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Students need more outdoor study spaces

THE HULL THINKS...

To compensate for the lack of study space on campus, Tulane should develop more outdoor study spaces, an opportunity for innovative design and trend-setting.

In a city with 216 sunny days a year and 277 days per year above 70 degrees, it is quite perplexing how Tulane's only outdoor study spaces include a few gath-

erings of tables and benches and others scattered across campus. There are very few outdoor seating locations associated with academics as most are set out near dining spaces and are primarily used for meals.

Not only can you boost your Vitamin D levels while studying under the beautiful Spanish moss across campus, but you can also try out a mindful therapy technique coined "ecotherapy." Being in nature has proven to help alleviate symptoms of depression and boost overall mental health with increased self-esteem and mood.

With other colleges implementing

outdoor hammock style study spaces, outdoor classrooms with semi-clear Plexiglas whiteboards and study gardens, it is clear that Tulane needs to catch up. Creating eco-friendly outdoor spaces would be a great new initiative for architecture students to work on in the upcoming years to help our campus grow to be innovative and to highlight the work of such a unique program to our school.

The ultimate dream would be to get tree houses in the oaks across campus and stuff them full of couches and fluffy pillows. In the meantime, more outdoor tables spread throughout campus would do just fine.

Republican candidates falter when asked about new female face of \$10 bill



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On Sept. 16, 11 contenders for the high honor of the Republican presidential nomination stood up and debated what the GOP should focus on in the upcoming 2016 election. A variety of issues were addressed, including foreign and domestic policy, women's reproductive rights, universal health care and the best way to "bring America back."

It was expected that the recent debate over who should become the new female face of the \$10 bill did not make the forefront of the debate. When moderator Jake Tapper asked each candidate's opinion on the topic as a 'light-hearted' end to the debate, the results were surprising to say the least.

One of the more interesting responses was provided by Florida Governor Jeb Bush.

"I would go with Ronald Reagan's partner, Margaret Thatcher. [It's] probably illegal, but what the heck," Bush said. "A strong

leader's what we need in the White House, and she was a strong leader."

Leadership skills aside, Thatcher was a surprising choice considering her status as a former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and non-U.S. citizen, but Bush was not alone in bringing up unusual candidates for Alexander Hamilton's replacement. Ohio Governor John Kasich also suggested another non-citizen, Mother Theresa, while former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee and former physician Ben Carson both suggested members of their own families. Donald Trump also jokingly brought up the idea of his daughter, Ivanka Trump, becoming the new face of the bill.

"Well because she's been sitting for three hours, I think my daughter, Ivanka, who's right here," Trump said. "Other than that, we'll go with Rosa Parks. I like that."

The sentiment of Rosa Parks becoming Hamilton's replacement was also expressed by Florida Senator Marco Rubio and Texas Senator Ted Cruz. While Rosa Parks, of all the suggested individuals, was probably the most appropriate, it was strange to see three separate candidates name her. It seems that it is difficult for Republican candidates to think of politically relevant women that are both from the United States and not directly related to them. Even if the selection pool was just limited to those women involved

with the Republican Party, surely more women could fit the criteria.

In a time when women's rights are still being heavily debated, it is unsettling to see how uninformed the potential candidates for the presidency are about culturally and politically relevant female citizens of the United States. Over 200 years of American history exists to draw names from, yet only four viable options surfaced during the most recent debate. Eleanor Roosevelt, Sojourner Truth, Rachel Carson and Harriet Tubman were all brave and pioneering American women whose names never came out of the candidates' mouths.

In future debates and policies, I hope the Republican candidates are prepared to understand that women and women's rights are issues that cannot simply be tacked onto the end of meaningful political discourse. As the majority in the United States, but the minority in all institutions of power, there is still a long way to go for true equality to be reached for females this country. Acknowledging the culturally and politically influential female leaders on our currency is a great way to start, if only we could remember their names.

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CAMPUS QUESTION

What's your favorite Tulane ranking?



"US News and World Report"
TANZEL SMART
JUNIOR



"US News and World Report"
NATALIE RALL
SOPHOMORE



"Playboy Magazine"
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