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London Bridge has fallen



Photo courtesy of @theroyalfamily on Instagram
Her majesty's coffin arriving at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the resting place before the procession to St. Giles' Cathedral on Sept. 12.

Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's longest-reigning monarch, passed away Sept. 6 at her Scotland residence Balmoral Castle at the age of 96.

She first became queen when she was 25 years old, serving as monarch for over 70 years.

The United Kingdom began following Operation London Bridge after the queen's death, the protocol for Elizabeth's death.

The 11-day plan covered the announcement of her death and the sequence of events leading up to her funeral, which took place 10 days after her passing.

Within the plan, there are processions, services and the movement of her body from Balmoral Castle back to London, a plan called Operation Unicorn, which was made to go into effect if her death occurred outside of Buckingham Palace.

Here at Wofford, there are many ties to England that are leaving students and faculty immersed in conversation.

Sally Hitchmough, associate professor of English, heard of the queen's passing during class.

"A student announced the death of the queen right in the middle of class, so that was not a good way to find out," Hitchmough said.

She never considered herself a

royalist, but still found herself emotional as her and her husband, Alan Chalmers, associate professor of English, watched BBC and saw how the news was being perceived in Britain.

Though Hitchmough did not have any direct attachment to the queen, much of the older generations did.

"I think that for people my age, the queen is a connection with our parents, the generation just gone," Hitchmough said. "For our parents, there was a particular affection for this queen who was so young when she acceded."

"Because they were young during wartime, they understood what it meant to hold back personal need and emotion from public display, something that they read as gracious, and Elizabeth did that."

Katelyn Lee '24, who is currently studying abroad with IES Study London, was able to watch this historic moment unfold.

"When the queen died, I had just gotten back from orientation, but all day we had been hearing rumors about her family traveling to Windsor to be with her and we were told there would be an announcement at 6 p.m.," Lee said. "When they announced her death, we all went to Buckingham Palace and got to experience how thousands of people in

London came together."

Lee and her friends she has met abroad talked about what would happen if the queen died when they were there but never expected it to happen.

"It has been very interesting to see and hear how the people of London feel about the queen's death and the coronation of the new king, which we will also be here for," Lee said.

The queen's funeral took place on Monday, Sept. 19 at 11 a.m. in London.

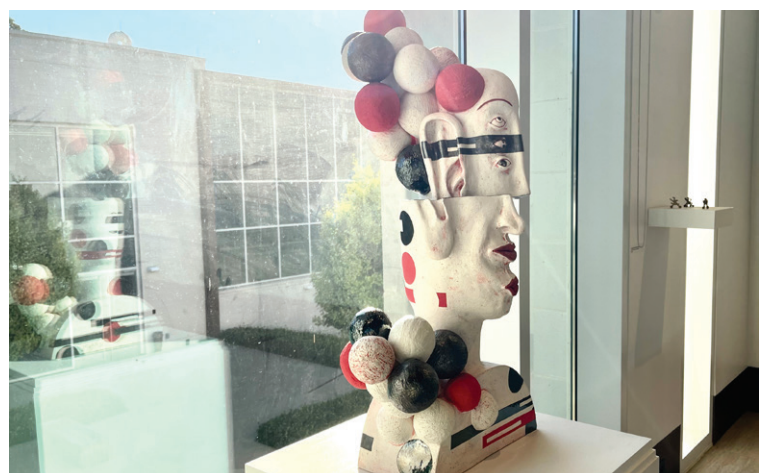
The state's funeral was held at Westminster Abbey, whose guests included Heads of States as well as other VIPs before her burial next to her parents at King George VI's Memorial Chapel at Windsor Castle.

The funeral was broadcast live on BBC starting at 5 a.m. EST.

Julia Allen, managing editor

"The Shape I'm In" exhibit on display

Photos by Anna Lee Hoffman



DegreeChoices, U.S. Today shows country Why Wofford in liberal arts college rankings

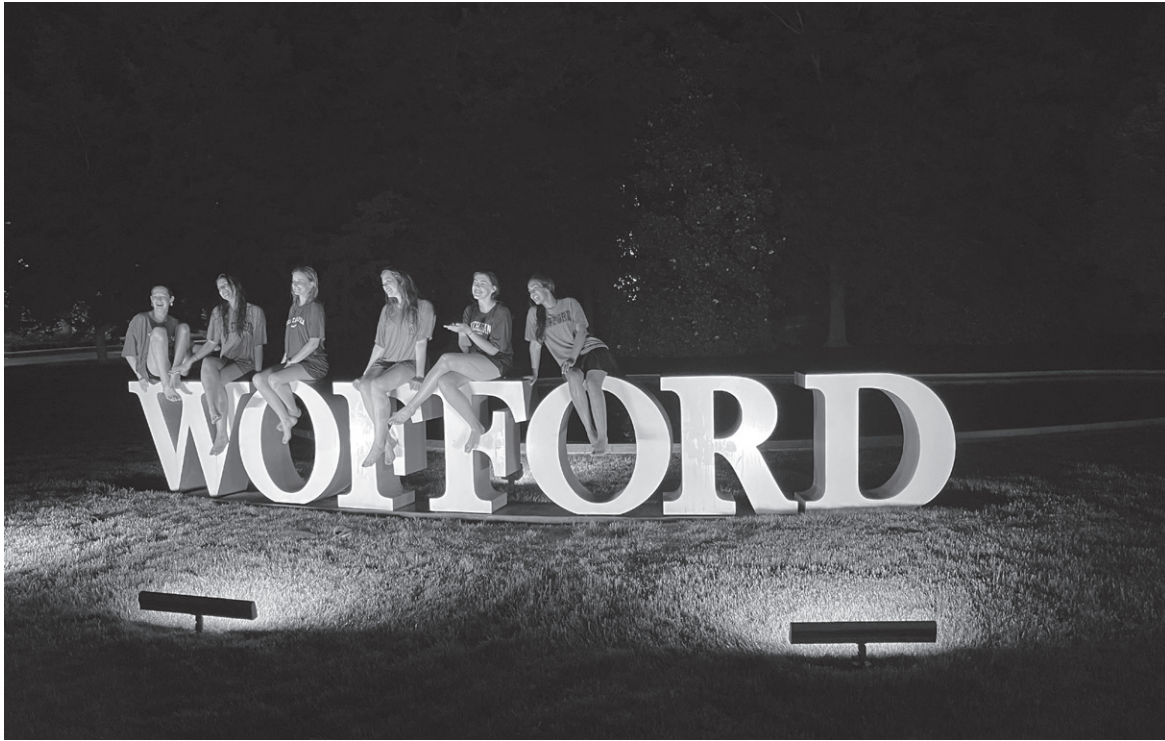


Photo by Anna Lee Hoffman

Wofford '22 seniors are enjoying the last tradition of Wofford College: jumping in the fountain. Many students choose Wofford for its community environment and high rankings.

DegreeChoices named Wofford College #1 among liberal arts colleges across the state and #10 in the country. This organization ranked the colleges based on their economic score.

The economic score is determined by first establishing the "earnings-plus factor." This factor is the median income of the specific college graduates' income minus the state's weighted average of college graduates' income.

For example, Wofford's median income is \$67,530. This is \$23,245 more than the state's weighted average of \$44,285, making the difference of \$23,245 the earnings-plus factor.

This lead Wofford's economic score to be a 1.50, compared to Claremont McKenna College's economic score of 0.87, who scored first on the list.

For comparison, the University of South Carolina Upstate, as listed by College Simply, averages an income of \$39,300 10 years after enrolling at USCU.

The payback rate is 2.3 years, due to Wofford's net cost of \$25,674 af-

ter scholarships are applied. This can make the tuition and fees of \$66,450 seem less daunting.

"Students graduating from Furman can expect to repay in 4.3 years based on their future earnings and the same cohort and state comparisons," said Carly Brown, university relations director for DegreeChoices.

Furman University was not present on the list.

Wofford College was also the only South Carolina college listed in the top 20 for the nation.

In other college rankings, Wofford College was listed in U.S. News, out of 210 national liberal arts colleges, as tied for #70 generally, #49 for best undergraduate teaching and #58 for best valued schools.

"For each ranking, the sum of weighted, normalized values across 17 indicators of academic quality determine each school's overall score and, by extension, its overall rank," U.S. News explained.

Brandi Wylie, editor-in-chief

What's cooking at Wofford? A look into how Burwell caters to dietary needs



Photo by Anna Lee Hoffman

With the reopening of Burwell in 2022 there have been more improved vegetarian and vegan options, but the need for options for these dietary restrictions seem to still be lacking.

At Wofford College, Burwell is the largest dining hall, stretching over two floors with six different stations for dining, open seven days a week. Executive Sous Chef, Josh Bacca, gave a brief overview of each station, starting on the bottom floor.

"First is our Clarity station. Free of the eight — soon to be nine — major allergies. We also have our gluten sensitive and dairy sensitive items (located in the refrigerator in this area)," Bacca said.

The FDA's eight allergens include milk, eggs, fish, Crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat and soybeans. Sesame will be added to the list in 2023 (FDA).

"We have our pizza and pasta station," Bacca said. "There will always

be cheese and pepperoni pizza, as well as a marinara pasta."

Bacca went on to list the upstairs options: the nutribar, which is for salads and sandwiches; the Fusion station that serves international food; and the grilling station. He also mentioned the Roots station, which always has vegan options.

Bacca gave more background on the choices offered by culinary services.

"We're on a four-week rotation, so it's all built out as a menu for four weeks. On week five, we start over," Bacca said. "If you go on the Wofford website and go to dining, you can view the culinary services site."

The site he was referring to is www.aviserves.com/wofford, a good place

to view what's cooking on campus.

Bacca also emphasized the importance of being nut-free, with the exception of the peanut butter bar upstairs.

However, not everyone sees the dining options at Burwell as wholly inclusive.

Grayson McDowell '24 is a vegan of two years and the creator of the Wofford Vegans and Vegetarians group on campus.

"Burwell offers very little plant-based protein, or when it does, the protein is served with some kind of dairy product," McDowell said.

'Plant-based' has been a hot term in the nutrition community over the past several years. The FDA defines plant-based as any food "consisting

mainly of ingredients derived from plants and does not contain animal ingredients of any kind."

McDowell noted that Burwell was doing better in the spring during the renovation, with a menu that had more vegan choices. Since then, he has witnessed a limited number of plant-based options. He also mentioned other issues, such as labeling of menu items.

"Thank goodness that my veganism is a personal choice and that I am not actually allergic to dairy," McDowell said. "On the other hand, vegans do, in fact, get sick when they eat dairy or meat, especially if they haven't eaten animal products in a long while."

Another student, Nicholas Jacobs '23, who is also vegan by choice, had similar thoughts to share.

"Personally, if I was allergic, I wouldn't eat at Burwell," Jacobs said.

Burwell is only one of several different options for eating on campus. There is also Zach's and the Galleria. Both of these have some menu choices for vegetarian and vegan eating, although they are far more limited.

Both Jacobs and McDowell noted, for instance, that the veggie burger at the Galleria is vegan, but comes on a bun made with dairy products.

"This is not just a problem for vegans and vegetarians," McDowell said. "It's really a problem for anyone who is health-conscious or a meat-reducer."

"The thing is, a good proportion

of students are vegan," Jacobs said. "More people are choosing to go that way."

McDowell has found that many people were interested in the plant-based movement, and several of his friends learned a lot just by being exposed to his diet.

"The standard American diet is saturated in cholesterol, saturated fats and sodium," McDowell said. "Although we may call veganism 'non-traditional,' the standard American diet is an aberration in view of all human diets."

The good news is that both students have seen improvement and have hopes for more steps in the plant-based direction.

When asked how he might improve the dining options, Jacobs said, "Burwell struggles on the protein side of things, so adding more vegan and vegetarian high protein foods."

"Compared to other local college dining halls, from what I've heard, Burwell has been exemplary," McDowell said, in reference to the renovation menu last spring. With a trackable menu, a good AVI team and people like McDowell and Jacobs on campus, there's hope for some change.

"The real question," McDowell said, "is whether Wofford is committed to education — not just in the classroom — but also in the dining hall."

Donner Rizzo-Banks, contributing writer

The Wofford experience from students living on and off campus



Photo by Madeline Brewer

The parking situation can be frustrating, according to some off-campus students. More about the pros and cons of off-campus living below.

When attending college, students make the decision whether to take advantage of the living quarters provided by the school or to find their own, whether it be in a relative's house or in an apartment off campus.

Students in either of these living situations may wonder what it is like to do college the other way. Does a student gain something by living on campus versus off?

"I just like (living on campus) be-

cause it's easy to get to everything," said Georgie McDevitt '23. "If my friend wants to hang out, I can just walk over to their house. If we want to go play volleyball, we can just go to the court."

"I don't really have to worry about traffic when getting to my morning classes because the walk is always the same amount of time," said Morgan Roddy '23. "I also get a change of scenery every year because I've lived in Greene, Carlisle, Wightman

and now the apartments."

"Living on campus was really wonderful for me as someone who was local. It really helped me become more independent," alumna Mary Thalassinos '20 said. "I was thankful for the bubble of Wofford because oftentimes I really didn't feel like I was in the same place I'd known my entire life."

Other benefits of living on campus include a meal plan that consists of meal swipes and Terrier Bucks, quick access to all buildings and an increased social presence on campus.

However, living on campus comes with certain challenges for some as well.

"I don't really get the convenience of leaving school at school. I live where I study, so it's hard to take a break sometimes and relax," Roddy said. "Freshman housing never gave me my own space. I was in front of someone 24/7 and felt like I could never relax."

"I feel like you're able to stay on campus, so sometimes it limits you from experiencing the actual Spartanburg community," McDevitt said. "There also might be pressure to go out on the weekends (even if you don't want to)."

"My sophomore year suitemate had a pipe burst above her room

and our room was flooded with two inches of water," Roddy added. "(Also,) the walls and floors are paper thin, so living under loud people is annoying."

As for off-campus living, though some of the benefits provided by the college go away, other new opportunities open up.

"I stayed overnight at a dorm once, and I don't know how y'all get any sleep with how loud it is, especially on Friday nights, so I'm grateful that I don't have to deal with that," Rose Thomas '23 said.

"I can shower whenever I want and cook whatever I want because I have a full kitchen, and I really like that," Thomas said. "I also have privacy, which is really important to me."

She sees the value of separation from Wofford as well.

"I feel like a lot of Wofford students live in a Wofford bubble, and they don't see Spartanburg beyond downtown," Thomas said. "I'm glad that I can really see Spartanburg."

As with on-campus living, living off campus comes with other challenges.

"I've been a commuter since freshman year, and it was difficult to be social," Thomas said. "All of the social events would be around 7 or 8 p.m. That would mean I would just have to hang around on campus

until that time, and then bring my backpack to any events."

"I've been late to class so many times because I can't find a parking space, and it's really frustrating," Thomas said. "I don't understand why Wofford doesn't have commuter parking spaces like Upstate does. It would make things so much easier."

Off-campus students also do not receive a meal plan and are responsible for funding their own meals. As for parking, many commuting students find themselves limited to parking spaces on the far outskirts of campus each morning.

However, students who live in an off-campus apartment also receive the opportunity to learn about paying rent and utility bills, even if they are receiving financial assistance.

Students without a meal plan can also add Terrier Bucks to their accounts if they desire to use their student IDs to purchase food. The conversion rate is exactly 1 dollar to 1 Terrier Buck.

Overall, either living situation comes with highs and lows; the key is to identify which one feels the most right for you.

Madeline Brewer, managing editor

Ms. Patel: a campus comfort



Photo by Anna Lee Hoffman

Delia Patel delivering a package to a student. Patel, Wofford's Postal Manager for the last 26 years, is well-known for her kindness, hard work and personality.

Ask any Wofford student about Delia Patel, Wofford's Postal Manager, and you are sure to get a glowing grin.

Patel has been the Postal Manager at Wofford since 1996. Twenty-six years later, she describes that she cannot imagine ever retiring.

"I enjoy my job. I love meeting new students and interacting with them," Patel said.

Patel is widely known for her greetings, attention to students, organization, candy bowl and memory. Not many would be up to the responsibility of tracking 1,770 students'

Amazon packages, staff's mail and athletic's supplies, but Patel does so gracefully and efficiently.

She and her family moved from Nairobi, Kenya in 1995, spent a brief three-month period in New Jersey and have called Spartanburg, South Carolina home ever since. Patel has

loved calling Spartanburg and the Wofford campus home.

Patel's daughter, a 2009 graduate of Wofford, is living in North Carolina and working as a dental hygienist. Her son, a 2013 graduate of Wofford, is also living in North Carolina and working as a Senior Associate at a Private Equity Firm.

Patel jokes that she was here before her kids were.

She lovingly recounts how her children would often accompany her to the mailroom during the summer and take naps on the shelves, hidden beneath the packages.

Both of her children come back to Wofford for Homecoming Weekend, sporting events and visits to see their mother.

Patel describes that she loves that her Wofford family extends beyond her just her beloved students, but now to her beloved children.

Margaret Chandler '24 describes herself as a frequent online shopper.

"I probably order as many as five packages per week," Chandler said. "I have even been to the mailroom two times already today. Mrs. Patel knows me and my HD number very well."

Patel sees any opportunity with a student as a time to form a connection. Chandler describes that her times with Patel are some of her favorite parts of her day, and not just

because she gets a package.

Eliza Williams '23 often goes and visits Patel in the mailroom just to chat. She describes Patel as an inviting, friendly and funny staple to our campus.

In particular, Williams recounts a time where she was standing outside near the mailroom waiting to give a campus tour.

Patel came up to Williams and compassionately asked if she was too hot, thirsty, lost and, most of all, happy.

Williams said that she was shocked by Patel's genuine concern and willingness to go the extra mile to ensure that every student is okay.

Wofford is riddled with wonderful students, faculty and staff, and Patel is exceptionally dedicated. Her 26 years of service and hard work has indubitably left a mark.

McAlpin Ott, staff writer

WOCO GIVES BACK

Life between the tolls: cancer diagnosis and community



Photos courtesy of Sophie Broome

Photos from the Back-to-School Bash.

At Convocation held on Sept. 1, Wofford's chaplain, Ron Robinson, reminded us of the tolls of the bell. The bell will toll once for each student on the first day of class and once more upon their passing.

Robinson reminds students that what is most important is how we live between the tolls. We never know the ways we will be impacted and the obstacles will arise from the first ring of the bell to the last.

Izzy Dugle '25, from Greer, South Carolina, has experienced a dramatic change from spring semester last year as first-year student to now as a sophomore.

Last Spring, Dugle was doing what Wofford students do on a daily basis: Having dinner in Burwell. While still in the dining hall, she unexpectedly had a seizure.

Tests were executed and a mass was revealed. A biopsy performed later in the summer confirmed the worst: The tumor was a cancerous grade 2 astrocytoma.

A few weeks later, Dugle went to Duke Hospital where world-renowned surgeon, Dr. Henry Friedman, removed the tumor. More intense pathology revealed that the tumor had grade 3 sections. This diagnosis had a dramatic impact on Dugle's summer.

This summer, she attended countless doctor's visits, had to endure many three hour drives to Duke Medical Center and had two surgeries. Additionally, because of her seizure, Dugle could not and still cannot drive.

Despite the grave nature of the situation, Dugle knew that she desperately wanted to return to Wofford this fall.

"I definitely knew that I wanted to come back to Wofford," Dugle said. "That was one thing I was never on the fence about, I was going to go back to Wofford."

Because of the greater severity of the grade 3 sections, treatment had to be more aggressive. Izzy and her doctors decided chemotherapy and radiation treatments would be best. A GoFundMe page was started in her honor.

Over the summer, Wofford students became aware of Dugle's diagnosis through the sharing of the GoFundMe page on social media. As the news of this diagnosis broke, the Greek community was already working on a back to school event.

Camp Williams '23 is currently serving as the President of the Interfraternity Council, while Anna Brown '23 is serving as the President of the Panhellenic Council.

Brown, Williams and Ashley Owen, assistant dean of students for leadership programs and fraternity and sorority life and dean of the senior class, met over the summer to plan the first Fraternity and Sorority Life event of the school year.

The goal of this event was to bring all Wofford students, Greek affiliated or not, together to celebrate the first week of school.

When the news of Dugle broke, Williams wanted the event to double as a way of supporting Dugle.

"I think something that's really important for me is we have all these tools and resources to be able to help people around us, (so) why not use the power we have to benefit the community around us," Williams said.

IFC, Panhellenic and Campus

Union worked together to host the event. The event, held at the Greek Pavilion on Sept. 3 had the One Love Fusion and Highway 301 food trucks as well as live music from Jude Walker '25.

Approximately 250 students attended the event. A total of \$1,360 was given to Dugle to help fund her treatments. Dugle is incredibly appreciative of all of the support from the Wofford community.

"I am completely shocked by all the different ways that people have wanted to help me, including hosting fundraisers and donating to help me pay for medical bills and signing up to drive me to my radiation treatments," Dugle said.

Living in between the tolls is so important. Dugle's resilience to this obstacle is a testament to her character that will serve a great benefit to her life beyond Wofford.

"The Wofford community in general has offered me so much support and love that I am so happy that I came back and got to be with everyone," Dugle said. "I got numerous texts and calls from all parts of the Wofford community, but especially my sisters in Theta."

"They are where I am able to feel extra love and warmth and acceptance for more than just what I am going through but also for who I am," Dugle said.

The Wofford community's service to her is what we are called to do as a campus community and will be appreciated and remembered for years to come.

Katie Kirk, staff writer

Terriers giving back in style for the new year

Upon the arrival of the new school year, alumni and Terrier Club donors were among the many who wanted to lend a hand to the students, athletes and faculty at Wofford.

Deputy Athletic Director and Senior Women's Administrator Elizabeth Rabb was one of the first this year to receive donations toward the school for students.

Rabb received an anonymous donation from an alumna and Terrier Club ticket holder.

The anonymous woman donated many designer dresses, jumpsuits, denim, formal suits and semi-formal wear with tags. Rabb took her time to display the clothing in her office and offer it to students by sending out a school-wide email.

"Most of everything went, and I would love for (that) to continue, (since it happens mostly) only on the men's side," Rabb said.

Her hope is that more women in the Wofford Alumni community will donate to help those less fortunate on campus. Any of the Athletic Director offices, including Elizabeth Rabb's, are open for contact to help donate.

Rabb had to clear her office for the donation of clothing and later moved the gear to the Terrier Supply Closet, which is now located alongside the main hallway on the second floor of the Mungo Student Center.

Though the Terrier Supply Closet was started for basic hygienal and supply needs for students, it has opened its doors to formal wear and nice clothes for interviews, internships and many other opportunities that students come upon.

It was moved from Burwell during renovations last school year into a newly renovated room made to house various supplies. The room that was once dark was painted white with wide shelves for housing materials.

The Terrier Supply Closet has now been up and running for 3 years and is headed by Dean of Student Access Boyce Lawton and a couple of other anonymous volunteers.

The closet was started by an alumna, Alexis Eaton, who was a Bonner Scholar, Government major, and Sociology minor.

Supplies such as notebooks, pencils, nonperishable food items, de-

tergent, undergarments and more have been donated by various clubs, graduating classes and surrounding faculty and alumni.

"I want to emphasize that every gift is important, no matter the size," Lawton said.

The success of the Terrier Supply Closet has helped many students in facing financial difficulty.

Within the past few years, over 589 visits to the closet have been made by students who were in need of either supplies or food. As of last year, the expenses exceeded over \$17,000.

On a visit to the closet with Boyce Lawton, he expressed his hopes of expanding the space, due to an extra room attached, if more clothes and other supplies are brought to his attention.

"For those who are in need: Come and take what you need, be respectful of the space (and) you are always welcome," Lawton said.

Lawton does have the means of examining who visits the closet and sees their finances through a database system given to him by the college.

The space is meant to provide suc-

cess for all students beyond the border of Wofford College.

Those with severe financial difficulties can request help at any given time to meet their individual needs throughout the school year and summer.

In order to donate or get in touch to help out the Terrier Supply Closet,

email terriersupplycloset@wofford.edu.

There is also a comments box in the Terrier Supply Closet that is open to suggestions on how to advance the space and what it contains.

Gabby Gecan, staff writer



Photo by Anna Lee Hoffman
The newly renovated Terrier Supply Closet off the main hallway of the second floor in the Mungo Student center.

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Don't fret, Fretwell is here



Photo by Cameron Carsten

The front of the Fretwell outdoor recreational space to be used for serving local food trucks.

Spartanburg has seen a lot of growth in recent years, and that growth has begun to expand outside of the downtown area. One of these new developments, overlooking Spartanburg's Mary Black Rail Trail, is Fretwell, an outdoor recreational space.

This new place not only hosts Little River Roasting Company, but also has The Spartan, which is a perma-

nent snack bar with drinks, sandwiches and desserts. Fretwell also hosts an assortment of local food trucks.

Mark Olencki '75 and Gervais Hollowell '85 are two of Fretwell's five co-partners. Olencki also works as Wofford's photographer. They've been looking to create a hang-out spot in Spartanburg for the last two decades.

While Olencki initially hoped for something like Gather Greenville, he had a change of heart during the process.

"(Gather Greenville) is perfect for Greenville, and Fr8yard already did that and is perfect in downtown," Olencki said, "but we want to open a place that is family-friendly and quiet, just a place you can relax and have fun with your friends and bring your kids."

"We always thought, 'wouldn't it be great to have an outdoor space where kids can run around, and you can serve beer and wine and listen to music?'" Hollowell said.

As well as being family-friendly, it could also serve as a nice place for a night out with college friends.

Hollowell is also Little River Roasting's owner and has used the space to expand that business as well.

The company's facility, which had its previous building adjacent to Fretwell for over the last 20 years, currently serves hot coffee, as well as its different blends of coffee from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hollowell hopes to open a café area

in the building as soon as October of this year.

The space also hosts a variety of events throughout the week. Trivia Nights take place on Mondays, with topics ranging from beloved shows from the 80s, 90s and beyond, to more general trivia on topics like Disney. Later in the week, Fretwell hosts bands and other special events.

When there are no events going on, visitors can still enjoy a variety of food and drinks at The Spartan, as well as play outdoor games such as cornhole and frisbee or try to outsmart someone on a big connect-four game.

Other big projects in the area include the expansion of the Spartanburg Rail Trail into parts of downtown as well as the Fitzgerald, a new apartment building currently in development that will have 132 luxury apartments.

Another project the two hope will help Fretwell is a set of apartments further down the Rail Trail currently being developed by Lat Purser.

Partly because of these new projects, Olencki and Hollowell ex-

pressed a hopeful view for the future of both Fretwell and the area of Spartanburg around Union Street, only a couple of blocks away from Wofford's campus.

The two men's vision for the future of Fretwell include one or two more buildings on the property. However, Olencki explained that they were waiting for the perfect match.

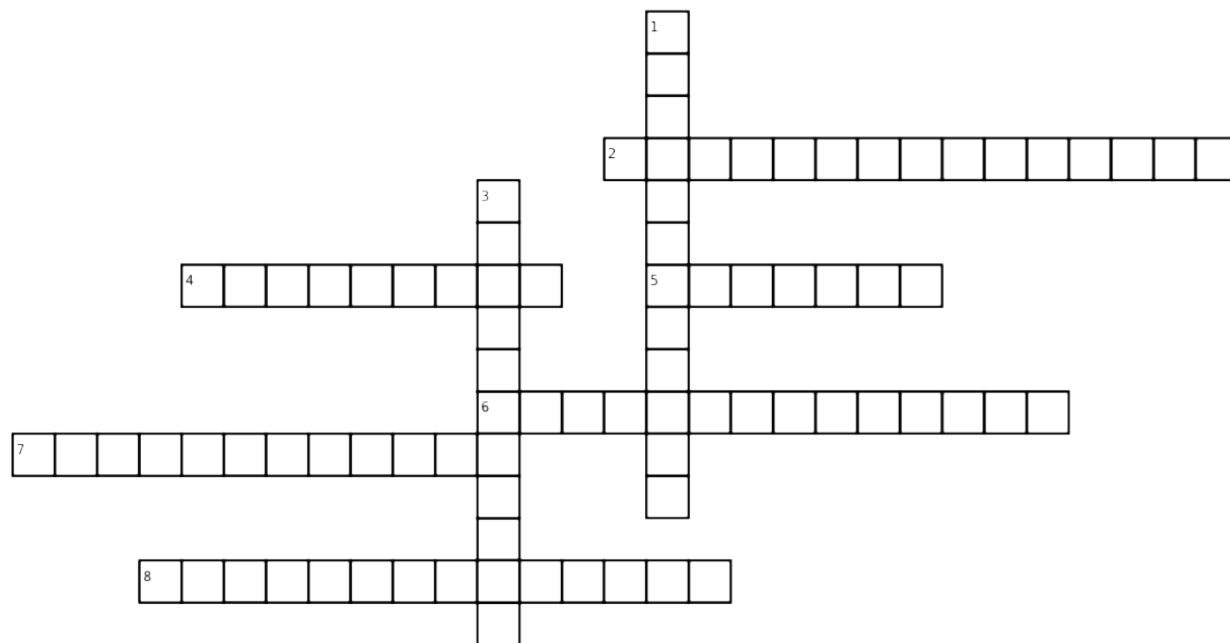
"With building costs, there's no reason to build it and then look for someone to come; we would much rather wait for a person of interest and then fill that spot," Olencki said.

Hollowell expressed hopes for the project to add another building and business to the space in the next year or two.

"We need to find something that ties in with the rest of Fretwell," Hollowell said. "Preferably it'd be great to build a 3000 or 4000 square foot building for some brewery, but anything that draws attention to this area would be great."

Cameron Carsten, staff writer

Old Gold & Black Crossword



Down:

1. What room do we meet in?
3. What is the title of someone who authors one article per issue?

Across:

2. Name of the paper
4. What is the highest type of position on the paper?
5. What style do we use to write the paper?
6. Name of the School
7. Who provides all of the pictures for the paper?
8. What is Julia Allen's position?

Stay tuned for a gift card giveaway coming soon!

A Fortnight in the life of *OG&B*

A fortnight, for those only familiar with the video game, is a period of two weeks. Though you've probably run into only a handful of instances in your life where you needed to schedule something in exactly two weeks, our *Old Gold & Black* staff always knows when the next two-week period is up.

Every two weeks, a new issue of the newspaper is distributed to most buildings on campus, as well as uploaded to our website, woffordogb.com, with a few exceptions due to holidays.

On Sept. 6, Wofford held its annual interest fair, and many first-years, as well as curious upperclassmen, met three of our staff members: Managing Editor Madeline Brewer '23 and Staff Writers Cameron Carsten '24 and Katie Kirk '25.

Many people, students and faculty alike, had questions for us about how the paper is produced, what our job tasks include and how to join our staff.

We are always open to reviewing work from contributing writers, anonymous or not, and we hold meetings at noon each Tuesday in the Dupre Hall Publication Room; it's the big, central room with *OG&B* posters on the windows.

Students interested in contributing regularly to the paper may sit in on these meetings and speak with the editors to learn more about the process and establish communication.

As for hiring for paid positions (yes, paid!), we usually hold two hiring periods: one in the winter and one in the spring.

We advertise that the applications are open in multiple ways, especially by posting graphics on our Instagram, [@oldgandb](https://www.instagram.com/oldgandb). These are typi-

cally done via Google Forms, with interviews for editorial positions.

Now, for a walk through our publication process.

The process begins on a Tuesday, where our writers discuss "soft pitches." These are discussed at a meeting, where staff members informally pitch topics that could be written about.

Soft pitch meetings often take on the form of talking about events and other important things happening around campus and in the Spartanburg area. All topics take on a "Wofford angle," or a way that they connect back to Wofford's students, faculty or staff.

When forming these pitches, we go by the rule, "punch up, not down." Particularly with controversial topics, we typically avoid targeting individual students or faculty.

On the Thursday after, we formally submit our "hard pitches." Each writer fills out a Google Doc template establishing what they are writing about, who they will interview and what they want a photo of.

By that Sunday, writers also submit requests to our photographers for photos. They tell the photographer what their topic is and provide a few ideas for photos to pair with their article. Photographers then take the requested photos to upload to our Google Drive folder.

The following Tuesday, writers submit a progress report, giving a brief rundown of how their article is coming along. By this time, they should have at least reached out to their interviewees and done basic research on their topic. Ideally, they're ready, or almost ready, to write their article.

The word minimum for articles is set right now at approximately 600

words but can vary depending on the number of writers contributing to the issue. Each staff writer is required to contribute one article per issue, and senior writers must contribute two.

Unpaid writers do not have to contribute, but we love to hear their thoughts.

On the Thursday after, the articles are due to the Google Drive folder by midnight. Over the next week, the editors edit each article and discuss with writers any changes that need to be made.

Once the articles have been reviewed by at least one managing editor and the editor-in-chief, the suggested edits are finalized and the articles are sent to the layout and design editor, who designs the layout of the physical paper, organizing space for articles, photographs and advertisements.

The finished paper is then sent to the printer, and the stacks of copies are delivered to the Publication Room the next Tuesday morning, exactly two weeks after the soft pitches were made.

Our staff members each take a fraction of the stacks to distribute to assigned locations around campus, including most academic buildings, dorms, Burwell Dining Hall and Mungo Student Center.

In addition, copies of the paper are delivered to Little River Coffee Bar, Pharmacy Coffee and Spill the Beans for Spartanburg residents to read or Wofford students to enjoy during their coffee runs.

Around the same time, each article from the issue is uploaded to our website, where they can be viewed, commented on and even shared on social media.

Campus Union Updates



Photo courtesy of Mark Olencki

Proposal to change the date of the first-year election.

- Proposed by: Simrin Channa and Thomas Cuttino
- The date of first-year delegate elections would be moved to Sept. 27 and Sept. 28
- Passed on Sept. 12.

Resolution to formally thank Professor Christina Johnson for her commitment to bettering the education department at Wofford College.

- Proposed by: Woods Wooten and Arnise Wright
- This would thank her for the founding of the education minor as well as being one of only two faculty members in the department.
- Passed on Sept. 12.

On that same Tuesday of distribution, we meet to soft pitch for the next issue and the whole process cycles.

During the entire process, staff can look through our Google Drive folder for information and other materials to help answer their questions about interviewing, picking a topic and writing in AP style, as well as flip through our books on AP style and journalism in the Publication Room.

Of course, if any staff member runs into snags they can't fix or answer by themselves, they are always welcome to contact the editors for help and advice. At *OG&B*, we emphasize the importance of communication and community within the staff.

Madeline Brewer, managing editor

Let's talk sports: What's happened lately and what to expect



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Bella Zeman spikes at Terrier Invitational. Wofford's fall sports have been full of wins and losses for the student-athletes.

Wofford's fall sports are in full swing for the Terriers. Women's sports teams across campus have scored a number of wins as well as suffered through a couple losses.

The Terriers' women's soccer team worked to gain their second road win over Charleston Southern University, as the volleyball team gained their seventh win of the season.

The volleyball team won their first Terrier Invite thanks to Bella Zeman '24, who was awarded the MVP of the invite with an outstanding 39 kills.

"Winning the first Terrier Invitational was really special, especially with this year being my last year," Zeman said. "It was a good confidence boost for the team going into

conference play this weekend. It really showed how deep our roster is, and winning this tournament was a whole team effort."

Zeman was also sure to recognize the support her team offered her in order to win a more personal victory.

"Winning the tournament MVP would not have been possible with-

out the support of my coaches and my teammates," Zeman explained. "The passers and setters made it possible for me to score the way I did and, without them, it would not have happened."

Terrier volleyball, unfortunately, did not have victories against East Tennessee State University or University of Tennessee Chattanooga over the weekend, losing 1-3 and 0-3 respectively.

On Sept. 18, women's soccer were tied with Charleston Southern University until a goal from Mia Bookhard '24 at the 50 minute mark elevated the Terriers to the victory, 2-1.

Women's soccer, unfortunately, was unable to continue this winning streak into their Southern Conference game against Western Carolina University, losing 3-0.

The next three women's soccer matches, against Furman University on Sept. 30, Mercer University on Oct. 6 and The Citadel on Oct. 9 will all be home games for the Terriers, played at Snyder Field.

Similarly, volleyball will have a

home game stretch against Furman University on Sept. 28, University of North Carolina Greensboro on Sept. 30, Western Carolina University on Oct. 1 and The Citadel on Oct. 5.

Terriers can also expect to see a home football game this weekend for Family Weekend. We will play at 1:30 p.m. against Mercer University in Gibbs Stadium. The Terriers are ambitiously waiting for their first win of the season.

*Woods Wooten, staff writer
Brandi Wylie, editor-in-chief*

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FROM THE PUB ROOM

It's been a while: Let's welcome our staff!



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Weekly OG&B meetings are lead by the editorial team. This years editorial team has been revamped and is excited to improve the paper.

The last time I wrote a letter from the editor, I was unsure if I would ever get the opportunity to write another, as we were amid the hiring process, so everything was still up in the air.

I am so thrilled to say, though, that I did get rehired and have an amazing team of editors to work alongside. Instead of the traditional copy editor and managing editor positions, we have decided to use both Julia Allen and Maddie Brewer as co-managing editors.

This will allow each of them to manage a certain number of writers each issue and help each one devel-

op the necessary skills to not only succeed in collegiate journalism but to bring into their future careers as well.

We have also added the role of visual media editor, occupied by Anna Lee Hoffman, to manage all the photography and layout aspects of each issue. Her internship with "Charleston Magazine" has enhanced her ability to perform in this role.

Additionally, we decided to use Sidney Williams as our business manager, overseeing all aspects of finance and advertisement for our publication. Williams's work in finance with Kappa Alpha Theta gives her all the

necessary skills to perform. Shout-out for our first advertisement of the year being in issue one!

With this team working so diligently in their concentrated areas, I can focus on more big-picture aspects of the paper and help to improve upon each issue.

I have spent the summer working at Wofford's Office of Marketing and Communications as well as holding a dual internship "Spartanburg Herald-Journal" and "Greenville News," two of Gannett's local papers in the Upstate.

My work with OMC has taught me how to do in-depth research on top-

ics and create stories with emotion. "The Goodletts' big, fat Greek wedding" was my first article of this type of the semester.

My work with Gannett has taught me how to deliver news in a way that an audience wants to receive it and will remain intrigued. With this knowledge, the editorial team decided to do our first-annual orientation issue for *The Old Gold & Black*.

We received overwhelming support for this issue and found that we ran out of papers before we could distribute to all locations on campus. I am hopeful that this trend will continue for all this year's issues.

I know that we would not be behind the pen and paper if it weren't for you, the reader, so I just want to thank each of you for your consistent support of this student-run publication, and I cannot wait to show you what all we have in store for this year (see page five for a small example).

In the meantime, I hope you've enjoyed this issue of *The Old Gold & Black*, and I will talk to you all again soon.

Brandi Wylie, editor-in-chief



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