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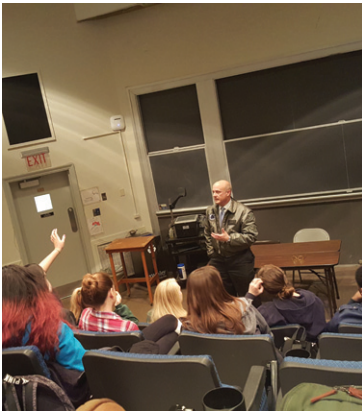
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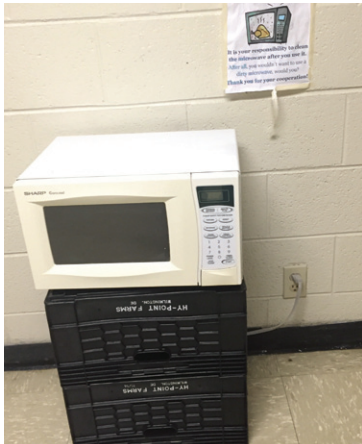
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President Changes Commencement Back to Original Date

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President Robert Clark changed the date of this semester's spring graduation – and then he changed it back again after many seniors and their families protested the late change.

Clark announced the initial change – from Saturday, May 7, to Thursday, May 5 – on Feb. 18 because, he said, the date fell on Dover Days and Delaware State University's graduation.

Dr. Jeffrey Gibson, interim vice president of academic affairs, said the date was originally changed because it was the same day as Dover Days and Delaware State University's graduation. He said moving graduation will ensure hotel and restaurant access for the graduate's families.

He said DSU gave no warning when they changed the date of their commencement ceremony. Their spring graduation usually happens on a Sunday. Their seniors walked across the stage last year on Sunday, May 17.

Right after the Feb. 18 announcement, Samantha Misner, vice president of the student government association, created a peti-



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Seniors gathered in Cannon Hall to address President Clark about graduation's date change

tion for students to sign in hopes to change graduation back to its original date.

"What led me to create the petition was the students I saw on my [Twitter] timeline – upset, confused and frustrated," she said. Misner said the weekend commencement was a tradition for students and alumni.

"Many undergraduates and alumni come back to Wesley to celebrate their friend's accomplishments," she said. "If our friends, alumni and family weren't here it just wouldn't be the same."

She said the petition received 250 signatures from students, alumni and parents who didn't agree with the rescheduling.

Clark changed the date back after students voiced

their concerns at the open forum he hosted. About 30 seniors attended the open forum in room 7 of Cannon Hall Feb. 19.

Clark stood in the front of the room explaining the influence of the date change.

"I talked to parents and students, but not everyone," he said. "After a lot of discussion, [graduation] was moved to Thursday."

Clark said he was the only one who made the decision to change the date.

"I messed this one up," he said.

Senior Glenn Aruta said he was outraged after discovering the date of graduation changed from a Saturday to a Thursday.

"Graduation is always on a Saturday," he said. "I have a lot of friends who are coming from other schools and they can't

come on Thursdays, that's a school day.

Aruta said he was angry when he found out DSU's graduation influenced the rescheduling.

"Dover hosts Firefly every year," he said. "If Dover can cater to 80,000 people, they can handle two college graduations."

Senior Amber Roddy also said she was upset after hearing DSU's commencement was part of the problem.

"It's not fair that we have to change our date because DSU had to change theirs," she said. "That isn't really our problem, to be honest."

Roddy said having the ceremony at 4 p.m. on Thursday would make everything feel rushed.

"Especially seeing and taking pictures with my family and friends afterward because they would have to leave shortly after in order to make it home before dark," she said.

She said she was also upset for the families who live further away and made reservations ahead of time.

Aruta said he knows Clark was trying to do the right thing but he was misguided.

"Without consulting the students about it first, that was the mistake he made," he said. "But he's a human, we all make mistakes."

Aruta said he liked the fact the forum was held the day after.

"If we let it fester for a couple days it would have gotten worse," he said.

"And I liked how open and inviting he was for the students to share their opinions."

Aruta said the senior's opinions in the forum is what led to graduation going back to its original date.

"It was a chance for Wesley to really showcase that 'we do listen to our students if we have an issue,'" he said.

Senior Damyra Price said the open forum went great.

"We got to voice our opinion and have feedback," she said. "The president is very open to talking things out and I appreciate that."

Roddy said Clark handled the situation well.

"As soon as he started to receive a large amount of feedback from the student body and their families, he not only held an open forum immediately but he also gave a resolution," she said.

Misner said she's glad the students witnessed the power their opinions hold. "We have a voice, and that voice matters," she said.

School Officials Mistakenly Remove Roe Furniture

By Baylul Alem and
Evan Le'Mon
The Whetstone

All that furniture in Roe Hall that Wesley College decided to throw away? They didn't have to. And now it's too late.

Junior Kevin Johnson was walking to his room last semester, when maintenance workers walked past him carrying the couch from his lobby.

"I thought they might've been bringing new furniture, but I got up here and it was literally nothing but the microwave sitting on the ground," he said.

The furniture is gone. Most of it was thrown away. The three microwaves remain, but they're now on milk crates.

According to Delaware's Fire Code, dormitory hallways aren't allowed to have furniture as they could potentially hinder



Baylul Alem/The Whetstone

The microwave sits on top of milk crates in the lobby of Roe Hall

a quick exit in case of emergency. However, the furniture in the hallway "lounges" in Roe hasn't been an issue during past inspections by the fire department.

"The furniture and microwaves were determined by the Deputy Fire Marshal during an inspection to be

in the hallway, which is in violation of the Dover City Fire Code, therefore had to be removed," said Walt Beaupre, head of security.

But it looks like those who decided to remove the furniture were wrong.

"The Fire Marshal approved the placement of furniture in the common

areas of Roe Hall, providing they did not obstruct anyone from exiting their rooms," Beaupre said.

"However, the microwaves had to be removed and relocated to the common area entrance way."

By then, however, all of the furniture was gone.

Roe Hall Senior RA Ryan Shilling said he was told the fire inspector said the hallways were not up to code and was not meant to be a lounge. He said no notice was given to anyone, including student affairs or President Clark.

"I don't know if we got a new fire marshal or what – they don't really tell us anything, not even when they're coming to inspect," Shilling said. "Maybe they came because of all the fire alarms being triggered last year."

Clark asked the fire marshal for clarification after he heard about it.

"I had the fire marshal (who supervises the fire inspectors) come out and review the area," Beaupre said.

There were several instances last semester of the fire alarm being triggered for seemingly no reason and the ID scanner not working afterwards, essentially locking the residents out.

Shilling said there has been some blowback from residents as a result of the removal of the furniture.

"The residents liked hanging out in the lobbies, especially the freshman since they're so close-knit," he said. "A lot of the residents assumed that we took them, so we've just had to relay the message that it wasn't our decision. Fire code is way above us."

Shilling also said that having floor meetings without "that area for

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Opinion: My Skin Doesn't Determine My Personality

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Seventh grade was my first time attending a predominately-black school. It's where I learned that being "black" is more than having brown skin.

Apparently, it was a life that didn't 100 percent apply to me.

Despite my appearance, I've been taunted, criticized and judged for not acting "black."

At John Hanson Middle School, you were either black or white. The black kids had certain requirements to fulfill, like fashion, behavior and speech.

I spent my previous

school years wearing uniforms, so I was slow to discover which clothing brands were accepted. Since I didn't realize how important it was for each piece of clothing to match by color and label, I paid the price – mockery

and name-calling, which scarred me to ever wear certain outfits again.

I was extremely shy, quiet and innocent, so my new name became "goodie two-shoes." After a few lectures from my Pre-Algebra teacher for talking and laughing in class, I was awarded the name "Good Girl Gone Bad," (the name of Rihanna's latest album at the time).

If I wanted to fully understand what my black classmates were talking about, I had to learn the latest slang. And if I didn't want to be called white, I had to learn to speak it as well.

By the time I reached high school, I thought I mastered Blackness 101.

But certain characteristics of mine still earned me names like Oreo (black on the outside, white on the inside), or comments like, "the blackest white girl I've ever met." Even white people claimed they were "blacker" than me, as if that meant they were better.

It was embedded in me that being "black" was better than being myself. I thought my skin color determined what type of person I should be. I made it my mission in middle and high school to prove I was "black" so I could be claimed as such, and not be called anything else. I even hypocritically teased my own black friends for not living up to the stereotypes

I was chasing after.

Pretending to be something I wasn't was a task I wanted to quit by my freshmen year of college. The idea of me proving the color of my skin to people who clearly weren't blind became ridiculous. I knew who I was, and I didn't need anyone's approval because I understood that stereotypes aren't guidelines on how to act.

Black people are not defined by their characteristics; we're a diverse group of people with many different personalities. I'm proud to be part of this minority, and I'd like to be recognized as such. Just because I don't fit into certain stereotypes, doesn't mean I am any less part of that.

Opinion: We Shouldn't Accept Technology's Takeover

By Brittany Wilson
 Managing Editor
 The Whetstone



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 Brittany Wilson

I love people watching. It's instinct—watching, listening, being aware—it's what writers do.

That is one of the many reasons I love to travel. Airports are full of all kinds of people, headed to all kinds of places, for all kinds of reasons. Each is a character within his own story and, even if only for a brief moment, a character in mine.

But last week, as I sat at the airport waiting to board my flight to Nashville, every character was two-dimensional. Flat. Distant. Every character, with the exception of only a few, had their eyes pasted to a screen, totally absorbed in text messages, social media outlets, games, movies, and apps.

There was very little communication in the terminal; most chose to talk to the people inside their phones rather than the

people sitting beside them. Children sat apathetically, uninterested in the bustling excitement around them—iPads in hand, they were too absorbed in movies and games to even notice. I never saw anyone pull out a book or a newspaper, but then again, I guess they'd never need to with so much technology literally at their fingertips.

In Nashville, I attended a journalism conference, similar to those I'd been to before. But rather than learning reporting techniques, writing styles or

new stylistic suggestions for newspaper formats, this conference focused entirely on the importance of technology within the field.

The best time of day to tweet a story. Where to post certain stories to get the most views online. New web designs and apps to make stories more appealing and accessible. How to con people into making something trend.

Basically promoting the use of anything bright and shiny enough to capture a person's attention, even if only for a minute.

"And besides, no one reads printed newspapers anymore."

The easiest demographic to target? Millennials. Students. Us.

It was like sitting in science class. These speakers had studied trends and numbers so extensively that they could accurately predict specific social media responses, especially to advertising.

We were supposed to take this information and use it to our advantage in

promoting the newspaper. But I didn't find these statistics and methods helpful at all. Honestly, it was pretty disturbing.

More than anything though, I was offended—knowing that I had been so obviously falling victim to their schemes. So I took out my phone, scribbled devil horns and a fiery pitchfork on to a picture of one of the speakers, and added it to my Snapchat story.

Revenge, which did absolutely nothing except prove that I am just as guilty as anyone else.

But think of all the things we are missing out on because we are so captivated by technology. In reality, most apps are pretty useless. But for some reason they become a priority—a very time-consuming one at that.

It would be devastating if this technological fixation led to the extinction of printed resources, books and newspapers. According to the speakers at the conference, this is our fate.

This is where things are headed, and to be successful you can't fight it, but rather play it to your advantage. But I say we have the power to choose our own doom.


I don't want to be the reason why people no longer walk to the end of the driveway to pick up the paper and skim the news over a bowl of cereal. I don't want to be the reason why yellowed pages are replaced by newsfeeds and computers screens outnumber books in the library.

I don't want to be just another number in some arrogant CEO's trend stats.

It's hard to be an individual when you're considered just one of seven billion.

Waiting for my flight back home, swarms of zombies trudged through the airport, but this time I wasn't interested in watching. So I plugged in my iPad and watched Netflix instead.

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Student Organizations Plan for Event-filled Semester

By Kevin Johnson
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Student organizations plan to make spring semester 2016 at Wesley College one to remember, with events ranging from a talent show to a block party and earth day events.

Student organizations, including the Black Student Union (BSU), Student Activities Board (SAB), Alpha Phi Omega (APO), Sustainable Wesley, and Students for Political Awareness (SPA), are planning events this semester.

On Feb. 5, BSU held its BSU Bounce.

"It's a mixer," said Evan Le'Mon, BSU president. "We will have wings, different games to play, and music playing for people to dance"

BSU is also collaborating with other organizations for future events.

"We have 'Wesley's Got Talent,' with SPEAK and



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Left to right: Shaylynn Bivens, Damyra Price, Evan Le'Mon, Andrea Stern, Nicole Sandiford and Professor Charlisha Edelin

APO, coming up March 18th, and our annual block party coming up this semester," he said.

SAB president Cheyenne Lazarus encourages students to attend and try new things

"We have events where we create street signs, a create-a-creature the Friday before Valentine's Day, Spin art T-shirt day in March, and Tie-dye day in April," she said. "We will

be playing more movies this semester, so we will show two movies a month"

Sustainable Wesley plans on providing fun for students on campus while educating people on the importance of environmental care.

"Our biggest event will be on earth day this semester," said Betty Lee, president of the organization. "We will also be talking to SGA to donate a water

bottle filling station in the college center."

SPA has one event in the works but budgeting may prove to be a problem for the organization.

"I have a Washington D.C. trip to be planned, but we are struggling with our budget amount for the amount of people we want to send," said Mercedes Myrick, president of the organization. "We want to send 25."

APO is erring on the side of mystery when it comes to event planning.

"I cannot disclose the content of the event, just know it will be big," said Raymond Lewis-Samuel, president. "We also will be helping BSU with the annual block party."

There are many more student organizations and Greek organizations on campus hosting events this semester. One thing that seems consistent is everyone aiming for April to hold their biggest events.

"There are a lot of scheduling difficulties coming with events," Lee said.

"The school makes it hard (the scheduling and approval process), so aiming for April gives student organizations more time."

"Everyone is planning for April because that is when things are winding down and students' progress to finals," Le'Mon said. "Everyone wants to have a nice send off. The more events scheduled around the same time, the fewer amount of people can attend any given event."

Sophomore Alexa Cherico thinks more events could help with retention

"There should be more events like the block party to allow students to get out in a healthy way and relieve stress, because college is stressful," Cherico said. "The main reason people leave this school is because they think is boring."

Title IX: Students at Wesley Talk About Sexual Assault

By Najya McLean and Raiisha Jefferson
The Whetstone

Freshman Megan Rummel feels walking around on campus at night and going to parties with a friend is safer than being alone.

"There are creepy people on campus, but mostly when they're drunk," she said. "If I go to a party, I bring friends."

Beginning last fall, Wesley College has been informing students about their Title IX rights, which address sexual assault, harassment and general sexual misconduct.

Title IX is a federal policy that protects students and those on campus grounds against sexual assault and discrimination.

Everyone on campus is expected to have some sort of knowledge about what it is and how to handle situations where any sexual misconduct takes place.

"At the beginning of the fall 2015 semester, there were Title IX educational sessions held in each residence hall, a session held for Faculty, a session held for athletes and more fliers were posted across campus," said Wanda Anderson, dean of students. "Additionally, each employee was asked to complete an on-line educational ses-



Najya McLean/The Whetstone
Ian Thorne said Title IX is beneficial to all students

sion."

Despite knowledge of Title IX, Wesley College has had at least two reports of sexual misconduct on campus (Nov. 9, 2015, and Jan. 29 of this year), which leave students feeling a little wary of being alone.

Freshman Lexis Harrison feels as though coming out about being sexually assaulted may be too hard for people.

"I feel like people are too scared to say they were sexually assaulted," she said. "It may have either been too traumatic, or they don't want to get the other

person in trouble because they were threatened."

Junior Kenneth Young said he doesn't know what Title IX actually means.

"I have seen Title IX being promoted around campus, but only by posters," he said. "I don't think posters are enough, whoever is in charge should send out a detailed email about it or everyone should get an actual document to keep explaining Title IX in depth."

There are some students on campus, such as senior Kia Smith, who are knowledgeable about Title

IX. However, she is confused about what students should do if something has happened to them.

"Not everyone speaks their mind when it comes to serious issues like this," she said. "Others don't know how to handle certain situations and Title IX is not clear as to where a student should go, who they should talk to and what to do if anything happens."

As stated in the Title IX policy, "If a student feels he/she has been a victim of sexual assault, there should be a place on campus where he/she feels safe to discuss their concerns."

Director of Counseling Ann Rogge said she believes it is important that students know there are steps that need to be taken after experiencing sexual assault.

"Our primary concern is making sure the victim is safe, receives any medical treatment that is necessary following the assault, and receives ongoing counseling support," she said. "I can't stress enough just how important that follow-up care is."

If a student has been sexually assaulted or feels they have been sexually assaulted, Title IX coordinators suggest he/she visit www.rainn.org "Rape,

Abuse & Incest National Network" to guide their steps.

One of the Title IX's rules states that sex should no longer be an option if a student has one sip of alcohol. According to science.howstuffworks.com, the process of thought and consciousness are located in the cerebral cortex. Alcohol affects the brain, and inhibits the process of thinking, making it hard to think clearly.

Freshman Ian Thorne thinks that learning about Title IX could be a benefit to all students.

"I feel it should be into play because people should do their business in their own room and consent is important," he said. "I think people make the option to sexually assault someone because you have to think it before they do it. Especially when it comes to Greek Life and hazing. When the victim is vulnerable and can't make decisions due to alcohol, sexual assault happens."

Students said they think combating sexual assault can be aided in learning about Title IX and the rules given. However, learning about how security combats sexual assault on a legal level is important as well.

Organization Members Gripe About Event Planning

By Brandon Smith
The Whetstone

Student Activities Board President Cheyenne Lazarus needs help from the students. "We have 1,400 people at this school and seven attend SAB meetings," Lazarus said. "People complain about the lack of events but fail to help us with the set up and suggestions." After weeks of hosting interest meetings for students, Lazarus said she has become frustrated with the lack of results of people and the increase of complaints. "I get annoyed because we spend a lot of time planning things out," she said. "When people don't show up to our meetings it becomes hard to plan events. We have SAB meetings at 5 p.m. every Wednesday in College Center 212. They can help us



The audience at Alpha Kappa Alpha's Akapela talent show

Provided by Alpha Kappa Alpha

plan events and give suggestions along with help out setting up events." Lazarus' feelings are shared by other organization leaders. "Planning events are hard and sometimes I want to give up because no one shows up," said senior Alpha Kappa Alpha

member Ann Louty. "They just get me so mad, they complain that there are no events and yet we post flyers about our events and no one shows. Don't complain about Wesley not having events when you don't even try to attempt to go to one. If you feel like the events here on campus

need improvement, join an organization and do something about it." "We talk about upcoming events," said senior SAB member Amad Crews. "Lately there have been a good amount coming to the meetings. This past Tuesday I want to say 15 people or more showed up gave some pretty good ideas about what they want to see here at Wesley." It's also a lot of work to put on events, Lazarus said. "The whole processes that they make us go through to have events is so much," she said. "It's administration: six people have to sign off to the event. I would have to sign, advisor, Peggy Hugh, Security, maintenance, and finally the dean of students. Going through the process is always hard." Ann Louty said she has to work behind the scenes.

"In order to have a successful event, there's a lot of planning that needs to be done," she said. "You have to plan out your event, book rooms, run around the school to get signatures, make flyers and promote." Sophomore Anisah Teach said participation is improving. "I see the effort, when we started last semester we had a lot of Wild n'Out events, so it's been improving," Teach said. But some students have no interest in what is offered. "I haven't seen anything that interested me to go and I haven't had the time," said sophomore Malik Johnson. "They should host more diversified events to bring all races together. They need events that will open up the society on campus, offer food and make people want to come."

Students Question Security Boxes' Effectiveness

By Raiisha Jefferson
The Whetstone

In the parking lots by Parker Library and Roe Hall are two security boxes. They have bright blue lights illuminating their locations. But they have become just that – boxes with bright blue lights. Students at Wesley College say they wonder what their purpose is. "The security boxes automatically call the security office," said Walt Beaupre, head of security. Junior Yamir Alicea-Rivera said the boxes help students feel safe. "The boxes are put in place for a reason and they are meant to make students feel safe," he said. "If something is happening and you're near one, you can alert security. There's actually plenty of cam-



Raiisha Jefferson/The Whetstone

eras that use the boxes besides us, like DSU." Some students weren't

even aware that the security boxes were on campus. "Being a girl in a neigh-

borhood that is really sketchy, I don't think that the security boxes are that secure," said sophomore Christina McTheny. "First off, I didn't even know that we had security boxes until someone brought it up to me. I still don't know where they are." Freshman Phillip Moore said he wasn't sure what the boxes were for. "I haven't really examined it close up to see what it does," he said. "If you're outside in the courtyard and too far to reach security in the underground, the only other way is to get to the security box on the other end of the parking lot. They aren't really effective." Head of Security Beaupre said he thinks that's true. "I don't think they aid in keeping the students safe, so their removal shouldn't be an issue," he said.

However, not all students believe removing the security boxes would be a good idea. "I think the security boxes should stay where they are," said senior Brynae Goodley. "If you don't have time to unlock your phone and call for help, hitting the button first would help give someone the time to call for police afterwards." Goodley said they were important to have two years ago. "In the first semester of 2014, we had a lock down because of a guy roaming the campus," she said. "In instances like that if you are outside and someone is following you, I think the security boxes do come in handy if you know where they are, and it would help to have one in the basement."

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SGA Hoping for More Student Involvement

By **Dakota Smith**
The Whetstone

Wesley College's Student Government Association (SGA) wants to bring CrossFit to the campus and, somehow, get the students more involved.

Wesley's SGA and many other organizations met for the first time this semester in Wells Theater.

"The main goal of the SGA is to get students involved and advocate for what they would like to see on campus," said Savannah Durham, SGA president.

One way to get students involved is to get CrossFit to come to Wesley.

"George Dobbins is a community business owner, and would like to involve Wesley in his CrossFit program," Durham said. "He has offered Wesley students a very



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Christina McTheny said the block party is a great idea

generous discount to join his CrossFit gym. Students would be able to compete with other teams from other gyms."

An ongoing mission of SGA is to update the library to give the ability to swipe the student ID card when printing.

"The SGA has been working with the library director to try to figure out how to address the ongoing printer, putting the nickels in the machine issue in the library," said Dr. Cynthia Newton, SGA adviser. "This has been an issue for many, many years."

This may not happen this semester.

"Hopefully, we will see this update by next fall semester," Durham said.

"It does sound like a good idea," said Alec Alicea-Rivera, a junior at Wesley. "It'll definitely make things easier and faster."

During the first meeting, the most-talked about event was a possible school block party the day the new Wesley College President is inaugurated the week of Founders Day in mid-March.

The possibility of canceling classes to bring students together and to then all go attend the inauguration seemed brilliant to all those discussing it.

"I think the possibility of a block party is a great idea," said Christina McTheny, who attended the meeting to propose a new

organization for commuters.

"Especially to get students involved in the inauguration, which isn't something that they would necessarily do on their own."

"That's cool," said Jake Bradner who is the SGA representative for Proudful Educational Awareness of Sexuality (PEAS). "It might cost some money, I don't know how much but I'm OK with that."

Durham stressed that more students should attend the congress meetings every Monday at 12 p.m.

"It's a great chance to hear about what SGA and all of the student organizations are doing on campus, as well as voice their opinion," she said. "Wesley is what we make it, so let's make it great."

Greek Union Keeps Fraternities and Sororities in Check

By **Lily Engel**
The Whetstone

Greek organizations are as much about rules and discipline as they are about partying on the weekends.

"There are specific responsibilities that each Greek organization has to fulfill on their own, but overall we represent Wesley College," said Cheyenne Lazarus, president of the student activities board and member of Alpha Phi Omega.

Each organization has to follow their constitution and bylaws.

"Constitutions are what the Greek chapter is about and the bylaws are the rules and regulations on how the chapter is run," said Raymond Lewis, member of Alpha Phi Omega.



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Cheyenne Lazarus said Greek organizations have specific responsibilities to fulfill

Depending on if a member breaks a bylaw, he or she would hear from Carol King, director of campus life and the advisor for the Greek Union, which oversees all Greek organizations on campus.

"The Greek Union is like an umbrella organization to keep us in line with the standards," said Pat Aruta, senior member of Alpha Phi Delta.

Greek life chapters have responsibilities that they

must follow, like attending meetings and performing charity work. If they fail to do so, it could result in a penalty.

"Each Greek organization must have a representative at each SGA meeting," said Stephanie Holyfield, academic advisor for Alpha Phi Delta. "If they don't go, they can get on probation and the organization could be suspended, which could put a cramp in their plans."

Hazing is frowned upon among Greek organizations.

"We do not know of any hazing but one of the requirements for the organizations is to go through hazing training," Carol King said.

If an organization chooses to haze or any other activity that breaks a rule, it could lead to serious

penalties including suspension.

"If we Greeks act up, for example take part in hazing or something extreme, it puts the college and the organizations in a negative light," Lazarus said. "Suspension means that the chapter will be kicked off campus and will not be able to come back until they are allowed by the college."

Three years ago, Theta Phi Alpha was suspended for five years for hazing.

Although each organization has a lot of responsibilities, they still know how to have fun with their brothers and sisters.

"Being in a fraternity made me come out of my shell," Aruta said. "I met new people which was nice since I was really shy coming into Wesley."



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SGA Creates Contest for New Snapchat Filter

By **Dakota Smith**
The Whetstone

When students at Delaware State University swipe right on Snapchat, they're not only greeted with normal filters but with special ones specifically for their school.

When Wesley students swipe, all they get are generic and Dover filters. This could change in coming weeks.

The Student Government Association hopes to bring a Wesley Snapchat filter to the campus.

"The SGA e-board and myself brought it up during one of our executive board meetings, and discussed how Delaware State University and the city of Dover had one," said Jennifer Jankowski, SGA chief of staff.

The SGA is asking the students to help design the filter. The one whose gets chosen will be awarded a \$25 gift card.

"I know a few students at Wesley have already submitted some to Snap-



Dakota Smith/The Whetstone

SGA is accepting Snapchat filter designs from students

chat HQ but were denied due to formatting issues," Jankowski said.

"They have really strict guidelines," said Samantha Misner, vice president of the SGA. "It's actually really difficult to do but Jessica

Cooke said that she could put it in the right format for us. They send it in, then we send it to Jessica Cooke (Wesley's public relations person), and she can make them meet the Snapchat guidelines and we're going

to send them to Snapchat." Having a Snapchat geo-filter is a lot more important than students might think.

"We are such a small college," said Jankowski. "Having a Snapchat geo-filter will put us on the map."

The filter will allow anyone at Wesley, or who is just passing through, to customize their "snaps" to show that they're here.

"I would love to see original artwork," Jankowski said. "I've had some ideas about incorporating paw prints and claw marks into the geo-filter. I'm open to any suggestions."

But there are still restrictions on what students can submit.

"I do advise students to stay away from using school logos such as the wolverine," she said. "Snapchat will not accept that unless it comes from an authorized person from the college."

"It's a great idea," said Dr. Tery Griffin, Chair of the multimedia communication department. "Social

media is a great way to reach younger people, and younger people are our target audience. And I really think media created by young people for young people is great."

"I think it's cool to have the geo-tech," said student Najya McLean. "I think that the contest is cool that you allow the students to make it up, where as I think DSU's was just made by their student government."

Sophomore Christina McTheny said she wasn't sure this was the best way for students to become involved in campus activities.

"But it does give the students the chance to be creative for the school," she said.

Jankowski wants submissions as soon as possible.

"I do encourage students to submit them themselves after contest is over," she said. "The more geo-filters the merrier. All of the submissions I've gotten so far are amazing, keep up the good work, Wolverines."

24-Hour Rock-A-Thon Raises Suicide Awareness

By **Brandon Smith**
The Whetstone

Freshman Ny'jah Wilcox volunteered seven hours of her time to help Wesley College's Rock-A-Thon in early February.

She did it for her friend, Alonzo Hall, whose death inspired the event.

In January, former Wesley student Alonzo Hall committed suicide. Rock-A-Thon, a 24-hour event for suicide awareness hosted by Drug and Alcohol educators Edward Franklin and Cindy Montejo, took place in College Center lobby Feb. 4-5.

"The purpose for doing it 24 hours was to let students know that there is no such thing as business or office hours when it comes to possibly saving the life of someone who may be struggling with suicide,"



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From left to right: Alexis Andrew, Rachael Robinette, Sabrina Sumner, Dru Sottnick, and Nina Ciccoglio

Franklin said.

"This event wasn't planned for April but Edward pushed the date up because of Alonzo," Montejo said. "The idea is to keep the chair going and the movement of the rocking chair symbolizes someone being there."

The 60 seconds in the chair represented the

amount of time that could be used listening to someone, she said.

Franklin said he was delighted with the amount of student support for the event, which included 215 and 30 faculty and staff members.

There were a few students who came to the event and needed help,

Franklin said.

"Some students were given professional, academic and personal advice while others were provided with someone to just simply just listen to their problems," he said.

Some triggers to suicide include stress, especially about money.

Financial aid counselor Erneatka Webster represented the financial aid office at the Rock-A-Thon.

"I thought it was a good idea to let students know that we were here for them," she said. "We had scholarships and other financial aid information."

Wilcox said the event was personally important to her.

"It meant a lot to me that they acknowledged Alonzo and went the extra mile to give suicide awareness," she said.

"I understand trust is

something that is developed over time," Franklin said. "I just want to make sure they know we care." "I found the event relatable," said senior Tahir Carr, who said he lost a friend to suicide.

"It threw me off in the way she took her life away," Carr said. "I wasn't expecting her to commit suicide because she was always happy and social, but when I found out what she was going through then I understood. People wear masks everyday but we never see behind them."

Carr said he wanted to pay respects to those who committed suicide.

"Rest in peace Tatyana Giddings (his hometown friend) and Charles Conley," he said.

Charles Conley who was a Wesley student athlete was found hanging behind Roe Hall in 2011.

Attention Creative Writers!

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Crime Log for February 2016

Date Reported	Date Occurred	Nature of Crime / Classification	General Location	Disposition
2/5/16	2/5/16	Marijuana Odor	Parker Library	Closed (Negative Findings)
2/5/16	2/5/16	Criminal Mischief	Parking Lot E	Opened (Reported to DPD)
2/5/16	2/5/16	Marijuana Odor	Carpenter Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/6/16	2/6/16	Vandalism	Malmberg Hall	Opened
2/6/16	2/6/16	Suspicious Person	Carpenter Hall	Closed (Negative Findings)
2/6/16	2/6/16	Disorderly Conduct	Gooding Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/7/16	2/7/16	Damaged Property	College Center	Opened
2/7/16	2/6/16	Alleged Sexual Assault	Off Campus	Closed (Reported to DPD)
2/7/16	2/7/16	Assault	Off Campus	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/7/16	2/7/16	Suspicious Activity	Parking Lot D	Closed (Left Campus)
2/7/16	2/7/16	Vandalism	Parking Lot D	Closed
2/8/16	2/8/16	Theft	Parking Lot C	Closed (Reported to DPD)
2/9/16	2/9/15	Failure to Comply	Williams Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/9/16	2/9/16	Disruptive Behavior	Security Office	Closed
2/10/16	2/10/16	Property Damage	Malmberg Hall	Opened
2/10/16	2/10/16	Harassment	College Center	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/10/16	2/10/16	Disorderly Conduct	North Plaza	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/12/16	2/12/16	Alcohol Violation (Under-age) / Guest Violation	Gooding Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/12/16	2/12/16	Alcohol Violation (Under-age) / Guest Violation	Gooding Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
2/13/16	2/13/16	Suspicious Odor	Carpenter Hall	Closed (Negative Findings)
2/15/16	2/15/16	Suspicious Persons	Malmberg Hall	Closed (DPD Notified / Left Campus)
2/16/16	2/16/16	Property Damage	Zimmerman Hall	Opened
2/16/16	2/16/16	Suspicious Activity	Lot D	Closed (Left Campus)
2/17/16	2/16/16	Robbery	Fulton Street	Opened (DPD Responded)
2/17/16	2/17/16	Guest Violation	Williams Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)

Men's Basketball Team Fights Till The End

Justin Vera
The Whetstone

The Wesley men's basketball team faced off against their rival Christopher Newport University, the No. 6 team in the nation, and lost 78-74.

During the past couple of years, Wesley and CNU had close games and this was another.

Wesley College headed into the game with a 7-13 record. Wesley's defense forced 15 turnovers at their home court in Wentworth Gym.

"The crowd helped as CNU players had not



Freshman Tyrone Craven passes the ball to his teammate

Wesley Athletics

played in that atmosphere and were nervous, but our defense had a part in the

turnovers as we tried to take away space with half court play and full court

play," said Coach Dean Burrows

As the first half ended, Wesley led 40-36. Anthony Bowers led Wesley in scoring with 12 points.

"Playing against a great team like CNU, it's vital for me and some of my other teammates to perform at a high level," Bowers said.

Once the second half started, Wesley increased its lead by 13 points. CNU called a timeout and started a comeback. Just under two minutes to go, CNU tied the game up.

At the end Wesley came up short, losing by four points.

After the game, Rasahn

Brinkley and Burrows said they wanted to finish the season strong.

"After a great competitive game to come up short, we can only learn from our mistakes and move forward," Brinkley said.

"We have a resilient bunch that know nothing is promise," Burrows said. "We must stop the costly turnovers and not fall behind."

Wesley will be looking to reach the playoffs, but will need to go 3-1 in the final 4 games starting with a game against Salisbury on the road.

From Furniture on p. 2: Roe furniture taken from lobbies

people to sit down" is more difficult.

"Everybody just wants their couches back," he said.

Residents of Roe Hall said the lounge area looks plain and dull now without the furniture.

"It seems as if the inspector was very hasty and quick to remove the furniture without informing the Area coordinator of Roe, and others just to avoid the fine," said Lauren Gray, a sophomore in Roe Hall.

Johnson thinks the loss of the lounges will affect

the freshman more than anyone.

"I don't really chill in the lobby that much now, but I did my freshman year," he said. "If this had happened back then I would've been mad because that's where we all hung out and got to know each other."

Johnson met a lot of friends in his floor's lounge his freshman year during a floor meeting.

"A lot of them are still my friends today," he said. "They became my core circle at Wesley."

Roe Hall RA Mercedes

Myrick was unhappy with the turn of events.

"These are residential halls, not jail cells or an insane asylum," she said. "We need to have community inside the dorm because it helps to develop the social skills that we'll need outside of school."

Myrick says she was told that the furniture was never supposed to be removed- only the micro-waves. All six were supposed to be moved to the main lobby.

"We were supposed to get our furniture back,

but it was thrown away," Myrick said. "They probably threw it away because they didn't have space for it, but it needed to be thrown away anyway because it was old and raggedy. I spoke to the President and he said there's a budget to get new furniture that comes from maintenance, but they want to by new mattresses and bed frames first."

However, Myrick feels like the lounge furniture should take priority.

"I understand that getting new mattresses and

bed frames is important, but they knew that the lounge furniture was a problem a long time ago," she said. "They just let it sit there until it was completely run-down, and that's not fair. I just don't understand how they can say they don't have enough money to replace the furniture, but they're talking about building a whole new residence hall. We need to focus on the problems with the dorms we have now."