

## 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



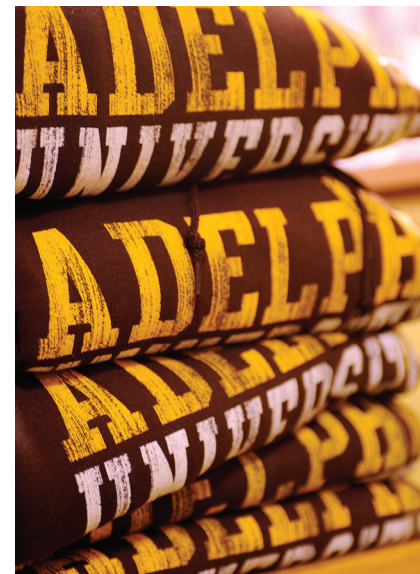
they are on campus on Wednesdays."

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

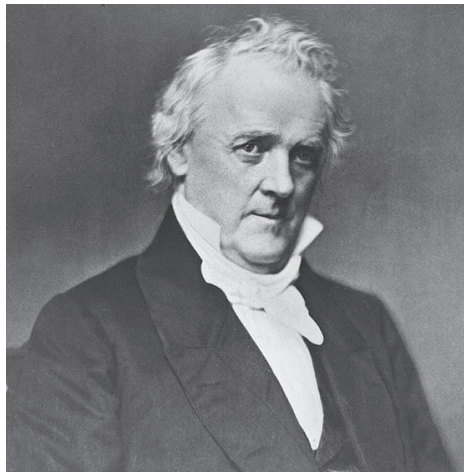
After a year alongside President Trump, Melania Trump released a statement through her spokesperson that she has resigned from her position as first lady of the United States as of March 31. This marks the first time since the unmarried James Buchanan was president in 1857 that there will not be a first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



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.



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

## 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](http://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.