University appoints College of Business dean

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The University has a great mission, according to its newest dean. Joanne Li, Ph.D., has been appointed as the next dean of the University’s College of Business, effective May 8, 2017.

A search committee comprised of 12 individuals with representation from faculty, staff, human resources and students began the selection process in the summer of 2016.

Atilda Alvarado, the special assistant to the provost, witnessed the process of hiring a new dean for the College of Business.

“This whole selection process took about a year, really. Before summer, the provost selected the members for the search committee who reviews the applications,” Alvarado said.

First, the search committee detailed the dean’s job description and then reviewed a number of applications and resumes. They initially narrowed it down to 15 applicants according to Alvarado.

Provost and Executive Vice President Kenneth G. Furton worked closely with the search committee to select the top five applicants. They were then invited to visit the school and meet the employees and faculty. Later on, the committee picked the top three most qualified to be invited to the University and meet with President Mark B. Rosenberg. Joanne Li was one of the three finalists who later earned her title as the newly appointed dean of the College of Business.

Li is the vice president of the Council of Chinese American Deans and the president and treasurer of the Mid-American Business Deans Association. When asked why she wanted to be the dean of the College of Business, Li’s answer was: “why not?”

“FIU has a great mission and I do believe that I will be able to participate and contribute to the FIU mission,” Li said. “The FIU College of Business provides me with a great opportunity to do things that are aligned with my personal mission of giving back to the Institution, giving back to the state of Florida, impacting a lot of students and being a very good support for faculty and staff over there.”

Li said that she will not suggest any changes at this point, but one of her short term plans as the dean of the College of Business is to get to know the people that she works with.

“I am gonna do my homework, so to speak. I am gonna visit and get to know my faculty, my staff, my students, our donors, businesses and community partners,” she said. “I am a relationship builder, I plan to know my players before making major decisions.”

Li was an international student who grew up in an entrepreneurial family in one of the most metropolitan cities in the world, Hong Kong, which she says is a financial center in Asia.

“That actually nurtured my interest in business. I became a finance professor because I find finance to be very fascinating” she said. “My love for business is just natural; it’s probably in my DNA.”

Li believes that the FIU College of Business plays a very important role in Miami when it comes to developing and retaining talent.

“Part of our responsibility at the College of Business is to build a very strong workforce development program,” Li said. “Not only are we creating knowledge through scholarly works but we will be able to convert it back into the classroom.”

Li believes that the upcoming semester will be a good one because she plans to work to the best of her abilities to meet the needs of the student body, staff and faculty.

“Our acting Dean is a very, very good leader. He has done a tremendous job and I would like to continue that [success] to get on campus and know my people very well.” Li said.
Female deans discuss what it means to be in positions of power

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T he most successful women in academia act like men, according to Lesley Northup. “That doesn’t mean being ‘mannish’ or whatever,” the dean of the Honors College explained to Student Media. “It means being aggressive and assertive and being willing to participate in the often very nasty politics that occur in academia.”

Northup, one of the four females who serve as a dean at the University, says that the same traits valued in men who are leaders, though they are necessary. “Gender does not determine who can lead — it’s your readiness to lead,” Strickland told Student Media. “Where women are different from men and why men are in higher positions in education and administrative positions is because the culture has predetermined that it should be so and it has provided more avenues for men to move up into key professional roles than it has for women.”

Both Strickland and Northup say while they may be pioneers in many fields they have worked in throughout their life, such as creating some of the first Ph.D programs in the nation and being the first woman in the Episcopal church to be a naval chaplain respectively, it was never their goal. “I don’t focus on being first at anything, I don’t focus on being female at anything. I don’t focus on being black at anything. I am just what I am,” Strickland said. According to her, she is someone who works to serve the University, its students, faculty, and staff. “In my role as dean, my first obligation is to serve students because that’s why all of us are here — to serve students, to make sure that they get the best possible education in the field that they have selected,” Strickland said. “The second part of my role is to serve the faculty and staff who are trying to deliver curricula to students, to help bring in the resources they need to do the very best job that they can do once they are in faculty.”

The third, she says, is to serve the University by turning out the best possible students hiring and supporting the best possible faculty and staff building the reputation of the University as an outstanding educational institution throughout the world.

Northup says her job with the Honors College is a lot of fun and probably the best job on campus because it doesn’t have the accreditation constrictions of a degree-offering program. “We’re kind of an experimental lab for the University in terms of pedagogy and new types of courses,” Northup said. “We can do really exciting things that are hard for someone else to do.”

She says because of this and honors education’s core value of having smaller classes, exciting classes are not jeopardized by low enrollment. “We get to try a lot of new things. A lot of those things have either been adopted by the University or adapted.” Northup said.

Both women agree that in order to advance in academia, a Ph.D is necessary, and that mothers can find success in the academic field and at home. Strickland stresses, however, that being a dean is a 24-hour job.

“If you’re going to do it well, you need to have the time to do it well. As dean, you are responsible for the quality of every program [in the school].”

Strickland said.

Northup advised that women interested in becoming an administrator in higher education may have to adapt to the reality of the job market. “Certainly, we need more women getting Ph.Ds in STEM fields,” Northup said. “I don’t think being inherently female isn’t keeping you from getting a job.”

Strickland also feels this way, saying that it’s more about the candidate knowing her strengths and talents. “You’ve got to be self confident,” Strickland advises. “It’s ok to push against the tide of your profession. Sometimes, you will have to lead your profession against the will of your profession.”

Office seeks to ‘increase faculty diversity and excellence’

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According to data retrieved from the Office of Institutional Analysis and Information Management.

The Office to Advance Women, Equity & Diversity is working on a five-year plan to increase female faculty members and diversify the faculty with African-Americans and Latinos at the University.

“We are developing new programs and activities that can lead to more balanced hiring and improvements in the climate for women and minority groups,” said Suzanna Rose, founding associate provost of the office and professor of psychology and women’s studies. “[They] involve mentoring, interactive theater, and bystander intervention workshops to benefit all faculty and to increase faculty diversity and excellence over the next five years of the grant.”

The office is an initiative committed to gender equity and diversity in faculty positions; the focus of the grant is to create pioneer women in their fields, Rose says, in order to promote success in male-dominated areas.

The ratio of FIU female to male faculty members differ depending on tenure and department, with 37.5 percent of women among the tenured faculty. Tenured members conduct research for their corresponding departments and possess higher salaries in comparison to professors.

However, the science, technology, engineering, and math departments include the fewest female faculty, 43 percent amongst all the departments. Notably, there is a lack of women who acquire the title of professor and senior instructor in STEM.

An explanation to these statistics, could derive from a social norm: the majority of women associated with primary and secondary education versus the majority of men holding higher education roles.

“There is definitely such a stereotype. Just do a google image search, you will mostly see images of women for ‘teacher’ and mostly images of men for ‘professor,’” Rose said.

The lack of female professors also correlates to the level of academic enrollment; the Office of A WED observed that when there is a low number of women professors, female students are less likely to obtain undergraduate or graduate degrees in any field of interest.

The lack of female faculty affects not only student enrollment, but also hinges on the psychological state of isolation in the workplace.

“Research has shown that there is less conflict and more satisfaction between employees when there is more gender balance,” said Rose, who holds a doctorate in psychology.

A woman who is the only female faculty, according to Rose, in a work environment, could lead to a sense of isolationism and can hinder a woman’s career development. In some cases, mental and physical health are negatively impacted, Rose says.

As a result, The Office to Advance Women, Equity & Diversity are trying to improve the inadequate female to male faculty ratio. With a $3.2 million grant from the National Science Foundation, the grant directly improved the percentage of female STEM faculty from 13 percent to 18 percent since the endowment was awarded.

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Students discuss Roe vs. Wade significance for women’s health care under current office

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orma McCorvey, the anonymous plaintiff in the Supreme Court Case Roe v. Wade, died on Feb. 18, 2017 at the age of 69. Roe v. Wade was a landmark Supreme Court case that fell within the right to privacy protected by the Fourteenth Amendment.

Better known by her legal pseudonym “Jane Roe,” she was 21 years old when she was pregnant with her third child and decided she wanted to get an abortion. She lived in Texas where abortion was prohibited so she filed a lawsuit as Jane Roe asking for the procedure to become legal.

The decision gave women the right to abortion during the entirety of the pregnancy and defined different levels of state interest for regulating abortion in the second and third trimesters.

“This case was the beginning of our era,” Clarissa Martin, sophomore majoring in Women’s and Gender studies, said. “For me, the importance of this case and the legal right that it led to is not about what side you choose, or if you agree or disagree. It’s about women had, for the first time, the right to do something for themselves.”

Since the ruling, more than 50 million legal abortions have been performed in the United States. In 1965, abortion was so unsafe that 17 percent of all deaths due to pregnancy and childbirth were the result of illegal abortion, according to Planned Parenthood. Today, less than 0.3 percent of women undergoing legal abortions at all gestational ages sustain a serious complication requiring hospitalization.

“Four for me, this was a way for feminism,” said Rayna Milford, vice-president of the National Organization for Women at FIU. “In a sense that they were fighting for abortion access for everybody no matter what was going on with that person and I think that is something really important that we must remember.”

Roe v. Wade gave us the power to choose for ourselves what we want to do with our bodies and I hope that we will continue to have that right to choose, Rayna Milford said.

Theological, ethical and legal debates about abortion continue in religious circles, governing bodies and political campaigns. This topic has influenced elections and the lives of ordinary people through books, films, the Internet and other forums.

“Whether we think about it or not, we cannot deny the major impact that this case has have in our life as women,” said Milford.

President Trump has expressed a strong opposition to abortion, except in cases of rape, incest or when the mother’s health is endangered.

“If Roe v. Wade were ever overturned, it would go back to the states,” Trump said during an interview on 60 Minutes.

At a Republican presidential debate in February, Trump acknowledged that Planned Parenthood “helps millions and millions of women” who go for services like breast and cervical-cancer screenings. However, he also said he would defund it because a portion of its services goes toward providing abortions.

“Look, if we had started laws telling men what they can and can’t do with their bodies, I am sure it would have been a different story,” said Milford. “Roe v. Wade gave us the power to choose for ourselves what we want to do with our bodies and I hope that we will continue to have that right to choose.”

Stephanie Espaillat, senior studying psychology and Women’s and Gender Studies, also gave her opinion about women’s healthcare in today’s political climate.

“It is understandable to be frightened, but I don’t believe we will ever see a day that having an abortion would be illegal,” she said. “Maybe, in the future, politicians will find avenues to restrict capabilities to perform them which are real scenarios. However, I still believe that we are way away from seeing Roe v. Wade from being overturned.”

Milford added the fear doesn’t only relate to abortion and the right to choose, but also women’s health care, meaning birth control, mammograms, breast cancer screenings.

“A woman’s right to her body is a fundamental human right, and I am happy that this case helped solidify that notion. I believe that even when a woman has a personal right to choose and for me that idea is empowering,” Espaillat said.

“I still see why this is such an important milestone in women’s history, even though I find sometimes that this milestone was not always been understood that women have this fundamental right to choose.”

Women of FIU: We salute and celebrate you

The future is female. Student Media’s 2016-2017 editorial board is proof of this. But, if you need more proof, women are more likely to graduate with a bachelor’s degree than men and more likely to get a Ph.D than men.

When it comes to the workforce, 63 percent of millennial women are employed, sailing past previous generations in labor force participation. Yet, we still have a fight ahead of us.

Two days into Women’s History Month, we are celebrating all things female. We are celebrating some of our female deans, discussing the Women Who Lead conference coming soon, and showcasing the women who attend our university.

We talk about what it means to play sports like a woman” and why it’s important to have better representation of women in media.

As an editorial board, we hoped that our female counterparts to be a feminist and why they should be one.

Yes, we stated the obvious: it’s the ethical thing to do.

The University is a majority-female campus, with 2,821 more females enrollment than males this year.

So, to all female and women-identifying folk on campus, we support, recognize and celebrate you.

Happy Women’s History Month.
Emphasizing their anti-Trump energy, thousands of women joined hands and knocked signs as they collectively rallied for Women’s Rights at The Women’s March in Washington, D.C. and in other cities like Miami. As one who was unable to take part in this historical event, I depended on social media platforms, such as Twitter and Instagram, to get me behind the scenes. Of the two images that stood out to me, both involved the reading of a sign.

“Don’t forget: White women voted for Trump” read the first sign. The picture went viral, receiving over 25,000 retweets on Twitter, even becoming the headline of some of the most prominent news channels.

The image depicts an area full of women, with a distinctive four as the center of attention, one black and three caucasian. The black woman holds the sign, eating a lollipop, appearing upset while the others are on their phones, smiling and taking selfies.

There is so much nonverbal communication present in this one image and as a communication arts major, it’s mind boggling. The woman at the center of this now-viral image is none other than LGBTQ activist, Angela Peoples.

“We need to be really honest about why we’re here,” Peoples said to The Root, explaining what her sign symbolized. “There was a sense for me of being at the march and in community with folks that were wanting to resist this horrifying reality, but also not wanting folks to get complacent.”

As a black woman who only voted in order to not forfeit my own vote as a “Trump vote,” I can relate to the confusion, anger and passion that comes along with Peoples’ sign. Some did not react well to the sign, according to The Root. “Not this white woman,” or “No one I know!” were common responses Peoples said she received. “[53 percent] of white women voted for Trump,” Peoples said. “That means someone you know, someone who is in close community with you, voted for Trump. You need to organize your people.”

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“You need to organize your people.” Peoples has hope that her sign and the meaning behind it will encourage white female Trump supporters to join in other rallies, such as Black Lives Matter. 

“... I don’t think it’s a matter of white women becoming interested in our issues; I need them to recognize they are implicit or complicit benefactors of systems like white supremacy and patriarchy — and that’s a problem,” she said.

People emphasized that a person must realize they are benefactors to such issues, which brings me to the second image, which is different but still carries the same amount of regard and conflict.

The image features Persian-American actor, Amit Talai, holding a sign that reads, “I’ll see you nice white ladies at the next #BlackLivesMatter march, right?”

This highlights the line between what rights matter within a racial spectrum, but also the lack of awareness there is of this ongoing issue.

“I’ve always noticed white people being hesitant or resistant to getting involved in Black Lives Matter,” Talai said. “But it really struck me when, in the days"
Women need more quality representation in media

The heroine, Jyn Erso’s gender is not mentioned once in the film nor should it need to be. She is a character that I engaged with due to how well written she is, not because of the ruggedness of her beard. According to a CNN article, women had a record number of lead roles in 2016. 29 percent of women were protagonists; this is a 7 percent increase from the year before.

Portrayal of women in television is also progressing; there are many instances of women taking front and center. CW’s show lineup features a lot of female leads, especially those over 2016 or the 250 African Americans killed. However, sitting there with a post about police brutality when it comes to black males. Those 8 percent of black individuals are being killed.

When people wonder why we are protesting threatening to deport innocent civilians, and not amount to the 500 men killed in Chicago corner, it’s because our people are dying. They are being killed.

On one side of the scope, we have Trump threatening to deport innocent civilians, and on the other end, we have a lack of respect and regard for the lives of the still oppressed. Both of these signs have built a fence that many did not see but will soon have to cross.

Lack of respect and regard present after Women’s March

Before the march, I read a couple things by Jamilah Lemieux and Ijeoma Oluo and they were both like, ‘I support the march, I’m glad it’s happening, but I’m not gonna be there because I’m hurt over the people who have not paid attention to black pain and the Black Lives Matter movement for these years.’ I really related to that…’

Talai discussed a few of the reactions he received from the sign, emphasizing that people were upset, but also inclined to inquire about it were them holding the sign, they could “never have even re-posted the millions of women who were present at the Women’s March but have never even re-posted the news. At least show some FaceTime exists.

Bottom line is you don’t have to look far to see great portrayal of women in the media these days. It’s not perfect, but the days of Baywatch are far-gone.

Women’s Clinic offers health services at ‘base cost’

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Information courtesy of student health services

For other issues that either require a scheduled exam at the Gold Clinic or have “acute” symptoms, you will be asked to make an appointment to meet with an RN another day.

“If you’ve been having irregularities with your menstruation, but you are not menstruating right now and you feel fine, you’re gonna be scheduled for an appointment,” Diaz said. “That’s the difference for whether you are gonna have a walk-in appointment that day or you need a scheduled appointment.”

The website for the Women’s Clinic will be up soon, with a feature that will allow students to schedule appointments online.

“We started piloting the online appointments about three weeks ago,” Diaz says.

Students who have requests that are not one of the listed options, there is an “other” option that will prompt the clinic to call for more information.

The new online services at the Women’s Clinic will be available to students summer 2017.

For more information on the services available at the Women’s Clinic, call 305-348-2401 (MMC) or 305-919-5620 (BBC). Drop by Student Health Center, room 101 at MMC or Student Health Center at BBC. For details on cost of services, visit go.fiu.edu/healthfee.
WOMEN: MORE THAN GLAMOUR

Gender equality doesn’t mean drafting women

Despite not using a mandatory military draft since 1973, the Senate voted to require women to register for the draft in June of 2016. Though the House’s version of the Selective Service amendment bill did not include this requirement, it is a “slanted shift,” said Jennifer Steinbauer from the New York Times. Steinbauer feels that, should the Senate’s version of the bill make it through the House, women will be “forced” to register for The Selective Service, “just as men do right now,” when they turn 18. While this seems like an achievement towards breaking the glass ceiling, it really should have been last on the senate’s list when it comes to gender equality — especially in the military. The vote has a striking “Women want equality! Well here it is” tone. Before forcing the draft onto young American women, the Senate should have focused on looking inside the military. Women in the military are not safe. We put a band-aid on it and inside the military. We want equality? Well here it is” tone. especially in the military. It has been last on the Senate’s list when it comes to gender equality —

The bill was generated just to create discussion, according to Republican Representative Duncan Hunter. In his article, featured on Fox News, Hunter said “Let me be clear: I don’t support women in the infantry or special operations, nor do I support women registering for the draft. When I proposed my amendment, I even did so with the intention of voting against it.”

According to the American Journal of Industrial Medicine, 1 in 3 women are raped in the military. Female veterans are at risk for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. According to Holmes, the purpose of the draft registration now is questionable. “Are there not volunteers?” Holmes asked. “Because all of the volunteers have been keeping the draft from happening.”

Holmes, as a retired veteran, woman and feminist, has felt ignored by the country and finds it mildly suspicious that women now have to register for the draft. However, Holmes finds light in this situation. She alludes to Cruz’s dilemma of having daughters and admits that this will make citizens realize what the military does for the United States.

There have been times, Holmes said, that she has asked for a “malsy” military discount and has been told things along the lines of “You think you’re owed everything,” and “What are you really doing for us, anyway?” So, all that Holmes can wish for, despite her ambivalent feelings towards this draft, is that people treat their veterans with more respect now that their daughters have to enlist as well.

The country is lacking sympathy for women in combat and is generalizing false assumptions in regards to gender inequality. This bill is a mere band-aid over a deep gash that is hurting our country.

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‘Disney has failed Hispanics’

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Last year, Disney debuted their first Hispanic princess, Elena of Avalor. As Avalor, which, she is a skilled sword-fighter, has magical powers and does not have a love interest. She is a mixture of different Hispanic heritages, cultures and legends.

Disney has not treated her like the other princesses. All “official” Disney princesses make their debut in a movie. Not Elena. She made her debut on a Disney Junior show, “Sofia: The First.”

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She sounds fascinating, except, Disney has belittled and discriminated against her. Disney has not treated her like the other princesses. All “official” Disney princesses make their debut in a movie. Not Elena. She made her debut on a Disney Junior show, “Sofia: The First.”

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During an interview with ABC News, the creator of “Sofia: The First,” and “Elena of Avalor,” Craig Gerber said that he works on the TV side of Disney and has “nothing to do with the features side.”

But diversity, Gerber said, is important to Disney and that it “doesn’t really matter who is pitching the idea. If the idea is ready to go, they’ll say go ahead and do it.”

If it doesn’t matter who pitches the idea, then why are there not a theatrical release dedicated to our first Hispanic princess?

Disney did not produce a theatrical release for Elena. When a princess is ready to be manufactured into a theatrical film, it is found that the film is not “commercially viable.”

According to Disney, this is not their intent. But why produce a character that is not commercial? The film was not a success with the audience. The season finale of “Sofia: The First” had a viewership of 1.3 million.

When the audience failed to react to the character, Disney decided not to pursue a theatrical feature. The TV show was successful, but the audience was not.

Disney does not treat Hispanic characters like other characters. They are not treated like other princesses. They are not allowed to go high. They are not given equal opportunities. They are not given equal pay. They are not given equal chances to succeed. They are not given equal chances to fail. They are not given equal chances to be heard.

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’I, the president.’ It begins with, ‘We, the people.’” — Gloria Steinem

Gloria Steinem, an activist and journalist, was an honorary co-chair for the Women’s March in Washington earlier this year. She addressed government officials, informing them that they would be held accountable for the decisions they make and the actions they take on issues pertaining to women’s rights, safety and health.

“We need you to roll up your sleeves. We need to get to work. Because remember this: When we go low, we go high.” — Michelle Obama

Former First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama, said this in a historical speech at the 2016 Democratic National Convention. This is how she culminated her speech about her time in the White House and her thoughts on arguably the most memorable presidential election.

The aim of Obama’s overall emotional message was to be strong and fight for what is right.

“My third grade teacher called my mother and said, ‘Ms. Cox, your son is going to end up in New Orleans in a dress if we don’t get him into therapy.’ And wouldn’t you know, just last week I spoke at Tulane University, and I wore a lovely green and black dress.” — Laverne Cox

Laverne Cox is an actress and LGBTQ rights advocate. As a transgender woman, she uses her star power to educate people about the issues that affect the trans community.

This quote is all about confidence. It’s about courage and empowerment, and to show people how to embrace their uniqueness. It’s about making and the actions they take on issues pertaining to women’s rights, safety and health.

“You have the power to change perception, to inspire and empower, and to show people how to embrace their complications, and see the flaws, and the true beauty and strength that’s inside all of us.” — Beyoncé

The year 2016 is not thought of fondly because of politics and numerous events that have negatively impacted culture and society. Thankfully, it was a great year in music. Beyoncé’s album, Lemonade, greatly contributed to this as it aided in furthering feminism and bringing to light society’s racial inequality. Young girls who read this quote as it aided in furthering feminism and bringing to light social issues and pop culture related matters.

‘Quotes to live by every day

Social Scoop

When I hear the word woman, I associate it with the words power and strength because those words define the women that I look up to daily basis.

I place high importance on the positive ways women are represented in the media. There are some quotes by women, in the past few years, that I feel society should always value.

“There are two powers in the world; one is the sword and the other is the pen. There is a third power stronger than both, that of women.” — Malala Yousafzai

The youngest Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai is a crusader of girl’s education. As a child, her life was threatened and almost taken because of her activism and outspokenness about the importance of schooling and education of girls in her country. A quote like this inspires feminism and inspires people to champion change for women.

“Remember, the Constitution doesn’t begin with, ‘I, the president.’ It begins with, ‘We, the people.’” — Gloria Steinem

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The word “feminism,” obviously derives from “fem,” but feminist thought and the feminist movement are not restricted to women. Men can be feminists.

In the same way that white people can fight for equal rights for minorities and people of color can fight for their rights to end anti-black or anti-white violence, so it is with the oppressed group is not a prerequisite for supporting the group’s rights. We are human beings. We are all equal, but the fact that she is black, or she is a woman, or she is a person of color, does not mean that her lyrics pull at the heart more than mine. However, there is something about Gaga that makes her inspiring. There’s a quality about her that makes it possible to back her up. However, there is something about Gaga that makes her inspiring. There’s a quality about her that makes it possible to back her up.

The support of men allows the patriarchy to be pushed back faster. When an oppressed group has those privileges projecting on its side, it shows the power of those separating the two.

Feminists want to overthrow the patriarchy not the support for equality based on the sexes. They understand what’s it’s like to be judged based on sex or gender and concede that progress will not be made by being hypocrites and turning the tables. Men should be feminists.

The basic argument is that supporting women’s issues and equality is the ethical thing to do. Beyond this, feminism is beneficial to everyone. It allows men to be released from the expectations of the gender binary system. Feminism supports men being allowed to show emotion, to be stay-at-home parents, to have interests in “feminine” activities. When women break the norm, by doing things like wearing what’s considered men’s clothing (think ties and suit jackets in the 1920s; pansexual in the 1970s), it opens doors to doors that were not available to doors that were not available to doors that were not available to doors that were not available to doors that were not available to women’s clothing (consider the rising popularity of Raf’s Dad’s Race). When women can speak out against domestic violence and sexual assault, it provides a platform for men to do the same. Feminism allows for the similarities between genders to be seen, apart from what’s considered men’s clothing and few chemical differences, women and men are very similar.

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Senior baseman ties home-run record in victory over Rutgers University

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Senior first baseman Stephanie Texeira is chasing history, after she tied FIU’s career home-run record in the 9-5 victory over Rutgers University on Feb. 24. Texeira recorded her first homerun of the 2017 season, tying former panther Ashley McClain for the all-time home-run lead, with 33.

As a freshman, the first baseman was named Conference USA Freshman of the Year and also was named Second-Team All-C-USA. She has led the Panthers in almost every statistical category, said Vick-Morris. “She’s been able to help FIU softball transcend themselves as a program.”

To start the 2017 season, Texeira was named Preseason All-Conference USA. She was also named to the USA Softball Preseason Player of the Year watch list.

Junior marketing major Julieth Gil believes this could be an exciting season for the Panthers and expects Texeira to play a large role in their success.

“Going into their final season for FIU, I feel that she can lead the team to a potential C-USA championship appearance,” said Gil.

FIU softball will hit the road for Citrus Classic II, where the team will play against University of Tennessee at Chattanooga at 3:30 p.m. and Mercer University at 5:45 p.m. on Friday, March 3 in Orlando.

Women’s rugby club ‘honored, by and respect’ athletes before them

JAS REPORTS

It has been almost 200 years since women started engaging in sports, specifically rugby. The first women’s rugby team was established in 1881, and unfortunately endured violent treatment as men did not agree that women should be playing a man’s sport.

Now, you can find a women’s rugby team on almost every college campus, and Kerri Ann Elaise, a leader of FIU’s women’s rugby club, said she respects the struggle that took place in order for her to be where she is.

“I’m honestly honored that they paved the way for us to play freely now,” said Elaise. “I respect what they went through to get here, and we also have the support from the guys as they have our backs.”

Though women have come a long way to play in the sport, there are still people who believe that it’s too rough of a sport for women to be involved in.

Ivan Henry, a sophomore majoring in communication arts, said it’s bigger than just the sport being a man’s sport.

“Unless you’re conditioning right and are actually prepared for the possible hits you will take in the game, then I don’t think they should be playing in it,” said Henry.

Yes, rugby is a contact sport, which almost every sport is. But that’s the exact reason why there are practices and warm ups so that injuries can be prevented.

“It’s a lot of contact involved which is why we have the team doing activities outside of practice,” said Elaise. “There are set training schedules for everyone just so that they can be prepared and well trained.”

When I used to play flag football, the first month of our practices consisted of conditioning before we were even taught any plays. Once we got closer to the season, that’s when we were learning techniques and plays.

Selena Everitt, a sophomore majoring in political science major and a forward on the women’s rugby team, said proper form is the biggest lesson when at practice.

“We’re taught how to tackle and how to take a tackle, so if you practice and practice then it becomes muscle memory,” said Everitt. “You would only sustain an injury if there is a miscommunication with a play and your form failed.”

Tragic accidents do happen in sports, as in many other walks of life, which shouldn’t be taken lightly. To suggest that women shouldn’t play rugby – or any sport at that – is to say we’re the weaker sex.

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Females ‘play just as hard’ as their male counterparts

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Amanda Lorenzo, a junior studying logistics, played softball her whole life and said she felt she never got the credit a baseball player would get.

“We do the same thing,” said Lorenzo. “We play just as hard, we’re dedicated just as much time, and we get less of credit.”

Lorenzo also said when it came to sponsoring, men’s sports receive more funds than women’s sports.

“I played softball since I was in middle school and all throughout high school,” she said. “I noticed how funds are used toward men’s sports and never the women’s. It’s always bothered me.”

Katie Garcia, a sophomore studying psychology, said she feels the same misjudgment other women in athletics feel.

“I am a dancer and it bothers me when people tell me that I am not an athlete because ‘dance’ isn’t a sport,” said Garcia. “I go to practice every day and condition my body. I may not be on a field or a court, but that doesn’t mean that dancing isn’t a sport. I hate it when guys say dancing is ‘girly’. Because I am ‘girly’ does that underestimate what I do?

The phrase “like a girl” has become something regularly said. You throw ‘like a girl’ when you run ‘like a girl’. ‘Like a girl’ translates into doing an action poorly or not as well. There are women athletes who do not get credited with how well they perform because of their gender.

“I challenge any guy to come take a ballet class or participate in any women’s athletic programs,” said Garcia. “Maybe after that I can start saying ‘like a boy’.

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