Lily Moriarty Sings a Rapturous Song at Ms. Greenway

The newly crowned Lily Moriarty '17 with Zoe Crawley '18. Photo by Mrs. Ali Southworth.

The Gnome Knows Best: Madeira Celebrity Exclusive interview

BY: KATHRYN FRONABARGER ’19

Over the course of a single interview, I learned to appreciate the mysterious runaway we at Madeira know as the Gnome. Despite his reputation for his reserved demeanor, the Gnome was surprisingly open to sharing details about his adventures on the Madeira campus and a bit about himself. After recovering my nerves at meeting such a big time idol, I was humbled by how patient he was in answering my intruding questions. I started my interview with one of the most sought after questions about Mr. Gnome: how did he ever end up on the Madeira Campus?

“Well, I was the youngest of a family with thirty eight children and I felt somewhat invisible. I got the idea to run away. I caught the first 4:45 snail out of town. Snails became turtles, turtles became birds, and before long I had graduated to planes, trains, cars, and even camels. Traveling became more than just a way to rebel against my family and show independence; it became a lifestyle. I visited small towns at first. This only sparked my love of adventure. I soon found myself traveling to different states and sometimes different continents. I’ve seen all seven continents and five oceans. I realized that I was looking for a bit more stability in my life, so I decided to stop off at the Madeira campus,” said the Gnome. “It was the horses. I’ve always had a love of horses. Turns out, one of the turtles I hitched a ride had also made his way here. G.G. - so it seemed like a sign.”

All this talk of travel, I wonder if Madeira was indeed the Gnome’s last stop. How long did he plan to stay at Madeira? Did he miss his gnomeland? “I might not be here for much longer, as I am with most places, but that’s all I can say for now,” the Gnome smiles slyly. “I’m content for now on finding good hiding spots. I still love living at Madeira. Anytime a group of students walk past me, I listen to their conversation. (I’m gnomedy.) But don’t worry, I don’t tell secrets. How you feel about ASMs, mixers, and what classes to avoid is all just good entertainment. I’m low key kind of gnome. The one thing I hate is when people complain about my size. Honestly, I just want to tell people it’s not my problem they can’t find me.”

So when not hiding, what does he do? Since we know the Gnome’s past, could we know his past times: “I enjoy botany, fine culinary arts, small animals, stargazing, and long walks on the Beeches.”

Although the Gnome might seem a bit hard to get to, he’s a very down to earth guy and just likes to hang around. Talking to a clay figurine may not be the highlight of 2016, but as weird as it seems (and might look) talking to such people it’s not my problem they can’t find me."

The Gnome caught lounging with a potted plant. Photo by Niki Farhan ’16.

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Dear New Madeira Girls,

Welcome to Madeira—we're so glad you are here! We the editors put together this orientation guide in hopes that you would learn more about the school and have a guide to navigate through campus. Freshman year is scary, exciting, and nerve-wracking at first, especially as you try to make new friends, join different clubs, and discover your passion. But we promise, with this helpful guide, it'll be a little easier. And if you're really struggling, join the newspaper—we've got snacks, nice people, and, hey, maybe you'll find a new passion in journalism too.

As each clue was emailed out, we gathered our teams, and to kick off the year a little less boring, and more exciting, between quizzes, papers, games, study hall, and all the stuff that comes with being at Madeira, it is astounding how we manage to fit so many great events into our schedules. From the first day of mod 1 to the fast approaching end of mod 7, a lot of fantastic things have happened here on campus. While this article only highlights some of them, all of them showed and see the talents of others. Moreover, the competition for dorm points made the night that much better. The annual Miss Greenway Pageant is one of Madeira's most amusing traditions. The six contestants, one from each dorm, face off in a series of challenges that include trivia, talents, and modeling a dorm inspired dress. This year's talents included a makeover from North Dorm's Cyan Perdue '17, rapping from Megan Lane '16 (with her dorm making literal wraps), and an original song from Lily Moriarty '17 and Zoe Crawford '18 representing New Dorm. It was definitely entertaining and at the end of the night, New Dorm took home the title of Miss Greenway 2016.

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One of the great ways to discover or connect is to jump in and newspaper is a great place to become part of the Madeira community. Contributing to a journalism staff may seem intimidating and newspaper may sound mundane, but it is a great opportunity to meet interesting people and cultivate your own voice. Whether it be through graphics and design or editorials and reports, anyone can find a new interest or skill in the paper. Newspaper is not just about reporting news. It's a creative collection of interests and ideas that in corporate both the formal and colloquial. The variety of topics and interests addressed in the paper bring together a diverse group of Madeira students who share a common passion for writing. Upperclassmen, underclassmen, athletes, and theatre kids alike unite under the paper, sharing their own personal passions and reaching out to others to form one cohesive literary piece.

A little bit about us: the Madeira newspaper was revitalized last year after a seven year hiatus. Through a lot of trials and errors, we’re ready to launch into its revival as The Spectator, the original title spanning far back as the 1930s. We hope to publish four editions this coming year—the class of 2020 will be the first to see it’s complete transformation! Under the Shell will stay on the paper, allowing us to look for it as a special addendum. The orientation guide is the first of these mini-editions. We hope you enjoy and maybe even contribute!

Your editors,

Two Local Bakeries That Take the Cake

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Established in 2012 in Georgetown, Macaron Bee is a pastry shop selling macarons of various vibrant flavors such as rose, chocolate lavander, and sakura (cherry blossom). In addition to macarons, Macaron Bee also features other treats, including pannacsotta, tarts, macaroon, crepe, brulee tea cakes, and tea. The biggest attraction may be their wide variety of noteworthy flavors which can be found on their website (www.macroonbee.com). Although there is no seating area reserved specifically for Macaron Bee, Lady Camellia, Macaron Bee's sister company, has a large tea room that serves various teas and macarons from Macaron Bee.

Madeira’s Got A Sweet Tooth

Two Local Bakeries That Take the Cake

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Located conveniently in the Mosaic District at Merrifield Town Center, Pastry Xpo presents sumptuous desserts along with coffee, entrées, salads, and soups. In the Washington metropolitan area, Pastry Xpo is considered to be a top-tier pastry shop. Moreover, the shop presents a huge variety of pastries with many staff members to help customers. The selection of pastries includes macarons, cupcakes, eclairs, cheesecakes, and trifles. Pastry Xpo is truly an expo of pastries because of the wide selection of carefully-made desserts can satisfy any customer. In fact, the owner and executive pastry chef of Pastry Xpo, Tony Srour, has helped design many desserts seen all over the region in the Washington area. Pick up some delicious pastries at the next time you go to Mosaic District on the weekend!
What I learned at the Kilmer Center

A Look Into Sophomore-Year Co-Curriculum

I remember my first day with my sophomore internship. A boy was laying on the ground, kicking, hitting, and screaming hysterically as I stepped into the center’s hallway. The teachers were trying to block the child with a thick cushion to prevent him from causing injuries. As I gazed on, a child huddled up in the wheelchair with a tube connected to his throat and his limbs stiffly extended moved down the hall. The pale boy was breathing heavily.

My internship placement this year is Kilmer Center, a Fairfax County Public School that offers specialized instructional services for students with Autism and intellectual disabilities. It is also considered a public day school that provides special education services for students who need smaller learning environments. The curricula provided at Kilmer Center include school and community education, career and transition skills, personal management, and social skills.

Ms. Candia is a teacher at Madeira: not only is she one of the core freshmen teachers, she is also a dorm adult in South dorm and a co-lead freshman advisor. She is the advisor for the Black Student Union, African Student Association, and Slam Poetry Club. Ms. Candia is involved in a variety of diversity groups for teachers as well, where faculty and staff work toward making Madeira a more open and inclusive place for the whole community. She strongly believes in the importance of student leadership. They’re so many leaders at this school and it makes me happy that students have an opportunity to try out leadership roles, both like big [...]. and little T-leadership opportunities, and people feel like they can make a difference.” In addition to a dedication to the importance of leadership, Ms. Candia also sees a student driven teaching space as a way to get girls involved. “My classrooms tend to be a very student centered place, meaning that although I am the teacher, I by no means have all the answers to everything… My students know that kind of up front, so in many ways we are learning together.” Ms. Candia describes her classroom as a brave space, “I’m a big fan of this idea of a brave space. It’s a space where people can try new things, and be their authentic selves. That doesn’t mean that they won’t be challenged or that it won’t be hard, it is a place where I think people can try new things, even if they fail.” Ms. Candia even acknowledges the importance of failure, “Take risks and fail! I think that failure gets such a bad rap, but it’s such an important part of growth. People, students, tend to set the bar really high for themselves and be really sad if they fail, but I think that failure is just as important as succeeding.” Whether it’s through her encouragement of leadership, student driven teaching style, or an open class environment, Ms. Candia plays an important role in the experience of all freshmen who come to Madeira, both in and out of the classroom. I had Ms. Candia as my teacher for English all throughout freshman year and she gave me a new perspective and appreciation for the way I approach books. Her influence has helped me grow not only as a reader and writer, but also as a student.

Ms. Freeman is a very active member of the Madeira community both inside and outside the classroom. In addition to being one of the main biological and environmental science teachers, she is also the advisor for the Jewish students affinity group and Judaism at Madeira (JAM), an advisor for the freshman class, and dorm adult in West dorm. In this interview, Ms. Freeman talked about how she valued the sense of community at Madeira. “I love the casual interactions that I can have with students whether it’s in the dorm or at a dorm event … I love that we are a boarding school and boarding and day students are around a lot […] I often joke and say ‘Home Sweet Madeira.” She continued to talk about community among students by highlighting the ease of friendship at the Kilmer Center to be a ‘baby-sitter. However, my role at Kilmer was much more crucial and serious. I was frightened and shocked by how helpless and lost the children seemed in the world that disfavors vulnerability. It was that moment that I realized how valuable and serious my internship was to me. Suddenly, I felt an instant responsibility to be a supporter and to build a sound and understanding environment for them. And while the days at Kilmer were repetitive (every day, I had the same schedule, the same group of children, the same tasks, and the same lunch pack), the smiles on their faces and the expressions in their eyes when they reached out, reminded me that my presence at Kilmer made a difference.
Guide Map to the Best Spots on Campus

The Map of MADEIRA

Map by Ivy Li '18

The best place to study is in the Student Center, where one could socialize and ask for help from friends all while studying. For a quieter study location and research sources, the best would be the library, which also holds countless desks, chairs, and books.

The most ideal places to have picnics are on the Oval and behind the Chapel Auditorium (CA). Both areas are not only roomy, but also full of fresh air that would allow one to have the perfect picnic.

The best place on campus to send a snapchat is on Maynard Quad between North and South Dorm. Here there is always natural lighting and friends walking around to pose with you.

The best place to sleep is the lounge in the Student Center because it repletes with couches and tall windows to provide a sunlight-filled, comfortable setting for naps. The basement of the Student Center is also a quiet, peaceful place to nap and to chat with friends.

Events to Watch: Hitting the Highlights of the Madeira

September
2nd: First day of school!
17th: BSSAC Opener
24th: Woodberry Charity Dance Marathon
26th: Dinner at Home
3rd: St. Margaret’s Snow Ball
8th: Foxcroft Semi-Formal
10th: No School (Columbus Day)
11th: Mod 2 Begins
22nd: Hallowe’en Mixer
31st: Halloween Parade
October
5th: Blue Ridge Mixer
12th: Woodberry & Episcopalian Game
14th: Mod 3
17th: Thanks-giving Dinner
21st-Jan 1st:
November
9th: Dinner at Home
16th: Winterfest
21st-Jan 1st:
December
3rd: Mod 4
7th: St. Margaret’s Snow Ball
14th: MAC
16th: No School, MLK Remembrance
21st: Stop Hunger Now Dance
27th: Thanksgiving Break
January
6th: Mod 5
9th: Dinner at Home
11th: Madeira Semi-Formal
18th: Foxcroft Winter Mixer
26th: Oscars Party
February
9th: Revisit Day
12th-25th: Spring Break
27th: Mod 6
March
1st: Woodberry Spring Mixer
8th: Blow-eridge Mixer
20th: Spring Fest
28th: Re-unions Weekend
April
1st: AP Exams
3rd: Madeira Prom
26th: Closing Convocation
May
June 2nd: Graduation!

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