

Senioritis: Who Has Time for That?

Seniors face a demanding semester while focusing on graduation.

KALEMA MEGGS
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior Nathan Williams walks into the Buccaneer office with a sleepy look in his eyes, as if he had been up all night. He says he worked until 2:00 a.m. at the WBRV radio station, and then had to complete his homework for another hour, only to wake up for class at 8:00 a.m.

A packed schedule for many seniors is common. Unlike their classmates, seniors have to work on capstone papers, take comprehensive exit exams, submit portfolios and submit projects, all while having to prepare and take graduate school entrance exams, such as the GRE, the LSAT and the MCAT.

Senior Ashley Marie Craig admits that she has quite the load as an English literature major.

"Truth be told, this semester has by far been the roughest," says Craig. "On top of fulfilling what I would consider the two most difficult literature course requirements, I find myself bombarded with the stress of re-taking the GRE. Senioritis is simply not an option."

Art history major Gretel Rivero says her last semester has been more challenging than previous years.

"Being a senior is more difficult, trying to complete requirements for graduation," says Rivero.

For many non-seniors, the last semester of school is often glamorized as a constant party, a celebration until graduation day. But for actual seniors, the reality is more about work than play.

Williams, a broadcast communication major, finds it difficult juggling his school and work commitments.

"I get anxious a bit with completing assignments on time, because I have so much to balance between work and school, but I try to stay positive," says Williams. "Sometimes you just have to do what you have to do. Not everything is going to come easy in life."

Student anxiety doesn't always

come from their classes, but from their professors.

"Of all the people in the world, who better to understand the stresses of school than professors," says Craig.

"Times change, so obligations and priorities change," adds Williams.

It seems that for all three seniors, the workload has dramatically increased

stead, her own time management and tendency to procrastinate cause stress.

"Being an art history major, my professors are very understanding with the workload seeing as though I am graduating," says Rivero. "(I'm not saying that I don't get frustrated at times, but I know that my biggest problem is time management and myself procrastinating on work. I recognize I need to work on that though. Mentally I am just exhausted."

Luckily Rivero, Craig and Williams say they have a strong support system from their families, friends and professors.

Williams acknowledges the Department of Communication for their constant support and encouragement.

"The Communication Department is great! They definitely stay on me when it comes to my work," he laughs. "But Dr. Nelson has been in my corner all four years."

Craig says her grandmother is her number one fan.

"My grandmother is my voice of reason, she hears it all," says Craig. "She hears me complain about my workload, my professors, when my grades are unsatisfactory; she hears all of it. She is always there to tell me that it is going to be alright. She is always right."

since their freshman year. Despite years of experience in the classroom, seniors still struggle during crunch time.

"While the professors are typically reasonable, I would be lying if I failed to mention those who believe their classes to be the only one in existence," says Craig.

Rivero feels differently. Her professors aren't her biggest problem. In-



Illustration: Henry Moore

To Walk, or Not to Walk: Barry Graduates Take Different Paths

Some graduates opt out of tradition when it comes to their graduation.

KATEAH HERRERA
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While most college students cannot wait for their day to stroll across the stage and receive their diploma, some students are opting out of the time-honored tradition of donning a cap and gown and waving to their parents from centerstage.

"It feels a little silly to put on a cap and gown at 25 when I've been doing this since I was 18," explains English major Allison Goldfarb, who has decided not to walk for graduation. "I guess somebody might say that that's all the more reason to do it, but I know I'm graduating. It's a totally momentous occasion in my own mind."

Held in the James L. Knight Center, "Barry has two ceremonies so that students can bring as many guests as they want," says Dr. Eileen McDonough, associate vice president for Student Affairs.

Barry has several traditions that lead up to graduation day, including the Rose and Candle Ceremony and the Baccalaureate Liturgy. These events are for family and friends to participate in the celebration of the graduate's accomplishment. There are many students who will walk across that decorated stage in December, including 23-year-old Amanda Gibson.

When asked what she'll be thinking while walking across the stage, Gibson says, "Holy crap. I'm actually graduating."

Although she isn't planning to go to the other ceremonies, Gibson and her fellow graduating photography majors will be exhibiting their work at the Andy Gato Gallery in the second floor of Thompson Hall. Gibson has been told by her mother that people she doesn't even know are

coming in to see her graduate.

"Let's just say, I'm Jamaican so we have a lot of people coming," says Gibson. "Graduating is a big thing for my family and friends back home."

Goldfarb has decided that she would rather mark the occasion with a more intimate dinner between her family and friends.

"My not walking has nothing to do with diminishing how important it is, because it is so important to me that I'm graduating," says Goldfarb.

Even though both Goldfarb and Gibson are choosing to mark their graduations in different ways, they are excited, nervous and optimistic about future prospects.

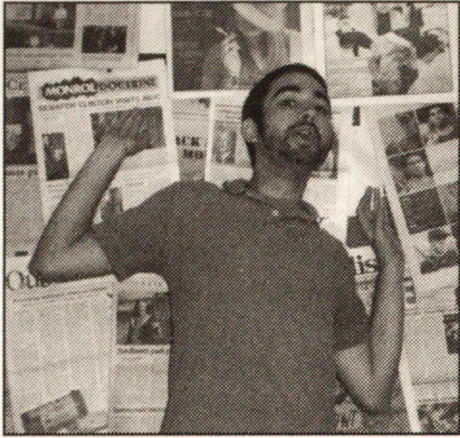
Goldfarb hopes to move out of Miami and go to law school while Gibson will be staying as a lab tech in the photo lab at Barry.

"I'm just not yet ready to leave Barry," says Gibson. "I'm one of the few who have done my whole college life at Barry. Barry is my home."



Illustration: Henry Moore

Letter From the Editor



This is the last issue of *The Barry Buccaneer* for the fall semester, the year and the decade. It's appropriate that it should also be my last issue as editor in chief. You will no longer be able to see my creepy mugshot on the top left corner of page two. Instead, the coveted corner spot will soon be graced by Sam "Sammy" Stanton, our "editor-elect."

Since my freshman year, I have been a part of the newspaper staff, seeing writers and photographers come and go like cars on the Dolphin Expressway. I have stayed on the newspaper staff and learned much more than any textbook could ever offer, which is not to say that classroom instruction hasn't helped me along the way.

Speaking of the classroom, I must extend a huge note of gratitude to those who have deeply influenced my academic career: Dr. Andrea Greenbaum, Dr. Lawrence Byrne, Dr. Margarita Nodarse, Margery Gordon and Olena Drozd.

My entire college experience has revolved around writing, from studying other writers to practicing different types of writing. My minor in Spanish has consisted of analyzing the structure of English and Spanish as it relates to translation. My part-time job at Barry's Writing Center has caused terms like "comma splice," "compound modifiers" and "APA style" to float around my head like a Lady Gaga song. And even in my extracurricular activities, like *The Barry Buccaneer*, I constantly study words, sentence structure and meaning. But why have I chosen this?

Truman Capote best describes my feelings on the subject of writing. "I started writing, not knowing that I had chained myself for life to a noble but merciless master. When God hands you a gift, he also hands you a whip; and the whip is intended solely for self-flagellation...I'm here alone in my dark madness, all by myself with my deck of cards --- and, of course, the whip God gave me."

Writing is about trying to replicate your thoughts into a discernible form for others to appreciate. How difficult is it for you to try to write an essay about symbolism in a novel?

The Barry Buccaneer welcomes all student, staff and faculty contributions. Letters to the editor, story ideas, news releases, photos and artwork can be submitted to The Barry Buccaneer office in the Landon Student Union, Suite 202-J, through campus mail or e-mail. All contributed material must include the signature and the mailbox or telephone number of the contributor.

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Letter from the Incoming Editor in Chief

SAM STANTON
NEWS EDITOR

Whether you're a highly creative idiot, a technical nerd, an unbearably dry intellectual or anything in between, I want you.

In late October I attended the College Media Advisors Convention in Austin, Texas, along with the current Sports Editor Kalema Meggs, and Photo Editor Julia Lethbridge. We returned to Miami Shores with an inspired vision for the paper.

My goal for *The Barry Buccaneer* staff is to no longer be the bearers of bad news, pun intended. I want to spice our paper up. I am committed to providing a newspaper that the Barry community actually wants to read.

But, I need you, the student

body to help me. If there's any way that you would like to contribute, please contact me or stop by our office in Landon 202-J. Even if you don't know exactly where you could fit into our staff, stop by or send a personal statement. I promise to find a place for you.

I'm very excited about the opportunity to serve as the editor-in-chief for *The Barry Buccaneer* next semester. And like our president did just over one year ago, I'm banking on hope and change.

Sincerely,

Sam Stanton

Times They Are a Changing

HENLEY JOHNSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Eighteen years in the making, and we are here ladies and gentlemen. We have reached yet another landmark in our development as adults. Sadly but surly, this is the inevitable truth about life. We come to different stages and obstacles that challenge us to the point of constant debate. We learn to judge and interpret things differently, cast doubt on what seems to be right from wrong, up from down. No longer are you tied down by the restrictions set by your parents or morals. This is the time in your life where you develop a keen understanding of how the universe works or as you have been told from a young age, the "real world."

Now more than ever, we will grow and become who we are, the person we are in comparison to who we were only three months ago. We have now been set free as if we were caged animals in a lab. Leaving the lab, we

are under more scrutiny than when we were caged. Our every move, our every word will be taken out of context and broken down to the finest meaning, one that we might not have deliberately articulated.

The sad reality behind all of this truth is that we will scrutinize ourselves the worst. We will change ourselves mentally, physically and emotionally in an attempt to acquire acceptance from the world. We now are in a vortex of experimental drugs, sexual exploration and universal happiness. The catalyst for these endeavors comes in many forms, some fabricated from emotion and others based on situation. With all of this crashing down upon us at such a fast rate we seek shelter in what we know to be safe and real. Home. Everyone feels some sort of longing to be back home, back in high school, start the ninth grade all over again.

For some time, it's been a desire to build a time machine that could

allow for passage between the past and the present, enabling us to reconnect with past memories that we just weren't ready to let go of. We carry our lessons into our futures, altering our past mistakes. Everyone wants to

and allow the smiles and laughs to flood your heart, obscuring your vision, making you weak, carrying on with life, oblivious to the clock that counts down in the catacombs of your mind, growing louder and louder as

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experience the bliss of youthful summer days in which nothing burdened the day ahead. Moment by moment, action by action, you lived without a care in the world, mind free from the oppression from high school teachers and parents' guidelines.

For if we could really go back in time and hold the one we loved with the burning desire that told you never let go. Relinquish all your worries

you near the day when you feel your perfect world turning upside down. Emotion begins to overtake rational thinking. Trying to brace for the crack in the sidewalk of life, you are unable to avoid it. You're forced to live in the now. All memories have been engraved in your soul.



On behalf of the Office of Alumni Relations, the Alumni Board of Directors, and the Division of Institutional Advancement, congratulations on your achievements at Barry University – We are BARRY PROUD of you!

--Sean Kramer, Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations.

STAFF GOODBYES

George, it's not going to be the same working on the paper without you! You've guided me for the past three years and you have taught me a lot in the newspaper world. I think I'll miss all of our inside jokes and our "Editor and Staff" pictures the most!

Henry, I know you're going to do some amazing things in the graphic world! Thanks for always putting up with our craziness and always putting together an awesome paper. I know your going to miss all those weekend long layouts!

George, I've known you since my freshmen year; and I have learned a lot from you. I appreciate everything you have done for the paper, and myself. Thank you and best wishes in life.

Henry, Thank you for everything that you have done for the paper as well. I know that not all the times during the weekend were smooth because of us writers, but you always came through. Thank you and best wishes in life.

-DJ

-Julia

Henry and George,

Congratulations and best of luck in all of your endeavors in the years to come.

However, I doubt they will compare to your time spent with us at *The Buccaneer*.

I will miss our love affairs during layout.
muchloveSAM

Congrats on all your hard work George and Henry, hope you continue on the road to success and don't be a stranger to our office once you graduate!

-Amor

George & Henry

Congratulations making it to graduation! I am so proud of you both! It was an honor working with you both and I will miss you dearly! May God continue to bless you both in your future endeavors!

Love Always,
Kalema

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SENIORS' WORDS OF WISDOM



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Amanda Gibson - Photography

"Keep in mind the economic state of the country; apply for jobs early and network. It's not what you know, it's who you know."



Photo: Julia Lethbridge

Kentrice Jones - Criminology

"Don't procrastinate. Review your notes after a lecture, or everyday if you can. It's really helpful."



Photo courtesy of: Amanda Mor

Amanda Mor - Social Work

"I recommend for commuter students to become involved in on-campus activities. Now that I am graduating I feel as if I missed out on so much just because I wasn't willing to drive all the way to campus!"



Photo: Julia Lethbridge

Qulta Griffith - Psychology

"Get out while you can. I am only feeling good because I'm getting out alive."

SENIORS' POST-GRADUATE PLANS

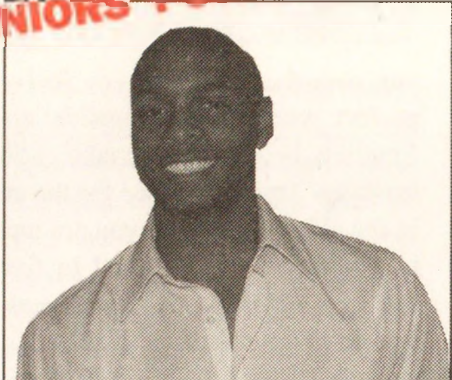


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Steve Hunter Turnler - Finance

"I've recently received a job offer for post-graduate work in finance, but I'm reluctant because it would require staying in Miami. I'm also contemplating going into the Marine Corps."



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Jennifer Charles - Psychology

"I'm going to grad school at Nova Southeastern University."

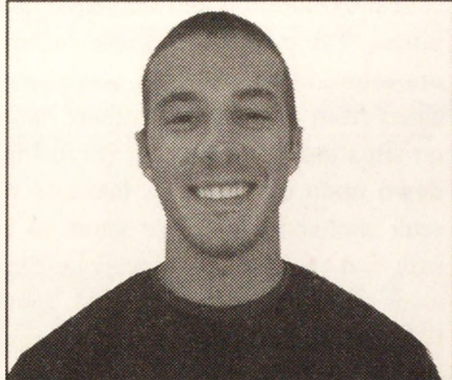


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Dave Kathmann - Exercise Science

"I plan on doing an internship for strengthening conditioning for a baseball team."



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Julie Jarrell - Photography

"I have the opportunity to work with a wedding photographer."

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