Adelphi Hikes Tuition for Second Time in Two Years

BY JAMI GLATTER

A 4 percent increase in tuition was announced by Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration Timothy P. Burton on June 30. This is the second tuition hike in two years, following the 5 percent increase for the 2016-17 academic year.

Despite lowering their operating expenses last year by 2.8 percent, an increase was cited necessary by Burton in order to focus on student success. Services that contribute to this and would must be helped by the hike include “increased support for student counseling,” free academic tools offered in the library and “academic and community coordinators for our students with autism spectrum disorder.”

Currently, annual tuition at Adelphi is $37,170. In addition to room and board, staying in a standard double dorm will put you at $47,380, while staying in a company to repair it. Upon investigation, Shipley concluded that it was caused by a variety of factors, like open seams in the roof and small holes. He said there is a possibility the leak was caused by deck shifting on the roof of Nexus, which damaged its membrane.

“We did have a leak in the same area during construction, but it was due to a poor connection between a roof drain to the roof membrane,” Shipley said. “We have dealt with leaks both large and small over the years. Some are just easier to repair than others. The Nexus roof in this area is very complex due to the wood deck and the planters around it.”

Nexus Roof Patio Temporarily Closed Due to Leak

After the repairs have been finalized on the roof, facilities will make necessary repairs in the offices in which the leak was felt. For now the patio is closed, but will be reopened upon the leak’s repair.

“I am hoping that Adelphi administration makes sure that first, leaks are not common,” said Adelphi student Omar Hamood, who is a junior English major. “And second, if there is a leak, it does not affect the functionality of the academic sphere.” But while the school has sent out information about their preparation to repair the leak, many Adelphi students weren’t aware there was a problem.

“I personally didn’t notice a leak, but it wouldn’t necessarily upset me unless it took them a long time to fix it,” said Tyler Flannery, a junior nursing major at Adelphi. “I love having classes in Nexus. I have the opportunity to take Fundamentals and Health Assessment lab classes, where I am given the opportunity to interact with and learn from clinical experiences with the simulation bots that the College of Nursing and Public Health provides. Nexus provides a nicer and more modern setting in comparison to other academic buildings on campus, so that’s another reason why I love being able to have classes in Nexus.”

For more information about the leak on the roof of Nexus or to report a separate leak, contact facilities at facilities@adelphi.edu.

October Events

Focus on Breast Cancer Awareness

BY GESELLE MALDONADO

With October’s welcome cool entrance, Breast Cancer Awareness month has once again arrived at Adelphi University with many programs and events planned to help educate everyone on campus about breast cancer.

This month’s campus events include involvement from Adelphi’s own Breast Cancer Hotline & Support Program. Accomplished the annual Human Ribbons, which is to be held on Oct. 27, there will also be a Pink Pinwheel Sale & Breast Cancer Awareness Table, which will be held throughout the week of Oct. 20 and led by the Adelphi Peer Educators.

There will also be a Group Fitness Pink Week, hosted by Campus Recreation, which started this past weekend and ends on Oct. 13. In each class throughout Group Fitness Pink Week, registered participants will receive stadium cups that turn pink. There’s also the Celebration of Survivorship 2017 on Oct. 17 at 6 pm during which survivors will speak about their experiences.

Of course, Awareness Month is not only about participating in the events that will run throughout October. It is also to give much-needed support to those who are diagnosed or are affected by the disease. Even for those who have never been affected by breast cancer, students will find it is nonetheless important to help those who are affected, no matter what.

“The campus creating awareness (Continued on Page 3)
A Word from the Editor

October is an important month for many reasons. For some who enjoy the trick-or-treat of Halloween, we wait for the month to end to get to that last candy-filled day where we can unleash our inner child. However, there are a lot of important issues that the month brings to light.

A few years ago, a close family member was diagnosed with breast cancer. It was shocking to me because this happened to someone who has always been very health conscious, rarely even catching a cold. When I started opening up to friends here at Adelphi about my family member’s diagnosis, I began to realize how rampant breast cancer truly is. At this point, either you or someone you know has been diagnosed with breast cancer. As a young woman, I know how frightening that can be, having had a breast cancer scare of my own when I was in high school. For this reason, October, which is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month, is very important to me. Especially in a university setting, I think it is important for young women to be educated on the topic, especially in terms of early detection techniques.

October is when we recognize Columbus Day, which has been commemorated on the second Monday of the month since 1970. The day marks the anniversary of Christopher Columbus’ arrival in the Americas on Oct. 12, 1492. As enlightened as we are today about the devastation of the native tribes that was caused by settlers and explorers like Columbus, it remains a national holiday and a day on which no Adelphi classes are held. This year, the university calendar listed Oct. 9 as a mini fall break. For President Riordan’s comments, read our feature on page 4 dedicated to the topic of Columbus Day and the changing sentiments behind the name of the holiday.

In my last note, I emphasized being aware of events happening nationally and internationally that could be affecting those around you, even if it does not affect you personally. I also touched on the amount of devastation that happened during the month of September due to what seemed like a never-ending string of natural disasters. In this issue, we have provided an update on relief efforts happening on campus and how you can help provide aid to the thousands in need right now.

Last issue, we also started a new crossword puzzle that was dedicated to athletics. We wanted to get more of you involved, so we made the clues relevant to campus-wide events. Don’t forget to send us your answers. It’s an easy way to stay on top of the happenings on campus, as well as winning a prize from us.

Lastly, all of us at The Delphian would like to extend our sympathies to the victims of the Las Vegas shooting and their loved ones. As I have been writing these notes, I realize that there have been a lot of emotionally-heavy events happening around the world and close to home. In this tumultuous time in the government, natural environment and in regards to safety, I encourage you to seek support if you become overwhelmed, whether it’s expressing your feelings to a friend or paying a visit to the Student Counseling Center in room 310 in the UC. If you feel particularly strong about any of the recent events and want to put it into writing, please also reach out to me at gabrielledeonath@mail.adelphi.edu or Matthew Schroh, our editorials section editor, at matthewschroh@mail.adelphi.edu.

-Gabrielle Deonath
Editor-in-Chief

Recent Graduates Offer Job Search Tips at 4th Annual Media Career Expo

BY THE DELPHIAN STAFF

The Department of Communications and The Delphian are holding the Fourth Annual Media Career Expo for communications, journalism, English and business students on Thursday, Oct. 26 from 9 to 11 am in Room 303 of the University Center. Students will have a live platform with working representatives from the print, TV, book, web, marketing and publicity fields to talk about the job marketplace and learn more about breaking in as an intern or future employee.

Speakers include Adelphi graduates Victoria Chiesa, coordinator of Sports Information at Adelphi; William Coss, vice president of Live Event Television at Nickelodeon; Cameron Leel, director of Multicultural Marketing at HBO; Stephen Levine, web producer for News 12 Networks; and Brett Spielberg, content strategist and editor at Zimmerman/Edelson. Also speaking are Danielle Burby, a literary agent with Nelson Literary Agency, and Stephen Romano, director of communications for State Senator Elaine Phillips. The moderator is Liza Burby, senior adjunct professor in the Adelphi Communications Department, as well as faculty advisor for The Delphian and an award-winning journalist, author and editor.

“College students worry about their job prospects after graduation, and this event, now in its fourth year, consistently provides a positive outlook for their options,” said Burby. “The Expo panels are all recent graduates who have success stories to share, as well as advice based on their job search experiences.

“The fact that these speakers recently had to go through getting an internship, sending out resumes and navigating the employment process, makes them an ideal candidate to tell our students what works, what doesn’t—and what they should be doing now to prepare for post-graduation,” Burby added.

The Career Expo is free, but students must register with the Communications Department by Oct. 23. A panel discussion will be held from 9 to 10:30 am, followed by a light reception at which students can network with the speakers. Each year, attendees have left with contact information that has led to internships and freelance assignments. Come prepared with questions you’d like answered by these professionals.

“This is a unique opportunity for our students to have a chance to learn what steps professionals took on their own career paths,” Burby said. “In most cases, they’ll hear that the outcome wasn’t what the person expected while still in school, but actually turned out better.”

Further, the speakers will share contacts in their companies that can help Adelphi students to gain internships or post-graduation jobs.

If you’d like to register, please contact the Communications Department or email Liza Burby at lburby@adelphi.edu.

WANT TO WRITE FOR THE DELPHIAN?

COME TO OUR NEXT MEETING, OCT. 16
@ 1 PM
Earle Hall (lower level)
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Adelphi students participate in the Walk for Autism at Jones Beach. Photo by Rachel Sieradski

BY RACHEL SIERADSKI

Dozens of Panthers walked at Jones Beach on Sunday, Oct. 1 to raise awareness and funds for autism and the charity Autism Speaks. Not only did members of Bridges to Adelphi come out in numbers, there was also a delegation from the Future Teachers Association. They were part of 300 teams each with matching T-shirts who participated in support of people on the autism spectrum and their friends and family.

Among the walkers was Zach Benasillo, a sophomore sports management student at Adelphi. “Autism affects one in 68 U.S. children. I was diagnosed with autism just one day before my second birthday. I’ve been through a lot but sometimes I need support and help.”

He added that some traits of autism include high IQ and a strong capacity for compassion. “People with autism are able to see the world differently than ‘normal people,’” said Fiona Welisky, a sophomore studying anthropology and a member of the Bridges Program. “I don’t have autism, but I do have learning disabilities and I hope there is a walk for that too. My boyfriend has autism and his twin brother has autism too so I joined this in support of him and his brother.”

Many of the students who walked also donated to Autism Speaks, an organization that supports loved ones who are on the autism spectrum. “The walk is to raise money so we continue to fund research for near term solutions, advocacy on the state and federal level, and so that we are able to provide supports for people from time of diagnosis through adult life,” said Lisa Goring, the chief program and marketing director for Autism Speaks.

“It’s often said that each person is different, so if you have met one person with autism, you’ve met one person with autism,” Goring added. “Just because you have a disability doesn’t mean that you are ‘helpless,’” said Benasillo.

The Bridges Program at Adelphi is a support system for students who have autism spectrum disorder or similar issues. It provides academic support, vocational coaching and social events and get-togethers. Contact Mitch Nagler, director of the Bridges Program, for more information. The Bridges Office is located in the basement of Earle Hall. The entrance is to the left of the Honors College.

Learn more about Autism Speaks at www.autismspeaks.org.

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Panthers Step Out on the Jones Beach Boardwalk to Walk for Autism

By Gabrielle Deonath

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Adelphi Recognizes Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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for breast cancer is a good thing,” said Angelo Morales, a junior computer science student at Adelphi. “I would gladly welcome more knowledge on the subject, even though I’ve never been affected by breast cancer.”

Added Andrew Gutierrez, a junior physics major: “It’s good that they raise awareness. That way, maybe some people who didn’t know about it might want to help, or remind others.”

In addition to the overall support of Adelphi community, Breast Cancer Awareness month doesn’t end with the events that student and faculty groups on campus organized.

There is also the Hotline & Support Program mentioned above, which was established in 1980 and assists anyone in the area who has been affected by breast cancer. The program is comprised of countless volunteers from across the New York area as well as organizations such as the Sisters United in Health, or las Hermanas Unidas en la Salud.

With the amount of awareness the Adelphi community has been spreading about breast cancer, alongside the collection of events being held in its honor, this year’s Awareness Month is set in place to contribute greatly to the cause.

Find out more about the month’s activities at events.adelphi.edu/community-service/breast-cancer-awareness-month.
Fall Break, Columbus Day or Indigenous Peoples’ Day?

BY MARIA GIOVANNA JUMPER

What holiday did you celebrate on Oct. 9? Did you choose Columbus Day, Indigenous Peoples’ Day, or as Adelphi called it, Mini Fall Break? While this is the question people are puzzling over, what should be asking is: Why is there so much controversy? What do the different names of this day actually stand for?

On Oct. 9, people from all over the country noted the holiday in different ways. In New York City, there was an annual parade that celebrates those of Italian-American heritate within the United States. According to Professor Michael LaCombe, associate professor and chair of the History Department, “Columbus was chosen as a symbol of Italian contributions to American history.”

So, Columbus Day has traditionally been an opportunity to celebrate the Italian-American community, not just to learn about the life and journeys of Christopher Columbus. However, LaCombe added that “there wasn’t much thought given to the experiences of native people” when Columbus was chosen as the face of this holiday. Many people are worried about the consequences of this aspect of the holiday on indigenous people. Their lives were affected by someone else, someone who is now celebrated. But this is assuming that Columbus Day is widely-celebrated. According to LaCombe, this holiday was mostly created for Italian-Americans “to showcase and celebrate their own contributions to American history.”

However, those who are calling for a renaming of the day are asking if Columbus is the best figure to represent those contributions. His voyages led to the enslavement and death of thousands of natives in the Hispaniola region in the 15th century.

On the Adelphi academic calendar, students didn’t have classes on Oct. 9, observing a Mini Fall Break. According to President Christine Riordan, this name was chosen “to reflect both its short duration and to be sensitive to members of our community who have expressed concerns about institutionally identifying with Columbus’s legacy.”

Additionally, the President explained that the Adelphi Calendar Committee wanted to give a short break to students in the fall in order for them to see their families and chose Columbus Day as the day for that.

This change comes at the same time when many citizens of the U.S. are advocating to have statues of historical figures, mostly Confederate generals, taken down because these figures impact the lives of millions of native and non-European people across the country and North America.

What kind of name would allow for Italian-Americans to still celebrate their heritage and culture while also honoring the adversities that so many indigenous people have faced because of Columbus’ actions?

As the holiday drew closer, people were debating over what the name of this holiday should be. Will the name “Columbus Day” make it another year? This is the question on many people’s minds, and it will be up to us to consider every historical aspect of this day to decide.

Fall Break

BY VICTORIA GRINTHAL

This installment of The Delphian crossword puzzle spans across Adelphi’s campus. There are many upcoming events and exciting news that you should hear about! You can find the answers within this issue, on the Adelphi website, Adelphi eCampus and www.aupanthers.com. After completion, please send answers to our sports editor Nicoletta, at nicoleta.taucuccio@mail.adelphi.edu. The first to send completed puzzle will win a prize.

Across

1. Adelphi just celebrated the 88th anniversary of classes on its ____ City campus! Happy Anniversary, Panthers!
4. The ongoing ____ Film Club Festival continues through Nov. 10. Don’t miss a chance to catch a great Spanish film!
6. Along with this month’s Breast Cancer fundraisers, the Adelphi Mentoring Program leads our Panther for ____ 5K and Petite Panther Prowl for athletics of any age to support those affected by cancer.
8. Don’t forget, there are lots of events in support and honor of Breast Cancer ____ Month this month, including the Celebration of Survivorship on Oct. 17 and the Annual Human Ribbon event on Oct. 27.
9. Be sure to support our putting Panthers on the male golf team as they continue their #NE10 run this season.
12. This year, Adelphi retained its rank of most ____ for 2017’s Car Free Day Long Island, with a total of 1,144 car-free commutes on Sept. 27.
13. The female Panthers on the ____ team just defeat top-ranking SNHU at one game in their 2-0 run this past month. Go ladies!
14. The Bridges to Adelphi program participated in the ____ Speaks Walk on Oct. 1 at Jones Beach, successfully representing the advancement and excellence of all Panthers.

Down
2. The Third Annual Adelphi ____ Panel, which features some of the university’s most talented artistic graduates, will be held on Oct. 25.
3. Adelphi’s first ____ Kite Flight is set to fly high in the sky on Oct. 13, using the kites made on Oct. 5.
5. The women’s soccer team has been on their A-game with a ____ winning record so far this season. Make sure to catch them in action this month.
6. Oct. 13 is National Coming Out Day for everyone to accept and embrace ____ community.
7. From Oct. 13-15, enjoy daily activities and events with the campus during its first-ever ____ Weekend.
10. CALIBER joins with Bridges to Adelphi as they hold a week-long food drive for ____ Harvest.

Campus Crossword

What’s On Your Phone?

BY DANIELLE MCDOUGALL

The “What’s on Your Phone” series allows students and faculty to share their favorite and most useful apps that they cannot live without. Share your favorite apps with us at delphian@adelphi.edu.

Phone Owner: Monroe Marshall, senior neurobiology major

1. Refuge Restrooms This app is great for people who need to use gender-neutral restrooms and want to find one nearby.
2. Dubsmash I love this app as it allows one to lip sync lines from movies, TV shows, stage shows and more.
3. Voice-Pitch Analyzer I personally love to use it to track my voice changes over time as I make progress in my gender transition. This app can also be useful for people such as actors and singers who are working on controlling their voice to sound a certain way.
4. Dine On Campus Commuters can use this app to add money to their Adelphi ID card for food. Now, I don’t have to go to the Dining Services office in the UC to have money manually added to my card.
Meet the Faculty: For Professor Dotterman University’s Missions Are Key to Instruction

BY TATSUYA HONDO

Anthony M. Dotterman, a lecturer of 10 years at Adelphi University and a member of the General Studies Learning Community, is a great supporter of the school’s two specific missions: community and collaboration, and respect for the individual through the inclusion of people with disabilities.

“I give a lot of instruction on the concepts and implications of neurodiversity,” he said.

His research interests include Modernism (British, Irish and American), Disability Studies, American literature (19th and 20th Century) and Victorian literature.

The Delphian spoke with Professor Dotterman for this month’s Meet the Faculty column.

Q. When did your career at Adelphi University begin?
A. I started teaching here in 2006. I got a job teaching English language learners at a small private college in lower Manhattan in 2001. From that moment on, I knew I wanted to teach in higher education.

Q. In what year and from which educational institutions have you graduated?
A. I received my bachelor of arts from Long Island University Post in 1997, and I earned my master’s at Oregon State University in 2001 and a PhD from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 2015.

Q. Is there anything you are working on as of this year?
A. Yes. I am working on developing a course in disability and literature for the English Department here. I hope to get that off the ground next year.

I am also working on a STEAM project [combining the arts (“A”) with science, technology, engineering and math] for my student in General Studies, which my colleagues Lauren Rosenblum and Sarah Eltahib have taken the lead on. Cindy Maguire [associate professor of Art and Design Education], has kindly made the STEAM room [a collaborative learning and making lab where the community gathers to explore, tinker, create and invent, using a variety of tools and materials] available for our students.

Q. Could you talk more about your research interests?
A. I am analyzing the representation of disability in American and British modernist literature. I attended a conference by the Modernist Studies Association in Amsterdam this summer where I presented some of my research on representations of disability in literature to the panel.

Q. What courses have you taught at Adelphi?
A. The Art and Craft of Writing and Writing from a Global Perspective, Critical Reading and Writing, Expository Writing and Research, World of Ideas I and World of Ideas II.

Q. Do you have any advice you’d like to give to students at Adelphi?
A. Yes. If you’re majoring in nursing or business, take some classes out of your comfort zone. Take a class in writing or literature. One of the great things classes in general education and the humanities do is help us develop an international perspective. I would like to stress to all my students the value of international travel for education.

Q. The class of 2021 was the most diverse freshman class Adelphi has ever had. Do you have any comments on this?
A. Actually, yes. Diversity in all forms is important, especially for the arts.

An Adelphi Alum’s Tips for Success

BY GABRIELLE DEONATH

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

Dan Casale graduated with a bachelor’s degree from Adelphi University in 2001 and went on to earn his MBA from Adelphi’s School of Business in 2003. Casale found the internship at LiveNation that turned into a long successful career through the university.

Dan’s Tips for Success and Establishing a Long and Fulfilling Career:

1. “Try and put yourself in front of as many opportunities as possible, and follow up on them. I had made up my mind not to follow up after applying for my internship because I thought it would be a very competitive position, but no one else had applied, so I got it by default.”

2. “Don’t be afraid to explore different segments of business, finance or business operations. There are walls that exist between departments that shouldn’t, but don’t let that stop you. It will lead to creating a strong foundation and well-roundedness in the field.”

3. “It is very important to respect and support your team. The same way that you work in groups in business school is the same way you will work in groups in the real world. Business thrives on good teams.”

The Delphian will be highlighting additional alumni throughout the year to provide students with more professional tips. Students can also visit the Center for Career and Professional Development in Nexus, Room 225 for guidance with resumes and job opportunities.

Athletics Community Events

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casale is the senior vice president for business development and operations, a role that includes supporting growth within the business through new opportunities and organic development within the company.

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Women’s Lacrosse

Tanger Fit for a Cure Walk: On Oct. 1, the Tanger Outlets 9th Annual Fit for a Cure 5K Walk was held in Deer Park, which benefitted the Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition. Although they were unable to walk the event due to competition, the women’s lacrosse team raised money through their registrations for the event.

“It’s important for us to be involved in off-the-field activities so we can grow together as a team while helping our community,” said graduate student Jillian Graziano. “It’s very rewarding that we can help change people’s lives, even in the smallest ways.”

Garden Vines Fall Harvest Day: One hundred percent of Hempstead elementary school kids are food insecure, meaning they aren’t guaranteed any meals besides the breakfast and lunch they are served at schools. Garden Vines has been growing gardens at Hempstead schools in an effort to combat this, and supplement the children’s food intake. The organization’s Fall Harvest Day is slated for Oct. 21 at Barack Obama Elementary School, where the women’s team plans to involve the kids in lacrosse games, run face painting stations and serve food.

Cycle for Survival: The women’s lacrosse team has raised over $1,600 towards rare cancer research through Cycle for Survival, a cycling effort that supports Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Fundraising for the event is open until the ride takes place on March 2 in Roslyn, where the team hopes to have reached their goal of $4,000.

“Adelphi has given us so much, so it’s great that we are able to and will continue to give back to our surrounding community and those in need,” senior Hailey Peterson said of the team’s continuous efforts.

Women’s Basketball and Softball

Camp No Limits at Lido Beach: Both the women’s basketball and softball teams helped run Camp No Limits at Lido Beach by setting up obstacle courses and friendly competitions for the campers. The camp consists of physical and occupational therapy, peer support and education about limb loss, while also exposing the children to amputee role models. Since its start in 2004, Camp No Limits is the only one of its kind, engaging families and their children dealing with limb loss.

“I think it’s important for teams to get involved in the community because it brings us closer when we get the chance to work together in different environments other than school and sports,” Mali Klorczyk said. “I have never seen my teams smile and enjoy themselves as much as we did when we lent a hand.”

Adelphi Athletics continues to strive for excellence on the field and in the community by volunteering their time and raising money and awareness for important causes locally and nation-wide.

“It’s the little things that make getting involved so important,” said Klorczyk, “because sometimes little things make a big difference.”
Why North Korea Still Isn’t a Threat
(And Probably Never Will Be)

BY MATT SCHROH

I went to sleep on the night of Saturday, Sept. 30, comforted with the announcement of Secretary of State Rex Tillerson that the United States is in communications with the North Korean government to some extent. I woke up on the morning of Sunday, Oct. 1 to President Donald Trump telling his Secretary of State “not to bother” with diplomacy.

In the past month, there has been much development with the United States-North Korea turmoil. It is easy to see why one may fear for a larger conflict to break out. In front of the United Nations, Trump ridiculed Kim Jong-Un as “Little Rocket Man,” and seemingly hinted at the fact that, should the hermit dictatorship continue to terrorize the world, it may not exist for much longer. According to the North Korean government, this was seen as a declaration of war. American fighter jets flew near the coast of North Korea, as a sort of direct warning, and the government in Pyongyang claimed it had the full right to shoot them down if it wished — an act that would almost certainly cause a conflict to break out.

So, if all of this has happened, why am I still not worried? Admittedly, the North Korean issue has grown into a very frightening beast. Fortunately, I still believe that it is only scary by appearance, but behind the curtain, there is no reason to worry.

First of all, this actually is not the first time North Korea has decided that another country has declared war on them. The kingdom has declared multiple times in the past year that South Korea, Japan, or the United States has apparently challenged them to war. None of those occurrences ever led to anything dramatic. I stand by my belief that no country on earth will ever launch a nuclear weapon at another country — definitely not in our lifetimes, and likely not after that. Most governments are wise enough to understand that nuclear warfare would result in mutually assured destruction. That is the very reason why, following the Cuban Missile Crisis — the closest mankind has ever come to nuclear war — the thoroughly shaken United States and Soviet Union began attempts to cool down relations for the first time. Governments that do not understand the gravity and responsibility of creating and/or possessing nuclear weaponry, of which North Korea is the only example that comes to mind, find themselves virtually friendless. North Korea launching a nuclear weapon with malicious intent would be met with swift destruction, so nuclear warfare is not a possibility at all. It is true that South Korea and Japan are the closest dangerous neighbors to North Korea, but they would not risk starting another conflict in that area, because they are fully aware that they are completely on their own and would remain so in any potential conflict.

The United States is even safer. North Korea has not even tested a nuclear weapon aimed at the U.S. territory of Guam like it so infamously boasted. If it has not even tested that, it is very unlikely that it possesses a missile capable of hitting Hawaii — over 3,000 miles away from Guam or the continental United States, more than 2,000 miles away from Hawaii. Even if it is enough of a stretch because it assumes the missile does not get shot down by various missile defense systems.

Really, all North Korea’s seemingly inane quest to build up a massive arsenal of nuclear weaponry boils down to is the hermit kingdom’s desire to get a seat with the world’s most powerful countries — all of which possess nuclear weapons — most likely to get itself out of extreme poverty. Therefore, even if it does manage to create nuclear weaponry, it isn’t stupid or suicidal enough to actually launch them at anyone. It remains true that the only power North Korea has is the power we give it.

Trump’s New Opponent: the NFL

BY VICTORIA GRINTHAL

I think that we can all agree that President Donald Trump and Twitter are not the best pair. However, Trump’s opinions do not reflect that of the whole country; the majority of people voted for Hillary Clinton during the election anyway. When Trump reflects on instances like the actions of a set of NFL players during the national anthem, who also happen to assume the same of his sentiments — he does not speak for the whole nation.

Since the initial incident of Colin Kaepernick’s refusal to stand during the national anthem in protest of current issues such as racial inequality, many fellow NFL players have followed suit for various reasons. In response, Trump has bashed the NFL as a whole in his media posts, exclaiming that they are disrespecting the country and its people, for which he thinks they should be fired. However, these protests have spread past the NFL into other spaces like the NBA, and it is an issue that has caused division amongst many.

There are a few important things to note here. These actions are not aimed at the country’s general public, but rather at authority figures who have abused their power and platform to degrade and mistreat certain minorities. Whether they are protesting Trump’s presidency or various examples of infringement on the rights of people, the actions are only meant to shed light on wrongdoings and to create change for the betterment of the country.

With that said, I don’t think these players realize their actions can be misread. The reason people have such strong reactions on this issue is this act, which seems like a rebellion, can appear as a lack of respect for those who fought and died for our country. While the intentions are good and the actions are made in the interest of the country and its people, there are always those who will interpret it another way, especially when the President is on the opposing side.

Even though the opinions differ and the message has been blurred, our right of free speech still allows us to act in ways that we see as necessary. The line between exercising one’s right to free speech and disrespecting the country remains a thin border.

Revised Travel Ban Feels Like Yet One More Old Debate

BY MARIA GIOVANNA JUMPER

Are we safe? In a world where people have become used to hearing about bombings and terrorist attacks, we may be afraid to travel. President Donald Trump seems to believe that as a country we aren’t safe. On Oct. 18, a revised travel ban will go into effect. The President’s last two attempts at a travel ban have not been accepted by the American people because of its mistreatment of Muslim-majority countries. The revision includes the countries from the original travel ban except for Sudan, and the President has also included Chad, North Korea, and Venezuela.

However, this travel ban does not affect those who are declaring refugee status or those with valid visas, but citizens of the listed countries are prevented from applying for new visas after expiration. For some countries, like Venezuela, only government leaders are banned from entering the country. According to the President and his administration, the reason behind this travel ban is safety. The President created a standard for documentation and vetting, and the countries on this list were the ones who did not meet those requirements. The travel ban is also seen as an expansion of policy to include those the government finds threatening. In this way, the travel ban is not about stopping a certain religion from entering the country, but about prohibiting entry to those who do not have this country’s best interest at heart. The travel ban should also be seen as an expansion of policy to those who are seeking refugee status, which is extremely important. These people who have fled their homes, now with no place to live or country to call their own, should not feel alienated by the United States.

However, no one can ignore the true and real security threat that terrorist groups have fostered. Daily bombings are a reality for many around the world. Safety cannot be ignored, but it also cannot allow people to sit still by the fear. Our country is currently searching for the balance between helping others and protecting itself, and this revision of the travel ban could be the answer.

The President has revised his past travel bans in order to adapt to the wants of the American people, as well as the country’s security needs. The travel ban seems to reflect that, but we will see the true effect of this ban after its initiation.
Adelphi Athletics takes community service just as seriously as they do their competitions. Our off-season athletes have been working hard on and off the fields and courts this fall semester as they donate their time and help raise awareness for important causes.

“It is incredible the amount of joy Adelphi teams bring to people in the surrounding communities. Happiness and kindness are contagious and I think that’s the main reason why community service is important,” said Mali Klorczyk, a sophomore women’s basketball player.

**Softball**

Island Harvest Fundraiser: Island Harvest is the largest hunger relief organization on Long Island, delivering millions of pounds of food to Nearly 700 nonprofit organizations based on the island. Since their start in 2002, the organization has delivered 130 million pounds of food, and through their Weekend Backpack Feeding Program launched in 2006, provided 35,000-plus meals to schoolchildren who may not have meals outside of the ones provided through their schools.

The Adelphi softball team recently raised $500 pounds of food with Island Harvest, as well as money donations.

“What I love about Island Harvest is the sense of community and connection it brings when my team gets to participate in it,” said junior Kristin Fealy. “It’s giving it brings when my team gets to participate. It allows us to connect with a great part of the East Meadow community,” said senior Brenna Martini. “It also gives us a chance to learn and grow as a team and as people, with the opportunity to hopefully have an impact on the lives of others.”

**Men’s Lacrosse**

Hempstead Boys and Girls Club: Members of the men’s lacrosse team visited the Hempstead Boys and Girls Club to volunteer their time and play soccer with the kids. This has been an ongoing effort the team has been a part of through the Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

“It’s important to give back to those who are less fortunate and do not have the same luxuries that we do,” junior Gordon Purdie, Jr., said about his team’s service. “When you give back to the community, it also makes you feel great about what you are doing and can continue to do for others.”

The men’s basketball team held a car wash to give back to the community. Photo by Tavon Ginyard

**Men’s Basketball**

Travis Manion Foundation 9/11 Heroes Run: The men’s basketball team joined forces with the Foundation to help with their annual 9/11 Heroes Run, which took place at Randall Island this year. The foundation aims to unite and strengthen communities by building character through veterans and their families. The team helped with registrations, bag checks, clean up at the end of the day and anything else that needed to be done.

Hempstead PAL Basketball: For the third consecutive year, the team hosted over 20 players at Adelphi for basketball games and friendly competition through the special needs unit of the Police Activity League (PAL). The PAL’s mission is to prevent teenage delinquency and gang activity by providing inclusive individual and team programs to boys and girls of all demographics.

“[Community service] makes you appreciate everything you’re blessed with. It’s important to give back and help out as much as you can wherever you go,” said

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