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Changes to Family Leave Plan benefit faculty

In fall 2022, Wofford's Human Resource Department changed the Family Leave Plan for faculty.

Prior to this reform, faculty members who were experiencing pregnancy were required to teach a course during the semester of their due date in order to receive full pay.

If the professor failed to teach any courses during her final stages of pregnancy, she would only receive half-pay.

This has recently been ratified to now allow those professors who do not teach to still receive full compensation for the semester.

This version is a more equitable policy and eliminates the unnecessary burdens of instruction from pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum.

Victoria Gilbert, assistant professor of international affairs, unfortunately was not covered by the new change in policy during her pregnancy and childbirth in Spring 2022.

During that semester, she taught the Senior Seminar course while pregnant and immediately after giving birth.

"I was lucky to have such supportive coworkers in the department that were willing to be guest lecturers. I also brought in a lot of outside speakers to help out with the class," Gilbert said. "I'm honestly really lucky that I had a normal pregnancy and birth because, if not, would Dr.

DeMars have had another class on his plate to teach?"

Gilbert also expressed her joy at the plan finally changing, saying it is what needed to happen.

"I'm super sad that I missed it, but I am glad that it did get fixed," Gilbert said.

For the two weeks surrounding when she had her daughter, she made it an independent work time so the students could have time to work on their end-of-year paper.

Birth is unpredictable, though, so she had her daughter a week late, leaving her to continue the class on Zoom just over a week after her birth.

Gilbert went back to teaching

in-person just over four weeks after giving birth.

One professor, who wished to remain anonymous, gave birth under the old policy and questioned whether Wofford was the right place for her.

"I didn't feel valued as a person; I was just a body that needed to be in a classroom," the anonymous professor said

Other professors brought up how the old plan assumed that the female was not the sole income provider for a family.

Based on the nature of the former plan, if a woman wanted to take time off after birth, the family would need to be able to make ends meet with half salary from the mother.

This insinuated the mother was not the sole financial provider for the family, which is not the case in many situations.

The college's new policy not only allows for professors to not teach a course in order to receive full pay, but it also expands the opportunities for professors interested in adoption and fostering.

Julia Allen, managing editor

Ale-time low: A reflective look at Wofford's beloved beer Interim as it takes a hiatus for the 2023 term





Top: Photo by Addie Porter **Bottom**: Photo courtesy of Mark Olencki Photos of RJ Rockers, a common stop of "The Art and Science of Craft Brewing" Interim, which is likely to make a comeback for Interim 2024.

One of Wofford's many prides is its unique January Interim experience. Since its inaugural year in 1968, this shortened winter term has evolved to include many distinct courses which are unique to Wofford and the staff who lead them.

One of these unique sessions is

"The Art and Science of Craft Brewing," led by Caleb Arrgington, chair of Wofford's chemistry department, and Dave Pittman, professor of psychology.

Held for the first time in Jan. 2018, the Interim took a deeper, scientific look at multiple aspects of the craft brewing process.

"Many Interim projects originate from faculty interest," Arrington said, adding that his own interest in the field began during his years in graduate school.

According to Pittman, the course incorporates aspects of both chemistry and Pittman's own specialized research in taste psychology. With these two perspectives in mind, students looked at how taste and behavior interact within the brewing industry as a whole.

In addition to its specialized topic, "The Art and Science of Craft Brewing" exemplifies what makes Wofford's Interim experience so valuable to students and staff alike.

"New experiences are an important part of the Interim program. During Wofford Interim projects, students learn about a topic, place or culture that differs from the courses I teach during the regular semester," Arrington said.

The course has also led to a continued interest in brewing for several past students, with around a dozen continuing to brew either profes-

sionally during a gap year or pursue the pastime amateurly.

Pittman and Arrington both attested to the importance of the handson nature of the course, but in order to best engage students with both the science and the vibrant local culture surrounding brewing, the two had to get creative.

"There was a significant amount of planning for the Craft Brewing interim," Arrington said. "The two big things we had to work out were how we could get 24 students all participating in brewing beer and where we could take students to get the widest view of the local craft brewing scene."

This led the class to several breweries local to Spartanburg such as RJ Rockers and several breweries in neighboring areas such Foothills in Winston-Salem, N.C., and Sierra Nevada in Asheville, N.C., where students could further engage with the brewing process.

These excursions did provide an inner look at the more technical aspects of the brewing process, but Arrington adds that the class had more to offer than the scientific permention

"We (have) many business-focused students in the class who have brought out the details of running a small business. The students ask great questions to our local brewers about how their business functions and many student presentations have focused on the business or legal side of the industry," Arrington said. "I learn something new every year from our student's engagement with the course."

Arrington also reflected on the living nature of the brewing project in regards to the participation of past students.

"The student's diverse academic backgrounds mean that students are looking at the craft beer industry in many different ways. This diversity of backgrounds keeps the project fun for us."

With such praise from both students and staff, why is the famed beer interim missing from this January's registration?

"The short story is that Dr. Arrington is on sabbatical this fall and not teaching Interim, and I am on sabbatical in the spring and not teaching Interim, which is why it is not being offered," Pittman said, "Have no fear! It will return next Interim in 2024 when we are both here."

Nola Webb, staff writer

8th annual Black Alumni Summit awards three Wofford students scholarships

In the lead-up to homecoming lor Fuller '24 and McKenzie Norman weekend, the 8th Annual Black Alumni Summit was held in the Tony White Theater on Oct. 28. Dwain Pruitt, chief equity officer and a Black alum himself, put the event together.

"This event started in 2014 and at that initial meeting there were over a hundred alumni in attendance and over time it sort of waned off," Pruitt

This year, he made it his personal goal to boost engagement within the Wofford community.

"People were curious to know what the college was planning on doing, so we are working to step up the idea that we're doing something innovative every year," Pruitt said.

Pruitt explains that the scholarships awarded by the Black Alumni Summit offer an opportunity to target students, who in many instances have special needs.

The winners of this year's three scholarships are James Few '25, Tay-

Few, a projected chemistry major and double major in either math or Spanish, was the winner of the 1854 Heritage Fund Travel Grant Award. He serves as Wofford Men of Color vice president and treasurer of both Wofford Anti-Racism Coalition (WARC) and Organization Latin American Students (OLAS).

Few will be using the funds for the Yoga & Natural Healing in Costa Rica interim course. This will allow him the opportunity to immerse himself in the Spanish culture.

Fuller, biology major, was awarded the Penny Koger Memorial Scholarship. She is vice president of the Association of Multicultural Students (AMS), secretary of Wofford Women of Color, a member of the Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BI-POC) Homecoming Planning Committee and the Brown Girls Read Committee.

She also started the organization

Minorities in STEM.

Fuller said the scholarship is important to her as a first-generation college student from a low-income background.

"Knowing that you share a common goal and a common interest with a community that looks like you is super important if you're going to thrive and make it in your field," Fuller said.

Norman is a government major and also a recipient of the Penny Koger Memorial Scholarship. She is in ROTC and Wofford Women of Color. She is also a Gateway Scholar.

She said the scholarship made her want to continue her community activities, like being a communications intern for the non-profit Spartanburg County Foundation and an intern for Spartanburg Parks and Recreation.

Norman plans to use the money to pay for her military uniforms for graduation and when she is com-

"(Being awarded this scholarship) shows that I was being seen for excelling in school, being a leader and taking my education to another level," Norman said.

Kleo Young '25 took part in many of the behind-the-scenes efforts of encouraging attendance of the event.

"It's a great opportunity to network with people who look like you and finally get that one up, because at Wofford it's hard for people of color to navigate socially," Young said.

Pruitt also values the sense of community at the summit.

"Having an organization that lends its support means a lot to students who are looking for that sense of community and belonging," Pruitt

Pruitt also emphasized the professional experience of the Black alumni, mentioning that one alum is a retired Army Major General.

Translating this to academics, Pruitt says he would like to see a curriculum that reflects diversity. This would allow students to have the opportunity to have conversations about experiences without feeling isolated.

Pruitt also mentioned that Wofford is working on increasing diversity among the faculty.

"These are all things that the college is working on, but we have a long way to go in those areas," Pruitt said.

Young said that James Stukes, Tasha Smith-Tyus, Sandra Rouse, Edita Soto, Toria Teamer and all the faculty members of color were expected to attend, in addition to Pruitt.

In addition, Young said that all diversity organizations were also expected to be present.

Several other events were put on for homecoming week as well, such as the BIPOC mixer held Oct. 27 and the block party on Oct. 28. The daily announcements mentioned each of these and will continue to advertise events such as this as well as others.

Aiden Lockhart, contributing writer

Celebrating Homecoming with a variety of events

Wofford Activities Council, The Office of Campus Life and Student Activities, the Career Center and other organizations teamed up to plan a successful and event-filled 2022 Homecoming Week.

Wofford Activities Council Terrier Traditions Committee Leader Grace deMaine '25 was largely responsible for planning homecoming week.

"It is a lot of hard work but I loved seeing everyone enjoy the events we had planned. I had a great committee helping me as well which was so fun," deMaine said. "Overall, it was rewarding to see months of planning carried out."

To kick off the week, Wofford Activities Council hosted trivia night on Oct. 24 in the Galleria. Students had the opportunity to participate in trivia categories such as name the song, random and Wofford facts for a chance to win prizes.

Matthew Shouse '23 and Georgia Fischer '23 were the hosts of the annual Mr. Wofford competition on

Tuesday Oct. 25. Categories such as swimwear, formal wear, interview and group dance truly allowed the contestants to showcase their personalities.

Will Hammontree '23, Carson Harrell '24, Isaiah Franco '23, Donavan Jones '24, Ellis Greene '24, Cannon Murray '25 and Deuce Miller '26 competed. Ultimately, Franco was crowned as the 2022 Mr. Wofford.

Franco was overjoyed to be crowned Mr. Wofford,

"It was really fun to be able to share (my poem) with so many people. Also representing OLAS was super special," Franco said. "I was so happy to represent my organization, especially considering Latinx students have such a small presence on campus."

Readers can read Franco's poem on page 3.

On Oct. 26, Wofford Activities Council held the annual Homecoming Carnival in the Horseshoe. The carnival featured rides and games like a ferris wheel, high striker game and swings. Food trucks served festive treats like funnel cakes and food from Fuddruckers.

The Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Career Center, Wofford Diversity Council Organizations and Minorities in STEM held the second annual Black, Indigenous and People of color brunch on Oct. 27.

The brunch, held on the lawn of the Meadors Multicultural AMS House, was an opportunity for BIPOC students to gather and discuss their experiences at Wofford.

Although most students traditionally associate homecoming week with football, the Wofford men's and women's basketball teams were a part of the festivities as well with their Terrier Tip off event on Thursday, Oct. 27. Students and fans were given the opportunity to get to know the teams better, win some prizes and enjoy some free food.

Wofford football matched up against Eastern Tennessee State University at Gibbs Stadium on Saturday Oct. 29. The Terriers pulled through 48-41, with their second win of the season and since the former coach resigned.

During halftime of Saturday's football game, the 2022 Homecoming Court was presented. Sarah Owens '23 was crowned the 2022 Homecoming Queen by 2021 Queen Sopharvathdy Vorn '22.

"It has truly been more than an honor to have been chosen by my peers as this year's Homecoming Queen. The final moments were so surreal as I have endeavored from day one on this fabled campus," Owens said. "To not just be a part of Wofford, but to help make it better. To also have the support of my family and friends absolutely filled my heart with joy!"

Presented on the court were Hallie Dudley '23, representing Zeta Tau Alpha; Isabel Harlow '23, representing Kappa Delta; Sophie Broome '23, representing the Pre-Dental Society; Georgia Fischer '23, representing

Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Sarah Owens '23, representing Orientation Staff; Abbey Cook '23, representing Kappa Alpha Order; Kerrington Johnson '23, representing Residence Life; Annalee Rodgers '23, representing Kappa Alpha Theta and Jillian Grimes '23, representing Pi Kappa Alpha.

Alumni and student tailgates were held by multiple Greek Life and campus organizations before and during Saturday's football game. Students were given the chance to reconnect with graduate friends, and alumni were once again reunited.

As deMaine describes, Wofford is more than your four years, and homecoming can be an accumulation of your experience:

"I think homecoming really shows Wofford's community. It clearly goes beyond your four years of college and highlights what Wofford means to people."

McAlpin Ott, staff writer

Wofford athletic teams showing success



Photo courtesy of Mark Olencki

Halfway through the first semester, Wofford sports are picking up. The weekend of Oct. 15, the Terri-

ers came home with a host of wins, as both football and soccer had something to celebrate.

Wofford's football team had their first win of the season during a home game against The Citadel last Saturday.

The final score was 31-16, as Jimmy Weirick '24 threw for three touchdowns, and the Terriers finished with 232 passing yards and 349 yards

The game was only the second played under the interim head coach, Shawn Watson, and ended the team's 16-game losing streak. They also won the Homecoming game against East Tennessee State University on Oct. 29.

The next home game under Watson will be on Nov. 12 against the Virginia Military Institute.

The men's soccer team returned to campus with a 2-0 win against Wofford's rival, Furman University.

The first goal was credited to Hugo Moldin '25 off a corner kick in the 37th minute, while the second was scored in the 42nd minute by Thaddeus Dennis '24, who was later named the SOCON Offensive Player of the Week. The team's record is now 4-6-2.

Meanwhile, women's soccer was victorious at VMI last Friday in a close 2-1 game. Leanna Guion '24 tied VMI's initial goal in the 61st minute, and Isabella Steiner '26 netted the game-winning goal with only 81 seconds left in the game.

The team went on to play against UNCG on Sunday, but lost 0-4, making their current record 7-6-3.

Kayla Southwood, contributing

Terriers in action at the Wofford Homecoming game. It is evident that the sports teams are picking up the pace towards the mid-to-late season.

HOMECOMING

Photo courtesy of Mark Olencki Homecoming court presented at the football halftime against



Photo courtesy of Mark Olencki Alumni come back for homecoming tailgating events.



Photo courtesy of the Wofford Kappa Delta Instagram Sisters of Kappa Delta enjoy time tailgating with alumni.



Photo courtesy of Sarah Adcock Future Terriers? Young kids enjoy time at the homecoming



Photo courtesy of Mark Olencki Grace deMaine and Wells Laney present the homecoming court

Who am I?

Who am I? Boricua, No, wait,

In Ecuador, my home is called "el imperio," An empire where I am defined by my difference, Yet abroad, I am uniquely American, "He's one of us," some say, My blue passport disagrees,

> I learn of disasters in Ecuador, Wrought by "el imperio," But "el imperio," raised me, Though Puerto Ricans, Fight for what they have,

Can I thank the Star-Spangled Banner? Which has pillaged my homeland, An Island called Borinquen en Taíno.

> Is the island even mine? I never lived there.

> > Who am I? Puerto Rican, No, wait,

Naivety presented Ecuador as the last step, Where I finally uncovered my ancestral language, Until I remembered,

The Spanish invaded with their words too, My Otavaleña yachachik shared her language with me, Andean Kichwa illustrated what Taíno may have been,

> In the Amazon, I bathed in herbal waters, Cleansed by medicinal plants, I felt that maybe, My ancestors did this too.

In Manabí, I cultivated the land, Turning sandy soil, Into a diverse bounty, Forming partnership with the Earth,

> Quien soy yo? Estadounidense, No, espera,

Just like the country which welcomed me, Like the earth which fed me, I am diverse, A beautiful, confusing, traumatic, concoction, Torn between realities.

Numerous realities which exist within me, Simultaneously, I am American, I am Puerto Rican, I am Boricua, descended from the Taino.

So much has been lost, But there is so much to be found, So, thank you Ecuador, For sharing your lands with me, For sharing your peoples with me. For teaching me:

That lived experiences are numerous, That my reality, is better described as my realities.

by Isaiah Franco



Photo courtesy of Sarah Adcock Students and alumni mingle at the BIPOC brunch to kickoff homecoming festivities.



Photo courtesy of Caroline Monroe Students enjoy time at WAC's annual homecoming carnival.



Photo courtesy of Mark Olencki Scholarships presented at the annual Black Alumni Summit.

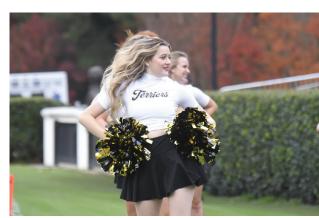


Photo courtesy of Mark Olencki Dance team performs for the audience during the homecoming football game.



Photo courtesy of the Wofford Delta Delta Instagram Sisters of Delta Delta Delta enjoy time tailgating before the football game

POLITICS

Former Vice President Pence visits campus



Photo courtesy of Mark Olencki Former Vice President Mike Pence speaking in Leonard Auditorium Oct. 18. Pence visited Wofford as a part of the Van Hipp Lecture Series

As part of the Hipp Lecture Series on International Affairs and National Security, Wofford College welcomed former Vice President of the United States Mike Pence to campus. The event was fully booked in Leonard Auditorium as students and members of the community lined up to see this lecture.

Pence discussed many things during his speech, including foreign policy in the United States war on information with our adversaries, such as China and Russia. His other talking points, although not directly related to international policy, focused on the domestic issues within the United States.

been frequently discussed in recent years and is of great concern to many citizens residing within the United States, proving the lecture series to be of great timeliness.

The Hipp Lecture Series was initially founded in 2011 and has been instrumental for the learning of international affairs for students studying the major as well as those who are generally interested.

Previous guests include former President Donald Trump, Presidential Candidate Ben Carson, former Governor of South Carolina David Beasley, former Chair of the House Intelligence Committee Mike Rogers, CBS News Correspondent Ma-The phrase "national security" has jor Garrett and former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

Some students who attended had much to say on their thoughts of the

"The Mike Pence lecture was an incredible experience. The opportunity to shake his hand and have a very brief conversation with him after the event is a moment I will look back on even after my four years at Wofford," said Jack Grabarczyk '26."Listening to him speak on national security and interact with fellow Wofford students was incredible, and I am so glad I could experience it."

Pence specifically addressed Wofford students throughout his lecture, stating advice such as "I want to challenge you to make a lifelong commitment to become men and women of integrity."

Presidential candidates are not uncommon lecturers at Wofford, but this is the first time a former Vice President has come to speak as part of the lecture series. As with many of the other political events, there is much controversy in the visitor's presence on campus, including from members of Wofford's College Dem-

Emma Sutton '23, president of the Wofford College Democrats, gave her opinion regarding Pence's visit to campus.

"I saw Mike Pence's visit to campus as an opportunity for students, regardless of their political affiliation, to get energized about politics,"Sutton said. "While Pence is certainly a divisive figure, I hope students who attended came away from the event motivated to vote in our midterm elections coming up on Nov. 8, especially those who disagree with his

"In the future, I hope Wofford continues to host a variety of voices on campus to encourage students to have thoughtful and informed political conversations. Now, more than ever, it is vital that students with different backgrounds, perspectives, and identities feel that this is possible, and that they attend a school that encourages this."

Students were also selected by Wofford College's President's Office to ask their own questions to the former Vice President on various issues, including both domestic and foreign policy, re-alignment, GOP division and the United States Con-

"Having the chance to ask Vice President Pence my own personal question was a unique and surreal experience. He listened intently to each students' question and answered thoughtfully," said Hal Crosswell '23. "He responded to my question about a concern of lack of civic knowledge by emphasizing the importance of Americans being educated on the Constitution."

Judson Stewart '25 was also able to ask a question to the Vice President but had some differing comments when it came to his lecture.

"Shaking a former Vice President's hand is an insane experience in itself. It's always an honor to meet someone like that," Stewart said. "In terms of the speech, I wish he would have focused more on things like national security and preserving democracy. The majority of what we said was very resounding and you can tell he's a guy that loves his country; it just would have been nice to leave some of the partisan stuff aside."

Woods Wooten, staff writer

Students' involvement with Joe Cunningham's campaign



Photo courtesy of Joe Cunningham's team Joe Cunningham brought students on stage for his Oct. 19 rally. This rally was put together by his interns and Wofford Democrats for the Wofford community.

Anna Troutt '24 is a government major from Spartanburg. After getting involved with the Cunningham campaign and seeing the rewards first-hand, she decided that political campaign involvement will be a large part of her future.

"Growing up in Spartanburg, I am used to people disagreeing with me on my beliefs," Troutt said, "but I don't hold any animosity because those are my family, my church, my school."

After her Congressional internship this summer, she started work as a campaign intern for Joe Cunningham's South Carolina governmental campaign. He is running as the Democratic candidate for the 2022 election.

Her specialization is event planning for the campaign, which came in handy for planning Cunningham's college tour stop at Wofford College.

Caroline Payne '23, a biology major from Columbia, also serves as a campaign intern for Cunningham. She started her work in July 2022, spending most of her time educating her peers on the importance of political involvement and spreading information on Cunningham's poli-

The night before Cunningham's stop at Wofford, the 48th Vice President of the United States, Mike Pence, spoke as a part of the Van Hipp lecture series.

Although both interns were concerned with how the community may perceive the events being backto-back, they ensured that it was a sheer coincidence. Troutt even attended the Pence lecture and said he did a "great job."

"We finalized the date of Cunning-

the email about Mike Pence coming to campus," Payne explained. "Originally, we chose another date, but we were going to be on fall break."

Wofford College Democrats was also involved in the planning of the Joe Cunningham event, specifically interacting with Emma Sutton '23.

"(Payne) and (Troutt) told me (Cunningham) could come to campus exactly a week before the event," Sutton explained. "It was a huge accomplishment to pull off this event in a safe way while still attracting a large crowd with very quick turnaround."

Troutt said that it worked out for the best and that she was pleased with every aspect of the event.

"Although it wasn't planned, I think it was important to offset one political party's speaker with a speaker of a different political party," Troutt said. "It is truly representative of the liberal arts education that Wofford stands for."

The turnout for the event exceeded their expectations, especially considering the event that had taken place the previous night.

"We started the night having the curtains down in Leonard to lessen the space because we were anticipating 50 guests," Troutt said. "We ended up having to draw the curtains ham's stop the night before we got back to make room for the 70-80 that South Carolina is, I think it is

guests that showed."

Sutton said that students were told to arrive 30 minutes before Cunningham was set to speak because the campaign wanted to give students ample time to get settled before the event started. This proved to be a good strategy, considering the turnout.

Troutt believes that the event would have likely had more of an audience if it were not during lunchtime and if they had been able to advertise it better and for more time.

Payne explained that she spent countless hours before the event sending the graphic into every GroupMe she was a part of, spreading the word by mouth and doing everything in her power to ensure that people knew he was coming.

Of course, many of the attendees,

since it is a college campus, are from out of state. By default, they cannot "Vote for Joe," as the campaign said. Even still, Payne and Troutt saw great importance in bringing his campaign to Wofford as a way of exposing the student body to a different political perspective and because many of his policies will affect those who are residential students in South Carolina, even if they do not reside in the state year-round.

"Especially being in the red state

important to hear the perspective of a democratic candidate," Troutt ex-

"Some of his policies that will affect those who attend school in South Carolina would be the raising of minimum wage if they work in the state, legalization of marijuana and (abortion rights)," Payne explained.

Sutton added to this by explaining that some of the policies he discussed were not "South Carolina specific."

"I think a central theme in his campaign is his criticism of McMaster as a career politician," Sutton explained. Part of this was a quote from the event in which Cunningham stated, "McMaster has been a politician longer than I have been alive."

Sutton explained that this sentiment applies to numerous politicians in other states and regions as well.

Election Day is Nov. 8, and Payne, Sutton and Troutt encourage everyone to vote, regardless of their political party.

Troutt especially emphasized the importance of sending in an absentee ballot or participating in early voting, since Wofford College is still holding classes this Election Day.

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