Delgado Student Media reboots, now online

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Your campus and local news is now at your fingertips, available online via your device.

Delgado Dolphin Radio, The Dolphin newspaper, and Delgado Television now have an active, live online student media presence.

You can follow the news on Instagram @The_Dolphin_News, on Twitter @DelgadoDolphin, or you can read news that is constantly being updated online at www.delgadodolphin.net.

This website features stories from the newspaper, and extra stories that will be exclusive to the website, including traffic alerts for your commute to class.

Delgado Radio is online at dolphinradionet.org, and Delgado Television is online at delga television.com, a subdomain of delgadodolphin.net.

You can find The Dolphin newsroom in Building 11, Room 104. Dolphin Radio is located down the hall from the newspaper in Room 107. Delgado Television is located in Building 2, Room 112.

Delgado campuses to become tobacco-free in Fall 2014

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The recent anti-tobacco campaign is soon to clear the air around Delgado’s campuses. Next fall semester no one will be able to smoke or use tobacco products on campus anywhere, due to a new law, Act 211, Senate Bill No. 36. This means no pipes, cigars, cigarettes or chewing tobacco on campus, even if you are in your car, according to Stephen Monnerihaun, director of Delgado’s Office of Health Services.

Smokers will be able to smoke on the sidewalks next to the streets that form the boundaries of the campus, but not on the campus itself.

To help keep pace with these changes, Delgado’s Office of Health Services will be screening a documentary titled, “Addiction Incorporated” March 12, from 12-3 p.m. in the Student Life Center conference room which will include a panel of health professionals to answer questions after the screening.

There will be a second screening on the Slidell Campus March 19 at the same time, located in the main building, room 112.

The Dolphin newspaper polled students about the change (see page 6) and students interviewed were not opposed to the ban on smoking. Students did ask about a possible designated area on campus, or how the ban would be enforced.

If you would like to weigh in on this issue, you can go to delgadodolphin.net and take the poll at our online site.

Delgado celebrates Black History Month

By SETH MATTEI

A wide variety of events honoring Black History Month are currently taking place at Delgado.

Events that have already happened include a panel discussion on Feb. 5 by local African-American city leaders, hosted by WCNDO’s “News with a Twist” anchor LeLeTia “LB” Joseph. The panel was made up of Rep. Wesley Bishop, Recovery School District (RSD) Superintendent Patrick Dobard, Judge Keva Landrum-Johnson, Grammy Award-winning artist Irvin Mayfield, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank Sr. Vice President Greg Ratliff Sr., Laverne Saulny, a regional representative of Sen. Mary Landrieu’s office, and Dr. Tami Singleton, section chief of pediatric hematology/oncology at Tulane University School of Medicine. On Feb. 12, New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu hosted the event, “Along the Pathway to Prosperity: A Look at African-American Entrepreneurship.”

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, WWL news anchor Sally-Ann Singleton, section chief of pediatric hematology/oncology at Tulane University School of Medicine. On Feb. 12, New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu hosted the event, “Along the Pathway to Prosperity: A Look at African-American Entrepreneurship.”

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, WWL news anchor Sally-Ann Roberts and Keith M. Plessey, president and co-founder of the Plessy and Ferguson Foundation, will be doing back-to-back speeches in the Student Life Center on Delgado’s City Park campus, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., respectively.

The Theatre Department has a production of “Ain’t Misbehavin’” (see page 4) in the works as well.

Free tax prep at Single Stop

By ALISA LINDSEY

Single Stop is a non-profit organization that provides free services to students of Delgado Community College.

As we all know, tax season has arrived and Single Stop is here to help. The non-profit organization provides free tax services to all students, and other financial assistance.

While filing your taxes they can provide a free benefit screening as well as assistance with filing your FAFSA for the upcoming school year. The screening will allow you to find out if you are eligible for any government assistance such as SNAP/food stamps, child care assistance, or Medicaid.

Single Stop doesn’t just provide free tax assistance to the students of Delgado, they also provide free legal and financial assistance as well. The legal help Single Stop can assist you with includes the following: eviction, public assistance, immigration, custody, and small business issues.

When it comes to financial help those services are: credit and debt issues, budget management, savings, and financial advice. If you go any other place than Single Stop you could be paying hundreds of dollars just for this assistance.

Don’t wait until you finish school to rebuild your credit or try to find a way to budget your funds. Allow someone to assist you at no charge today. Don’t wait until you allow student loans to catch up with you and find yourself in a hole you cannot get out of.

When Single Stop first originated their purposes were to not only assist low-income housing with financial assistance, but it was to lower the rate of drop-outs per semester at colleges. Single Stop started doing surveys and research to see why so many students would drop out of college. The most common answer was due to financial reasons.

They discovered that students were unable to provide for themselves and receive a degree. Therefore the students would drop out of school, in order to be support themselves and their families.

They also came to the conclusion that students did not know of the services they were eligible for. Single Stop USA, decided to become partners with community colleges to make a difference. Not only is Single Stop USA partners with Delgado, they are also partners with the Southeast United Way.

Single Stop is located in the Dolphin Den of the Student Life Center to provide free tax help through mid-April.

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Tulane secondary "flying" through three 2014 spring practices
The Green Wave has only completed three spring football practices, but junior cornerback Lorenzo Doss - whose seven interceptions led Tulane in 2013 - and junior safety Darion Monroe are ready to wreak havoc again after two stellar seasons at Tulane. And that tenacity to the football starts now against Tulane's three quarterbacks in the wide-open competition.

ReNEW School's Chili Contest heats up the Irish Channel
The organizers of the ReNEW School's "Chili in the Channel" contest couldn't have asked for better weather for this inaugural event; the mild temperatures and sunny skies definitely got the crowd out at ReNEW's Cultural Arts Academy playground on Saturday, Feb. 8. The contest featured 15 competitors, some professional chefs and others amateurs, all of whom put their chili-cooking skills to the test.

Photo by Whitney Martin

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Delgado parking survival guide

By KAMEL BENYAHIA
Staff Writer

Parking at any college campus can be a thorn in a student’s side during their time at school. Delgado is no different, but there is a system in place if you find yourself ticketed.

There is an appeals process you can take if you feel you were wrongly ticketed. A committee of three people consisting of one faculty member, one student, and someone from the administration make up the appeals committee.

On the City Park Campus you can pick up an appeals form in the building one annex. Generally, the people behind the window are not going to be much help. They will usually hand you parking lot rules sheet, or an appeals form, depending on your question.

If you find a ticket on your car, make sure you read the ticket and understand what you were cited for. There have been several appeals that do not reference the reason they were ticketed. It’s basically saying you’re innocent when you don’t even know the charge yet.

After you read the ticket, if you feel as if you have a case, you can get an appeals form and write/type it out. You can print out a copy from DCC.edu, under the campus police tab. You can also go to the bursars office. There may be an email option on the horizon to make things easier for students and the committee.

Typing is preferred by the committee members, so there is no chance of misunderstanding illegible words. When writing the appeal, make sure you get your message across clearly and professionally. Presentation and tone will go a long way in helping you get brownie points with the committee. Definitely do not use expletives, a rude tone, or anything else that will only dig yourself deeper.

When writing out the appeal, try to think of how you can clearly explain why you were right. Use proper grammar, and stay away from words that only belong in a text message.

You are allowed to supplement your written appeal with a photo that backs up your claim. There are different situations in which a photo will not help, but if the dispute is over position of parking, parking location, or even a parking attendant missed the parking tag, you can use photos to help make the case.

If you are ticketed, even if you have a permit and parked legally, you can go to the bursars office and request a receipt showing proof that you purchased a parking permit. Send this with your appeal to increase the chances of being approved.

There are special cases where you may be ticketed while purchasing a parking permit. If that is the case, send the receipt with your appeal and highlight the time you were ticketed and when you bought your permit. The committee is usually understanding of this situation and will approve the appeal.

Sometimes even that is not enough, not every appeal is going to get approved.

There is a grace period of one week at the beginning of every semester. Some students may not have the time to wait in lines for a simple parking permit during the first week of school, so extending the grace period by one week would give students one less thing to worry about during the hectic first week of school. They could also separate the lines for tuition and parking permits, so the students waiting for a parking permit can expedite the process.
Kevin George, an assistant music professor, and chairman of Delgado's arts and humanities department, spent the holidays recording and releasing his new album of film-based music, "Cinematic Soundscapes." "I try to take my listeners on a journey, " said George. "I like soundtracks," he continued, "because they can be so powerful. They can set the mood, the tone of a scene."

"Sometimes, you only have a day to come up with something. You may have two notes, and you have to make something out of it. Sometimes I would get snippets of the film and write to that. Sometimes, I would be given an idea of what he was going for, and I would write that way."

The music on this album evokes a wide variety of emotions, often multiple times in one piece. The CD's third track, "Ancient Earth Theme," is particularly rich in color and textural sea changes. "This piece is very different," said George. "It uses a big orchestra sound, and horns. It has the excitement of a big motion picture."

"Cinematic Soundscapes" succeed in the goal of sounding like it belongs in film, and surpasses it by standing alone and stimulating the listener's imagination. "I like soundtracks," said George. "There's really no one style of music in them. You can have pop, rock or whatever. My aspirations are to do this for the film industry."

Kevin George is one step closer with this album. The New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA) will be showing over 200 photographs. The museum will be an aural exploration of artistic legacy and community across generations.

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Each song on the album is listed as a "theme," and many of them were composed for film projects by Danny Nicholas, who recently graduated from Delgado's television production program. Three of these scores—"Battle Theme One," "Battle Theme Two," and "The Royal Palace's Theme"—were used in a Make a Wish Foundation project that utilized Delgado's music, theatre and television departments. "The little girl's wish was to make a film," said George. "Once again, I worked with Danny and put music to the film."

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God bless your transsexual heart

By SETH MATTEI
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When Tom Gabel, frontman for the popular Florida political punk band Against Me!, told Rolling Stone that he was transgender and in the process of transforming into a woman named Laura Jane Grace, the reaction from fans was generally respectful, yet reserved. After two major label albums of mid-tempo pop/rock songs that bore little resemblance to the raging populist anthems that allowed AM! to quickly climb the ranks of the punk scene into rock star territory, some long-time listeners felt betrayed. Those albums weren’t bad, but they left something to be desired. They felt considerably less cathartic and politicized than the bands first three independent albums.

Enter “Transgender Dysphoria Blues,” a back-to-the-basics rock ‘n’ roll record that showcases a revitalized band with a re-born leader. In this confessional of songs, Laura Jane Grace takes the kind of glum rock performed by Lou Reed and David Bowie in the 1970s to an entirely new level.

In just short of half an hour, Against Me! propels listeners through dark reflections, moments of triumph and failure, all with the calculated abandon that only the best rock bands can provide.

Starting with the rolling drums and chunky guitar riff of the title track, “Transgender Dysphoria Blues” hits a peak with “True Trans Soul Rebel,” which has the catchiest guitar riff on the album. The album then goes into its lowebb on the third and fourth songs, “Unconditional Love,” which still sounds like the Beatles, albeit a song Ringo may have written) and “Drinking with the Jocks” (it rocks, it’s just not good), but comes out of it masterfully with “Osama Bin Laden as the Crucified Christ,” a song that out-does the White Stripes “Seven Nation Army” in both the provocative title and unusual riff categories.

Another potentially offensively-titled song, the sixth track, “Transgender Dysphoria Blues,” sounds like the album’s center-piece. The song sounds tough, yet melodic. Simple, but beautiful.

The lyrics seem to map out specifics of Grace’s transition from the man she was to the woman she is now, exploring the passage of time, body issues and female dressing habits. “Chipped nail polish and a barrel-wire dress,” Grace sings, “Is your mother proud of your eyelashes? Silicon chest and collagen lips?/How could you even recognize me?” The song climaxes with the line, “No more troubled sleep/Tерe are a brave new world2 waking inside of me.” It is a triumphant song, and was given its due justice when the band performed it on “Late Night with David Letterman” on Jan. 29.

“Dear Friend” is infinitely catchy, especially the break-down toward the end where Grace belts out, “Your cold dead hands, your cold dead tips/Your cold dead heart, your cold dead kiss.” The acoustic “Two Collines” is a jangly, deadpan folk song that allows the listener a breath of fresh air and a break from the intensity of the previous seven songs.

“Paralytic States” and “Black Me Out” close out the album, the former a solid rock song with the chorus, “Paralytic states of dependency/All waking life’s just a living dream/Agitated states of amazement/Neve quite the woman that she wanted to be.” The latter isn’t bad, but it’s a bit plodding, and leaves one reflecting on the previous 25 minutes.

“Transgender Dysphoria Blues” is not a perfect album, but it is an absolute landmark from a band that has been through a lot in the past decade. A different kind of populism has taken form in this phase of Against Me!’s existence. They are now somewhere between their radical early days and the highly personal middle years that followed. These songs probably contain the most personal lyrics that Laura Jane Grace has ever released, and that makes them universally empowering.

Valentine’s Day is here! A holiday filled with love and cheer. The New Orleans community brings romance to all. Those with a single status this year may be interested in celebrating Valentine’s Day, but don’t let being single ruin your day.

Make the best of the occasion, regardless of your situation. Chocolate covered strawberries can brighten up any day. Some of Delgado students prefer other treats. Marvin Blackmon, a civil engineering major, says “Baklava [a Middle Eastern pastry] is my favorite. Kendol Lambert, majoring in Business Management, insisted on peaches.

Next, find a way to unwind. “I like to burn candles while listening to my favorite songs; the aroma is relaxing,” says Anthony Alongi, a media arts major. Jhyn Marshall, a physical therapy major, enjoys singing all day. Physical therapy major Alex Hamlin, relaxes by writing a poem.

Or, you could go shopping. Buy yourself a piece of jewelry, a Valentine’s Day outfit, or a pair of winter boots. Kendol Lambert suggests, “Get a tattoo.” Marvin Blackmon prefers buying fried oka. Alex Hamlin says, “Buying make-up makes me feel good.”

Your day isn’t finished yet. Wining and dining is not just for couples. Pick a new restaurant you’ve been wanting to try, that’s usually not in your price range. You could also go to your favorite restaurant where everyone knows you.

Live in the moment of your happiness and enjoy the experience. After dining take yourself out on a carriage ride around the French Quarter. Don’t forget to stop and get a single rose.

Then, end your evening at a local bar or club; there are usually more single people in places like this. Have a drink in another single person and celebrate being single on Valentine’s Day. Delgado’s students gave suggestions on their favorite spots. Alex enjoys The Wine Bistro located at 1011 Gravier St. Kendol prefers Karzy Korner located at 640 Bourbon St. Jhyn likes The Republic, located on 828 S Peters St. Marvin’s bar of choice is Barcadia, located at 601 Tchoupitoulas.

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Love is in the air

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Q: What do you think of the no smoking, no tobacco on campus starting the August?

"As a smoker, it’ll be inconvenient for me but I can understand. As adults, we know that smoking is bad for us and the less we are exposed to it, the better. Lots of smokers are messy, as you can see as you look around campus and see all the cigarette butts on the ground. Even though it’ll be inconvenient, it’ll be good in the long run."

Mark

Nursing

"It doesn’t bother me much. If I have to wait until I leave campus to smoke, it’s fine."

Dylan

General Studies

"I’m very excited about a smoke-free campus. I hate the smell of it, it makes me nauseous."

Ashley

Accounting

"I honestly did not know what I was getting myself into. I volunteered to cover the Wizard World New Orleans Comic-Con at the last minute, but not before trying to pass the assignment off on anyone else who may have the slightest interest. In hindsight, this was the wrong frame of mind going into this. You could even say I came out of this enlightened and with a newfound respect for people brave enough to let their freakish behavior take over for one crazy weekend, in a city that knows crazy very well.

I was expecting a gaggle of awkward, clumsy teenagers waving swords and shouting spells, but I saw people of all ages and from all walks of life come together to celebrate their love for art and fantasy. I suppose that’s what a lot of these superhero stories, space sagas, and fantasy tales share as a common theme; the ability to bring unlikely people together.

This was also my first time in the convention center since moving down to the New Orleans area. I wasn’t prepared for the sheer enormity of this place, but I digress. While waiting for the news crew to gather, I began to get a glimpse into the craziness just beyond the doors of the foyer. The first costume to catch my eye was an Elmo outfit inspired by Sesame Street, but this Elmo looked like he just came out of a bath-salt induced rampage in a dark alley around the corner.

I am sort of a casual comic fan, but I saw characters and costumes that I had never seen before. I was also incredibly wrong with some of my guesses. I thought the tweed jacket-wearing guys were Morocco Mole, from Hanna-Barbera’s Secret Squirrel cartoon, but it was in fact a bunch of Dr. Whos. The doctor, Matt Smith, was here to interact with fans in his second visit to the U.S. Whovians (Dr. Who fans) from all over the country came to bask in the Timelord’s magnificence. Matt Smith recently ended his run as the Doctor and has brought a whole new generation of Whovians into the Dr. Who universe.

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I will say one of the highlights of my weekend was seeing K.I.T.T., the Knight Rider Trans Am that captured my fuel-driven heart as a child. The black beauty was there in all its glory, sans the Hoff contraptions to costumes that rival big-budget movie-costume designers.

Some of the Cosplayers have established groups like the fine folks of the Louisiana Steampunk Cosplayers. They form a guild of like-minded fans that share a passion for everything steampunk. They had an amazing booth of everyday items reimagined as steam-powered versions of themselves. Everything in the steam-punk culture revolves around steam-powered machinery.

Comic-Con: Where Conformity Has No Place

By KAMEL BENYAHIA

Staff Writer

There was another group of four women who decided to paint their entire bodies green. I thought they were She-Hulks from the Incredible Hulk comic books, but once again I was terribly wrong. These women were some alien race from Star Trek that I have forgotten already. They rolled their eyes when I admitted that I was a Star Wars fan, but luckily Chewbacca was nearby to defend me from overzealous Trekkies.

There are even professional Cosplayers that follow Comic-Con around the country and display professionally made costumes. Some of these costumes are quite spectacular and the people in the costumes look eerily similar to the heroes they are mimicking.

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JASON DAVID FRANK, the Green/White Ranger, was there to interact with fans and judge the costume show featuring Cosplayers (Costume Play). Cosplayers are a unique part of this event that allows fans to embody their favorite characters. Sometimes Cosplayers come up with completely original costumes that come from the depths of their imagination. The costumes ranged from poorly-designed, homemade points while the rest of us had fewer than 5,000 points. The competitive side of me wanted another shot, but at seven bucks a game, I passed.

I can respect these guys and gals that decide to throw conformity out the window for a weekend and dress in otherwise crazy outfits. I don’t think I could do something like this, but after my experience I think I..."
While most people are used to the mascot of the New Orleans Hornets, people are certainly not getting used to the name change revolving around the Pelicans. The team changed its name from Hornets in early 2013, and the new name for the arena is part of the new branding effort for the team.

The first unveiling of Pierre the Pelican photo shopped into Munch’s popular painting, The Scream, to Pierre axing through expressionist artist, Edvard Munch’s popular painting, The Scream, to Pierre axing through expressionist artist, Edvard Munch’s popular painting, The Scream.

Pierre the Pelican, was getting a makeover. The mascot will have a new redesigned head to be made “less scary.” The new and improved mascot will be debuted at this weekend’s NBA All-Star Weekend 2014.

Ever since Pierre the Pelican’s debut in October 2013 the mascot has been ridiculed for not only being an eye sore, but for also being too scary. Pierre the Pelican has been noticed everywhere, but not for any missed time. Many felt his production on the court more than compensated for any missed time.

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All-Star Weekend will conclude on Sunday Feb. 16 with the 63rd All-Star Game tipping off at 8 pm in the New Orleans Arena. The game will be broadcast nationwide on TNT.

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All-Star festivities

By MADELAINE HO

Looking for something to do the weekend of February 14 – 16? This year the NBA All-Star game will be held in New Orleans. It will be the second time the city will host the event. The last time was in 2008. The NBA All-Star game is a place for fans to watch their favorite NBA players participate in an “All Star” game in which players were voted in by fans and coaches. The game is not until Sunday though.

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Hope for Team Gleason

By VICTORIA TRAINOR
Staff Writer

A breakthrough in research on the causes of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis offers promise for an effective treatment. ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), also known as Lou Gehrigs Disease is a neurodegenerative disease that attacks motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord that are necessary for voluntary muscle movement.

Researchers at Northwestern University, a private research facility in Illinois, have been studying several causes of ALS on a more cellular level. Understanding the biomedical mechanics of these causes is the basis for an effective treatment.

In ALS, cells in the nervous system start to deteriorate. They are unable to do their primary function, which is carrying brain signals to the body’s muscular system. Without these signals, patients eventually are plagued with paralysis. They will gradually lose the ability to move, speak, breathe, or swallow on their own. ALS does not affect the five senses.

The most common cause of the disease is said to be a result of the body’s inability to repair nerve cells which is called the protein degradation pathway. The damaged proteins build up in the cell, which end up blocking the pathway for transmission of brain signals which cause paralysis.

ALS is commonly diagnosed among people who are physically active, such as Steve Gleason. “Special Teams Player of the Year” for the New Orleans Saints. Gleason made the first score in the Saints first home game after Hurricane Katrina had devastated the city.

In January 2011, Steve Gleason was diagnosed with ALS. Today, he is an inspiration to everyone because of his commitment to helping those who suffer from neuromuscular diseases through the Gleason Initiative Foundation.

With no known treatments or cure, 50 percent of patients die within two to three years of their diagnosis. Now that researchers understand the cause, they can finally begin to design drugs that will be a game changer for this disease.

New boss, big plans for Intramural Sports

By ANTHONY ALONGI
Staff Writer

Delgado’s Intramural Sports Program has a new man at the helm. Justin Barker has been named the new director of the program and already has some exciting plans for the fall semester.

Though the location has yet to be determined and specifics are still being ironed out, there are currently plans to bring a co-rec softball team (16 player limit), a men’s basketball team and a women’s basketball team (10 player limit for both), to participate in an intramural sports tournament. The tournament would likely be held in held in late March.

More details on this event and others will be through The Dolphin. The Intramural Sports Program allows students to participate in a variety of recreational sports that Delgado offers and any student with a valid school I.D. can participate. Interested students can head to Building 11 in room 105A and speak with Mr. Barker.

GYM NOTICE!

You must have a Valid Student ID to be able to participate in the open gym and abide by all rules.

*** Soccer team captains will have a meeting and will be made aware of the rules and will need to make a note of time conflicts.

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