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Family Weekend 2025



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Halloween horror weekend: family edition

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The fall semester at Wofford is notorious for its busy nature -- football games, homecoming, Family Weekend and holiday breaks litter the calendar, making the semester seem utterly unrelenting, although incredibly fun for all involved on campus.

By design, Wofford's fall hardly has the bandwidth to contain all of these beloved events and traditions, especially with many being conditional on a home football game.

However, this year's fall calendar has had some especially heinous overlaps, arguably pushing students and social life beyond what they can handle.

The tragedy I am referring to is, of course, the Frankensteinian cross-over of Halloween weekend and Family Weekend.

Wofford Family Weekend is truly like no other I have witnessed. Parents, alumni or not, flock to the row on Friday and Saturday night, perhaps after dining at The Kennedy or Level 10.

A mellow form of madness ensues -- which I suppose is in the spirit of Halloween -- as parents hop on stage with the band and relive their good ol' days in Greek life.

However, I could not help but be a little frustrated and even confused about how to carry out Halloween with this energy looming in the background.

This year's Halloween, perfectly placed on a Friday like a divine blessing, also facds the double-edged sword of this poor planning.

Perhaps I just prefer a little more

work-life balance so to speak. By no means do I think that this cross-programmed Wofford holiday has made for a bad time, but I do think that my final college Halloween was a little off-kilter.

To make matters a little spookier, this Saturday of Family Weekend was one of two "Discover Days" held by the Admissions Office for prospective students.

It seems like there was truly little that could have been done to avoid this weekend's intersections, though it brings a spotlight to how such

planning preys upon Wofford's size and culture.

With under 2,000 students, we as a community can do little to avoid being involved on campus.

Nearly every person I meet is the president of some club or another.

Our ratio of outgoing, driven, social butterflies has to be unmatched. So, while improper planning such as this weekend may not impact a larger school, students at Wofford become stretched thin, and events collide and clash.

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CAMPUS

Wofford's "Macbeth" is worth jumping the Shakespeare hurdle

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He is known to be one of the greatest writers of all time, and his works have been thoroughly analyzed countless times.

He is the man who made playwrighting somehow a math equation and a music melody.

His works are so powerful that they are feared in theater halls; saying the name of the Scottish play would curse your production.

Yet, "Macbeth" graces the Wofford stage, superstitions thrown to the wind.

Its production has been without hiccups; however, nothing has been caused by Banquo's ghost or the witches' mischief.

Rather, T. R. Garrison Professor of Humanities and Chair of Theatre Mark Ferguson's rendition of "Macbeth" has blown a fresh breath of life into an already thrilling piece of literature.

Serving as stage manager for "Macbeth," I have read through this play nearly 50 times by late October. The writing itself is genius; the intricacies and meanings behind the word choice to develop relationships was unknown at Shakespeare's time.

But most genius of all, every day I

get to watch a group of talented people shape and mold Shakespeare into something that is lively and riveting. I am biased since I really like my job as a stage manager, but this show is a must-see.

This "Macbeth" is a play about the push and pull, the yin and yang and the dark and light.

You may remember from your high school English class that "Macbeth" focuses on the nobility of Scotland, and Macbeth's immoral choices in response to unbalanced power dynamics.

It's a dark, violent show, with blood, death and betrayal. When

the show opens on Nov. 6, it will end up bringing back the Halloween season. What I like most about Wofford's rendition of it, though, is that it's funny.

There are so many times during the run-throughs of our play that I find myself smiling because one, the actors are doing a great job making us as an audience sympathize, but two, the production feels alive. The Shakespearean language does not cover up the humor and humanity in this production.

It will truly be a shocker to all those who get to see it. I can promise the choices made by the show designers, directors and actors have made this



photo by Addie Porter

Theatre students rehearse for their upcoming "Macbeth" production. "Macbeth" will open on Nov. 6 and all members of the Wofford community are encouraged to attend a showing.

a fantastic perspective on "Macbeth," and overall a wildly entertaining show.

Notable performances will include senior Jack Topé's Macbeth, and senior Anneka Brannon's Lady Macbeth. Additionally, the three witches played by Cole Geyer '26, Evie Walker '26, and Harper Morgan '28 will keep you on the edge of your seat for the entire runtime of the production.

Reading through "Macbeth" has been difficult, but the way these actors recite the lines makes the "is this a dagger which I see before me" scene sound like a modern conversation. The attention to detail in making Shakespeare accessible by the directors and actors is revolutionary.

I have always been interested in literary analysis and theatre, so my first experience in the technical world of

theatre has been exhilarating. You don't have to be interested in Shakespeare to see this play, though.

The way it is staged and rethought is so exciting that I can only imagine anybody would enjoy watching this Macbeth take Scotland by storm.

Take the opportunity to give Shakespeare another chance and visit Wofford Theatre.

From Texas to South Carolina: Camille Terracina's journey as a singer-songwriter

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Raised in the live music capital of America, Camille Terracina '26 is working hard to make her dreams a reality.

An aspiring singer-songwriter, Terracina discovered her love of music from birth in Austin, Texas.

"I have been playing with bands since I learned to play guitar, and I loved it, and I didn't start singing and songwriting until I was 17," Terracina said.

Terracina performed her first song in April 2022 and hasn't stopped writing since. Although she is musically inclined, Terracina is not studying music. Instead, she is an environmental studies and Spanish double major.

"I study it in my own ways and then just write what comes to me. I've never been classically trained," Terracina said.

Terracina's high school music teacher told her that half of the people in the music industry know everything about music theory and the other half don't, but instead know music naturally or intuitively. Terracina knows her music from her soul.

While she loves environmental studies and Spanish, Terracina's number one passion is music. To help with getting discovered, she performs local gigs around Spartanburg.

"I've started taking it more seriously the past two years and really starting to push stuff out," Terracina said.

To aid in that process, Terracina

recently released a single on Oct. 10 called "Desert Rain."

She found her inspiration for the song while working in New Mexico two years ago.

"It's a story about heartbreak and thinking about your ex, which is funny because it's not my story. It's someone else's story," Terracina said.

She recorded the song in Austin with her neighbor, who is a talented guitarist. Terracina had a blast recording the song, workshoping it for two weeks before releasing it. Terracina enjoys using her environment as inspiration for her songwriting. As a nature lover, she will often find new ideas close by. With another song she released, "Cowboy Killer," she heard the phrase as a Marlboro Red cigarette and kept it in her mind for a while.

"Eventually, it came to me that it could be a double meaning of the cigarette and the girl who all the guys want," Terracina said.

Sitting down and writing does not come naturally to Terracina. Like many people, she needs some inspiration and will often come back to songs that she had written earlier.

"Sometimes I won't pick a song back up for months and then I'll come back to it and decide I don't like it or have ideas to change something to make it better," Terracina said.

Growing up in the South, Terracina has grown to love country music and found that to be the genre she wanted for her songs, along with folk and Americana.

"I would say that I identify more with Texas country. I love country music, but it feels like it's taken on a



photo courtesy of Camille Terracina
Camille Terracina '26 is a singer-songwriter. Her music is available on all streaming platforms.

new meaning these days, and I don't identify with pop country," Terracina said.

Terracina's ultimate goal is to be able to make money from singing and songwriting and ultimately making a living from it.

She has gotten some inspiration from her favorite country artists, such as Kacey Musgraves, Flatland Cavalry, Randy Travis and Kaitlin Butts.

"Willie Nelson is my dream person to collaborate with. He's one of my inspirations as a Texas music icon, and I've loved him since I was a kid," Terracina said.

The Wofford community has been very supportive of Terracina's passions and wants to help her get her music out into the community.

"I think that's really special," Terracina said.

Terracina's discography can be found on all streaming platforms.

TriBeta membership grows by over 80 students



photo by Lena Strauss

Maggie Wood '28, Elisabeth Blomberg '27, Eva Rahman '27, Caroline Przystup '26 and Reagan West '27 represent TriBeta's executive team for this academic year. As a group, they are supporting exponential growth within this honor society.

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Signifying a year of substantial growth on campus, TriBeta welcomed over 80 new members this semester, strengthening its role within Wofford's biology community.

Wofford's charter for the Tau Pi Chapter of TriBeta, the biological honors fraternity, was issued in 1989 and is currently sponsored by Dr. Stefanie Baker, professor of biology.

This year the executive committee includes Caroline Przystup '26, Eva Rahman '27, Maggie Wood '28, Elisabeth Bloomberg '27 and Reagan West '27.

Przystup, president of TriBeta, is the liaison for sponsors with other clubs on campus and in the Spartanburg community.

She shares that the organization is planning to work with AED, Wom-

en's Health Coalition and United on Campus, formerly called the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

When asked about the changes that TriBeta has seen throughout the years, Przystup shares how this organization was a staple in her academic career as a biology major.

"I first joined the spring of my freshman year, and there were maybe under 30 people in it," Przystup said. "I wanted to get more involved and meet a community of people who knew what they were doing so I could better connect with classes and people on the premed track."

TriBeta began prioritizing awareness recently as past periods of inactivity were due to low exposure among students.

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VOICES

Theft at Wofford College: Is the culture of trust depleting?

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On a brisk spring morning, I recall making my way to the library with the intention of buying a coffee before class.

As I walked through the doors of the library, taking a right toward the snack store, I noticed the store was closed with two signs taped to the doors.

These signs read something like, "Closed until further notice, investigation occurring."

Confused and slightly annoyed, I left the library. This sign remained for a month, if not longer.

What I am referring to here is the recently exposed thefts from the Sandor Teszler Library Snack Store provided by AVI Services.

At the end of the spring 2025 semester, a handful of students were caught via video camera after having stolen products from the snack store.

There were various punishments

doled out to students including community service and fines.

The Old Gold & Black reached out to the Wofford College Business Office for exact data relating to the library store thefts.

According to the Business Office, around \$500 of inventory was lost during the spring 2025 and fall 2025 semesters, with more than two students caught stealing.

Audits conducted by AVI and Wofford College will continue to deter future thefts.

What does this mean for our campus? Has there been a shift in Wofford's culture, away from a culture of integrity and trust? Or are students merely taking opportunities given to them, even if these aren't necessarily "good" opportunities?

On Wofford's campus, there has generally been a great sense of trust among students.

Students will leave their personal belongings at tables in the library unattended or leave their dorm rooms unlocked while they are in

class.

Lost items are seemingly returned often as highlighted in the Daily Announcements.

In most cases, Wofford students have taken it upon themselves to help one another out, to do the right thing.

This is something to be proud of about our campus culture, a standard set for upcoming students, an expectation of the "Wofford Way."

Was the library store theft phenomenon just a fluke? It seems like students do not want to steal from one another but are okay with stealing from the college and the businesses that it employs.

Unfortunately, the thefts have not stopped. Recently, more students were caught stealing from the library and duly punished for their thefts.

The question now is what will the college's response be?

There are some preventative measures in place to deter theft; however, with a lack of security cameras in most dorm halls, the question of



photo by Ellie Warren

Signs highlight steps Wofford is taking to reduce theft at the Library Snack Store. Students have stolen snacks from the store.

how to react will now be left up to the students. Will students feel the need to lock their dorm rooms or not leave items unattended while studying?

It is the responsibility of the student body to decide and maintain the values Wofford represents. The

decisions of others reflect on all students, and at the very least, decreasing theft in the library will prevent future annoyances and closures of the snack store.

Mid-term season is upon us (in Spain!)



photo courtesy of Abby Taylor

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Hey hey!

We're about halfway through our semester here in Granada, and mid-term season is upon us.

It's a little daunting thinking about having to take midterm exams in another language, but I think that as long as I know the material, I'll be fine.

I had my midterm exam for my Spanish class earlier this week, and I was super nervous going into it. I knew that I had done everything that I could have to prepare, so I was hoping that it was enough.

I walked out of the exam thinking

that it either went super well or I completely failed it.

There were parts of the exam that I felt really confident in my answers and others that I felt like I had no clue what I was doing or what the answer was.

Our professor put our exam grades in Moodle earlier today, and I ended up with an 89%, which I'm super happy with. Hopefully, my other two exams go as well as Spanish.

The two other midterms on my docket are for my religion class and my government class, both of which are having in-class exams.

I'm most nervous about the religion midterm, just because there are so many types of questions that could be asked, and I don't know that I'll be able to both remember everything and then also translate it into Spanish to answer the questions.

I'm not that nervous about my government midterm since it's open notes, open class materials and open internet. As long as we don't use AI, we have free access to anything.

We're answering two essay questions, and we are allowed open notes because our professor wants to test our critical thinking skills more than our memorization skills.

The only other interesting things happening right now are some of the

traveling I've done and that I have coming up. A few weekends ago now I visited Sevilla for two days and one night, a quick but very fun trip.

One of my friends from Wofford is studying abroad in Sevilla this semester, and I was able to see him and hang out with him and his friends. His friend group is super sweet and fun to be around, and we spent a lot of the night bar hopping and walking around Sevilla.

It was a fun weekend and I loved Sevilla as a city, but after visiting it, I think that Granada was a better choice for a place for me to study abroad for the semester.

Granada feels more quaint, and you see more of the same people. It's easier to form connections with people.

Sevilla is the last place that I've traveled to, but I have a four-day trip to Rome coming up in two weekends, which I'm excited about since I've never been to Rome before. It's also going to be my first solo trip this semester, which is a little nerve-racking, but it'll also allow me to learn how to travel here solo.

That's all that I have right now in the form of updates and new things happening here abroad.

I'll keep y'all updated.

Hasta luego!

At many other schools, students may have bothered to stay for such a tense game.

Yet at Wofford, most were too tempted by time at home or fun travels, perhaps indicative of the commitment to our football culture.

With this in mind, is it even worth it to center our social calendar around football games? I suppose in the Southeast, especially, they are an apt way to fill your Saturday.

Would it be totally unwarranted to have admissions events on a regular Saturday?

Is football even a significant enough part of our student life for prospec-

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I think the crux of this poor planning may be the Wofford football schedule.

Many events must be on a Saturday with a home game, yet our football schedule is consistently inconvenient.

For example, the pinnacle game against our long-time rival Furman University has never failed to fall over a school break during my time as a student here.

To make matters worse, this year our team managed to pull out a rare win at this game over fall break.

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The tremendous growth in members this semester was made possible by targeted advertisements, increased social media presence, and early outreach to professors to ensure students knew about it.

Przystup expressed that growth in an organization is often seen through cycles of old and new members.

"Over the last few years, I've seen tons of people know about it, be a part of it, and be active in it. We have made our presence known on campus, whether it's in the biology department or outside of it. I saw people grow in it and the organization grow," Przystup said.

TriBeta has various programs planned for this year that promise to strengthen the careers of premed students at Wofford.

In February 2026, TriBeta is coordinating a CPR certification class for club members and anyone outside of the club that is interested.

The class will require a small fee, but all participants will gain a certification upon completion.

TriBeta's president acknowledges that this is a crucial certification for students on the premed or other health tracks.

"A lot of people in the club are pre-health of some kind, so the jobs that they want to get to put on their resume to get to the actual position

they want later in life, they need that CPR BLS certification," Przystup said.

Another event that TriBeta is organizing is a philanthropic event for the St. Luke's Medical Clinic in Spartanburg. This will consist of assembling care packages containing staple food resources or a period project that will include producing packages with menstrual supplies for individuals who cannot access or afford these necessities. Giving back to the community is a core principle for TriBeta and members will have many opportunities to serve those in need.

When asked to offer advice to students looking to get more involved in TriBeta, Przystup shared the strategies that have contributed to her success at Wofford overall.

"Don't be afraid to talk to people you don't know in your class because they are going to be such a great source of knowledge of things you don't know about and vice versa," Przystup said.

To stay updated with TriBeta or to find answers to any questions, follow the organization on Instagram @wofford_tribeta, email Przystup at przystupcl@wofford.edu or ask any biology professor for ways to get involved.

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SPORTS

Wofford names new men's basketball coach

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Staff Writer

The men's basketball team recently named a new head coach: Kevin Giltner.

Giltner, a 2012 graduate and five-time Southern Conference champion, coached at Virginia Tech for the past six years.

Giltner expressed his gratitude to Wofford in his introductory press conference.

"Little did I know that this would be home," Giltner said.

As a teenager, Giltner quickly committed to Wofford after receiving a scholarship.

It was here that he met his wife, Katelyn, and they now live in the area with their two daughters. With the help of a welcoming community, Giltner looks forward to the season ahead.

"I always wanted to be head coach," he said. "It was a no brainer. ... I consider myself super lucky. These guys are high-character kids, and I enjoy coaching them. For me, it's all about the daily steps, the process, and getting better every single day. A big priority of mine was the relationship piece. I already tried to prioritize that in month one."

Giltner believes in what basketball can do for a young man and looks forward to kicking off the season with the same enthusiasm he once carried as a student in the Wofford basketball program.

"We've had some great conversations with President Samhat and (Athletic Director) Scott Kull, and we are incredibly confident in this administration, and I'm ready to move forward," Giltner said. "To the team, thank you. You guys are incredible. Every single player was in practice number one. Every single player was in meeting number one. And really, that was our one. ... We got a lot of work to do and a little time to do it, but we will not skip steps. ... It is an honor to be home."

Last season, the team won the NCAA Southern Conference Championship and participated in the NCAA tournament.

The team is hopeful that it is the beginning of many more championships.

"The sky is the limit," Giltner said. "I think we can certainly make it to a championship, but first want to be where our feet are. I want to take it day by day."

Kull conveyed his appreciation to the team players at the press conference.



photo by Addie Porter

Kevin Giltner '12 and Catherine Lesesne '26 pose beside a Wofford basketball trophy. Giltner is a former Wofford basketball player and will serve his first season as head coach this year.

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"Players, thank you for your patience and understanding throughout this process," he said. "I know transitions are never easy, and I want you to know how much we appreciate your trust and commitment to each other, to this program, and to Wofford College."

The 2026 season will kick off in an

away game at George Mason University. The following will be a home game in the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium, where the Terriers will take on the Milwaukee Panthers.

"I urge everyone to come to our games, not just the beginning ones, but throughout Interim and throughout February, when it's cold outside," Giltner said. "We need ev-

erybody in the student section. We have the nicest arena in the country. Just walk over here. Come over to these games and support us. You'll have fun. We'll have fun. It'll be good for our school."

To purchase your tickets in advance, visit woffordterriers.com/tickets.

Under Dempsey's leadership, women's soccer moves the needle

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When Kevin Dempsey took over as head coach of Wofford women's soccer in February, his main priority was simple: start with a clean slate.

In just his first season, Dempsey's approach has already made an impact.

For the first time since 2013, the Terriers went on a six-game undefeated streak.

The key to this success? Moving the needle.

"We discussed moving the needle," he said. "As a program, we wanted to get to a place where we really enjoyed being here. I think moving the needle and being competitive in every single game ... whether we can win it and tie it or hold on, just an

overall feeling of pride in our program. That's what we want to have at the end of fall."

Building a sense of family, trust, and comfort off the field has been at the core of Dempsey's mission. For him, these values directly correlate into the Terriers success on the field.

"Feeling a lot of trust between coaches and players and just an environment where everybody felt that they could be themselves and try and be successful," Dempsey said.

Now, as the Terriers approach the Southern Conference Tournament, that same mindset carries even more weight.

Every game matters, and the team's focus is sharper than ever and their emotions are higher than ever.

With all 10 conference teams earning a spot in the postseason, Wof-

ford's goal is clear: to keep moving the needle and prove they belong among the top competitors in the conference.

"It's time to get out of the 9 (seed) v 10 (seed) game and then go as far as we can in our time," Dempsey said. "It's anybody's tournament. think other teams are probably feeling like they don't want to play us because they know they're going to get a fight."

As the season continues, the Terriers are en route to a successful season if all the components of moving the needle continue.

With milestones already piling up, like the six-game undefeated streak, the Terriers beating rivals Furman University and freshman Julia Griner tying the all-time rookie record for points, the Terriers are proving



photo by Caroline Parker

Kevin Dempsey, the new Women's Soccer coach high fives fans after a successful game against Furman on Oct. 19. The Terriers are gearing up for the SoCon tournament.

they're a program on the rise.

The Southern Conference Tournament kicked off on Oct. 28 and continues through Nov. 9, and as it

continues on, one thing is certain: Wofford women's soccer is moving the needle in the right direction.

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