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Entire state of Florida haunted, experts claim

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On Saturday Nov. 14, Director of Metaphysical Life Theresa Kaputo sent an email to the campus community warning students of the recent discovery regarding the psychic properties of limestone, reminding anyone who lives on campus to spiritually ground themselves regularly.

Limestone, a sedimentary rock that is often created through the skeletal fragments of marine organisms, is found widely throughout the state of Florida and has been connected by the United States Psychic Administration (USPA) to the storing of psychic energy as utilized by spirits.

Florida is one of the most popular states to retire to in one's twilight years, with upwards of 60% of all Americans in Florida older than 65, 20XX's census shows. Because of this, Florida is also one of the most popular graveyard and burial destinations: many people have their ashes scattered along authorized ash-scattering beaches, plant their decaying bodies underneath mangroves, have their skeletons donated to coral restructuring, or simply fill one of the many overflowing graveyards that can be found statewide.

Psychopomps come forward

Psychopomps, those who have the natural talent of being able to guide souls, have been flocking to Florida for as long as the state has been a destination hotspot.

Even here at Dragonsbane College, an unusual number of alumni are psychopomps when compared to private colleges in other parts of the country, especially inland. Upwards of 14% of Dragonsbane College graduates are psychopomps, compared to the national average of 5%.

Current psychopomps undergraduates felt drawn to Dragonsbane for a number of reasons. One senior werewolf psychopomp, Halcyon Kingfisher, spoke on their unique perspective of Dragonsbane College and why it appealed to them.

"The fairies literally kidnapped someone from the soccer field three years ago. The theater is full-on haunted by the janitor who had a chandelier prop fall on him and crush him. I'm pretty sure there's either a pissed off poltergeist or a really, really bitter sea monster that lurks in the water by the pier. This

place is [redacted] up, even for a multispecies school,” Kingfisher said, listing off several more examples of bizarre and unexplained phenomena that the campus dealt with.

The Office of Metaphysical Life, responsible for dealing with anything psychic and abstract that goes beyond sentient understanding, denies any and all reports of the exact instances Kingfisher referenced. Records from Metaphysical Life show that the last recorded major issue filed and dealt with by the school was an instance where several intoxicated students opened a portal to an alternate dimension ten years ago during a home soccer game. The portal resulted in the deaths of seven people and delayed the soccer game by half an hour.

Even despite the lack of major recorded metaphysical events and phenomena, Kaputo wants to make sure that students on campus are staying safe given this recent discovery. The Office of Metaphysical Life has always been a strong advocate for personal warding practices and regular space cleansings.

“Florida has a recorded higher number of hauntings than any other state in the union,” Kaputo informed Dragonsbane reporters when questioned. “So of course student safety is our number one concern.”

Panic at the disco: unruly chimera burns down Charlie Dorm at Saturday night 70’s-themed party

By Toby Moonrune, Senior Writer (Elf)

An approved Saturday night party got out of hand over the course of this weekend, resulting in extensive fire damage to the Charlie Dorm complex.

Witnesses reported that at roughly 11:45PM a fight broke out between a chimera student and a human student over the music choice of the party. Campus security was alerted as the situation escalated, but was unfortunately not able to calm the chimeric student down before they released a puff of fire, which quickly set the surrounding palm trees in the courtyard ablaze. The fire spread from the top of the palm trees to the rugs hanging off balconies according to student accounts, upon which everyone began to evacuate and firefighters were alerted.

No students were harmed in the fire, but Charlie residents have been moved to temporary housing until further notice. Repairs of the dorm are estimated to cost upwards of several hundred thousand dollars, with no estimated time of completion as of yet.

Daily Dragonsbane: Politics

The Interspecies Marriage Debate

By Jed Silverstein, Political Consultant (Vampire)

Debates are raging across the country right now over the validity of the Supreme Court decision to recognize sentient interspecies marriages. Students everywhere at Dragonsbane College are taking part in these conversations, raising important questions and points about the nature and purpose of the legal institution known as “marriage.”

Some students, such as sophomore banshee Jessica Anderson, have strong and surprising opinions about the legality of interspecies marriage. “I think this legalization is dangerous,” Anderson said when asked her thoughts on the subject. “It’s dangerous for two people of different species to be involved in a long-term, committed relationship. There’s a reason we don’t exactly see a lot of dragons with human partners outside of college! This stuff’s just a phase,” she later clarified when questioned further.

Anderson’s opinions aren’t particularly unique within the United States-- the Pew Research Center’s latest poll shows that of the 38% of Americans that oppose interspecies marriage in the past year, 18% of those Americans claimed that their biggest issue with the legalization was the risk that interspecies partners present to each other. Other huge points of contention noted by the poll include the issue of children raised in mixed-species households and the frequent inability of such couples to reproduce non-sterile hybrid children, when indeed they can produce children together at all.

Other students, such as senior european dragon Noel Sol, find themselves in the uncomfortable position by virtue of their partners.

“I’m polyamorous and involved with a longterm human partner,” Sol explained in front of the DC-QSA, addressing the gathered at the club’s annual Torch The Closet event, where she was volunteering to help with the symbolic burning of closet pieces. “Someone saying that I have a choice to not be involved in this debate while they’re making decisions that directly affect my life is preposterous and presumptuous.”

DC-QSA and the Student Union have both released official statements endorsing the legalization of interspecies marriage, and are currently the only student-run organizations to do so. The Student Union has posted a list of interspecies marriage friendly churches in the local area for those interested.

Daily Dragonsbane: Opinion

The wolves among us: Are werewolf students truly safe to have on campus?

By Hal Leon, Senior Writer (Human)

Dragonsbane opened its campus up to werewolves in 1987 and has been drowning in lawsuits and Title IX reports ever since, with no one but itself to blame.

While many werewolves can adapt to live in modern society today, Dragonsbane's campus culture is simply too laid-back to realistically meld well with the genetic aggression and over-excitement most werewolves are prone to. Dragonsbane students are often left up to their own devices when it comes to partying and interacting with other students, with a very low-level of security available to intervene in the cases where emergencies and tragedies take place. How often have each and every one of us heard a story about a student being clawed up at a party, or worse, bitten? While medicine today allows lycanthropy to be non-transmittable, the very real risk of bodily harm that werewolf students on campus present is something observable and that we all deal with every day.

This certainly isn't helped by the fact that the school insists on multi-species housing options as the default, only allowing for singular-species spaces in specific instances; werewolves are naturally predisposed to form packs, something which can lead to territorial behavior. When around other students, this aggression can easily turn into mountains over molehills, disrupting campus life in what should be the most sacred of spaces to retreat to after a long day: the dorm rooms. It risks the werewolf students as well-- scientific studies have proved in the past that werewolves need stable pack groups in order to function at maximum capacity, and being in such an obscenely diverse environment can lead to undue stress when the werewolf is unable to form a pack due to cultural differences. It's unhealthy for both the werewolves and those around them to be placed into such regularly emotionally charged situations.

But blame of these issues doesn't fall on the shoulders of my werewolf peers. Instead, I would turn an eye to the faculty, which allows for such interactions to take place. Dragonsbane is a relatively small college, with less than 2,000 students on its campus in total. By accepting werewolves onto a campus where they know that security is untrained and ill-prepared to handle problems, faculty is inviting these problems upon themselves and throwing attending students' wellbeing to the wayside for the opportunity out of monetary greed.

I invite the faculty and my peers to consider if Dragonsbane College is truly meant for werewolves, and if not, what options there are to fix these factors. Many other schools have a maximum percentage of accepted students which can be non-human; perhaps Dragonsbane should look into doing something similar, for the safety and well-being of students everywhere.

Werewolves on campus face unfair discrimination and targeting

By Noel Sol, Opinion Editor (Dragon, European)

Werewolves have been a member of our larger society for as long as society has existed, and for as long as Dragonsbane has existed, it has existed as an egalitarian meritocracy. Dragonsbane College's motto exists as such: *Virtute et veritas*. Valor and truth.

And yet, one in three undergraduate werewolves find themselves the target of discriminatory practices and behavior, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Despite being a school that claims to place such high value on the virtues of justice: the strength to do what is right and the strength to seek out the truth, Dragonsbane College stands by as our peers suffer at the hands of prejudice.

It's certainly not surprising that a school founded on anti-non-human sentiments would turn its back to such a large portion of its non-human population, but it's immensely disappointing to see.

A sophomore student, whom Daily Dragonsbane granted anonymity due to the sensitivity of her story, said that she now feels unsafe at parties after one incident in which she was roughly grabbed and pushed to the ground by her fellow partygoers. This is not an uncommon occurrence, one senior student, Andrew Fredrickson, confirmed.

"When I was a freshman, [were]wolves would get jumped a lot at parties or out on weekends. It was kind of an unwritten rule that you didn't go alone if you planned on going anywhere," Frederickson confirmed.

While such incidents are covered under the Title IX office, most werewolves feel uncomfortable attending such meetings due to the stigma surrounding werewolves and violence. More than that, werewolves often feel at-odds with what Title IX attempts to do in order to rectify these sorts of incidents, enacting pseudo-restraining orders that do nothing to tackle the problems at their heart and often leave perpetrators free to continue their reign of terror.

Werewolves, and our other non-human students, bring a much needed spark of diversity to this highly human campus. Instead of blaming werewolves for the discrimination they are facing, Dragonsbane College needs to take active steps in dismantling latent human supremacy attitudes which exists on campus. Faculty inclusivity training, optional werewolf-only spaces, and more cohesive, welcoming campus-wide activities are all steps that should be taken towards fixing this issue.

Werewolves aren't the problem. People who have problems with werewolves are.

Daily Dragonsbane: Sports

Dragonsbane Hippocampi annihilate USF in season start

By Kierna Johnsson, Science and Sports Editor (Werewolf)

Dragonsbane's women's serpent-riding team defeated USF on Saturday morning with a win of 3 to 0 in their home opener. Fans watched with eyes wide as the Dragonsbane's Hippocampi took the bay by storm, starting off the season with a truly spectacular performance.

Senior human serpent-rider Jenna Jackdice set a new Dragonsbane record, managing to cling to the back of the thrashing sea serpent for 21.4 seconds before being thrown off its back, beating her USF competitor by over 10 seconds in comparison. Rising sophomore werewolf Yonda Smith came in with a time of 13.3 seconds, and new team member freshman dwarf Naimvith Eld came in with a time of 11.8 seconds, a new personal best.

"I'm so proud of everyone this year," Head Coach Henri Khaos said. "Everyone came and gave their all out there, I couldn't have asked for a better start."

Hippocampi fans, including senior humans Hal Leon and Karen Nance, were ecstatic to see to see their favorites take down USF's team in such a crushing defeat.

"The Hippocampi are so strong and cool. They're unstoppable forces, it's amazing," Nance said.

Fan concerns regarding Naimvith Eld have been alleviated by her stellar performance, resulting in a boosted morale across the Hippocampi supporters.

"I wasn't really sure about if Eld was going to come through, being so small, but after watching her perform I'm glad to see that she's bringing just as much to the waters as everyone else," Leon said.

The Hippocampi have one more home game next Saturday, but will be traveling around for tournaments after that. Make sure to come out and support our Dragonsbane women's serpent-riders!

Star of the Week: Lynda Bennette

After recovering from a concussion at the end of her freshman year, gnome Lynda Bennette won the notable performance award at the Florida state cheerleading competition last week, where the Dragonsbane cheerleaders achieved a Bronze ranking overall.