

The Barry Buccaneer

a student publication



Mariesa Greene is the first student in Barry's history to be awarded All American.
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Photo: Julia Lethbridge, Photo Editor



A look at three outstanding seniors who deserve some long overdue praise

Silent stars

By Haley Struthers
Staff Writer



They run the extra bit and do the added work; most of the time, they will never quite get the respect they deserve. This is their time.

Men's basketball player Bryan Chiverton was willing to break down walls to keep his game up. To improve his skills, Chiverton used to break into the school gymnasium in order to practice, even when it was closed. After becoming good friends with a Barry custodian, Chiverton was able to practice all he wanted. From this, the hard work paid off, as he was a main component and reason for the Bucs success this year.

Entering into his freshman year, Chiverton was confident and consistent coming in strong off the bench. His sophomore and junior years were spent reevaluating his role on the team. However, he still managed to post up strong numbers.

His senior year was a testament to his hard work, often being noted for his unselfish offense and tenacious defense. After spending hours working out during the off-season, he came into his senior year with few expectations from his coaches and evolved into a team leader his coaches depended on.

Coach Cesar Odio spoke about Chiverton's final game at Barry.

"I get goose bumps when I think about it because he's no longer just my player, but now a part of my family and that is something special," Odio said. "He exemplifies what coaching is all about."

Like Chiverton, soccer player Ryan Alexander experienced the ups and downs of being an athlete. The four-year athlete for the Bucs was actually cut from the team his freshman year, but battled back,

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TWEETS FROM THE COSTA RICAN RAINFOREST



Photo: Casey Lauricella

Casey Lauricella, who graduated from Barry in December, is now working in Costa Rica for a nonprofit organization called the Eco Preservation Society.

By Greig Santos-Buch
Copy Editor

Barry alum Casey Lauricella has an interesting perspective on life from his Costa Rican Central Valley apartment. As he looks over the valley at a nearby mountain range, he tells me that he wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

Lauricella, a finance major, graduated last December. Two days later, he was on a plane to

San Jose, Costa Rica. Upon his arrival, he began to prepare for his experience working as an intern for the Eco Preservation Society (EPS).

The non-profit environmental organization's mission focuses on the rainforest, and takes a unique approach in making themselves known. Through their use of social media outlets like Twitter and Facebook, the EPS attempts to reach out to the world through the most accessible form of media

today, the internet.

"Our mission rests on a three-tier ideology: conservation, reforestation and education. Without education, people can't implement conservation and reforestation properly," says Lauricella.

Living within the rainforest enables Lauricella to describe through his articles and blogs the true beauty and serenity of the environment. Costa Rica is known to be one of the most bio-diverse

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Four seniors walk with honors thesis in hand

By Sam Stanton
Editor-in-Chief

It's thesis season in Lehman 336, the office of Dr. Pawena Sirimangkala, Director of the Honors Program and Associate Professor in the Department of Communication. Honors students walk in and out, constantly refining their topics throughout their junior year. Now, these students are graduating.

The intimidating academic program, designed to challenge the perpetual overachiever is open to all majors. Honors students take 21 credits more than their non-honors peers, and are held to a much higher academic standard. They must maintain a 3.7 GPA to stay in the program and have only one semester to bring it up if it should fall.

"This is a very competitive exercise," Dr. Sirimangkala said. "So they have to excel in order for them to stay in the program and in order for them to compete successfully among their peers."

On March 26 biology major Emily Hanna, photography majors Alexandre Beauchamp and Kelsa Bartley and psychology major Krystal Lago made the trek to Greenville, S.C. to present their research at the Southern Regional Honors Council, where several of their projects received attention.

Bartley's research provided inner city children from Liberty City, Fla. with ten new lenses through which they could capture the image of their world. Bartley cited "Born into Brothels," a documentary shot in India's Red Light District as the inspiration for her thesis. For her research, Bartley brought a photography class to the summer camp at the Belafonte Talocy Center. She put brand new point and shoot digital cameras in the hands of her eager students, who ranged from age eight to 13.

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Want cash?

By Joe Cianciolo, Staff Writer

After four years of eating cafeteria food and doing their own laundry, most graduates are happy to receive whatever gifts they can after getting their diplomas. But sometimes parents need a nudge in the right direction; it could be the difference in whether you receive tickets to go see your favorite band perform live, or a five dollar gift card for ice cream at Dairy Queen, mm, Oreo blizzard.

Although the thought of concert tickets or ice cream is quite appealing, money is probably the better option. Four years of college is definitely bound to rack

up some debt in the student loan department. Want cash from your family as a graduation gift? Try leaving post-its around the house in obvious places. Think of where they spend the most time, if it's in front of a desk, put it on the seat so they can see it before they sit down. Putting it on top of the mountain of paper work is a big mistake - it's called a mountain of paper work for a reason. The bathroom is another prime location to leave your notes. Leave them right above the toilet paper and they won't miss it. For those students who live on campus, planting

notes is quite impossible. When you know they won't be home, call the house a dozen times leaving them messages about everything you need to pay for this they can't ignore.

However big or small the gift is, know that it's the thought that counts. By earning a college degree, you have given yourself a priceless gift. No one can give that to you. For you and your parents, knowing that you are on your way to personal success should mean more than any graduation present possibly could, but then again, some cash would be nice.

Illustration: Hilary Thomas



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Letter from the Editor

Sam Stanton
Editor-in-Chief

I think it's safe to say that this "Special Senior Edition" is better than the last. It's eight pages longer, and it actually has stories in it that were written outside of the Practicum, which is being offered over the summer by the way. To borrow from the philosophy of my dear old friend and predecessor, I should be happy about publishing "increasingly better crap," or something like that.

However, I wouldn't venture to take full-credit for such an improvement. The entire staff has truly played a part in improving the quality of the Buc. I will miss those editors who will no longer be with the Buccaneer, and wish them the best of luck in the future. Greig, Jasmine and Kalema, my scarecrow, tinman and lion... Although, I've seen Greig in ruby slippers on more than one occasion.

Hopefully, their replacements won't disappoint next semester. These editorial positions come with high expectations, built through countless temper tantrums and other histrionic outbursts. In fact, just last Friday the Buc staff drove me so crazy that I went screaming out of the office and by Sunday afternoon I was missing 17 inches of hair!

Summer's ahead! If you're not graduating and the Buccaneer managed to catch your eye this semester, please get involved. We're always looking for new writers and other contributors, and that won't change by next semester. So go ahead and enjoy your summer. Live it up. But remember us when you get back to school. Consider swinging by for a General News Meeting; it might just pay off.

Corrections & Clarifications

In the March/April edition of the *Buccaneer* Sherlene Canty was misquoted due to a production error. The original quote was "You have to be on time, nothing comes easy and customer service has to be excellent."

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Kalema's Farewell, Sports Editor says goodbye

Well, it's the end of the road for me, but the start of new beginnings! I would just like to thank everyone for their constant support while in attendance here at Barry. First, I would like to thank all my professors in the English Department. I would especially like to thank Dr. Cartright for her constant support and guidance as my advisor and professor!

I couldn't leave though without saying goodbye to the Buc newspaper staff. I love you all: Sam, Kat, Jas, Judy, Amor, Julia, Vanessa, Lovensky, Joe, DJ, Charles aka Greig, Laurie, and Natasia. I will miss you all but will remain in contact always!

I would also like to congratulate my Eng Lit friends: Ashley, Adrian, Charley, Nick, and Atinuke. Lastly, I would like to

thank the most important person in my life, my mom! You have been my rock through everything! I couldn't ask for a better mother!

Signing off as Sports & Managing Editor '10

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Farewells from four coaches

See Silent stars on pg. 1 to read their story

Ryan, your perseverance through your years here have helped teach our team bit by bit that it's easy to quit, but more fun to go the distance. Thanks for your commitment, your leadership as a mentor, SAAC member and team leader. I know that many have come before you, many after, but you have still left an impact that will be of benefit to all Barry community members (staff, faculty, teammates and students). God's best blessings to you.

-Head Coach Steve McCrath

Christina, I would just like to thank you for your leadership, your work ethic, and your positive attitude. You have been a perfect example of what a Barry student-athlete should look like. You are a great player, but you are even a greater person. It has been a pleasure and an honor to have been your coach.

- Head Coach Bill Sullivan

Anna, Have faith because you will get everything you want in life, you are the kind of person that believes in hard work and doing the right thing. When you do that, all good things come your way. You might not understand sometimes why things end up the way they do, but when you work hard and persevere, things end up just the way there suppose to which is usually the way you imagined!

- Head Coach Patti Rizzo

Bryan, I appreciate your tireless work, your commitment, and your belief in it all to get you to where you are today. The trials and tribulations you went through in your life, and the success you've created from it are what coaching is all about. I can't put into words how grateful I am.

-Coach Cesar Odio



Maintaining networks is key to success in the job market

By Jasmine Berry
News Editor

The recession is over. That is what some now believe since consumer spending has risen and the Dow Jones is up in the stock market.

Despite these changes, companies are still cutting back workers.

Entrepreneur Steve Schaar came to Barry on Feb. 22 to talk to students about ways to network in the job market after graduation.

"Personal networking, not Facebook and LinkedIn, is something that has become a lost art," said Schaar. "Nothing is a substitute for personal communication."

LinkedIn is a social networking site catered toward professionals. It has over 60 million users, with most residing in the United States, Europe and India.

The site allows you to build and maintain your network, find jobs and communicate with other professionals.

Schaer stresses that students should also tap into their own personal network to find jobs.

"Everybody has a network, whether it is family members, professors, alumni or career services and who they know. If you really sit down and think about how large your network is, it is really large, and people need to sit down and start talking to people," said Schaar.

If someone from your network is able to put you in contact with another person for a job interview, you should follow-up with the person.

"You must maintain relationships for the life of your career," said Schaar. "In order to do that you must show the people in your network that you give as well as receive. You may be in a position now where you are receiving their help, but a classy person at least has gratitude."

Graduate student Melesia Webster found this information useful.

"I definitely learned to follow up with people who help me get contact information, and get job interviews," said Webster.

Schaer also suggested that you keep notes on the people in your network. Send them cards on holidays and call on birthdays.

When going into the job market after graduation, seniors should know employers are looking for a key skill—communication.

"People are looking for people who are very comfortable communicating, whether it is with customers or vendors or organizations," said Schaar.

Some students will find immediate success after graduation, others will really have to search the job market. When searching for a job, students should always keep in mind that rejection is apart of the process.

"Your life is going to be full of successes and rejections," said Schaar. "If you want to be successful you're not going to be by being in a shell. Put yourself out there."

Honors Seniors

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Seniors in the honors program, Emily Hanna, Krystal Lago, Kelsa Bartley and Alexandre Beauchamp, presented their thesis research at the Southern Regional Honors Council in Greenville S.C.

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"A lot of the kids were very artistically inclined before I came along," Bartley said. "Photography was like a revelation for them, because it was a way they could express themselves."

Unfortunately, Bartley, a Trinidad native has an extra challenge in order to be able to continue research in the States.

"I would really like to continue the project," Bartley said. "I don't know if teaching might be in my future...Being able to give back for me is a really big deal."

So far, the kids' photos have been exhibited in an African art gallery in Liberty City, the Andy Gato Gallery, the project appeared in Barry Magazine and a segment was filmed for Channel 17 News, "Art Street."

"One of the kids said doing photography helped him be more aware of his surroundings, more aware of nature," Bartley said. "He lived in Liberty City his whole life and he never really noticed things before. One said he would prob-

ably litter all the time if it weren't for photography... Because now he's looking at his surroundings and thinking, how's this going to make a nice picture?"

Dr. Sirimangkala commented on the personal evolution of students in the honors program.

"I do see maturity from the honors program students from day one," Dr. Sirimangkala said. "But their maturity blossoms into more of a character, more of a scholarly maturity, more of a calm, collected personality than anything else. It's really a growth process that they go through."

Lago began her college career in the honors program at Miami-Dade College, where her major was undecided; she switched to psychology after participating in a summer research internship program at the University of Miami, where her interest bloomed.

"In terms of my thesis, I'm studying some of the different social and emotional struggles that children with high-functioning au-

tism have. So I'm looking at different things that might contribute to those deficits," Lago said. "Like anxiety and depression and some other factors as well."

As a psychology major, Lago faced additional challenges; Barry is not a research university. She began her research during that life changing summer internship at UIM, whose data she continued to use for her thesis.

"Trying to study that wasn't going to be possible here at Barry because there's not really any psychology faculty who have an ongoing data set with children with autism," Lago said. "I decided to base my project on my data at UIM, UIM's data."

Lago also received positive attention when she presented her research to the South Eastern Psychological Association. She just accepted an offer for a PhD program at Florida Atlantic University in Davie, where she intends to study developmental psychology.

Psychology professor tells all

By Saquondria D. Burris
Staff Writer

"When my sister was 15, she came home pregnant. I remember finding out because my father was yelling at someone again. I rushed to find out what was happening. My father was beating my pregnant sister with a broom. Another sister and I intervened so she could get away. Not only did she get away, but she was sent away. She was banished from the house at 15...I was 7 years old then."

These words are a childhood recollection and defining moment for Dr. Pamela Hall, a psychology professor at Barry University.

"At first I had so much hatred in my heart for him," Hall recalls. "Now I understand that this was something that was passed on to him from his father. Now I just feel anger and sadness. Anger that he, like so many other people were taught to confuse love with hate."

Hall attributes the confusion to the untreated effects of slavery on African-Americans. Her grandfather was born a slave in 1861 and although the Emancipation Proclamation ended slavery in 1863, he wasn't granted his freedom until he was 11.

"I was in the ninth grade and in my first psychology class. My teacher introduced me to the field of psychology. I will never forget the relief I felt when she taught us about mental disorders. I was convinced I knew that my father was mentally ill. From that moment on, I knew what my career would be. I would figure out what was wrong with my father and I would save him, thereby helping myself and my family," said Hall with a glimmer of child like hope floating in her pupils. "One time he chased us out with a shotgun. It was the dead of winter. I used to think he suffered from post traumatic syndrome."

These experiences don't reflect the demeanor of the professor who sits before Barry students, flanked by advanced degrees in psychology. These experiences also don't seem to read from the life of the woman who directs weekly Psychology Club meetings or who created a Read-a-Thon tribute to Valentino Achak Deng's biography, "What is the What?" by Dave Eggers for Black History Month.

"This is not just a job for her," says Psychology student Ashley Valle-Zayas. "She's interested and it shows."

Hall also sponsored Artistic Revolution, along with the Africana Studies Department professor Evelyn Cartright. The event included a collection of music, song, art and poetry that upheld the universal theme of freedom in celebration of Black History Month.

"I feel like I've known her for a long time and I'm looking forward to working with her in the future. She makes me feel at ease," says Dr. Cartright about Dr. Hall.

Hall testifies that obtaining a Ph. D. was a struggle all its own. "I was the only African-American in my program for six years. There's a point where you tend to lose yourself."

Beating her own odds, Professor Hall says to those seeking success:

"Have a strong sense of self, know what you want. Be prepared to be the minority."

Science seniors

By: Fatima Zimichi
Staff Writer

While some students are out partying and missing classes, biology and chemistry seniors are home focusing on studying so they can graduate in May.

On average, 100 freshmen at Barry start out as biology majors every year. Only 64 will graduate this year. Of the 11 students who started off as chemistry majors, only six are graduating this spring.

Emily Hanna, recipient of awards such as Outstanding Biology Major, Organic Chemistry Student of the Year, and the St. Catherine Medal of National Achievement is now struggling to figure out what to do after graduation.

"Going from high school to college was a huge transition academically," said Hanna. "My first semester I only had one bio class and it was very hard for me. I was forced to learn new studying habits."

This past fall, only 23 biology students graduated. This spring there will be 41.

Dr. Laura Mudd, Chair of the Biology Department offered her hypothesis regarding the number of students who leave the program.

"Students don't realize that they have to take extended biology, physics, chemistry and math courses," said Dr. Mudd.

Biology majors are required to take 40 biology credits, the required distribution credits, between 12 to 16 chemistry credits, four to eight credits of physics, and nine hours of mathematics or calculus. From all those credits, at least 48 of them have to be upper level.

Similarly, chemistry majors are required to take 28 core credits, 27 upper level credits if they are in the B.S chemistry pathway, or 43 credits if they are in the biochemistry specialization track.

"Although it was hard, I never thought of giving up. Teachers are always motivating their students," said Hanna.

Students majoring in biology and chemistry dedicate most of their time to long hours of class, lab sessions and studying. The students who make it sacrifice their social life to focus on their books.

Abed Jean-Louis, senior biology and music major, confesses that he did not have the life that most college students have.

However, his fascination for the human body and how it functions kept him going.

"The complexity of the human body, how it works, and its perfection makes me realize there is a God", stated Jean-Louis.

He spent most of his time studying, especially for Dr. Allen Sanborn, a biology professor and Dr. George Fisher, who teaches chemistry.

Vanessa Narciso, senior and chemistry major, is one of the many who felt like quitting at one point.

"Last year, I was a junior, taking five chemistry classes, but thankfully I passed," said Narciso.

Her hard work has finally paid off. She is graduating in May and attending Nova University's Dental School.



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Five picks for graduation dinner on your parents' tab

While the family's in town to celebrate your graduation, have them wine and dine you

By **Vanessa Viadero**
Arts & Leisure Editor

Mama Jennies, Chipotle and Taco Bell. All of them delicious, but not quite the ideal locale to celebrate your freedom from school, especially when your parents are paying the bill. There are those of you who forgot what a meal over ten dollars tastes like and others who are oblivious to the fact that such meals can be found close to campus. Here's a few near Barry for you to chose from.

1. Texas de Brazil
800 Silks Run, Ste. 1380
www.texasdebrazil.com

Perfect fit for the carnivorous family. As a rodizio, expect an endless supply of skewered beef, lamb, pork, chicken, fish and sausages all carved table side by the gauchos. As a mix of Southern Brazilian cuisine and Texan generosity, you are sure to leave fully satisfied. \$\$\$

2. Il Migliore Trattoria
2576 NE Miami Gardens Dr.

Photo: George Martinez
Staff Photographer



Texas de Brazil, located at 19501 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, FL, is the Buc's top choice to go for your graduation dinner.

The neighborhood trattoria combines classic italian dishes with a quaint ambiance. Chef Neal Cooper's dishes are simple, but delicious. With the menu including everything from beef carpaccio to Tuscan inspired pasta dishes, you will have a variety of choices. The fresh ingredients, large portions and great wine selection are perfect for a family gathering. \$\$\$

3. Benihana
1665 79th St. Causeway
www.benihana.com

As the most well known hibachi restaurant in South Florida, Benihana continues to bring in people from all over the country. The extremely talented and humorous chefs will entertain you with their unique

way of preparing your food. There are plenty of options of food from sushi to Japanese style steak. \$\$\$

4. Rosa Mexicano
900 S Miami Ave
www.rosamexicano.com

With few entrees exceeding \$20 and with ample indoor and outdoor seating, Rosa Mexicano is perfect for large parties. The authentic mexican food will leave you wondering why you spent so many nights drooling over Taco Bell. The margaritas will also help for a good celebration. \$\$

5. The Crab House
1551 79th St. Causeway
www.crabhousesseafood.com

Open since 1975, The Crab House provides classic East-coast style seafood in a casual setting. With a gorgeous patio view of the bay, there is nothing tacky about the maritime infused decor found throughout. Dining consists of either the classic all-you can eat buffet or the seasonally changing a la carte option for those with a smaller appetite. \$\$\$

Need inspiration?

Watch a grad. classic

By **Ricardo Mor**
Submissions Editor

Seniors graduating this May will soon discover that life after graduation can be one of the most emotionally challenging times. Here are some films to inspire graduates in the journey after college.

Good Will Hunting is the story of Will Hunting, a young mathematics prodigy that works as a janitor at MIT. When a mathematics professor discovers his extraordinary talent, he decides to make him his apprentice and student while he receives court ordered therapy.

Hunting shows us that sometimes we blame ourselves for the circumstances we have gone through, not realizing our own self-worth. Hunting holds himself back because of the difficulties in his life. With the help of his mentors, he ultimately prevails by realizing that in order to triumph, we must believe in ourselves.

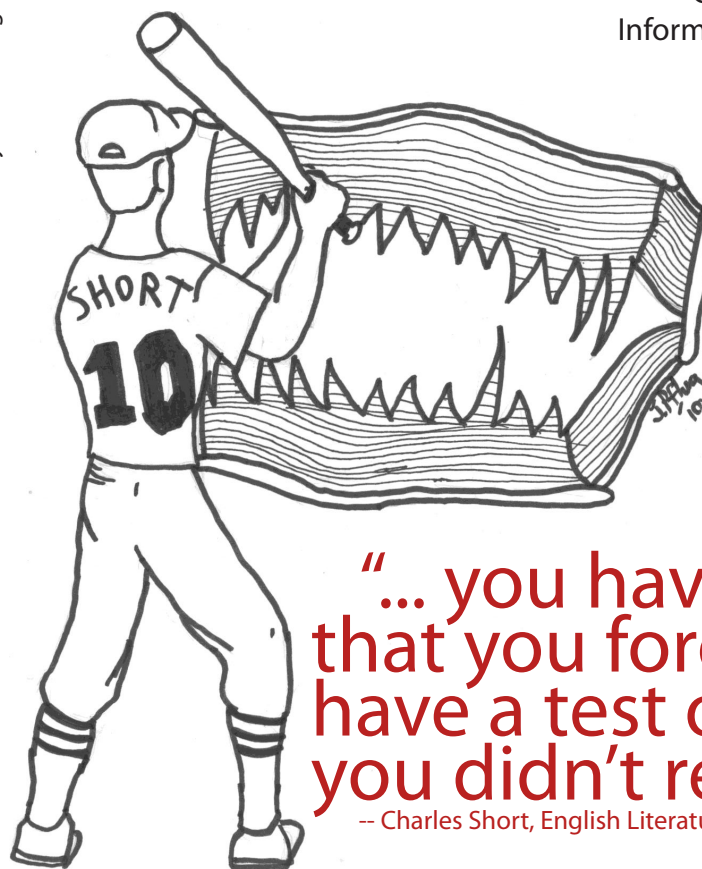
Into the Wild is about Christopher McCandless, a recent graduate who gives up all of his possessions and connections with his family so that he can go on a journey in his car to Alaska and experience nature.

McCandless' journey teaches us that no matter how independent we think we are, our connections to others and the kindness of strangers is what helps us move forward. Most importantly, we learn that the road less traveled, no matter the outcome, is the most fulfilling.

The Graduate is the story of Benjamin Braddock, a Harvard graduate who is unsure of the direction he wants to take in his life. He returns home to think things over when he is seduced by an older woman, Mrs. Robinson. At the same time, he begins to have feelings for her daughter, Elaine.

Braddock, like most college graduates, is confronted with the expectations of society. He expresses doubt and anxiety over what to do with himself but his parents ignore his feelings and tell him that he should go to graduate school. Throughout the film, we learn the importance of defying the constraints of society in order to live our own lives.

Illustrated by Jaime Pflug



Quotes gathered by **Kateah Herrera**
Web Editor

"... class becomes that soon to be ex-girlfriend you hate dealing with everyday."

-- Nathan Williams, Broadcast Communications Major

... its the first easy semester

you have."

--Ashley Craig, English Literature Major

"... your social life ends."

--Gretel Rivero, Art History Major

"... you begin to value sleep more than you value class."

-- Gaston Arellano, Computer Information Science Major

"... you spend more time with your advisor than your friends."

--- Tiffany Maggi, History Major

"... you'll injure the next person who asks what you're doing with the rest of your life!"

-- Stephanie Day, Public Relations Major

"... you have so much that you forget you have a test on a book you didn't read."

-- Charles Short, English Literature Major

"... you start realizing six months is not long enough to begin repaying student loans."

-- Raquel Davies, Public Relations Major

"... class work is a daily activity more than anything else."

--Elizabeth McNair, Business Management Major

"... you're wishing you had one more week to get all the work done, while underclassmen can't wait for it to be over."

-- Katelin Rogers, Public Relations Major

"... you're asked to think of sh*t like this."

-- Adrian Agarrat, English Literature Major

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Photo Editor

Why did you major in that?

By Julia Lethbridge
Photo Editor

Born Aug. 18, 1987 in Los Angeles, Calif. and raised in Madison, Ala. Karl Liggin came to Barry University as a math major, and eventually changed his major to music with a specialization in voice.

Why did you major in Music?

I knew everyone in the music department, and I knew it was something I wanted to pursue. I had been in the Barry choir for two years and I wanted to get better. Also, it was the closest thing to sound engineering that I could do at Barry.

What is your favorite song to sing?

"The Schmueel Song." It's by James Robert Brown, and it's in the musical "The Last Five Years."

Do you sing in different languages?

Yes. I can sing songs in German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Latin, and of course, English.

What performances have you been in?

Some of the more recent ones have been the opera "The Elixir of Love," the opera "Amelia Goes to the Ball" and the musical "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." I've also done some receptions off campus.

Do you have any advice for freshmen or younger music majors?

You can't be afraid to mess up. That's important.


What are you doing after Barry?

I have an internship for after I graduate working with Break Through Miami. However, I want to become a sound engineer. I want to go to graduate school, maybe at Full Sail, and go through the sound and lighting production program. It's all up in the air right now.



Uriel Shlush-Reyna

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Barry Alumni in Costa Rica



Photo: Casey Lauricella

Casey Lauricella relaxing by the Costa Rican seaside.

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countries in the world.

Showcasing over 11 different climate zones, there is an abundance of unique plants and animals that you won't find anywhere else.

"Last week we went out to view our volunteer research center, in the most lush jungle forest," said Lauricella. "One day there were sloths that were climbing on the house, white faced capuchin monkeys; we were also able to see a whole family of Mono Titi, which are a form of squirrel monkey. I couldn't move it was so amazing, I saw a sloth climb down from a tree and sit down right next to me six inches away. It's so beautiful here it's unreal."

As a recent project, EPS has undertaken a primate research study to help conserve the endangered Mono Titi monkeys.

Lauricella, who began as a lowly intern for EPS, was the first to complete the full internship program. Shortly after the programs completion, he was made Social Media Director. In his current position, he has been able to help the founder of the Eco Preservation Society, Kevin Peterson, establish a workable social media platform.

He explains that the process begins with Twitter. Using the website as a broadcasting tool, he is able to connect with individuals on a personal basis. After the first connection is made, he moves it over to Facebook.

"We hope to turn it into a tangible relationship and actually deal with the person on a one-to-one basis," said Lauricella.

Once EPS is able to hook interested individuals, they can use their relationships to gain volunteers, writers, bloggers, bi-

ologists, assistance with research projects, and funding. These individuals then get the chance to interact and participate with real biologists and researchers in the field, making them part of the growing EPS network.

While this lifestyle allows Lauricella to be immersed in a culture and environment unlike any other, it wasn't so easy to get used to.

He said there were two things that almost sent him home; the first being that the EPS is a fairly new non-profit organization. Describing EPS as an innovator in its field, Lauricella claims that there can be a large amount of stress associated with maintaining a consistently creative entity.

"You're dealing with vast information and so many variables that can either make or break your cost. You don't know what tomorrow's going to bring," he said.

The second obstacle was the culture. "This is the kind of culture that will allow you to be a different person and allow you to learn a lot about yourself, it's so different from the US," said Lauricella. "It's a culture that will eat you alive if you don't conform to it. Once you get past that breaking point and fully accept this whole culture, you almost wouldn't want to live anywhere else."

While it took a little time for Lauricella to establish himself in Costa Rica, and with EPS, he says the organization has reached a tipping point and has the potential to be an explosive force in the field of environmentalism.

"We already have a global reach, there is going to be an exponential growth potential for the organization," he said.

SGA holds elections for new school year

By Haley Struthers & Sam Stanton

Newly Elected:

President, Roodelyne Davilmar

Vice President, Liliana Leon

Secretary, Valery Charles

Treasurer, Adriel Francois
Senate: Jedidah Morrell, Radley Ramdhan, Marie Desroches, Brenda Hernandez and Jolie Handfield.

Student Government Association (SGA) held elections for the 2010-2011 school year from April 20 through 22. Candidates for President and Vice President were Roodelyne Davilmare and Liliana Leon who ran opposite of Chad Bell and Eric Sanchez.

Voting took place in selected locations around campus and students submitted votes via written ballot. This year, students could also cast their vote online on the student web page in hopes that more people would participate in the election process.

Candidates campaigned during the week of April 11 to 16. Many utilized posters and social networking sites such as Facebook to spread the word of their campaigns.

Winners were announced on April 23. According to SGA Vice President Sara Quinn over ten percent of undergraduate students voted, with a great portion of the overall vote from freshmen and a majority of the votes from females.



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Q & A with All-American Mariesa Greene

By **Brianne Misner**
Staff Writer

With a purposeful stride, Mariesa Greene walked into the Buccaneer office. She confidently took a seat across from me and explained that she had just come from watching game videos with her coach. Of course, the woman with the highest assists in rebounds, and the lead scorer in the Sunshine State Conference is always looking to improve her game. I sat down with Barry University's first ever All-American women's basketball player and asked her a few questions about basketball and life.

What is it like being the first women's basketball player from Barry to earn a spot on the All-American team?

I was surprised, but it wasn't unbelievable. I have a strong faith in God. Anytime you put faith in him, anything can happen! I was almost a bit disappointed. I wanted a higher All-American score, but I did win and receive honorable mentions for awards I had never even heard of before.

When did you begin your basketball career?

In third grade, it started when my dad put up a little basketball hoop on the garage, but maybe even before then. I grew up in a neighborhood of all boys so playing basketball was a given.

Do you have a routine that you go through before each game to get in the zone?

I pray before every game for wisdom and strength. I try to glorify God on the court, acting as an ambassador of God. I pray for protection for both teams as well as unity amongst my team.

How do you stay focused in the game and especially during your free throws?

I don't like quiet and my teammates have noticed that. They start screaming for me. They clap and cheer to make sure it's not quiet when I shoot. If you normally dribble three times, dribble three times. If you normally shoot on the exhale, shoot on the exhale.

What are your plans after you graduate from Barry?

I'm sure that God has a place for me. I just want to play basketball and do it for Him.

Do you have any advice for aspiring athletes?

Love the game. Be persistent, consistent and have faith. A relationship with basketball should be like a relationship with God; you can't go into basketball half-heartedly. It takes every fiber of your being to succeed. Be confident. Once you make that decision to be great nothing can get in your way. When it comes to basketball everything is game speed: every practice, everything. Anyone who doesn't give it all, doesn't love it enough.

College athletics: the end or the beginning?

By **Jose Triana**
Staff Writer

It's hard to say goodbye, or is it? When it's time to graduate, many student-athletes face the end of their relationship with the sport they've been playing for years.

"It's sad to think that I won't be playing with the team anymore, but it's definitely time for me to take the next step," said Niki Day, a stand-out on the women's soccer team. The team is the biggest thing I will miss, because we've all become very close, and it's hard to move away from that."

Like many student-athletes, Day has had dreams of going pro as a child. However, she is planning to go to graduate school to study psychology, with the goal of becoming a family therapist.

"As I got older my goals just changed and were more directed towards academics," she said.

Unlike Day, Senior Andrew Sharnov, who has played tennis for his four years at Barry, still has some aspirations to go pro.

"To stop playing at this point would definitely be something that I would never want to do," said Sharnov, who has been swinging a racket since he was four. "I want to still give a go at the pro circuit to just



test the level of competitiveness and see if I fit in it. From there I will make a decision whether to continue to try and play professional, or focus on school."

Teammate David Barragan is choosing a different route.

"Although tennis has been a big part of my life since I was five and I would love to go pro, I do have to pursue my future career as well," Barragan said.

Barragan, a marketing major, is hoping

to get a job in his field.

Another route for student athletes is coaching. Men's soccer assistant coach and former Barry star Henry Apaloo is entering his third year as an assistant coach and he says his goals are to "learn as much as I can from head coach, Steve McGrath and the program and become the best coach I can be."

He chose to coach after being plagued with different injuries throughout his

career.

"After I had to get surgery on my knee while playing for Barry, I could see that I wouldn't be able to go pro because I would never be 100 percent," said Apaloo. "It definitely was a hard decision for me to make to not be able to go pro, but it has opened other doors for me that I could not have opened if I would have gone pro."

Are dreams just fairytales or can these two really go pro?

By **D'Joumbarey Moreau**
Staff Writer

Graduating athletes Charley Short and Mariesa Greene are doing everything they can to make their dreams come true. While some athletes are relocating to other states to continue playing, others are waiting to see if the future of their career requires a passport.

"I'm trying to see how far baseball can take me, and play as long as I can," said Short, an English Literature major. "I was contacted by the Colorado Rockies last year. This year my pitching coach, Jorge Correa said he is trying to make something happen, whether it is minor leagues or independent baseball."

Professional scouts are not the only people who agree Short is talented. When watching the diamond, the Buccaneer fan base treasures his skill-set as well.

"He's a great player, and he fills his role when he steps into games. He's helped

the team tremendously and has assisted in bringing a winning environment to the team," said Sophomore Carmel Victor.

Photo: **George Martinez**
Staff Photographer



Charley Short, number 29, and a right hand pitcher on the men's baseball team pitches at one of their final practices.

As good as Short is, he understands that one day he will not be on a mound.

"Baseball has opened up a lot of opportunities for me, and I have taken advantage of a scholarship here," said Short. "I have always been good at English in high school, and it was something that always interested me, so I had to take advantage of it here. I'd like to be a teacher and a coach."

Criminology major and Barry's first All American on women's basketball discusses her options.

"I have been working with agents and looking for a place to play. There have been scouts overseas that have seen my tape, and are interested, so I'm trying to see how that plays out," said Greene. "After basketball, I'm going to see where God takes me. But I am planning on going to law school to become a lawyer, or an F.B.I agent."

Although the road to success is tough, Greene has seen a lot of memories that she will keep in her mind when times in life get harder.

"In the Sunshine State Conference Championship game, we were playing Lynn (University) and we came back, and started chipping away at the lead. Everyone was pointing in the air and giving God the glory. Although we lost, that was the defining moment of the season," said Greene.

Greene has been encouraged by her teammates and fans, but mostly by her coach.

"She's tremendous. As good as a player she is, she's an even better person. You can't replace her or any type of player like that. Players like her only come around once in a while," said Women's Head Basketball Coach Bill Sullivan.

Whether it was dominating on the diamond, to ballin' on the ball court, both of these athletes are headed for greener pastures.

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Ping pong craze!

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It's a bird, it's a plane, No...it's a ping pong ball coming straight for your head! Ever walk in Landon and try and pass by the Recreation Office to reach the gym, only to be stopped by a ping pong ball coming at your head like a torpedo? I have experienced this from time to time, and always wondered what was so great about ping pong.

British Sports Management major Joe Conkleton said he needed to brush up on his skills.

"I was terrible at first and wanted to get better," said Conkleton. "Plus," he said in an English accent, "It's fun."

Now, I was a bit skeptical about approaching the tables. The game seemed to be intense and I feared that I may be stared down by the students. Instead, they welcomed me with open arms.

Nursing student and sophomore Monica Lugo, yes, I said nursing student, likes the fact that she can let her hair down when playing the game.

"Playing is great because you can free your mind when finished with classes," said Lugo. Now, I agree with Lugo, but I had to ask why they can't stop playing when students are trying to pass by.

She said the game is addictive and you can't stop in the middle of a game.

Laughing, Business Management student Joseph Figueroa agreed about ping pong's intensity.

"The game is competitive when playing, and it's a lot of fun when you're playing with your friends," said Figueroa.

So, when you're in Landon, swing by the Rec. office and pick up a paddle and a ball, because you too will see into the light of the ping pong craze!

Underdog athletes

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earning his place on the team again.

Teammate Andres Perez expressed his feelings about Alexander's dedication to improvement and loyalty to the team.

"He was always there to help me and any new player adapt to the college game," Perez said.

With all of the hard work and dedication that Alexander put into his training, and remaining committed to the game, his skills truly blossomed after becoming a part of the men's squad. Coach Stephen McCrath fondly recalls that one of his greatest memories of Alexander was his right foot "blast" in 2008 for a win against Rollins for the first time since 2003, one of his three goals while at Barry.

After finishing his final season with a SSC Conference Championship, Alexander was unfortunately sidelined due to a serious head injury incurred during a final round game. However, he has fortunately has recovered since then.

"Seeing him able to walk today with his same funny smile that makes you realize life is something to enjoy so play and pray hard and smile often," said Coach McCrath.

Women's basketball player Christina Thompson is no stranger to injury. Thompson had to battle her way back from an ACL surgery, but was able to bounce back and later become the lady Bucs leading defender and team leader.

Thompson was often utilized as the go-to defender, usually given the task of defending the best opponent, displaying her reliability for the Lady Bucs. Not only was she a stand out defender, but Thompson leaves Barry as the record holder in 3-Point Field Goals made (67 total in '07-'08). She also leaves the team after an NCAA Tournament appearance this past March.

Thompson will be remembered for her 26 point game against Lynn University, when she made 4 out of 5 shots from 3 point range.

These student-athletes have all come a long way through the injuries and downfalls of their careers as college athletes, but they have surely shown that every obstacle and challenge can make one stronger physically, and most importantly, mentally. Their recognition is truly over due.



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Senior Bryan Chiverton, guard on the men's basketball goes for a layup.



Therese's sister, Louise, came to visit from Norway in October, and while she was here they went shopping in Bal Harbor, at Saks Fifth Avenue.

Photo courtesy of Therese Bjornaas

Kalema Meggs
Sports & Managing Editor

It's 3:05 P.M. on a Friday afternoon and Barry's Grill only has few students filling the sitting area. Graduating senior, Therese Bjornaas, is one of the only students who's still around studying on the weekend.

"I have to leave right after this interview and train," said Bjornaas.

Although Bjornaas is dedicated to her boxing regimen, she notes the importance of academics and personal life.

"I do have a life outside of boxing. Don't get me wrong, I love the sport, but there are other things that I would like to do with my life," said Bjornaas.

For most seniors like Bjornaas, there is the stress of balancing school, work, and extracurricular activities.

"Although I am from Norway, I still train for boxing with my other trainer from Norway, Lotte Lien, but I also spend time with my family since I don't see them everyday," said Bjornaas. "Plus, I love hanging out with my friends, it keeps me sane from the stresses of school."

Bjornaas, a Theology major, has aspirations of becoming a Theology professor in the future. She is currently applying to Barry's graduate school to get her Master's.

"I can't box for the rest of my life so I would love to teach," she says.

With graduation right around the corner, Bjornaas is looking forward to keeping up her training with her boxing coach Mickey Demos. She will continue to compete in matches in an effort to try and qualify for the 2012 Summer Olympics for women's boxing.

"The Olympics is a hope and dream of mine," said Bjornaas.

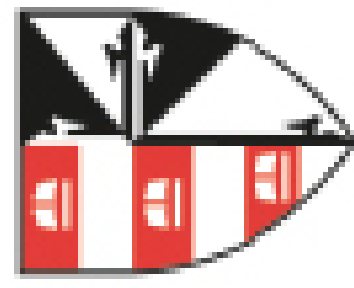
With only two weeks left until graduation, Bjornaas is looking forward to the future and thanking those who helped her along the way.

"Everyone has been very supportive of me towards my academics, and boxing. It's been great," said Bjornaas happily smiling.



Photo courtesy of Therese Bjornaas

Therese won first place after her first fight in the USA at Hallandale Beach, called "Battle of the Belts".



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