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The Library here at GSU held Sandy the Therapy Dog’s 6th Birthday.

Sandy, a brown furred, black faced cur breed, has been welcoming students and faculty alike at the Library’s balcony for over a year now to provide a time of relaxation and de-stressing for everyone at Governors State University. A friendly face can go a long way to improve a student’s or faculty members day brightening up both Sandy and her visitors.

Steve Hyzny, a faculty member who teaches IT at GSU, first met Sandy when his niece was at Brookfield Zoo during one summer wanting to foster a dog. Steve was quickly greeted by “pitter, patters on the floor” and a young Sandy jumping up on the coach to then roll over for a belly rub. Eventually, Steve would take primary ownership over Sandy, which is when he really began to see how Sandy’s attitude and personality were perfect for service work. From this, Steve got Sandy trained and certified through an eight-week training program and service test through the Masonic Associate of Service and Therapy Dogs, thus allowing for Sandy to go into hospitals. From this, Steve saw how successful the therapy dog groups who would come in during final weeks for students and faculty to engage with resulting in Steve convincing GSU to allow to bring Sandy with him through the school week on a regular basis.

Due to Sandy’s growing popularity around campus, the Governors State University library once again held a birthday party for Sandy the Therapy Dog to give all of her fans the chance to stop by and tell her happy birthday and spend time with the birthday dog. The party featured snacks for anyone who stopped in and even some of her regulars brought her gifts in the form of dog treats and dog toys for her to enjoy on her birthday.

Overall, Sandy averages around 20 visitors a day with a group of around 10 to 15 regulars, but the specific day and the time can make a difference. Sandy allows for important leisure and de-stressing time for everyone throughout the academic year. Many students tell Steve how they used to have pets of their own, but either that was when they were young, they had move somewhere, or the pet lives with their parents, Sandy fills that hole in their lives.

The Associate Editor Kyle Bergfors and Editor in Chief RJ Dusek spent time with Sandy on her birthday. She is an amazing animal who can sense stress in people. When you walk into the door, Sandy looks up at you and immediately starts wagging her tail. After she sees you, she walks up to you. Sandy is an animal that you cannot forget.

We at the Phoenix want to say “Happy Birthday to Sandy.”
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Valparaiso University teamed up with Indiana and Chicagoland organizations who specialize with issues regarding the environment and clean, accessible water in order to create a symposium with the central theme of water pollution and environmental protection on April 6 titled "A Thirst for Clean Water: Protecting Our Bodies and Bodies of Water through Knowledge and Engagement".

Panelists from universities to law clinics to conservation organizations, and more discussed water pollution problems, protection of water, the need for more rules, regulations, and enforcement, and how citizens can become more involved. Valparaiso University President Mark Heckler reinforced the idea of "clean water [being] a luxury" that many can afford, for example 2.1 billion live without access to water in their homes, 700 children die every day from poor water, and the cost of water has tripled in Chicago leaving many not being able to afford water going directly to their homes. Thus, as Mark Heckler said, this symposium must embrace the idea of "no life without water" and that "…access to clean water is a basic human right".

The symposium was highlighted by the keynote presentation, Water Infrastructure Inequality in America: Truth and Consequences, from Virginia Tech Professor Marc Edwards, who lead the investigation to uncover the 2001-2004 Washington D.C. Lead Crisis and the 2014-2016 Flint, Michigan Water Disaster. Marc Edwards is known as "The Plumbing Professor" being listed among the top 4 most vital innovators in water in the world even being awarded the Presidential Faculty Fellowship in 1996 by The White House, a MacArthur Fellowship in 2007, and the IEEE Barus Award in 2013. Marc Edwards was also named among Time Magazine’s 100 Most Influential People in the World, World’s 50 Greatest Leaders by Fortune Magazine, top 50 visionaries who altered American politics by Politico, and Foreign Policy Magazine’s 100 World’s Greatest Thinkers.

Edward’s presentation highlighted his founding premise of how “We shouldn’t be telling folks their water is safe, when it is not”. That clean water should be what it sounds like, clean and accessible. In addition, Edwards also believes water should be included with education, police protection, and health care as being a fundamental right rather than being distributed on merit. Edwards detailed four specific examples of instances he was involved including Private Wells, Flint, MI, St. Joe, IA, and Iredell, NC where each of these examples had drinking water that were comparable to a third world nation.

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Devil Trigger: Devil May Cry 5 Review

Throughout the month of March one game was the most anticipated, that game was Devil May Cry 5.

Devil May Cry 5 was released on March 8th, 2019. The fans of the DMC games were waiting for the follow up to Devil May Cry 4. 4 introduced us to a new character named Nero. Nero was able to wield Yamato, Virgil Sparda’s sword. 5 brought back Nero along side the Legendary Devil Hunter Dante Sparda. Dante is one of the most popular characters in this franchise. Dante still has his one-liners that are hilarious. The game features a brand new character named V. V is unknown to everyone including Dante.

Gameplay is different for each character, and so are their weapons. Nero brings back his gun Blue Rose and his sword Red Queen. Blue Rose fires a three burst shot. Red Queen is a sword that Nero can rev up and make his attacks more powerful. Nero does not have his arm anymore in this game. In the trailer, someone cut his arm off so he can get the Yamato. Nero now has robotic arms called the Devil Breakers. Each arm has an ability that can do damage to enemies. The only downside is you have to break the arms in order to use a new one.

V’s gameplay is a challenge. V does not use a sword or a gun. Instead, V has 3 powerful demons on his side. The demon’s names are Griffon, Shadow, and Nightmare. Griffon is a bird that shoots out fire. Shadow is a panther that can do ground attacks. Nightmare is only available during V’s Devil Trigger. In order for the enemy to be defeated, V must put his cane into the enemy. The cane is made out of metal. The cane sends the enemies back to the demon realm. V is a mysterious character, and no one knows anything about him.

Dante’s gameplay is the same as always. Dante gets his normal weapons such as Rebellion, and his pistols Ebony and Ivory. Dante has his own way of dealing with enemies. He taunts at every enemy he sees and he is cocky at everything. The only con I have about the game is that you cannot restart the game at the beginning with a new game. The game keeps your original save file with your skills and weapons. Everything was better than expected for this game. I give Devil May Cry 5 10/10.

I personally liked Devil May Cry 5. The gameplay is amazing and it brings chills to me every time I play it. The game overall is an amazing follow up to 4. I was happy to see Nero more than everything. Nero is one of my favorite characters in the series.

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One of our planet’s most historical landmarks, the Holy Cathedral of Paris in Notre Dame de Paris went up in flames a few days ago. This centuries old building has seemed its way into the hearts of people not only in France and Paris, but extending to the American people. This came as a shock to people as they watched their beloved piece of history go up in a blaze. As the fire continued to rage on, little hope was salvaged, but precious items from the cathedral were saved. So far, it has not been determined what started the fire or if it was the work of a deranged arsonists. Immediately, heartfelt donations and expressions of grief poured out like water from a burst dam extending across country to America. Fortunately, the cathedral will not be torn down, and billions of dollars have already been donated to help rejuvenate the church’s damaged areas. From a personal standpoint, I find it rather odd that so many people are pouring sweat and tears to try and refurbish a piece of history in a different country. In the same week, a young white male was suspected of setting three different prominently African American churches ablaze, yet it has not been reported that local communities and people from around the country would be donating any money to pay for damages. This is not to negate the tragedy Paris, but far too often whenever there is a race related tragedy, people often turn a blind eye in favor of scouting out any other worldly catastrophes. Having visited Paris myself and few and had the privilege of standing in front on the cathedral, I am enthusiastic that it is being rebuilt after the fire aftermath. However, I would be equally just as ecstatic to see the same care and support to the victims on the church arsons back home in our own country. I do want to end this on wishing the construction workers of Paris the best of luck on reparments and also keep the churches in Louisiana in my thoughts as well. It’s sad that billions of dollars were donated in like a few days to Notre Dame all the other church buildings were overlooked. Why do we overlook certain issues and pay attention to other ones?

I think we need to change how us a people look at issues. We need to start helping people that need it and stop overlooking them. What do you think about the church burnings that have been happening recently?
Last week Friday, I attended the Shero women’s celebration event in honor of courageous women who have braved trials and tribulations many of us only have nightmares about. Guests were treated to food and drink during an hour intermission. I sat and have the privilege of listening to five amazing ladies share their stories of grieving and triumph over personal and internal adversaries in their lives.

To kick off the event, guests and speakers alike got a soulful taste from none other than the queen of Soul herself, Aretha Franklin belting her famous tuner Respect. This song was very fitting as it was a reminder of the challenges women, particularly women of color face on a daily basis for making others uncomfortable by positioning themselves in multicultural spaces. Each speaker spoke on personal tragedies of abandonment, abuse, and family unity.

The first person to get up on the microphone was Dr. Baness-King who has served as dean of Academic Success at Triton College for twelve years. She has had two decades of experience in teaching and education. Her focus lies solely in student support, equity and inclusion, and mental preparation for college. Her message to her all female audience was stressing the importance of joining forces of strong females capable of reaching the stars independently. After Dr. Gill concluded her inspirational lecture, guests were then persuaded to attend workshops in the room down the hall where we treated to hear more uplifting and inspirational stories from victims turned victors.

Dr. Keisha Lacey, founder of the Polish Group, introduced her organization and what the point behind the formation of it. The Polish Group, which was founded in 2018, is an environment to recruit and empower young children, particularly children of color, to push it to limit and be all that they can be. She took time to dissect Bridge over troubled water, an uplifting song by Aretha Franklin, and how each of us how a bridge of troubled waters in family members, partners, and friends to guide us over rough currents.

As for the song, myself including the guests never figured out until now that the songs Respect and Bridge over troubled water were rewritten and revised by Aretha from other artists like Otis Redding and Garfunkle who had originally wrote the songs with more sexist meanings.

The third testimony came from Dr. Lynn Turner, another Polish member who is a hairstylist, single parent, and a domestic violence survivor. She endured sixteen unforgettable years of both verbal and physical abuse at the hands of her now ex-husband. What spurred her decision to leave him was when she became pregnant with the couple’s daughter. She decided on her own that she was not going to have his story repeat itself in the name of her daughter. She personally wanted to thank all of the Polish group members who came out and personally inspired me, and I hope that they visit us once again in the future.
Reminders for everyone

1. Don’t forget to register for next fall semester

2. If you need help with emotions and student organization, visit the counseling center

3. Get involved with a program

4. Go to events that you think are fun

5. Always have a great experience

6. GSU’s very own phrase HERE, YOU ARE.

7. Study for Finals.

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