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Carpenter Hall Flooding Displaces Students

By Brooke Retkowski, and Kirsten Nguyen
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Freshman Lexus Christopher was confused when she and her roommate saw people moving out of Carpenter Hall.

“My roommate pointed out that people were moving out and then my resident assistant came up and said, ‘Is your room flooding, too?’” she said.

Christopher realized Carpenter Hall was flooding and was told to prepare herself, which meant, like everyone else, she had to gather her things in the middle of the room.

Freshman and Carpenter Hall resident Erica Finnegan didn’t realize what was happening either.

“I was just sitting in the car and saw people packing their cars up and leaving,” she said.

Carpenter Hall was vandalized on Oct. 26. The vandal, or vandals, caused the flood by clogging sinks, toilets, and showers and leaving the water running.

“Someone broke into the gym and took the weights to make the toilet continuously flush causing it to flood more,” freshman Telyka Brooker-Parquet said.

The flooding displaced many students and caused extensive damages to the new-

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Organization Leaders Show Concern over SGA Budgets

By Christian Bailey,
The Whetstone

Creative Attributions president Corey Johnson said his organization got about \$3,000 last year from the Student Government Association.

The problem was, it wasn't spent, so they lost it.

This year, CA is getting the most money out of all student organizations.

"Then, my org didn't have any shows," he said. "We couldn't even get a rollover because none of our money had been spent. This year, I promise, Creative Attributions will be (great)," he said.

This year's budgets were distributed Sept. 11. Creative Attributions (CA), the modeling team, received the largest budget this year, at \$6,831.25.

The organization was originally given \$6,100, but CA President Corey Johnson said his organization needed a larger amount.

Johnson said he plans to spend every cent of his organization's budget this year to ensure that students see a dynamic show.

"Our budget is reasonable," he said. "We are able to get all of our necessities, like shoes and costumes."

New Student Government

Association President Betty Lee said she wants to be open with students about where and how their money is used.

Each organization's budget is calculated based on the number of events they have during the year, Lee said. The exact guidelines can be found in the SGA Constitution.

The Black Student Union (BSU) is one of the most popular organizations on campus. President Rex Chege said he believed his organization can accomplish all of the goals it has set for the year with the budget of \$3,277.99.

"My E-Board and I are satisfied with the budget we were allocated," he said. "No changes needed to be made as a result of the budget. A rollover of \$777.99 was factored into our requested budget of \$2,500."

BSU hosts weekly discussions covering topics typically held in one of the first floor rooms in Malmberg Hall. The reservations for the rooms are made at the beginning of each semester.

"On top of discussions, a main event will take place in the mid to latter part of the semester," Chege said. "This semester, the Black Student Union is hosting a 'paint n sip' in the underground as a way for students to discover new outlets to coping with stress.

BSU will be providing the painting materials and will also be serving mocktails (non-alcoholic cocktails) to each of the students that attend. Their budget will be used to cover the cost of the materials and drinks.

A large chunk of the BSU budget is spent during the spring semester when the organization hosts BSU Week during the middle of February, and also the annual block party in the Dashiell Amphitheatre.

The Student Government Association gets the money to distribute to student groups through student fees, which cost \$45 each semester.

The organizations have to spend at least 75 percent of their budget during the year. If they do not, they will not receive new money the following year.

Organization leaders who think their budgets aren't enough to execute events have other options.

They can always ask SGA for more money, or the organizations can raise money by fundraising or co-sponsoring events.

If students have any doubts or questions about the student organizations budgets, they can be discussed at the SGA meeting on Thursday in the Underground.

New Fall 2017 SGA Budgets

Accounting Society	\$774.64
African Student Association	\$3351.01
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.	\$1910.22
Alpha Phi Delta	\$1239.27
Alpha Phi Omega	\$2440.46
As I Am	\$300.00
Black Student Union	\$3277.99
Blank Canvas	\$300.00
Camping Club	\$2367.06
Campus of the Nerds	\$648.40
Commuter Student Union	\$453.54
Creative Attributions	\$6831.25
De LA Warr History Society	\$4758.72
Delta Phi Epsilon	\$3658.07
Elite Dance Company	\$489.00
Fairy God Sisters of Delaware	\$2247.23
Gentlemen's Qualities	\$300.00
Greek Union	\$5081.40
Healthy Living On Campus	\$2600.00
HER Generation	\$300.00
Hoopla	\$1137.85
IMPACT Ministries	\$1029.48
Kinesiology Club	\$1363.45
L.E.F.T	\$6485.23
Legal Society	\$1149.43
Multicultural Student Union	\$0.00
Muslim Student Association	\$300.00
National Society of Leadership and Success	\$3647.21
National Society of Minorities in Hospitality	\$2581.84
Odyessy at Wesley	\$300.00
P.E.A.S	\$3600.00
Phi Beta Sigma	\$300.00
PSI CHI	\$3382.78
Psychology Club	\$740.84
Safe Wesley	\$4417.94
SPEAK	\$2426.21
Student Nursing Association	\$914.70
Student United Way	\$1395.84
Students for Political Awareness	\$1500.00
Sustainable Wesley	\$1271.06
Table Tennis Club	\$222.03
Traveler's Network	\$300.00
The Midnight Roast	\$3877.88
Wesley Players Drama Club	\$300.00
Wesley Science Club	\$300.00
Women's Rugby	\$0.00
Zeta Phi Beta	\$4410.24

Carpenter Hall Flooding Displaces Students

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ly-renovated building. Students were notified later that night by email from President Clark.

Residents soon discovered the extent and nature of the damage.

"We started walking around after hearing about it and we saw feces and that's when we knew it wasn't just water," freshman Delaney Miller said.

"I went to go see the room that was flooding and it was like raining in their room," Christopher said. "It was coming down from the ceiling."

Clark's email expressed sincere disappointment.

"The thing that bothered me so much was that this is our home and to watch a few people disregard that was a very disappointing thing," he said.

Maintenance worked to clean up the flood right away.

"The first night we started cleaning up some of the flooding ourselves, but we also called in professionals from Servpro, and they came in with a large crew," maintenance worker Frankie Martin said.

Brooker-Parquet said the smell in the building was so bad she went home.

"The first night Servpro cleaned everything up, got the water up, and put a disinfectant down," Martin said. "The next day they came in wiped down all the furniture and the walls throughout the whole building and then they used this other disinfectant."

Carpenter was renovated this summer with new furniture, lights, ceiling tiles, paint, baseboards, and new floors in every room. The flooding damaged about 20 of the rooms. Students whose rooms were damaged were relocated in other resident halls on campus.

"Some rooms couldn't be cleaned right away because we had to wait for people to move their stuff out, but Servpro were able to get in there and clean it real nice," Martin said.

"I am impressed with the overall fast response from students, student affairs, and the faculty," Clark said.

Most of the baseboards in the rooms had to be replaced along with ceiling tiles.

Everybody started moving back in Oct 29-30.

Christopher said some of her neighbors had personal belongings damaged and it's still unclear whether they will be reimbursed for their losses.

"So far, they're letting people have free laundry if their belongings got destroyed," she said.

Clark said Wesley is in contact with the insurance company, and Dean of Students Wanda Anderson will be meeting with students whose belongings were damaged.

"This will also be a process but it will get done as soon as everything with the insurance company is settled," he said.

The school doesn't know yet how much the cleanup cost.

The damages didn't just affect the residents.

"I was heartbroken because of all the time and money we put into there and now we're back in there again with everything being brand new," Martin said.

"Although the actions of the flooding overall was disappointing," Clark said, "the support I saw given to the residents in Carpenter reminded me that, that is the Wesley way of things."

It is still unclear who vandalized Carpenter Hall, but school officials said they have narrowed the suspects down.

"I cannot give out specific names to whom we have narrowed down to, but with the information we have a few individuals who have kept popping up when people come forward," Clark said. "This is a felony offense and we will not tolerate that at our home that we worked hard to over the summer to improve for incoming students."

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Wesley Alumni Barred From Homecoming Events

By Evan Le'Mon,
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Class of 2017 alumni Ann Louty said she felt “betrayed” by what she felt were excessive security measures at Wesley’s Homecoming Pep Rally and 2000’s Party.

“They were checking students’ IDs numerous times, and if you weren’t a currently enrolled student you couldn’t get in,” she said. “They were turning a lot of people away at the door- I still work for Wesley and I couldn’t even get in.”

Louty, who works in Wesley’s Wolverine Stop, said she knew a lot of people who had come from out of state to take part in the Homecoming festivities.

“It ended up being a waste of a trip,” she said. “They didn’t feel welcome.”

Louty said she wasn’t particularly surprised by the turn of events.

“It’s Wesley,” she said.

Student Activities Board (SAB) Vice President Kabrea Tyler said the rule wasn’t their idea.

“SAB really pushed for alumni to be allowed in,” she said. “We even wanted all the current students to at least be able to bring an outside guest.”

SAB Advisor Mark Berry said that they were mandated by Chief of Security Walt Beaupre to only allow current Wesley students into the events. Security and Dover PD officers were stationed at the door at both events with computers checking students’

IDs and enrollment statuses to ensure that this took place.

“He didn’t give us a specific reason why, other than the fact that it was a safety and security issue,” Berry said. “I know the dining hall where we had the party only has a capacity of 400, and I think they were concerned about issues that have happened in previous years with riots and things like that.”

Beaupre said that he didn’t recall any requests in the paperwork for outside guests at the Pep Rally, but with the amount of large-scale events for Homecoming this year there was not enough time to request Dover PD for the 2000’s Party.

“In addition to the other time requirements for getting events approved, Dover PD requires a minimum of three weeks for extra duty police officer requests,” he said.

When she heard about the mandate, class of 2011 alumni Antonique Vinson said she felt “unwanted and disrespected.”

“I heard that Dover PD would be there to arrest unauthorized people if they still tried to come to the party,” she said. “Homecoming is for the alumni, why not let us come home and have a good time? It makes me not want to financially give back if I’m not even allowed on campus for homecoming events.”

After some alumni attempted to sign up online for the events, Berry said sent an e-mail out stating that alumni and other outside guests would not be allowed entry to the events. It also stated

that he would be turning the names of the unauthorized people who attempted to sign up to both security and Dover PD.

“My goal is to make sure that SAB can do this again,” he said. “If I’m being told that we can’t have outside guests, then I have to monitor that. I felt it would’ve been rude of me to not tell them that they couldn’t come ahead of time. If they still decided to show up anyway, what happened at that point would be up to security and Dover PD.”

Berry said that some students who showed up after the doors to the 2000’s Party closed at 10:30 were given citations for arguing with security. He also said some students were giving or selling their wristbands to both outside guests and fellow students who missed the deadline.

“We had some people at the door who looked unfamiliar, and we noticed they had messed up wristbands,” Berry said. “When they were questioned by security, some of them disclosed that they had purchased the wristbands from people inside the party.”

Beaupre said once they determined that this was occurring, they required everyone who had a wristband on for re-entry to produce their Wesley IDs again at the door.

To bypass this problem in the future, Berry said SAB is purchasing a blacklight stamping system and a handheld device that will swipe students’ IDs and show if they’re current students or not.

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Berry said that there was a “whole series of events’ specifically for alumni during Homecoming, including guided campus tours, the Alumni Picnic and Tailgate, and the dedication of the Alumni Circle.

Vinson said that the events available weren’t enough to convince her to attend this year’s Homecoming.

“There was nothing geared toward the younger alumni,” she said. “Wesley also had their Homecoming at the same time as DSU – that’s not a good idea.”

Berry said that he would encourage any alumni who are unsatisfied with the events offered to them during Homecoming to reach out to Laura Mays, the Director of Alumni Relations, with any ideas they have to change the itinerary.

Beaupre said that in order to have outside guests at Homecoming events, the events must be planned “well in advance.”

“Keep in mind, outside guests were permitted at some of the Homecoming events that were planned far enough

in advance,” he said. “Specifically the fashion show, which was held on campus and the Variety Show, which was held at the Schwartz Center.”

Tyler said that the no guest mandate is not unique to Homecoming, and security has been “really steady” about having only current students at campus events.

“I personally don’t like it,” she said. “We’re still going to keep pushing to have outside guests at the bigger events, but if security says it’s for the safety of the students then there’s nothing we can really do about it.”

Kinesiology Club President Sharda Freeman agreed that getting permission to have outside guests is challenging.

“We tried to have outside guests at our Famous Who party on the eleventh,” she said “Even though we got extra security and Dover PD, we still weren’t allowed to due to what happened at Homecoming.”

Freeman said she thinks allowing outside guests would be beneficial to the college.

“It makes the events bigger, and brings in more money if you’re charging for them,” she said. “It also gives Wesley more exposure- we don’t get enough as it is because we’re a small private school.”

Tyler said that she thinks the only way security will become more flexible with guests is if more student organizations push to have guests allowed at their events.

“We have to be our own advocates,” she said.

Fairy God Sisters of Delaware Host First Annual Fairy Factor

By Althea Mignone,
The Whetstone

Sophomore Daaron Williams liked the worm eating. Seeing it. Not doing it.

“I was impressed by the worm eating,” he said, “but I would never do that myself.”

The Fairy God Sisters of Delaware on Halloween hosted what president Jasmine Adams, said she hoped to be the first of many annual Fairy Factors – a pun on Fear Factor.

Contestants didn’t just eat worms. They held ice and popped balloons. Each contestants signed a waiver to participate in this event.

The Fairy God Sisters usually do one event on campus per month. They came up with Fairy Factor after a brainstorming session.

Adams said no other organization has done anything like it.

“I excited to see something like Fear Factor in real life,” freshman Wuanye Rogers said. “I’m a fan of the TV show.”

Sophomore Ashli Moore said she wasn’t surprised by the number of students that attended and participated.

“With cash prizes, people wanted to play and are willing to do a lot, which makes it entertaining for the audience.”



From top left to bottom right: Brandon Thomas, Luis Arteaga, and D’Andre Thomas

Joyrenzia Cheatham

Sports

Fall Sports Season Comes to an End

By Sydney Stump,
The Whetstone

Men and Women's cross country team both finished in the top ten of the CAC Championships. Men finished 8th and women finished 9th.

"The young women runners gave there best, many had never run cross country before." Coach Stephen Kimes said. "Our young men did well jumping from a high school 5k to a men's 8k."

The women's volleyball team finished with great records this season. Volleyball finished with an overall record of 15-13 but only 2-7 in conference.

Wesley's football team still have two games left in the season. They have an overall record of 7-1 and 7-0 in conference. Football's last two games are both conference games, against Salisbury and Christopher Newport.

Both men's and women's Soccer neither made it to conference.

Women's soccer finished 4-12-1 overall and 0-9 in conference, with men's soccer close behind, finishing at 3-15 overall and 1-8 in conference.

Both teams are looking forward to fighting hard next season.

Wesley College's field hockey team finished at a 5-13 overall and 1-5 in conference.

"As a team I think we overcame being known as the underdogs," junior Kate Harding said. "Many teams had to think twice because we ended up coming out harder than they did and it took them by surprise."



DaJohn Lowery #1, Mike Sabino #58, Samer Manna #3, and Coray Williams #8

Joyrenzia Cheatham

Athletes Plan Thanksgiving Holiday around Busy Schedules

By Robert Wiggs,
The Whetstone

Thanksgiving break is bittersweet for football player Dajahn Lowery.

"It's bittersweet because we practice early morning on Thanksgiving," he said. "Then, right after, players scramble to get home so they can spend as much time as possible before having to head back the next morning for another practice."

As students scramble to leave campus to get back home to their families, friends, food

and football, some of their fellow student-athletes stay on campus.

"Playing football here, it's a tradition to play on Thanksgiving weekend," Lowery said. "Some of us who live close go home after practice, while others group together and go to teammates' houses and spend Thanksgiving with their families."

Both men's and women's basketball teams also have to stay on campus throughout Thanksgiving break because of scheduled games. Both teams should be well prepared

as their first four games of the season start a week before Thanksgiving break.

"I mean it sucks to see students leave and go home to spend time with their families while we stay and practice but, hey, that's what we signed up for," said junior guard Evan Anderson.

"It's kind of a good and bad thing that comes with it," junior George Cook said. "If we're home all we will do is eat all day, which then will affect how we play on the court. Some would consider preparing for Thanksgiving

break as another part of the off-court preparation. You have to be disciplined in what you eat over break because it can catch up to you."

Craig Sirmons, whose home is in Florida, and Tioni Graves-Brown, who is from California, haven't been home for Thanksgiving since their senior year of high school. They find ways to make Delaware feel like home.

"Being from California it's very hard to go home even on break because of the price of the ticket and transportation," Graves-Brown said. "I

have become accustomed to spending my breaks with my teammates and their families so it's been an easy transition."

"Florida isn't as far as California but it seems like it," Sirmons said. "Man, I miss Florida, especially on Thanksgiving. Staying up here is cool, don't get me wrong. I usually go to one of my teammate's houses and eat, but there is nothing like a home-cooked Florida meal."

Lifestyle



Christian Bailey

Puffster is a new hookah bar on West Lockerman

Students: There *are* Things to do in Dover

By Christian Bailey,
The Whetstone

London Young found it difficult to get involved around campus when he was a freshman.

"Before I got involved with SAB, I didn't have too much fun because there weren't any activities being held that kept me entertained," she said.

It wasn't until Dean Anderson reached out to her that she got over her nervousness and decided to join a campus organization.

Many students say they are bored with both Wesley and Dover.

"There is nothing to do," freshman, Cheyenne Stevenson said. "If there aren't any parties, I just chill in my room with my friends."

Senior Zahra Marcus shared a similar experience.

"Me and my friends get drunk or hang in each other's room because there isn't really anything else to do around here," she said.

Sophomores Morgan Tomme and Kaya Ziskay said they usually go home if they don't have anything to do on campus.

"Since we live in Delaware, if there aren't any parties to go to during the weekend, we just go home," Tomme said.

The Student Activities Board (SAB) hosts an array of

events throughout the semester, both on and off campus. The board makes a strong effort to plan activities for students to have fun.

Each month the SAB posts a schedule of events for students to attend during the week and, sometimes, the weekend. They also have general meetings where students can come and give their ideas for campus events.

"Students who complain should take initiative and find outlets on campus," Young said. "They can also come to SAB meetings and let us know what we could do to make them more comfortable and entertained."

Senior Breanne Smith said she was unenthusiastic about

"Students who complain should take initiative and find outlets on campus"

-London Young, SAB

Wesley until she got involved and started attending events.

"I have been here for four years, and I can't say I really enjoyed myself until I started going to events and meeting new people," she said.

Smith said she kept mainly to herself when she was a freshman. She did not attend any school events but went to

places off campus.

"I was bored so I decided to go out and walk on West Loockerman one day," she said. "I was surprised to see how much stuff they actually had. I also went to the Biggs museum and that was cool."

Some students said they are bored on weekends, since most organizations hold events during the week.

"I'm aware that there are events during the week, but usually I'm busy doing work," senior Abraham Jaward said. "The weekend is when I am really looking for something to do."

"There's only so much one org can do, we don't have a lot of events on the weekend because members have jobs" former SAB President Corey Edmonds said. "Every event we had was fun and interactive but we can't do events every day."

There are things students can do on the weekends in Dover.

Recently, Dover got its first Hookah Bar, "Puffster," on West Loockerman.

Puffster manager, Sam Chick, said he wants all college students to know they have a place to come and chill. The store is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. It features a vape bar, hookah lounge, Netflix for customers to watch, a PlayStation, and a Sega Genesis with Sonic for people to enjoy.

Off-Campus Attractions

Puffster Hookah Bar (18+)
115 W Loockerman Street
(302)440-5888

Allure Night Club
865 N Dupont Hwy, Unit 2
(302)730-8445

AMC Dover 14
1365 N Dupont Hwy
(302)734-5349

Schwartz Center of the Arts
226 S State Street
(302)678-5152

Dover Downs (21+)
1131 N Dupont Hwy
(302)674-4600

Xbos Family Fun Center (Arcade)
456 W Glenwood Ave, Unit D
(302)653-1800

Brunswick Zone Doverama Bowl
1600 S Governors Ave
(302)734-7501

Dover Par 3 & Driving Range
924 Artis Drive
(302)674-8275

Dover Skating Center
2201 S Dupont Hwy
(302)697-3218

Higher Power Yoga & Fitness
96 Salt Creek Drive, Unit 3
(302)526-2077

Essence of Skin Day Spa
874 Walker Road
(302)736-5757

Air Mobility Command Museum
1301 Heritage Rd, Dover AFB
(302)677-5938

Johnson Victrola Museum
375 S New Street
(302)744-5055

Biggs Museum of American Art
406 Federal Street
(302)674-2111

Delaware Agricultural Museum
866 N Dupont Hwy
(302)734-1618

Silver Lake Park
301 Lewis Mills Drive

First State Heritage Park
43 The Green
(302)744-5055

Pickering Beach
Pickering Beach Road

Restaurant 55
2461 S State Street
(302)535-8102

Chaiyo Sushi & Thai Cuisine
1511 E Lebanon Road
(302)678-0111

Wesley College Named Top Hidden Gem



“I think Wesley should be awarded the hidden gem award because so far from my experience, as a freshman, school has not really gotten hard yet. The support of my professors and classmates has been a huge thing for this process of coming into college. I know it will eventually get harder but I am confident with the support I have seen through other people that I will have that same type of support too.”

-Freshman Selena Wahpool

“I think it should be a hidden gem because the professors really care about how you are doing in your classes. Since Wesley is such a small school, the professors know who you are as not only just a student in the classroom, but a person outside of that as well. They really do care about you, with school set aside, and they can tell when you are not performing in class the way you should be and that there is probably another reason behind why you aren't.”

-Freshman Kelly Palmer



Brooke Retkowski

From Left to right: Selena Wahpool and Kelly Palmer

There's No Such Thing as Santa Claus

By Brooke Retkowski, *The Whetstone*

Sophomore James Cella said that Christmas time was more exciting when he was younger.

“I would write a letter to Santa Claus asking for three big presents along with a couple smaller things I wanted,” he said. “In the morning, Santa left the items wrapped under the tree and I usually got a couple of the gifts I had asked for.”

Most students grew up being told by their parents the myth of Santa Claus, a jolly old man who delivered presents to well-behaved children the night of Christmas Eve. But as children grow older, their belief in Santa Claus disappears.

Although the belief is gone, some students said the holiday is just as fun.

There are many reasons why parents choose to have their children believe in Santa, Professor Gwen Pursell, professor of psychology, said.

She said there is at least one book that argues that belief in Santa is driven by consumerism.

“There is a lot of money to be made off of families that buy into the myth for their children to be able to experience the magical holiday,”

Pursell said.

Research also claims that promoting Santa to young children reinforces important values such as gift giving and receiving, charity and consideration of others, she said. “This could possibly encourage children to be empathetic, loving, and charitable to others at a young age.”

Freshman Kelly Palmer said she remembers her family celebrating the holiday by having a party on Christmas Eve.

“Each year we would meet at either my aunt or uncle's house and spend Christmas Eve together as a big family,” she said. “Then we would go home and set up peanut butter Hershey kiss cookies on a plate for Santa Claus.”

Freshman Zoe Garis said her parents often took her to see Santa Claus.

“Each year I went to sit on Santa's lap to tell him what I wanted for Christmas along with a picture,” she said. “I usually always got what I asked for on Christmas Day.”

Most children believe in Santa Claus up until they are out of elementary school.

Pursell said as children grow up they become logical thinkers, making them question many beliefs.

“Boys are most likely to figure out on their own

that he is not real,” she said. “While girls are more likely to have been informed by someone else.”

Sophomore Connor Davis said he found out early on that Santa Claus was not real.

“When I was in kindergarten another person in my class told me that Santa was not real,” he said. “When I asked my mom she told me Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, even the tooth fairy was not real.”

Palmer said she found out when she was in elementary school.

“My sister already knew and she tried her best to keep it going for me,” she said. “But I eventually figured it out.”

Garis said Santa's absence has not changed the way her family celebrates the season.

“I still love the holiday season as much as I did when I was a child,” she said. “I still do the same things we have always done as a family like listening to Christmas music while we decorate the tree.”

Davis said his role has been the only thing that has changed since finding out.

“I cut down the tree and carry it into the house to be set up now, whereas before I would decorate the tree and be the one to put the star on top when we were finished,” he said.



Brooke Retkowski

Zoe Garis (top) and Connor Davis (bottom)

Crime Log

Date Reported	Date Occurred	Nature of Crime/Classification	General Location	Disposition
11/1/17 0127	11/1/17 0127	Suspicious Person	Parking Lot D	Closed (Negative Findings)
11/1/17 1245	11/1/17 1245	Verbal Altercation	Parking Lot D	Closed (DPD Responded / Referred for Disciplinary)
11/1/17 2239	11/1/17 2226	Alleged Attempted Theft / Vandalism	College Center	Closed (Unfounded)
11/2/17 1827	11/2/17 1827	Disorderly / Aggressive Conduct	Miller Stadium	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/2/17 2212	11/2/17 2212	Smoking Violation	Gooding Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/3/17 1826	11/3/17 1826	Vandalism	Williams Hall	Opened
11/4/17 1800	11/4/17 1800	Weapons Violation / Guest Misconduct	Carpenter Hall	Closed (DPD Responded / Referred for Disciplinary)
11/6/17 2124	11/6/17 2124	Counterfeit Currency	Wolverine Den	Opened (DPD Notified)
11/7/17 1705	11/7/17 1705	Smoking Violation	Carpenter Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/7/17 1705	11/7/17 1705	Smoking Violation	Carpenter Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
11/9/17 1045	11/8/17 1045	Suspicious Person	Bennett Chapel	Closed (Negative Findings)
11/9/17 1230	11/8/17 1230	Drug / Alcohol Violation (Underage)	Williams Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)

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