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Swirbul Library to Be Converted into Data Center

BY JOSE GUERRERO

AI is making a lot of money for investors and Adelphi's Board of Trustees wants to get in on a piece of it. Announced on Sunday, in a campus-wide email in the early morning on Tuesday, Swirbul Library will be transformed entirely into a Data Center.

"We think it's a good way of bringing in money for the school as we can use it for maintenance, expanding facilities and other fun stuff for ourselves," said Trustee Oliver Banks.

All the library's current physical books and media will be burned to fuel one computer server tower for around 30 minutes. The data center will use up all the electrical energy in the surrounding five-mile radius causing local power outages, and will use one to five million gallons of water per day which is the equivalent of up to seven and a half Olympic-sized swimming pools.

The Data Center will be used

specifically for Chat GPT and whatever projects, sites and products that rely on it. This ranges from military drones to character chatbots. It will

be worth it, since all Adelphi has to do is wait for a big payday. Yes, there is a huge risk in Adelphi entering the AI market. If the market busts, all the

cost will fall on the whole Adelphi community, but it is worth the risk.

Yes, it will pollute the area, ruin the campus and the whole of Garden City, turning a suburban town into an industrial district. It will gladly get rid of all the jobs in the library and replace them with computer server management staff which will be open to Adelphi students.

Swirbul Library is going to get a huge makeover over the summer. The mural will be replaced with a screen that will project AI generated ads created using Chat GPT. The whole interior of the library will be demolished and adjusted to be fitted to be a proper data center. The sign out front that says the name of the library will be replaced with a billboard that shows ads with AI generated artwork.

Some are sad to see one of the most beloved buildings on campus go away, but the Adelphi community has until the end of the semester to bid the library goodbye. 🐾



One of the last photos of the "Swirbul Library" signs ever taken before the announcement. Photo by Jose Guerrero

In-Person Graduation Canceled Due to Budget Cuts

BY ARPAN JOSAN

Seniors, you might have to sit down for this one. After 4 long years of sleepless nights, tiresome commutes, roommate issues and caffeine addiction, this time of year is usually a sign of relief. After paying an enormous amount of money on classes and textbooks, graduation is the light at the

end of your tunnel. It's your big moment that no one can take away from you.

Well, no one except for Adelphi. That's right, the 2026 seniors will no longer have a graduation due to budget cuts impacting the entire university. This shock came through Adelphi's Instagram page with angry seniors and parents flooding the comments. One commenter by the name

of @panthers4ever posted, "This campus was like my home and this graduation was supposed to be my big send-off. Now, all I have is an empty bank account."

Due to this outrage, the University responded with a statement that this was a necessary act "in order to maintain the stability of the university. We are truly sorry for any inconvenience

that this may have caused."

But fret not seniors! We're taking it back to 2020 with a Zoom graduation. Commencement will still be hosted on May 21st, but instead of making in-person memories with your fellow classmates, you can make virtual ones by clicking the Zoom link in your email. Sorry, but we wish you the best on your future endeavors! 🐾

Students Believe Tuition Isn't High Enough

BY JOSEPHINE SCALIA

Recently, a campus-wide email from Adelphi University's Executive Leadership was sent out to inform all undergraduate students and families about updates for the 2026-2027 academic year tuition and fees. According to the email, the Adelphi University's Board of Trustees approved an increase in undergraduate tuition for full-time undergraduate students to \$52,110.

While that may sound slightly heart-attack inducing, you can feel reassured that, "Adelphi's Executive Leadership is dedicated to carefully managing its budget to control costs while guaranteeing the continued vitality of the essential services and programs that serve a student body."

And, don't forget that first installment due on July 21!

In response, The Defiler took to the Adelphi community to seek out the opinions of students. Shockingly, an overwhelming

number of students admitted that they feel tuition could be raised even more.

Junior business major Doll R. Bill said, "Personally, I have money pouring out

of my pockets. I just can't figure out what to do with it! I might as well give it to the college. Please, take my money!" (It should be noted that this student handed me a wad

of cash as he exited the student interview.)

Sophomore accounting major Average Joe said, "I'm working five jobs, and even one during classes—online, of course. And on payday, I cannot wait to send my money straight to Adelphi."

First year hospitality major Mona Polly feels the price increase is not even that noticeable. "The prices are going up? I just let my parents take care of it," Polly said.

This increase in tuition comes on the heels of the \$55 million modernization project announced for the Garden City campus. According to campus leadership, these intensive upgrades "ensure that Adelphi students receive an exceptional academic experience."

The modernization initiative is projected to be completed as soon as you graduate. 🐾



Adelphi's Garden City campus, recently deemed worthy of a \$52,110 experience. Photo by Josephine Scalia

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New Statistics Reveal Adelphi Student Population as 99% Commuter

BY AVA GEANIOTIS

Buckle up, Panthers: The commuter student population at Adelphi is growing, speeding and accelerating at 100 miles per hour.

Adelphi University is widely regarded as a predominantly commuter school, claiming that over 80% of Adelphi's student demographic are commuters.

However, striking new statistics based on the most recent survey reveal the drastic magnitude of this truth. According to Adelphi's Student Statistics Office, 99% of Adelphi's student population is comprised of commuters.

To many Adelphi students, this "news" isn't new at all – instead, it is just confirmation of an already evident reality.

"I think it's clear that we're a commuter-based school, so finding out that we're almost fully commuter isn't

unexpected," said senior communications major and commuter student Ima Driver.

She added, "This just explains why I've spent more time circling the parking lots looking for somewhere to park than I've spent actually driving to and from campus!"

Other students reacted with shock, unaware of just how many of their fellow Panthers are commuters. "I'm quite surprised," said sophomore biochemistry major Nobo D'Evur.

Resident students have strong opinions on this topic, as well. Stan Dinalone is a freshman business major who lives every day affected by Adelphi's high commuter student population. In fact, he said he is the only resident student left living in his dorm hall.

Dinalone said that, at first, he welcomed the peace and quiet. However, after months spent listening to cars honking and engines roaring

in the parking lot just outside of his window, his mind has changed.

When informed of the newly released statistics, he had only one comment. "It's driving me crazy," Dinalone said.

Still, many students are hopeful that the release of these

statistics about Adelphi's commuter demographic will raise awareness of the unique challenges that commuter students face, and ultimately, bring students together as a whole.

Junior business major and the president of the Commuters Community Club Sho Furr said he's proud to be one of the 99% of commuter students at Adelphi. He is hopeful that the release of this statistic will bring positive changes for commuter students. "I really hope this news will start conversations and foster a sense of community among commuters, since we often feel isolated on campus," Furr said.

Speaking specifically in his role as president of the Commuters Community Club, he added, "I'd also love it if [commuters] would go the extra mile and stay on campus long enough to show up to our meetings!" 🐾

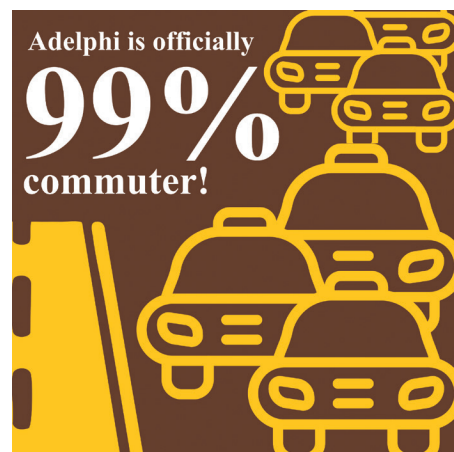


Photo by Ava Geaniotis

Adelphi Plans to Reinvigorate Its Liberal Arts Program

BY TROY COFIE

In order to adapt to changes happening in higher education and in the current labor market, Adelphi's executive leadership and board of trustees have initiated a new plan to revise our liberal arts program.

To stay as one of the best colleges on "U.S News and World Report," and so many other dubious school rankings, Adelphi plans to remodel the College of Arts and Sciences curriculum to reflect



One of the College of Arts and Science programs that's being shut down. Photo by Adelphi University

these changes. This is a continuation of our modernization of Adelphi University that our Adelphi's executive leadership is promising. This comprehensive, strategic, transformative, epic, bold, grand and any other superlative or synonym you can describe for this project is going to be a game changer for Adelphi University.

Are you ready to know what state-of-the-art vision Adelphi's administrators have cooked up for us—as a community of scholars, artists, and scientists—for the College of Arts and Sciences? The College of Arts and

Sciences will instead become the College of Applied Studies and Sciences.

"Yeah, we're shutting down the College of Arts and Sciences," said one anonymous source who obviously didn't want to be named.

This source added, "We might be living in an age of misinformation and disinformation, but the board of trustees believe that students can get their critical thinking skills and civil responsibility somewhere else."

Sophomore Stella Moodle said, "I'm excited for these new changes." She added, "My parents always beg me to change my English major into something more practical. But, now, with these new changes, I can finally explain to my parents how I can become another cog in the wheel that we call our economy."

Those humanities programs that barely have any students after constant underinvestment? Yeah, they're going to shut down and be rebranded. English will now become a technical writing department with a specialization in AI prompt engineering. History will be exclusively a teaching program, and philosophy? Well, what is philosophy anyhow?

If you major in social sciences, it will now be consolidated into one, massive, legal studies for all our future pre-law students who aren't interested in law. Biology will continue to be a feeder program for medical schools. Chemistry will now be divided into pre-med programs and pharmaceutical practice. And physics? Beats me, they didn't know we had a physics program until yesterday!

Nonetheless, this will be the future of Adelphi's liberal arts program and our campus can't wait to have another pillar of our community completely dismantled for the sake of prestige. 🐾

Adelphi To Replace Pathways with Canals

BY JOSE GUERRERO

Public Safety announced via email that they will no longer repair the leaking underground pipes, and instead will begin construction on Adelphi's new canal system as soon as the last final has been completed.

The canals' construction will require the demolition of all existing pathways and parking lots. Along with the demolition, the paths will be dug two to four feet deeper, making it easier to repair any underground pipes. Then, after the trenches are dug out, they will be filled with water.

Now, some may question how students and faculty will get around? Vice President of Maintenance Tony Canali said: "People will be ferried around in gondolas just like in the city of my grandparents, Venice, Italy."

The gondola system is still under development as Adelphi is submitting orders for custom-made campus gondolas which are a new, unique type of boat created purely to be able to fit Adelphi's canals. Each gondola is designed to be accessible to anyone. Canali also explained that each gondola will carry approximately 4 people at a time. They will travel at the same rate as walking.

The gondolas will not have an engine but will have a gondolier maneuvering the gondola itself. Adelphi's Vice President of Career and Development, Katy Works-A-Lot, confirmed that the gondolier position is open to students. "The position pays in panther dollars that students may use for the C-Store, University Center Cafeteria, and on-campus Starbucks, and a weekly free breakfast sandwich at the U.C. Cafeteria," she said.

Additionally, a rider can pay a gondolier 2 dollars or 2 panther dollars

to sing "That's Amore." Canali said, "It will be a fun and exciting way to get to classes or work, while also being good for the environment."

When asked about how the gondola system is going to work, Canali described it as a "fixed schedule" similar to a bus or train. Passengers can get off at certain stops, or if the canal itself is too narrow, they can safely get off at any time. They have to get on only at the canal stops, not anywhere else.



Future site of a new Adelphi canal already under construction.

Photo by Jose Guerrero

Swimming in the new canals is apparently forbidden, and anyone who does will be fined \$5,000. Also, a maintenance order will be issued for the importation of live piranhas to deter swimmers. Jumping over canals will result in a \$3,000 fine, as it is dangerous to the gondoliers. Constructing bridges will take years, as maintenance will need an extra million dollars to construct them. 🐾