Dandelion Wine* by Ray Bradbury, the character Leo Aufmann was determined to build a happiness machine to

make sure the residents of Green Town, Illinois would never feel sad again.

So, he constructed this futuristic machine that would show a person beautiful images to stimulate their senses. When his wife gets inside the machine, he shows her images of Paris and is surprised to hear her sobbing instead of laughing.

"I never even thought of being in Paris in my life," she declares in disdain. "But now you got me thinking: Paris! So suddenly I want to be in Paris and I know I'm not!"

The beauty Leo Auffmann showed her pulled her away from the beauty in her own life and, suddenly, she was sad. His happiness machine did not work, it had the opposite effect.

Are our social media pages our version of Auffman's happiness machine?

"I feel social media is unhealthy because it distracts us from socializing with people and doing other activities/hobbies," said freshman and business major Valencia Martinez.

Some others argue for the inherent good of social media amidst the potential danger.

"I think social media can go both ways," said freshman Anthony Amador. "It can be both healthy and unhealthy, it all depends on how often you check it and for what."

College students are especially vulnerable toward feelings of inadequacy. Students are in that in-between stage where they are trying to take control of their lives but still have one foot firmly planted in the safety and warmth of home.

According to *Psychology Today's* article, "The College Student Mental Health Crisis" college students want to succeed.

"They want to fulfill their own ambitions and make their parents proud. If their grades are low, and especially if they're forced to delay graduation or drop out, they feel demoralized and ashamed. Plans for further education are scrapped; career aspirations are abandoned; life trajectories are thrown off course."

Whenever we stumble, we see our friends and role models thrive online. We see them winning whilst we fail, succeeding effortlessly whilst we struggle to attain something that would mean nothing to them.

With the internet around, measuring up to the extreme successes of the world's

most successful is almost impossible. The trend of glitz and glamour has convinced us that mediocrity is unsatisfactory.

Barry University offers counseling services to all students at the counseling office in Landon 205. In fact, you are charged \$60 in your tuition every semester for this.

Senior and history major Dominique McMillan is an advocate for mental health and

encourages struggling students to schedule an appointment if they're not feeling their best.

"Once I was able to get past the problems I was dealing with for most of my life, I felt so light, refreshed and enlightened. You don't always have to talk about sad stuff; there were many times when I just spoke about what I learned in class," she said.

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BARRY STUDENTS PROTEST FARM WORKER SEXUAL ASSAULT

Like the average American, you eat three meals a day without a second thought: mushroom, tomato, and spinach omelette for breakfast before your first class, perfectly crisp french fries and ketchup with your friends at Bucky's Cove, and your guilty pleasure of cheese pizza late at night.

Yet, little did you know, all of those meals include the same, single ingredient – tomatoes. Yet, the people who picked them before they were served to you, have experienced mistreatment for decades.

The 411 on the CIW and Farmworkers in America

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) is a human rights organization that tackles injustices farmworkers experience in the industrial agricultural system, including gender-based violence, wage theft, and in extreme cases, slavery. Immokalee is located in southwest Florida, and produces 90 percent of the nation's tomatoes during the winter months.

Farmworkers face abuses because they are

not allowed to unionize in the United States, and without protections from national laws like The National Labor Relations Act and The Fair Labor Standards Act, there are no systems in place for accountability when abuse occurs.

To combat these injustices, farmworkers must create their own organizations like the CIW to fight for their rights. The CIW created the Fair Food Program, a partnership among farmworkers, growers, and food retailers.

Under the Fair Food Program, farmworkers receive education sessions and a penny more per pound they pick to eradicate poverty. It also keeps farms in compliance with the Fair Food Program while completing audits and complaint investigations through the Fair Food Standards Council, a third-party monitor.

Barry Students Boycott Wendy's

For the past several years, Barry University students have been boycotting and staging demonstrations at Wendy's in Miami because they fail to join the Fair Food Program.

Plenty of fast-food restaurants and grocery stores have joined the Fair Food Program, including Subway, Burger King, Wal-Mart and Whole Foods.

However, since January of 2013, Wendy's board chairman Nelson Peltz has refused to join.

To add pressure on Wendy's, this March, the CIW began their Freedom Fast, a five-day fast in New York City to protest against sexual violence in the fields farmworker

women experience – ranging from unwanted flirtations and comments to extreme cases of rape and sexual assault.

Three Barry University students travelled over 24 hours to New York City on caravan to join the last day of the protest on March 22nd.

The protest included speeches from farmworkers and a demonstration of 2,000 activists protesting across Manhattan.

Isaly Ortiz, a freshman studying political science, said the trip changed her life.

“It was the first march I was a part of [where] I was allowed to meet some of these workers, hear stories, and help in the fight to get the protections they deserve,” she said.

Did Wendy's Join the Fair Food Program Then?

Sadly, not yet.

When interviewed by *The Huffington Post*, Wendy's company spokesperson Heidi Schauer said “there's no new news here, aside from the CIW trying to exploit the positive momentum that has been generated by and for women in the #MeToo and Time's Up movement to advance their interests.”

Alyssa Milano, a promoter of the #MeToo movement, said herself, “Wendy's, this is very simple: These women are the #MeToo movement, which is a grassroots movement of women from all corners of society exposing the painfully common experience of sexual harassment, misconduct and assault... To suggest that farmworker women are

somehow unwelcome intruders in the fight for dignity and safety for women is downright absurd and unbelievably offensive.”

Was there a clapback from the CIW?

In response to Wendy's, the Student/Farmworker Alliance, an ally organization of the CIW made up of university students and young people, held a National Day of Action on April 5. Twenty-six actions occurred across the country, including one in Miami organized by the Barry Student/Farmworker Alliance Chapter.

There, Barry students and individuals from the CIW went to a local Wendy's to picket. Signs read “Respect” and “Humanos Derechos,” Spanish for human rights. People in cars honked in solidarity, bystanders asked questions and individuals took photos.

After picketing and chanting for 30 minutes, a delegation of four individuals: 2 Barry students and 2 CIW members spoke to the manager of the Wendy's to ask if they would accept a letter explaining their protest and give it to their supervisor. The manager accepted the letter.

“It [was] a great experience to protest with classmates while making a difference in other people's lives,” said Andre Wixon, a freshman studying communications.

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RESTORING VOTING RIGHTS: A SECOND CHANCE

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Floridians will vote this fall on an amendment that could restore voting rights to more than a million felons.

Florida voters will decide in the next November elections if felons will get their voting rights restored.

Currently, there are more than 1.5 million people in Florida who cannot vote due to a felony conviction—that is 10 percent of the state population.

According to research conducted in 2016 by the Sentencing Project, about 6.1 million voters in the U.S. are disenfranchised because of a felony conviction.

Desmond Meade, who was once a drug addict and homeless after being released from prison in 2004, has a law degree from Florida International University but is unable to apply for a license until he has rights restored.

In Florida, citizens must petition the governor for an individual restoration of rights, and a few cases are granted. A board made up of Republican Governor Scott and cabinet members meet four times a year and hear 50 to 75 cases each time.

Meade founded the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition whose mission is to end the disenfranchisement and discrimination against people with convictions. Meade is also chair of Floridians for a Fair Democracy, and to make an amendment to the Florida constitution, the campaign successfully gathered almost 800,000 certified signatures in their petition drive. As a result, the state certified on Jan. 23 that the initiative be added to the Nov. 6 ballot.

“I am extremely grateful for the Floridians who have really stepped up to make Florida a second-chance state. We’re a step closer to bring sunshine to the Sunshine State,” said Meade in an article written by *Sun Sentinel*.

Meade launched both Floridians for a Fair Democracy and the Say Yes to Second Chances campaign in 2007 with the help of

citizen-led initiatives and advocacy groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union and the Florida League of Women Voters.

Their goals have been to end Florida’s clemency process and automatically restore voting rights to felons who have served their time. The amendment excludes individuals who have been convicted of murder or sexual offense.

If approved by at least 60 percent of voters, the amendment would change the Florida constitution to restore voting rights to Floridians with felony convictions after they have fully completed their sentences, including parole and/or probation.

Dr. Fernando Perez, associate professor of sociology and criminology, believes voting is one of the most fundamental rights in the United States.

“The amendment would be a step in the right direction in providing rights to citizens. It is a way of eliminating the denial of basic civil right,” said Perez.

If the amendment becomes law, it would have an immense impact on future elections in a state as politically split as Florida.

Governor Rick Scott was elected and re-elected by margins of less than 65,000 votes. Donald Trump defeated Hilary Clinton in Florida by less than 120,000 votes.

“It would be a step in the right direction for voter enfranchisement especially since 10 percent of the state population cannot vote because of prior felonies,” said Antonio Rodriguez, a political science major, sophomore, and president of the College Democrats.

Florida, Kentucky and Iowa are the only states permanently barring felons from voting for life, unless they get an exemption from the state’s government.

In many states like Georgia, Texas, New Jersey, Washington and North Carolina, felons can vote as soon as they have completed their time.

“The amendment would definitely make an



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impact on our status as a swing state,” said Rodriguez. “Democracy works best when all facets of society have the right to vote. If the amendment passes, it will bring us toward a more equal society where all people’s voices are heard.”

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Keeping Love Alive

By: Denis Ordoñez Jr.

So there's a million dollar question: Is love dead?

You wouldn't think so, given the sheer amount of times it's said

The issue is that many who say are not sincere

While others avoid it and succumb to crippling fear

The inevitable sting of rejection drawing ever near

But as painful as it can be

There is one thing of which we might agree

As long as there are those who strive to keep love alive

I have no doubt that love can survive

Pancakes

We had booth seats

Slow services

You asked for your coffee as dark as me

And I silently poured honey in my tea

You kept anxiously putting your hair behind your ears and smiling

And every time I caught you staring into my eyes,

I realized I have never been more grateful to grab pancakes with someone

Dear Grandma

I have mourned every second of your existence

For every minute longer you live

I die a little more inside

For every thread of your hair that turns grey

For every breath, every heartbeat, and every smile

My bones ache

For every time I see you are without tears in your eyes

My blood boils, my skin itches, and my mind goes berserk

Your longevity has deprived me of happiness

But it is fine

One day, you are going to die

And my life will finally start

I will rejoice every second you spend under the sole of my shoes

I will smile every time I see an ant

Because I'll know there are hundreds of them eating at your corpse

With every additional wrinkle

Every new illness time brings your way

Every new sets of meds

I foresee my deliverance from you

However, you are an evil witch

And you have lived this long

You will probably live forever

BARRY ROWER STRUGGLES TO REACH DECEMBER FINISH LINE

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Barry senior Orianna Camargo came to the U.S. in 2013 from war-torn Venezuela for a brighter future. Today, she is on the cusp of graduation, but her future remains tentative.

A championship rower, Camargo has represented Barry as a NCAA Student for the Athlete Leadership Forum. She has been a first-year experience ambassador, orientation leader and an RA. The list of Camargo's campus involvement is ongoing.

Yet, little does everyone know that she might not be able to graduate from the place she calls home.

Last April, her father Douglas Camargo was rushed to a hospital in Venezuela for what he thought were ulcers. Instead, he learned he had Stage II liver cancer and was bearing a tumor larger than 4 inches that had grown into blood vessels.

Her father, 45, is being treated in Venezuela where there is a severe medicine shortage. The tumor required treatment that consisted of medicine that is not found in Venezuela.

When teammate Mia Ball found out about her situation, she felt her pain.

"Orianna is very important to our rowing team. She offers an amazing personality to the team that keep everyone positive," she said. "It would be very unfortunate to see her not be a part of our school and team because of the price."

The entire fall semester, Camargo kept this heart-breaking news to herself. She was forced to finally tell her story so she could get help.

"I had to share my story while being strong enough to talk about it when people asked," said Camargo. "We needed to buy the chemo in [US] dollars and all the dollars we owned were barely enough to afford the remaining of my Spring 2018 semester."

His treatments had to be paid in full every

month at a price of about \$2,500. Her father wanted to use his chemo money to pay off her account balance at school but Camargo refused.

Despite her financial difficulties, Camargo is insistent on graduating in December and is hopeful her father will see her walk across the stage with that diploma.

"Even though I have cried during entire nights until I fall to sleep thinking of a life without my dad I have never shown my fears or broken heart outside my room," she said. "I decided to share smiles every single day because I knew just one sad person 'me' was enough.

She hopes that obtaining her degree will be a testament to every young immigrant who has left Venezuela.

Waking up daily for 5 a.m. rowing practices and competing in tournaments while juggling the rigors of her international business and management program and her father's illness and climbing medical expenses, Camargo's relatives grew concerned about her emotional health.

"[Finishing my degree would] mean that my tears, sweat, injuries, and pain from learning a sport I knew nothing about it was worth it all along the way," she said.

There is light at the end of the tunnel, though.

A few weeks ago, the rowing team and the Barry athletic department informed her that they will take care of her financial situation until she graduates and the rowing team created a GoFundMe page to collect for her father's next chemotherapy cycles.

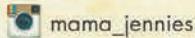
Camargo believes that, if she graduates, it won't only be her graduating from Barry, but her father as well as "they have completed this long journey together."

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| Grilled Chicken Parmesan with Broccoli |\$9.50 |
| Meat or Cheese Lasagna |\$8.95 |
| Stuffed Shells |\$8.95 |
| Mama's Specialty Burgers | ...\$10.99 served with fries |

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up charge: sautéed onions, mushrooms, bacon,
fried egg, gorgonzola cheese, jalapenos*

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