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Panthers Add Their Voices to the “March for Our Lives” in Washington, DC

BY DANIELLE MCDUGALL

On the early, cold morning of March 24, 68 Adelphi students and a handful of faculty chaperones embarked on a four-hour ride to Washington, DC on a Coach bus. Their destination was the “March for Our Lives” rally. In DC alone, the event was attended by an estimated 800,000 people, making it the largest single-day protest in the history of the nation’s capital. There were hundreds of additional demonstrations across the U.S. and in other countries, with the total number of participants skyrocketing into the millions.

The idea of the rally was conceived after 17 people from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., were shot and killed by a former student on February 14. In the weeks following the shooting, the bereaved high school students were galvanized into action. Their mission is to prevent a shooting like the one that wreaked havoc on their community from happening to any other community or person in the nation. As a means of achieving this goal, the students have written articles, made TV appearances, questioned senators and even faced off against National Rifle Association (NRA) representatives with the purpose of advocating for gun law reform.



Photo provided by Miguel Guerra

In spite of the distance between Florida and New York, the students’ fierce activism resonated with countless students on Adelphi’s campus who have already been dedicated to the mission of addressing structural issues with U.S. society through action.

One such Adelphi student is Jada Fletcher, a sophomore neuroscience major in the Levermore Global Scholars program. Following the Parkland shooting, Fletcher felt compelled to do something on her own campus to address what had happened. So, she created an entire week of programming entitled “#Enough: Gun Violence,” which led up to the rally on March 24 in DC and fostered critical conversations about the epidemic of gun violence in the U.S.

“I wanted to plan this week of events because I felt it was important that

the issue of gun violence was brought to campus and addressed,” Fletcher said. “The gun violence that occurred in Parkland really struck a chord with me and I wanted to do whatever I could to help the cause, including supporting the students of Parkland and others affected by gun violence by attending the march in DC. It was truly a moving and powerful event that I’m so glad students from Adelphi were able to partake in.”

The week’s events ranged from a Public Safety-led training session about what to do in case an active shooter entered the campus; to an information table held by Student Counseling Center personnel; to a fundraiser for the victims of the Parkland shooting in which people could buy bracelets engraved with the phrase “#Never Again;” to a vigil for all victims of gun violence. There was also an open forum on the state of U.S. gun laws that was meant to be held, but this will be rescheduled due to inclement weather conditions.

Kathleen Watchorn, Adelphi’s coordinator of programs and projects, attended the trip to DC. She said she was not only affected by the activism that the Parkland students have taken part in, but was also deeply moved by the initiative, passion and activism displayed by Fletcher as well as the students who attended the rally.

Watchorn said she was also amazed by the poster that senior communications major Gabriela Briseño created. Briseño’s poster, which she completed over the course of the bus ride from New York to DC, depicted the faces of all 17 victims of the Parkland shootings. It served as a grim reminder of one of the many tragedies that brought people to the hundreds of rallies on that Saturday afternoon.

Although the rally itself was sparked by the recent shooting, participants had in mind a myriad of past tragedies that spurred them on to make their voices heard. One Adelphi student who attended the rally, sophomore acting major Athena Priftakis, explained that her reasoning for going dated back to a shooting that occurred at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn., in 2012.



Gabriela Briseño and a fellow protestor stand with their posters depicting the victims of the Parkland shooting. Photo provided by Kathleen Watchorn

“My main reason for going to the rally was that I remembered sobbing in my high school freshman English class as my peers and I watched the news about Sandy Hook,” Priftakis said. “I really thought laws would be put in place so that would never happen again. I never would’ve imagined that I would still be sobbing five years later for the same reason. The part of the march that impacted me the most was hearing the alumni from Sandy Hook elementary school talk about how we have to “arm” teachers with books, pencils and the ability to spark a flame within the hearts of these kids so that these students, the future of America, can make a change.”

Not only did Sandy Hook Elementary School students and students from Parkland take the stage during the DC rally to speak about the violence they want to see end, so did Naomi Wadler, an 11-year-old student from Alexandria, Va. Wadler spoke to another form of gun violence that is less frequently reported on, but disproportionately common: violence against young black women.

“I am here to acknowledge and represent the African American girls whose stories don’t make the front page of every national newspaper, whose stories don’t lead on the evening news. I represent the African American women who are victims of gun violence, who are simply statistics instead of vibrant, beautiful girls full of potential,” she said from the main stage at the event.

Wadler spoke with bravery and conviction about the disparity in how gun violence victims are treated, based on race and gender, by the national community. In doing this, Wadler moved the national conversation to more deeply examine not

only the political and economic, but also the ideological obstacles that lie ahead of people in the U.S. who are fighting for the eradication of gun violence.

Watchorn, a part of the Adelphi Votes initiative, also marveled at the emphasis participants in the rally placed on the importance of young people’s political efficacy as a way of affecting lasting changes in gun laws.

“The need for voter registration and voting were evident at the rally and through a discussion enroute, with some students asking about checking their voter registration and/or completing an absentee ballot,” Watchorn said. “Many signs at the rally stated the importance of voting in order to make a change. There were even opportunities at the rally for voter registration.”

Ultimately, March 24 marked another day in a decades-long process of the U.S. reckoning with gun violence, its causes and its solutions. Although it is unlikely that any dramatic change in laws will come in the near future, the thousands of youths — ranging from elementary school-age to college-age — present to plan, speak at and participate in the March for Our Lives, surely point the U.S. in a direction of transformation from a state of violence, to a state of equality and radical nonviolence.

As Watchorn said, the young people demonstrating have given her hope. “In my own reflection, I felt that there was hope, and that these teenagers who witnessed such devastation have been a shining example of what all of us can and should do — speak up, speak out and speak often.”

A Word from the Editor

Hello! Welcome to another issue of *The Delphian*. As editor-in-chief, I was very proud of our work last issue covering the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas school shooting's impact on the Adelphi community. It was an important topic to many students, parents and faculty around the country, as well as our campus. In the aftermath, it was inspiring to witness our campus get involved in the national conversation through the organization of the Gun Violence Awareness Week and participating in the March for Our Lives, which you can read about on our front page. I applaud all of the students who took time out of their busy schedules to add their voices to this critical cause.

Some students also chose to spend their spring break in a non-traditional way: giving back through community service. Adelphi's alternative spring break took these students to San Francisco, where they were able to help the underprivileged and work with charities and organizations that have made great strides in improving the issues afflicting the residents of the San Francisco and larger California area.

Recently, another way students, faculty, alumni and other staff contributed to causes they are passionate about was through the annual Giving Day. Though it was postponed due to a snow closure on March 21, alumni and students made significant donations to various campus initiatives, highlighting the power we have when we all join together to achieve a common goal by doubling the contributions from last year.

Speaking of teamwork, our sports teams are at the halfway point of the spring season, so our sports editor Nicoletta Cuccio has compiled an update about how the teams are doing so far. While on the sports page on page 7, read about our new Panther pup, Lauren O'Neill of Adelphi's softball team.

As I approach the end of my senior year, much of my time has been occupied by my thesis. As a communications major, I chose to write about the way that privacy rights have evolved in our country since Louis Brandeis began the discussion with "The Right to Privacy" in 1890 and privacy's relationship to the world of journalism, as these two forces are often at odds. I was intrigued by the fact that two of our three editorials on page 6 in this issue touch on matters having to do with protecting our privacy – with the outrage of the recent Facebook-Cambridge Analytica scandal and the rise of facial recognition software. This served as a reminder to me that privacy is one of today's hot topics, as public concern heightens and efforts continue to safeguard whatever little privacy we have left.

I also hope you all are paying attention to our back-page ads. Our advertiser, Wayback Burgers, has consistently provided exclusive discounts and offers to Adelphi students, faculty, staff and alumni. All you need is your Adelphi ID, and you can celebrate a game victory with free nachos or receive 10 percent off of any in-store order. We'd like to thank them for their support and for feeding our hungry Panthers.

Lastly, the Defiler issue of *The Delphian* has been a long-standing tradition that has now become a favorite among our readers. For April Fools Day, we fill stands with satirical stories, similar to publications like "The Onion." This year, we have chosen to incorporate it within the issue, letting our readers figure out which articles are the spoofs and which are real news happening here at Adelphi. Read carefully, and you should be able to identify them pretty quickly! If you like our Defiler pieces or our coverage of real issues throughout the semester, write to us at delphian@adelphi.edu.

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History Comes Alive: A Discussion With a Mohawk Tribe Member

BY ALYSSA STRIANO

When was the last you learned about, in detail, the lives and history of indigenous people in your classroom? Most would probably say around fifth grade; some may not have even gotten that far. This is the unfortunate truth of our country's school system. Instead of incorporating these people into curricula, they are seemingly cut out of the picture.

Dr. Scott Manning Stevens, a Haudenosaunee (Mohawk) tribe member and director of Native American Studies at Syracuse University, visited Adelphi University on March 1 for the 45th Annual Adelphi History Conference, co-sponsored by the History Department, Black and Caribbean Studies and the College of the Arts and Sciences. He discussed his time living on a Native American reservation on the border of New York and Canada, along with the importance of accurately

portraying the history of his ancestors in American history.

"As a member of the Haudenosaunee tribe and a scholar, Dr. Manning Stevens was uniquely positioned to help the secondary school social studies teachers who attended the conference to teach Native history with a sensitivity toward Native cultures," said Dr. Christina Zaccarini, an associate history professor at Adelphi. "His talk, and that of other panelists—Adelphi faculty members—succeeded in informing and inspiring all who were there."

Stevens also highlighted that Native Americans were involved in many historical events in the United States, though they are never mentioned in history classes. They participated in the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement and were even involved in a 20-year-long war with whites.

"We're ushered off the stage early on and we don't reappear," Stevens said

during his discussion.

Stevens believes it is important for students and educators to be familiar with the Declension era. He said it's a common misconception that Native Americans are currently non-existent, despite once making up the whole population. Although there was a decline in Native American population after the arrival of white immigrants, there are still many such communities around the nation.

Stevens said, "There is no word that causes more damage to the psyche of young natives than authenticity."

In his presentation, Stevens said that society attempts to belittle Native Americans because they aren't the traditional Natives they are assumed to be. He said Native Americans may have become more modern by utilizing new technology and wearing nontraditional clothes, but this shift doesn't make them any less indigenous, nor should they be

shamed for it.

According to Stevens, it is important that we don't allow Native Americans to slip through the cracks of American history, especially since they are essential to major moments of the nation's history.

"Would it be fair if a new group of people came to the United States and started getting rid of all of you?" Stevens asked.

Stevens' talk was insightful to the Adelphi community, giving a new perspective on topics that most are not familiar with.

"My favorite part of the event was the way that Dr. Manning Stevens passionately discussed the reason why he observed that many Iroquois men enjoyed being steelworkers," said Zaccarini, "thus shedding light on the cultural foundation for this."

Zaccarini hopes to hold the next annual history conference in spring 2019.

Adelphi Students “Break a Difference” in San Francisco

BY DANIELLE MCDUGALL

What activities come to mind when you hear the words “spring break?” Do you envision yourself taking a vacation you’ve been anticipating and saving money for? Is waking up later than 10 am how each day of your week would begin? Do you hope to work more than normal in order to make a little more money?

For senior business administration major Jason Minhas and 20 other Adelphi students, community service was their spring break mission, as they chose to partake in the university’s annual “alternative spring break.”

“Time is the one resource I have a lot of, and it’s one that I can easily give,” Minhas said. “Volunteering gives context to the challenges people face and how we each can get directly involved. The program made me think about the world we live in where many people volunteer because they’re happy to give back to the community.”

Partnered with the nonprofit organization Break a Difference, this year’s trip took students to San Francisco. Jason Spradley, an assistant director of the Center for Student Involvement (CSI) who focuses on community service and multicultural programming, provided some insight into this year’s alternative spring break.

Explaining why San Francisco was the chosen location for the 2018 “Break a Difference” trip, Spradley pointed to the obstacles faced by the homeless community in the city.

“San Francisco is a city with extreme wealth but also extreme visible homelessness,” he said. “Unlike New York



Student volunteers at the San Francisco International Airport.

City, San Francisco lacks a right to shelter law, which broadens the reality of those living without homes in the city. Aside from the issues of hunger and homelessness, environmental work is needed in San Francisco. We thought it was important that students pair their community service work with a type of advocacy that they could continue when they come back home to New York.”

Additionally, Spradley noted the astronomical cost of living in the area: in San Francisco, if a family of four sees an annual income of \$104,000, it would be considered on the lower end of the spectrum. By having students volunteer in the area, Spradley stated that they were able to “engage in conversations around gentrification, policy, urban planning and the stereotypes of poverty.”

According to Minhas, the students were given the opportunity to

work alongside representatives from the Boys and Girls Club, Food Bank Farm and the Wildlife Preservation Center and participated in activities, such as “preparing the soil for gardening at an urban farm, sorting and packaging food at a community food bank and replacing plants that contribute to wildfires with ones that help control them.”

Visiting a location where the gap between the wealthy and poor areas was so visibly evident proved to be impactful on the students.

“It’s one thing to learn about it and another to see it first-hand,” Minhas said. “I know the wage difference sunk-in for the people in my car ride on the way back to the Boys and Girls Club after we had worked on wildfire prevention methods in one of the more wealthier neighborhoods. As we passed under the bridges outside of the main city area, we were shocked by

the number of tents set up with homeless people living in them.”

When discussing the possible locations for the next alternative spring break, Spradley unsurprisingly mentioned Puerto Rico. The island is still reeling from category 4 Hurricane Maria that hit in the latter part of last summer. In addition to the large population on the island that are still without power – around 400,000, according to “USA Today” – massive damage has been done to the island’s infrastructure. Repairs and development will continue on for much of the foreseeable future.

However, Minhas thinks that special attention should be paid to Adelphi’s home state of New York.

“Being able to explore an area provides a perspective that can showcase the wealth discrepancies in many places,” he said. “San Francisco and the locations that have been visited in the past are also great opportunities to learn about the culture of the region. There is plenty of work that is needed to improve our country’s food insecurity, homelessness, access to education, infrastructure and healthcare industry. I think a great place to start would be right here in New York.”

Reflecting on the overall impact of the alternative break left on him, Minhas shared a sentiment that surely rings true in some way for every student who participated in the trip’s service efforts: no matter where it is or what the work consists of, it is a trip worth taking.

“Regardless of where the next alternative spring break is, I can guarantee it’s going to be a great experience,” he said. “You will become close with other volunteers and get to interact with amazing people while you work with the different organizations.”

An Alum’s Tips for Success

BY GABRIELLE DEONATH



In this column, established Adelphi alumni reflect on their own college experiences and the lessons they learned, as they pass down advice to the current generation of college students.

Lisa Marrachino is the CEO and founder of LiGit Solutions, a consulting firm that helps businesses establish themselves and reach their operational goals. Since graduating from Adelphi in 1989 with a major in banking and finance and a minor in philosophy, she has held various positions in different fields. Though she applied to Stanford Business School and was accepted, she

chose to remain at the job she acquired post-graduation at Goldman Sachs, where she was offered a permanent position as a junior analyst.

After six years, she became a hedge fund analyst and partner at Palantir Capital. Later, she opened a restaurant called Spyglass in Westport, Conn. and started a clothing line with designer Clark Sabbat. As part of her role at LiGit Solutions, she served as the director of business develop at finance company SoFi in 2015.

Lisa’s Tips for Survival in the Professional World and Adulthood:

1. “Nurture your network, and make sure that you’re really paying attention to people that you’re getting to know – not only in college but also in your work life.”
2. “Balancing family, friends, your health and work is hard to do, but it is always a good idea to have some kind of balance in your life.”
3. “Save your money along the way. Save, and invest wisely in things that you know. Even a little bit counts.”

Hearts of Gold Beat the Cold: Giving Day Success Despite Snowstorm

BY VICTORIA GRINTHAL

The morning of March 21 was met with a mass message cancelling all school activities within the tri-state area, threatening to dampen Adelphi’s second annual Giving Day campaign. Despite the storm, Panthers were able to more than double last year’s campaign.

This year’s numbers overall, including the extension of donation time to the afternoon of March 22, included 823 gifts by 737 donors and equaled \$75,324 for the range of causes supported on campus. Additional donations are still being processed and added to the total.

“The year’s results were nearly double our first Giving Day ever on April 19, 2017,” said Jennifer Walsh, director of participation at Adelphi’s University Advancement Team. “Last year, we received 432 donors, 513 gifts and a total of \$33,509.”

The on-campus event originally scheduled for March 21 in the University Center lobby moved to March 22 in the

Center for Recreation and Sports lobby.

“The weather didn’t seem to stop our Panthers with most donating online,” Walsh said. “The most donations were received from alumni, followed by faculty, parents and students within the total of more than 820 total donors.”

Other than showing Panther Pride, our community came together to create a great example of how we all work and contribute to the betterment of our school.

Walsh said, “It’s a celebration of our amazing university and how dedicated we are to providing each and every student all that they need to be successful here in the classrooms, in their future careers and their communities.”

These donations will benefit a large amount of distinct causes that will affect many aspects of our community, including our award-winning sports teams to help purchase new and upgraded athletic equipment, scholarships for incoming and current students and funds for study abroad programs.

Adelphi University Begins Mandatory Wear-It Wednesdays

BY VICTORIA GRINTHAL

Panther pride at Adelphi will soon mean more on campus than ever before. On April 1, the Center for Student Involvement (CSI) unveiled a new rule on all Adelphi campuses: Wear-It Wednesdays will now be mandatory, effective April 11. All students, staff and faculty are required to sport the school's signature shades and/or Panther mascot every Wednesday during operating hours. This rule is the result of an effort to increase the showcasing of school pride on campus and to make the university seem more unified.

CSI's assistant director Alexa Grosskreuz released the statement a week in advance to give all university members time to gather correct apparel for these new Wear-It Wednesdays. In the statement, she affirmed that all apparel from the campus bookstore is appropriate and acceptable for the day's requirements.

"CSI will accept apparel that

includes the older Adelphi logo, but would prefer to see the new logo and designs worn as much as possible on these days," she said. "All members of the Adelphi community have now been notified of this requirement and must comply if and when



they are on campus on Wednesdays."

In addition, the colors worn are of the upmost importance. "Wear It Wednesdays is an important initiative to us at Adelphi University because every Panther should bleed brown and gold," Grosskreuz said.

Helpful guidelines from University Communications and Marketing emailed to all students and faculty included this statement: "Gold and brown are Adelphi's school colors and are the essential palette for accents on all materials."

When choosing gold, be sure to wear pantone 7549 C/7548 U. If you choose brown, be sure it's pantone 4625 C. Secondary colors are light brown at pantone 7531 C. Light browns at 65 percent and 35 percent are also acceptable.

Mandatory rules like this do not come without penalties. Each person will be checked before entering or leaving any building, though resident students will be screened by security only when exiting their dorm hall. If a checker in any building



decides that a person's wardrobe does not adhere to the rules of Wear-It Wednesdays, they will be given a headband with large, furry black cat ears that they must wear for the duration of the day.

Football Team Remains Undefeated This Season

BY JERMAINE HOWERTON

Adelphi's men's football team is having one of its best seasons so far, as it dismantles every team that stands in its way. With a ton of talent on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball, other teams and coaches in the NE10 conference are becoming worried about their own performance against the Panthers.

"We are thrilled to hear about Adelphi football's recent successes and subsequent playoff berth," said head softball coach Bree Nasti. "It will undoubtedly bring positive media coverage to our university and department, which could offset the horrible stench of 90 sets of sweaty, smelly pads and helmets permeating the locker room halls."

Students have taken notice of the team's success, and the Adelphi community

has nothing but positive things to say about the team.

"The team's success makes me even more proud to be a Panther. Most people love to watch football, and to have a team on campus that dominates the way they do, it brings everyone together and makes college that much sweeter," said Patrick Besch, president of the Phi Sigma fraternity here at Adelphi.

With the conference playoffs approaching, the football team is carrying a lot of momentum going in. "With the support of the Adelphi community and the unselfishness and chemistry of our team, we feel like we can do no wrong," said junior defensive end Jahir Malo.

The team is looking forward to becoming the first in Adelphi history to not only be undefeated during the regular season, but to remain undefeated throughout the conference playoffs en route to a national championship.



Groundhog's Latest Prediction Means Campus Will Freeze Until June

BY DANIELLE MCDOUGALL

"Due to expected inclement weather conditions, the Garden City campus will be closed." At this point in the year, that is a sentence that every Adelphi student, faculty and staff member at has read at least once. As of April 2—nearly two weeks since the Spring Equinox, the official first day of spring—multiple inches of snow and ice had transformed Adelphi into a winter wonderland for the fourth time since the year began.

Given all the frosty weather that has been battering the Northeast, it is surely no surprise that the handlers of the ever-accurate groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, made an emergency announcement on April 1. In the wee hours of the morning, the rodent's shrewd judgement compelled him to emerge from his burrow and predict that, instead of there being six more weeks of winter, there will be eight more weeks. Winter will last until June.

Needless to say, the Adelphi community is going to have to make some adjustments in order to brace itself against the upcoming weather. *The Delphian* spoke with Joseph Goodrich, Public Safety's manager of Transportation and Parking Services, about the university's preparation for these unprecedented weather interruptions to the class schedule.

"If this winter weather continues," Goodrich explained, "we expect additional closings, which would result in a rescheduling of Commencement to the July 4 weekend and a relocation of the ceremony to Jones Beach. Expect fireworks for the kickoff."

To recoup the time lost for all the anticipated school closings, Goodrich explained, "Students will have to begin



marathon academic schedules, around the clock, in order to meet all educational requirements necessary to advance to the next year and/or attend Commencement."

The mad dash that students will have to do to keep up with their requirements is leaving some students in a sweat, in spite of the cold weather. One such student is junior biology major Perry Piatos, who bemoaned what he believes is the cause of this dramatic shift in climate.

"The climate wouldn't have been ruined if Shangela hadn't been robbed of the win on RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars," Piatos said.

All hope for an enjoyable semester is not lost, however. Goodrich also informed *The Delphian* of activities that incoming Panthers will be able to participate in, given the build-up of snow.

"Orientation activities will include snow tubing in the rear of Linen and Chapman Hall. Zip-lining will start from the roof of the UC and terminate at the flagpole lawn, and cafeteria tray sledding will be located on the snow mountains in the southwest corner of parking field 5 near the Waldorf fence," he said.

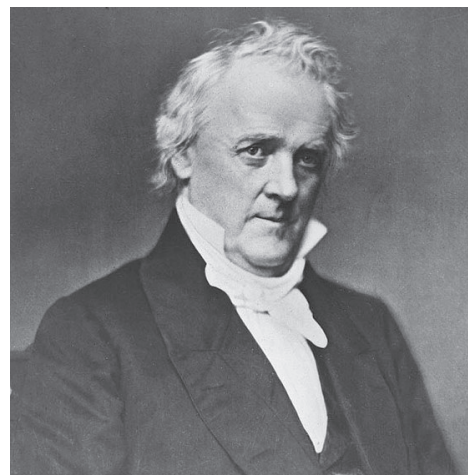
Some students are even discussing petitioning for a second winter holiday break to be placed on future academic calendars. In spite of the inconvenience this extended winter will bring there is sure to never be a dull day for the rest of this semester.

Melania Trump Resigns as First Lady of the United States of America

BY DANIELLE MCDUGALL

After a year alongside President Trump, Melania Trump released a statement through her spokesperson that she has resigned from her position as first lady of the United States as of March 31. This marks the first time since the unmarried James Buchanan was president in 1857 that there will not be a first lady.

This choice will apparently also be followed by divorce from Trump. Many are appalled by her resignation. Melania has refused to make a public statement. Instead, she boarded Air Force One on Friday with the President, but when he returned to the Capitol Sunday, she was not on board the plane. No one knows where she is at this time.



James Buchanan, 15th President of the U.S.

It is unclear if someone will assume the position in her place, but many people are suggesting that Stormy Daniels, the porn star with whom the President allegedly had a former relationship, could

step up to the plate. Daniels seems much more comfortable with public appearances than the former first lady has been. Reports that Trump and his cabinet will hire an equivalent to a first lady without the requirement of marriage have surfaced, and a fraction of the country believes that his daughter Ivanka would be a good alternative.

What does this mean for society's female role models? Melania had been a quiet, complacent, pretty face who stood tall while her husband managed the important issues. Those who long for the days when women knew their place will sorely miss Melania Trump's presence in the White House.

Personal Parking Space Offered for the Most Creative Panther License Plate

BY TATSUYA HONDO

Custom license plates are an effective tool in promoting individualism. For the first time ever, the university will be hosting the first annual competition for the most creative Panther plate. The competition will celebrate diversity and self-expression through creative (and not creative) license plates on campus. And the winner will get their own permanent parking spot for their entire time as an Adelphi student, faculty member or administrator. So far there's some fairly challenging competition with license plates seen on campus that read: G3TSM4RT, WH8WHAT, IAMLATE and CUPK8KE.

History major Kevin O'Sullivan encourages the Adelphi community to engage in the submission and voting process. "Ten out of 10 would and will recommend people to participate in the voting," said O'Sullivan.

There will be no fee for submissions, and Adelphi faculty, staff and students are all encouraged to participate. The first round of voting will take place in the residents' lounge in Hickory Hall on Adelphi's Garden City Campus on April 14 throughout the day. Dates for the following rounds of voting, which will narrow down the list of perspective winners, will be announced at a later time.

Nursing student Victor Persaud said, "If there are custom plates, they should have our student identification numbers on them. . . I would proudly show my panther spirit all around New York City since I'm all over the place playing in bands and orchestras."

Though Adelphi doesn't provide license plates with student identification numbers at the moment, Adelphi themed license plates are actually available through the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles at dmv.ny.gov/custom-plates/adelphi-university.



Resident Halls to Finally Allow Pets

BY MATTHEW SCHROH

Starting this fall, it's going to start getting a lot more crowded in the Adelphi dorms, with a new initiative being introduced to make Adelphi an attractive choice for incoming freshmen: the campus is going to allow students to keep pets in their rooms.

These can be beloved pets joining their owners in their exciting new college lives, or new pets adopted as new companions for their time at Adelphi. Of course, pets will be permitted all over campus, so don't be surprised if, come fall, you see more people tossing frisbees to their dogs on the quad, or if you receive an email from a professor regarding their policy on pets in class.

In addition, this helps residents experience the same opportunity as commuters, who can go home and see their pets on a daily basis.

"I feel like it'll make the campus environment more exciting and fun," said Chapman Hall resident advisor Nicole Capolino.

Resident student reaction to this



Panther pets will now be allowed to accompany owners in resident halls. Photo from ZooTampa at Lowry Park

new initiative has been largely favorable, as residents cannot wait to bring their pets to school next semester, though many are content just to be sharing their buildings with so many doubtlessly adorable animals. "This is the best thing that has ever

existed," said Sophia Lurie, a freshman living in Waldo Hall. "Who wouldn't want a pet in their dorm?"

If you will be living on campus starting fall 2018, be prepared for things to get hairy in the residence halls.

ADVISOR'S NOTE

These pages represent an annual tradition for The Delphian, our Defiler, which provides readers with the original concept of fake news: satire. Satire has been a literary device as a form of humor since Greek mythology. Its purpose is to first make readers laugh, and then make them think. Many late-night comics have been delivering the day's news this way for years, and newspapers like "The Onion" routinely print articles that poke fun at politics and society.

We at The Delphian have been doing our part for much of our own history for April Fool's Day each year. This year, because of Mother Nature's own frequent jokes of snowstorms that closed our campus, we've missed April 1.

The Cambridge Analytica Scandal Says More About Facebook Than Politics

BY MATTHEW SCHROH

For quite some time, Donald Trump and Mark Zuckerberg have both been dealing with their own headaches regarding their various digital dealings, and the scandal involving data firm Cambridge Analytica has certainly not helped.

The reputation of Cambridge Analytica as a shady data firm is not breaking news. What has been surprising, however, is the knowledge that the firm privately mined the personal information of a whopping 50 million Facebook users for the Trump campaign. Fifty million. Fifty million people would be enough to qualify as the twenty-eighth largest country in the world. While many of them did agree to provide access to their information, “many” does not mean all, and those who agreed were told the information would be used for academic purposes. The data was harvested and used to target potential voters with pro-Trump advertisements. Cambridge Analytica was also wrapped up in pro-Brexit advertising in early 2016, so the firm has its record of getting involved in more conservative activism.



Cambridge Analytica’s connections to Russia have left the media once again questioning Trump’s own ties to that country. In the midst of the Stormy Daniels media circus, this is certainly not an issue that Trump wants to be dealing with right now.

At the same time, though, the nature of this scandal could be a blessing for Trump, who is so used to shrugging off the Russia accusations and getting the

media to move on to other distractions. It’s quite possible that he will escape from this completely unscathed, like the many other times he has found himself in the middle of controversy.

Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook’s billionaire CEO, may not be as fortunate. A year ago, people were throwing his name out as a possible Democrat contender for president in 2020 in light of his technical experience, his fortune and his admittedly

admirable goal to visit every American state. Now, it seems incredibly unlikely. Zuckerberg has been accused time and time again of taking advantage of Facebook users by targeting them with ads and exploiting their personal information. The Cambridge Analytica scandal is just another, albeit intense, slap in the face to consistent Facebook users. Zuckerberg has announced his intention to testify in front of Congress in the upcoming weeks, making it very unlikely that he will become an idolized figure any time soon.

The revelation about Cambridge Analytica’s indiscretions speaks more about Zuckerberg than it does about Trump. Though it is controversial that Trump’s name is involved in the scandal, he is not the first politician or even the first president to be mixed up in using the personal information of private citizens for political benefit on the site (that would be Barack Obama), and at the end of the day, it was Zuckerberg’s Facebook that allowed this to go on at all.

For now, it may be wise to hold off on investing in any “Zuckerberg 2020” merch.

Facial Recognition Software Is Both a Creepy and Cool Concept

BY VICTORIA GRINTHAL

As technology grows in our ever-evolving society, there are always new tools that are designed to solve problems and provide entertainment. The example of facial recognition software is currently one of those tools, and you have probably already used its predecessors in your spare time. Whether it’s calibrating a filter on Snapchat or comparing yourself to a painting in Google Arts and Culture, the beginnings of facial recognition software, called facial detection software, are currently everywhere. In facial detection software, a camera can look for shapes that have been programmed to be treated as human facial features. For things like Snapchat, the camera finds those human features and monitors them so as you move, the filter moves with you.

We see facial recognition all the time in movies, where the secret agents need to scan their facial features to enter a restricted area in futuristic spy films. However, this tool is developing enough to be here faster than you think. Most notably, the idea that individual features on a person’s face can be recognized and saved is present in the features on Apple’s iPhone X. Their newest version of their iPhone product line has tons of features, but the most impressive seems to be the fact that you can unlock your phone just by looking at it. Apple’s newest device claims that you can unlock the phone and even validate purchases by looking straight at it. The system, called Face ID in Apple’s terms, will

detect your features and the space between them to recognize you as an individual different from anyone else.

So, is this weird or not? This is not the first time this technology has come to light, and certainly not the last, but this is some of the first exposure of the tools for commercially individual use when it’s not really necessary. As companies like Samsung are trying to rise to their competitor’s level, we must realize that this may not be as perfect as it sounds. Your phone will constantly have its camera on, watching your every move until you decide to glance at it for the purpose of unlocking your phone. Despite taking a lot of a phone’s battery life, that sounds really creepy.

Also, it is one thing if your phone knows your fingerprint, but also knowing the exact measurements of the details of your face is kind of extreme. What about people who look similar in their facial details? Does that mean a person could control the phone of anyone who has enough facial similarity to theirs, allowing them to control all of the other person’s private information? Why should we take that risk, even if it means that the phone will unlock faster? Should we compromise authentication just for the sake of ease of control? What about cosmetic changes, like hair color? Would that change affect the phone’s ability to identify you?

Honestly, with all of the fears in this world today, it seems that the last thing we need is more personal data saved on our phones that could be found and manipulated at any time.

Are We Being Tough Enough on Russia?

BY MARIA GIOVANNA JUMPER

With the recent poisoning of ex-Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia in Britain there was no question that the United States and Western Europe would have to respond. The question was what that response would be. On March 26, President Trump expelled 60 Russian diplomats and closed a consulate. This form of retaliation comes in conjunction with a campaign done by over two dozen European countries. The White House has explained that this was done in order to ensure that the Russians cannot spy on us. The consulate that was closed is located in Seattle near a naval base, and Boeing, both important national security stations.

Many people understand why the White House has decided this route of retaliation, but are confused by the contrast between the President’s words and actions. While President Trump did follow Prime Minister Theresa May’s lead by expelling Russian diplomats and intelligence officers, he also called President Vladimir Putin to congratulate him on his re-election. This is an election that has largely been seen as a charade, with the outcome being known even before people voted as Putin ensured he had no competitors. Some feel that Trump congratulating Putin while also approving the expulsion shows a stark disconnect between his words and actions, thus making people confused about his actual sentiments on the controversial tragedy that left a man and his daughter in a

coma.

It has been pointed out the President Trump was active in convincing other European states to join the movement of expulsion. The President knew that if he did not support the movement and join in the United States would become isolated, so he became active in it. People also became extremely aware of the President’s silence on Twitter. President Trump usually uses Twitter as his outlet to describe the decisions he has made, but that did not happen the day the expulsion was signed off. This could be seen as Trump trying to keep a cordial relationship with Russia and Putin as to not escalate the issues that have arisen since Russia annexed Crimea and intervened in Ukraine in 2014.

There is no question that Trump has been involved in taking hard actions against Russia. Many believe that Trump could not make a public statement about the problem at hand because of his wish to keep a “constructive relationship” with Putin and Russia. This can be seen as understandable. If one looks at our relations with a state like North Korea it shows the problems that having an unconstructive relationship can entail. Trump is ensuring that the two states will still have a relationship even if it’s one held at an arms-length.

The last thing we would want is to have our relations deteriorate back to what they were during the Cold War. This thus proves that Trump must have congratulated Putin on his re-election while still taking hard actions about the poisoning on an ex-spy.

An Update on Spring Sports: The Halfway Mark

BY NICOLETTA CUCCIO

With the spring semester well underway, the Adelphi spring sports teams have competed in half of their schedule thus far.

Softball

The softball team began their season competing against nationally ranked teams in Florida. With a rough start, the Panthers were eager to bounce back into the New York groove while returning from their spring trip. Since coming back, the Brown and Gold have won 15 of their 18 games, now making their record 15-11-1. The team is 7-1 at home and is now starting to compete within their conference. Two of the team's freshmen, Lauren O'Neill and Nicole Mengel, were named Rookie of the Week in conference weekly awards, while senior Nicole Camera was named conference Player of the Week and National Player of the Week. Junior Kristin Fealy was named Pitcher of the Week in the NE10 Conference Weekly awards early in the season. The Panthers will return to Janet L. Ficke field on Wednesday, April 4 at 3 and 5 pm to face off against Pace University.

Baseball

The baseball team has thrived off their arms on the mound so far this season with an overall record of 8-11-1. The Panthers picked up some early victories but, since being home from their spring trip to Florida, have faced some tough in-conference opponents and have come out on the losing end. Senior Steven Withers hit his one-hundredth hit of his

career, which happened to be a homerun, in a game against American International College earlier in the season. In conference play, the Brown and Gold currently hold a record of 1-5. Freshman Tim O'Connor was named Rookie of the Week in recent conference weekly awards. The team will return to play at Adelphi on Wednesday April 4 at 3:30 pm against rival Molloy College.

Women's Lacrosse

The women's lacrosse team has been continually ranked number two in national polls. Since returning back from their trip to Florida, the team stands undefeated and is working towards their fourth national championship in the past five years and second back-to-back in that span. The team currently holds a nine-game win streak, with only seven games left. Junior Lena Riportella and senior Michele Scannell were named Player of the Week for the conference weekly awards while freshman Christina Ferrara was named Rookie of the Week twice so



Softball team reacts to Brenna Martini's home run in opener against NY Institute of Technology.

far this season. The Panthers will play in Garden City on Saturday, April 7 at 2 pm against rivals LIU Post.

Men's Lacrosse

The men's lacrosse team is currently undefeated at home and within the NE10 Conference. With an overall record of 6-1, the team is chasing a seven-game winning streak. The Panthers scored a season high of 22 goals against Saint Thomas Aquinas College on March 8. In the team's last conference game against Saint Michael's College, junior goalkeeper Brendan McDougal only let up two goals, which is the second game with the least amount of goals let up this season. Junior

Dylan Crossan was named Player of the Week in conference weekly awards. The Brown and Gold will return to Motamed on April 4 at 4 pm to play Assumption College in an in-conference matchup.

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team won their last match against Assumption College, 9-0. The team is 2-2 in the conference with an overall record of 2-7. Junior Connor Dove and senior Matteo Cannavera

are the only upperclassmen on the team. The team will return to compete at home on April 5 at 1 pm in an in-conference matchup against Franklin Pierce University.

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team will soon compete in their NCAA tournament. Check back here for more updates soon.

Women's Golf

The women's golf team will be competing at home on Saturday, April 7 at the Hempstead Gold and Country Club in Hempstead, New York.

Panther Pup: Meet Freshman Softball Player Lauren O'Neill

BY OLIVIA FRANKS

This issue's Panther Pup is freshman Lauren O'Neill, one of the newest additions on Adelphi's softball team. The Stamford, Conn., native is looking forward to making her mark here at Adelphi. O'Neill hopes to gain experience in both academics and athletics in the coming years. Read our interview with her to learn more about her goals and hopes for her college athletic and academic career as a panther.

Q. How long have you been playing softball?

A. I have been playing softball since I was seven. I started out playing tee ball when I was 5.

Q. Why did you want to play a college sport?

A. I wanted to play softball in college because it is something I love. I knew that, after high school, I did not want to stop competing, so I was fortunate enough to get to play at the next level.

Q. Why did you choose Adelphi over other schools?

A. I chose Adelphi because of the academic opportunities it would provide me and because I really felt like the softball program here was something I would fall in love with.

Q.

What have you learned from playing a college sport so far?

A. I have learned what it takes to be truly passionate about your sport. Playing a college sport is not like a high school



O'Neill catching a fly ball as she plays right field for the Panthers. Photos on this page provided by Chris Bergmann

sport where some people's hearts aren't in it all the way. I think my teammates and coaches intensify my passion for this sport because of how much effort and care they put into it.

Q. Do you have any role models that have inspired you to play college softball?

A. I don't have any role models that have inspired me to play college softball. I do have role models that inspire me in

life, like my mom. My mom works really hard, and her work ethic is something I try to mirror.

Q. What are you looking forward to this season as a freshman? Do you have any particular goals?

A. This season, I am looking forward to having fun. I am already having a lot of fun, and I can't wait to see this team do well, whether we win or lose — but winning is always a little better. My goal for this season is to work hard and play for my teammates. I want to help my team in every way I can.

Q. What is the biggest goal that you want to accomplish before you graduate from college?

A. The biggest goal I want to accomplish is to do well academically and get a good education.

Q. What advice would you give to high school students going through the recruiting process?

A. I would tell a high school student to try not to get too stressed out. The recruitment process can be really stressful, but as long as you work hard enough in school and in your sport, you will find a school that is right for you.

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