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## Divided We Stand?

### Wesley College Seems To Be Divided By Race

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Most Wesley College students say they have reasons why they don't interact with people who don't look like them.

"There is no diversity, students automatically segregate themselves," said senior Breanne Smith, who is black, "Everybody has a choice to go to all events whether it is hosted by a predominantly black or predominantly white organization, but people choose to go to their specific race's event."

"The events that are divided by race could be because of the types of things that are going on at the events," said freshman Jenna Burchfield, who is white. "For example, the sorority and fraternity events are composed more of whites because those are the people that are a part of those groups."

Wesley is almost evenly divided between black and white students, with only a handful of Hispanics and Asians.

Events, parties, hanging out in College Center also seem as di-

vided as the statistics.

Provost Jeffrey Gibson said Wesley is a minority serving institution because the student population is made up of more than 50 percent non-white students.

Black Student Union vice president Laurelyn Richardson said she notices the divide between students not only at events, but on the campus as a whole.

"I definitely have noticed blatant segregation on this campus as far as events and even overall on this campus," said Richardson, who is white. "You don't see all different types of people mixing at events or even coming to certain events for whatever reason(s) they may have."

Although black students seem to notice the division more, many whites and others say they are aware.

"The school is diverse but as students we are segregated," said



The College Center

Christian Bailey

Edward Brandenburg, who is white.

"You can tell which organizations and events are dominated by black or white."

"As a population we are not diverse," said Momina Toseef, who is Pakistani.

"But at the same time there is a push for organizations to be diverse. I do not believe Wesley is diverse yet."

Senior Julianna Tedder, who is white, said she has noticed the division of black and white students on campus.

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## Race and the Movies

By Christian Bailey  
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Some students said they were upset after they heard that the Black Student Union was allowed to show the movie *Get Out*, but the Student Activities Board was not.

"(SAB adviser Mark Berry) told us, since we are SAB we are supposed to attract everyone not just the minority students at Wesley," SAB member Autumn Brown said. "BSU was allowed to show the movie because their organization is known to represent black people so they allowed them to show the movie."

Students attending the BSU event said they were upset by what Brown told them.

"So, the black people can watch the movie but not the entire student body, that's ridiculous," freshman Vivian Adderly said.

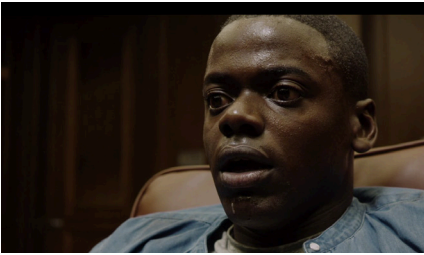
SAB Advisor Mark Berry said he did not tell the students they couldn't show the movies.

"Since I have been the SAB Adviser, the movie *Get Out* has not been discussed with me as a potential movie to show on campus," he said.

"I am not aware of them being denied the ability to show this movie."

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Screenshot of *Get Out*

Dean Wanda Anderson also said Berry had anything to do with it.

“To my knowledge, SAB was not told they could not show the movie,” she said.

SAB members, including President Jeanerre Smith and Vice President Kabrea Tyler, also said adviser Mark Berry said they were not allowed to show the movies *Get Out* and *All Eyez on Me*.

*Get Out*, a film directed

by Jordan Peele and starring Daniel Kaluuya, is about a black photographer dating a white girl he met in school.

They go meet her family, but Chris, Kaluuya’s character, has no idea the family is running a business that auctions off black people to white people who want black people’s skills and traits.

The mother later hypnotizes Chris and attempts to swap his brain with a white person’s brain to create something “perfect.” Chris kills the family.

*All Eyez on Me* is a film about the rapper, actor, poet and activist Tupac Shakur’s life, and stars Demetrius Shipp.

BSU Vice President, Laurelyn Richardson said she thinks she knows why only BSU was allowed to show the movie.

“The school looks at BSU as an org that caters to a specific

group of people, even though we welcome everyone,” she said.

“SAB is supposed to be for everyone, but *Get Out* shouldn’t only be shown to specific groups because the movie is also for everyone to see. To me, it doesn’t make sense and it is maddening that the school denied SAB for those reasons but let BSU show it.”

At least one student agreed with the decision to not allow SAB to show *Get Out* but didn’t understand why *All Eyez on Me* was cut.

“The movie is supposed to be for entertainment, but we all know there is a stronger meaning behind it,” senior Nyair Stanford said.

“I think the Student Activities Board doesn’t have the message behind its organization. They are supposed to be for everybody to

have fun. I can see why they would want BSU to do it, because SAB wouldn’t have a discussion after. Tupac is entertainment, it’s about a rapper. I disagree with them denying that movie.”

Reservations Coordinator, Naomi Rubin said she was unaware of the situation.

“The decision wouldn’t be made by me, it would be made by the CFO, but I highly doubt she denied it,” she said.

“I’m looking in the paperwork and I do not see where it was denied.”

Rubin also said that BSU never submitted an event form to screen the movie.

“They reserved the room for a meeting,” she said. “Many times students don’t submit the proper paperwork so they are able to get away with things.”

# What Do Students Do During the Weekend?

Kierra Whitaker  
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When some students think of college they think of parties and lots of drinking on the weekends. But that’s not what a lot of students experience.

Junior Doris Tremble typically spends her weekends in her room.

“On Fridays after class I just go to my dorm room and watch Netflix for the most part,” she said. “Saturdays are for when I do homework, and on Sundays I cook dinner.”

She has not been out partying much this semester – something she did the first two years she was here.

“The parties were fun but we need more things to do during the daytime to occupy us on the weekend,” she said.

Junior Alena Brown agreed.

“I usually grocery shop, catch up on sleep and do homework because there really is not much to do,” she said. “I believe if we had more events during the weekends more people would come out.”

Student Activities Board executive member Aaliyah Myrick said there is lots to do on the weekends but many go home for a break.

“SAB tries to provide students with trips off campus on the weekends,” she said. “We just need more suggestions on what the student body would like to do on the weekend.”

So far this semester, SAB has provided students with a skating trip and a trip to Washington,

D.C.

They’re sponsoring a March 24 trip to New York.

But for other weekends, no events are listed on the calendar.

Sophomore Tyron Gibson said he spends his weekends visiting other schools or going back home for a few days.

“I normally go to DSU for parties and to chill with friends,” he said. “Or I usually go to work back at home. It is nothing that really gets my attention in Dover.”

There seems to be more entertainment for those who are 21 and over.

“For the most part, I get my weekend started on Thursdays by going to the Allure nightclub,” junior Nneka Anderson said. “I

like to go out with a few of my close friends for a quick turn up. But other than that, I go home to get my mind off of school for a couple of days.”

There is at least one local place for those who are not 21 yet to enjoy themselves.

Puffster Hookah Bar is convenient for most students because they only have to be 18 to enter and it is not far from campus, at 115 W Loockerman St.

Junior Alexis Bynum has attended the hookah bar.

“It is a really nice place and the staff is very welcoming,” she said.



# Students Say They Want Consistency From Security

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Christian Bailey

Head of Security Walter Beaupre  
(top) Jordan Dillard (bottom)



Christian Bailey

Junior Jordan Dillard likes that many times Wesley security guards help students in a timely manner.

“Other times they keep you waiting,” he said. “They’re not consistent.”

Lack of consistency seems to be the main complaint from many

Wesley students about security.

Head of Security Walter Beaupre said students can rely on security if they are close to campus.

“If a student is off campus but within a few miles and for whatever reason they find themselves uncomfortable to walk back, and if a security guard is available, they will pick them up,” he said.

If a student on campus feels threatened, he or she can pick up one of the five blue telephones located around the campus.

Some students questioned whether campus security will come to their rescue if they needed help.

“If I was ever in trouble I would call the police,” junior Haneefa Weems said. “They would actually attempt to help me with my problem. Security will have me write a statement and forget about me.”

Beaupre said he understands students’ concerns and criticisms.

“Please keep in mind we prioritize calls by type of call,” he said. “For example, if someone first calls because they need something unlocked and as we are on the way, we receive a call about a fight, responding to the fight takes priority.”

Weems, a desk assistant in

Malmberg Hall, said she has seen security act too slowly.

“People get locked out of their room or building, they’ll call security and have to wait a really long time before anyone shows up,” she said.

Even in her freshman year, Weems noticed an issue.

“Ben [a former Wesley student] got shot at (but not hit) close to campus and came running in the building,” she said. “He went to security and they just told him to write a statement. That does not make me feel like my safety is ensured.”

Beaupre said students are security’s No. 1 priority.

“When a student provides a written statement, depending on the circumstances, we will follow-up with that student,” he said. “Regardless, we will take the student’s statement and document the incident in a report and forward the report to the Student Conduct Office for review. If necessary, they will get in contact with the student for any follow-up.”

Some students said they call 911 before they call for Wesley security.

“They say they’ll help you with car problems or walk you to your dorm, but they’re not always there to do it,” junior Landon Hall said.

“Depending on the situation I’m in, I’ll try to handle it myself or call the police. If that doesn’t help, then I’ll call security.”

Junior N’deye Diame saw security act right on time.

“This student took a drug at a party and was going crazy,” she said. “Ms. Angie (a security guard) came and calmed him down. She did her job, which is great.”

Wesley security provides students with a list of safety precautions they may take if they are ever in a safety-compromising situation.

The steps include:

- If you have an emergency, immediately notify Dover Police at 911.

- Never walk on or off campus alone. Always walk with a friend or in a group.

- Always be aware of your surroundings.

- Stay on well-lit and well-traveled pathways.

- Trust your instincts. If you feel unsafe, get out of the area as quickly as possible.

- If you need an escort, contact Safety and Security at 302-736-2436 for assistance.

- Do not prop Residence Hall or other campus building doors.

- If you have an unknown person in your Residence Hall, contact Safety and Security

## Meet the Staff

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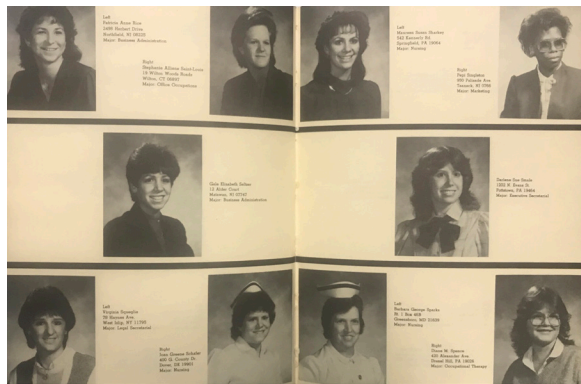
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Wesley College yearbook in 1984 (top) and 2014 (bottom)



basketball or SAB events.”

Senior Jamal Earls, who is black, said the college and students need to work harder.

“Events could be more diverse,” he said. “The majority of events are attended by African-Americans.”

**Black Student Union** President Rex Chege, who is black, said that the racial divide is noticeable.

“The biggest issue is trying to include everyone in events,” he said.

“If every time we have an event, it’s mainly black and it is reoccurring, it is a problem.”

He said everyone is welcome in BSU. “Our vice president (who is white) is one example,” he said.

“We are all about inclusiveness and it is harder to get white people at our events because they think it is just for black people.”

**Why Do People Divide Themselves?**

Psychology professor Angela D’Antonio said it’s natural for people to hang out with others of the same background.

“People tend to gravitate more to people who are like them,” she said.

She also said it is about self-awareness and social tendencies.

“Social tendencies get us in trouble if we stay in the groups we are known for,” she said.

“There could be awkwardness because we are all different. People get afraid that they may seem racist. That is why they avoid it.”

Tedder said black students are welcome in De La Warr, the history society.

“Students of color are no longer in the organization,” she said.

“Some left to focus on school or personal reasons.”

SAB President Jeanerre Smith, who is black, said she wants everyone to know that they can come together and be comfortable at any SAB event.

“We have to learn how to be among each other,” she said.

She said she has noticed a lack of diversity at SAB events.

“A majority of African American students attend,” she said.

“Our events are for all the students at Wesley College, so I would like to see everyone attend. We are here for everyone to have a good time.”

Smith doesn’t want people to feel like SAB isn’t an organization for everyone just because there is an all-black-female board.

**Black Faculty Are Few**

Charlisa Edelin, Associate Professor of Law and Justice, is one of only five full-time black professors at Wesley. Black professors make up about 7 percent of the full-time faculty.

“I have been treated very well since I have been at Wesley,” she said.

Edelin said she has noticed the division between students.

“I try to get out to student events regularly,” she said.

“I have been to fashion shows and lacrosse games and I noticed that those events are quite segregated. Most of the social events are almost always black and it does concern me that there is not a lot of social events that black and white students go to.”

Dr. Kathleen Jacobs has worked full time at Wesley since 1987. She said that Wesley has gained more minorities over time. When she first started at Wesley in 1985 there were only a few black students on campus.

She believes Wesley is making progress but it is slow.

“Wesley has improved with minorities from staff to students,” she said.

“I am so happy that the student body has gotten more diverse. The business department in very diverse. I have a nice mixture in my class.”

She said there were fewer minority faculty members because of the requirements that are needed to become a professor.

“It all starts from education,” she said.

“You have to gain a doctorate degree, which is very costly, that comes with the type of income you have. Not a lot of minorities earn that degree.”

Being one of the five black full-time faculty members doesn’t bother Jacobs.

“I look at it like collegiality,” she said.

**Racism At Wesley?**

Some students said they have experienced racism at Wesley.

Junior Najee Segar, who is black, said she faced racial discrimination her freshman year.

“I went to a party some Wesley students were hosting at one of the sports team houses and they tried to kick me and my friends out because we weren’t white,” she said.

Other students said they have had issues with the sport houses as well.

“They are always kicking black students out,” said senior Corey Johnson, who is black.

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“It is very subtle,” she said. Senior Luis Arteaga, who is Hispanic, said Wesley is diverse.

“However, I believe Wesley does not use it to their advantage,” he said.

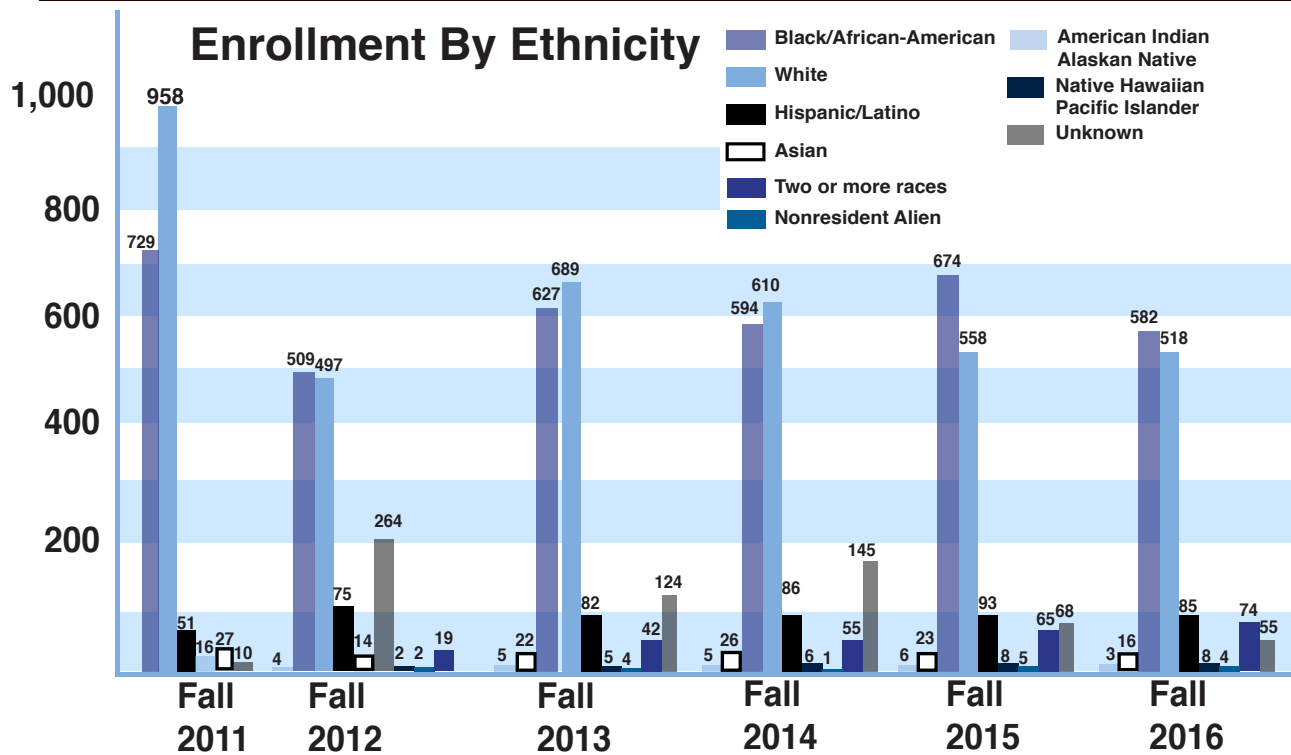
“They host many events but they always seem to be segregated. Pretty much we don’t know how to interact with each other.”

Senior Jason Showers, who is Korean and black, said the division is awkward.

“It seems like all of the black people hang out,” he said.

“White people are not really there at open gym where we play





“Or they say it’s full but will let five white people walk in right after.”

Jason Showers said he tried to attend a party at the lacrosse house.

“They turned me away saying there was no space but people kept coming out and they allowed white guys to go in,” he said.

“It didn’t bother or surprise me. I didn’t even argue with them because I have heard similar stories before.” Bruce Moses, who is black, said he was disrespected at a lacrosse party.

“One kid bumped into me at the lacrosse house trying to push me out of the way and didn’t say excuse me nor acknowledge me when I first approached him about it,” he said.

“Because of my skin tone they think they can disrespect me, I don’t approve of that”

Lacrosse player Shelby Schirmer said anyone is welcome to lacrosse parties.

“I don’t care,” she said.

“The boys say anyone can come.”

Schirmer, who is white, said that the football players cause problems.

“One white football player came to a party and broke a window,” she said.

“They put all of the football players in one group. People make that out to be racist because most of the (football) team is black. Even basketball players have come. It is more of the people manning the doors that have different values.”

Schirmer said her own white friends have damaged the house.

“People do not know how to act,” she said

“We usually do not kick people out until the police show up.”

Edelin said some of her students had experiences at off campus parties as well.

“I took a group of students to Washington D.C., and a white student asked a black student why she was not at a party,” she said.

“The black student said you know black people cannot go to those types of parties and the white student was surprised.”

She said the black student explained there were certain parties off-campus held by white students and they don’t like or allow black people to attend.

“I almost pulled that van over,” Edelin said.

“We had a 30-minute conversation and I think it was eye-opening for both races. As a professor I almost cried. I think we have to have those conversations.”

Dr. Jeffrey Mask, professor of Religion and Philosophy, said he thinks Wesley has a “binary ethnic diversity.”

“There is diversity in our student body in some ways more than others,” he said.

“I do not think we are diverse religiously.”

He also said that diversity is an issue because racism is a problem.

“A lot of people are in denial about it,” he said.

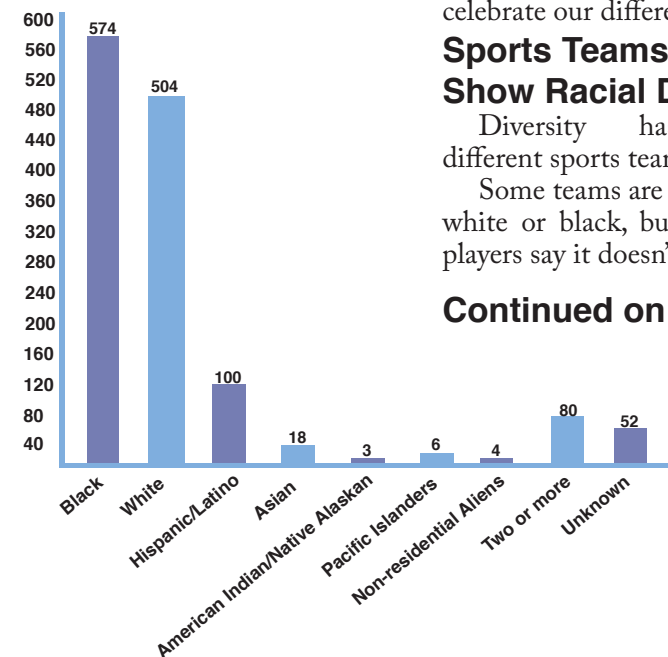
“We need to talk and listen to each other more and better in order to be able to accept and celebrate our differences.”

### Sports Teams Also Show Racial Divisions

Diversity has impacted different sports teams at Wesley.

Some teams are stereotypically white or black, but most of the players say it doesn’t matter.

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About 85 percent of the baseball and softball teams are white, while 83 percent of the football team is black and 78 percent of the men's basketball team is black. While 100 percent of the field hockey team is white, 65 percent of the women's basketball team is black. The women's lacrosse team is nearly 80 percent white, while the men's lacrosse team is about 90 percent white.

No one seems to know why they are so racially divided.

Director of Athletics Michael Drass said sports teams recruit within a 2-hour radius of Wesley College.

"The coaches visit high schools and talk with high school coaches and their seniors," he said.

"Or they go to competitions during the summer months to see the student-athletes compete."

Wesley focuses mostly on New Jersey, southeastern Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland and northern Virginia when recruiting for football.

Steve Azzanesi, associate director of promotions for football,

said race is not a factor for football in the recruiting process.

"We recruit talented players based on Hudl evaluation (a website where players can upload their highlight video) and possibly seeing them at a camp," he said.

"We look for players that are good people based on their high school coach and anyone else we can talk to at the school's recommendation and our evaluation of how the prospect carries himself."

Senior Alex Kemp, who is black, said the football team gets along fine. Off the field, they separate.

"The black people hang out with black people, and white people hang out with white people, but all together we are all cool," he said.

Dean Burrows, head coach of the men's basketball team, said recruiters go above and beyond to recruit players.

"We try and find the student-athlete who truly wants to be a part of what we are doing in regard to our program and who truly wants to be at Wesley, because it's not for everyone," he said.

"This past season, we had young men from Delaware, Pennsylvania,

Maryland, New Jersey, Florida, England, and St. Lucia on our roster."

Christopher Dearth, vice president of enrollment management, said recruiting a student-athlete is no different from any other student.

"We have a comprehensive recruitment plan that covers most of the Mid-Atlantic Region," he said.

"We attend college fairs and conduct high school visits at schools in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, Connecticut and Pennsylvania."

Senior J.W. Lawson, who is black, said the men's basketball team is diverse.

Eleven of 14 on the team are black.

"We are always together, we hang out on and off the court," he said.

"If I am not with my teammates, I am normally by myself."

Evan Anderson, who is black and white, said the team is a family.

"We are all brought together on the court as one family," he said.

"We are all treated equally and coach loves that we have that 'brotherhood' mentality with each

other."

Senior George Cook, who is black, said the team has many backgrounds.

"A lot of us hang out on and off the court, regardless of race," he said.

"Some of our coaches are black, some of our coaches are white. It does not really matter. They do a lot for us."

Senior Maura Binkley, who is both black and white, said the women's basketball team is more diverse now than it was before.

Seven of 10 on the team are black.

"We are a close-knit group of girls and really never mattered anyone's differences," she said.

"We accept each other no matter where anyone come from or what they look like."

Senior DaJahn Lowery said the track team is diverse.

"I know our coach does not pay attention to skin color, he is all about the athlete in a person," he said.

"Everybody really bonds with each other. Off the track we all talk to each other. We have more of a mix on the track team than the football team."

# Carpenter Hall Survives Vandalism

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Carpenter Hall

Joyrenzia Cheatham

The Halls are still open.

Last semester a flood caused by vandals in Carpenter Hall struck residents.

The flood not only damage the newly-renovated building but also damaged students' belongings.

"There was feces floating across the floor," freshman Kayla Thomas said.

"Although my room was lucky enough to

escape damage, most of the rooms in the building were destroyed."

Dean of Students Wanda Anderson said she feels bad about what happened to students.

"At this point, I believe students have survived the challenge and are moving on with their college experience," she said.

While many students have not filed any complaints with Students Affairs, some still feel angry about the process.

"First of all, they did not help me move my things when it first

occurred," freshman Brandon Lewis said.

"They sent out an email saying my room was ready to move back into, but my room was still damaged with feces still on my bed."

Lewis' things were put in a room with other students' damaged belongings.

"The school offered to give my stuff away if I did not come reclaim it fast enough," he said.

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# Greek Union Gets Combined Budget

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“More money, more problems.”

Those lyrics from the famous Notorious B.I.G. song certainly apply to this situation.

The Greek Union received a combined budget for all Greek letter organizations this semester – not individual budgets as fraternities and sororities have gotten for many years.

The Greek Union will now divide money among themselves.

“Greek organizations do not get voted in by congress and they usually have larger budgets,” SGA President Betty Lee said.

Instead of fielding large requests for money from the Greek organizations, the SGA decided to give the Greek Union, which oversees the half-dozen fraternities and sororities, 14 percent of the entire SGA budget of \$38,500 to distribute.

That’s \$6,416.67 for all the Greeks. (Including rollovers from last semester.)

Student Affairs supported the decision.

“They now split the money among themselves,” SGA Treasurer Austin Pendergast said.

“They are like a mini SGA within themselves.”

SGA Vice President Kelsey Fitzpatrick said that SGA talked to the Greek Union before the change was made.

Greek Union Advisor Mark Berry said Greek organizations requested 35 percent in the fall of 2017.

“A better way to control funding was needed to protect both Greek and non-Greek organizations,” he said.

“This will ensure the SGA budget remains available to all organizations on campus, not just Greek letter organizations.”

“Additionally, a centrally combined budget will unify our Greek Life program more.”

Phi Beta Sigma member Jamal Earls agreed that it helps unify the Greek Union.

“It teaches all the Greeks on campus to work together,” he said.

Zeta Phi Beta member Kyndal Showell said she is OK with the change.

“It makes it more fair and is better for other organizations,” she said.

“At the same time, there are a handful of organizations on campus that do a lot that should get a bigger budget.”

“It gives the Greek Union more freedom,” Phi Beta Sigma member Stephen Yorkman said.

Berry believes the budget will continue to be combined.

“The combined budget is a better fit and it protects other campus organizations,” he said.

“It ensures that there is money left for them.”

As with any change, there is always a concern about how it will work out.

“The major concern that comes with a combined budget is ensuring that everyone receives an adequate amount of the allocated funds,” Berry said.

“Everyone will not be able to receive all the funds they have requested because we did not receive enough to fully cover all that our Greek letter organizations.”

“We are still getting less money,” Phi Beta Sigma member Elijah Tinson said.

“It forces us to work together and bring unity.”

Berry said he believes the Greek Union treasurer Tariah Edmonds has everything under control.

“I have complete confidence in her abilities to do adequately divide the Greek Union funds,” Berry said.

SGA President Betty Lee emphasized that the change had nothing to do with past hazing incidents.

Vice President Kelsey Fitzpatrick said the separate Greek organizations were welcome to request more money.



Joyrenzia Cheatham



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Kyndal Showell (top), Elijah Tinson and Stephen Yorkman (middle) and Jamal Earls (bottom)

# Bacchus Training Teaches Leadership Skills

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Sophomore Sondra Bennett said she already is using the ideas she learned in Wesley's Bacchus training class, which teaches effective leadership skills and event planning.

"The course was very effective and it taught me a lot, such as

different ways to show leadership within the community," she said, including holding more events and thinking about those in need.

"I am always looking for opportunities to be a better leader."

The course, formally known as Bacchus Leadership Training, enlightens adults how to handle crisis situations and to be effective

leaders.

"The course teaches students leadership skills within a campus and community setting," Latoya Anderson, director of Alcohol and Other Drugs Education, who is in charge of the peer education course, said.

"I encourage all students to take this course; it helps with general life experiences."



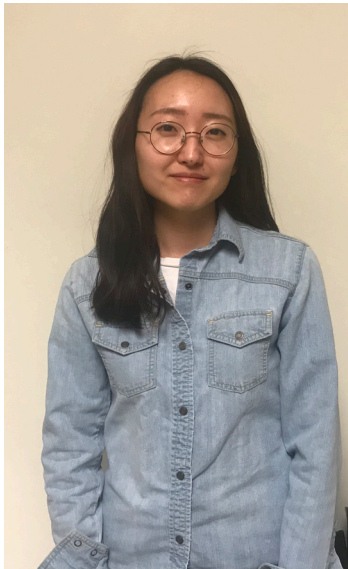
Latoya Anderson

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# Students Work To Be Safe at Wesley

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Ha Yeon Joung Joyrenzia Cheatham

As Ha Yeon Joung and her friend walked just one block from campus to the Grocery Basket, their trip back suddenly became a nightmare.

"Someone came out of a bush and told us, 'Take everything out of your wallet,'" said Joung.

"He threatened us with what seemed like a weapon in his hand," she said.

Despite the reported decrease

in campus crime, theft remains a problem at Wesley.

Lucky for Joung and her friend, a bystander saw what happened and called Dover Police.

"Thankfully, someone had seen what was happening and called the police for us," she said. "The police came very quickly. The person was caught on video and was later arrested."

Wesley security guard Lloyd Stafford, who was patrolling at the time, reported the incident.

"We were quite terrified at the moment, but we are glad we are safe" Joung said.

There were 14 thefts reported to Wesley Security from Aug. 2017- Feb. 2018; 13 cases remain open.

"It makes me wonder," said freshman Rocher Hopkins. "I know it is hard to monitor everybody all at once, but I expected to be safe in college."

After Joung's terrifying experience, Director of International Programs Rebecca Schrodinger reached out to the girls and made sure they were OK.

"We were really grateful that someone cares," Joung said.

Senior Jamor Thompson was almost robbed his freshman year.

Thompson was in the South Plaza on a Friday night when a group of young men who seemed like Wesley students approached him.

They hung out with Thompson for a while, then they later invited him to a "party" across the street from the school.

"Me being a freshman and not knowing anybody, I went and I later realized they weren't students," Thompson said.

The guys circled around Thompson and pulled out a Taser and told him to give them his shoes and his hat. He fled from the house, but his Brooklyn Nets hat ended up flying off his head.

"I ran back to campus, but I fell and cut my hand really bad," he said. "Lindsey [another Wesley student] took me to her room and wrapped my hand for me."

A couple of weeks later, Thompson saw one of the men with his hat on near campus and he asked for it back. The man approached him with a group of guys, one armed.

"He threw the hat on the ground in front of me," Thompson said, "and asked me, 'Do you know how many hats are out here, you want to lose your life over a hat?'"

Angie Fowler, a Wesley security guard, saw the incident and invited Thompson to come report the incident but he refused.

Senior Jason Showers was aware of what happened to Thompson. He felt he should have reported the incident.

"If he's getting robbed, someone else could get robbed," he said. "Reporting the crime helps to save others from future dangers."

Knowing that so many of the theft cases remains open worries students.

"We don't know who is behind this stuff," Showers said. "It could be people that I'm around all the time."

Hopkins, a Dover native, said she has never faced any personal attacks.

"I don't know what I would do if I was in a situation like the other students, but I try my best to avoid being in that kind of situation," she said.

Students take safety precautions to avoid any potential threats to their safety.

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"I want students to use their resources on campus and encourage others to do so as well and to make a change," Anderson said.

"The course could have been shorter" junior Kelvin Laosebikan said.

"But, Ms. Latoya kept it fun by including videos and games so everyone could participate."

The course also is offered to staff members.

"The class not only helped inform me what to do in a crisis but with event planning as well,"

Elvie Damond assistant of Alcohol and Other Drugs Education, said.

"The class gave a layout of how to plan an event and to make sure everyone is on the same page."

"It has helped better our Wooze Wednesday event by utilizing more ideas when planning," she said.

One who takes the course will get a certified in peer education and be able to put it on their resume for future job references.

Jamal Earls, President of Phi Beta Sigma and L.E.F.T., said this course was vital.

By taking this class he has taken note that everyone has the potential to be a leader.

"It was very successful course and a great opportunity to build leaders," he said.

"We need to have more events like this on campus that everyone should just participate in."

Earls is always willing to help empower others and build integrity.

The first training took place on Jan. 20 which had 50 students in attendance. The second class had 17 in attendance on Feb 3.

The upcoming class on Feb

17 is expected to have about 33 students in attendance.

Ashli Moore, sophomore student affairs worker is planning on attending on Feb 17.

"I'm ready to expand my knowledge in peer education and to be a better leader," she said.

"I'm certain that it is an amazing course."

Anderson said she hopes to hold more sessions within the next two months to get at least 40 percent of students certified.

She wants to bring more sessions for the upcoming semesters.

# Muslim Student Association Hosts Fast and Dinner

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The Muslim Student Association hosted a fast and dinner in the underground on Mar. 1.

Fasting is the voluntary act of not eating for a period of time. Muslims participate in Ramadan where they fast for a month for religious beliefs.

Sahar Aljunaidi, who is apart of the Muslim Student Association, said the event was about awareness.

"It brings awareness to the issue of hunger," she said.

"It is also showing the Islamic way of life and practice to eliminate stereotypes."

Muslim students and non-Muslim students participated in the fast. Doris Tremble was one

of them.

"I decided to support to the fast to clean my body and try something new, something different," Tremble said.

Ahmad Crews said he participated because of his mother.

"My mom was raised as a Muslim," he said. "When it was brought to my attention I took the opportunity because it would give me knowledge of the practice."

Nyair Stanford participated because of his brother.

"My brother is a practicing Muslim," he said. "He also participates in Ramadan so I thought it would be interesting to do it."

Deja Montgomery participated to show support to the Muslim Student Association.

"I wanted to be apart of a different culture."

Jayson Feld participated due to his own religious beliefs.



Students eating after fasting all day

Joyrenzia Cheatham

"I am a Christian and fasting is apart of our religion," he said. "I did it since there was an event and I other people were doing it and that there would be a fellowship afterwards."

Students started the fast at 6:30 a.m. and finished at 5:55 p.m. Students who wanted to participate in prayer were allowed to do so and then they ate.

They had a mix of traditional food.

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"While moving back I realized that they had unplugged my

refrigerator, which left mold in the inside, and wasted the food I had inside."

Some students living in Carpenter Hall, were a bit luckier

than others.

"Well, my stuff did not get damaged or anything," freshman Kwasieria Jones said.

"But I know a couple of my

friends' stuff were ruined. I do not fully know if the school helped them replace any of their lost items."



# Wesley College Visits Spain

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Seven Wesley College students traveled to Spain over spring break with Dr. Stephanie Holyfield.

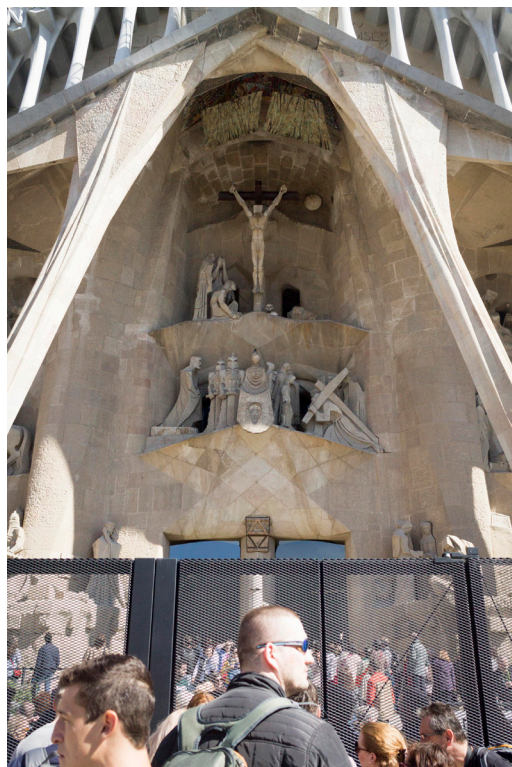
The class visited Barcelona, Valencia, Granada, Marbella (Costa Del Sol), Seville, Toledo and Madrid.



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A Spaniard talks to his friend at a fountain of locks in Madrid,  
Park Guell in Barcelona,  
The Cathedral of Toledo,  
Another angle of Park Guell in Barcelona,  
The Sagrada Familia Church in Barcelona



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Camp Nou where the Barcelona team plays soccer,  
City of Toledo, southwest of Madrid,  
Architecture in Seville,  
Mountains on the way to Granada in southern Spain  
The beach in Marbella in southern Spain









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“I don’t use my phone when I’m walking alone,” Showers said. “I lock my door, close my windows and try not to walk around at night.”

Hopkins does the same. “I always lock my door, and I never walk alone,” she said. “You just don’t what can happen when you’re by yourself.”

Some students say some situations can be avoided if the campus was closed and Security

patrolled more. “It’s so free on campus, outside people can just walk through here,” Thompson said.

“They hang near the dorms and everything. They need gates or something and Security should be watching all the time, not just

every hour.” Showers agreed. “I think the college should be gated off,” he said. “I think that will help eliminate some of the issues, especially at night.”

# Crime Log

Date Reported	Date Occurred	Nature of Crime/Classification	General Location	Disposition
3/1/18 1343	Unknown	Vandalism	Malmberg Hall Parking Garage	Opened
3/1/18 1455	3/1/18 1455	Alleged Trespassing	Maintenance Complex	Closed (Negative Findings)
3/2/18 1335	Between 2/27/18- 3/1/18	Theft	Malmberg Garage	Opened
3/2/18 1445	3/2/18 1445	Personal Property Damage	Parking Lot A	Closed
3/3/18 0907	Unknown	Vandalism	Malmberg and Zimmerman Halls	Opened
3/3/18 0233	3/3/18 0233	Suspicious Person	Parking Lot B	Closed (Escorted Off Campus)
3/4/18 1522	Unknown	Vandalism	Wentworth Gym	Opened
3/5/18 1207	3/1/18	Vandalism	Honors House	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
3/5/18 1610	3/5/18 Unknown	Alleged Theft	South Plaza	Opened
3/5/18 1610	3/5/18 1610	Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Deliver/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	Off Campus	Closed (Arrested by DPD and Referred for Disciplinary)
3/5/18 1613	3/5/18 1613	Fire Safety Violation	Zimmerman Hall	Closed (Referred for Disciplinary)
3/18/18 2059	3/18/18 2059	Suspicious Activity	Williams Hall	Closed
3/19/18 1230	3/19/18 1230	Minor Vehicle Accident	Parking Lot D	Closed
3/19/18 2010	3/19/18	Off Campus Assault	Kirkwood Street just off of Division	Opened (DPD Responded/ On-Going Investigation)
3/21/18 0040	3/21/18 0040	Suspicious Odor	Malmberg Hall	Closed (Negative Findings)