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Protest Sparks Participation and Objecting Opinions

By Kristen Griffith
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Junior Luke Gegan slid small square pieces of papers under the doors of each dorm.

The paper, titled "College Walk-out Protest," read, "Walk out of class and join us in a peaceful protest against the hateful and discriminatory rhetoric displayed in the recent Presidential campaign."

Gegan said he organized the protest because he wants to see more unity.



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Sarah Lynch raises sign in front of Legislative Hall

"There's so much diversion, that's really a shame,"

he said. "We need to step back and look at the big-

ger picture because doing something like this shows people coming together."

About 60 diverse students gathered in the South Plaza at 11:00 a.m. Nov. 16 to march to Legislative Hall in downtown Dover.

Dover Police rode on their motorcycles blocking traffic and escorting students down State and Loockerman Street.

Senior Emily Bentz said she joined the protest because she doesn't like the way her friends are being treated.

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LGBTQ: Community Takes Pride in Differences

By Najya Beatty-McLean
The Whetstone

Raiisha Jefferson is not interested in identifying herself as belonging to any group, including gender, sexual preference or race.

"Sexuality does not make the person," she said. "Their sexual preferences about who they may or may not like does not define them as a whole. Labels such as 'gay' or 'lesbian' doesn't define



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Raiisha Jefferson said sexuality does not define a person

their successes in life, and I believe that the community is trying to make people more aware that they are no different than the 'average' or 'normal' person."

Pride has become a powerful word in the LGBTQ community. Every event, every gathering, every meeting, every encounter seems to revolve around pride.

"To me, the message is respect," said freshman Tatiana Wright, who identi-

fies herself as bisexual. "I want to be respected above anything and everything. Even though I'm into both males and females, I'm geared more toward the females. So, what people not in the community do not understand is, we just want the same respect we give others."

Some self-identified heterosexuals agreed that pride and respect are important.

"There is no reason for

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Students React to Results of Presidential Race

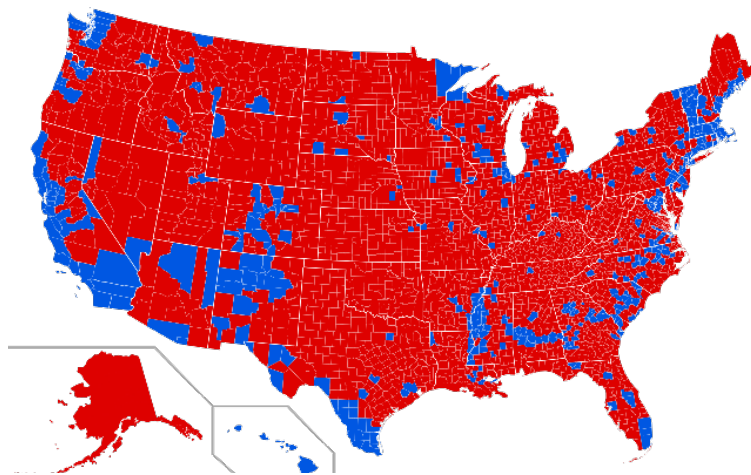
By Kirsten Nguyen
The Whetstone

Wesley College freshman Katelyn Schoof was startled when waking up the day after the presidential election to find that Donald Trump was elected.

"I was surprised because of how close the election was and how Hillary was leading before I went to bed," Schoof said. Many also were surprised about how wrong the polls were.

"Polls are a useful tool, but they are over relied on," Political Science professor Cynthia Newton said.

Swing states in the election, including nearby Pennsylvania, surprised many when Trump won instead of Clinton. Historically, Pennsylvania had often voted Democratic.



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Donald Trump beats Hillary Clinton in the 2016 Presidential Race

"I think they forget that there is more to Pennsylvania other than Philadelphia" Newton said.

Voting in many rural areas increased, bringing out voters who may have not participated in the polls. Overall, the percentage of voters who cast ballots dropped by nearly 5 percent.

"People were put off by the choices for president

and discouraged," Armstrong said.

"There was such a negative campaign on both sides" Newton said.

The candidates for president may have been a little off-setting, but many, like freshman Brooke Retkowski, blame it on the media.

"I feel that people were uneducated because people my age go off of the media and don't research the al-

legations the media made," she said.

Instead of questioning how Donald Trump was elected, many students said they were ready to accept it and move on.

"I'm excited to see what changes will happen, and hopefully the haters see he wasn't a bad option and support him instead of saying he isn't our president when he obviously is," Retkowski said.

"I feel like our country will do just fine," Schoof said. "It's not the president who chooses how the people act or the choices they make."

Newton said the election was a lesson learned.

"Overall, it's a reminder to our education system to teach people to be better citizens and understand the presidential election process," Newton said.

Athletic Director and Head Coach: Conflict of Interest?

By Kristen Griffith
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Senior Patrick Schlosser said he liked that Coach Mike Drass was both athletic director and football head coach.

It was only when he joined the track and soccer teams that he thought twice about it.

"I don't think you can blame him but he's a little biased towards football," he said. "It's a problem, but it's what we have to deal with."

Drass became the athletic director in 2005, ten years after he became the head football coach. As AD, he directs 17 sports.

"I think when you're at a small private school that's tuition driven, it's expected," he said of his dual role.

Drass said Division I schools may have that luxury since they bring in millions of dollars, but Wesley does not.

"For Wesley College to be functional, this is what we have to do," he said. "It's not as if other schools that are the same size as us don't all do the same thing."

However, of Wesley College's 33 peer institutions – schools similar to Wesley, which include Belmont Abbey College, Thomas Moore College and Cedar Crest College – only six of them have an athletic director who is also a head coach.

Only 17 percent of the 442 NCAA Division III schools have athletic directors who also serve as head coaches.

Michael Duffy, athletic director at Adrian College in Michigan, one of Wes-



Joyrenzia Cheatham/The Whetstone
Coach Mike Drass became the head football coach in 1995 and the athletic director in 2005

ley's peer institutions, said that although he is only the athletic director, he is not opposed to someone being both an AD and a head coach.

"I think each institution has to evaluate (being both) on their own campus," he said. "To be a head coach, in my opinion, would be very difficult."

Duffy, who directs 38 sports and manages 80 staff members, said he would not have time for head coaching responsibilities like recruiting and preparing for a game. He said he wishes he could since he coached football and baseball for 22 years.

Bill Schepel, athletic director and head coach of the women's volleyball team at Trinity Christian College, said everyone on their athletic staff has two jobs.

"It's been that way since I've been here," he said.

Schepel said Trinity, one of Wesley's peer institutions, said its budgeting disallows them to have one job, but the school is looking to transition to a full-time athletic director.

"Our administration identifies that that's a need," he said.

He predicts the depart-

ment will have another year or two until they make the full transition.

Schepel said he's unable to give 100 percent to both coaching and directing.

"In the six years I've done both, I haven't been able to give my full attention to each of them," he said. "Hours I simply don't have."

Schepel said he's guilty of conflicting interests when he has to evaluate his staff.

"As I supervise head coaches, I'm often put in a hypocritical situation," he said. "I'm on staff and I'm in charge of them at the same time."

Schlosser said Drass does well as an athletic director under the circumstances.

"From what I know, he does a good job with what we have," he said. "The college in and of itself doesn't have the greatest facilities for athletics."

Summer Stone, a soccer and lacrosse player, said Drass does a good job with being an athletic director.

"For the most part, I think that the sports teams are treated equally," the senior said. "There are some sports, like football, that have more publicity but those teams are also the more successful teams here

at Wesley."

Stone said she notices when Drass shows support to other teams.

"From experience, if there is a team on the field or waiting to go on the field when football is practicing, he always tells the team good luck if they have a game coming up," she said. "I think Coach Drass does a good job at balancing being the athletic director and head football coach."

Drass said the previous head football coach, Tim Keating, was not an athletic director, but Wesley held several athletic directors who were also head coaches.

Drass said Michele Stabley, who coached women's basketball for nine years, held the position. Before her, Scott Burnam, who coached men's lacrosse for eight years, also served as the athletic director. Prior to that, the 27-year men's soccer coach, Steve Clark, held the position after Bob Reed, the 15-year baseball coach whose name bears the baseball field.

"Coach (James) Wentworth who was the legendary men's basketball coach, he was the AD, so even back in the '60s," Drass said.

Drass said he's never been told holding both titles was a conflict of interest and never noticed any biases with his predecessors.

But football and track athlete DaJahn Lowery said he has.

"We probably get a little more practice time," he said.

Lowery said the track team doesn't get the same exposure.

"We don't get acknowledgements," he said. "This

past year we won nationals and we don't even get (championship) rings for that. That's kind of crazy."

During half time at the Wesley vs. Salisbury football game, Lowery said Salisbury held a short ceremony for their 4x4 track team and they received championship rings.

"I felt some type of way about that," he said. "We should at least have a ceremony or something. These past four years, track has really come a long way and a lot of people really don't know that."

In the last issue of the Whetstone, the story, "Ticket Sales Show Football Most Popular Fall Sport," reports that football tickets double the amount of tickets sold for women's soccer, men's soccer and field hockey games.

But tickets are only consistently sold at football games.

"The most consistently charged admission sport is football," Brett Ford, director of sports information, said. "Security takes care of admission at those games due to the larger amount of people."

He said they do their best to staff every game, but they often fall short.

"When I don't have enough students to staff the entire game, ticket sales is one of the first things to get cut," he said.

Drass said he doesn't think there are any advantages or disadvantages to having two jobs. He said a few other coaches hold administrative positions as well.

"It's something that we expect," he said. "I've never heard any of the coaches complain."

Opinion: Sports Teams Deserve Equal Recognition

By Kristen Griffith
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Student athletes often compare their team's recognition to others. More commonly, many student athletes recognize that their sport is not as popular as football.

Football is a nationally popular sport, so it does not surprise me when the bleachers are filled almost every other Saturday afternoon and nearly empty Saturday evening during the women's soccer game.



Kristen Griffith

However, just because football outshines many other sports in this country, doesn't mean Wesley's Division III football team deserves more recognition than the other 16 NCAA

The 2014 budget showed that the 80-athlete track team only received \$12,100, the same year they broke records, produced All-Americans and placed in the conference championship. The football team received \$192,300 that year.

sports at Wesley.

The Wesley athletics' Twitter page floods my timeline during football games. They update almost every play, which player made what play. Some tweets are even humorous comments about the game.

I wish I saw the same effort put in for other fall sport games.

There were more than 20 consecutive tweets dur-

ing the Salisbury football game, the same with Montclair State and Rowan.

The other sport games managed to get around two or three tweets each, which were simple score updates.

Throughout my four years here, my parents were charged less than 10 times to watch my games. The athletic department charged \$2 a person if they

had enough work-study students.

Brett Ford, sports information director, said the ticket booth is the first to go, nonchalantly throwing away money, when they are understaffed. Yet the school hires security for football games to make sure everything, including the ticket booth, runs smoothly.

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Opinion: Predators Cause Rape, Not Drugs or Alcohol

By **Brittany Wilson**
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We've all heard it before. In any discussion involving a recent sexual assault there's always that one person who sides with the rapist.

I shook my head more aggressively with every word he muttered.

"Well what was she wearing," he said. "Maybe she shouldn't have had so much to drink."

I rolled my eyes so far into the back of my head it's a wonder they didn't get stuck like that.

He talked as if rape can somehow be justified as the deserved punishment for dressing a certain way or getting drunk.

Um, what? No.

It horrifies me to think that our culture reinforces this sort of thinking, and that, somehow, there are still people out there who are totally blind to the seemingly insurmountable double standards that exist within this logic.

This semester, Wesley College administration has made a conscious effort to host Title IX events on campus, striving to educate students about their rights.

That's a good thing, right? I mean, yeah, stu-



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Brittany Wilson

dents are finally aware of the policies and procedures enforced under Title IX, specifically those involving cases of sexual assault.

own rapes.

I'm not saying it's intentional. I am thankful that colleges recognize that rape is a real problem that needs to be publically addressed.

But if I see one more statistic about how the majority of sexual assaults occur when women are under the influence of alcohol, I am going to scream. (*What do those fliers even mean anyway? That women should only drink alcohol if they are looking to get raped? That only men should go to parties?*)

Victim-blaming does not

mean to prove the freshmen's obliviousness to 'predators' and how easily their drinks could have been drugged.

Sadly, this isn't just a game—it is the reality of our culture. And in the real world, the worst that can happen is much more devastating than choking on the Skittle at the bottom of your drink.

According to statistics, one in five women will be sexually assaulted during her college years. That's 20 percent.

Wesley College's 2016

give consent."

This is the missing part of the conversation.

Don't get me wrong, it is always good to encourage students to be proactive, make smart decisions and be aware of their surroundings

But isn't it time we stop *solely* preaching "victim prevention," and start attacking this culture that manufactures predators in the first place?

Why aren't we talking about the side effects of rape: the severe consequences of sexually assaulting someone, jail time and prison sentences; the emotional suffering, pain and intense psychological traumatization victims of sexual assault experience?

Why aren't we discussing the fact that rape ruins lives—the attacker's and the victim's—and devastates communities.

Let's talk about how the side effects of sexual assault extend far longer than just one night.

Let's face it: Rape isn't the result of clothing or insobriety or drugs. It is the result of a choice.

A choice in which victims have no say.

Let predators take responsibility for their own actions.

Victim-blaming does not prevent assault. And if it did, the statistics about sexual assault on college campuses wouldn't be nearly as disturbing as they are now.

But it seems to me that some of Wesley's efforts simply echo the double standards of American rape culture—with no real, change-making solutions.

In recent years, there has been a noticeable trend within college administrations' conversations about sexual assaults on their campuses: 1. Make sure women know what to do if they are assaulted; and 2. Hold women accountable for the *prevention* of their

prevent assault.

And if it did, the statistics about sexual assault on college campuses wouldn't be nearly as disturbing as they are now.

Last week, a friend mentioned a gathering the college administration held for Wesley's freshmen students. While the freshmen were socializing, other students were employed to drop Skittles into freshmen's drinks without them realizing. The exercise was

Annual Campus Security Report defines sexual assault as "any incident forcing another person to perform a sexual act against his/her consent."

Sexual misconduct includes "sexual activity with a person who is mentally defective, mentally incapacitated, or physically helpless, including those individuals under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, and who are therefore legally incompetent to

Opinion: It's Time to Take The Whetstone Seriously

By **Jake Bradner**
The Whetstone

In my four years at Wesley College, I have noticed a trend: with every new issue of The Whetstone that is printed, there is always someone who refuses to take us seriously, just because we are students writing for a college newspaper.

Like somehow the fact that students are writing the news makes it less important news.

Some think we sensationalize information to upset students or to create a bad image for the college, which is certainly not true. We just want students to be aware of what's going on.

After all, they are the ones who pay tuition to be here. They deserve the truth.

As reporters, we do not stretch the truth of our information or try to create



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Jake Bradner

bias. We ask questions and investigate thoroughly so that we can report accurately.

Still, time and time again, there are people who insist that The Whetstone should not be taken seriously simply because it's student-run.

Just a few weeks ago, the progressive liberal YouTube series "The Young Turks" covered Wesley's Title IX violations, and discussed how the administration dismissed a student for sexual misconduct without conducting a

proper investigation.

From beginning to end, commentators Cenk Uygur and Ana Kasparian eviscerate Wesley's administration—even going so far as to call them a joke. They said that this incident proves that the college's administration is overly concerned with PR and not the actual problems students face at this college.

Since its release, the video has received more than 82,000 views, and of the 779 comments posted, most agree that Wesley acted unprofessionally when dealing with the situation.

I personally loved the video because everything they said was absolutely true. As a feminist and an advocate for Title IX, I am appalled by the way Wesley handled the situation, and, frankly, I'm even more appalled that there has yet to be a public apology from the administration on the issue.

The administration needs to thoroughly investigate all of the facts before making a final decision, similar to how The Whetstone thoroughly investigates before printing an article. Not doing so makes the college no better than Joseph McCarthy.

I think what I loved most about the video was that everything they said was everything we've reported in the The Whetstone.

On numerous occasions we have reported incidents in which we found some members of the administration to be self-centered or careless when dealing with an urgent situation on campus. The fact that a big outlet like The Young Turks—with over 3 million subscribers on YouTube—was echoing these things was refreshing. It was cool that they critiqued the college the same way we have in the past, and that so many other people agreed in the comments.

To say that The Whetstone can't be taken seriously simply because it is student-run is not a fair assessment at all.

No, we're not as big as The New York Times or The Washington Post, but we're not supposed to be. Each paper is different in their own way.

The New York Times and The Washington Post don't run corporate fluff pieces in their paper like USA Today, and USA Today, The New York Times, and The Washington Post aren't as conservative-leaning as The Chicago Tribune or The Wall Street Journal.

At the end of the day, they're just trying to report the news as accurately as possible—just like we are.

It's time to take The Whetstone seriously. If you don't believe the stories that are coming out of the paper, that's not our fault, it's yours.

LGBTQ: Students Acknowledge Sexuality Differences on Campus

By Najya Beatty-McLean
The Whetstone

Amber Johnson has been a part of the LGBTQ community for as long as she can remember.

"People of the LGBTQ community want nothing more than to be noticed by others as someone no different than others," she said. "The more we grow as a community, the more people will have to accept that we are here and not going anywhere."

Being a part of the LGBTQ (Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender-Queer) community seems to be more popular than it used to be. It is even more popular among younger people, including college students. There are now scholarships for students in the LGBTQ community.

"The LGBTQ community wants to be recognized as valid," said Emily Temple, a senior who identifies herself as bisexual. "We are human, and we are in the LGBTQ community. You don't have to ignore the second part to respect the first."

The LGBTQ population stands at about 10 percent of the population, according to a poll done by Gallup.com.

"I'm pretty sure there are a lot of gay people around us," said Marquita



Many members of Wesley's LGBTQ community are part of the club P.E.A.S.

Dickerson-Frisby, a junior and President of Wesley P.E.A.S. (Prideful Education and Awareness of Sexuality), who identifies herself as gay. "Whether we know it or not, gay people are everywhere. It's good to know we, as a community, are finally being accepted with less judgment."

Wesley's LGBTQ community doesn't find Dover to be all that friendly.

"I see a lot of gay people on campus," said John Taylor, a freshman who identifies as gay. "But I don't see many in Dover as a whole. That should be worked on."

"To be honest, if it's not on campus, I don't see a lot of gay people in Dover," said Ayana Davis, a sophomore who identifies herself as heterosexual. "Not saying all gay people are noticeable, I just haven't run across many outside of

campus."

As the LGBTQ community becomes more accepted, more scholarships have been offered to that community, for both public and private colleges. Scholarships offered by University of California, San Diego – but available to anyone – include an LGBTQ Scholarship, Russ Ty Gay and Lesbian Scholarship, Marx and Marshall Gay and Lesbian Scholarship, and C.B Arrott Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Scholarship.

Kia Smith, a senior and member of the LGBTQ community who identifies herself as bisexual, said she was surprised by the scholarships.

"Who would've thought about a scholarship for homosexuals?" she asked. "Basically we are being recognized for who we are. Now, it's like, 'Here is a scholarship for loving and

liking the same sex, regardless of what anyone else thinks.'"

What other people think is important to some in and outside the LGBTQ community.

"I think the main thing the LGBTQ community worries about when coming out the closet and coming to college is what people will think of them," said Amanda Reynolds, a junior who identifies herself as heterosexual. "I can't speak for everyone but I have had some friends of the community teased and bullied because of who they are and who they like."

The Princeton Review recently rated the 20 most "LGBT Friendly Colleges" in the United States. Some of the 20 include Stanford University, Brown University, Bennington College in Vermont, and Bryn Mawr College near Philadelphia.

"When I chose to come to Wesley, I didn't think about how many gay people were going to be attending or how the staff here acknowledges those in the community," said freshman Heaven Bernard. "As a member of the community, I don't think Wesley is bad but I would have loved to attend a college that is LGBTQ-friendly. Just like some people of the heterosexual community, I would love to be around a lot of

people who are just like me and have been through similar things as me."

Some in the LGBTQ community say religious opposition to them has been hurtful.

"When it comes to identifying yourself, religion plays a major part," said Daniel Lewis, a sophomore who identifies himself as homosexual. "I was raised in a household where there could be no talk of homosexuals because my parents are big on Christianity."

Lewis said he was disowned when he told his family.

"I decided that I would rather have happiness than to be miserable trying to please everyone else," he said.

Amber Johnson said she's confused by what she considers to be religious hypocrisy.

"It confuses me that religious people will tell you to believe in whatever you choose but in the same breath tell you not to love whoever you want," she said. "I think the main purpose of life is to live it to the fullest and be happy doing it. How can anyone in the LGBTQ community be happy with their lives when you have people constantly telling you that you can't be accepted if you choose to love someone of the same sex who makes you happy?"

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anyone to feel like they are any less of a person because of their sexual orientation," said junior Ahmad Crews. "The message is pride."

Jordan Vossberg, a freshman who identifies herself as "asexual" – a person who says he or she has no sexual feelings or desires – "It's about acceptance. Not being accepted for what you choose to do with your life, but being accepted for how you choose to live that life."

In August, Dover hosted its first Gay Pride Festival, near the Old State House.

That was a surprise to many students.

"I live right in Dover and had no idea of a gay pride festival," said sophomore Briana Rogers, who identifies herself as homosexual. "It makes me happy knowing that even though Dover is an old historic city, the people still took time out of their lives to recognize the homosexuals living in this town."

Brandon Morgan, a freshman who identifies himself as gay, said he was happy to hear about it.

"That is really amazing to see that Dover has taken

part in the acceptance of homosexuals," he said. "I just wish someone would have told me, I would've loved to dress in drag!"

Travis Barcliff, a junior who identifies himself as gay, said that being welcomed by those who aren't in the community, without judgment, is part of the LGBTQ message.

"At first, I always worried about what people would say about me and how they would react to my lifestyle," he said. "Now, what they think is just not that important. But I don't want to be judged

based on my sexuality anymore. I want to be able to walk in a church and feel a warm welcome with love. Not judgment."

Amber Johnson, a junior who identifies herself as lesbian, said she and the organization want equality.

"What does it mean to be human if you have others constantly telling you how to be human the right way?" she said. "We are all equal human beings, created the exact same way. Maybe raised a little different, but at the end of the day we are all humans who breathe the same air.

Judging others for who and what they like won't make anyone more human."

Betty Lee, a junior who identifies herself as straight, is the secretary of P.E.A.S. (Prideful Education and Awareness of Sexuality) at Wesley College.

"It shouldn't matter who you love or what your religion is, as humans we all need to support each other," she said. "The suicide rate for LGBTQ members is higher. We need to start supporting them and stop judging others."

LGBTQ: Bullied Student Turns Into Social Butterfly

By Najya Beatty-McLean
The Whetstone

Social butterfly is only one way to describe junior Travis Barcliff. Just ask him.

"I am a 20-year-old African American," he said.

"I'm a social butterfly and I try my best to be optimistic about things, stay positive and spread it wherever I go."

Being bullied and taunted in school played a part in Barcliff discovering he was gay.

"When I was in eighth

grade, about 12 or 13, I came to the conclusion that I was gay after people started spreading rumors about me," he said. "I didn't know I was gay but I knew they were using it at me in a negative way. So instead, I said I was bisexual, which was in between

both gay and straight, I thought."

What followed after the bullying is what really made him realize that he was a gay male.

"As a child, I would get my haircut with my father, and one day I went to the bathroom, which was

down in the barber's basement," he said.

He saw two men having sex.

"I'm guessing that they weren't out yet to anyone except each other, and when one of the men ac-

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LGBTQ: P.E.A.S Creates Safe Place for Students

By Najya Beatty-McLean
The Whetstone

P.E.A.S (Prideful Education and Awareness of Sexuality) is an organization on campus ran by students of the LGBTQ community.

"The organization focuses on bringing more awareness to Wesley's campus and the surrounding community by hosting events and educational seminars to inform students," said President Marquita Dickerson-Frisby, who identifies herself as gay.

"At our meetings we come up with events to do to bring awareness to campus, we plan trips to different LGBTQ events, host movie nights where we watch LGBTQ based movies and more."

P.E.A.S' main focus is education and helping students of the community feel safe.

"We have sexual health seminars to teach our peers about sex education," said Secretary Betty Lee, who identifies herself as straight. "And we provide a safe space for students to openly talk about sexuality."

"The most recent thing P.E.A.S did was create a safe place for students," said Vice President Jake Bradner, who identifies



Najya Beatty-McLean/The Whetstone
P.E.A.S members Marquita Dickerson-Frisby, Travis Barcliff, Tiyana Hopkins, and Emily Temple

himself as bisexual. "It's basically a place students go to when they're uncomfortable or just want to get away from the world."

Having a safe place is what some students look forward to when attending P.E.A.S meetings.

"The atmosphere of the P.E.A.S meetings is fun and comfortable," said sophomore Tiyana Hopkins, who identifies herself as bisexual. "They make me and my roommate smile and laugh a lot."

Others on campus, who are in the LGBTQ community, said P.E.A.S doesn't do a good enough job at getting others involved.

"P.E.A.S is trying to bring more awareness to campus about the LGBTQ community, but I don't think they're necessarily trying their hardest," said junior Raiisha Jefferson, who

doesn't identify with any sexuality. "One out of a few of their members will voice when their meetings are, but they don't send out emails or anything to get people aware like SGA or SAB."

Jefferson believes something might be stopping the organization from making themselves known on campus.

"It's almost like they are afraid of having a voice loud enough that isn't going to be snuffed out by fear of being judged," she said.

Students such as Kia Smith, who identifies as bisexual, agreed with Jefferson.

"I think P.E.A.S does a really good job at bringing awareness to Wesley's community," she said. "They just need to host more events or promote

them better so that people will attend meetings and get better educated."

Ahmad Crews, who identifies himself as straight, said the organization is not visible enough.

"P.E.A.S. definitely tries," he said. "But as an organization on campus, I'm not really sure what kind of involvement they have on campus."

Emily Temple, who identifies herself as bisexual, and who also is a member of the group, said the group is visible.

"I think that a public organization is a good way to raise awareness," she said. "P.E.A.S' activities, from STD education to discussions about gender roles and identities, are invaluable even for those outside the LGBTQ community."

Temple said the leaders of the organization are doing great.

"The P.E.A.S. leaders are passionate about what they do, and I hope the message continues to spread across campus."

Amber Johnson, who identifies herself as lesbian, but who is not a member of P.E.A.S., agreed with Temple.

"The fact that P.E.A.S is on campus bringing awareness about the LGBTQ community is good enough

for me," she said. "They could advertise more to spread the word but I think they are doing great at promoting events."

Johnson said P.E.A.S promoted the "NOH8" (No Hate, which promotes LGBTQ marriage, gender and human equality) photoshoot well.

"I got emails everyday about it, that just shows they know how to advertise their events," she said.

P.E.A.S' goal is to educate everyone on campus but it's also to help people become more comfortable with their sexuality.

"P.E.A.S has helped me with my sexuality because it made me realize I shouldn't be afraid to be who I am," Hopkins said. "The group helped me simply by being around me."

Lee believes the events would be more successful if more people got involved with the LGBTQ community.

"The LGBTQ community is small, so sometimes when P.E.A.S tries to hold educational and fun events we have little student participation," she said. "I think that the involvement of allies is need at Wesley."

P.E.A.S meetings are held every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in CC 213.

LGBTQ: P.E.A.S. President Remains Comfortable with Who She Is

By Najya Beatty-McLean
The Whetstone

Getting older is a part of growing up, and growing up means learning and discovering new things about yourself. Which is something 20-year-old sophomore Marquita Dickerson-Frisby came to realize as she started to define her sexual orientation.

"I don't know when I realized I was gay, like I could never tell someone an exact time in my life," she said. "I guess I've always been this way."

Being labeled as a lesbian is something Dickerson-Frisby does not like.

"I honestly don't like the word lesbian, I just don't think it sounds right," she said. "I would rather be called gay because that's what I am."

She is an openly gay African American female, about 5'3, 150 pounds, with short black hair.

"Everyone knows I'm gay," she said. "I don't



Najya Beatty-McLean/The Whetstone
Marquita Dickerson-Frisby said she was happy when she came out

really care who knows or not, though. I'm very open with my sexuality."

She remembers coming out to her family and friends without a problem.

"Actually, I came out to my parents by accident,"

she said. "When I was 15, it kind of just slipped out and my parents were pretty cool about. I didn't get any negative feedback from them."

Her friends also are understanding.

"My friends didn't really care," she said. "They're cool and accepting of it. No one close to me has treated me differently since I came out about five years ago."

"Marquita is a great friend to have," said junior Betty Lee. "Her sexuality doesn't affect what I think of her, it's who she is and I am totally okay with that."

Dickerson-Frisby wasn't sure about her sexuality until she got to high school.

"I wanted to wait until I was really sure," she said. "I went to an all-girls high school and that basically confirmed my sexuality."

She said nothing happened that helped her come to the realization. It was just something about being surrounded by all girls that made her decide she was 100 percent les-

bian.

"Coming out to everyone really didn't make me feel any type of way," she said. "I guess I felt happy but more than anything. I was comfortable with telling everyone."

The fact that no one treated or looked at her differently because of her sexuality helped her, she said.

"There's no better outcome than that," she said. "Marquita being a lesbian made her being President of P.E.A.S that much better," senior Jake Bradner said. "She actually knows the issues the community is facing and she can also relate to them."

Unlike most people, Dickerson-Frisby doesn't think her religion has anything to do with her coming out.

"I'm not really that religious," she said. "I mean, I was christened when I was younger so I'm technically a Christian but that didn't play any part of me coming out or anything."

Dickerson-Frisby said she tries not to think too much about what it is like to be a part of the LGBTQ community. It's the general prejudice against both gays and blacks that she sees.

"I get backlash from two angles," she said. "I'm black and I'm gay. Things happen to both kinds of people. A lot of stuff happens too often and I kind of have to pull myself back from it. I sort of dissociate myself in a sense because it's just so intense that I can't really react to it."

One thing she wished she had when finding herself and coming out, is a friend or someone to talk to in general.

"The best advice I can give to someone is to find someone you can talk to, just anyone willing to listen," she said. "Especially if you are worried about being bashed for what you like. Sometimes people feel like there's no one there for them, so even if they have one person to tell, it'll be better for them."

Opinion: Family, Friends and Phones Compete for Attention

By **Brittany Wilson**
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Brittany Wilson

The phone rings and I hope with my whole heart that you'll pick me, choose me, but I know even before you accept the call it's her that you want.

Quiet moments alone are constantly interrupted by the buzz of her text messages, the obnoxious, off-beat rhythm of someone else becoming a greater priority than time spent intimately with me.

If only you would gaze into my eyes the way you stare at that screen; intrigued, mesmerized, entirely captivated, a halo of light reflecting back as you gently trace your fingertips over the face of your phone.

I have never been the jealous type. It's not like me to become irritated

when your attention wanders elsewhere. But it is so insulting to think that you would let an inanimate object appear more valuable to you than your relationship with me.

It's not the first time we've had this conversation.

He rolls his eyes playfully and shoves his phone back in his pocket.

There is no other woman. Unless Siri counts as one.

It's a cell phone love affair.

As his girlfriend, I've gotten annoyed enough that I've slapped the phone right out of Joey's hands on several different occasions. I hate the way pointless games demand so much of his time, and I get frustrated when important conversations are tabled as soon as his phone vibrates.

But as a pub waitress, I am amazed at how common it is. Every shift I work is flooded with couples (and families and friends) who make more conversation with the people inside their phones than they bother to mumble to each other.

They scan their Facebook, Twitter and Instagram feeds, then pose for a Snapchat selfie, ("Date night with bae. Having so much fun!") before finally looking up to acknowledge the person sitting directly across the table.

I guarantee some men know more about the Pokemons they've collected this week than they do about their girlfriends.

And some women have gathered more information on Facebook about how their ex-best friend's mom is doing today than they've bothered to ask their boyfriend all week long.

Why do we invest so much time in things that don't really matter? How have we gotten to the point that a game or an app is more important in our lives (and consumes so much more time) than the people that surround us—especially the ones we care about the most?

I don't have any answers, but the observable facts of the situation make me kind of sad.

Even just in the time I've been at Wesley, the socially acceptable dynamics of re-

lationships—with friends, family, and loved ones—have changed in correlation with the evolution of technology.

This becomes especially apparent during the holidays, as people slow down to take a break from reality and gather to celebrate togetherness with family, friends—all of those who are most important to them—and yet, spend more time absorbed in technology than in conversation.

I'm not saying technology is all bad, but I do think it is important for us to be aware of how much it consumes our time, energy and attention.

Because when it comes down to it, our best memories involve people and experiences, great food and conversation—not the Snapchat story of someone else's.

From Protest on p. 1: Student Opinions Differ about Protest

"This election has touched on a lot of stereotypes," she said. "If you're black, you have criminal instincts. If you're white, you're a racist. If you have any kind of Latin American heritage, you don't deserve to be here. If you're Muslim, you're a threat."

Students marched down the middle of the street raising their signs and chanting.

Signs said, "United against hate," "Love Trumps hate," and "F**k Trump, not my president."

Junior Taylor Ellis said she joined the protest because she disagrees with President-elect Donald Trump.

"Everything he stands for isn't what we need to progress the country," she said.

Ellis said she liked the protest because it gets students involved and brings everyone closer together.

"We're a really small school so helping everyone come together for this is a really good thing," she said.

As students took a few laps around Legislative Green Park, a student's speaker blared, "F**k Donald Trump," a song by YG and Nipsey Hussle.

When the crowd started approaching a group of children, the song was cut off and students began chanting, "Wolverines against Hate." A few children began chanting along

with them.

After three laps around the park, students stood in front of Legislative Hall holding up their signs and chanting, including songs "Why can't we be friends," by War and "Black or

student, said with laughing emoticons. "I'm not saying I'm for Trump by this, I'm saying it's retarded to let a bunch of people, predominantly black, go on a walk with police around. And if anyone in that walk steps

"Why is it, to him and others, that we can't be peaceful about making our voices heard," she said.

Stewart said she was offended by Conley's post because he was taking police brutality as a joke.

needed to be taken because the post could be deemed threatening," BSU member Moni Olowere said. "Anyone could have seen that, taken it the wrong way and acted negatively."

Olowere said they told Student Affairs that Conley should be educated more.

"He can't just say our lives will be put in danger due to a peaceful protest," she said. "We feel he portrayed the African American community in a very poor light."

Le'Mon said he wonders how the school is going to educate students on civility.

The school held a civility summit with student leaders and faculty Sept. 11. The goal was to educate Wesley about civility and to keep it an on-going conversation.

"Since the civility summit in September, I haven't seen any program or seminars geared towards civility," he said.

Conley was not the only one who opposed the protest.

Senior Kevin Johnson said students should take advantage of the protests relevant to Wesley College.

"This protest held no weight in the grand scheme of things, and if protests happen here at Wesley, it should be against the injustices of Wesley," he said.



Wesley students in front of Legislative Hall

Joyrenzia Cheatham/TheWhetstone

White," by Michael Jackson played through the speakers.

Some students left class to be part of the movement while others, like Freshman Nick Conley, did not want to be part of it at all.

"I hope Delaware Police doesn't shoot you first," Conley typed on the picture of Gegan's square piece of paper he posted on Snapchat.

When one of his followers asked about his post, he said the people involved in the protest are dumb.

"What is a protest walk in the state of Delaware at Wesley College going to do to change (the election results)," Conley, a white

out of line in the slightest, you can bet they won't hesitate to get a little trigger happy. No, sorry, I will not be joining a protest walk."

Senior Kanita Stewart said the school bias is toward white students when it comes to civility.

"We have to watch what we say, what we do, and how we present things so the Caucasian students don't feel a certain way, but they allow them to continuously do it to us," she said.

Stewart said Wesley needs to end racial profiling because black students are always seen in a negative light.

"We feel offended and unsafe walking around campus with someone who feels that way," she said.

Senior Evan Le'Mon, BSU president, said he was also offended by Conley's post.

"If you're making a joke about police possibly shooting black protesters for the purpose of getting laughs on Snapchat, then where is the humanity in that?" Le'Mon asked. "Where's your empathy? Where's your compassion? Where is your value for human life?"

A few members of BSU scheduled a meeting with Student Affairs to discuss Conley's post.

"We expressed that action

Students Favor Thanksgiving Over Other Holidays

By **Evan Anderson**
The Whetstone

For junior Christian Chaney, picking a favorite holiday is easy.

"Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday because the food is amazing," he said. "Getting together with my family is always a good time."

College students enjoy the holidays, but Thanksgiving seems to be the one many Wesley student's favor the most, followed by Christmas and Halloween.

For some, Thanksgiving is as much about family as



Evan Anderson/The Whetstone
Sophomore Hasan Hakim said eating turkey and spending time with family makes Thanksgiving the best holiday

it is about food.

"It's so much fun," said sophomore Alexa Douglas. "Thanksgiving is the best

because my family comes over and we all feast."

"Thanksgiving is always a good time," said

sophomore Hasan Hakim. "Spending time with family and eating the Turkey is the best part."

Christmas is a close second, perhaps because it's all about family, too.

"Christmas is the best because I get the chance to travel around and see my family," said sophomore Teric Henry.

"Christmas is just the best type of celebration! Families come together and have a good time," said sophomore Sarah Pulling.

Freshman Jabree Purnell has a birthday near Christmas, so that his favorite holiday.

"My birthday is four days after Christmas, so that has to be my favorite holiday," he said. "I get double the gifts."

"Christmas brings families together and you get to exchange a lot of gifts," said sophomore Jazz Evans.

Halloween was the least favorite holiday, but students still enjoy the candy and costumes.

"Halloween is awesome because I love the candy and orange is my favorite color," said senior Casey Beall.

Holiday Break Gives Students Opportunity to Work

By **Rahim Harris**
The Whetstone

Junior Billy Peyton works during break to keep money in his pocket.

"I spend my winter break working two jobs so I can have money for the spring semester," he said.

Peyton works at Finish Line and McDonald's in his hometown of Atlantic City, N.J.

"I like to have my own money so I don't have to ask anyone for anything."

For students like Peyton, the holiday break is a chance for them to work and make money. For others, they may look forward



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Junior Billy Peyton said she works at McDonald's and Finish Line during winter break

to relaxing and unwinding for the spring semester.

Many students who return home during break have to work.

"Not every student gets the luxury of sitting around during the Christ-

mas break," said junior Denise Cherry who works at Macys in the Dover Mall. "Some of us have to work to make ends meet."

Some students who don't work during the break say they've done enough work

during the school year.

"I think that between me being in school and being a RA, that's enough work and I need to enjoy my break," said junior Sasha Wise, an RA in Gooding Hall. She lives in Queens, N.Y.

"I don't work during the break but I do work on my music, which could potentially earn me money," said sophomore Issa Martin, an aspiring rap artist who lives in Atlantic City.

Some students say they have to work to buy gifts.

"I work over the winter break so I can buy myself things, and get my gifts for my loved ones," said junior Zakari Hilaire, who deliv-

ers food to supermarkets and stores for Jersey Lynn Farms in Brooklyn.

"I think it's selfish to not work over the break when you have loved ones to look out for," he said.

Some students say that break is time for loved ones.

"I don't work because school has me worn out and I just want to focus spending time with my family and hometown friends," said sophomore Bria Newman, who lives in Egg Harbor City, N.J. "I don't really need money because and I get most of what I want and need for Christmas."

Students Head Home for the Holidays - or Not

By **Kabrea Tyler**
The Whetstone

Senior Claudette Richards thinks home is where the heart is during the holiday breaks.

"Holiday breaks are meant to be surrounded by friends and family," she said.

Students are completing assignments every day of week, so holidays are a time for them to unwind.

"It's a time for me to close my books, and relax," Richards said. "I'd rather go home and sleep in my own bed and not having to think about assignments."

"I go home mainly to get away from the stressful environment, going home always felt like a vacation from school," sophomore Jordan Dillard said.

For some, the reason for going home during the breaks is pretty obvious.



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Some students go home for winter break while others stay at Wesley

"I love going home because I miss my family," senior Elvie Domond said. "That is the time when I can see everyone and we all get to reconnect."

Most students get to go home during the holiday breaks with no hesitation, but for others it isn't so easy.

For basketball player Tyrone Craven, staying on campus is the only choice.

"The main reason I stay on campus over the holidays is because of basketball," he said. "We usually

have practice, we might get a couple of days off depending on when the holiday is but we usually stay on campus."

Craven misses going home, "but being here can be fun sometimes too," he said.

Dillard also stays, briefly, during break.

"Playing sports affect the amount of times I get to go home," he said. "During the holidays I have to stay on campus an extra day. But that's just what comes with being an athlete and

my family understands that."

Football player Tavion Henson gets a little homesick.

"I get homesick fast, so even though we get to get home for one or two days, I feel free. It's not so bad though when I get to come back to school and live under my own rules."

While some students stay on campus during the holiday break because of sports, others choose to stay in Dover.

Having your own place around this time has it perks, senior Zaire Scott said.

"I don't go home because I have my own apartment and I pay bills so there is no point," he said. "Plus holidays aren't the same anymore therefore sometimes I would visit my family for a day or two."

Senior Brian Pantaleon, who grew up in Stamford,

Conn., stays for safety.

"I stay in Dover over the breaks because of the violence that goes on back home and not wanting to be involved in it," he said. "Delaware moves at a much slower pace which is relaxing for a city kid."

People who have been here longer say there are many reasons students choose to stay during breaks.

"These range from athletic commitments and working in the surrounding area. Others stay to fulfill academic requirements," residence life Laura Blaze-wicz said.

If choosing to go home, holiday breaks are about family and friends and getting to reunite with them.

"I would say catching up with family members around the dinner table is what I look forward to the most," Richards said.

From Butterfly on p. 4: Coming Out of Closet Leads to Popularity

knowledged my presence, he was coming after me," he said. "I don't remember if he was trying to include me in their actions or he just grabbed my shoulder out of fear, but the other gentlemen knew whose child I was and said that I wouldn't say anything."

Barcliff said he wasn't traumatized. He was confused.

Coming out to his family was not tough for him. Most of them already knew because of his mannerisms. The hard part was when it came to telling his mom.

"I told my mom I was gay on our way home from my karate class and I just broke down crying," he said. "She said that she



Najya Beatty-McLean/TheWhetstone
Travis Barcliff said he tries to spread his positivity and optimism to others

wouldn't treat me differently, she would just love me more because I make her proud."

Barcliff said he received positive reactions from everyone, especially his friends.

"I didn't have to come out to every single one of

my friends because we were all so close that they already knew and didn't care," he said. "It just made me cooler."

He said he became more popular as more people found out.

"My clothing style changed completely and I was everyone's friend, especially the girls," he said. "My guy friends would ask me to hook them up with someone because I knew almost everything that was going on with most of the girls in school."

His friends think his gayness makes him distinctive.

"If he were straight, he wouldn't be as outspoken and great like he is," sophomore Alexis Dixon said. "I

couldn't imagine not having him as a friend."

After coming out to everyone in high school, Travis said he gained confidence.

"It meant I could act any way I wanted since I didn't have to live up to male expectations," he said.

Travis was named "Drama King" for his senior class superlatives.

"He is most definitely a drama king," sophomore Nicole Harris said. "He doesn't go around starting trouble like most gay boys I know. He's more into fashion and being a pretty boy, which is why I love him!"

Although he said religion is not a big part of his life,

he does believe in God and prayer.

"I believe I am Christian, but I'm not all about religion," he said. "I believe in God completely and that He has things planned for me, which is why I don't believe when people say I'm going to hell because I am gay."

Despite the negativity he often feels, he said he believes the world is starting to accept him.

"In some places of the world, it is still looked at as a disgrace," he said.

"However, the U.S is more accepting than others and people seem to be more comfortable with it here."

From Recognition on p. 2: Football is Favored Over Other Teams

Before football's first game of the season, the day before a women's soccer game, security said they were told to kick us off Drass field so the Delaware Valley University football team could "warm up."

After a team talk on the baseball field, we walked back to the locker room, noticing the few Delaware Valley players walking around the field, listening to music and socializing.

Ironically, almost every

time our practice is scheduled after football's, we wait an extra five to 10 minutes for them to leave the field. Even on game days.

Delaware Valley beat Wesley that night.

Situations like this reassured me there are biases toward the football team. This inspired my senior project, which include seven articles that take a deeper look into Wesley athletics.

During a friendly classroom debate about sport recognition, a football player said football's privileges, like consistent recognition, buffets and nice hotels, come from its success on the field.

Football consistently holds winning records, but players aren't part of the only successful team on campus.

My interview with the trackless Track Coach Stephen Kimes enlightened

me on track's success and their lack of recognition.

According to my classmate's logic, the track team should qualify for the same privileges the football team has.

Instead, the 2014 budget showed that the 80-athlete track team only received \$12,100, the same year they broke records, produced All-Americans and placed in the conference championship.

The football team re-

ceived \$192,300 that year.

The equality of recognition and support for sport teams needs to improve with help from students and administration.

Students should support as many sports as possible; while the athletic administration take the time to make sure no sport is prioritized over the other.

New Printers Fail Before Students Use Them

By Kabrea Tyler
The Whetstone

Student Najee Segar thinks being able to use ID cards to print would be one less dime she needed to squeeze out of her pockets.

"We already pay for basically everything, so using my IDs to print is more convenient, and would take a weight off of my shoulders," she said.

That weight is still heavy on her shoulders.

The College had purchased a card-reading printing system for the library this fall. The Student Government Association donated money to make



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College IDs failed to fit in new printing system

the printers possible.

The problem: the College's ID cards didn't fit the slots.

"Nobody tried it before it came," said Student Government Association adviser Jack Barnhardt.

"The device was too

small for student IDs to be entered, but we looking for other ideas, such as being able swipe your card instead," Director of IT department Paul Copeland said.

The new ID card-reading printing system will be ready soon, SGA president Destiny Hollis said.

"The new printing system is not a project that is not working, but one that took longer than expected and I am confident that the system will be up and running by next semester," she said.

Whether it's through dimes or ID cards, Director of Parker Library Jes-

sica Olin said the money students pay to print helps maintain the printing system.

"We don't charge for printing the first couple of weeks each semester," she said. "We are working on a way to let students have a certain allowance of free printing throughout the semester instead of just at the beginning."

Although it will still cost them, students said using ID cards to print will make their lives easier.

"This system needs to get up and running because it is a big hassle trying to get change to print," sophomore Jeanerre Smith said.

"Wesley should make getting the system fixed priority because it can be very beneficial to their students," sophomore Kenya Gorham said.

"Using IDs to print is something I did at my old University," sophomore Katherine King said. "It's inconvenient that here is different because sometimes I have to run out to my car just for change, to print."

Barnhardt said an ID card-reading system correctly is not simple.

"We are dealing with the vendor, pricing, and making sure the systems are alike," he said.

Thinking about joining The Whetstone? We're always looking for reporters and photographers to join the staff. Help us create stories that make change.

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