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Wesley Searches for New Provost

By Baylul Alem, Jacinda Sicari and Dakota Smith
The Whetstone

Junior Shaquell Richards doesn't know what a provost is.

"The term provost seems important," he said. Wesley College is currently searching for a new Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost.

After former VPAA Patricia Dwyer left her position last summer, the college began its search in the fall. Dr. Jeffrey Gibson, is interim VPAA.



The office of Academic Affairs located on the third floor

Kristen Griffith/The Whetstone

A provost is the senior administrative officer at a college. The provost usually acts as second-in-command to the college President.

The College also created a search committee, led by its chairman, Professor Paul Olsen.

"The college hired R.H. Perry & Associates in order to get our ad placement out there." Olsen said.

The ad was placed on R.H. Perry's site and offered information about the position, opportunities,

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Statistics Reveal Gender and Racial Disparity on President's List

By Brittany Wilson
Managing Editor
The Whetstone

Walking through College Center, many students can't help but notice the two poster-sized lists hanging on the wall across from Starbucks.

One, the Dean's List, includes hundreds of names. The other, the President's List, honoring those who maintain a straight-A, 4.0 GPA, displays only 64.

After a glance, one thing about the President's List becomes plain: most of the students on the President's list are women. Upon further analysis, it was found that most are white, nearly half are nursing majors and



Names of students on the President's List

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more than half come from Delaware.

Brooke Thompson, a junior on the President's List, said she has never heard students talk much

about it.

"It's definitely not something you hear people say they are striving for," she said. "If anything I hear someone say something

like, 'Oh hey, I made the Dean's list,' but I don't think many people even think about the President's list."

According to an article from the New York Times, Department of Education statistics show that women are not only more likely to get their bachelor's degree, but are also more likely to achieve better grades in college than men.

Wesley College is no exception.

Of the 64 students listed on the President's List, 47 are female—more than 73 percent.

Thompson said she was not surprised when she found out women make up

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Former Wesley Coach Charged with Sexual Solicitation of a Minor

By Kristen Griffith
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Former student and Wesley football coach Joshua Rutherford was arrested for soliciting a minor and attempting to deal in child pornography.

The 35-year-old Rutherford chatted with an undercover investigator on social media whom he believed was the father of a teenage girl, the Department of Justice said. The Delaware Child Predator Task Force conducted the undercover



Joshua Rutherford coached at Wesley and Smyrna High School

wesley athletics

investigation.

Rutherford requested naked photos and an opportunity to meet and have sex with the man's "daughter." He arrived at the meeting spot, a park in Dover, on March 11, but instead of meeting a teenage girl and her father, he met the child predator task force and the Delaware State Police Special Operations Response Team.

The Department of Justice said he was charged with one count of Sexual Solicitation of a child under 18 to engage in prohibited

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Opinion: Whetstone Receives Criticism During Town Hall Meeting

By Kristen Griffith
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The town hall meeting held March 22 was the second time President Robert Clark allowed students to share their opinions and concerns.

I appreciated the fact that the president gave students the opportunity to give their input, as he did for seniors when they were upset with the rescheduling of graduation. It shows he cares about the students and wants to fix Wesley's flaws.

But I walked away from the meeting frustrated and annoyed from his comments.

At the meeting, students also complained about the registrar, event planning and communication. Yet Clark chose several occasions to turn responses to other student concerns into a critique of The Whetstone.



Adriane Fraser/TheWhetstone
Kristen Griffith

"The Whetstone has had some really good articles, but there's also been some really bad articles," he said, without mentioning specifically which of the articles were "bad."

This comment came after a student shared his opinion about the registrar asking for high school transcripts.

I have heard the president make statements like this before, but never in front of an audience.

When Clark person-

ally told me an article was "bad," he was referring to the story in November's issue, "Security Accused of Acting Unprofessionally." The reason for his criticism was, "I don't like surprises."

Clark's comments about The Whetstone lasted between two to four minutes, during the hour and 40-minute meeting.

The president said that many faculty and staff don't speak to the newspaper because they say they have been misquoted in the past. I have worked on The Whetstone since 2014 and have yet to receive a complaint about a misquotation. If a source is ever misquoted, a correction will be made online and in the next issue of the paper.

There were two different times when Clark referred to an interview with a student from this semester's journalism class who was speaking with him during her attempt to write about the salaries of Wesley's

highest earners. During the reenactment of their conversation, he told us that he had asked her why she was doing the story, and if she was even interested in the story.

He said she told him it was an assignment from class and that she was personally uninterested in the topic.

Clark then told us that students should not write about topics that don't interest them.

I automatically thought of the hours of hard work I spent on uninteresting assignments I did for classes, for the sake of my credit requirements and GPA.

Clark ridiculed the idea that Wesley's top-paid staff would capture reader's attention.

I raised my hand and explained how the same story was done a year ago, and students liked comparing staff members' salaries to their effectiveness on campus.

I remember a student

telling me how that story should have been on the front page.

"Are students actually interested in Wesley finances?" Clark asked.

A few students told him they were.

The amount of times the president spoke negatively about The Whetstone was enough for students to turn and stare at me in disbelief. Some seemed as shocked as I was. A classmate even texted me, "He's really coming for The Whetstone."

The Whetstone is Wesley's main source of news on campus, and strives to keep students as updated as possible. It is something I am very passionate about and put hours of hard work into.

As an editor, I am always open to constructive criticism and feedback from faculty, staff and administration, but not a public reproach during an event dedicated to students.

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and the qualifications an applicant needs. Some of the qualifications include: a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of higher education, a strong commitment to shared governance, and unquestionable integrity, transparency in approach, and a sense of humor.

The deadline to apply for the position was Jan. 29. At that time, Wesley had received 89 applications, Olsen said.

"R.H. Perry provided the members of the search committee with letters of interest and resumes," he said.

Search Committee members, including elected faculty James Wilson, Victor Greto, Elizabeth Marchioni, and vice president of institutional advancement Chris Wood and Board of Trustee Stephanie Smith-Cristiano, narrowed it down to 20 candidates. R.H. Perry conducted due

diligence on each of those candidates and, with the committee, settled on eight semi-finalists.

The committee interviewed the eight via Skype in early March, and picked three applicants as the remaining finalists: Previous VPAA of Sweet Briar College Dr. Amy Jessen-Marshall, Wesley's current interim VPAA Dr. Jeffrey Gibson and current Dean of Arts and Letters at Indiana University Southeast Dr. Samantha Earley. Each of them spoke with students and faculty March 29, 30 and 31. Faculty and students were given evaluation sheets after the meeting that will be considered when selecting the winner. The final decision will be President Clark's.

"It's not what I am looking for," said President Robert E. Clark II. "It is what is needed for the college and the students, which is why we have a

search team."

The provost will work close with students and faculty. It is also up to the VPAA to approve any guest speakers for student organizations and trips using the campus' name or promoted by the campus. Like Richards, most other students did not know what the position of provost was.

"For as long as I have attended Wesley, I have never heard of the term provost," senior Anastasia Hannah said.

While many students may not know what a provost is, they still have opinions of what they would like from a person in charge.

"I want someone who is tolerant, a people person, someone students can go to if they have a problem," freshman Alexis Royal said.

"I would like someone who is open-minded and

considerate of others," said Kayla Johnson, a freshman at Wesley.

The provost is one of the most important positions at a college or university. He or she is often the right hand of the president, but they do a lot to help the students, faculty and campus life.

"The Vice President of Academic Affairs is the second highest office in the college next to the president," said Frances Riddle, special projects coordinator. "He or she supervises the faculty and makes sure that the programs of the colleges are functioning as they should. He also supervises the library, the office of academic support services of disabilities, and the registrar office."

According to Northern Michigan University, the provost works closely with all department heads and is in charge of both creating and implementing academ-

ic priorities.

At schools such as Widener University in Chester, Pa. the provost fills in for the president when the school searches for a new one or when the president is away.

Students said they want a provost who is going to look out for the student body and listen to their concerns.

"I think it's important to someone who is tolerant and good tempered," said freshman Alexis Royal. "Also, that they are willing to work with students."

Some faculty said they want to see someone who is going to stand up for them.

"I hope they are willing to stand up for faculty and help us move forward in terms of education," said Stephanie Stotts, a professor of environmental studies.

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Sexual Act, and one count of Attempted Dealing in Child Pornography.

At the time, Rutherford was teaching at Smyrna High School where he coached football and track and field.

Rutherford was part of Wesley's football coaching staff for nine years. He worked with the offensive line in 2002 to 2009. In 2008, he received his Master's Degree from Wesley in Sports Management.

Rutherford returned to Wesley Football in 2014 to help train the tight ends.

Junior Brandin Somerville said he was shocked when he heard the news about his former coach.

"You wouldn't have

thought he was doing stuff like that," he said. "It's just shocking to have somebody that you actually have talked to get arrested for something like that."

Sophomore Vince Ebron said he remembers having

a conversation with him about a concussion he had in 2014.

"I can't even begin to think what his family is going through," he said.

Students Talk about What They Should Know on Campus

By Danae' Carter, Raiisha Jefferson, Najya McLean and Brandon Smith
The Whetstone

Freshman Brianna Bacon believes that students should know more about Wesley College's surroundings.

"Honestly, when I came here I didn't know about all the shootings," Bacon said. "Every two or three days it seems like you get the Wesley alerts warning us about the shootings around campus. I've been through certain things where I've told security things and they didn't really help."

Whether it concerns finance, security, food services, student affairs or the president's office, many students say they want to know as much as they can about what's going on.

Security is in charge of keeping the students on campus safe. The college gives students a choice to receive alerts on their phones about shootings or any suspicious activity.

Sophomore Julianna Tedder said her alerts no longer work.

"I signed up for the Wesley alert my freshman year and they stopped after my freshman year," she said. "I tried to get it renewed, but it still doesn't work."

According to the online Wesley College "Clery Act" crime chart, few crimes occur on campus. The Clery Act is a federal law that requires all colleges and universities that participate in federal financial aid programs to keep and disclose information about crime on and near their respective campuses. Wesley's chart includes mostly zeroes.

Attorney advocate Adam Goldstein of the Student Press Law Center believes this is normal.

"It's astonishingly common, schools figured out that there is no penalty for lying," Goldstein said.



Cochise Lucas

Walter Beaupre said students have access to the crime log in the security office

"The department of education has basically turned the Clery Act into a joke. The purpose of those numbers are for students to see what crimes happen around campus. It's absolutely doing nothing to protect students who attend and potential students."

Head of Security Walter Beaupre said students have access to the daily crime log in the security office if they want to know what's going on around campus. Unlike the Clery Act chart, the crime log includes incidents like drinking and "failure to comply."

"The daily crime log includes the general location of the crime on campus, the date and time the crime was committed and reported and the final disposition," he said.

Beaupre did not comment about the zeroes on Wesley's Clery Act crime chart.

Political Science Professor Dr. Armstrong believes students are morally obligated to know what is going on around campus.

"As for students' right to know, I see it as a moral obligation," he said. "The college exists to serve students, which is the rationale for its classification as a non-profit. I believe this implies a moral right-to-know on matters of direct concern to students, which are most matters at a col-

lege."

Armstrong said there are practical reasons why college administrators, faculty and staff should respect student inquiries.

"Students have the right to protest and are free to leave when they feel ill-treated," he said. "A wise administration would want to know what displeases and disturbs students, and it would want to appear as sensitive and cooperative as possible in responding to student concerns."

Students on campus said they believe the finance office does not tell them a lot of information they think is important to them.

"They don't tell us anything and I want to know everything," said freshman Ashley Bennet. "They don't tell you about scholarships or loans. I wasn't supposed to come back this semester, but I called the finance office and they said I owed them \$6,000. My mom called after and they suddenly found a loan they could give me. I feel like you have to really express the money you need in order to get it."

Freshman Kai Lee is in the same boat as Bennett and feels the finance office does not explain what is going on with tuition and the raises.

"I want to know why tuition is going up," he said. "I don't understand why they don't tell students

about the tuition raises. If I want to get out of school in four years, I have to spend more money on classes during the summer. With all the tuition, you'd think we'd have top of the line equipment in the fitness areas."

Senior Makaila Henry thinks the finance office is obligated to tell students about tuition raises and loans.

"Students have the right to know about finances because after college we need to know what we will be paying back," she said. "There are also a lot of hidden fees the college fails to mention, that I didn't know about until I got my bill for the semester."

Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Jeffrey Gibson said the students should know about tuition raises but only if the raise is set in stone.

"Tuition goes up to meet the college's needs," he said. "There is a budget we have to meet and tuition helps with that budget. However, we only give out that information once it has been confirmed and 100 percent true."

Within the food services department, students are wondering why they are able to use their bonus points for the dining hall but not the bookstore.

"Auxiliary points can only be used in the bookstore, bonus points can only be used in the dining outlets," said assistant food services director Mike Dacko.

Aramark and Wesley College have a contract allowing bonus points to be used for meal plans and dining only.

"It is imperative that students have as much information as possible when purchasing a meal plan," Dacko said. "This involves how many bonus points are received and when do they expire, how many times are you able to eat in the café on a given day/

week and are meal swipes able to be used for other students."

A main part of the college is the Office of Student Affairs, but many students do not know what the office does and why it is relevant to their education.

Freshman Jo Young Kim thinks students should know more about what Student Affairs takes care of besides events.

"Every time I go past the Student Affairs door and look in, I don't really see many people in there besides the people that work in there," she said.

"I know they can help you if you ever need to set up an event, but I don't know much about what they do. I've only been in there once during my freshman year, and have never needed to go back because I don't know what else they do."

Student Affairs officials refused to comment on what students should know.

A major concern bothering sophomore Chanel Gray is the lack of privacy students have on campus.

"We have an open campus and not a lot of security," she said. "I would like to know who we could talk to about getting a gate around the campus because the way the college is set up isn't safe."

President Clark said he was making plans to update Wesley's security features to make sure everyone feels safe around campus, including key card access to get into the College Center.

"We have constant security, faculty, staff and myself walking around campus getting to know students so we can tell when someone doesn't belong here," he said. "Soon, we are going to install the key card access that we have in the dorms to the College Center and other major buildings on campus. I think that will make the campus much safer."

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Wesley Community Memorializes Brittany Paige

Wesley students gathered on the Silver Lake bridge to celebrate the life of Brittany Paige with her family members March 16. Paige lost her life March 16, 2015, crossing North State Street during her jog.



Natalie Trujillo
Alyssa Watson, Lauren Gray, Betty Lee and Luke Gegan prepare to release balloons in honor of Brittany's memory



Kristen Griffith/TheWhetstone
A plaque of Brittany Paige hangs from the pole on the Silver Lake Bridge



Kristen Griffith/TheWhetstone
Balloons were released by family, friends, and members of Wesley with messages directed to Brittany



Kristen Griffith/TheWhetstone
Family, friends and members of Wesley gaze at the balloons they released for Brittany



Kristen Griffith/TheWhetstone
Taylor O'Donnel, Shelby Plummer and Bond Marburger remember Brittany by wearing plaid



Natalie Trujillo
Jim Vest, Brittany's father, lights a floating lantern on the Silver Lake bridge

Spring Career Fair

This year's Spring Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 6th from 2:30-4:30pm in the DEN in the College Center. Make sure to save the date! Employers will have opportunities for ALL students and majors, and will be recruiting for part-time, full-time, volunteer and internship opportunities. This is a great opportunity to boost your confidence in communicating with employers, build your professional network and land a position!

Things to do:

- Dress professionally
- Have several copies of your resume to pass along to employers
- Develop and practice your 30 second elevator speech
- Give firm handshakes, maintain eye contact and smile!

Please see Nickolas Lantz, Director of Career Development with any questions or to schedule an appointment to update your resume. Nickolas can be reached at (302) 736-2391 or at Nickolas.Lantz@wesley.edu

Student Writes Motivational Speech for Public Speaking Class

By Kenneth Young

Junior Kenneth Young was assigned to do a motivational speech for his Public Speaking Class (CM 101). He chose to speak about suicides and motivate students to find another way.



Kristen Griffith/The Whetstone
Kenneth Young lost a close friend due to suicide

Suicide is one of the leading causes of death in the U.S.

Many people lose loved ones and friends to suicide every year. Suicide usually stems from depression. De-

pression is becoming more common.

When I was younger, I was depressed. I was antisocial, rarely ever interacting with other people outside of school. Growing up as an only child didn't help. About three years ago, I contemplated suicide. However, I backed out due to dear friends of mine. They helped me gain the willpower that I carry with me today.

Almost two years ago, I lost one of those very dear friends to suicide. Her

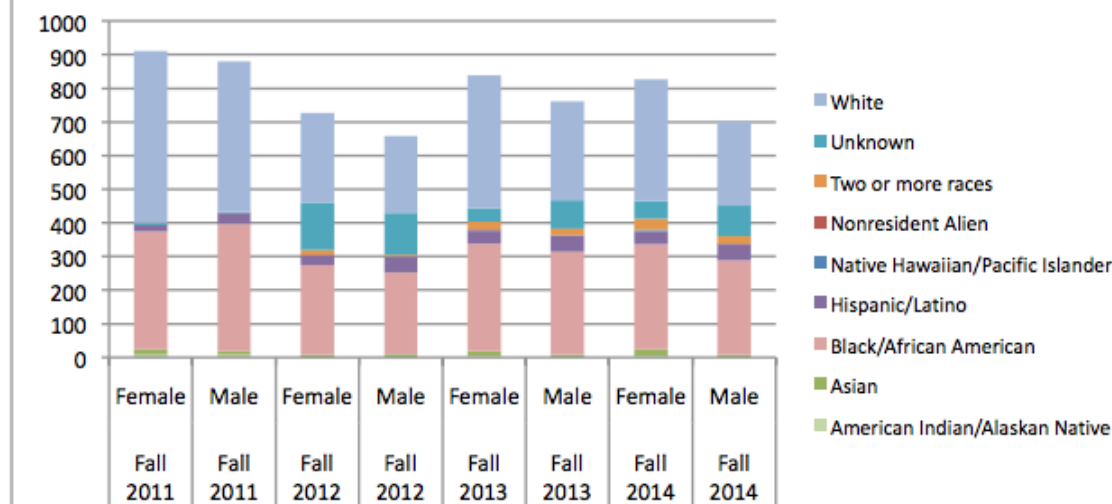
name was Lola. It was devastating, to say the least, but I never gave up. I kept my will strong and never gave up on myself, not just for me, but for her.

I just want to say that you shouldn't give up. If you have a friend who's in a dark place, you should be there for them. We all have people who care about us and love us. That contemplating suicide won't just destroy you, but devastate everyone around you.

Let your friends and loved ones know you care about them. Also, if you feel like you're in that dark place, you should tell someone. Talk to someone. Let them help you. There will always be someone who cares about you and would be willing to help you. Don't let your mind linger in that shadowy place.

From List on p. 1: Nursing majors make up nearly half of President's List

Undergraduate Fall Enrollment by Gender and Ethnicity



Wesley's undergraduate fall enrollment by gender and ethnicity during the years 2011 to 2014

about three-fourths of the list.

"I was always under the impression that lately women have been academically superior to men," she said. "The numbers are not quite as shocking because they correlate with what I've been hearing lately."

About 20 different majors are represented by the students on the list. Still, of the 64 students, nearly half are nursing majors. The psychology department is the second-most represented on the list, about 5 percent.

Dr. Robert Contino, professor of nursing and chair of the nursing department, said he was excited to see so many of his students on the list.

"We do have higher ad-

mission standards than the rest of the college," he said. "In nursing, we have to do this to be sure that we are attracting good students academically. Not only are they responsible for caring for people once they graduate, but they have to pass a licensing exam."

Contino said nursing majors are dedicated students. "There's very few, if any, other majors on campus that require their students to get up at 5 a.m., leave the dorm at 5:30, drive an hour to their clinical, and get home at 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon," he said.

Thompson, who majors in environmental science, said she thinks nursing majors make up about 42 percent of the list because they are required to keep

good grades to remain in the program.

"Nursing majors will be in situations where they could potentially be saving lives, whereas someone like me in environmental science, or someone in math or sports management will not be encountering such serious situations," she said.

More than 56 percent of the students on the President's list are from Delaware. The other states most widely represented on the list include New Jersey (15.6 percent), Maryland (9.4 percent), Pennsylvania (7.8 percent), and New York (4.7 percent).

Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Jeffrey Gibson said the most intriguing part of the

regional statistics is their correlation to the honors program.

"One thing we have been trying to do is recruit more students from the state of Delaware than what we did in the past," he said. "We've seen a large increase in the number of our honors students over the past four or five years. A healthy number of those students are from Delaware, who, for one reason or another, did not want to go out of state. They are quality students."

According to trends in undergraduate enrollment, from 2011-2014 there were about the same number of white and African American students at Wesley. In fall 2014, 594 African American students and 610 white students were enrolled as undergrads—about 79 percent of the student body. Students of other races, such as Asians and Hispanics accounted for the rest.

Of the 64 students on the President's list, 45 (70 percent) are white. The remaining 30 percent is composed of 12.5 percent African American, 7.8 percent Hispanic, 4.7 percent Asian, and 4.7 percent multi-racial students or students of unknown race.

Assuming enrollment numbers have maintained the same trends, about

11.5 (3 of 26) percent of the Asian population on campus is represented on the President's List, followed by 7.4 percent (45 of 610) of white students and about 6 percent of Hispanic students (5 of 86). Only 1.3 percent (8 of 594) of Wesley's African American students is listed.

Thompson said she was more surprised by the racial disparity of the list than any of the other statistics.

"I am shocked that the numbers are not even close," she said, referring to the list's 57.5 percent difference in representation between white students and African American students.

Gibson said these numbers do not imply that the categories with fewer people in them are not equally capable.

Nick McDaniels, a junior on the President's list, said success has more to do with a student's effort and attitude than their gender, ethnicity, or major.

"If more people were open to pursuing new goals rather than just being satisfied with average, at that point is when I think 'Great Things Await' for the Wesley community," he said. "At that point I think the diversity of the Presidents List would increase tremendously."

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Students Discuss If Viral Video Applies to Wesley Sororities

By Lily Engel
The Whetstone

Those who choose not join a sorority or fraternity often say it's because of the stereotypes.

"When I think of sorority girls, I just think of the stereotypical pretty, preppy party girl," said junior Casey Beall.

For them, a video that recently went viral makes a lot of sense.

Alex Purdy, a student at Syracuse University, made a video about her sorority experience. Purdy was new to the sorority scene and wanted to make new friends going into colleges.

"I didn't know much about sororities going into it but I decided to join based on the values that were told to me," Purdy



Lily Engel/The Whetstone

Cheyenne Lazarus said greek organizations should be like a family

said in the video. "It was appealing to hear that it was full of women who encourage each other to be their best self."

But her experience was nothing like the way she expected a sorority should behave.

"The problem is the overwhelming lack of com-

passion for one another," Purdy said in the video. "I was so upset to see the way women treating other women to see women in leadership roles telling us to care more about what other people think and what we look like."

Sophomore Sam Burns believes girls join for a

title rather than the charity work.

"I think sororities are kind of preppy," she said. "I know they are supposed to be doing things for charity but I don't think it is about that anymore. People make it more of a status then actually doing the charity work and things Greek life are actually supposed to do."

Cheyenne Lazarus, Student Activities President and member of Alpha Phi Omega, said she thought Purdy's video was good.

"When I watched the video, I had a lot of respect for her speaking up about what she went through in her sorority," she said.

"When you are in a Greek organization, you are supposed to be like a family to each other and considering what the girl was saying in

the video, she did not want to be in a family that did things she didn't believe in."

Lazarus said the sorority stereotype is often based on movies.

"The tall, pretty blonde girl that's really popular and all about herself," she said. "But in reality, most sorority girls are not like that and that is what people have to understand."

Ashlyn Hare, a Delta Phi Epsilon's alumna, joined a sorority to get more friends and to be part of something. She had a different experience with her sorority.

"If you look at our sorority, there are a lot of different ages and sizes," she said. "They accept you for who you are and they don't expect you to change."

Endowment Fund-Raisers Struggle to Raise Money

By Danae' Carter
The Whetstone

Compared to the University of Delaware and even nearby Delaware State University, Wesley's endowment is barely on the radar.

Endowment funds are long-term investments that can be scholarships or other gifts.

As the donations are invested, Wesley spends the interest money gained.

Chris Wood, vice president of institutional advancement, whose job it is to raise money for several funds, including the endowment, said Wesley's endowment is at about \$7 million.

"Ultimately, schools typically have funds ranging from \$100- to \$200 million dollars," he said. "The endowment offers about



Danae' Carter/The Whetstone

Chris Wood said Wesley has \$7 million in the endowment funds

60 scholarships to be given to students attending the college."

The University of Delaware reported an endowment of more than \$1 billion in 2014. DSU's endowment is more than \$20 million.

"Wesley is a much smaller school, so the additional

funding is not available, but the alumni department focuses on raising money to increase Wesley's funding through donations each year," Wood said.

A few ways Wood's office raises funding is through electronic solicitation to alumni, direct mail, and a phone-a-thon, he said.



Danae' Carter/The Whetstone

The office of institutional advancement is located on state street

"There is a small team that participates in the phone-a-thon," Wood said. "They make about two to three thousand calls to previous givers over a total of fifteen thousand alumni."

The department's fundraising is measured each fiscal year, which starts in July and ends in June.

"About 15 percent of donations are from alumni donating directly to the endowment," Wood said. "Any amount is accepted, but there is a minimum requirement of \$10,000 for endowment donations."

Wood's department of

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Wesley Department of Academic Support on the ARC

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Opinion: Presidential Candidate Preference Should be Based on Fact

By **Brittany Wilson**
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As a waitress, I am asked some really weird questions.

"Has anyone ever told you how great you look in that apron?" "Wow, you work a lot of hours – do you ever leave this restaurant?" "If I tip you a little extra, will you come home with me?" And my personal favorite, "Can you sit down with me so I can buy you a beer?"

Um, no.

These sort of questions can often be countered with a sarcastic remark that will quickly dissolve the situation, no big deal.

But the most awful, dreaded question of all, usually comes from customers who are sober, completely aware, and judging my answer as a basis for whether or not I should be tipped the usual twenty percent. The question



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Brittany Wilson

hangs in the air, heavy and deliberate like wet clothes on the line.

"So who are you voting for?"

As a server, you strive to remain neutral in most things, but especially politics. There is no right answer to this question, mostly because there is no "right candidate." No perfect fit for the presidential position. No perfect answer.

I could make something up, but I answer the question honestly. I haven't

done enough research to know exactly where I stand, or, rather, who I stand with.

I am shocked by the number of people who reply, "Well I haven't done a whole lot of research either, but... (insert very controversial and questionably accurate argument for a presidential candidate's superiority here)."

If you haven't done any research, then where in the world did that information come from?

With the rise of technology, there are plenty of sources a person can use as tools to learn more about each candidate, their strengths and weaknesses, their experience and their projected goals.

The quickest, easiest, most accessible one: social media platforms. Unfortunately, these are also often the least reliable.

Since November, my Facebook newsfeed has been drowning in political propaganda—usually

memes—that make radical claims, take speeches out of context, and only provide its audience with bits and pieces of information; not nearly enough to build an entire argument on.

Rather than finding the candidates' official websites and using them to compare and contrast important issues and thereby formulate their own opinions, many people rely on others' interpretations of the primary source, and proceed to generate opinions based on tainted and biased information.

A friend of mine has been a die-hard Sanders fan from the beginning. She is quick to spat her opinion about it whenever she gets the chance, until last week I asked her what she thought of his tax plan. She stared blankly back at me. "I don't know those kind of details," she said. "I just like how he wants to help people."

Her primary source of information: Other peoples'

tweets and the memes in her Facebook newsfeed.

When she finally did a little research of her own, she said she wasn't sure who she would vote for anymore.

I am by no means a politics junkie, but I cannot help but be disturbed by the role of propaganda in this election. But it is even more disturbing to see how willing people are to rely on other people's ideas and blindly adopt them as their own.

I personally am willing to admit that I haven't done nearly enough research about the 2016 candidates, but I refuse to form an opinion until I do. Otherwise I would be blindly mimicking someone else's perspective, someone else's interpretation, without ever fully understanding the entire context on my own.

What's the point of exercising the right to vote if it's not really my vote at all?

Delta Phi Epsilon Explains Steps Taken to become a Sister

By **Lily Engel**
The Whetstone

Making the decision to pledge to a sorority was the best decision Alyssa Somyk, president of Delta Phi Epsilon, ever made.

After meeting the girls, and getting a taste of the Greek life, she knew she wanted to be part of it.

"I fell in love with all the girls and I was lucky enough to be asked to join," Somyk said.

Making the choice to pledge is just the first step of many before officially becoming a member.

"To join Delta Phi Epsilon, you have to come out to formal and informal events," said Jennifer Jankowski, member of Delta Phi Epsilon (DPE).

Although many come



Lily Engel/The Whetstone
Morgan Jewell, Jennifer Jankowski and Adrienne Bautista tabling in the College Center

out, not all make it into the sorority. The College has a minimum GPA requirement, for example.

The girls host different recruitment events. If a student wishes to join, she must attend all events held. Themes are also involved in the recruitment.

"Every recruitment we host has a different theme," Somyk said. "So this semester is our Greece the movie theme. During our formal recruitment we have a different event every night of the week."

Bid day is an important day for the members of the sorority and the pledges. It is a celebration for all who are chosen to be in the sorority.

"Events are a great way to get to know everyone," said Adrienne Bautista, a member of Delta Phi Epsilon.

"We choose people who come out, they have to be in good standing with the school and have a good GPA," said Morgan Jewell, member of DPE.

Laura Blazewics said she does what she can to help out the ladies of DPE.

"I am their contact if they need anything," she said. "I advise them in assisting in group events and sit in on their regular meetings."

Once into the organization, the new members have to take a six-week new member education program. The sorority sisters learn about DPE. They also have to have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA to join.

"As a chapter, we vote on the girls that come out for us and the top girls that make all the requirements are asked to join Delta Phi Epsilon," Somyk said.

From Endowment on p. 6: VP of Institutional Advancement explains fund-raising and scholarships

institutional advancement raised \$2.78 million in grants for the college, including \$400,000 from alumni.

When it came to honoring former president Johnston, many donors helped

out.

"There were about 50-60 gifts received total," Wood said. "In the end, 1 million dollars was raised for Wesley in honor of him."

Sophomore Quadira Minus said she would have

liked that money to have been put toward more student scholarships.

"How about raising money for the students struggling to continue their education here?" she asked. "That would be a

good idea to get donors involved in."

Junior Dieunise Desir said she believes Wesley has the resources to obtain more for scholarships for students.

"Sixty scholarships for all

the students that go here doesn't make sense at all," she said. "Wesley brings in almost \$40,000 per student, I think the funding just isn't being put to use like it can be."

CrossFit Offers Discount Prices for Wesley Students

By **Dakota Smith**
The Whetstone

For a quarter of the usual price, students at Wesley can train and compete in CrossFit right here in Dover.

In the coming weeks, the Student Government Association (SGA) and George Dobbins, owner of CrossFit Dover, hope to bring Wesley students into the program.

"He wants to set up teams with Wesley," said SGA President Savannah Durham.

Dobbins' student price is \$100 for a 4-week program and \$200 for 8 weeks.

"However, for Wesley, since he really wants to get us involved in the whole



Dakota Smith/The Whetstone

CrossFit charges Wesley students \$50 for an 8-week program

fitness program, he's going to do \$50 for an 8-week program," Durham said.

This is a deal meant only for Wesley students, she said. For that deal they can

compete in a whole CrossFit season with their own teams.

"His goal was not to make a profit, it's just to engage Wesley students

in Fitness," Durham said. "Students can have mixed gender teams and can compete with other Wesley teams. He is also looking into having faculty and staff being able to create teams."

All of this for a quarter of what the CrossFit price usually is. And that price could get even lower.

"He is going to try and find outside sponsors to sponsor Wesley students," Durham said. "So that \$50 payment may decrease."

There are a few ways Wesley students can learn more about this.

Students are happy with the idea of Wesley having such easy access to CrossFit.

"It'll be nice," said junior

DaJahn Lowery. "A lot of people like to work out in the gym here. If people are really serious about lifting that would be a nice place for them to go."

"That's really exciting," said junior Ahmad Crews. "This is like a new window for Wesley students to really explore what their talents are."

"This is a great opportunity for any students pursuing fitness," said George Dobbins, owner of CrossFit Dover. "If you're looking to be part of a team this is something to be part of."

The CrossFit program for Wesley student's starts March 21 for an initial 4-weeks season. Next year should be bigger.

RAs Required to Entertain Residents at Least Three Times

By **Baylul Alem**
The Whetstone

Student Affairs and Residence Life requires every RA to do a minimum of three program events with their residents.

Evan Le'Mon, a junior RA in Roe Hall and president of the Black Student Union, said his job is to figure out what events to hold.

"The last event I did was when I co-sponsored a video tournament with Ryan Shilling (Roe's senior RA), which took place in the main lobby area of Roe Hall," he said.

The program events provide students a way to build a community, Le'Mon said.

"I also have taken my residents to a Black Student



Baylul Alem/The Whetstone

Residents play video games in Roe Hall

Union event, and also held a ping pong tournament in the Underground," he said.

Sophomore RA Mercedes Myrick in Roe Hall said she has done a yoga and coloring event.

Some RA's invite other

dorm buildings or merge with other floors in their own dorm.

"We did a psychological event and twister event over the small break last week and about 10 people showed up from my floor

the honors hall wing," Myrick said.

A few other RA's hold pizza parties, and play Super Smash Bros., a video game tournament.

"Two weeks ago on a snow day, I had a study session event that a few of my residents showed up to," said Alyssa Watson, a sophomore in Roe Hall. "The event kept them occupied and involved although it was last minute."

Although it is a requirement for RA's to plan events, all said they enjoy doing it and having a positive turnout.

Watson said her residents in Roe made Valentine's Day cards for a nursing home where another RA works.

Preparation for the video

game tournaments takes about 6-8 hours because of all the work that needs to be done.

"The first video game tournament I hosted was a trial run and about 20 people showed up and played the game," said junior Ryan Shilling, a senior RA in Roe Hall. "My residents continuously ask me to host another one. The second time I hosted the event, I ended up combining the first floor with the third floor on the east side."

Shilling said it was a big turnout and that he did it as a de-stresser for exam week and had prizes available for the first, second and third-place winners.

Wesley Dorms Tighten Visitation and Guest Policy

By **Baylul Alem**
The Whetstone

Sophomore Ellen Felton said she doesn't like Wesley College's visitation policies.

"I am all for the freedom in College, but since I have lived on campus the rules of the visitation policy became stricter and unnecessary," said the Zimmerman Hall resident.

Students must show their ID to the Area Office Assistant/RA stationed in the



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Area Coordinator John Caldora said since Zimmerman Hall has multiple entrances, they rely on security and cameras to watch for policy violations

lobby in all residence halls during the evening hours starting at 8 p.m.

All guests must be signed out by 12 a.m. on weekdays and 2 a.m. on weekends if they have not filled out the visitation form 24 hours in advance.

"The new policy is being evenly enforced, and as Wesley grows and develops we are looking for new ways to keep our students safe," said Stephanie Reiley, an area coordinator of Roe Hall.

"The policy remains the

same for the entire on campus population," she said. "However, upperclassmen who live in apartment- or suite-style housing are still expected to sign in all guests and file visitation forms for approval of overnight guests."

Wesley's guest policies keep students safe as well as maintaining the educational environment of the residence hall, Reiley said.

"We expect all students to follow the guest policy that was distributed at the

- Please see Visitation p. 9

Students Prefer Curly Not Straight

By Jake Bradner
The Whetstone

Some prefer it straight, some prefer it curly. But apparently at Wesley College, nobody prefers curly over straight.

A recent survey conducted by Aramark found that every student at Wesley preferred straight fries over curly.

"There was not enough fry in the curly fry, it wasn't potatoey enough," said Retail Supervisor Kristian Neal. "They preferred a thicker cut fry that was less crispy."

As a result of the survey, the curly fry is no more at The Den.

They only serve the regu-



Donald Davis munches on straight fries from the den

Jake Bradner/The Whetstone

lar straight fry now and many students have no problem with this. In fact, most of them straight-up agree with the survey.

"Personally, I think the fries are pretty good," said sophomore Dakota Smith. "They kind of taste like curly fries, but they're a lot thicker, which I guess is good because you have a lot more potato in there."

"I strongly prefer the new fries over curly because they taste like Old Bay fries and they're way more potatoey," said junior Brandon Smith.

"I like the regular fries better than the curly fries, I think they taste better," said sophomore Ben Watson. "Curly fries were never really my thing."

There are some students more coiled for curly fries.

"I like the curly fries a little bit more," said junior Lily Engel. "I think they have better taste and I think they're a little crispier. Although I do like the natural cut fries."

"I have not tried the new fries yet, but I do miss the curly fries," said junior Darren Jones. "I liked how they were crunchy and had a good taste. I liked the texture, and they always tasted fresh."

For some, though, the type of fry doesn't matter to them.

"As long as they're seasoned correctly, I have no problem with them," said junior Donald Davis.

Dining Staff May Open Den Saturday and Sunday

Jake Bradner
The Whetstone

No more may students have to look for food elsewhere on the weekends.

Aramark is currently discussing plans for The Den to open on Saturdays and Sundays for students at Wesley College.

"Probably sometime this semester, we're going to do a couple of trial runs on the weekends," said Assistant Food Director Mike Dacko. "If we get a good response from the students, it may end up being something we do permanently starting in the fall."

Recently, The Den was open to students on Sunday for the Super Bowl and there was a great turn-out.



Darren Jones orders from the den

Jake Bradner/The Whetstone

"We wanted to try something new and it turned out to be very successful," Dacko said.

Many Wesley students said they would be happy to see The Den open on the weekends.

"I think it'd be very resourceful if The Den were to open on the weekends," said junior Donald Davis.

"Having The Den open on the weekend will give students more of an option instead of depending on

the cafe who sometimes tend to have bad food choices" said junior Brandon Smith.

"I think it'd be a great alternative for students on the weekend to find other foods rather than Ramen noodles or something from their room," said senior Nick McDaniels.

Although junior Lily Engel is a commuter and barely comes to campus during weekends, she thinks having The Den open all week would be a great idea.

"Usually students go out to McDonald's or Taco Bell, so going to The Den would save them some money," she said. "It'd probably be a lot healthier, too."

Students mostly agree that opening The Den

on the weekends would benefit them since a lot of them don't leave for the weekend.

"They should open it on the weekend because on the weekend, people are hungry and most people don't want to drive or go out far," said junior Darren Jones.

"Me in particular, I don't leave campus, so I'm here every weekend," said sophomore Ben Watson. "The cafe is only open from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and 4-6 p.m., and no one really wants to eat that early. So having The Den open here on the weekend would really help out a lot."

From Visitation on p. 8: New Policy Makes Students Show I.D. to RA or AC After 8 p.m.



Williams Hall resident, Austin Eitel, said some of the visitation rules should not be enforced

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beginning of the semester and which can be found in the Student Handbook," said John Caldora, area coordinator of Gooding Hall.

"In buildings where there are multiple entrances and exits (like Malmberg and Zimmerman), we rely more on what security can see on cameras, resident reports, and what RAs and security staff see, than what the area office assistants see at the desk," he said.

All resident halls have area office assistants.

"There is a Federal Work

Study position we created to relieve RAs from their desk duties so they can perform rounds and assist residents while on duty," he said.

The desk assistants are more comparable to door managers, Caldora said.

"I monitor who comes in and out of the building and make sure that the residents have their ID's. I also make sure they sign in anyone who is visiting," said Kia Smith, desk assistant of Zimmerman.

Some students believe

that the rules treat them like children.

"I get the visitation policy is a call for safeness, but as an adult some of those rules should not be enforced said," said freshman Austin Eitel in Williams Hall.

But others think the rules are important.

"Since Wesley College is an open campus anyone can step foot on it, so I think those rules are necessary," said sophomore Donasja Cooper from Zimmerman Hall.

Significant Number of Super Seniors Occupy Wesley

By Jake Bradner and Emily Temple
The Whetstone

Tiana Crosby knew she would become a super senior by the end of her first semester.

"I was in Legal Studies, and halfway through I realized I didn't want the major," Crosby said. "But I didn't get out before the semester ended. I failed a major course, and ended up at college an extra semester after changing to Psychology."

Crosby, like many Wesley students, took more than four years to complete her degree. In fact, accord-

"If it takes longer than 6 years to complete a 4 year degree, federal aid may be exhausted based on the 'Lifetime Eligibility Usage' limits that the federal government imposes."

—Michael Hall, director of student financial aid

ing to Complete College America, only 19 percent of students at most 4-year colleges complete a degree within four years.

But an extended stay is not a death sentence.

"Students say they want to finish 'on time,' but the notion of strict 'on time' has to be fluid," said Dr. Jeffrey Gibson, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs. "When a student withdrew or didn't pass a course, transferred a major, or has any other circumstances, the definition of 'on time' has to shift."

While Wesley and other colleges track data on retention rates over four- and six-year terms, there are few statistics available that show how many students are currently past their fourth year in college.

Gibson said this is due to the sheer number of factors, including transferring in and out of Wesley,



Emily Bentz said her double major may cause her to be a super senior

taking semesters and even years off for family, and sports-related reasons.

"It's better to start out strong and hard, that way if you do fall off a little bit, you can easily come back up, but it's hard catching up when you fall off in the beginning."

—Christina Montague

Gibson also said that Wesley is more homogenous in this respect than many public universities.

"At Wesley, most students fall into the traditional age range [for college students]," he said.

"At a public university, you're more likely to find a variety of people in your classes outside this range, taking more time to complete their degrees or only attending college part-

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—Christina Montague

time."

Gibson, who attended the University of Central Florida, said he took five years to receive his bachelor's degree.

"In the beginning, I took classes to feel 'solid' about college, then I caught up with summer courses and additional classes," he said.

While Crosby's change of major impacted her graduation time, she also said that her work ethic played a role.

"I should've turned in more work complete and on time," she said.

Christina Montague also said that failing classes led her becoming a super senior.

"Some of my classes I had to repeat, some classes I could've taken over the summer, or at other schools," she said. "But I chose not to do that."

Junior Emily Bentz is concerned not about a lack of work, but an excess.

"Spring of Freshman year I officially declared myself a music major with a concentration in theory and

composition, and then my sophomore year I added on English with a concentration in writing," she said.

Bentz said she wasn't prepared for the amount of work this would entail.

"The way that it's set up, senior year for music you have to do a capstone project, but senior year for English you have to do an internship," she said.

While Bentz is not yet a super senior, she said she understands what consequences may arise from this status.

"Obviously, if I stay here longer, that means I'm going to have to be paying tuition, and I'd have to find a place to stay," she said.

The most critical effect for many students is money.

According to Mike Hall, director of student financial aid, the cost of tuition can rise substantially as a student stays past four years.

"Although institutional

aid doesn't change, or isn't affected by an extended completion, sometimes a student's federal aid eligibility may be reduced," Hall said.

"For example, if it takes longer than six years to complete a 4-year degree, federal aid may be exhausted based on the 'Lifetime Eligibility Usage' limits that the federal government imposes."

The cost is not always this clear, according to Complete College America, which considers an average of \$45,327 in lost wages on top of tuition for each additional year of attendance.

Although the statistics on super seniors are difficult to track, Wesley has strategies in place to keep students on balance.

"Curriculum maps are set up so students should be

is not always available, however.

"It's all additional work on the part of the faculty, and most agree to it, but because it's done so often it's expected even when it's not possible," Gibson said.

Another measure open to students is to take required courses over the summer rather than during the fall or spring semester. These courses are offered both online and on campus.

Although the statistics on super seniors are difficult to track, Wesley has strategies in place to keep students on balance.

Emily Bentz is taking summer courses as a super-senior preventive measure.

"I found out that the only three that I needed were online," she said. "Since I live out of state, it's easier to stay home and do them



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able to be caught up within a four year period," Gibson said.

He added that most professors are accommodating with students who need to catch up on a course or two.

"Wesley's better at this than some universities where necessary courses are offered only once every few years," he said. "If a student is off-sequence at Wesley, most departments offer independent studies for their proposed graduation date."

Gibson said he is currently working with a student who needs credit for a class offered only in the fall semester.

An independent study

online instead of commuting here, and finding a job for the three or four days that I'm not in class during the week."

Montague says the best prevention is planning ahead.

"It's better to start out strong and hard, that way if you do fall off a little bit, you can easily come back up, but it's hard catching up when you fall off in the beginning."

Crosby agreed.

"If you think you'd do better with a change, make the change ASAP," she said. "Don't wait for life to hand you something because oftentimes it won't."

The vast majority of American college students do not graduate on time ... but many more can — saving themselves and their families precious time and money.

Complete College America

Complete College America said super seniors are common in colleges and universities

Wesley Programs Help Improve Student Retention

By Kristen Griffith
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Freshman Monshea Murray said she knew freshmen from fall semester who left Wesley for a lot of reasons.

"Some people say this college wasn't for them," she said. "Some people said it was too small and they wanted to go to a bigger university, some people



Adriane Fraser/The Whetstone

Junior Nicole Evanko said some of her friends didn't return to Wesley for financial reasons

said school wasn't for them; this was like a test run for them."

Wesley's administration and faculty say they are attempting to increase student retention after a significant number of freshmen did not return from 2009 to 2010.

After student retention decreased by 9.8 percent in 2010, the administration set up committees to research why students left and how to get them to stay.

In 2009, nearly half of all fulltime first-time freshmen stayed for their second year. But in 2010, only about 40 percent were retained.

Murray said she suspects some freshmen aren't serious about school.

"It kind of makes me wonder because they're in the square [North Plaza] for hours," she said.

She said she can hear them from her room in Gooding Hall.

"When do you have time to do your homework or go to class," she said. "They're there when I got to class, they're there when I get out of class, they're there at night, they're there in the morning. I just wonder when do you have the time to focus on your academics."

After the 2011 freshmen

entered, interim Vice President of Academic Affairs Jeffrey Gibson said a consulting group suggested measures to take to elevate

also persist and be successful in their coursework," he said. He said retention has been at its best these last two years.

"We can see that in our classrooms because we have many more students in upper level classes than we have seen in years past," he said.

According to college's own statistics, more than half of 2012 and 2013 freshmen stayed for their second year, a 12.5 percent increase from 2011.

Gibson said he predicts a slight increase for the 2014 and 2015 freshmen. "Many of the systems that we put into place that helped us improve the retention 11 percentage points," he said. "They're still in place including some other initiatives as well. I hope that would mean a steady increase."

Wanda Anderson, dean of students, also said retention rates continue to improve.

"Each year more students are making the decision to stay at Wesley which is a wonderful thing," she said.

She said Wesley and the students themselves aren't the problems when it comes to leaving Wesley.

"A college experience must be a good fit academically, socially, financially, etc., for a student to stay and graduate from the college," Anderson said.

She said a number of reasons could lead to students leaving.

"The expectations of what college would be like is different from the student's reality when they come to campus, students inability to adjust to their new environment, financial obstacles, academic challenges and/or personal issues," Anderson said.

Chief Financial Officer Dr. Christine Gibson said some students leave Wesley for financial reasons, but many are personal.

"Each student has a different situation and we consider a wide variety of factors when helping

Retention Tracking
(Freshman to Sophomore; Sophomore to Junior; Junior to Senior)

	Freshman Cohort - 1 st Year	Retained to 2 nd year	% Retained to 2 nd year	Retained to 3 rd year	% Retained to 3 rd year	Retained to 4 th year	% Retained to 4 th year
2009 FTFT Freshmen	476	230	48.3%	148	31.1% (from 1 st year) 64.3% (from 2 nd year)	129	27% (from 1 st year) 87% (from 3 rd year)
2010 FTFT Freshmen	488	193	38.5%	121	24.6% (from 1 st year) 62.7% (from 2 nd year)	108	22% (from 1 st year) 89% (from 3 rd year)
2011 FTFT Freshmen	493	195	39.5%	124	25% (from 1 st year) 63.6% (from 2 nd year)	112	22.7% (from 1 st year) 90.3% (from 3 rd year)
2012 FTFT Freshmen	536	281	52%	225	42% (from 1 st year) 80.1% (from 2 nd year)		
2013 FTFT Freshmen	428	221	52%				

The retention tracking statistics show that more than half of the 2012 and 2013 freshmen returned for their second year

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students with financial assistance," she said. "We administer Federal, State and private aid appropriately as it applies to each student."

CFO Gibson said they do what they can with the resources available to help students and their families financially.

"But there is a cost to attend a private college or any college or university and each family has to work out their solutions based on what is right for them," she said.

She said some advice she offers students is to fill out FAFSA and other required documents early.

"For ensuring you receive aid once it is awarded and if you are selected by verification by the Federal Government - respond quickly with tax documents and other items as required," she said. "The pro-active student receives everything that is available in the form of financial aid and those who procrastinate



Kristen Griffith/The Whetstone

Dr. D'Antonio said a lot of freshmen from 2008, 2009 and 2010 did not return for a second semester

investigate."

Murray said the size of the campus keeps her at Wesley.

"It's easier to get closer with your professors and they actually care about you," she said. Evanko said she made Wesley a home since her hometown is five hours away.

"Here I made a lot of friends and I just really enjoy the environment and being like a family here," she said.

Dr. Angela D'Antonio said freshmen who came in 2008, 2009 and 2010 were part of big classes.

"We had a great enrollment, but so many students left after the first semester," she said.

D'Antonio, a psychology professor, leads the Academic Affairs Committee.

Crime Log for February and March 2016

Date Reported	Date Occurred	Nature of Crime / Classification	General Location	Disposition
2/18/16	2/17/16	Harassment	Wentworth Gym	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/18/16	2/18/16	Guest Violation / Verbal Altercation	Zimmerman Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/19/16	2/15/16	Failure to Comply / Noise Violation	Gooding Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/19/16	2/15/16	Failure to Comply / Noise Violation	Gooding Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/19/16	2/18/16	Failure to Comply	Carpenter Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/20/16	2/20/16	Vandalism	Malmberg Hall	Opened
2/20/16	2/20/16	Failure to Comply / Noise Violation	Malmberg Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/20/16	2/20/16	Failure to Comply / Noise Violation	Malmberg Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/21/16	2/21/16	Disorderly Conduct / Failure to Comply	Gooding Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/21/16	2/21/16	Disorderly Conduct / Failure to Comply	Gooding Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/21/16	2/21/16	Disorderly Conduct / Failure to Comply	Gooding Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/21/16	2/21/16	Alcohol Violation (Underage)	Williams Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/21/16	2/21/16	Suspicious Person	Parker Library	Closed (Negative Findings)
2/22/16	2/21/16	Harassment	Gooding Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/23/16	2/23/16	Criminal Property Damage	Williams Hall	Opened
2/24/16	2/24/16	Disruptive Behavior	College Center	Closed
2/24/16	2/20/16	Sexual Harassment	Carpenter Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/25/16	2/25/16	Noise Complaint	Parker Library	Closed (Students Dispersed)
2/25/16	2/25/16	Noise Complaint	Roe Hall	Closed (Warning Issued)
2/25/16	2/25/16	Noise Violation	Williams Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/26/16	2/26/16	Alcohol Violation (Underage) / Noise Violation	Zimmerman Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/26/16	2/26/16	Alcohol Violation (Underage)	Zimmerman Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/26/16	2/26/16	Alcohol Violation (Underage)	Zimmerman Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/26/16	2/26/16	Weapons Violation	Williams Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/26/16	2/26/16	Dating Violence / Physical Altercation	Malmberg Hall	Closed
2/27/16	2/27/16	Marijuana Odor	Gooding Hall	Closed (Unfounded)
2/27/16	2/27/16	Criminal Damage	Malmberg Hall	Closed
2/27/16	2/27/16	Assault	Malmberg Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/29/16	2/23/16	Alcohol Violation (Underage)	Roe Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
3/1/16	3/1/16	Attempted Extortion	Longwood Hall	Referred to Dover Police
3/1/16	3/1/16	Disorderly Conduct	Parker Library	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
3/1/16	Between 2/18-2/22/16	Theft	Zimmerman Garage	Opened
3/2/16	3/2/16	Communicating a Threat	Zimmerman Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
3/12/16	3/12/16	Suspicious Activity	Campus Grounds	Closed (Left Campus and Reported to DPD)
3/15/16	3/4/16	Alcohol Violation (Underage)	Malmberg Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
3/15/16	3/4/16	Alcohol Violation (Underage)	Malmberg Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
3/15/16	3/4/16	Alcohol Violation	Malmberg Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
3/16/16	3/16/16	Suspicious Person	Zimmerman Hall	Closed
3/18/16	3/18/16	Physical Altercation	Off Campus	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
3/18/16	3/18/16	Harassment	Various	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
3/18/16	3/18/16	Communicating a Threat	Carpenter Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
3/19/16	3/19/16	Suspicious Person (s)	Off Campus	Closed (Negative Findings)
3/19/16	Between Evening 3/17/16-Morning 3/18/16	Theft	Zimmerman Hall	Opened
3/19/16	3/19/16	Communicating a Threat	Dulany Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
3/20/16	Unknown	Burglary / Theft / Criminal Damage	Williams Hall	Opened
3/20/16	3/20/16	Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Manufacture and/or Deliver / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	Off Campus	Closed (Arrested by DPD and Referred for Disciplinary)
3/20/16	3/20/16	Communicating a Threat	Zimmerman Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
3/20/16	3/20/16	Trespassing / Harassment	Gooding Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
3/22/16	3/22/16	Burglary / Theft	Zimmerman Hall	Opened
3/24/16	3/24/16	Dating Violence / Alleged Physical Assault	Off Campus	Opened
3/25/16	3/25/16	Assault	In Front of Gooding Hall	Closed (DPD Responded / Referred for Disciplinary)