Clearing the Air
Addressing Student Concerns on Campus

Sydney Roach

Several students on campus have voiced their displeasure over recent changes on campus and asked for more transparency from the administration on certain decisions. Some of these students went on a Funeral March through campus to bring attention to issues such as Greek Life changes, leaving professors and the closing of the Preschool Lab and the Argo yearbook.

Senior Tim Stewart organized the Funeral March that took place on March 19. A group of students marched through campus and met with Dean Lassiter at the end of the march to discuss their concerns.

“We just wanted answers, really,” Stewart said. “The Funeral March prompted Westminster to hold a State of the College Address on March 18. Multiple students attended and asked questions about their academic and financial concerns. Stewart asked about Westminster’s finances and later said that he felt like some might have seen his questions as accusatory, but that he just didn’t have enough information at the time.

I think that really speaks to how silent Westminster had been about their financial situation and how in the dark the student body really was, because if they were making information known to people, then people wouldn’t have to cling on to rumors and stuff as that explanation. So I think they could have prevented a lot of the misinformation going around by just making that information available in the first place,” Stewart said.

Another meeting took place on March 21 with concerned students, Dean Coker and the Vice President for Institutional Advancement Matthew Stinson.

“I think it is wonderful when students share their thoughts so that we can continuously improve. We are always willing to listen, and I mean that very sincerely,” Dean Coker said.

One item discussed at this meeting was the faculty senate packages and how this would affect certain majors.

“In making big decisions, we study different perspectives very carefully and take student feedback into account. At the same time, it is sometimes impractical or even unethical to solicit feedback from every individual on campus before making a decision, particularly when personnel changes are involved. Sometimes we have to balance transparency with people’s right to privacy,” Dean Coker said.

President of The Interfraternity Council David Callihan and President of Panhellenic Council Tori Zabo wrote a letter to the Westminster community on March 17 about the recent changes in the fraternities, and the administration has sadly been the scapegoat for these changes. We, as an IFC, unanimously approved bylaws that structure us to properly follow NIC guidelines. Therefore, we, as a community, have been making changes to follow those guidelines. Neither Tori or I would allow administration to overstep PHC or IFC without letting the community know and taking a stand as our job is to protect the community and move it forward,” the letter stated.

President Richardson shared some ideas for increasing transparency on campus in the future:

“I think that we’ve tried our best to communicate with students. I think we will next year have a series of Town Hall meetings. In previous years, the SGA invited us to participate in those. We didn’t have that yet this year. And frankly, I hope that our student media will be able to share this information clearly and in a timely way,” President Richardson said.

Current SGA President Megan Parker also shared ideas on how SGA can keep Westminster students in the loop in the future. She said that there is a lot of valuable information in their minutes but that many students do not read emails. One plan they have discussed is to bring back a modified “bullet paper” with important events coming up, a message from President Richardson and other important information from SGA. They have also discussed holding town meetings and fostering chats and posting more on social media.

Multiple figures on campus extended invitations for any students who still have lingering concerns to come to them with further questions:

“I personally view SGA as the bridge between students and the administration. I want students to feel comfortable coming to us with their concerns and suggestions so we can get them to the administration. I also would like for the administration to keep in contact with SGA to get information out to students on campus. Our meetings are also open to anyone on campus which are held in Mueller Theater every Wednesday at 7 p.m.,” current SGA president Megan Parker said.

“When within academics, students can voice questions and concerns with their professors or advisors, their department chair and the Deans Office. My door is always open,” Dean Coker said.

“IFC has open meetings every other Tuesday at 12:40 and PHC has meetings every Tuesday at 5:30. Both organizations have their meetings in Mueller Theater and allow for the concerns of the community to be addressed. Also, Francesca, Tori, and I [David] are always available to discuss issues or concerns you have with the community,” the letter from Callihan and Zabo stated.

Quote of the Week:

“Beware; for I am fearless, and therefore powerful.”

~ Mary Shelley
Letter to the Editor

Angela Calvo

When I attended college in the 1990s, I worked every summer at a pretzel factory. It can already imagine the eye-rolling. I promise to move on to the “who’s twice in college” minimizing relative quickly? My job was not very glamorous. All I did was walk on machines to load bags of pretzels so that I could place those bags in boxes to be shipped. Once I worked thirrd shift for three summers, I also helped clean the whole factory most summer morning. We were covered in pretzel dust when we finished. Those were very dusty summers.

The better outcome, had a quality control department. Every so often the quality control manager on my shift would gather a sample of the pretzels on the conveyor belt and take them to her office to be weighed and tested. Her job was to make sure that the pretzels we made lined up to the store’s standards and to claim for good products that it was.

Though it would be silly to compare the quality control process of a pretzel factory to assessment in higher education, there are multiple ways to evaluate the quality of education at Westminster College. One of those is particularly self-study mandated by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), which accredits colleges and universities in Pennsylvania. These happen every eight years, and Westminster’s next self-study is due in 2023. This means that the campus is starting to plan for that document. An all-campus email went after spring break explained that process in greater detail, and more of those updates will be sent over the next few years. On Monday, April 1, a representative from Middle States will be on campus, and there is an open meeting planned from 11:40 to 12:40 in the Witherspoon Rooms. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The Middle States self-study helps determine the value of a Westminster degree. It is also a chance for the college to improve the educational experience, so I hope that students commit to staying informed about the process.

Overachieving Anxiety

Mackenzie Mastro

Getting grades kind of suck. We all know it. I have just experienced this quite a bit recently with my midterms and grades. So, I am definitively an overachiever. I got a 99, and got grade at myself because I could have done better.

So, when I turned in two 300-page essays after spring break, but only got the one, I was quite angry at myself. You are probably thinking that it is silly to get so worked up. I will let you read the papers, and for doing two ambition essays over spring break, that is not bad. You would be right in that thinking. Logically, I know I should not beat myself up. Still, I cannot help the little part of me that is saying, “it just for an extension like you would think to do it, maybe you could have gotten better grades.”

I am also a very stubborn person, which does not mix well with the overwhelming guilt. I was so determined to prove that I could write 3,000 words over break that I sacrificed some much-needed five in an effort to suppase my midterms and grades. I am a senior history major, so that means that I should not have any problem accepting that finding much that right. Yeah, exactly my smart decision, and I regret it now (though on some level I am glad that I do it all finished). I feel like I tell myself and my professor, which is probably not the best approach is to accept that yes, you have made mistakes, but that does not mean you will be better off, trust me.

Though creepy crawleys are important, but I do not have any specialist off of them like I do. You will be better off, trust me.

Creepy Crawlies

Sami Roth

We have been having a lot about bugs in the past several years, and they are vital creatures, despite how scary it can be when one buzzy by two inches from your ear. Apparently, even house centipedes are actually good to have around. According to Penn State University’s Department of Entomology website, house centipedes find on carpet broccoli larvae, cockroaches, spiders and other small arthropods. The website also said that their bites are innocuous and rare, and harassing them do not really have to concern themselves with them. While they look like little nightmares, I have at least one, I actually much rather encounter a house centipede than a spider in my room. But even spiders have a purpose, serving irritating critters like moss and mould.

As the weather gets better, we will see encountering more and more of these little guys. I will still be terrified next time that I have them sprout out of my ceiling again; but at least I understand their purpose. We just have to remember that all we share this earth, and every creature plays some sort of purpose in the flow of things. I wish they would help pay my room and board if they are going to hang out there as much, but that is a whole other issue.

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On Friday, March 15, seniors that participated in Westminster's WE-Connect program were informed through email that their connection would be invited to commencement if they wish to decide whether they wanted to extend the invitation to their alumni who had experience in one of those areas, "said Bluedorn. "Additionally, it was a connection I'd already made through WE-Connect, I'd rather spend as much time with them, and while I do value the connection I hardly ever see them unless it's on a school break. My president Richardson also felt that inviting the WE-Connectors to graduation would be a great idea because it would allow them to come to commencement if they wish to spend with them, and while I do value the connection I hardly ever see them unless it's on a school break. My

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The orchestra will continue its series with more performances in the coming semesters. "The concert also brought a significant amount of attention to Westminster College and its arts programs," said Snodgrass. "The first reason is that I am a musician and I enjoy hearing others make beautiful music that I know, and the second is that many of my friends and family members that I got to know by attending the concert who learned about the program and have dedicated much of their time to making sure students are prepared as soon as they step off campus, and students who opt into the program are showing a positive sign of ownership in their care for their future endeavors a quality we admire," said Hunter.

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Forensic scientists are civil service positions. The Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Forensic Services operates a system of six regional forensic laboratories and one DNA laboratory strategically located throughout the Commonwealth. The primary mission of our Bureau is to serve the criminal justice system and the citizens of Pennsylvania by providing the highest quality, scientific, technical and investigatory support to law enforcement agencies for the processing of crime-related evidence. The Bureau also provides training in Basic Crime Scene Investigation, Shoe and Tire Impression Evidence and Public Policy (8.1 percent). Majors, such as the arts (11.1 percent), humanities and 430, drug analysis), and trace evidence (paint, fiber/textiles, analysis, alcohol beverage analysis), firearms and tool cards for becoming a forensic investigator. Employees participate in a formal training program designed to develop competency in the analysis of chemical, biological and physical crime evidence. Scientists are trained to specialize in one of the following disciplines: Drug analysis, trace analysis, serology, or DNA analysis. Work involves using a variety of techniques and instruments to analyze blood and other body fluids, hair, fibers, controlled substances, explosives, accelerants and other materials such as paint and glass fragments. Those interested should have a bachelor’s degree in chemistry, biology, forensic science or a bachelor’s degree in a closely related field with a minimum of 18 credit hours in chemistry. Forensic scientists are civil service positions. Individuals who meet the minimum requirements may visit the State Civil Service Commission’s website for information regarding the application and testing process. Members must first graduate from the Pennsylvania State Police Academy as a Trooper prior to being assigned to the laboratory, serve their probation period and complete three years of their first assignment. Troopers must follow the Specialized Position Vacancy Procedures to apply. The criminal laboratories participate in a formal training program designed to develop expertise in one of the following disciplines: AT3D and latent prints, ballistics evaluation, and questioned document evidence. Those interested should have a bachelor’s degree in any field with a minimum of two scores. Crime examiners are enlisted positions and must first meet all requirements and complete the training as a Pennsylvania State Police Trooper. All forensic scientists and examiners receive training in the proper techniques of presenting expert witness testimony in a courtroom. Analysts and examiners are, at times, called to present their findings documented in official reports, to juries and judges in criminal proceedings. The training and tips come at a good time as Georgetown University released a report stating that the unemployment rate for recent graduates is highest in the construction and home building industry in the recession. Unemployment rates are generally higher in non-technical majors, such as the arts (11.1 percent), humanities and liberal arts (6.4 percent), social science (8.9 percent) and law and public policy (8.1 percent).

The Washington Post reported. The company apologized for the mistake and any inconvenience caused as a result of the incident. MySpace held the spot as the most popular social media platform from 2005 to 2009, prior to Facebook’s rise in popularity, according to CNN. MySpace is credited with launching the careers of several international artists, according to CNN. The site is reportedly responsible for the discovery of rock band Mumford & Sons, and DJ Calvin Harris. While the platform employed approximately 1,600 people in 2009, it currently has a staff of 130 people, CNN reported. Further, though Rupert Murdoch’s News Corporation acquired MySpace in 2005 for $580 million, it was sold to digital ad company Specific Media for $55 million in 2011.

Facebook announced March 21 that company employees recently had access to hundreds of millions of users’ passwords, as the social network giant failed to encode those passwords in storage. The alert of this slip-up came just a few days after formerly popular social network Myspace announced that 12 years of stored music on the site had been lost during a server migration. Facebook’s mishandling of sensitive passwords mainly affects those who use the company’s Facebook Lite product, a simplified version of the social network designed for users in areas with slower internet connection, according to CNN Business. The company had reportedly been storing passwords in a plain text format within its internal database, to which staff members have access.

To the press release that announced the mishap, Facebook stated that the company discovered the error during a routine security review in January, Marriott said. However, independent security journalist Brian Krebs first published Facebook’s incorrect password storage before Facebook issued the release later on the same day.

Passwords compromised include between 200 to 400 million, with some stored in archives dating back to 2012, according to Marriott. Facebook claimed that the company launched an investigation into the incident upon its discovery in the published release. CNN Business reported. The release also included that as of yet, Facebook had found no reason to believe “that anyone internally abused or improperly accessed” the passwords.

Though the wrongful storage of passwords mainly involved those of Facebook Lite users, it did not noticeably affect the entire site.

Hundreds of millions of users of Facebook Lite had been impacted, while tens of millions of regular Facebook users and tens of thousands of Instagram users were affected,” according to CNN Business.

Facebook Vice President of Engineering Pablo Cesar announced that Facebook corrected the issue upon its discovery, Wired reported. Facebook also took to Twittering all Facebook Lite, Facebook and Instagram users’ passwords in storage. The alert of this slip-up came just a few days after formerly-popular social network Myspace announced that 12 years of stored music on the site had been lost during a server migration. Facebook released a press release announcing the mishandling of its passwords. Credit: Facebook Newsroom

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Almost everyone has been affected by cancer at some point in their lives. The majority of college students today can name at least one cancer survivor they know and one person who has lost their battle with cancer. The National Cancer Institute estimated in 2018, 1,735,350 new cases of cancer were diagnosed in the United States. Based on data from 2013-2015, they approximate that 36% of men and women in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime. In 2018, there were 1.5 million cancer survivors in the United States. This number is expected to rise to 20.6 million by 2022.

At Westminster, Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) seeks to raise awareness on the prevalence of cancer and raise money to support cancer research. Colleges Against Cancer is a program designed by college students that supports the American Cancer Society (ACS) by initiating and hosting ACS events on college campuses, including the Relay For Life. Westminster’s Relay For Life is coming up on April 19th, according to the American Cancer Society website, “The Relay For Life movement in America is America’s largest cancer fundraising dedicated to helping communities combat cancer. Through funds donated, time given, or awareness raised, these events are a way to support our cause. When we rally together in the fight against cancer through this fun and inspirational event, we can accomplish anything.” Westminster’s Relay will feature Minnie and Wiggles, a cornhole tournament, a Lipsy-Belle face painting and more. So far, CAC has raised over $22,600, with the help of the teams who have already signed up for the event. Jessie Booher, CAC officer and member of CAC at Westminster, was happy to share some details about the Relay and CAC. For Broker, being involved in CAC is about giving back and making a difference. She said, “When I came into college, I really wanted to work with service-based organizations because I wanted to help people somehow. I feel that a smaller, more focused group like Colleges Against Cancer lets you personalize how you fundraise and raise awareness in general, because a smaller group means more opportunity to have a voice in planning and executing different events.” Though Relay will feature a variety of fun events, Broker is “most looking forward to Zumba! I love seeing how high-energy it is and how hyped up it gets the participants. The music is always exciting too!” She continued, “My favorite part about Relay For Life is the payoff—seeing how much money you get to contribute to cancer research and treatment through the American Cancer Society. As well as to remind everyone that the event is not just for fun. You can’t wait to see what kind of results we get this year!”

The theme for the 2019 Relay For Life will be held on Saturday, April 14th from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., in Byrns Stadium. In the case of inclement weather, the event will take place in Old 77. Those who are interested in forming a team can sign up at www.relayforlife.org/pawestminstercollege. Broker can be reached with any additional questions at broker@wcm.edu or Relay@wcm.edu.
"Left 4 Dead:" A Masterpiece of Sound

Scary music is often used to heighten the sense of these around using certain tones and pitches that unsettle fear throughout the body. These four melodies are commonly heard in the use of horror films in which the main character(s) become in peril due to an encounter in some way or another. The association of these sounds and fear is ingrained in the minds of the viewer at a young age so that it carries with them throughout the rest of their life. These notes often project a scary and tense range below that of the human potential to recognize the sound, which is below 20 Hz. Humans have the ability to hear sound waves that range from 16 Hz to 20 kHz. The average human heartbeat is between one Hz and two Hz.

Despite not being able to perceive and hear this particular sound wave, under certain situations (such as a personal crisis), it can be felt. Sound engineers and producers utilize certain sound waves, especially to create a particular environment throughout the level.

Before each wave, there is a certain type of sound that alerts the player of the arrival of the zombies and to prepare for the upcoming event. The Witch is an anomaly in the game where we will enable students to work together to create/produce the things that interest them and others. "Take a break from long distances to dissolve pieces of the terrain and the player until death), the smoker (which has the ability to spew bile to attract more zombies and disorient the player), and the tank (which is a damage soaker and can hit for massive health), and can each player firing and hitting her for five seconds a piece in order to take her down.

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On a word from junior Environmental Science major, Alaina Mehrig: “I am learning about an area that I've created this semester as part of Drawing Explorations (and potentially Portfolio Drawing). These pieces are in graphic and digital form but that has been important to me since entering college." Mehrig indicated that she chose to participate in “open-ended projects” and “to ‘try new things’.” Although her major is Environmental Science, she is also to use the minor to “learn how to see” and will help her broaden her horizons in the field.

I am currently working with senior Marketing and Professional Sales major, Megan Wilson. “I am learning by my original fashion designs that I created, as well as some watercolor pieces of the outfits, that I produced from learning from the Westminster College Undergraduate Research. These pieces were constructed in an independent study class. This was my first stab at bringing my clothing designs to life!” Wilson uses her Fine Art minor to release her creative energies for fashion and general self-expression. Through a great bond with the school, Wilson has created an amazing foundation for herself in the fashion business as a future stylist. Her marketing and art background has taught her to think about the brand through the eyes of those who have a voice and be conscious of them as much as you can. Don't be afraid to try something new, because the worst thing you can do is fail and that takes you one step closer to achieving your goals and dreams as a student.

My last interview was with senior Psychology student, Alex Craig. "I am learning about art, earth, water, or fire. These pieces each reflect a specific color scheme, whether it be monochromatic, triadic, analogous, and triad. Each piece can be enjoyed as a single image, or positioned together to be viewed as a whole.” She decided to pick up her minor to “take a break from her classes” and do something that makes her feel calm and relaxed. "I am learning about art, earth, water, or fire. These pieces each reflect a specific color scheme, whether it be monochromatic, triadic, analogous, and triad. Each piece can be enjoyed as a single image, or positioned together to be viewed as a whole.” She decided to pick up her minor to “take a break from her classes” and do something that makes her feel calm and relaxed.

"Left 4 Dead" has a unique, innovative way of creating comedic moments that are sure to make players laugh. If you’re looking for a good time, you won’t be disappointed with this game!
The arrival of spring also means the arrival of America’s favorite pastime. Westminster’s Baseball and Softball teams are well into their seasons, having played many games over their spring break trips to Florida and a few games back home.

The Softball team, currently has a record of 4-6, and they have only played one team in the Presidents’ Athletic Conference so far. The Lady Titans played Waynesburg twice on March 28th, winning one game 4-1 and losing the other 2-4. In the first game against Waynesburg, the Lady Titans had a big third inning, scoring three runs, and they kept that lead for the remainder of the game. Westminster scored in the first inning of the second game, but they were unable to keep up when Waynesburg scored twice in the third inning and then scored an additional two runs in the sixth.

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Last year, the Lady Titans had an incredibly successful season. They made it to the PAC Championship game where they unfortunately lost to Thomas More. They also qualified for the NCAA Tournament and had a twelve-game winning streak. However, the Softball program graduated nine seniors last year, all of whom were starters, leaving only four returnees on the team this year. Senior Cherylene Shifflet says, “We have a young team this year, so I’m looking forward to watching the underclassmen step up and succeed in new roles. Being a young team is definitely our main challenge. We’re still learning a lot.” When asked about any changes in training, Shifflet replied, “Our practices haven’t changed too much this year but there’s definitely more of a focus on fundamentals, we do a lot of situational practices and step to talk about different plays. This helps us become more conscious of what we’re doing and why.” This conscientious training will hopefully prove helpful in the first-year players.

The Baseball program found success last season as well, finishing with a record of 15-14, the first winning record since 2012. Senior Kyle Kovach says, “I think that last season gave us confidence and definitely motivated us this season.” The baseball team is in a similar situation to the Softball team this year, as they also brought in a large freshmen class. Kovach is hopeful that with the raw talent of these new recruits and the hard work of the coaching staff, the Titans will be playoff contenders this year. Kovach says, “Last year was a definite culture change when Coach Swiney and Coach Riley took over. They are very hands on coaches who work well with the team and have a vast amount of knowledge. They are constantly pushing us to be our best and get the most out of us. Along with that, I know there are underclassmen with the talent to step up and make a difference for our team. Having these guys play key roles will be vital this season.” With talented new players and a strong coaching staff, there is no limit to what the team can accomplish.

Be sure to come out and support the Baseball and Softball programs this season as they work hard to bring athletic excellence to Westminster.
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