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## Jonas Brothers Kick Off Reunion Tour at Adelphi

BY OLIVIA FRANKS

This year's Spring Concert made the record books not just on campus, but throughout the world.

On the morning of February 28, 2019, the Jonas Brothers updated their social media accounts for the first time in almost six years and announced they would be releasing a song called "Sucker" at midnight that night.

They followed their announcement and release of the single with secret shows in New York and Los Angeles, took over "The Late Late Show with James Corden" for one week and had interviews on multiple talk shows.

Once the buzz died down, the Student Activities Board contacted their manager, Phil McIntyre, and asked if it would be possible for them to perform at Adelphi's annual spring concert. To our surprise, they agreed. The concert kicked off their reunion tour and marks their first official concert to the public since their re-

turn. Tickets to the concert sold out within minutes.

This marks Joe Jonas's second performance at Adelphi; his first was in 2017 with DNCE for Spring Concert. Joe said, "In 2017, I loved the energy of Adelphi's crowd. We had a great show here and I told Nick and Kevin that one college we should definitely stop at on tour was Adelphi."

The Jonas Brothers played their classics such as "Burnin' Up," "Lovebug," "SOS," "Year 3000" and more. Additionally, they performed their new single "Sucker" and Nick and Joe performed some of their work from their solo days.

SAB President Ashley Willoughby said, "The Jonas Brothers are awesome! I've been a huge fan of them for many years. I'm so happy Joe Jonas felt at home here at Adelphi when he came here two years ago with his band DNCE as our Spring Concert artist. Adelphi made such an impact on him, it makes complete sense why they would want to start their tour here!"



It was Adelphi's most successful spring concert in history in regard to attendance and campus popularity. Students began lining up at 10 am for the 8 pm show and some Jonas Brothers fans who were not Adelphi students tried to sneak their way into the Center for Recreation and Sport but were stopped by security.

The youngest of the group and arguably the most successful brother, Nick Jonas, said, "We loved kicking off our reunion tour at Adelphi. The students were excited and the show couldn't have gone better. We are so happy to have started

off on Long Island, everyone welcomed us with open arms. The rest of our venues should live up to what we experienced here!"

Nick, Joe and Kevin's significant others were also in attendance at the show, they watched from the Campbell Lounges balcony. Joe's fiancé, Sophie Turner, is a character on the successful show "Game of Thrones" and we asked for spoilers, but she wouldn't give us any information.

The Jonas Brothers will continue their tour at the Prudential Center in New Jersey this Saturday night.

## Chef Boyardee Surges to the Top of 2020 Polls

BY MATTHEW SCHROH

Two weeks ago, a tweet came out that rocked the political world.

"Serving warm, delicious, easy-to-cook meals has given us more than enough experience to rule the free world. Chef Boyardee is officially #running in #2020!" the twitter account of the iconic brand of pasta products sent out in early March. Most political analysts did not pay any mind, seeing it as a simple marketing ploy for Conagra Brands – Chef Boyardee's parent company – to take advantage of the trending 2020 presidential election and tie it in with their product.

However, only a few hours later, #ChefBoyardee2020 was trending on Twitter. Various online media outlets began picking up the story, and within the next couple of days the major TV news networks had all featured it as well – Chef Boyardee was catching on.

A recent batch of professional polling has the chef collecting nearly 40 percent of the vote in the early primary state of Iowa, nearly 15 entire percentage points ahead of former Vice President Joe Biden and Senator Bernie Sanders, the previous frontrunners. The rest of the candidates in the field have seen their already low numbers tank, as their supporters flock to this exciting new candidate. Some liberal activists have groaned at the idea of

nominating another old white man for president, but most of the Democratic base has warmed up to Chef Boyardee.

Republicans, on the other hand, have quickly denounced the idea as ridiculous. President Donald Trump recently sent out a tweet summing up the whole experience: "the 2020 DEMS are so pitiful; a PASTA CHEF is beating them! That's AMORE!"



**After the Chef Boyardee Twitter account joked about running for president, the classic pasta product mascot has climbed to the top of Democratic polls.**

Media conservatives have also been hawkishly analyzing the Constitution for this precedent. Ettore Boiardi, the product's namesake, was born in Italy in 1897. Though this would make him 121 years

old, over the age limit of 35, Boyardee lacks the natural born citizen status necessary to be elected to the highest office in the land. Many commentators, however, have attacked this complaint, claiming that the Republicans are only bringing it up because they are nervous about running against Boyardee. Early polling in key battleground states regarding a Trump-Boyardee matchup reflect poorly on the president, with him falling flat to the pasta chef in key midwestern states.

There is an argument to be had that, as a technically fictional character, Chef Boyardee cannot possess the office of the presidency. However, since Donald Trump's election in 2016, anything seems possible – though the current murmurs about Chef Boyardee on Adelphi's campus seem to be mixed.

"I demand that he reveals all of the secret ingredients to make sure it's all organic," said Michael Davide, an international studies major, when asked to give an analysis of Boyardee as a candidate.

Conagra Brands is reportedly in full panic mode at this simply marketing ploy gone wrong. Allegedly, they are meeting with campaign staffers in early states, and trying to find someone to actually dress up as Chef Boyardee – since the real one died in 1985. Along the way, they are treading a cautious line, trying not to declare any stances on the issues so as to not mess up their accidental fame. Some pun-

dits speculate that doing this has resulted in all kinds of voters assuming that Chef Boyardee agrees with them on the issues, hence the chef's rise in the polls.

Not all potential voters are convinced, however. Some Adelphi students are seeking to get a more direct answer from Candidate Boyardee. For instance, the environment remains a key concern for many voters.

"I don't know much about him," Kayla Haz, a political science major, admitted. "But if he's going to have those cans rolling around the street, I'm not having that."

This is in reference to a recently resurfaced commercial showing a Chef Boyardee can of ravioli rolling down the street, inciting horrified reactions from environmentalists across the country. Washington Governor Jay Inslee, a rival for the Democratic nomination running a campaign focused on fighting climate change, has thoroughly condemned this apparent act of littering.

However, this mudslinging has not yet harmed Chef Boyardee in the polls. Pundits are keeping a weary eye to the first Democratic debate in June, which Boyardee has officially qualified for. To see if his success if long-term, we simply have to keep our eyes on the long campaign season ahead, and maybe buy some more Chef Boyardee products while we're at it.

## Athletics Field Gets Dome Covering to Provide All-Weather Field Time

BY NICOLETTA CUCCIO

The Adelphi University Athletics Department has announced Monday, April 1, that there will be a new addition to the athletics facility starting in the fall of 2019. A state-of-the-art bubble structure will be placed over the practice field and tennis courts to provide full year use for the NCAA, club and intramural athletes, as well as the student body and outside rental groups.

“Adding a bubble would be beneficial because whatever the weather conditions may be, we can have a turf field that has enough space,” said Adelphi softball’s sophomore pitcher Nicole Mengel. “This also gets us [the softball team] out of the gym, which sometimes takes away from the sports that play there all of the time.

Due to the less-than-pleasant winters in the northeast, the existence of the bubble will lead to many benefits for the university. All the outdoor NCAA sports will have the ability to begin preparation for competition earlier and on the appropriate surface. Sports like baseball and softball tend to run into issues regarding the availability of space due to inclement weather leaving their fields unplayable. Just around



the block, Hofstra University has the luxury of utilizing a similar structure. With the implementation of the bubble, coaches will have the ability to hold practices in a controlled environment.

“Having a dome on campus for the Athletic Department will allow year-round practice for the outdoor teams at full speed,” said head softball coach Carla Campagna. “Each student athlete will have the opportunity to perform at the highest level on a continuous basis during any part of the day.”

There are also financial benefits to adding this structure to our already off-the-charts facilities. A bubble will attract local community members and outside rental companies to hold practices and events on our Garden City campus. The ability to make money would hopefully heighten the economic status of the department, which could eventually lead to further improvements.

The final benefit of this addition is the undeniable attraction to prospective student athletes and coaches when decid-

ing where to continue their competitive experience. Each institution has something unique to offer and in such a congested area, Adelphi has to always look into different options to stand out.

“Student athletes work extremely hard in the classroom at AU and if we add a dome to our facilities it will allow coaches to have a more flexible and consistent practice schedule,” said Campagna.

## “Worst of Broadway”

BY JAMI GLATTER

It’s time to sing, dance, and watch the Adelphi PAC’s annual showcase of musical theatre’s best and brightest. “Best of Broadway” is coming back to the Concert Hall on April 31 with a new twist.

This year, students will be pulling from the catalogue of Broadway’s underbelly of unknown flops and obscure bombs. From the awkward to the absurd, sit back and settle in for a night of Broadway’s worst.

The “Worst of Broadway” program features hits from brand new musicals such as “Fandom of the Opera,” “Fairy God Parents: A Hip Hoper,” and “Les Affamées,” which takes a harrowing glance into the lives of detox tea influencers. Don’t miss hits from Broadway’s newest foray into politics. Following “Hamilton’s” success of a musical about a failed president candidate, hear selections from “Gore: An American Musical!”

The music majors are also excited to showcase some of Broadway’s newly workshopped jukebox musicals, such as “From the UK to the UC: The 21 Savage Journey” and “The Ponytail Extension Diaries: The Ariana Grande Story.”

They’re also reconnecting with their roots by performing selections from underground musical theatre staples, such as “Suffolk County Story,” “The Secretary of State and I,” “CatDogfight” and “Singin’ in the Wintry Mix.” These completely original musicals allow the performers to

play with traditional ideas and conventions and interpret them for a modern audience.

And, of course, what would a musical theatre tribute be without honoring one of our most famous alumnus? The Adelphi PAC is providing audience members with a special opportunity to hear selections from alumnus Jonathan Larson’s newly discovered and never before seen musical, *Lease!*

Don’t miss out on this once in a lifetime opportunity to hear some of the very worst Broadway has to offer! Tickets can be found on [totallyrealevents.adelphi.edu/worst\\_of\\_broadway](http://totallyrealevents.adelphi.edu/worst_of_broadway).



**Featured songs from “Gore: The Musical” – an offshoot musical production taking a look at the life and times of Vice President Al Gore – will be present in this year’s “Worst of Broadway” medley.**

## Super Bowl LIII ½

BY MARIA GIOVANNA JUMPER

After one of the most disappointing and not entertaining Super Bowls ever, the National Football League has decided to redo the entire game on May 5. The first step is revamping the half-time show. Not only was the performance not very long, it also was not very good, and combined with the boring game the whole fun of the Super Bowl was lost this year.

“This year’s Super Bowl left me disappointed with both teams. Watching the game is supposed to be exciting, but this year the only fun part was the commercials, not even the half-time show,” said freshman, Casey Baron.

With other fans feeling the same way the NFL is afraid that the views will go way down next year and in order to combat this they are willing to redo the entire game.

The Rams think that this is a great idea. They want another chance to prove themselves against the six-time winners, the Patriots. The Patriots are on the fence. While they do not want the fans to be disappointed, they also do not want to risk losing the Vince Lombardi Trophy to the Rams. As for the half-time show, Adam Levine is willing to redo his performance if everyone agrees to wipe the first performance clear from their minds.

While the redo game is set to take place on May 5, 2019. The location is not yet set, since many believe that the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta will be too



hot for the game. The athletes are getting back into training as they suit for the biggest game of the year... again. Fans are anxious for tickets to go on sale, hoping for cheaper prices since they already paid for this once.

To celebrate this second Super Bowl of 2019, the Puppy Bowl will also be redone for all those who would rather watch puppies try to figure out how to play football. There will also be a new set of commercials in order to keep fans entertained, just in case the game is a disappointment again.

On a positive note, at least you have an excuse to eat all those fun Super Bowl foods again.



Georgia at Accepted Students Day, already doing her job as university mascot.

## From Panthers to Pups: Adelphi's Mascot Replaced with President's Dog

BY VICTORIA GRINTHAL

The Adelphi community has been nicknamed after Paws the Panther since its early days, but our beloved mascot is about to change to a different species, given in part that panthers just aren't as approachable—or available—as the other option: a bulldog.

Due to the outpouring of love and affection observed on campus and through social media for President Christine Riordan's family dog, Georgia, the bulldog has been declared the new Adelphi mascot by a landslide of votes on a Twitter poll. This poll, posted on March 1, 2019 by the official Adelphi Twitter account @AdelphiU, is the first of its kind for Adelphi where the community have until now generally been known as "cat people." However, many students and professors have acknowledged the welcoming nature of dogs and how friendly they can be. A poll was taken to see if anyone was ready to adopt a canine mascot. The poll was conducted with half of our student body, with 70 percent voting in favor of Georgia and the Adelphi Bulldogs.

Throughout history, bulldogs as a breed have been viewed as rough and tough dogs who are not afraid to show their strength. However, Georgia's sweet nature and cute looks have shown that bulldogs

can represent us as well as Panthers can. Not only are we strong on the outside and inside, but we are compassionate and driven to take all opportunities to succeed in life.

Georgia is feeling the love from the newly-minted Bulldogs. In a statement from the office of President Riordan, "The Defiler" was told that, "Georgia has a way with people; they just love her. So, Adelphi students have officially voted Paws the Panther out, and Georgia in as their new mascot. Georgia is honored and beaming with pride—which looks a lot like sleeping when it comes to bulldogs."

Along with the new UC renovation, Adelphi has announced that the Garden City campus will reflect the change from panthers to bulldogs. The Adelphi community also voted to change some building names to better reflect a more canine atmosphere. Among those requests were these changes: "Levermore" Hall to "Labrador" Hall and "Post" Hall to "Poodle" Hall. "WoodRUFF" Hall will reportedly stay as is. More adaptations may take place over time, like a possible rebranding to reflect Georgia's bulldog silhouette.

As we welcome this new era at Adelphi University, let us reflect on our panther past and use our knowledge and courage to truly embrace the furry future ahead of us.

## Campus Scary Squirrel Population Situation Sort of Under Control

BY CATHERINE GROVER

After intensive testing and study by some of Adelphi's finest biology students, it has now been confirmed that the squirrel population inhabiting the grounds of Adelphi is a genetically distinct subspecies of gray squirrel. These squirrels are highly evolved and display increased aggression towards humans and other animals within their territory. In the study, those students who conducted it postulate that the rapid evolution of the squirrels may be due to the high amounts of sugar and other stimulants that Adelphi squirrels consume from the remains of energy drinks, which they get out of the campus garbage. The subspecies of squirrels on the Adelphi campus are more intelligent than their common fellows, stronger and faster.

Despite the alarming nature of this revelation, Public Safety has urged students not to panic. Instead they have issued a series of recommendations for safe conduct until the squirrel threat is assessed. They are as follows:

1. Do not approach or attempt to feed squirrels at any time. Avoid eye contact with them. Their beady eyes can mesmerize you.

2. If you find yourself trapped by a squirrel on your chosen route to class, do not run. Instead back away slowly and

head for the nearest building or blue light station. Blue light stations can be used to call for help in the event of a squirrel attack.

3. Do not leave your dorm windows open, as this may attract squirrels and allow them to infiltrate secure buildings.

4. If at any time you think you may have been bitten or scratched by a squirrel, seek medical help at once.

5. Do not be alarmed if you see public safety officers armed with guns. These are tranquilizer guns meant for subduing aggressive squirrels.

The normal function of campus will continue, until more information is gathered. It does not appear that these "super-squirrels" as they have been dubbed, have spread to other areas beyond campus. As of yet, encounters with squirrels have been restricted to standoffs on paths and occasion food theft, but students are worried that the squirrels may notice the increased security on campus and become hostile.

Adelphi senior Victoria Grover said, "I'm afraid to walk alone on campus. Every time I pass a squirrel it just stares me down with this crazy gleam in its eyes."

Preparations are underway to observe the effect that eating the campus squirrels may have on the local hawk pop-



ulation. School officials hope to encourage the presence of the hawks on campus by providing desirable nesting areas, in an at-

tempt to naturally control the squirrel problem and increase student safety.

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