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Title IX Article Gets Diverse Reactions



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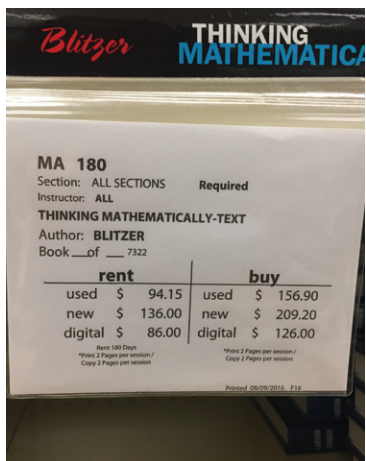
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By Brittany Wilson and Kristen Griffith
Co-Editors-in-Chief
The Whetstone

Natalie Trujillo stood in the College Center, handing out merchandise to anyone willing to take something. Dozens of students walked away with Whetstone pens, t-shirts, coffee mugs and beer koozies—but nothing seemed to excite them as much as the semester's first November edition of the paper.

"It was nice to know the majority of students were supportive of the one outlet where students are able to share their opinions," Trujillo said. "Students look forward to new issues since *The Whetstone* has the ability to expose information at Wesley that is crucial to students' experience."

The issue included articles about homecoming, the rugby coach's resignation, and Wesley College's violation of Title IX.

But in the days that followed the distribution of



Bryheim Muse

President Clark at SGA's Coffee and Concerns

The Whetstone, senior Kevin Johnson said all students seemed to talk about was the article featured on the issue's front page titled "Title IX: Students Concerned President's History Will Repeat Itself," (<http://www.whetstone.wesley.edu/2016/11/04/title-ix-students-concerned-presidents-history-will-repeat-itself-2/>)

The article detailed the struggle of United States Naval Academy former-midshipman, Annie Kendzior, who expressed her

concerns about Wesley College President Robert Clark's past in handling cases of sexual assault.

Although Kendzior says she was raped on two separate occasions as a freshman in 2008, she did not report the incidents until 2011—the same year Clark became commandant at the Naval Academy. A few months later, Clark chaired the hearing that sent Kendzior home before she could graduate.

Johnson said he wasn't surprised when he read the

article.

"With all the events that have been transpiring since President Clark came into office, I wasn't surprised he said some of the things said in the article," he said. "All in all, I thought the article was solid."

Kendzior said she initially reached out to *The Whetstone* because she did not want a story like hers to repeat on Wesley College's campus.

"I hope to continue to bring awareness to this issue that is far too common in our society and to help prevent it from happening to another person," she said. "Speaking out gives those who are hiding in fear or shame a voice that deserves to be heard."

Dr. Kathleen Curran however, said students shouldn't be concerned with Clark's history.

"First of all, President Clark is in a different position – he is no longer equivalent to the Dean of Students and thus he would not be involved initially, and perhaps not at

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Students Graduate Slowly but Surely

By Danae' Carter
The Whetstone

When Ryan Sanders became a junior and wanted to switch to Multimedia Communication, he knew he'd have to spend a lot more time at Wesley College.

"I realized going into my junior year that I would be a super senior," Sanders said. "I came to Wesley a sports management major. I knew changing my major so late into my time at Wesley would put me further behind."

When students commit to a college after high school, they often look forward to no more than four years of study before getting their bachelor's degrees.

A traditional 4-year bachelor's degree may potentially turn into a 5-year or 6-year plan for many students who have transferred to or from other

schools, changed majors, dropped classes for which they were unprepared, or had to attend several remedial courses.

That's for those who decide to tough it out.

Only about 11 percent of those who stay graduate in four years.

Junior Chiquita Deline said she was surprised at the statistics.

"After finding this in-

formation out, I realized I really need to pay attention to my advising module to make sure I'm on the right track to get out of here next year," she said.

Wesley Provost and Vice

President of Academic Affairs Jeffrey Gibson said he thinks the advising module is a great advantage for students. "Our registrar is continuing to implement an advising module that allows students to basically pull up their degree audit in real time so they can see where they are," he said. "It's the same thing their adviser sees and registrars as well, so everyone is on the same page. It is a big help." Academic support tutor Dieunise Desir said she has had many encounters with students wanting to drop classes because they could not keep up.

"They'll come to me seeking help with a class and feel their only solution is to withdraw," she said. "Students have to remember that withdrawing does not exempt them from taking the class. To stay on track

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Danae' Carter/The Whetstone

Ryan Sanders became a super senior when he switched his major during his junior year

Only one of every five Wesley College students will graduate at all, according to the National Center for Education, which provides college statistics from the Department of Educa-

tion. Only about 11 percent of those who stay graduate in four years.

Wesley Provost and Vice

Opinion/Letter to the Editor: Parents of Victim Say President Doesn't Get It

By Russ and Lisa Kendzior

After reading President Bob Clark's press release denouncing the truth of both the story's authors and that of my daughter Annie and myself (Nov. 2016 *Students Concerned President's History Will Repeat Itself*), my heart sank and I am again reminded that he just doesn't get it.

What I would have hoped to hear from Bob Clark in 2016, five years after he bungled Annie's rape case, was a sense of remorse for what happened to Annie – how he would have done things differently, and how he has learned from that experience.

It was a painful experience for everyone. Now that he is a civilian, it would have been decent of him to offer his apologies to a then 20-year-old woman he kicked out of the U.S. Naval Academy for doing nothing wrong.

The facts are simple: After almost three years of carrying the burden of being raped, Annie was experiencing the early signs of post-traumatic stress disorder and was not feeling supported within her company.

She took the bold move of requesting "mast," which, for those who are unfamiliar with the term, is a last ditch option midshipmen have to speak to their most senior military



The November issue of The Whetstone

Kristen Griffith/The Whetstone

commander on the base. Requesting mast is very rare and reserved for serious issues.

Captain Robert Clark, who was the chief of command of nearly 5,000 men and women who served in the brigade of midshipmen, agreed to meet with her. In that meeting, Annie told him that her emotional distress was largely because she felt consistently singled out by the leadership in her company and requested to be moved to another company.

By this time Annie was in a deep emotional hole, a dark place where she felt helpless and hopeless and that, as a last resort, was asking for the mercy of the chief in command. Bob chose to keep his distance on her case.

Clark had full access to both her academic and military service files and should have asked himself why this 20-year-old, female midshipman with an above 3.0 GPA in Applied Mathematics, who was a

blue-chip highly recruited varsity athlete, was requesting mast? What was going on?

He also had to know (or should have known) that Annie had spoken of being sexually assaulted to several people in the USNA community, including midshipmen, her therapist on the yard, and all Navy medical staff who had ever asked if she had ever been raped.

As the father of my only daughter who is thousands of miles away in a government-run institution that personally assured my family that they would take care of her, it truly felt as if he did not want the facts to get in the way of influencing his decision. But why would the Commandant of Midshipmen, the second highest ranked officer at the U.S. Naval Academy, not want to get to the truth about what is going on within the ranks of his command?

Bob spent his entire career in a male-only

submarine force where he had little to no experience working with and leading women. From an outsider's perspective, he had no desire to get involved with a highly sensitive and political subject like the rapes of my daughter.

To think that somehow Bob Clark is a different person today than a mere five years ago is hard for my family to believe.

Instead of stepping up to the plate and doing his duty of ensuring the safety and well-being of the young, college-aged men and women under his command, he chose to continue to nourish the military culture where victims of rape are re-victimized and kicked out, while their perpetrators graduate and go on to lead enlisted men and women in our Navy and Marine Corps.

Within a year of Annie filing her lawsuit, another female midshipman came forward publicly, which finalized Bob Clark's removal as Commandant of Midshipmen.

Captain Clark was sent off to Penn State where he was tasked with leading their ROTC program. A few years after that, he retired from the Navy as Captain and was hired by Wesley College to now lead their institution and student body.

Having read the article published in the Whetstone last week, I was shocked to hear that a member of Wes-

ley's faculty who served on the search committee, did a "quick Google search" and "found several articles about Kendzior's case" but apparently did not investigate any further. Is it not important to understand, in detail, how a potential candidate for a college's President handled rapes in his previous position of leading young men and women?

Annie's story made international news. There were in-depth stories done by CNN, ESPN, and most of the leading print publications. At the very least, it should have been researched by those charged with that responsibility.

Your students, fellow faculty, staff and alumni deserve better.

My comments are based on my personal experience and first-hand knowledge of Wesley College's newest President. Annie's separation papers are signed by Bob Clark and what happened at her separation hearing, which was chaired by Bob Clark, tell the real story.

Lastly, this is not something I and my family enjoy talking about. We do it, not just for Annie's sake and reputation, but for all the other "Annies" and their parents who, God forbid, may someday have to go through the trauma of rape while being further victimized by those who were entrusted with protecting their safety and welfare.

Opinion/Letter to the Editor: Former Coach Responds to Whetstone Article

By Chris "Coach Baby" Henry

Referring to the derogatory article printed the November issue of *The Whetstone* titled, "Title IX: Women's Rugby Coach Resigns During Investigation."

First, allow me to address the fact that the investigation was not for a Title IX infringement, but an investigation to verify the complaints against me as a coach and staff member of Wesley College, which fell under Title IX. I was found "not responsible," according to my Title IX rep, Heather Schalk.

Second, I would like to give a brief history of events leading to the complaints.

I was the head coach of the Women's Rugby Team



Coach Chris Henry and the women's rugby team

Chris Henry

in spring 2016, until Coach Kevin Phillipson neglected to pay the player's individual dues to USA RUGBY & EPRU without our knowledge. Phillipson also spent all the budget on men's uniforms, a professional photo shoot, calendars for fundraising, and their USARUGBY & EPRU dues and travel expenses.

The season ended early and the club was fined.

I was hired as head coach of the rugby program, men and women, in August. I had the vision to build the rugby program into something we could be proud of by promoting Wesley. I was given a "proposed" budget of approximately \$11,000 for two seasons and it was split between the men and women.

I was told that some budgets at Wesley could be cut

by 40 percent, but not to worry about rugby. We had the money to start up the rugby program, but it was taken away. We were told that rugby was a start-up but was now broke.

Dean Anderson attempted to take part of another program's budget to give to the rugby team, but this was denied.

To at least pay for the women's uniforms, Anderson loaned the team \$1,575 to cover the cost. The team owes that amount back to Anderson.

I was also told that rugby will be a "test" for future athletic clubs. We were to be treated as a real sports team, yet we were denied the use of Wesley facilities. However, a real sports team runs as a business, and we did not have a booster club like most

sports teams do or did in high school.

As for the Rhino rugby uniforms (jerseys, shorts and socks), I ordered them twice during a half-off sale. They were supposed to be ordered in mid-August, but the women did not have the money to start the \$800 order. A late September email from the Rhino representative said, "Wesley is dragging their feet on your payment," which explained the delay of the uniforms.

Although the men could not raise their dues nor find enough players to field a team, the women succeeded in fundraising. I was extremely proud of their efforts and help.

I had many Wesley promises broken, frustrating all of us. This led to aggres-

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all, in any such cases," she said.

Curran said Kendzior might not have upheld the Naval Academy's honor system.

"Technically Miss Kendzior would not have been expelled for being the victim of the assault, or reporting a sexual assault, but for violating the honor code," she said.

November 4, only a few days after the story was published, Clark sent a campus-wide email to Wesley students, faculty and staff to "comment" on the article.

He said he would not release any information about the case for privacy reasons.

"Though I will not talk about detailed specifics concerning Ms. Kendzior's case... I will say that the comments presented in the Whetstone article in terms of my interactions with Ms. Kendzior and what led up to her dismissal are incomplete, misleading and untrue," the email said.

Kendzior said she thought the article was a fair and thorough account of what happened to her at the Naval Academy.

"It's the same story that has been reported by ESPN, CNN, The Guardian and dozens of other media outlets," she said. "I guess those are all 'incomplete, misleading, and untrue' too?"

Curran said Clark gave the only response he could.

"The only way he could address the accusations directly would be to share confidential information," she said. "It would have devolved into a 'he said, she said' scenario very quickly."

Four days after Clark's email was sent, Wesley's SGA hosted "Coffee and Concerns," a town hall meeting in the College Center that offers students the opportunity to express their frustrations and concerns to the student leadership, and brainstorm viable solutions.

SGA invited Clark to address the student's concerns regarding the article that had been published in *The Whetstone*.

SGA Secretary Kelsey Fitzpatrick said they had hoped the president would ease students' concerns with an explanation of the case featured in *The Whetstone's* article, but his response did not help.

"I was expecting his answers to have a bit more clarity and to leave a better feeling about the situation after," she said.

The College Center lobby's chairs and couches were organized auditorium-style facing the SGA executive board. This seating filled up quickly, and students began dragging chairs in from The Den so they would have a place to sit.

Sophomore Marquita Dickerson-Frisby said she

Dickerson-Frisby said Clark's response was vague and sometimes off-topic.

"He wasn't being direct at all," she said. "There was something not right with the situation because of how he was answering the questions. It was just weird."

Dickerson-Frisby said she was already familiar with the way Clark avoids answering questions after attending last semester's open forum. She said she

answers to both questions.

When asked what specifically in the article was "incomplete, misleading and untrue," Clark mentioned the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights' (OCR) quote, which said Title IX does not apply to the United States' Naval Academy.

"As indicated in our regulations at 34 C.F.R. Part 106.13, Title IX does not apply to 'educational institution(s) whose primary purpose is the train-

"I had a call with the NCIS investigating team and my lawyer in mid-October 2013 where they told me that the males who raped me claimed that it was all consensual so there was no evidence for their case to continue," she said. "I was kicked out July 2011 so it was quite a while before any official NCIS investigation was finalized."

Clark mentioned that Kendzior's father had filed several law suits against the Naval Academy, but nothing ever came of them.

Kendzior said that she was the one who filed the civil suit, and it was dismissed for "failure to state a claim."

Later the town hall meeting's discussion turned from Kendzior's case to the "credibility" of *The Whetstone*.

Clark said, "*The Whetstone* is the voice for the students, not the voice of the students," a statement that Johnson immediately stood up to argue.

"This is the voice of the students because the things that go into *The Whetstone* are things that immediately impact us and the environment that we live in at Wesley College," Johnson said. "It has to be our voice."

Clark said most of the stories in *The Whetstone* were negative and unbalanced, but Johnson said this negativity inspires positive change.

"If the things put in the paper are generally negative then obviously that needs to evoke change in the environment that we live in," he said. "We can't just sit here and act like nothing is going on. Just because there's negativity doesn't mean we have to balance it out with positivity."

Junior Ed Brandenburg said the forum went exactly how he expected—disappointing.

"I assumed Clark was going to walk around the situation and avoid the topic, which he did," he said. "Also he blatantly showed that he didn't even read the full article because his information was a misrepresentation of the actual Whetstone article, even though he argued so passionately about it."

Clark declined further comment.

"It has no impact on what we do here at Wesley," he said.



Students gathered in the College Center for Coffee and Concerns where President Clark came to answer their questions

Bryheim Muse

knew there would be a big turnout at Coffee and Concerns.

"When stuff that's controversial like that pops up, a lot of people tend to flock," she said.

At 8 o'clock, SGA introduced Clark, who offered a brief explanation of the article.

Clark told the audience that although *The Whetstone* had requested an opportunity to discuss the events included in the article with him, he declined an interview.

"I told them that I wouldn't comment for a couple of reasons," he said. "One, from a relevancy

asked him to explain the dismissal of former Chaplain Scot McClymont, a question for which she said she never got an answer.

After Clark's explanation, SGA opened the floor to students who had questions for the president.

Junior Mercedes Myrick stood and asked Clark to explain Title IX to those students in attendance who may not understand what it is and how it works.

"Not only that, I need reassurance that (Clark) understands what Title IX is, because if you don't have a definition yourself, how do you act upon Title IX situations?" she asked.

ing of individuals for a military service of the United States," the OCR said. "Accordingly, OCR's regulations do not apply to the Naval Academy in Annapolis."

Clark disagreed.

"That was just factually incorrect—(Annie) did have Title IX protection," he said. "Whether it's a service academy, whether it's a civilian school, Title IX is a federal law."

Kendzior said the information from the OCR was correct—she was not protected by Title IX.

"Years ago I was part of a discussion with the White House Task Force to Pro-

"If the things put in the paper are generally negative then obviously that needs to evoke change in the environment that we live in. Just because there's negativity doesn't mean we have to balance it out with positivity."

- Kevin Johnson

stand point but most importantly from a privacy stand point for that young lady."

Clark said the case was in the past—he did not want to re-victimize Kendzior by readdressing the situation.

"I was not going to go through that again, nor will I get into specifics of what actually transpired and why the dismissal happened," he said.

She also asked Clark what precautions the staff and faculty are taking to avoid potential Title IX violations in the future.

"So even if (faculty and staff) are not around and there's something I see, I can provide somebody else with those resources," she said. "That's what a 'family' does."

Clark referred Myrick to Wesley's website for the

tect Students from Sexual Assault regarding Title IX and sexual assaults on college campuses," she said. "I was asked to speak out about the disadvantages about being raped by an athlete at a military academy because we are not protected under that law."

Kendzior said her case was still being investigated when she was dismissed from the Academy.

Residents of Roe React to Dormitory Problems

By Marquita Dickerson-Frisby
The Whetstone

Junior Juliana Tedder said the cleanliness of Roe Hall's bathroom is an issue.

"There is a rule that only sanitary products or other bathroom related things are to go in the bathroom trash can," she said. "Yet people still throw their Chick Fil A and their McDonalds in the bathroom trash can."

Many students, like Tedder, have numerous concerns about the maintenance in Roe.

Sophomores Deziyah Palmer and Kylea Lankford agreed that the biggest issue is the women's bathroom trash constantly overflowing.

"It gets really nasty in there," Lankford said.

"It gets pretty disgusting, especially on the weekends



Kristen Griffith/The Whetstone

Students are concerned about Roe Hall's maintenance

when housekeeping isn't here," Palmer said.

Lauren Gray, a junior who lives in Roe Hall, said that although she has not had any major issues, she did have a problem with the temperature of the dorm.

"The heat was on full

blast," she said when the temperature outside was 80 degrees.

Sophomore Landon Hall agreed.

"It's just really hot in there," Hall said.

Many residents said they were still frustrated that the furniture and micro-

waves were removed from each wing's lobby, after being deemed a fire hazard by the fire marshal.

"There's only two microwaves for the entire building," Hall said.

"All of the furniture was taken out because of fire hazard, but then it was retracted and they still took the furniture like chairs and tables and microwaves from each floor," Junior Elvie Domond said.

Area Coordinator Jacqui Rogers said that when students experience issues they should contact her or maintenance directly.

"It's important that when issues arise in the residence hall that residents make sure the appropriate people are notified," she said. "When I am notified of maintenance or facilities issues, I can contact maintenance and facilities to ensure that the issues are

resolved."

Sophomore James Poole said Roe also has a Residence Hall Association where students meet with their Resident Assistants and Area Coordinator to address any concerns. Regular meetings will begin in the spring of 2017.

Poole also expressed having issues with the Wi-Fi, especially on the weekends, but said that it has not been as bad lately.

"As far as Wi-Fi goes, that is only a minor problem at the moment, and has not needed to be currently addressed because it has not been as glitchy lately," he said.

In response to concerns about the Wi-Fi, Rogers said residents should notify IT.

"If there are ever issues with the Wi-Fi, they can contact IT at helpdesk@wesley.edu," she said.

From Rugby on p. 2: **Opinion** Coach Explains Problems on Rugby Team

sion toward me, which I reported on four different occasions to Dean Anderson, including the increase of focal seizures, and I became extremely ill, but it all fell on deaf ears. I asked for a mediation when this started. Again, nothing

done.

Finally, on my last day, I was shocked to hear from Anderson, "There have been concerning complaints about you. President Clark and I have decided to shut down the rugby program while a

Title IX investigation is complete. Therefore, no rugby, no need for a coach and no viable reason for you to have office hours in Student Affairs. You are not Wesley material."

I was told I would be giving a representative at the

college, and took a leave of absence until the investigation was over, and until my neurologist cleared me.

I truly believed in the rugby program and its athletes.

Why would a volunteer rugby coach want to en-

sure all of this? I love the game.

This has been a learning experience for me. I pray it has been for Wesley.

- D. Chris "Coach Baby"

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Students Struggle Registering for Classes

By Liz Martinez
The Whetstone

Senior and old Core student Kevin Johnson knows the struggle of registration all too well.

Johnson makes the registration process easier on himself by knowing what classes he wants ahead of time.

"If you didn't have trouble signing up for classes at some point, I'd argue that you aren't really a Wesley student," he said. "Classes fill fast and if you wait an extra day, they could be gone."

Director of Academic Records Patricia Seunarine says that registration would not be such a hassle if students read the emails that Academic Affairs sends out.

"We send out helpful information that would make students' lives easier," she said. "Freshmen should attend the registration seminars that the Coordinator of Advising sets up

Freshmen may begin registering for the Spring semester tomorrow (Thursday, November 10) at 6am, unless there is a financial hold on the student's record. Students with financial holds should contact the Business Office for further information and resolution.

To kick off the freshman class's registration period, we will host **Breakfast Blitz** on Thursday, November 10, 6-8am, in the basement of Parker Library. This event will celebrate your first time managing your own registration. Breakfast treats will be provided. Students must register to attend **Breakfast Blitz**; you may do so at **Registration 101** or in person in the **Academic Resource Center (PL 107)**. Students may bring their own laptops and tablets to Breakfast Blitz, or use the computers in PL 12 to register. Students who are attending Breakfast Blitz should enter the library from the side door on Fulton Street. All Freshmen should meet with their **academic** advisors before registration.

For students who have not yet learned how to register using **MyWesley**, **Registration 101** is offered one last time this evening, Wednesday, November 9, at 6pm, in PL 12.

Students who have not registered by 11:59pm on Thursday, November 17, will be charged a \$100 late registration fee. Students who have registered may continue to use MyWesley to drop and add courses to their spring schedules.

Email from Academic Affairs about signing up for classes

Academic Affairs

for them each semester."

Freshman Brooke Retkowski learned how hard it can be for students to get the courses they need.

"Everyone gets up at 6 a.m. to register because of how quickly classes fill up," she said. "On top of that, the internet becomes slow so it can be stressful trying to add the classes."

Registration for summer and fall 2017 courses begins March 20.

Seunarine suggests students make a plan for what classes they need weeks before sign-ups start so they stay on track for their

degree.

"Students should be thinking about this long before registration opens for a semester," she said. "I recommend that students look at the four-year plan for their major which is found in the catalog online."

Johnson agrees that registering for classes is less stressful when students are well prepared.

"When you know the time for sign up is approaching, start looking for your classes then," he said. "You can go into MyWesley and find the classes offered

Add by Course Code Course Search

To add a course, start typing its course code in the box below. A dropdown of courses that match what you have typed will appear. Select the course code and section number you want from the dropdown. You can add up to six courses at a time using this feature. **If you don't know the course or section codes you need, use the course search tab above.**

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Students can sign up for classes through MyWesley

Kristen Griffith/The Whetstone

next semester."

Retkowski said as a first year student she wanted to feel more informed about the registration process.

"I wish that I knew more about the choices I could have had," she said. "Some of the classes I'm in right now aren't the best to take during my softball season so I'll probably have to add drop them."

Johnson said students should be prepared to meet with their advisors well in advance.

"When the time for sign up is approaching, start looking for your classes

then," he said. "I would always meet with my advisor before the next round of students got to sign up."

Seunarine agrees that when students make an appointment with their advisor early there's less of a chance the classes they want will be full.

"Students should be reaching out to their advisors to make an appointment two weeks prior to when registration opens up for them," she said. "If they wait too long, the advisor may not be available until registration has already opened."

Winter Sports Setting Big Goals

By Sydney Stump
The Whetstone

Sophomore Evan Anderson is already enjoying his second season on the Wesley College basketball team.

"I think I did pretty well last year," Anderson said. "I set a lot of goals for myself and ended up rookie of the year. Can't wait to bring everything to the table this season."

Winter sports at Wesley College include men's and woman's basketball, and Indoor track. Each team is looking forward to this season.

Last season, men's basketball ended with a 10-16 record overall and 8-10 in conference.

Head Coach Dean Burrows said this team has the potential for a great season. Burrow's goal, however, isn't about looking ahead or behind.

"My goal is for this team to go 1-0 every day," he said. "One and 0 in every drill, every practice, and every game. The championships are the destination and if we reach the goal of working hard every day, we'll reach that destination."

Women's basketball Head Coach James Wearden said he has similar goals

"The main goal is to be competitive, always be competitive," he said. "The second goal is making the playoffs."

Women's basketball had an overall record of 7-18

and 6-12 in conference last year.

This year, the team is returning with four seniors including 2015-16 All-Conference Brionna Johnson.

"Individually I would just like to do anything I can to make my teammates better players," she said. "And I would like for us to win a conference championship and play in the NCAA playoffs."

Wearden said he is hoping his seniors will help lead the team this season.

"I have four seniors this year and I'm hoping that they'll really drive the team into a great season," he said.

Head Coach Stephen Kimes said the indoor track season is more like a practice season for the spring



Evan Anderson/The Whetstone

Evan Anderson set personal goals to accomplish this basketball season



Evan Anderson/The Whetstone

Evan Anderson practices his free throws in the gym

outdoor track.

"We still have the goals to do well and break personal records," he said. "However, if you have a good indoor season, you'll have a good outdoor season, so winter is more about preparing for the spring."

Both the men's and women's indoor track teams, however, showed impressive results in last year's season, including placing in nationals.

Although all three sports

have big plans for their seasons, they all just enjoy being with their teams, and getting the opportunity to play their sport.

"My favorite part about being on this team is having the opportunity to stay on the court," Anderson said. "Not a lot of people get the opportunity to play at a collegiate level and I'm blessed that I've gotten to continue playing after high school."

Small Gym Irritates Fans and Athletes

By Evan Anderson
The Whetstone

Sophomore student-athlete Tyrone Craven said Wesley College's gym is too small.

"I believe it should be expanded so everyone could have more space and seats," he said.

"Some people even have to stand up to watch our games."

Students around campus find the Jim & Shirley Wentworth gymnasium to be too small for a Division III college. Basketball fans have a difficult time finding seats.

Sophomore Bri Bacon likes watching the basketball games but said the stands feel cramped.

"During the basketball games, a lot of people have to sit close together," she said.

"I am a very hyped fan.



Evan Anderson/The Whetstone

Wentworth Gym hasn't had many changes since it was built in 1963

When something major happens, I tend to jump out of my seat, but since it's crowded, I end up hitting people."

If all the seats are taken, some fans can stand at the entrance or in some of the corners.

Sophomore student Sydney Stump said she has trouble finding a seat during the games.

"It gets very crowded," she said. "Half the time, I end up just standing."

The Jim & Shirley Wentworth Gymnasium seats 400. The floor was renovated in 2008. That is the only change the school has done to the gymnasium since it was built in 1963.

Junior George Cook said the gym should be bigger.

"The atmosphere in the gym is great at every home game," he said. "But I feel that we could have more students and fans in the gym if it were built bigger and looked more like a col-



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The gym can hold no more than 400 people

legiate gym."

A lot of students believe a new gym can be built, but the school just doesn't want to use money on that type of construction.

Dean Burrows, head coach for the Wesley Men's Basketball Team, said it's tight on the sidelines.

"I feel tamed a little since there's not a lot of room," he said. "I don't know about the gym being bigger. There are things to

change to liven things up. I think it's a home court advantage for us."

During the 2015-2016 season, the Wesley Men's Basketball Team won 7 of their 10 games in Wentworth Gym. The Women's Basketball Team only won 4 of their 10 home games last season.

"It's tough for other teams to get a win on the road in our gym," Burrows said.

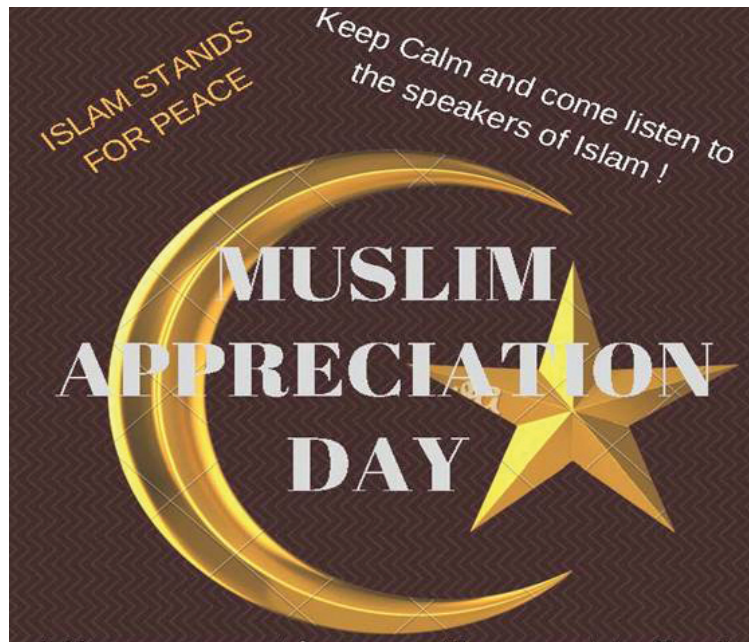
Opinion: Student Recaps Muslim Appreciation Day

By Sahar Aljunaidi

An event was held on Wesley college campus Nov. 18 about one of the most controversial topics in the media – Islam.

Muslim Appreciation Day was a successful event that was organized to establish a new perspective on the religion of Islam and convince the audience that it's a peaceful religion and that it is not the same religion as it is portrayed in the media.

Those in attendance



Sahar Aljunaidi

Muslim Appreciation Day informed students about the Islam religion

were local members of the Islamic Community and students of Wesley College.

At the event, the speakers underlined the fact that Islam is a religion of tolerance, inclusiveness, and peaceful coexistence. They also expressed the apprehension Muslims experience in the USA due to media biases and public misconceptions. The speakers tried to explain that Islam is a religion, which respects and preserves the rights of women.

The attendees seemed to have liked the event. They

asked questions and participated in an open discussion with the speakers. The guests also seemed to enjoy the activities that came along with the event such as henna and the cultural Indian and Arabic food.

It was a pleasure and great experience for me to organize such an event as this one. I enjoyed helping others learn the true meaning of Islam. Hopefully, I will get the chance to organize another event similar to this one this next semester.

Parking Spaces and Prices Bother Students

By Evan Anderson
The Whetstone

Wesley College Sophomore Hasan Leonard-Hakim struggled to find parking on campus his first day back to school this August.

"I was driving and trying to park in lot D with a big truck in front of me," he said. "Someone took his parking spot, so he reversed and the metal hook on the back of his car hit the bumper of my car because the lot was so small and tight. I was so mad that day."

Many students at Wesley College say that Wesley College's \$50 fee for parking costs too much.

Sophomore Emily Kinsey said the parking permits are too much because of tuition.



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Parking lot C is located behind Malmberg and Zimmerman Hall

"I guess they want to weed out the people who really want to have their car here or not," she said.

According to Wesley's website, this year's tuition costs students \$25,646, or \$12,823 each semester. Last year, tuition cost \$23,150, or \$11,575 each semester, a 10 percent increase.

Parking permits at Wesley College for students cost \$50 for two semesters

to park in four different lots, A, B, C, and D. Students can buy parking permits at the front desk of the security office.

There are 486 parking spots provided for students with parking permits on campus, said Security Chief Walt Beaupre. This year, only 449 students are registered for parking permits, including commuters. Students also have the

Wesley Parking

Parking Lot A, Bookhammer Lot- Faculty/Staff (students on weekends, after 5 p.m. weekdays)

Parking Lot B, Wilkins- Faculty/Staff (students on weekends, after 5 p.m. weekdays)

Parking Lot C, Academic Village- Zimmerman Hall, Malmberg Hall, and the Honors House

Parking Lot D- Gooding, Williams, Roe, Carpenter Hall, and commuting students

availability to park on the roads around campus. Delaware State University's parking permits cost \$70 each semester.

"Wesley knows the struggle of a college student," Hasan said. "They charge us for laundry and the Den, but they know we are all low on money."

Laundry costs \$1.50 for each load to wash and another \$1.50 for each load to dry. Den points are extra money a student may put on his card to use only for food at the College Center.

Some students believe \$50 is fair.

Sophomore Tamir Banks thinks that the cost of the parking permit makes up for how long you have it for.

"The school charges this much because they want to see who really wants to have their car on campus," he said.

Out of all the colleges in the state of Delaware, Wesley College has the cheapest parking permits available for students.

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for graduation we are supposed to maintain at least 15 credits per semester."

Some students remain longer after they realize all of their credits didn't transfer.

"When I first transferred here I was told only a few of my credits would come with me," said super senior Dylan Kaplan. "I just knew I would be here longer at that moment. When someone transfers, not all credits just come over with them. Every registrar is different."

Some students take a semester or even a year off to save money for tuition, pushing back their graduation date.

Former student Aja Russell did not return to Wesley after her first year.

"My parents explained to me that they would not be able to pay for another year at Wesley, even with financial aid," she said. "After taking a semester off, I transferred in-state to Townson University."

Tuition has increased for many state-funded schools because state support of higher education has been cut, and it has risen for both public and private colleges because college administrations have grown exponentially.

"This is essentially a transfer of responsibility for funding higher

education from the state to students and their family," writes researchers John Braxton and Willis Jones, in their essay "Rethinking College Student Retention."

Wesley, however, is a private college and is primarily tuition-driven. But it is still affected by general education trends.

Academic advisers also play a role in student retention.

Professor of Political Science Dr. Tony Armstrong said he believes students should always feel advisers are here for them.

"Advisers should advise and offer help and encouragement, but treat students

as adults in determining their schedules," he said.

Armstrong also said advisers should be advocates and mentors for the student.

"Students should always feel that we are here to serve," he said. "I would like to see more departmental events such as dinners, town hall meetings, and parties funded. In my experience, such interaction helps build social bonds that both students and faculty treasure. Such relationships can go a long way in influencing a student's decision to stay at Wesley or not."

Perhaps one of the more relevant reasons Wesley

students become super seniors is their need to take remedial courses during their freshman year.

"Most freshmen come in with college credits already, so on that part we are looking really good," Gibson said. "If students have some college credit, they are at less than 4 years."

Researchers Braxton and Jones emphasize that students who are in remedial courses are less likely to graduate than other students. Remedial courses are classes that students must take if their math, writing, or reading skills are low, in order to be enrolled in college courses.

Bookstore Competes with Internet for Cheap Textbooks

By Kirsten Nguyen
The Whetstone

Many Wesley Students act like Jeremy Wirick when it comes to getting textbooks.

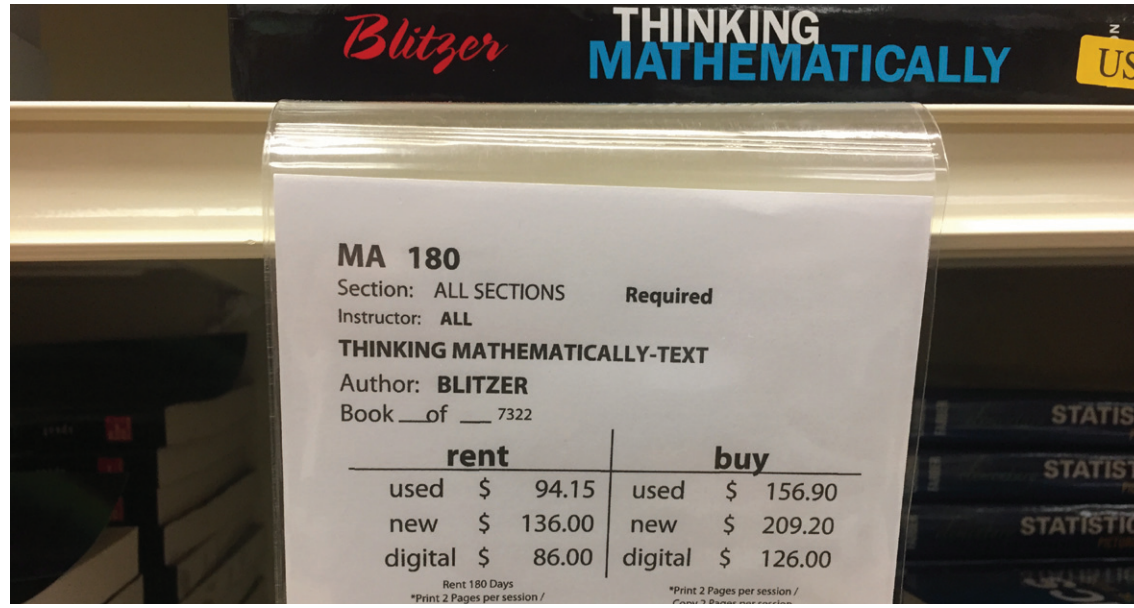
He rents his books of-line, saving money rather than paying full price for a new textbook.

“The bookstore is too expensive, I just order them off Amazon,” the sophomore said.

Each semester students ask themselves a question that potentially involves a lot of money – where to get their textbooks, the Wesley Bookstore or online.

“I get my books from the bookstore,” sophomore Logan Minner said. “I’m impatient and wait till the first day of class and the lines are shorter then.”

He said he rents them



Buying Option:	Amazon	Chegg
Rent	\$20	\$24.99
Buy	\$188.17	\$91.49
EBook	\$85.99-125.99	\$89.10

The book store charges \$94.15 to rent a used "Thinking Mathematically" textbook For the same book, Amazon charges \$20 and Chegg charges \$24.99.

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to return than the store," freshman Kate Schoof said.

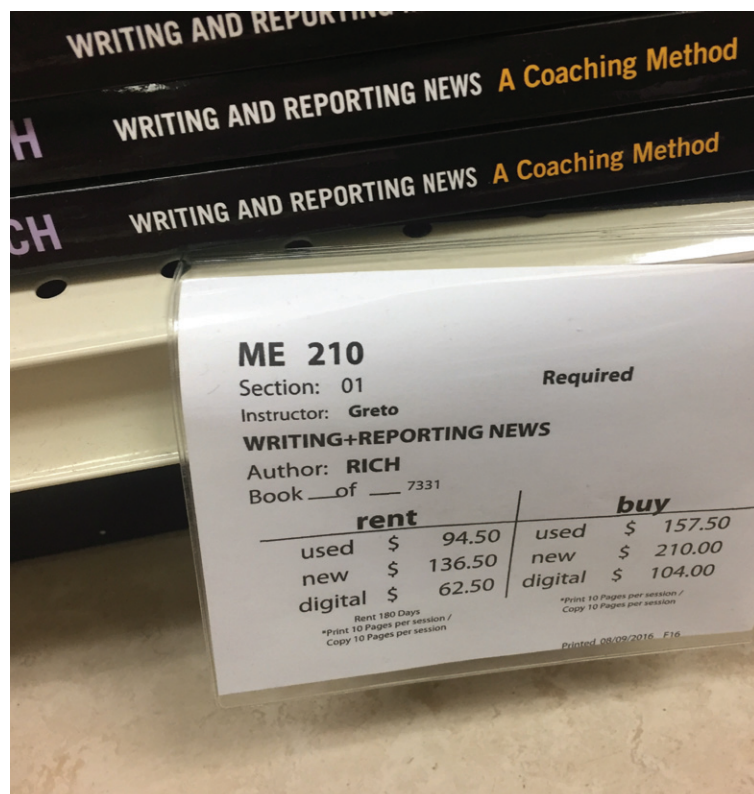
The Wesley book store policy states you can return the book the first week of classes with the original receipt, and full refunds are given within the first 30 days with proof of schedule change and the original receipt. After that, you cannot return the book, and digital books aren't returnable once the content has been accessed. However, with Chegg, you can return a book within 21 days of your purchase and can return digital books within 14 days. Unlike the bookstore, Chegg doesn't require proof of a schedule change and you're able to return digital books.

“My last stop is the Wesley Bookstore if I’m running out of time,” senior Kia Smith said.

Like many other Wesley students, Smith gets her books from Amazon.

There are websites such as CheapestTextBooks.com and Dealoz.com where students can search textbooks and the website will bring up the cheapest prices from different retailers.

Thinking Mathematically,



because they're cheaper.

“I’m not going to use them after that semester,” Minner said.

Last semester, 9,499 books were rented and bought from the Wesley Bookstore. Most of the books from the store were rentals. There were

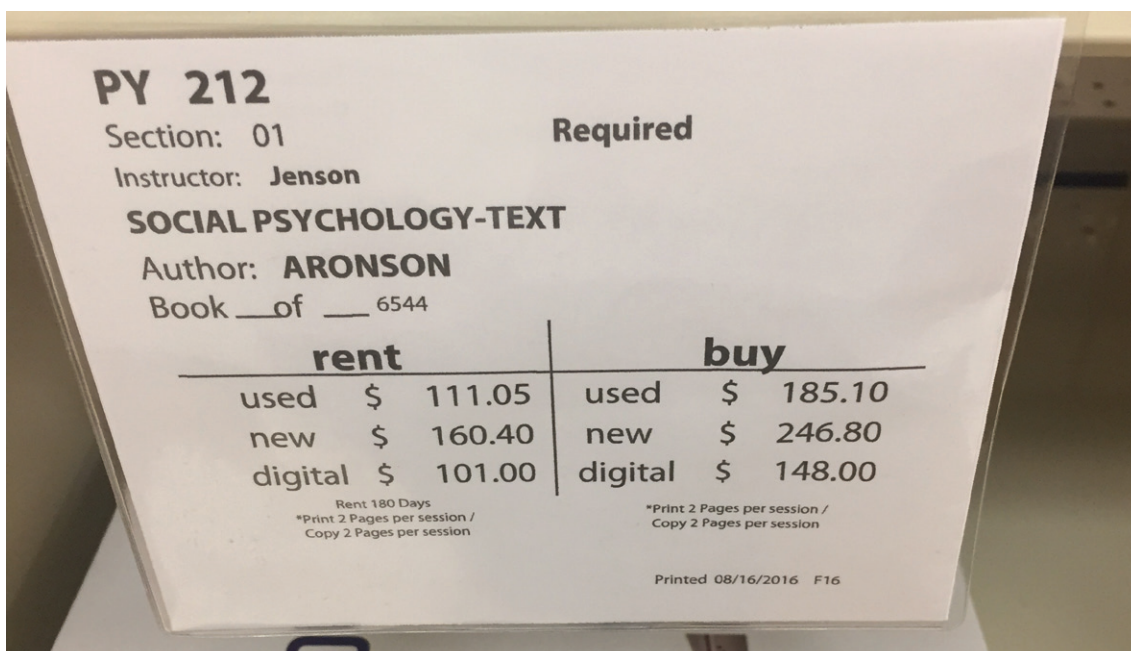
1,966 more books rented than bought.

Once students know their schedule, they can go to the Wesley Bookstore to find what materials they need. Students may also use the website to get the ISBN numbers of the books so they may buy online.

Buying Option:	Amazon	Chegg
Rent	\$18.00	\$19.99
Buy	\$181.53	\$118.99
EBook	\$50.68-103.99	\$50.68-86.11

The book store charges \$94.50 to rent a used Writing and Reporting textbook For the same book, Amazon charges \$18.00 and Chegg charges \$19.99.

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“With used books, rentals and the ability to get the students the correct course material, we are pushing to be the No. 1 choice,” Wesley Bookstore Manager Kris McGlothlin said. Wesley students who don't buy their books from the bookstore look to online sites.

“I got my books from Chegg.com because they were cheaper and easier

the required textbook for MA180, costs \$94 to rent, \$209 to buy new, \$156 used, at the bookstore. When using the two websites for the best prices, Amazon priced the rental of this book at \$20, much cheaper than renting from the bookstore.

“Just search around and see where you get it cheapest,” Wirick said.

Buying Option:	Amazon	Chegg
Rent	\$47.34	\$68.49
Buy	\$210.84	\$160.99
EBook	\$100.99-147.99	\$102.02

The book store charges \$111.05 to rent a used Social Psychology textbook For the same book, Amazon charges \$47.34 and Chegg charges \$68.49.

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Crime Log for November 2016

Date Reported	Date Occurred	Nature of Crime/Classification	General Location	Disposition
11/1/16	11/1/16	Suspicious Person	North Plaza	Closed (Negative Findings)
11/3/16	11/3/16	Use / Possession of Marijuana	Williams Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
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11/3/16	11/3/16	Use / Possession of Marijuana	Williams Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/3/16	11/3/16	Failure to Comply	North Plaza	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/3/16	11/3/16	Verbal Altercation	Roe Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/4/16	11/4/16	Pedestrian Struck by Vehicle	Governors Ave and Fulton Streets	Closed (Reported to DPD)
11/4/16	Unknown	Theft	College Center	Opened
11/4/16	Unknown	Theft	Parking Lot D	Opened
11/5/16	Unknown	Theft	Near Malmberg Hall	Closed (Arrested by DPD)
11/6/16	11/6/16	Alcohol Violation (Underage)	Roe Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/6/16	11/6/16	Alcohol Violation (Underage)	Roe Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/6/16	11/6/16	Trespassing	Campus Grounds	Closed (Left Campus)
11/6/16	11/6/16	Trespassing	Campus Grounds	Closed (Arrested by DPD)
11/7/16	11/5/16	Assault (3rd Degree) / Offensive Touching / Wanted Person	Off Campus	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/7/16	Unknown	Vandalism	Front of Roe Hall	Opened
11/7/16	11/7/16	Trespassing	Lot D	Closed (Negative Findings)
11/7/16	11/7/16	Violation of No Contact Order	Roe Hall Exterior	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/7/16	11/7/16	Trespassing	Campus Grounds	Closed (DPD Contacted)
11/8/16	11/8/16	Trespassing	Exterior Carpenter Hall	Closed (Negative Findings)
11/8/16	Between 11/7-8/16	Theft	Malmberg Hall Garage	Opened
11/8/16	11/8/16	Theft	Governors Ave near Fulton Street	Opened (DPD Contacted)
11/8/16	11/8/16	Disruptive Behavior	North Plaza	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/8/16	11/8/16	Trespassing	Campus Grounds	Opened (DPD Contacted)
11/8/16	11/8/16	Trespassing	Exterior Carpenter Hall	Closed (Left Campus)
11/8/16	11/8/16	Trespassing / Wanted Person	Campus Grounds	Opened (DPD Contacted)
11/8/16	11/8/16	Suspicious Person	Carpenter Hall Exterior	Opened
11/9/16	Unknown	Suspected Hit and Run	Unknown	Opened
11/9/16	11/9/16	Fire Safety / Smoking Violation	Williams Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/9/16	11/9/16	Use / Possession of Marijuana	Williams Hall	Closed (Arrested by DPD and Referred for Disciplinary)
11/10/16	Unknown	Burglary / Theft	Roe Hall	Opened (Reported to DPD)
11/11/16	11/11/16	Suspicious Person	Campus Grounds	Closed (Negative Findings)
11/11/16	Unknown	Alleged Theft	Cannon Hall	Opened
11/11/16	11/10/16	Alleged Hit and Run	Parking Lot D	Opened
11/12/16	11/12/16	Disruptive Behavior / Failure to Comply	Scott Stadium	Closed
11/12/16	11/12/16	Altercation	North Plaza	Closed (Group Dispersed)
11/13/16	11/13/16	Alcohol Violation (Underage)	Roe Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/13/16	11/13/16	Physical Altercation	Tennis Courts	Closed (Group Dispersed)
11/13/16	11/13/16	Verbal Altercation	Zimmerman Hall	Closed
11/13/16	11/13/16	Theft	Parking Lot D	Opened (Reported to DPD)
11/13/16	Various	Alleged Harassment	Various	Opened
11/14/16	Unknown	Suspicious Activity	Zimmerman Hall	Opened
11/15/16	11/15/16	Dating Violence / Offensive Touching	Carpenter Hall	Closed (Arrested by DPD and Referred for Disciplinary)
11/16/16	11/12/16	Alcohol Violation (Underage)	Roe Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/16/16	11/12/16	Alcohol Violation	Roe Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/16/16	11/9/16	Fire Safety Violation	Williams Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/17/16	11/17/16	Trespassing / Drugs / Drug Paraphernalia / Wanted Person	Parking Lot C	Closed (Arrested by DPD)
11/18/16	11/15/16	Vandalism	Parking Lot in Front of Gooding Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/18/16	11/18/16	Noise Complaint	Zimmerman Hall	Closed (Warning Issued)
11/19/16	11/19/16	Trespassing	Miller Stadium	Closed (Arrested by DPD)
11/20/16	11/20/16	Noise Compliant	Malmberg Hall	Closed (Warning Issued)
11/20/16	11/20/16	Failure to Comply / Noise Compliant	Zimmerman Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/20/16	11/20/16	Suspicious Person	Parking Lot C	Closed (Left Campus)
11/20/16	10/24/16	Health and Safety Inspection Violation	Zimmerman Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/20/16	11/13/16	Littering	Zimmerman Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/21/16	Unknown	Minor Vehicle Damage	Parking Lot D	Opened
11/21/16	Unknown	Vandalism	Roe Hall	Opened
11/21/16	Unknown	Hit and Run	Parking Lot D	Opened
11/22/16	11/20/16	Alcohol Violation (Underage)	Zimmerman Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
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11/22/16	11/20/16	Alcohol Violation (Underage)	Zimmerman Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/27/16	11/27/16	Vandalism	Parking Lot C	Opened (DPD Contacted)
11/27/16	11/27/16	Loud Noise	Carpenter Hall	Closed (Warning Issued)
11/28/16	Various	Harassment	Roe Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/28/16	11/28/16	Shots Fired	Off Campus	Security Alert Issued
11/28/16	11/28/16	Fire Alarm / Smoking Violation / Failure to Comply	Williams Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)