Rhythmic Souls Exhibit Now Showing At Delgado!

By Megan Alleman
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Local artist Carl Joe Williams has an exhibit in the Isaac Delgado Art Studio. The exhibit had an opening reception on Thursday Jan. 31, and will remain in the studio until February 28. Williams' art uses several different types of recycled artifacts. These include wood found by Williams, a mirror, crutches, a variety of doors, including cabinet doors, and old TV sets. Some pieces were inspired by his childhood, and some were inspired by the Calliope Projects, where many of his family members lived. Each piece tells a different story and is full of warm, bright, vivid colors. This artist really loves jazz music and is interested in the history and origins of New Orleans jazz. He is also a sculptor and a music producer. His newly released album, "Neo- Gumbo", is his version of "new" New Orleans Jazz, a type of music that mixes smooth jazz, hip hop elements, and R&B vocals. While Williams attended NOCCA (New Orleans Center for Creative Art), he was inspired to become more in touch with producing music by his mentor, John Scott. Williams started composing music at age 13. He was originally attending NOCCA for his artistic talent.

As you walk through the exhibit, you will see several paintings of musicians. “I was the only artist surrounded by musicians”, said Williams. Learning more about music and watching his artistic friends at NOCCA really inspired him to paint. Mixing the painting with the music is where this exhibit really originated. “Doing this music is just like painting, it feels like it comes from the same place”, said Williams. In the back of the exhibit, there is a huge piece called “Rhythmic Soul,” composed of old records and CDs, with painted foot prints at different levels. There is a ladder leading from the records to the window with painted squares and a huge star. The ladder connects all the pieces of artwork together. This exhibit is full of rich New Orleans culture and will be at Isaac Delgado Art Studio for a month. Admission is free.
Delgado Communications
Professor and Fulbright Grant recipient, Susan Hague, conducts a conference from across the world

By Seth Mattei
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On Wednesday, Feb. 6, Delgado Communications professor and Fulbright Scholar Grant recipient Susan Hague and her class at India’s Goa Institute of Management (GIM) participated in a real-time digital conference with Delgado Business professor Fred Tuhro’s class. The goal was to compare the academic and professional lives of students in the US and India.

The first question was asked by Rahul Gupta, a student at GIM. After introducing himself, and stating that he was from Dehi, India’s capital, he asked, “Being from the United States of America, what is the perception of India as a country that you have in your minds? Since I don’t have an outsider’s view, I would like one from you.” After a pause, Hague encouraged Gupta to “clarify the question by asking what they think of business in India.” One of Tuhro’s students responded by saying, “We really don’t know anything about business in India. How is business in India?” Tuhro narrowed the scope of the question down by asking if the country’s businesses were broken up into shareholders and corporations, like they are in the US, or if Indian businesses were run privately by individuals. He also asked if India has a stock market. GIM student Abudhek Sinha responded by saying, “Yes, we have a stock market, and India has had privatization since 1991 (when the country began experiencing economic reform following a financial crisis). It is easy to do business in India. Many clearances need to be obtained before you start doing business, but after that, things run very smoothly. We also have very good FDA regulations and other regulations that have been sanctioned by the U.N.” Sinha went on to say that informational technology (IT) is the most prominent job field in India, and that most college graduates there go into IT services in the country’s manufacturing sector.

“India is a democratic country, and the US is very capitalistic, therefore India has more stringent laws and regulations,” said one student in Goa, citing India’s environmental laws in response to a Delgado student’s question about how business laws in India differ from those in the US.

“How does religion affect business in India?” asked Delgado business student Renata Fronza Saraceni. GIM student Siddhesh Jadhav responded, “We don’t have religion-based biases in India. If you go into a business, no one will stop you. We respect all cultures. We try to acclimate all cultures, and understand their requirements.

Therefore, religion won’t affect any business in India.” He ended by asking what the individual perceptions of India were. Tuhro fielded the question. “A lot of my friends have traveled to India,” said Tuhro, “and the feedback I get is that they say people are either extremely poor, or well off. They think that India still practices the caste system. Is this just a tourist perspective, or is this for real?” Although the caste system is no longer legally in effect, it was stated that some religious business leaders give more professional headway to people who follow their beliefs. “There are cases where superstition overrides logic,” was the explanation given by the responding student at GIM.

Students in Goa went on to ask questions about employer-employee relationships in the US, whether grades or learning were more important to US students, and whether they viewed time as a monetarily valuable commodity. Delgado students had generally favorable responses about their employers’ support for their education. They also said that their overall learning experiences were more important than their grades, and that this time was more valuable than money.

In an email to the Dolphin following the conference, Hague said, “One of the questions the students had about time was whether the US considered time a commodity that had money value, and I don’t think that came across. I told them that New Orleans and the South was not like the rest of the country in that time was defined differently—people moved slower, came late, stopped in the middle of the road to talk, didn’t honk at cars before the light turned green. India is like that, too.” Hague also mentioned in the email that her students were struck by the “low power distance” that exists between students and their instructors in the US, in contrast to the “high power distance” that the people of India experience until graduate level college. This is a consequence of India having been a British colony for almost a century, in which absolute authority became an instilled value throughout the country.

Another question asked of Delgado students by the students in Goa was whether work experience was beneficial to education in the US. The answer was “sometimes,” Tuhro mentioned that, because of the wealth of restaurants in New Orleans, many students here work in the service industry and, while it may not tie in directly with what the students are going to school for, there are always valuable people skills to be learned from these jobs through customer service and interaction with employers and other employees.

The conference took place at 10 am in the Distance Learning Center in Building 10, across the hall from the library of Delgado’s City Park Campus. Present were about 20 students, professor Fred Tuhro and Missy Lacour, who coordinated the equipment for the discussion. The time in India was approximately 9 pm, and six students were present, along with Susan Hague. All but three of the Delgado students are currently working, as well as going to school, while all of the GIM students present were going to school full time, and not working. Both parties had to slow down their speech throughout the meeting in order to be better understood. “Slow down,” said Hague at one point. “We speak slowly,” she added, chuckling. “Thank you and your class for agreeing to talk to India, and be with us on the other side of the world,” said Hague at the end of the proceedings.
NEWSBRIEFS

CITY

(AP) Gunshots erupted in a crowd of bead-wearing, drink-carrying late-night revelers on Bourbon Street during the countdown to Mardi Gras, wounding four people and sending bystanders running and screaming. Hours later, though, the same stretch was packed with party-goers who said they weren’t letting the violence dampen their fun.

The shootings wounded two men and two women, three of whom were treated and released Sunday. One man hit in the abdomen, thigh and pelvis was in stable condition Sunday after surgery the previous night, New Orleans Police spokesman Hital Williams said.

STATE

(AP) The New Orleans Saints are getting a $5 million payment from the state because the Big Easy hosted the Super Bowl.

The money is owed to the NFL team by June 30. Lawmakers will be asked to budget the payment in their upcoming legislative session.

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Michael DiResto, a Division of Administration spokesman, says the Louisiana Stadium and Exhibition District use its income from New Orleans area hotel taxes to cover the $5 million payment.

NATIONAL

(AP) Secretary of State John Kerry says the greatest challenge to U.S. foreign policy is not emerging China, says the greatest challenge to U.S.

In prepared remarks for a speech at the University of Virginia, Kerry cited foreign policy is not emerging China says the greatest challenge to U.S.

Kerry said legislators need to avoid $2.6 billion in aid, security assistance automatic spending cuts would jeopardize the timing of the conclave following the University of Virginia, Kerry cited foreign policy is not emerging China says the greatest challenge to U.S.

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INTERNATIONAL

(AP) The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said that he didn’t know if it’s safe to go under consideration would address the timing of the conclave following Benedict’s Feb. 28 resignation.

He said it would contain some “clarifications” on certain points. But given the crunch of interest surrounding the conclave date, it’s likely to address the issue.

Addressing Environmental and Technological Issues at the Library

By Gabriela Amador
Staff Writer

All of the collection is accessible, however not everyone knows it’s there,” said Andrew Lopez, Coordinator of Access Services and References at the library on Delgado’s City Park campus. The library, formally called the Moss Memorial Library, was destroyed in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. At the time, the library was located between the Automotive Department and the Student Life Center. In May 2007, it got its current small location in Building 10, room 116. Building 10 is not an adequate place for the library.

Hurricane Isaac brought several inches of water and, as a result, two computers were destroyed, many cases of papers were soaked and, because the city had no power, the combination of hot air and water from the storm fueled a nasty mold outbreak. “Temperature and humidity levels must be carefully controlled at all times in order to preserve a library collection,” said Mr. Lopez. Library administrators had to wait for the college to accept remediation that wasn’t approved until after midterms. “EnvioCare, which is the same company that came in after Katrina, arrived with high powered vacuums and chemical wipes,” said Lopez. “They also had a machine that scrubbed the air.”

With all of the damage brought on by Isaac, library staff were hoping FEMA would pay for the new damage, because the school doesn’t have a new library yet. Since Katrina, approximately 20 percent of the print collection is publicly accessible, and the other 80 percent is located in closed stack, situated between the child care facility and the baseball field. It is still accessible, according to Lopez. One simply has to use the library catalog to find items of interest and submit requests for them. While a closed stacks request service is increasingly common in the library world, at Delgado it is tricky because many people don’t know how to use it. The library’s available collection consists of more than two hundred print periodical subscriptions, 85,000 e-books, 95,000 electronic journals, and more than one hundred databases.

Luckily, none of the collection got ruined and all books were able to be salvaged, but two computers were ruined due to Isaac’s heavy rains. Sadly, Mr. Lopez doubts that they will even be replaced. The library lost seventeen cases of printer paper, and because the college canceled the STEP budget for printing paper, they are now down to seven cases and Lopez doesn’t think that is enough paper to make it through midterms with.

Lopez has good ideas for improving the library, but he is troubled about the prospect of working on them when a building relocation is supposed to be imminent. “I suspect that the tenth anniversary of Katrina will come around and there will not be a new library,” Lopez stated. There have been no significant changes to the database; over one hundred large database subscriptions still exist that have great electronic resources. Unfortunately, many students, and even some faculty, don’t know they are available. A great collection of books and other resources await the students. Please take advantage of them!

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Sought-after players, fundraisers and a great coach make Delgado's baseball program a success

By Kamel Benyahia
Staff Writer

Did you know that we have a great baseball program?
Because Delgado is a commuter college, it's understandable that a lot of students don't stick around the campus very long after class. That's a shame because there are a few hidden gems around campus that many students miss out on. The Delgado Dolphins baseball team is no doubt one of these hidden gems, and I had the pleasure of watching them on this season's opening night.
The team has a storied history dating back to 1921 and the Scheuermann family has been a part of that story since the early seventies. In 1972, Delgado's first intercollegiate team was a baseball team that was coached by "Rags" Scheuermann. "Rags" retired after being inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.
The current coach, Joe Scheuermann, took over his father's responsibilities in 1990 and has led the team to several conference titles. They have also made two trips to Colorado for the Junior College World Series, in 1985 and 2007. The Dolphins have claimed the Miss-Lou Conference/Region XXIII Title Six of the last seven seasons. The Delgado baseball program is also ranked in the top 20 in the National Junior College Athletics Association. Delgado baseball recruits from all over the state and has students from 25 different parishes. The local area also provides a lot of talent, especially the local Catholic leagues. There are also four-year colleges and professional scouts checking out Delgado players, especially starting pitcher Christian Trent. Trent throws a ninety-one-mile an hour fastball and has a mean six-mile an hour power slider, according to Coach Scheuermann. The team has players being recruited by High Point University in North Carolina, North Carolina State, and Tulane.
The team has also been successful with fundraising. During the Super Bowl, they raised almost $21,000 selling Super Bowl merchandise. The team also sells parking spaces during the Saints' football season. Hurricane Isaac damaged the back net, and the outfield fence, which were repaired using money from fundraisers. The parents and students have been a big help with fundraising activities, according to Coach Scheuermann. The coach knows Delgado is going through tough financial times and does whatever he can to raise money for the team. He is also very thankful to the students, faculty, and alumni for being so involved in the fundraising process. The Kirsch-Rooney Stadium was named after Cyril Kirsch and Robert Rooney, two baseball players who went to Jesuit High School and later served in the military during WWII. They both died in the line of duty and were posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. The field was dedicated to them with the help of Councilman James Fitzmorris Jr. in 1956. The baseball facility is very nice, with plenty of seating and parking available. The atmosphere feels great, like being at a professional ball park. The fresh cut grass, the crack of the bat, and the National Anthem all provide for a unique experience right on our city park campus.
The season started on Valentine's Day with the Louis "Rags" Scheuermann Memorial Invitational and will be running through May. Schedules will be posted around the campus, and you can visit www.delgadoathletics.com for more information on the team. You can also find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/delgadobaseball. There are a few games that take place during the school day this semester so, instead of driving home, go check out the team. The games are free for any student or faculty member with a Delgado ID. So, what are you waiting for? Get yourself a Rooney dog and a soft drink and enjoy America's past time in your own backyard.

Hornets to be known as Pelicans

By Seth Mattei
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During a news conference held at the New Orleans Arena on Jan. 24, New Orleans Hornets owner, Tom Benson, who also owns the Saints, announced that the NBA team, who moved here from Charlotte, NC in 2002, would henceforth be known as the New Orleans Pelicans. The name has been ridiculed by commentators on ESPN's Sportscenter program, but Benson believes the new nickname will mean more to local fans than the Hornets name did.
"This is a great day for all of us," said Benson, during the conference. "The Saints mean a lot to this community. They're known throughout the world. Now, with the New Orleans Pelicans, we're going to get that known throughout the world, too." Key people present at the conference included New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu and Hornets head coach Monty Williams.
Let's get fit!

By Khanh Nguyen  
Staff Writer

Many of us made New Year’s resolutions to start exercising and getting fit. But there is no doubt some of us haven’t started. The problem is, it’s too vague. In other words, it’s too easy to make a stab at it, and then let yourself slide because it’s cold and dark outside when you get home, your muscles hurt, or the gym’s too crowded and the equipment smells sweaty. Additionally, living in New Orleans, the city where the party never ends, gives us more chances to keep making excuses and waiting until the next day. When will tomorrow never comes?

Regular exercise has been associated with more health benefits than anything else known to man. Studies show that it reduces the risk of some cancers, increases longevity, helps people to achieve and maintain weight loss, enhances mood, lowers blood pressure, and even improves arthritis. In short, exercise keeps you healthy and makes you look and feel better. Why not make this the time to start getting in shape? It’s time to stop making excuses and start planning. It’s time to change our thinking to make exercise a no-matter-what priority. If you’re saying you have no time, make time! A ton of exercisers out there are busy, too. Are you wondering what kinds of exercises should you do? All kinds are good. If you like music, turn the music on and dance. If you don’t like the crowds at the gym, go running at the park. There are so many choices for us to pick. Every little bit helps. A little is better than nothing, after all. You don’t have to spend hours when you first start. Fifteen minutes or half an hour is sufficient, depending on your plan. You can increase it anytime, once you are used to it. Some students at Delgado may not know about the Delgado Fitness Center, located in Building 1. It offers a very good price for student membership, at only $40 for a semester. It is a very convenient place with good equipment, and a nice staff. It is also not as crowded as many neighborhood gyms and offers free training on your goals.

Jacoby Jones is is quickly becoming a local legend

By Kamel Benyahia  
Staff Writer

With all the play-makers coming out of this general area you might think there was something in the water. The Manning brothers, Tracey Porter, and a handful of other players have all made big waves during the Super Bowl. You can now add Jacoby Jones to that list of native sons making the region proud with their gridiron success.

Jacoby was born in New Orleans July 11, 1986 and from a young age he displayed an interest in sports. Before he was able to walk, he was already sporting clothes featuring the black and gold colors of the Saints with Archie Manning’s name on the jersey. Jacoby’s mother, Emily Jones, raised him by herself, with help from family. According to Emily, “Jacoby was an early riser and never needed to be dragged out of bed.” However, it was all fun and games for young Jacoby. Ms. Jones would use sports to reward Jacoby for doing homework and keeping up with school. Jacoby participated in several sports growing up, which is probably why he is capable of such athleticism. These sports included baseball, track, basketball and soccer. Jacoby’s success on the field is impressive. Equally impressive is the fact that Ms. Jones was in attendance for his practices and games, with the exception of some college basketball games which conflicted with her work schedule.

Jacoby started his college career running track for Southeastern Louisiana University on a scholarship, but he would eventually play Division II football at Lane College where he excelled as a punter/kick returner. In the 2007 NFL draft, Jacoby was chosen in the by the Houston Texans in the third round. Jones, after being released by the Texans last year, was signed to a two year deal with the Baltimore Ravens. In Baltimore, he began to shine as dangerous kick returner. Since then Jacoby has been breaking records and leaving defenders in the dust. Recently in football, the position of kicker/punt returner has been under scrutiny because of the recent studies concerning concussions. When I asked Ms. Jones about President Obama’s comment regarding football safety, she explained that Jacoby was always into football, and she would never stop him from pursuing his interests. But, she does worry sometimes when he has a long field in front of him.

I can only imagine that when the ball drops in Jacoby’s hands on a kick return the opposing team takes notice. That does not stop Jacoby, especially during the Super Bowl, where he was a force to be reckoned with anytime he had the ball. “Run baby, run! Come to Mama!” shouted Emily Jones, who was in the direction of the end zone that her son was running to. Jacoby broke through mass of 49’ers defenders without slowing down, which allowed him to hit full speed and tie the longest kickoff return in Super Bowl history. The 56-yard reception that Jacoby made was epic. Jacoby Jones made a flying reception and landed on his back, keeping the ball in what would have been a spectacular play on it’s own. However, he was not finished. He stood up and dodged the first defender with a quick spin move and then took off on a drag race with the last of the 49’ers.

Inside the NFL Experience

By Leelin Danielson  
Staff Writer

The city of New Orleans did everything imaginable to spruce-up the city in preparation for Super Bowl XLVII and the herd of tourists coming to town for both the Super Bowl and Mardi Gras. Aside from planting new trees, putting-up Super Bowl decorations and paving roads, the city also helped organize many events to entertain both locals and the swarm of expected visitors. The NFL also did their part in contributing to the events. Among those events was the highly anticipated NFL Experience, a “pro football theme park, and the largest of its kind anywhere in the world,” said spokesperson Noah Gold. The 21st NFL Experience went on for five days inside the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

The origins of the NFL Experience are local. In 1986, New Orleans hosted Super Bowl XX and the birth of the NFL Experience, a sports memorabilia and card trading show held under a tent up above a Superdome parking garage. In time, the NFL Experience has become gigantic in size, visiting the Crescent City again in 1997 and 2002. The Experience has always been a fan favorite; Gold said this year’s NFL Experience was “bigger than it has ever been.”

Taking over more than 85,000 square feet of the Convention Center, the event was held from Wednesday, Jan. 30, through Sunday, Feb. 3. A You don’t have to be a kid, or adults, there were free autograph sessions with over 100 NFL players past and present, including Archie Manning, Roddy White, and Cam Newton, just to name a few. Also on-site were Hall of Fame and NFL History sections, areas designated for extra point kicks and football throwing, a mock draft stage, as well as NFL Play 60-hosted youth football clinics for kids to learn from players and coaches. Last, but not least was the NFL Rush Zone, which was designed both for mini NFL games. There were also areas to buy NFL gear, food, and listen to musical entertainment. The NFL did a great job with this event. Adults and children of all ages seemed to be thoroughly enjoying every activity. There was something for everyone there: a little history, some fitness, music, games, football drills, and much much more. If you did not make it to the NFL Experience this year, you should definitely make a point to go if the Super Bowl returns to New Orleans in 2018.
“And The Ball and All” back again

Ricky Graham and Becky Allen paused for a quick photo after the show.

A Night at the Grammys

By Gabriela Amador
Staff Writer

The Grammy Awards kicked off the evening of Feb. 10 with Taylor Swift singing her recent song, "We’re never getting back together." After the performance, the host, LL Cool J, took over and spoke about the history of the Grammys. He also touched on the subject of Michael Jackson winning numerous Grammys throughout his career.

Something that caught my eye while watching the program were the tributes to past singers and songwriters who were popular in their times. Artists such as Rhiana, Bruno Mars,Sling and others contributed to a Bob Marley tribute, and were joined onstage by the late reggae superstar's sons, Damien Marley and Ziggy Marley, for a medley performance that ended with the classic Bob Marley composition, "Could You Be Loved?" Elton John, Mavis Staples and Mumford & Sons paid tribute to Levon Helm. Kelly Clarkson also sang "Tennessee Waltz," as a tribute to Patti Page and Carole King. Toward the end of the show, there was a slide show of the major singers, songwriters, composers and producers in the music industry that passed away within the last year. The memorial included disco icons Donna Summers and Robin Gibb, Frank Wilson, Jimmy Jones and Mexican-American pop artist Jenni Rivera. However, the memorial did not only pay tribute to these individuals. Also mentioned were the students and teachers that were killed during the massive shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary on Dec. 14, 2012.

Fun, the group that sings "We Are Young", took the stage upon winning two awards, Song of the Year and Best New Artist. Gotye and Kimbra took the stage with, "Now You're Just Somebody That I Used to Know". The song was named Record of the Year, Mumford & Sons took Album of the Year. Other winners included: Kelly Clarkson, Adele, Carrie Underwood, as well as local artists Frank Ocean and Dr. John.

Go Maxi!

By Khanh Nguyen
Staff Writer

Spring is about to knock on our doors and the question is: what will you be wearing? Is your wardrobe up-to-date for the current trend? Maxi dresses have been in vogue on the street in the past few spring-summer seasons, and 2013 is no exception. This is a very comfortable trend, and one that has always been an all-time favorite for women. A maxi dress will never go out of style, no matter how many years it has been hanging in your closet. Want a dress that lasts for a good while? Invest in maxi. So, have you bought one yet?

Maxi dresses are made with silk, chiffon or cotton fabrics, providing the wearer with ultimate comfort. With bright colors and prints being a hot trend for the spring season, maxi dresses are currently appearing on store shelves in bright, vivid hues, as well as floral and polka dot patterns.

One of the most popular styles is the strapless maxi dress, which can fit women of various different shapes and sizes. When it comes to wearing maxi dresses, length is very important. A perfect-length maxi dress should reach the floor and cover your feet. High heels are not a friend to this kind of trend, as maxi dresses are long and flowing. Keep your look sunny and casual. Flat sandals are the best footwear for optimum comfort, and to compliment the dress. For women who are short and want to appear taller, some nice platform sandals or wedges would work out nicely. Fashionistas can also easily add a stack of bracelets, large earrings, or a current bold neon necklace to achieve a gorgeous look. To pull off the look, a statement clutch will be more fabulous than your big tote or bag. Also, add a biker jacket or denim vest to achieve a super boho-chic look. Maxi dresses show a woman's true feminine side. So it is time to find something creative, yet sophisticated, flirty, yet smart, to "wow" your friends and impress those you meet. Want to look fabulous for the spring? Go Maxi!

Students urged to exercise caution in the wake of increased car-jackings near campus

Compiled by Dolphin Staff

On the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 20, at about 8:30 pm, a Delgado student was robbed and his vehicle carjacked in the 900 block of Navarre, near Orleans, beside Delgado's City Park Campus. The New Orleans Police Department is investigating the incident, which is classified as an armed robbery because the perpetrator was armed with a handgun.

The Lakeview area has experienced an increase in car burglaries and thefts recently. Please exercise care when parking or returning to your vehicle, and be sure to lock your vehicle and remove any valuable property.

For more details about the event, go to http://www.dcc.edu/departments/police/log/index.html.

Delgado Campus Police safeguard every Delgado location and events such as this one are very rare. Delgado has been ranked as one of the nation's Top 10 safest colleges and there are many security measures in place to prevent crime.
OPINION

Q: 2012 will be remembered as a year marked by mass shootings in the US. How do you think we can curb gun violence in the future?

"I don’t know, but making guns illegal isn’t the answer."

Doug Collins, Civil Construction Technology

"A better distribution of wealth would curb violence in society, but mass shootings are isolated acts and, therefore, hard to predict or control."

Chris Hovius, Civil Construction Technology

"There needs to be a way to regulate who can get certain types of guns."

Gregory Lane, Electrical Engineering

"Being a victim of gun violence myself, there is no gun legislation that will stop violence. However, mental health background checks could improve the situation."

Paul Dotson, Automotive Technology

"Stop exposing children to as much violence and guns as they are currently exposed to."

Chris Bagneris, Criminal Justice

"We need a mixture of new methods of gun control and increased cultural awareness and gun culture awareness in the US. I also believe in controlling the number of guns in the country."

Jeff Teachworth, Engineering

"If you can’t fix people, taking away guns won’t do anything. People are the problem. You can easily get weapons."

Jesse Albot, Computer Science Tech.

"Something needs to be done about being able to sell guns at gun shows without background checks. Keep guns out of idiots’ hands."

Precious Anderson, Culinary Arts

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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Today, I would like to move aside some things to make space. Then, I would like to bring forward an idea which glitters with a hope. This is the idea of equality. We are all born deserving equality. Some individuals are lucky to be born with this privilege. I want to personally thank those who preserve the idea and the notion that every human being is capable of greatness. I personally thank all of the doers, thinkers, achievers, believers and dreamers for giving us something to aspire to. From astronauts to those bound in wheelchairs, your strength and my strength is our strength. We are all capable of greatness. There is nothing more fantastic than sharing the monumental moments of our people. There is nothing more important than accepting the responsibility of changing our ways for the better, to improve the world that we live in, to right our wrongs. There is not a thing more noble than protecting others as equals. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr once said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

On this day I would like to thank people like Dr. King for reminding us that from the depths of injustice and inequality, we can prevail with our collective minds. Death cannot erase our sincere efforts. Thank you, thank you, and thank you for reminding us that we are all capable of greatness, equally.

In recognition of the month of February: a proud month in our nation, and what it represents.

By Joshua M. Benitez, SGA President

Technology: Graph Search signals the next stage of Facebook stalking

Facebook recently launched a trial phase of a new feature: “Graph Search,” a search engine for your life. This new search option allows users to sift through their friend lists based on factors such as interests, places visited and types of photos. Each search sorts through the history and friend network of the user, providing results based on the friends and interests of individual users. For example, a search for “People who bike” on one person’s Facebook will list different friends (and friends of friends) that bike than the same search done by another person.

With this new feature, users will be able to easily learn what bands their friends are listening to and find news stories specific to their interests, among other things. The information that is currently available on a user’s social profiles will be accessible through the search bar. For example, if a photo is hidden from certain users, it will not show up in their searches. Interests and hobbies listed, however, will. Other changes include a fee to message people outside a friend network and the option to pay to “promote” a post, elevating it higher in the news feed.

Graph Search also has a few features that are not directly tied to Facebook. It searches the web and finds nearby restaurants through Bing. Restaurant searches also provide photos and a list of friends that have been tagged at the establishment. According to Facebook’s website, the tool cannot access information hidden by privacy settings, but with precise searches (such as “Photos in June 2010 taken in Las Vegas liked by friends of Steve Holt”) the new feature promises to raise inquiries about privacy.

After using the Graph Search trial, I have developed a mixed opinion of the new feature. It is incredibly useful when trying to find old pictures, and it eliminates the need to sort through dozens of albums. However, the searches reached too far into my friends’ networks. I can find photos of friends of my friends, many of whom I have never met before. The tool cannot yet find wall posts or statuses, but this feature will eventually be implemented. This new search feature is now available to select users as a trial at facebook.com/about/graphsearch. The official release date has not been announced.

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Disney’s MyMagic+ system raises privacy questions

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