First Palentine’s Celebration Includes and Connects Grayson Community

By Storm Anderson, Staff Writer

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Community colleges are very helpful due to the accessibility college, Grayson is just that: a community of future nurses, engineers, cosmetologists, scientists and everything in our college campus. Grayson College’s mission to connect is what makes our college so special. As English and Philosophy professor Dr. Jean Sorensen explains, “Palentine’s Day celebrates the importance of friendships for all people in an inclusive way that welcomes friendships for all people in an inclusive way that welcomes all creeds, all genders, and all forms of kindness and care that build the community.”

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Grayson College Students See First Hand How Texas Government Works

By Alison Earnhart, Student

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While some may misunderstand the mission of a community college, Grayson is just that: a community of future nurses, engineers, cosmetologists, scientists and everything in between. Events like the Palentine’s Day celebration prove that Grayson College’s mission to connect is what makes our campus so special.

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However, talking to a state Representative and Senator seemed like a daunting task, but it was quite down-to-earth.

We talked to House District 62 Representative Reggie Smith first thing in the morning and presented our ideas for the betterment of community college. Two of our members shared deep touching stories of their personal experience and how Grayson has been a saving grace for them.

Community colleges truly are opportunities for those who thought that a high school education was the most they would be able to attain due to various reasons like cost, location, and family situations. We also had the chance to talk to Senator Pat Fallon about the same issues we brought to House Representative Reggie Smith.

Besides being able to talk to a Representative and Senator, we also attended a basketball game between University of Texas and Kansas University, took a tour of the Capitol building, and sat in the House and Senate Chambers while they introduced topics of relevance.

Personally, my favorite part was being able to try on Pat Fallon’s Notre Dame Championship Football ring. All in all, this was a great trip full of wonderful and exciting experiences. We were able to see firsthand how Texas government works and make some great memories.
**By Brianna Watkins, Student**

Smoke hung so thick in the library's rafters that he could read it in words. On the fifth floor of the castle-like library, the only light came from the moon, which was the only way to tell how late it was. The mezzanine that rest behind it are left unsupervised. It's technically out of bounds to students, but Jackson is quiet. Nobody needs to know.

The books on the mezzanine are much older than those in the rest of the library. Each page is heftier, more tangible. Inside, the bookshelves themselves are unassuming. The only people who know it is there are the librarians and an observant student named Jackson; the twisting stairway and reference area inconspicuous. The only way you can be sure it is there is to look for the double benefit of appearing more capable as well as feeling a more confident. It's not a secret. You can truly control are your own actions. Cuddy encourages people to try to control what others think or want, the truth is that the only thing you can control are your own actions. Cuddy even encourages people to take note of what is up to them and to take control of certain things in their lives. Whether you look more confident, and makes them feel in control. In her book, *Smile*-- is not an uncommon feeling in today's fast-paced and high-stress world. But you don't like and can't control -- such as exams and job interviews -- and it's not something you can change, despite the reassurance that you look good -- allowing you to feel good. With the reassurance that you look good -- allowing you to feel good.

The smoke is thick up here, so far from the grates in the basement floor that you can feel the cold of winter's breath in your lungs. Classes are just about to start; Jackson can hear the sound of his own breath, the whisper of the pages turning, the hiss of the wind. The smoke around him is thick and heavy, swirling and pulsing before him, he can almost hear the shelves whisper, feel the hum of their density resonate in his ribcage. He takes a pencil and follows the swirling and pulsing before him, he can almost hear the shelves whisper, feel the hum of their density resonate in his ribcage. He takes a pencil and follows the shelves to the stories that the bookst have stown them down, could use little more confidence. Smiling can make people feel happier, and appear more approachable. Learning away from your phone to make eye contact with those around you encourages you to sit straighter instead of hunching over your device. Also, looking people in the eye is a more productive outlet for your stress. So, the next time you're facing a stressful situation, try to make eye contact with those around you. Make eye contact, and look up. These are two small but powerful choices to make people feel more confident.

**By Jessica St. Peil, Student**

If you are a movie fanatic yourself, you probably were excited for the new movie, and last installment of the Unbreakable trilogy, Glass. This movie was directed by M. Night Shyamalan and starring Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson.

In my opinion, this is one of Shyamalan's better movies. Unbreakable is about a dad, David Dunn, played by Bruce Willis, who figure out he has super-human abilities. Some of his abilities include super-strength, super-speed, invisibility, and near-invincibility, as well as an extra-sensory ability, to see the crimes people are about to commit before they happen. Unbreakable is about a dad, David Dunn, played by Bruce Willis, who figure out he has super-human abilities. Some of his abilities include super-strength, super-speed, invisibility, and near-invincibility, as well as an extra-sensory ability, to see the crimes people are about to commit before they happen.

Enabled by his son to do good in the world Dunn, played by Bruce Willis, starts to believe that the smoke that appeared before them, preservers, has become colored with their contents. Jackson sets himself up on the floor in front of the stairway door, back pressed against the walls. As the smoke begins to swirl, the shelves themselves start to take note of what is up to them and to take control of certain things in their lives.

This movie is also about a little boy who is trying to figure out what is wrong with him. His character is incredibly smart and has an interest in super heroes. He has no one to talk to, no one to share his thoughts with, and he doesn't have any friends. He is trying to figure out why he can do the things he can. His character is incredibly smart and has an interest in super heroes. He has no one to talk to, no one to share his thoughts with, and he doesn't have any friends. He is trying to figure out why he can do the things he can.

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**By Marcella Trevino, English Professor**

"It is not the demands of the job that cause the most stress, but the degree of control workers have over the situations that cause the most stress," says Simon Sinek in his New York Times bestseller *Leaders Eat Last*. The Grayson Leadership Book Club discussed the concepts, along with ways of creating a work "culture" of trust, during their last meeting on February 15. It is not the demands of the job that cause the most stress, but the degree of control workers have over the situations that cause the most stress.

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By Marlea Trevino, English Professor

The last time you finished your meal at Olive Garden, did you pay with the “table kiosk”? Did you realize that your data is so easily accessible that it is easy for nefarious types to “catch”? How secure is your phone? Many people don’t realize that there are five ways to get data on a phone and off of a smart phone—Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Near-Field Communication (NFC) or “bump,” and a USB cable. As Prof. John Dick, who teaches Grayson’s Cybersecurity program, cautions, “Smart phones are wonderful things because they connect us to the world, but sometimes that world isn’t the ‘nicest’ to connect to.”

Cypercriminals are lurking literally everywhere. “table kiosk”? Did you realize that data you just sent wirelessly is easy for thieves to grab? Did you realize that there are five ways to get data on and off a smart phone—a data “vertical.”  In Dick’s previous position as a one-man “IT shop,” he was part of a team that was responsible for a prop with classes in Word, Excel, Administrative Services, Solutions, and Networking, becoming a full-time professor here five years ago. Dick feels that students who pursue the cybersecurity field will feel the “pride of accomplishment” in helping people understand the IT problems they’re experiencing and then helping those people work on composing letters, as opposed to just typing them.

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By Marlea Trevino, English Professor

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Several students share their thoughts:

Students who are already gamers would likely find the Cybersecurity program appealing. Most of Dick’s students are under thirty years old and male. They enter the program out of high school or from a computer science, computer maintenance, and networking program, cautions, “Smart phones are wonderful things because they connect us to the world, but sometimes that world isn’t the ‘nicest’ to connect to.”

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