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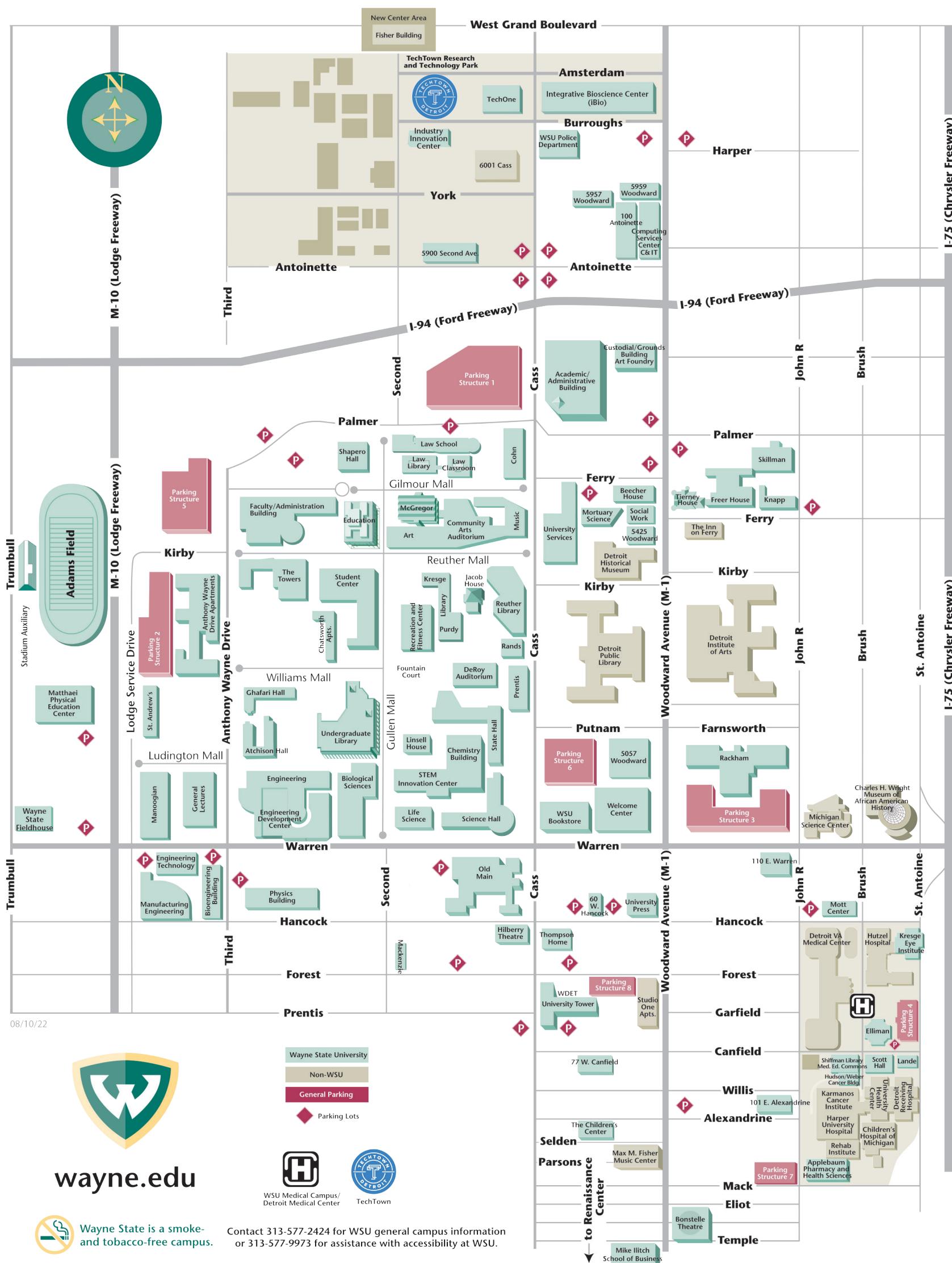
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# A Letter from the Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor



TSE's Editor-in-Chief, Madeline Beck  
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TSE's Managing Editor, Natalie Davies  
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areas of Warrior life, as we return to a school year that's arguably the most "back in action" since the pre-COVID era. We are excited to bring back a features editor to help shine more light on stories that all too often get overlooked, an ad manager that engages the School of Business and a sports reporter to keep sports coverage flowing. We've also added a new podcast host position to our staff, in the hopes of creating a foundation to help our new podcast hit the ground running this fall.

WSU is starting a new chapter in its history, and we hope to showcase that in this edition. Get to know some of WSU's groundbreaking female leaders, meet the Warrior Marching Band and dive into ongoing university investigations. And, in a huge step for TSE's professional relationship with other news outlets, enjoy our first ever Eater collaboration and find your next favorite dining spot near campus.

We look forward to a brand new semester, as we stay steadfast in our mission of providing unbiased coverage of our campus community through the voices of students. We cherish the opportunity to work as journalists, and to thrive as Warriors.

Cheers to the start of a new semester, and best wishes for the road ahead,

*Madeline Beck*

Editor-in-Chief

*Natalie Davies*

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# A Letter from President Espy



Wayne State's 13th president Dr. Kimberly Andrews Espy began her term Aug. 1. Photo provided by Today@Wayne.

*Dear Students,*

Whether you are new to the university, or returning for the fall semester, welcome – or welcome back -- to Wayne State!

I am brand new to the university, and I hope you are as excited as me to be on campus and begin the new semester.

I am honored and humbled to serve as your president. I know that my tenure begins on the solid foundation of the university's remarkable 155-year history, and I particularly appreciate the last decade of transformative leadership by Dr. M. Roy Wilson.

This university – today and throughout its history – has served a vital mission that has positively impacted so many. Generations of students, from all conceivable backgrounds, have been able to attend a university renowned for its scholarship and innovation; and then go on to become productive, prosperous citizens and community leaders – making a positive impact every day.

I view serving as president of Wayne State University as an opportunity of a lifetime. As students, I believe it is for you, too, an opportunity of a lifetime.

Your college years can be some of the most demanding and challenging of your life. I know that if you approach them with the spirit of hard work, determination and curiosity—they will be the most rewarding.

Of course, you need to hit the books hard. No matter how busy you get with your studies, please take the time to get involved in campus life and to explore our Midtown neighborhood. Your educational experience not only occurs in the classroom – you will gain important marketable skills that will prepare you for career success through student activities or community service learning, studying abroad or engaging with industry, or conducting undergraduate research with an accomplished faculty member, just to name a few. It will not take long for you to feel the energy and excitement at Wayne State and in our Midtown Detroit community.

Wayne State has more than 400 student organizations, so it is easy to connect with like-minded students or explore new interests. We have an outstanding faculty who are ready to engage with you beyond the classroom. We also have one of the best Division II athletic programs in the nation, so show your pride and cheer the Warriors on to victory at an athletic event.

Our Midtown neighborhood is home to dozens of distinctive restaurants, shops, cultural institutions and entertainment venues. Go exploring and take your friends. The world-class Detroit Institute of Arts is right across from campus and near the top of my to-do list.

Above all, my advice to you is to work hard while you are here, and engage fully with all of the resources our campus offers you. If you do, your Wayne State University education will ultimately lead you to a lifetime of success.

I am deeply grateful for this opportunity, and I look forward to embracing together the challenges ahead as your president. I am honored to join this great university, and to call Detroit my new home.

Once again, welcome, and best wishes for a successful academic year.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Kimberly Andrews Espy*



# NEWS



**WSU's rising parking rates  
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*The entrance to Parking Structure 8, tucked behind University Towers. Photo by Ciaran Martin*

## New flat-rate tuition model results in rate increase

By Amelia Benavides-Colón

Students enrolling in fall classes may notice a change in the university's tuition pricing, as the new block tuition model will go into effect for the first time since its approval last winter.

Under the new structure, undergraduate students will pay the same flat rate whether they enroll anywhere between 12 and 18 credits each semester. Approved during the December 2022 Board of Governors meeting, the model is intended to incentivize students to enroll in more classes and therefore graduate earlier.

During Student Senate's Nov. 8, 2022 meeting, Provost Mark Kornbluh said the new tuition model comes with significant benefits for students.

"You're more likely to graduate if you take the full load (of credit hours) in any given year... and you'll save money... The system we have now mitigates against that... so right now, every credit costs money," Kornbluh said.

According to Today@Wayne, an undergraduate student enrolling in fall 2023 would pay \$6,246.49 in tuition for 15 credits compared to \$6,466.45 in fall 2022.

The university will take around a \$2 million loss with the tuition model change, Massaron said at the Senate meeting.

In order to offset the financial loss, the BOG approved a 3.5% tuition increase at its June 22 meeting, along with the first increase in parking rates since 2019.

The new tuition model is intended to continue the upward trajectory of former president M. Roy Wilson's 21-point graduation improvement rate. According to National Student Clearinghouse, students who take less than 15 credits per semester are not on track to graduate within six years.

# Students navigate parking struggles as rates rise

By Alex Klaus

For the first time in four years, Wayne State's Board of Governors has voted to raise university parking rates, while students report affordability and maintenance concerns at garages across campus.

In a motion passed at the June BOG meeting, parking rates for faculty and visitors increased from \$8.50 to \$9.00, with students receiving an increase of 25 cents in daily rates and an \$8.00 increase in semester passes.

Dean of Students David Strauss said the changes make WSU parking rates comparable with the surrounding city of Detroit.

Director of Parking and Transportation Jon Frederick said student parking rates haven't changed since the Parking and Transportation Department received a \$1 million subsidy from the university in 2018.

"We actually dropped student rates [in 2018]," said Frederick. "President (M. Roy Wilson) decided to move that million dollars that they were subsidizing housing with and move it over the parking and lower all the students' parking rates."

During the 2016-2017 school year, student passes were \$287 per semester for standard structures and \$369 per semester for premium structures, Frederick said, before dropping to \$222 for standard structures and \$285.25 for premium structures.

The department no longer receives that subsidy. Parking became less of a demand when the COVID-19 pandemic suspended in-person classes, Frederick said.

"During COVID we shut down a few of those parking structures, but we still had to keep some of the parking lots open. We still had people living on campus, so you still have to keep lights on," Frederick said.

The department has seen a \$3 million decrease since 2019, the primary factor behind the decision to raise parking rates for the 2023-2024 school year, Frederick said. The increase will bring in an estimated \$500,000, generating around \$10.5 million in revenue for the Parking and Transportation Department in 2024.

"It's unfortunate that we had to do it, but we're in a position where we're not getting general funds, and we're not getting subsidies anymore from the university at all," he said.

Frederick said the generated revenue goes toward maintaining parking structures, debt service, paying utilities, staff salaries, snow removal and office supplies.

Student Senate President Hayden Johnson

said he was one of the select two senators who sat on the Budget and Finance committee during the June BOG meeting.

Johnson said he and the other senator had one vote split between the two of them.

"We voted not to increase the parking rates," he said. "We really wanted to make sure that the Board understood how this is going to affect students and how it's going to affect accessibility and really look at how students want to come to campus because it's becoming so expensive to do."

Cece Confer, a criminal justice student who parks in Structure 2, hopes the increase in parking rates will bring quicker repairs to the parking garages, especially with elevators.

Elevator shutdowns have become the standard on campus, according to previous reporting by The South End, as supply chain and staffing issues led to ongoing needed repairs.

"Is this raise in prices going to go towards properly fixing elevators in buildings or make places more accessible for students with disabilities?" asked Confer.

Frederick said the university's elevator problems go beyond the responsibility of parking services.

"Unfortunately, most of the elevator projects are not necessarily due to [parking services], it's due to being able to find the funds to do it and then also find the parts and find the replacement setups. It takes a lot to get an elevator redone," said Frederick.

Student Hal Sutherland normally uses parking garage 5 and has noticed frequent elevator shutdowns in the structure.

"Granted, they'll only be down for maybe two or three days at a time. I think the longest they were down was maybe one or two weeks," said Sutherland.

However, Sutherland believes with the cost of the parking passes, there should be fewer maintenance issues in the parking garages.

"It's extremely frustrating when I park on the fourth floor, and I have to take the stairs up and down every time I want to get to my car, and it's especially infuriating when it's like 11 o'clock at night and I have to go to my car and I feel unsafe in the parking garage."

"Elevator technicians are a little hard to come by," Frederick said.

Frederick said students who need assistance reaching the first floor when an elevator is broken can contact parking services for free rides downstairs.

## Students struggle with affordability

Some students, who already struggle to afford current parking costs, report the increase in parking rates will create a bigger burden on their financial situation.

Confer, a campus resident, said they park their car on campus so they can visit home. After paying thousands of dollars to live on campus, Confer said the extra cost of purchasing a parking pass each semester feels unmanageable.

"I normally have to wait until me and my parents have the money available to put towards parking, or try and buy it immediately and then struggle with grocery money and other bills that may come up," Confer said.

Strauss said around 85% of WSU students live off-campus and commute while some live in nearby housing and walk to school.

Johnson said he predicts commuter students will face difficulties with scheduling courses, and will have to strategically schedule classes on the same days to decrease the amount of times they're paying to park on campus.

"If students are really concerned about being able to pay for parking, they're going to want to be on campus less and that's really not our goal at all," Johnson said. We really want to make sure that students are coming to campus, they're engaging in the community, and that they feel like they're able to be there with little to no obstacle, but the parking change is really now creating a further obstacle towards campus involvement."

Sutherland, a commuter student, said the parking costs don't impact his finances detrimentally but are still an obstacle.

"The two years previous to this year I had a higher-paying job. I eventually left it. I'm not making the same amount of income as I was when I was paying the (semester) pass. So this year, it's a lot more difficult just to budget for that, especially with the price raise," he said. "(The parking pass is) an entire paycheck for me. So I have to completely plan around having an entire paycheck taken out of my budget."

## Ongoing maintenance concerns frustrate community members

Labor studies student and Library employee Charlie Morton said parking passes are only worth paying when students are on campus several days a week.

"I have a parking pass because I'm near campus four to five days a week, but that's really the only situation where getting a pass makes sense. Despite this, the pass is the only reliably streamlined way to park. If you're a

commuter or part-time student with one to two in-person classes, the pass isn't worth the money," Morton said.

Per the parking policy, students choose one parking garage to be granted access when purchasing a parking pass. Parking passes will not work at other parking garages the student has not registered for. Those living on campus are limited to parking in Structures 2 and 8, the two open full time.

Sutherland said despite paying for a parking pass for Structure 5, he has not always been able to utilize the parking garage when he has to do schoolwork on campus during the weekends, as the garage is closed.

"As an art major, I do tend to have a lot of studio classes where there's equipment and supplies that I don't have access to living at home," he said. "I need to come in on weekends to work on these projects. But my structure is closed so then I have to scramble to find parking close to the art building."

Students with assigned permits for garages like Structure 5 which are only open Monday through Friday pay the same semester rate as students with permits for garages that are open 24/7, like Structures 2 and 8.

Structures 3 through 6 are not open during weekends, and most structures close by midnight or 1 a.m. Sutherland says this restriction has been extremely frustrating.

"Can I expect this garage to be open later or am I just paying more for even less?" he said.

Students who don't purchase semester passes and pay a daily rate can load money onto their OneCard to receive a discounted parking rate.

But students who haven't loaded money onto their OneCard or don't have the card present are not able to receive the discount. Instead, they must pay the visitor rate. Morton said it's hard for students to know the discounted rate is available because it's barely advertised outside of the parking structures.

## Additional options improve campus access

In Dec. 2022, Senate and the W Pantry & Thrift worked together to launch the Single-Use Parking Pass Program, offering free single-use parking passes on a weekly basis

"(The student who founded the program) was a commuter herself," Johnson said. "She really saw such an obstacle of having students come on campus because they didn't want to pay for parking on a day-by-day basis."

But there continues to be a portion of students who are unaware that this program exists, Johnson said. Moving forward, Senate hopes to increase branding and promotions of different student-led initiatives, including the

free parking pass program.

"We're [also] really trying to use social media to our advantage here. And we're trying to adapt our ways of communicating with students, just because not all students are going to use their email and not all students are checking their email regularly," Johnson said.

Those willing to walk can park in Lots 12 or 14 located north of Antoinette Street. These "low-cost lots" have a daily rate of \$2.50. However, they are student-only and require a OneCard with sufficient funds.

Students and faculty wishing to utilize alternative transportation methods without paying for parking can take advantage of the WayneRides program. The university subsidizes Dart passes which allow students to ride Detroit Department of Transportation and Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation buses for free. The program also offers free MoGo bike passes which allow for unlimited 60-minute rides.

## 2023-24 PARKING RATES

### PER ENTRY

Credit Card	\$9
Student OneCard	\$4.25
Employee OneCard	\$7.75
One-time use parking card	\$10

### PER SEMESTER

Student pass	\$230
Faculty pass	\$410

### TEMPLE GARAGE PER ENTRY

Student/employee OneCard	\$10
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### TEMPLE GARAGE PER SEMESTER

Student/employee pass	\$580
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Student OneCard (Lots 12 & 14 only)	\$2.50
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# Dr. Kimberly Andrews Espy begins presidential term

By Amelia Benavides-Colón, Natalie Davies & Andy Jeffrey

New university President Dr. Kimberly Andrews Espy marked her first days in office asking for feedback from the community and meeting with various campus leaders.

Espy was elected at a special hybrid Board of Governors meeting on June 30 after local media outlets broke the news of her appointment the day before, according to reporting by The South End. Her term started on Aug. 1 with a short YouTube video and community feedback form.

"I am honored and humbled to lead this outstanding institution that has been so transformative for the people and communities we serve," Espy said in the welcome video. "Preparing students for the world is so thrilling for them and for us. It's one of the biggest reasons why we are here."

Throughout her first week, Espy posted on social media highlights from campus visits with Student Senate and Dean of the College of Pharmacy and Engineering Brian Cummings.

Espy said she looks forward to continuing to foster the growth of WSU as a research institution and values its importance as a leading public institution.

"I've seen the important role that urban, public research institutions play in advancing knowledge and developing solutions for our ever-evolving world," she said. "These universities are vital to the health of the cities they call home and, in turn, community partnerships make our institutions stronger and provide career pathways for our students."

Espy will serve on WSU's Social Justice Action Committee, Commission on the Status of Women, President's Standing Committee on Environmental Initiatives, President's Community Advisory Group and the Murray E. Jackson Creative Scholar in the Arts Awards Committee.

Vice Chair Shirley Stancato said Espy was the first person to be interviewed by the search committee and remained at the top of their list throughout the six month search process.

"Her first impression never faded and instead

her initial interview set a very high bar," Stancato said, "and in each step of the process she continued to stand out as the candidate best qualified to lead our great university."

WSU marketing and communications major Kyle Waligora said he has high hopes about Espy's appointment.

"Changes she will have to tackle will be to continue the work on finding a partner for our medical school and also improving infrastructure... I hope she is a part of student engagement like attending student events and sporting events," Waligora said.

**"13 is not commonly known as a lucky number, if one digs just a little bit deeper the number 13 actually represents transformation and renewal- the completion of one cycle and the beginning of another."**

*- Dr. Kimberly Andrews Espy on beginning her term as the 13th President of Wayne State University*

tle bit deeper the number 13 actually represents transformation and renewal—the completion of one cycle and the beginning of another. I can't think of a more fitting number for today."

BOG Chair and Chair of the Presidential Search Committee Mark Gaffney said the board interviewed 54 international candidates, which it had narrowed down to two by early June.

"Espy has demonstrated leadership in many areas that are consistent with WSU's mission, including advancing student success in social mobility, ensuring access to a wide range of diverse students, many of them first generation and traditionally underserved, promotion of research scholarship and engaged productively with the community," he said.

WSU computer science major Augustine Jacob said he anticipates a focus on improving the university's social atmosphere.

"The social life at Wayne (State) is a hit or a miss. You're either in the social scene or you're completely clueless," Jacob said.

In a May 30 interview with TSE, Gaffney said the search committee published the profile of its ideal candidate to outside executive search firm Wittkeiffer in December 2022. Gaffney said he was looking for a candidate that would prioritize WSU's School of Medicine and its future growth.

"We had a pandemic (that) taught us that we have a real need in this country and this state for more public health education, and while we have a multidisciplinary program that's very good — we'd like to turn that into a Public Health School," Gaffney said.

WSU mechanical engineering senior Aella Reyes said by appointing a female president, WSU now has a fresh perspective.

"I hope she focuses more on student experience and improving interpersonal connection within student organizations," Aella said. "I hope Dr. Espy keeps growing every freshman class and focusing on student equity."

Espy declined the opportunity to comment for this story.

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# Student Senate aims to solve community misconceptions, recruits members

By Natalie Davies & Marie Moore

Student Senate started its 2023-24 term in May working on expanding student outreach.

Senate President Hayden Johnson said Senate's purpose is to advocate for the student body it represents and said board members have spent the summer trying to raise awareness and open communication between students and their senators.

"These are our college years," he said. "This is when we're finding out who we are. This is what we're finding out what we're passionate about. Senate really wants to make sure that that experience is worthwhile."

Director of Public Relations Cordelia Krajewski said Senate seems to be misunderstood by students.

"I think people hear the word student government and they're immediately just like oh, they're just kind of on their own free will," she said. "But I think collectively as a Senate this year, we've really put emphasis on we want students to know that we really do want to represent their voices and we really want students to feel that they have an outlet through us to campus administration."

Krajewski said senators are required to serve on at least one university committee ranging from the Board of Governors Budget and Finance Committee and Curriculum Advisory Committee to DEI Council and Provost Artwork Committee.

Johnson said serving within committees allows Senate to play an important role in the university, especially for the state-elected BOG committees.

"Being able to have such an impact on how the board would vote and maybe just providing a new perspective that a lot of the times the administration might gloss over or might not think is as big of a thing as it is (gives students a say.) We really try our best to make sure that we advocate for students," Johnson said.

Johnson is on the Tuition and Fee Appeals Board, which focuses on special circumstances of students needing to withdraw. He said they are trying to improve accessibility of resources and provide clarity around which department to rely on when circumstances arise.

"My job on that committee is to make sure that students are represented (and) know that these resources are available," Johnson said. "Making sure that student representation is very prevalent within that committee, because it directly impacts a student's financial standing and ability to graduate or whatever the case might be."

Johnson was one of two senators serving on the committee who voted "no" to a tuition increase for the upcoming year, according to previous reporting by The South End.

Krajewski said another way Senate tries to connect with the student body is through statements of support on current events. The most recent statement concerned the Palestine-Israel conflict and was approved by Senate at its Aug. 3 meeting.

"We create and pass statements of support to make sure our students are heard and we are representing our students," she said. "We are taking action to make sure we are aware of campus happenings and things that are affecting our student body."

Johnson said students should be on the lookout for more collaborations between student organizations and Senate, specifically Black-focused student groups helping to work on its Black Student Success Initiative, while improving graduation rates and helping students through the middle years of college.

"We're going to be working with them (groups) on how we can use our position as elected members who have really good connections with our new administration," Johnson said. "We really want to figure out how we can work with our administration and a lot of different offices to kind

of collaborate and really just best be able to help and support students."

Vacancies remain on Senate in the School of Social Work, Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, College of Engineering, School of Information Sciences and College of Education. Johnson said Senate will begin its search to fill these positions in September.

Krajewski said students looking to get more involved in Senate and university affairs without the full commitment of a Senate position should consider reaching out to Senate through its website to join a project group, attending "Sit Down with a Senator" this fall in the Senate office on the third floor of the Student Center and looking out for project group tabling events.

She said monthly schedules for Senate events such as "Sit Down with a Senator" will be posted on @wsustudentsenate once classes start and the times will be different every day to accommodate people who are only on campus at specific times.

Krajewski said Senate created a TikTok, @wsu.student.senate, and has plans to post more student-centered posts across all its social media feeds.

"It's important to have that outreach with students, mostly to make sure they have a voice and connect with administration because there is just naturally in any setting this big divide between administration (and) students..." she said. "It's Senate's job to bring that together."

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# WSU denies racial bias allegations, civil suit continues against SOM Residency Program

By Amelia Benavides-Colón & Ashley Harris

Wayne State School of Medicine Professor Dr. Stanley M. Berry filed a civil rights lawsuit against the university in June, claiming it stifled his advocacy for Black patients and passed him over for a promotion after speaking out.

The civil rights suit, filed on April 26 with the U.S. District Court, names School of Medicine Dean Wael Sakr, SOM Residency Director Dr. Satinder Kaur and Dr. Patricia Wilkerson-Uddyback, former VP for graduate medical education at the Detroit Medical Center.

Berry alleges the SOM Residency Program knowingly perpetuated implicit bias and consequences Berry for speaking out about it. In a response filed July 21, the defendants deny all claims of bias with the department and refute Berry's account of the patient interaction in question.

Berry, who specializes in maternal and fetal medicine, first came to WSU in 1988 as a clinical instructor and in 2005 joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Since March 2021, he served as interim chair of the OBGYN department until a permanent chair was selected in September 2022.

Legal representation for Wilkerson-Uddyback filed a motion for dismissal on July 31, citing she is not an employee of WSU and therefore not involved in this case.

"She is an individual who worked for a separate institution and who, at most, has been accused of sharing negative opinions

about Plaintiff (Berry) to WSU Medicine's leadership based on her involvement with DMC's residency programs and information from OB/GYN residents," the motion reads.

## Unraveling the series of events

After being informed of a plan to send a Black mother at Sinai Grace Hospital home despite her pain, Executive Vice Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Dr. Lanetta Coleman decided to intervene and admitted the patient to the hospital.

She then sent an email to Berry and Residency Director Kaur in January 2022 expressing grave concern with the level of care the patient had received.

"This patient interaction provides an opportunity to learn, teach, and be aware of how unrecognized bias can adversely affect patient care and clinical outcomes. Perhaps we can provide a training module on pain management in the antepartum patient," Coleman wrote in the email, according to the lawsuit.

In a response filed in July by the lawyer representing WSU's Board of Governors, Kaur and Sakr denied Coleman's summarization of the incident.

According to the official response, the defendants deny the allegation that Coleman

had well-founded and legitimate concerns. The group admits to receiving emailed communications from Kaur and Berry on the subject of implicit bias, "but deny (it) as untrue that it accurately described the patient interaction at issue."

Kaur met with the resident and responded to both Coleman and Berry, according to the lawsuit, but Berry expressed he felt his concern was not fully addressed.

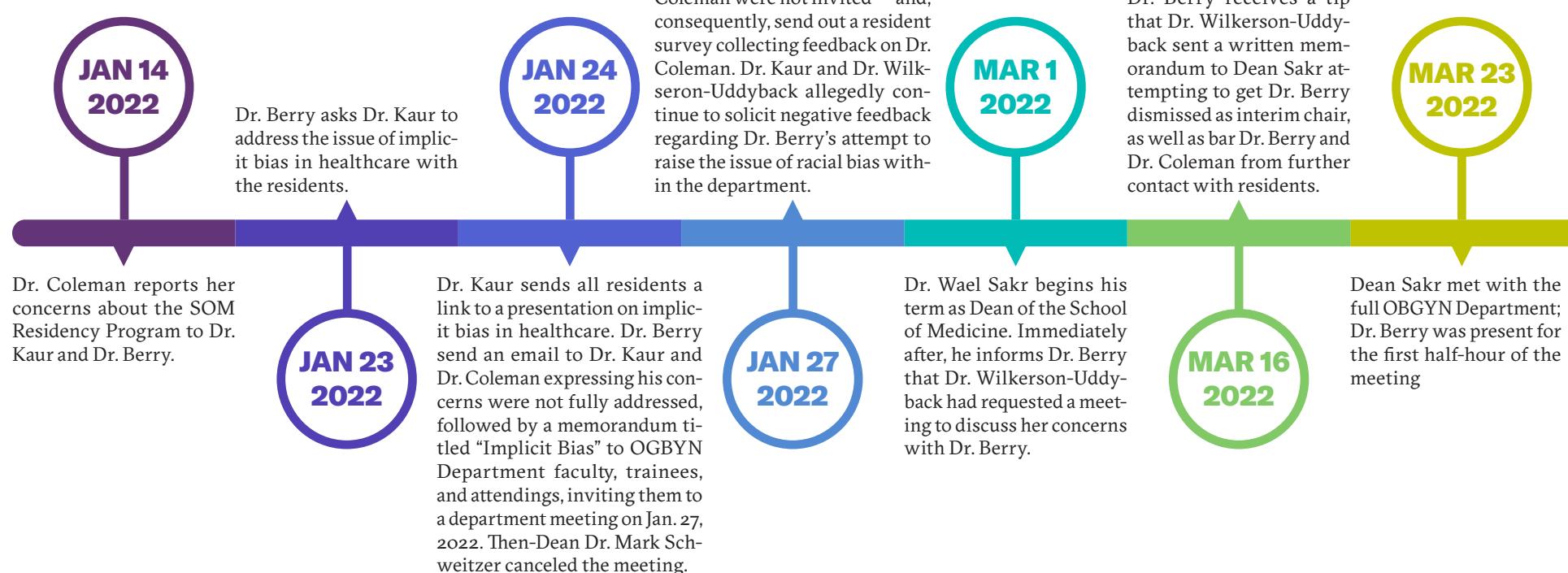
Berry said in the email he invited the full department to a meeting to take place on Jan. 27, 2022, to hold an open discussion about the incident-- but the meeting was canceled by then-Dean Mark Schweitzer.

The department held a separate meeting, spearheaded by Wilkerson-Uddyback and Kaur, on Jan. 27, 2022, and Berry and Coleman were not invited, according to the lawsuit.

The defendants admit the meeting was canceled, but does not specify by whom, and later rescheduled without inviting Berry or Coleman. No further explanation was given as to why the two were excluded.

Berry said it felt like he was being reprimanded for his attempt at raising valid concerns of implicit bias existing within the department.

"It was shocking to me that people lashed out the way they did. I was accused of calling people racists, which I never did," he said. "And I was generally admonished for having made this an issue."



## Prejudice emerges within the department

At the Jan. 27, 2022, department meeting, Berry and Coleman were the topic of conversation despite not being included in the meeting.

In his original suit, Berry alleges that Wilkerson-Uddyback and Kaur spoke negatively about him and Coleman; but in their official response, the defendants deny leading the meeting and initiating the conversation.

"Defendants deny the allegations ... Answering further, certain residents and fellows raised concerns regarding the history of hostility of Coleman and implied certain residents should not have to work with her," according to the response.

Following the meeting, a survey was sent to School of Medicine residents asking about their comfortability working with Coleman in which the only two choices provided were: "I would prefer NOT to work with Dr. Coleman" and "I have no preference one way or the other," according to the lawsuit.

Berry said he applied to be permanent chair in April 2022 by submitting his resume to chair of the search committee Dr. Noreen Rossi. In the legal response, Sakr states Berry never applied for the position.

Berry said he was told the search was not active and gave up on applying until hearing from friend and coworker Dr. David Bryant that he had applied for the role.

"On or about June 2022, after learning that the Dean of WSUSOM (Dr. Wael Sakr) was considering candidates for the position of permanent department chair, I submitted my CV (curriculum vitae) directly to him," Berry said.

It was then when Berry alleges he was

told by Sakr that he would not be considered for the position after being given multiple negative reports from his peers.

Berry's attorney, Amanda Ghannam, said both co-workers held prejudice against Berry.

"They're going to the dean and they're saying all this negative stuff and the dean tells him, 'We can't make you permanent chair because of this,' (and) 'These people don't love you, they never will, we gotta hire this other guy,'" Ghannam said.

Sakr told Berry he would be appointing Bryant as permanent department chair despite admitting Bryant was "not ideal," according to the lawsuit.

Sakr denies the conversation with Berry, according to the official response.

"Defendants admit only that at some point in time Dr. Berry discussed the permanent position with Dr. Sakr," according to the response.

Bryant was promoted from the role of associate professor of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine to permanent chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology effective Sept. 1, 2022.

Consequently, Berry was demoted to his current position as professor of obstetrics and gynecology and project site manager of the Perinatology Research Branch, which closed on Jan. 31, 2023.

## Working toward equity for Black patients

Berry said the overlying issue remains to be the Black maternal mortality rate in America.

"Maternal mortality in this country is higher than any developed country in the world. It now stands at over 32 women who

die in childbirth out of every 100,000 live births, and that actually is an increase from last year of almost 50%," Berry said. "And Black women in this country die at a rate three times higher than white women or Hispanic women."

Discrimination and bias against Black Americans in healthcare play a major role in the racial health gap experienced across the country, according to the Associated Press.

"Black Americans have less access to adequate medical care; their life expectancy is shorter. From birth to death, regardless of wealth or social standing, they are far more likely to get sick and die from common ailments," the AP reports.

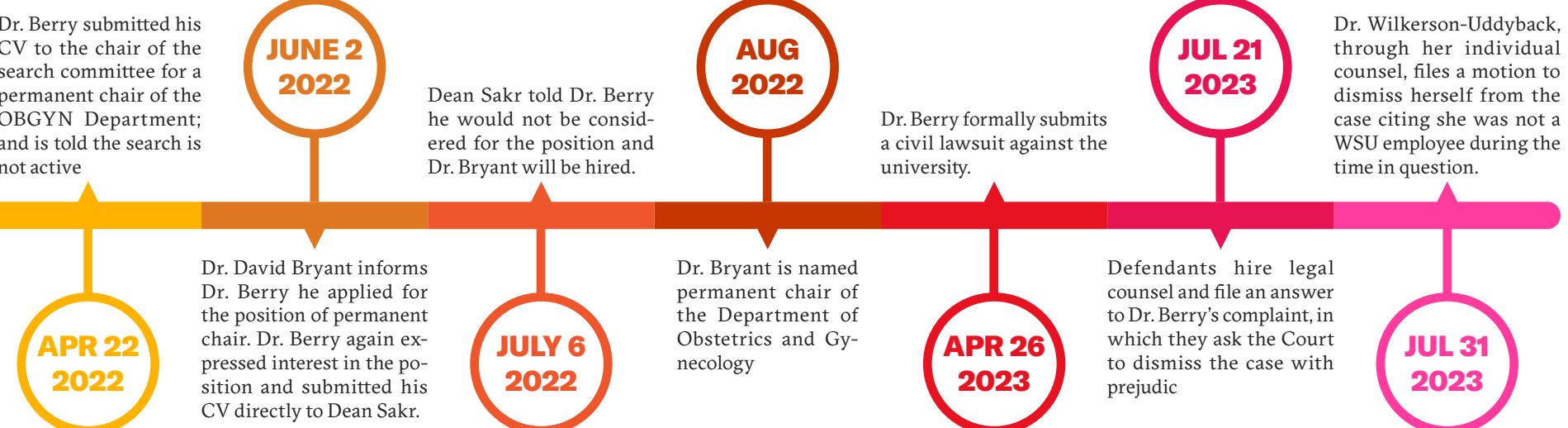
It's vital for healthcare professionals to recognize this discrepancy and confront their biases head-on in order to provide quality care regardless of race, according to the AP.

"Some health care providers still hold false beliefs about biological differences between Black and white people, such as Black people having 'less sensitive nerve endings, thicker skin and stronger bones.' Those beliefs have caused medical providers today to rate Black patients' pain lower, and recommend less relief," according to the AP.

Berry said he acknowledges the hard work of current young physicians and will remain to have an optimistic approach toward the ongoing issue of implicit bias.

"I just don't want to leave the impression that-- majority of physicians engage in implicit bias, although all of us are capable of doing it and maybe we don't do it all the time, but it's important for me to get across the message that I am positive about the outlook despite this bump in the road," he said.

WSU declined the opportunity to comment on this story.



Timeline by Amelia Benavides-Colón - according to the events detailed by Dr. Berry in the April 26 lawsuit filed through the U.S. District Court, and following responses.

# Disabled students voice concerns with campus accessibility

By Natalie Davies

Members of Wayne State's Social Work Disability Justice Coalition are concerned about accessibility within the university.

From the physical barriers to the form you report those barriers on, the 20 member SWDJC was formed with the goal of improving accessibility on campus and the greater Detroit.

Co-President of SWDJC El Johnson said the group was officially organized in January 2022 after being approached by disabled students seeking resources.

"We're starting to find each other — finding our tribe throughout the school, and there's nothing more gratifying than that," Johnson said. "(Our) priority is creating a disability toolkit for faculty and administration. And we have a subcommittee that's working on that diligently. It's intense (but) it's going to be magnificent and accessible."

Co-President of SWDJC Jenna Friedman said the organization has been raising awareness since its inception. In March, SWDJC hosted a Map-A-Thon event with Student Disability Services, Gender, Sexuality and Women's studies and the Office of Multicultural Student Engagement where the organizations walked around Old Main with the goal of identifying areas where accessibility could be improved.

Friedman said they are frustrated at the lack of change from SWDJC's efforts.

"We've been in this pattern where we address the issues, and then they (the university) don't address the stuff on their end," Friedman said. "It's been really hard to see all these issues with accessibility and then not get any follow through with a solution."

Johnson said she thinks Old Main's historical presence makes it harder to change the building, but said it needs to be fixed nonetheless.

"The fact that it is a populated, heavily used building and it is not accessible or if it is it is to the very bare minimum and not even in consistently operational that way, that if anything were to happen out of an effort that we do, it would be great to have Old Main fixed," she said.

Johnson said the Report a Barrier form, where community members can submit information about areas on campus with accessibility concerns, is part of the issue.

"The way that (form) is constructed, there's no way that you can actually describe what you've experienced in the field to create the report," Johnson said. "There's no place to upload a photograph (and) you don't have a place to identify the exact location live."

SDS Disability Specialist Sadfah Shohatee said SDS is made aware of student concerns through the Report a Barrier form.

"We're a university founded on accessibility and the importance of having equal opportuni-

ties to engage in different aspects of the university," Shohatee said. "Having Report a Barrier creates a point (at SDS) where those issues are at the forefront of our mind about areas to improve (helps us) always have new ways to adapt when it comes to physical spaces."

Since the form was started in February, Shohatee said she has helped five or six students and referred multiple students to reporting issues using the form. She said most of the issues related to door openers and elevators.

"The form connects people to that website in real time, (and students and I have) files together in real time," Shohatee said. "When we file a statement about a barrier, we don't see (whether or not there was a) follow up but we do see that it is an issue."

Shohatee said maintenance is responsible for fixing problems that arise and that every university has an ADA coordinator who considers updates.

"Considerations they need to make updates to buildings are... essential for accessibility and to make sure (they) have (to provide access) when experiencing malfunctions," she said.

Second year grad student Louie Alkasmikha is a second year grad student said he wishes there was more personal and specific follow up after submitting an accessibility issue and that he is not told who is fixing what and when.

**"WSU will follow the rules, but they won't hear us."**

*- Louie Alkasmikha*

"WSU will follow the rules, but they won't hear us," Alkasmikha said. "We say something and we are not told personally we can get help. They say if we follow the rules, we will fix the problem. When things aren't fixed, it's like are they listening to you or just saying something to shut you up?"

Alkasmikha was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in March 2010 and uses an electronic mobility scooter. He said automatic door openers have constantly been a problem. He said he requested the door openers at Golden Greens be fixed multiple times during the last school year, but never received a response.

He also said many of the locations under AWD don't have door openers at all and the Warrior Pharmacy told him to knock on the

door when he wants in.

"I think it's insulting (for someone) to open a door," Alkasmikha said. "That's telling us that we can't open doors but you're giving us the bare minimum after that. We're never gonna see each other again...When people see a disabled person they think they know the whole story, that they know who we are and what's happening. But they don't, and they just fixate on that."

He said door openers are important to the accessibility of a building and students and administration should change the way they think about people with disabilities. Alkasmikha said he feels the best way for others to help is for WSU to make campus as accessible to those with disabilities as it is for able-bodied people.

"Don't think that disabled people need help too much," Alkasmikha said. "We can open the door. We make it to college and grad school. We can do things. We live alone. We have a job. If I can do that, I can open a door. Don't act like I am a kid that needs mom and dad opening the door."

Alkasmikha said making his way around campus' cracked pavements in his electronic mobility scooter is difficult.

"The infrastructure is kind of terrible at times because there are cracks, areas where if you use a scooter it will break it and every time you go through it you bop up and down," Alkasmikha said.

Alkasmikha said he wants to see more bright paint or some sort of visual notice in cracked pavement areas and before areas with steps to help prevent falling.

Alkasmikha said when he lived in AWD, the fire alarms went off on a false alarm multiple times, which caused the elevators to turn off. He said he once walked down 24 flights of stairs to be told it was a mistake the alarms were on.

"I was told by the front desk if you get screwed, call WSU police, but when I called them they said, 'you really think we are going to carry you up and down 24 flights of stairs? No.' They are making this (accommodations) up in their head and telling us what we want to hear. But you should not and never do that because you are violating the law by giving us false information."

WSUPD did not immediately respond to a request for comment on this situation.

Alkasmikha said he is concerned that nobody consulted WSU's disabled community during the reconstruction process of the M. Roy Wilson State Hall. He is especially worried about the size of the elevators, which he said were small prior to the construction.

"The past will repeat itself. That's what's happening right now because we are being hushed, we are silenced and pushed to the side. So what they're doing, they're doing with authority, but without the disabled side itself."

# Slight delay in Wilson Hall construction, ongoing renovations throughout campus

By Theresa De Benedetti

Construction on Wayne State's 2030 Master Plan continues as the complete renovation of the renamed M. Roy Wilson State Hall is delayed about a month.

In addition to Wilson Hall, campus construction continues on the Gretchen C. Valade Jazz Center, Helen L. DeRoy auditorium and surrounding reflecting pool. Outdoor renovations include updated green space to Cass Commons and the plaza in front of Chatsworth Suites.

Director of Planning and Space Management Ashley Flintoff said even though Wilson Hall's opening date has been pushed from Aug. 28 to Oct. 2, the \$70 million renovation is worth the wait.

"It's going to be a completely new environment for students," Flintoff said. "All of the rooms will have all new ASIO standardized AV so we've worked really closely with C&IT and the Campus Technologies Team to standardize on AV and technology in the classrooms."

Flintoff said the building was redesigned with commuter students in mind, creating various study spaces for them throughout the building.

"All of the hallways will have a mixture of, they'll have some booths, they'll have benches, they'll have (a kind of) standing height counter or lower counter, that you could stand out with your laptop, (with) power everywhere," Flintoff said.

Wilson Hall will also feature all-gender bathrooms, lactation rooms, a reflection room and foot washing station to help students feel more comfortable in the space.

Around the corner, Flintoff said construction and design work has begun on the Gretchen C. Valade Jazz Center, former home of the Hilberry Theatre.

"There's a lot of existing conditions with a building of that age, as you can imagine," Flintoff said. "And when you open up walls, you always find things, it's standard in construction. So we've opened up the walls and found some things and we're addressing those (things).."

Flintoff said the building is still on track for a fall 2025 completion date.

The new WSU and Karmanos cancer research building, approved in July 2022 will be built on the Medical School Lot, Lot 75, on Canfield St. across from Parking Structure 4. According to previous reporting by The South End, the \$450 million project includes wet labs, population research offices, clinical trial offices, and education and outreach departments.

Associate Vice President of University

Communications Matt Lockwood emphasized the significant impacts which will occur as a result of the new building, including creating jobs and addressing health inequities.

"We think it'll have a transformational impact on the state's workforce and talent development pipelines, especially in healthcare," Lockwood said. "It'll create a lot of jobs and have a positive impact on the city's economic development (and)... bring an opportunity to close huge health equity gaps."

Flintoff said the university's next task is signing an owner's representative to the contract, to assure all parties' perspectives are voiced clearly.

"The owner's representative will essentially be Wayne State's representative in all the negotiations and conversations with the architects (and) contractors," Flintoff said. "It's just the scale and scope of a building like this is so massive that it often is beneficial to the owner to have kind of a neutral third party that is able to help with negotiations and help with making sure that everything is on track and running smoothly."

## Enhancements coming to outdoor spaces

Announced in January, WSU will take on a project to restore the Helen L. DeRoy auditorium and surrounding reflecting pool.

Flintoff said the project has started on the exterior facets of the building this summer

"So the first phase will be restoring the reflecting pool themselves and replacing the bridges on both sides of the building," she said. "And then the next phase will kind of work into both working on the plazas and the stairs and then also working on the interior."

Flintoff said the department is working to minimize the disruption this construction may cause students, and is aiming to start interior work on the auditorium next Summer.

Dean of Students David Strauss said his office is working with students to create a plaza on Rutherford Mall to host plots for the "Divine Nine" fraternities and sororities on campus.

"The design companies are working with students on how we can bring our history, our culture, and our city into the concept of the plots," Strauss said.

Strauss said the plots are expected to be completed by fall 2025.

Flintoff said the plaza in front of Chatsworth will be receiving upgrades expected to be completed in September.

"The idea is that we're trying to create some outdoor spaces that are not just kind of, you

know, a kind of traditional bench, but somewhere where you could sit and have a surface for your laptop, and you would could work on something and be outside or you can sit there and have lunch with your friends or just kind of hanging out at the end of the day."

Flintoff said the space will also feature new lighting and outlets to plug in phone and laptop chargers. The green area known as Cass Commons will see a renovation in the future as well.

"We have a preliminary design that we did a couple of years ago...we've worked with students to renovate that space and put in more seating and make it big and (have)green space, make a little bit of a stage plaza in front of Chatsworth, add some trees, add some green stormwater infrastructure like bioswales, and that sort of thing."

Flintoff said they plan to work with the student body on a new design that acts as a front yard for resident students as well as commuters.

## Makerspace coming to Student Center basement

Student Senator Veronica Fahmhi has led an initiative to build soundproof creative spaces for students to practice music. Fahmhi said the plans have been approved to begin work installing them in the basement of the student center.

"Wenger, the company we are using, will install the rooms and other trades will do the electrical and sprinkler installations. There is another step as well. Besides installing rooms, (we) will be getting things to put in the rooms," Fahmhi said.

Fahmhi said at minimum she would like each room to have one chair and music stand, and possibly a piano in one of the spaces depending on the remaining budget.

Assistant Dean of Students Brandon Shamoun said new Makerspaces are to be installed in the basement of the Student Center with a tentative opening planned for late August.

"This space is really kind of like a craft make-and-take kind of location so we currently will have a button making station, we'll have glue, scissors, we have a huge set of markers and We have sharpies," Shamoun said. "We have a huge die cut system. So if you need to make die cuts, we've ordered a huge system that will allow manual die cut so you can create symbols and words for bulletin boards. We have custom Wayne State logos as well."

Shamoun said those features will come in the first phase of renovation and from there DOSO will evaluate demand and room for growth.



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# WSU community responds to Governor Busuito's comments about LGBTQ+ community

By Theresa De Benedetti

Wayne State's Board of Governors approved a new Center for Gender and Sexuality at the June 25 meeting, and the community responded to statements made concerning the LGBTQ+ community by Governor Michael Busuito.

## BOG approves Center for Gender and Sexuality at the June 25 BOG meeting; Busuito voices dissent

Director of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies Simone Chess proposed the creation of a new Center for Gender and Sexuality during the Student Affairs Committee meeting to provide holistic support for the campus community.

"It's an important step to meeting the mandate set by the Student Senate in their 2019 resolution in support of LGBTQ+ students and academic life," Chess said. "That student leadership really set the tone for this center in its holistic call for resources that met academic and student service needs together with overlapping and interconnected resources."

In a discussion about the new Center, Governor Michael Busuito said the LGBTQ+ community is out of control.

"We're really looking at psychiatric issues here because these poor people are tormented psychologically," Busuito said. "I think it's spinning out of control because it's up to 13 letters now plus the plus, and the plus is there to anticipate more is going to be added."

Busuito said he couldn't support the proposal without financial justification for why a new center should be created around a transgender population which only accounts for a small percentage of the population.

"My question is to justify this from a fiduciary standpoint at this 0.39%, what number of students are we talking about on campus? And I'm not talking about gays, lesbians and bis. What's the absolute number that we can justify this expense?" Busuito said.

Busuito said he wondered if the center

would fit better in the School of Nursing or psychology department of the School of Medicine because of psychiatric issues the population deals with.

Busuito did not respond to The South End's request for interview.

Chess said WSU does not track how many students are and are not transgender, and said Busuito's comments only further justify the need for such a Center because of the misinformation he is perpetuating.

"This is really speaking to the point I was making about how as a research university, the work we do as academics is connected to student life as well that we talked about in this session," Chess said. "Some of the information you are giving is not backed up by scholarship, we can talk more about sources if you want to, but what a research university does and what we teach our students to do is look at other different sources."

Student Senate President Hayden Johnson said Busuito's comments were inappropriate and did not align with the University's mission on diversity, equity and inclusion.

"As an elected official, his primary responsibility is to uphold Wayne State's values, given our diverse student, faculty, staff and administrative body," Johnson said. "In my role as an elected representative for students, I found this extremely disheartening that such language was used in an institution that strives to cultivate a safe space for everyone within the Wayne State community."

Gender, Sexuality and Women's studies major Alex Wilbur said Busuito's comments were offensive to the students who are part of the LGBTQ+ community.

"It makes me feel really uncomfortable and unsafe," Wilbur said. "I came here because I thought that Wayne State would be accepting of the community, but now I'm just uncomfortable."

Wilbur said creating spaces where the LGBTQ+ community is welcome like the new Center for Gender and Sexuality is important for a public university like

WSU.

"I think it's always great to have a place that's safe for certain groups of people, and I feel like it doesn't hurt anyone to have it either," Wilbur said.

BOG passed the motion to appropriate \$350,000 to create for the Center for Gender and Sexuality, with one no vote. The South End was unable to confirm which board member voted against the Center.

## Senate denounces remarks made by Busuito; issues statement of support

Wayne State's Student Senate met on July 8 to issue a statement of support for the Center for Gender and Sexuality.

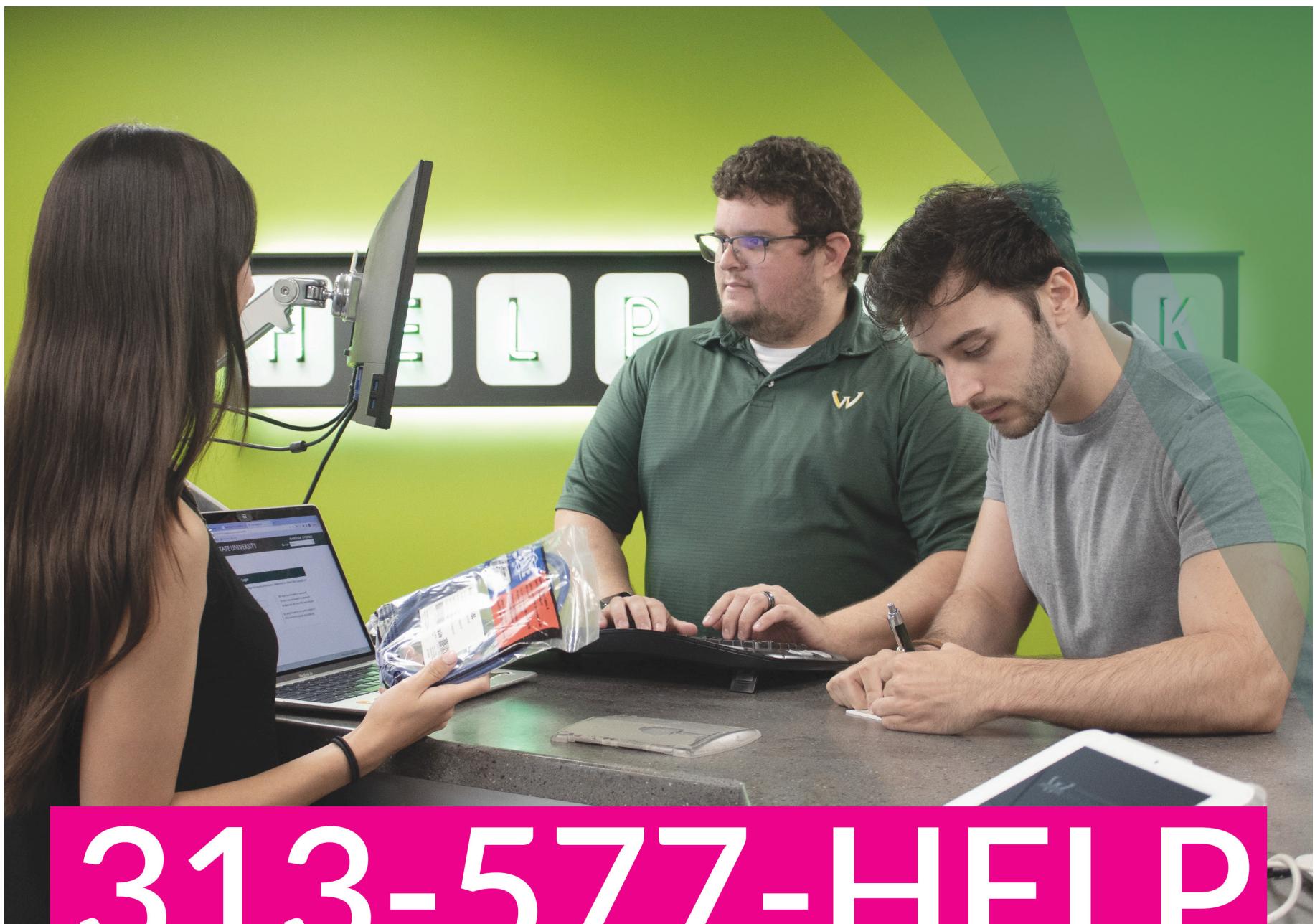
The letter of support for the new Center for Gender and Sexuality follows comments made about the LGBTQ+ community by Governor Michael Busuito at the June Board of Governors Meeting where the center was approved for funding.

Senate said the statements made by Busuito did not align with WSU's mission and commitment to inclusivity.

"Senate wants to make it clear that discrimination is not welcome at Wayne State or any university that prides itself on diversity, equity and inclusion. Governor Busuito's comments did not represent the incredible LGBTQ+ community at Wayne State and beyond," President Hayden Johnson said reading the letter of support.

Secretary Sheva Khamov said the executive board decided against including Busuito's exact allegations in their statement.

"We didn't want to include it in the letter because we felt that the statements were very harsh and (it was) an effort to ensure everyone's mental health," Khamov said. "People react differently when they hear what I would say is far more than microaggressions, (so) we wanted to ensure students, especially those part of the LGBTQ+ community were not harmed in a negative way by the letter."



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Midtown is home to some of the biggest employers in the city, including the Detroit Medical Center, Henry Ford Health not far, and of course, Wayne State University. Within walking distance of Old Main, WSU's castle-like centerpiece along Cass Avenue, students can find dozens of cafes, restaurants, and bars — ideal for studying alone or with friends, celebrating milestones like graduation, or hanging late at night. The following guide has a place perfect for every budget, taste and style; on a campus that has everything you need.

Whether stepping on Wayne State's campus as a student, faculty member, or visiting the area in general, it's impossible to leave hungry. Eclectic and unique dining locations scatter the campus with a range of options for the pickiest of eaters and most adventurous. On the horizon, Haraz Coffee is expanding its Yemeni cafe franchise to Anthony Wayne Drive, next door to the newly opened Insomnia Cookies, Leo's Coney Island and 7-Eleven, creating limitless options for the hundreds of student residents living upstairs in the university's Anthony Wayne Drive Apartments. When dining off-campus is the only way to go, here are the food and drink options to get excited about this year.

*By Amelia Benavides-Colón*

# WAYNE STATE CAMPUS FOOD MAP

By Amelia Benavides-Colón

## HONEST JOHN'S

488 Selden St.

The cure to your hangover, or the cause of it, either way, Honest John's is worth a trip while on Wayne State's campus. Known for its cozy atmosphere and late-night hours, cocktails rotate seasonally but The Fromo, a frozen mimosa and house special, is a staple year-round. It's hard to imagine a better morning until the order of Chicken & Waffles and Fruity Pebble French Toast arrives at the table.

## FORK IN NIGERIA

19228 Livernois Ave.

Whether you're a business professional on a lunch break or just looking for something new, Detroit has become a hub for the most unique and exciting food trucks. Fork In Nigeria offers freshly prepared fufu, jollof rice, goat, chicken, plantain delicacies, and other Nigerian specialties — all from the convenience of a food truck.

## CHARMINAR BIRYANI HOUSE

111 W. Warren Ave.

For those craving the rich spices of Indian cuisine, while on a college student budget no need to look further than Charminar Biryani House — Express. A full selection of biryani including goat, chicken, lamb or vegetables is just the beginning. The butter chicken has the perfect blend of spices and is perfect for first-timers, with the garlic naan being the star of the show always.

## DETROIT SHIPPING COMPANY

474 Peterboro St.

The Detroit Shipping Company offers a little something for everyone, thanks to its diverse roster of food vendors. Constructed out of repurposed shipping containers, this food hall includes six restaurants, a full bar, and a limited selection of shops and event space. COOP Caribbean Fusion is famous for its 24-hour marinated chicken and the Nepalese dumplings at Momo Cha are something worth dreaming about. Halal Street brings the New York City food truck to the streets of Midtown with a full array of gyros and rice platters.

## THE POTATO PLACE

107 W. Warren Ave.

Through 30 years and multiple owners, The Potato's Place's status as a campus staple has never shifted. Ginormous baked potatoes are topped with everything from the classic sour cream to cajun shrimp to corned beef. And for those not ready to take on the potato, every menu item can be swapped for wide-buttered egg noodles instead.

## PIE SCI PIZZA

5163 Trumbull Ave.

The corner of Trumbull and Merrick is the go-to after a Warriors sports game, with pizza, burgers, and Japanese food all within walking distance of the campus athletics district. Pie Sci Pizza is famous for its weird, innovative pizza combinations, which in the past has included Taco's Modern Life with vegan cauliflower-walnut "chorizo," roasted corn, white onions, vegan mozzarella, radish slaw, cilantro, and lime. Next door, Woodbridge Pub offers a full bar and live music. The nearby Bash Original Izakaya gives diners an extensive array of sushi rolls, nigiri, and sashimi to satisfy every sushi lover's desires with mochi and matcha s'mores for dessert.

## SEASONS MARKET

4125 Second Ave.

One of the few locations where you can get your weekly grocery shopping done while drinking a freshly pressed smoothie, Seasons Market is Cass Avenue's neighborhood grocery store. Purchase seasonal produce, fresh bread, locally sourced ingredients, and grab-and-go meals from nearby restaurants. Stop by the second-floor terrace or take in the scenery from the adjoining garden.

## LA PALMA

113 E. Canfield St.

Among the favorite Mediterranean spots in the area is La Palma, which offers kabobs, shawarmas, stuffed grape leaves, and lentil soup. Share a Famous Three appetizer of hummus, baba ghanouj, and tabouli between friends, fill up on a gallayah platter with choice of lamb, beef, or chicken, sauteed veggies, garlic sauce, and olive oil, or keep it light with a freshly-squeezed juice or smoothie.

## SHEWOLF PASTIFICIO & BAR

438 Selden St.

Nothing screams a post-graduation feast better than high quality pasta in a cozy, yet luxurious setting. At SheWolf, the flour is milled on-site, making for some of the freshest pasta options available in the city. For a special tasting-menu experience, the Cucina Curata goes for \$99 per person and includes many of the restaurant's favorites, all curated by the chef. Otherwise, indulge in classics like the cacio e pepe, the fagioli alla puttanesca made with Michigan-grown beans, and top off the meal with a wine from the spot's vast collection.

## HARAZ COFFEE

119 Garfield St.

Located in the bowels of the Detroit Medical Center, with an on-campus location coming soon to Anthony Wayne Drive, Haraz Coffee offers freshly brewed Yemeni coffee guaranteed to stimulate your senses. With locations across Michigan and Kentucky, Haraz also offers coffee brewing and latte art classes for the more experienced coffee connoisseurs. Specialty drinks include pistachio lattes, chai with cream and haraz spice, Turkish coffee, among others. For a sweet finish, try a milk cake made with saffron and rose milk and topped with whipped cream.

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**IMA & SUPERCRISP**  
4870 Cass Ave.

Conveniently located directly across the street from campus' iconic Old Main, Ima offers hot bowls of udon, pho, and ramen, as well as a full bar. Next door, SuperCrisp offers a takeout experience with a menu of halal-friendly burgers, hot dogs — most available in vegetarian and vegan versions.

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*View of brand-new proscenium theatre inside WSU's Hilberry Gateway. Photo by Ciaran Martin*

# Reuther Library adds Metro Times to growing media archive

By Amelia Benavides-Colón & Emma Arm

Wayne State's Walter P. Reuther Library is undergoing a months-long digitization project of a large portion of early Metro Times archives.

The donation announced on June 14 will include the first 16 years of the alternative weekly and was made possible through a donation by the publication's founder Ron Williams.

The project has been in the works since last summer when Williams began to search for where to house his archive, Metro Times Editor-in-Chief Lee DeVito said.

"I had never spoken (to Williams) before and he called me up and told me that he was moving to Portugal and that he was getting rid of all his stuff," DeVito said.

The Metro Times, a Detroit alt-weekly founded in 1980 to cover the growing arts and culture scene, is the city's most-read weekly, according to its website. The publication is known for its progressive-leaning coverage and flamboyant writing style.

Several other libraries and archives were on Williams' list, but the deciding factor came down to finding a home that aligned with the publications' longstanding legacy of metropolitan media, DeVito said.

Reuther Library Director Aliqae Geraci said the library houses archives of The Detroit News, Detroit Free Press and WDIV.

"Our legacy is very much bound up in our historical relationships with the United Auto Works, United Farm Works...and perhaps not necessarily so straightforwardly associated with — the archives of Urban Affairs," Geraci said, "which has always been

conceptualized as documenting urban and metropolitan Detroit."

Geraci said in recent years the archival library has expanded beyond its foundational mission of documenting labor archives, into the world of urban affairs.

"Urban Affairs, has always been conceptualized as documenting urban and metropolitan Detroit, as well as southeast Michigan. So (this would be) individuals, organizations (and) institutions that are active in Detroit civic, social, political and social movements," Geraci said. "Including the whole enterprise of media coverage in the area."

Alt-weeklies served an important role in Detroit's history as they were the primary voice for groups underrepresented in the other publications, said journalism history professor Michael Fuhlhage.

"The early part of — about 1982 into the early 1990s were a pretty interesting time," Fuhlhage said. "Alt-weeklies were still mostly a homegrown phenomenon...often because there were niche communities that were just being overlooked by mainstream media."

In an interview for Metro Times, Williams said the paper was founded upon the premise of giving a voice to communities of color.

"From the very first issue we fought the divisive concepts of black and white, city and suburb, us and them," he said. "Eight Mile Road didn't exist in our vocabulary — we were committed to create a journalistic voice that would be respected and welcomed into every home. We published to our own mythological urban construct: the Detroit metro-

politan community."

Fuhlhage said having access to such rich archives on campus will greatly benefit researchers and students.

"I think one of the most important things in journalism education and in journalism history is to be able to introduce students to publications from the past where they see their own identities," Fuhlhage said. "To open a student's eyes to the possibilities that they otherwise might not recognize, were there for them in decisions they make as aspiring journalists."

The final digital archive will not be available until 2024, Geraci said, as the Reuther Library has just started collaborating with the WSU Library System on an intensive digitization process that will make the documents discoverable and accessible to the public.

"Access is about having a sustainable and trustworthy platform to provide access to researchers," Geraci said. "I know it was meaningful to our partners — that these would be accessible to students, to researchers, to people that understand that Metro Times has had an important role in the metro Detroit landscape."

Once completed, the first half of the Metro Times will be available on the Reuther Library and Metro Times' website with plans to complete the collection coming soon.

"We would love to add (to it in the future) and bridge the gap from the 1990s to mid-2010s," DeVito said. "It would just be so great to have the whole archive available for people to see."

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# Underground Theatre kicks off season with Percy Jackson's 'The Lightning Thief'

By Luke McQueen

Wayne State's Underground Theatre is marking its return to campus with a weekend-only musical adaptation of Rick Riordan's "The Lightning Thief" on Sept. 8 and 9.

Directed by Jacob Lipski, who earned his BFA in Acting in May, the show is rooted in Greek mythology and follows demigods Perseus (Percy) Jackson, Annabeth and the satyr Grover as they attempt to find Zeus' missing lightning bolt.

Lipski said the upcoming performance is the largest production the student-led acting group has performed to date.

"This show specifically is probably one of the biggest shows that (we have) done, and might ever do," Lipski said. "It's a real pleasure to work with everybody in the company as well as the production team to build this show up from the ground."

Senior Jack Welcher said the leading role of Percy couldn't have been more fitting for him.

"Percy Jackson is a character I have always really connected with. My approach to playing Percy is to play him honestly, and thoughtfully," Welcher said. "I want to really focus on that change that Percy experiences, and echo the weight and anxiety of that journey of change."

Senior Joshua Prim plays Grover, a mystical satyr, and said audience members can expect to walk away from the show with a heightened

sense of self-acceptance.

"I think the main journey of 'The Lightning Thief' is a journey of self discovery. And if there's one thing I want the community to take away from this, (it's) that you are beautiful no matter who you are," Prim said. "The journey may be different for everyone, but the person that you discover at the end is beautiful and deserves to be seen."

Junior Shannon Dingle plays Percy's best friend Annabeth, and said because the story has such strong ties to the legends of Greek mythology, it was important for cast members to research their roles.

"It's kind of like studying all the puzzle pieces before you can put it together correctly. It's a lot of work, but I wouldn't want to be doing anything else," she said. "I'm focusing a lot of attention on how (Annabeth's) relationship with her parents affects her and essentially is the emotion that drives her through the story."

Prim said he enjoyed the process of getting acclimated to the personality of his character, Grover.

"He's happy-go-lucky... but also has a lot of trauma and insecurity under the surface," Prim said. "I've gone in with some semblance of who Grover is but every new interaction I discover a little more about who he is and what makes him tick."

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# PASS mentors provide community for psychology students

By Madeline Beck

Some Wayne State psychology students are crediting the powerful mentorship program within Psychology Academic Support Services for their career success. The organization celebrating its 12th year is responsible for tutoring and mentoring support within the psychology department.

The organization co-founded by psychology faculty Shelly Seguin and Academic Advisor Stephanie Chastain in 2011, has grown to new heights, expanding its resources to assist students from all areas of campus.

Seguin, an Academic Services Officer in WSU's psychology department said PASS has developed over the years from a small idea to a network of hundreds of students and alumni.

"Initially, it started off really slow. We had just a small cohort of maybe six, seven PASS mentors. In that first year, it was maybe about 40-50 student contacts," Seguin said. "And over the years, we've just continued to grow and evolve... the year before the pandemic, we had, like, 35 mentors, and we had over 400 student contacts that year."

Seguin said PASS is such a unique resource because of its extensive network within the community.

"I think what makes PASS so special is...it's really unique in terms of its structure. All the students are volunteers, they don't get any kind of compensation or credit, they make a minimum one year commitment to being in PASS," she said. "And the culture in PASS, I would liken it to a family, people are very supportive of one another."

Senior PASS mentor Micala Cagle said she first got involved in PASS while sifting through resources within the psychology department. Cagle said PASS mentors are there to help connect students from all corners of the psychology world.

"PASS is basically a volunteer peer mentorship program. So all of our mentors receive training on study skills, and how to work with students in terms of (courses), specific tutoring, getting involved in research, career development, those kinds of things," Cagle said.

"We all hold two office hours per week. So we have an office in the Maccabees building that's pretty well staffed almost every day, I would say it's 9 (a.m.) to 4 p.m. we have people in there," Cagle said. "We operate on a walk-in basis. So students can just come in at any time they can meet with a mentor, and we can answer whatever questions they may have."

Junior PASS mentor Cade Dorer said PASS is for anyone with an interest in psychology.

"From the first look, it seems like we're just like a tutoring group. But we're a lot more than that," Dorer said. "We're kind of also just a great resource for people who are interested in psychology or kind of what it has to offer at Wayne State, we have so many connections with just amazing advisors and other faculty members."

PASS mentors also meet with all students, no matter the major, to offer more general study tips and techniques.

Dorer said PASS has personally helped guide

him in his academic future.

"Our student body is just crazy intelligent, and they just really know, they just know what they're doing," he said. "And so like, especially for me, in joining this, I just feel like I've taken away so much about you know, like getting involved in research getting involved on campus, like (a) better understanding (of) what I want to go into."

Seguin said PASS mentors are required to go through an interview process before they can work with students. Beyond one-on-one tutoring, PASS also offers group study sessions, career support and a home for those looking to make friends on campus.

"It sounds dramatic to say it's an impact on their (student's) life, but when somebody can actually (be) supported enough so that they can get the grades they need to graduate, that can be life changing, not just for that student, but also perhaps for their family, maybe their community, like it's a big deal," she said. "The PASS mentors see that actually happening. It's just super rewarding."

Cagle said she hopes students in need of any level of support will reach out, as PASS has been a huge stepping-stone towards her career.

"PASS has been, I think, transformative to my undergraduate experience just because we do work closely with advisors and staff at Wayne State. So If you're nervous to speak to a professor, you don't know how to go about it, we can help you with that," Cagle said. "If you're even just looking for short term involvement opportunities, we definitely have those as well."

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# Warrior Band prepares for exciting marching season

By Natalie Davies

Wayne State's Warrior Band plans to unite the campus community through music as band members prepare to play six home shows for Warrior crowds this football season.

With an expected 80 members and three different performances, Director James Fusik said fans should be excited for a new level of musicianship from the band, as many members are returning from last year's successful season.

"I was so impressed with our team building and enthusiasm last season," Fusik said. "Many of our strong freshmen from last season are now leaders in their own sections. The push will be to strengthen the quality of rehearsal and play more complex and, as a result, more entertaining and impressive music for our crowds."

Fusik said the band has the chance to encapsulate all of WSU's recent leadership changes, from football coach to athletic director to university president, through its music.

"It will be exciting to see fresh ideas and passion in action, and how the band can be that representation of the energy of our campus," Fusik said. "Band is a great example of connection with a large group of people."

He said he is excited to work with the new football head football Coach Tyrone Wheatley to play music that can better give WSU the home team advantage.

"Coach Wheatley has some ideas on how we can play in certain game situations to pump up the crowd and the players while intimidating our opponents," Fusik said. "When our team, band, fans and university all come together in the best way, it makes for a uniquely powerful Detroit experience that is quite special on a gameday."

Junior Drum Major Nicholai Powell said members practice independently over summer and come together for band camp Aug. 21-25.

Powell said the team usually practices about three times a week and rehearses before games the rest of the season, with the bulk of the foundational instruction happening at camp.

"What practice looks like is breaking down the drill sometimes with music sometimes without and then focusing on the music itself, making sure

the music sounds as good as we can get it and then bringing the drill and the music together," Powell said.

While the musicians play the music, sophomore Color Guard Co-Captain Angela Belanger is one of the band members tying the show together visually.

Belanger said color guard is expecting to have larger numbers than previous years.

"It is always amazing to have a large guard because it gives the show a larger visual impact," she said. "Many members of the guard have never held a flag before...We have to learn all the basics, the tosses, our routines and drill by the time the band is ready to put the show on the field."

Belanger, one of two color guard captains responsible for creating the show's choreography, said despite the hard work it takes to get in perfect sync before the shows, seeing the community grow makes it all worth it.

"I love getting to see people learn it for the first time," Belanger said. "It is so rewarding to learn, but it is even more rewarding to watch people fall in love with it...I am always excited to have the opportunity to perform on the field and meet all our new people. I am especially excited for game days."

The Warrior Band is open to all students interested in playing music year round. While marching band focuses on football games, some band members continue throughout the winter to bring pep to the basketball teams and compete in winter guard.

"While it's for bringing pep to the football games, its purpose is a lot larger," Powell said.

"We do it because it's fun and it brings us all together and it helps people coming into college make new friends," Powell said. "We make sure to support our football team and make sure they're feeling good. It's hard work, but it's awesome. Anybody who can play a wind instrument or percussion should consider joining."

The band's first show will be at the football home opener against Missouri S&T on Sept. 2 during half time.

## WSU Marching Band: Game Day with Nicholai Powell

### 2:00 - Arrive for Rehearsal

"There's this air of today's the day we're going to do it," Powell said. "We're going to show everybody (what we've been working on) so you're practicing, you're putting every ounce into it."

### 4:30 - Dinner Time

"We will break and go back to Matthaei to get lunch or a meal provided by the wonderful parents of the members of the band. We absolutely need food and are so grateful that they provide it."

### 5:30 - Preparation

"We're all getting pumped and ready to get out there. We got our instruments and we're just waiting for the time that we need to get out and do what we need to do. We do a quick tuning and maybe like a little warm up exercise to get back in practice."

### 5:45 - Take the Field

"The drum does a cadence and we march out onto the field. We listen to the big screen and pregame announcements. And then we do our pregame. We're fired up all through it. We're so hype when we get back into the stands."

### 6:00 - Game Time

"We're watching the game, seeing how it's going, getting all happy and rooting for our team with our cheers and playing our various stand tunes."

### 7:30 - Show Time!

"We've got this weird sense of calm, but we're so pumped. We play our halftime show, and we put everything and just we pour our hearts into it."

### 8:00 - Post Show

"We have the third quarter off to get snacks and stuff. And then we just play our stand tunes for the end of the game."

### 9:00 - March to Matthaei

"Whether our team wins or loses, we had a great time. They put on a great performance. It's all great as we play our Wayne State theme and march back to Matthaei."

Graphic by Natalie Davies

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# SPORTS

**WSU Athletics names first director  
focused on mental health  
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*The bleachers at Tom Adams field sitting empty during the off-season. Photo by Ciaran Martin*

# Introducing the 2023 football season

By Cris'stia Bowden

Wayne State's Warrior football team presented its fall strategies at the annual GLIAC Football Media Day on July 31, announcing plans for the 2023 football season.

Streamed virtually on GLIAC's YouTube channel, the event was attended by Michigan Tech, Northern Michigan, Davenport, Ferris State, Grand Valley State, Saginaw Valley and WSU's head football coach Tyrone Wheatley, along with players Drake Reid (CB) and Blake Bustard (Offensive Tackle).

Wheatley, a 16-year coaching veteran and graduate of University of Michigan, is entering the Fall season off the heels of serving as running back coach for the Denver Broncos. Wheatley said he is excited to be back home in Michigan.

"There's a history of tradition with me there, so at the same time, I just want to be home, help my community be a part of something," Wheatley said.

Wheatley said it's important for him to instill a sense of pride in his players, as well as the confi-

dence to pursue their dreams.

"As you go through this game and as you grow in life, you have so many things that you go through and so many people that come in and out of your life, you have to make it your own and be true to yourself," Wheatley said.

While introducing star players Reid and Bustard, Wheatley said Reid is a very consistent athlete.

"Off the field, a great academic young man, takes care of his business and suits my core values right off the bat," Wheatley said. "When you see him play football and hear him on the field, he's the same way."

Reid said regardless of the incoming head coach, the team knew they needed to be focused for the upcoming season, while Reid himself explained he hoped to make an impact within the team.

"Ever since I got to Wayne State, I just wanted to impact the program in a positive way and set myself up for the future," he said.

Bustard said the team this year consists of young players with a lot of experience from previous years.

"We transitioned to Coach Wheatley, we met him and saw what he was about and continued to buy-in even more, and we're just there for each other and the coaches," Bustard said.

Following the 2022 season, Wheatley said the expectation is figuring out how to maintain unity.

"We have to grow into the process and learn to play hard football games," Wheatley said. "How do we score touchdowns, how do we come back, how do we stick together, and be together as brothers and live and fight through those hard times."

Bustard said the team knows what they have to do to avoid a repeat of last year's 1-9 season.

"With another year of everybody being around each other and truly understanding the needs and what's expected of college football, I feel like it's going to take us a long way this year and help us close out those games that we kind of let slip through our fingers last year," Bustard said.

## 2023 WAYNE STATE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	HOME/AWAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Sat. 9/2	6:00pm	Away	Slippery Rock	Slippery Rock, PA
Sat. 9/9	1:00pm	Home	Missouri S&T	Detroit, MI
Sat. 9/16	6:00pm	Away	Indianapolis	Indianapolis, IN
Sat. 9/23	1:00pm	Home	Truman State	Detroit, MI
Sat. 9/30	6:00pm	Home	Concordia- Ann Arbor	Detroit, MI
Sat. 10/7	1:00pm	Home	Michigan Tech	Detroit, MI
Sat. 10/14	6:00pm	Home	Davenport	Detroit, MI
Sat. 10/21	2:00pm	Away	Saginaw Valley State	University Center, MI
Sat. 10/28	1:00pm	Away	Northern Michigan	Marquette, MI
Sat. 11/4	1:00pm	Home	Grand Valley State	Detroit, MI
Sat. 11/11	1:00pm	Away	Ferris State	Big Rapids, MI

## 'Most consistent team yet,' women's volleyball sets the stage for victory

By Dwayne Sanders

Wayne State's women's volleyball team has spent almost every day this summer conditioning for the fall season, with seven new recruits joining the team.

Coming off of last season's 19-11 record, head coach Tim Koth said the team is the most consistent he's seen in years. He said the team looks forward to redefining itself with its seven new recruits.

Koth said the team has taken training to a new level this summer, with 11 to 12 players conditioning on campus nearly every day.

The Warriors are coming off their strongest season since 2013, going 19-11 last season and leading WSU sports programs in academics with a cumulative GPA of 3.7.

Outside hitter Chloe Clark said the team has a strong work ethic, creating an environment primed for winning.

"I think a big part of it is discipline. We all have learned that trait pretty early," Clark said.

While discipline may be a common factor among student-athletes, middle Ella Uganski said

she had an extra impetus for keeping on top of her assignments.

"You're more motivated to get your school done and out of the way so you can have fun on the trips or focus on the game."

Koth said of the new recruits, two are transfer students and five are freshman. Koth said the team's mantra is "family, school, volleyball," and the newcomers are transitioning smoothly to the team.

"We got the culture part down, and the exciting part about this new group is they all fit in," he said. "A handful are coming in with 4.0 honors from high school."

2022 Midwest freshman of the year, Kayla Giroux, is returning and back to full health after a leg injury last year, Koth said. Players like Giroux, Clark and Uganski will be the team leaders as this season's remaining veterans.

The team added assistant coach and Eastern Michigan graduate Madison Andrews this summer, shining an important light on the role of female coaches in sports programs, Clark said.

"She knows where we're coming from as a former player," Clark said.

Andrews will work alongside assistant coach Hailey Richardson, a WSU alumna who joined the team in 2019. Koth said it is important to have female coaching staff on a women's team in order to help make the staff more relatable, approachable and comfortable for the players.

Koth said he hopes to have bigger student crowds for games and that students should look out for game day giveaways on WSU Athletics' social media.

"It's an opportunity for students to come and see the game and high level we play at and have been playing at for several years," Koth said.

Volleyball will start their season in Big Rapids at the Ferris State Invitational on Sept. 1. Their home opener is Sept. 14 at Matthaei against Ferris State and is free for students with their OneCard.

"This year could be really good for us," Uganski said. "I think if we continue to put in the work and come together as a team we will be really successful."

# WSU Athletics names first director focused on mental health

By Cris'stia Bowden & Natalie Davies



Former Warrior football player Jeff Williams was hired as the Athletic Department's first assistant athletic director for mental health. Photo provided by WSU Athletics.

Amid a national rise in mental health struggles among college athletes, Wayne State's Athletics Department has named its first Assistant Athletic Director for Mental Health and Wellness.

The new position created by Athletic Director Erika Wallace was filled by two-time WSU graduate and former Warrior football player Jeff Williams in June.

Wallace said Williams won't replace WSU's Counseling and Psychological Services but will be available for athletes on a day-to-day basis. According to the 2022 NCAA Student-Athlete Well-Being Study, the rates of reported mental concerns were 1.5 to two times higher than reported before the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Mental health is a huge part of who we are today, a huge part of who the student-athlete is today," Wallace said. "It's something where in the past you wouldn't talk about it as much because there were some barriers that were up or some stereotypes, and I feel like we're at a point now where we've kind of broken those walls down, and it's good that we're talking about these types of things."

Williams, a WSU alumnus and former member of the football team, earned his Master's in Social Work from the university in 2016. Williams went on to work with Detroit's Southwest Counseling Solutions

before moving into private practice working with athletes.

He served as the first Assistant Director for Mental Health and Wellness at the University of Tennessee from August 2022 to December 2022 and said he is looking forward to establishing the role at WSU.

"I wanted to combine both of the passions that I have for mental health and working in sports," Williams said. "This opportunity popped up and it has been great to be able to do some of the same things that I had been doing at other institutions here from my alma mater."

Williams said he looks forward to breaking the stigma around receiving mental health treatment by educating and building relationships with student-athletes, coaches and staff.

"I hope that the student-athletes feel like they can have a place to come and be able to have someone to be able to talk to get the support that they need," Williams said. "(I want) this also to be a place where they can get the performance component as well (as) where they can get support if there's any performance anxiety, we can address those things."

Volleyball player Nicole Golder said mental health wasn't talked about at the beginning of her athletic career, but as she got older, it became a "hot topic."

"I think it's really cool that we now have a resource right in the Athletic Department so if you need help or extra resources you can go straight to Williams," Golder said. "You need to keep your body healthy, and keep in mind that your mental health matters as much as your physical health."

Williams said he will be implementing a confidential system for students to complete forms and schedule appointments. He said he also

hopes to take walk-ins when no appointments are scheduled.

Golder said relationships are important to create a positive team environment. The volleyball team creates one by supporting each other through their ups and downs, she said.

"If you don't have 100% of your 100% every day when you walk into the gym, it's okay just to give 100% of what you have that day," Golder said. "There's no extra pressure. If you're just slightly off that day just come and give us what you have and your other teammates can pick you up."

Williams said it is difficult but important to separate people from the tasks they must perform and that improvement in mental health usually leads to improvement in all aspects of life.

"If you're feeling better, you probably will perform better," Williams said. "If you can be a healthier human being, you can be a better athlete. If you can be a better athlete, you can be a better student. It's all connected. So I think that taking a holistic approach to realizing your goals that you want to accomplish fosters you taking care of your mental health."

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# Introducing the 2023 cross country season

By Cris'stia Bowden

Fall is here, and that means it's time for the next cross country season at Wayne State!

The women's team finished second in last season's GLIAC and third in the Midwest Region, where they placed ninth at the NCAA Nationals. The men's team placed fourth in the GLIAC and eleventh in the region.

Cross Country Head Coach Grant Lofdahl is entering his seventh season with the Warriors and said he feels the teams have what it takes to make it to very high levels across the conference, region and nation.

"Expectations are high coming back from a rough season in 2022 (for our men's team)," Lofdahl said. "(And we hope to) improve on our women's team finishes at the GLIAC, Midwest Region and NCAA meets."

Redshirt senior Ransom Allen represented the men's team at the NCAA Nationals, placing ninth after qualifying as an individual with a sixth place finish in the Midwest Region.

Allen, who graduated in May with his Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering, was voted to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-America First Team for Men's Cross Country/Track & Field.

He said the strong support system under Lofdahl was to credit for his success on the team.

"A sport like running becomes so much easier and enjoyable when you are doing it with people you like to be around and care about," Allen said.

In preparation of the upcoming season, USTFCCCA All-Academic Athlete Thailyia Christensen said she has been consistent with summer training and lifting.

"I've been establishing good habits surrounding my runs, workouts, meals and sleep to be locked in once the season rolls



Front Row (left to right): Ransom Allen, Thailyia Christensen, Reagan Justice, Ash Goldwyn, Mattie Dreannan, Katherine Ray, and Eric Hansen. Back Row: Grant Lofdahl, Madeline Wesley, Briana Vojinov, Emily Gordon and Charlene Yarema.

Photo by WSU Athletics

around," Christensen said.

"Staying healthy and racing as a team will be two keys for both squads to achieve their goals," Lofdahl said.

Lofdahl said the team and staff have a great support system with each other.

"We talk about putting the team before yourself, holding yourself accountable and your teammates as well," Lofdahl said. "Our upperclassmen and captains do a great job of this and motivating and encouraging the younger runners."

Christensen, who is going into her fifth year on the team, said she has never experienced a more positive team environment than during the current season.

"Everyone is motivated and holding each other accountable, which is really all you can ask for out of a big team like ours," Christensen said. "We have a lot of

success-driven women who have the right mindset to bring it this year."

Christensen said she would like to see more outside assistance for the cross country teams this season.

"For change, I would just like to see more coverage and (outside) support for the cross-country team while we're in season," Christensen said.

With two new freshman and a grad transfer recruit joining the women's team and eight joining the men's team, Lofdahl said he looks forward to the healthy mix of athletes on the team this season.

"We've got a great group of runners on both sides, with lots of experience and plenty of depth," Lofdahl said. "We're looking forward to a great season this fall."

## 2023 CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	WOMEN'S TIME/MEN'S TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Fri. 9/1	11:00am/11:45am	Skippers Cross Country Showcase	Goodells, MI
Fri. 9/15	5:00pm/5:45pm	Warrior Challenge	New Boston, MI
Sat. 9/23	TBA	Parkside Rosa Invite	Kenosha, WI
Sat. 10/7	TBA	Lewis Crossover	Romeoville, IL
Sat. 10/14	TBA	Muskegon Invite	Muskegon, MI
Sat. 10/21	TBA	GLIAC Championships	Houghton, MI
Sat. 11/4	TBA	NCAA Midwest Regional	Evansville, IN
Sat. 11/18	TBA	NCAA Championships	Joplin, MO

# Erika Wallace named new WSU Athletic Director

By Natalie Davies

Erika Wallace permanently became Wayne State's first ever female Athletic Director as of June 7, following her six-month interim position.

Wallace, a Grand Valley State women's basketball alumna, said she's honored to take on the role and approaches it with a servant mentality. She said her experience as a former student-athlete helps her connect with and understand the needs of the student-athletes she serves.

"It's kind of a full circle moment for me as well being a former student-athlete at a Division II institution," she said. "If you would have told me when I was playing basketball back in the day that I would someday be in this seat, I probably would have looked at you like you were crazy."

Sophomore baseball student-athlete TJ McAllister said Wallace has changed the identity of the department by going out of her way to show up for athletes at events.

"I've never met a more supportive asset with more positivity in an athletic program anywhere I have been in my life," McAllister said. "She has always been around every sport to support the athletes. She doesn't force her presence... and makes it known that she is always going to be working really hard for us like we will be for her in trying to bring home championships for WSU."

Wallace earned a bachelor's in exercise physiology and a master's in public administration from GVSU. Before starting at WSU as the Athletic Chief of Staff in July 2019, Wallace worked across various departments at GVSU for 11 years gaining experi-

ence in admissions, financial aid, enrollment management, supervising coaches, NCAA compliance, fundraising and involvement in NCAA committees and similar intercollegiate boards.

Wallace said being the first woman to hold the AD title is an honor.

"I think it is a testament to all of those trailblazers that came before us," she said. "My path has been fairly easy compared to what some of the females in my profession have had to break down those stereotypes and those walls. I'm super thankful that they fought for equal rights and paved the way for me to be able to sit in this chair today."

Women lead 24% of Division II institutions as ADs and 42% of Division II athletes play on women's teams, according to the NCAA. Cross country and track and field student-athlete Charlene Yarema said representation and equality of opportunity are important.

"As a woman in sport, I'm super excited that we have such a strong, powerful woman who is dedicated to our student-athletes and our athletic department as a whole," Yarema said.

Wallace is one of four female head administrators in the GLIAC, serving alongside Saginaw Valley State University's Angela Pohl, GVSU's Keri Becker and Michigan Technological University's Suzanne Sanregret.

Wallace succeeds former AD Rob Fournier who held the title for 22 years before unexpectedly being placed on leave last fall.

Wallace said she has been working on restructur-

turing and streamlining department staffing and said hiring Jeff Williams as assistant AD for Mental Health and Wellness was one of the biggest changes of her term so far.

"With new leadership, there's always going to be change no matter where that is," Wallace said. "I'm lucky enough to have been here for four years, so I've known the culture and how we've operated... There's always room for growth. Change is inevitable with leadership, and we will continue to do and make decisions that make sense for our growth here in athletics."

Wallace said revamping the snack station is another project athletes requested and her administration is hoping to complete by the time they are regularly practicing again in the fall.

"Food is big," Wallace said. "That's something that the student-athletes have communicated to us, so we're looking at maybe relocating it (the snack station) a little bit, getting a sponsorship and opening the availability to once per day rather than just after your workouts. We're starting to work through all of that right now."

McAllister said the Athletic Department now has what it needs to bring home GLIAC Championships.

"We all have the skill, we all have the assets, we all have the people to guide us there with our coaching staff, support staff and medical staff," he said. "I firmly believe with all the help we have at our university, every single team can win a GLIAC Championship and should be in the hunt for one from now on."

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*The facade of the Hilberry Theater, soon to be the Gretchen Valade Jazz Center, on a sunny day. Photo by Ciaran Martin*

# The fight to secure TSE's future continues, but it's time for me to say goodbye

By Amelia Benavides-Colón

This fall I am officially stepping away from almost three years of leading our student-run newspaper, *The South End*. After a year as news editor, followed by nine months serving as Editor-in-Chief, 90 articles and 40 newsletters later, I can confidently say I'm walking away from the most rewarding experience of my life.

Granted, it has not been easy. I learned that change is not always accepted with open arms, and it can be isolating to take risks. While stepping away will be tough, I've spent the summer ensuring the new editorial team has everything they need to hit the ground running.

I want to start a tradition of paying it forward. My journey with TSE started after my 2020-21 editors, Nour Rahal and Jack Filbrandt, not only encouraged me to apply for an editorial role but made themselves available to me every step of the way. They saw a drive in me I was blind to, and encouraged me to pursue it.

I spoke with Rahal recently; she's currently on the breaking news desk at the Detroit Free Press and has plans to pursue a career as an education reporter, with a primary focus on underserved communities.

She told me the skills she learned at TSE are to credit for the solid foundation she had when first stepping into the Free Press newsroom.

"Studying journalism is one thing, but being a part of a student newsroom is a whole other experience. Until I wrote my first article for TSE, I wasn't sure if I was even in the right field. It really opened the door for me," Rahal said. "The variety of topics I got to cover, the support I received from other student journalists, and even the mistakes I made writing for TSE made me the reporter I am today."

Former TSE Editor-in-Chief Sloan Terranella was a Dow Jones News Fund recipient in 2021 and now works in the Las Vegas radio broadcast market. She said TSE taught her more than just writing skills, it helped to strengthen her character.

"Without TSE, I truly do not believe I would have the grit, ambition and 'hustle' that I have today," she said. "I developed a sense of fearlessness in that newsroom. I learned how to take risks -- even if the reward wasn't immediate. It was a privilege to be part of TSE's culture. Although I live far away from Michigan, I still carry a piece of TSE with me."

Like Terranella, I too carry a sense of pride in the risks I've taken.

I went against the advice of my predecessors and mentors, focusing more attention to our social media presence, working one-on-one to repair interpersonal relationships with Student Senate and branching TSE's coverage beyond the strict bounds of campus news.

As a result, we were the first in the city to break dozens of stories and created a pathway for information to flow between other local media organizations. Sounds great, right?

WSU's Student Newspaper Publications Board (SNPB) didn't seem to think so. I wasn't able to locate the precise year, but SNPB was created by WSU's Board of Governors to oversee and advise TSE sometime around the middle of the century, back when we were named the Daily Collegian. While its functions were minimal and members few, SNPB did meet on a monthly basis with TSE before the COVID-19 pandemic.

After my hiring I learned SNPB had not abided by its own bylaws for at least three years, not holding a

proper election or meeting with staff as it had prior to the pandemic. While our organization is student-led, we are not journalism professionals and are, by nature, still learning, so oversight is key to ensuring our news coverage remains pristine.

But in March, two of the three members suddenly resigned from their positions without warning or notice. Leaving our team without guidance, leadership or structure in the middle of the semester.

I was made aware of their absence coming off the heels of TSE's three national wins at the College Media Association Convention, when I approached Dean of Students and SNPB Member David Strauss with questions about how to select my successor.

One of SNPB's few responsibilities included the hiring of TSE's Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor each year. Strauss informed me we would have to come up with a new way of doing things, given the fact SNPB no longer existed.

They abandoned us at a time when our history should've awarded us more grace.

I remember these weeks vividly. Midterm season of my junior year, the winter staff's onboarding process just beginning and an entire publication left in the hands of two undergraduate journalism students. To say we were overwhelmed is putting it kindly, but we worked tirelessly to make sure that struggle was never apparent to our readers.

Once I learned SNPB was no more, I had no choice but to turn to Strauss for help.

I want to emphasize here - while we are technically classified as a student organization, TSE is not a product of Wayne State. TSE is not a university pamphlet or promotional piece. TSE is an independent unbiased publication, responsible for honest oversight of the administration by student voices.

Let's just say I was more than a little worried about approaching Strauss. In recent years TSE has held Strauss personally, among other administrators, accountable for actions against students.

And despite this, Strauss acknowledged the value of student journalism and stepped up to save it. Together we formulated a plan, creating the room in our budget for a journalism professional to advise us.

And who better to hold the role than former TSE Editor-in-Chief Shawn Wright, currently serving as a communications officer with the College of Fine, Performing & Communication Arts. Before returning to WSU in 2014, Wright gained years of reporting experience at Crain's Detroit Business and The Detroit News.

Wright jumped at the opportunity, eager to have a role in TSE once again but this time working on the other side, and his former role as a reporter and past work with FOIA has proved vital to TSE's ongoing investigations.

"But making sure I never see an article before print (and if I do, offer only AP Style and other critical changes) has always been of the utmost importance to me in this role," Wright said. "I'm here to offer the service of, essentially, journalism faculty by sitting in on meetings, answering any questions and, most importantly, providing guidance on maintaining the professional journalistic quality of *The South End*."

Strauss and Wright stepped up to rescue a drowning newspaper, and the future of TSE is secure because of the time and energy they've put in this last year.

But administration support is only half the battle, and while working to secure the future of our paper

we also struggled with very few contributing writers. Which means at times we weren't able to provide the fullest coverage of our campus.

TSE is only referenced briefly in journalism classrooms and in mine and fellow editors' experience, students aren't directly encouraged to contribute. However, one thing that is consistent with almost every journalism course, is a full-length, well-sourced article on a campus issue. This requirement aligns identically with a TSE article, yet it is meant to be published independently by the student. This approach does not provide the newsroom experience that comes with contributing to a paper, thus making the clip weaker in the eyes of hiring staff.

My big question: why isn't contributing to TSE a course requirement? It was, for the fall 2022 semester when adjunct professor Lori King took over COM 5500: Journalism and New Media. She directly reached out to our staff, asking us to work with her to adjust the syllabus requiring TSE contribution, and championed the idea of mandated contributions to student press.

Over the course of the year, I came to learn our journalism department has close to 200 registered journalism students.

I'm sorry but you are telling me there are 200 of you... and TSE has only seen maybe 10 contributing writers over the last year? There is so much untapped potential out there. TSE is such a proven resource and opportunity for job security within the field, so where is everyone?

Apparently this problem isn't new, Shawn remembers sharing similar concerns during his tenure in 2009.

"Nearly 15 years ago, I was in the same position(s) as current *The South End* editors -- we struggled to get writers, faculty involved and more," Wright said. "I even worked during my yearlong stint as editor-in-chief to bring an advisor onboard to help us, someone who could guide the paper and its editors on an as-needed basis with any questions or problems that might arise. Someone who could share their years of professional experience and expertise. Sadly, it never happened nor in the years since I left."

"Which is why I am humbled to have been named advisor for *The South End*. I may not have had someone to help during my time, but I am here now to be that person for current and future editors. It's a responsibility I take personally and not lightly."

To name drop a few, TSE alum in local media include Miriam Marini with Outlier Media, Sarah Rahal with The Detroit News and Malak Silmi with Report for America; and in national media Marisa Kalil-Barriño is based in New York at Essence Magazine while Omar Abdel-Baqi is on leave from the Wall Street Journal to teach English and journalism in Gaza's West Bank as part of the U.S. Fulbright Program.

For the first time in recent history, local media organizations are sharing TSE's coverage to their audiences and the university itself is re-posting our content across its social media platforms. Contracts are being signed to push our coverage into the radio-waves this fall and conversations held to ensure TSE print editions remain accessible to the entire Midtown community.

I'm humbled to have continued the legacy of our student newspaper over this last year, and am immensely proud of the changes I've made. Our community can only continue to grow from here, as it's our duty as WSU journalists to take advantage of this indispensable organization.

# Campus residents speak out against minor room charges

By Hannah Mathers

I, and various others, have come forward with reports of bogus charges for our Anthony Wayne Drive rooms for either minor damages, "excessive cleaning", or conditions that were there before we moved in. This has resulted in transcripts being held and class registration being closed for as little as a \$50 charge on accounts with the appeal process taking up to a month. After a year full of serious maintenance issues with little signs of accountability or recourse from housing's, including up to one week without elevator access to the top five floors of the building, makes these charges feel like a petty money grab.

Although my fee was waived after advocating and bringing the Provost into the conversation, I'm speaking out because many fellow students are facing similar bogus charges and despite advocating, are still being charged. Many of us feel that this situation represents a larger issue of greed and value that prioritizes profit over the people that housing aims to serve. Others that I spoke to couldn't wait to register for classes and therefore paid even though they felt their charges were bogus. Others disputed the charges, waited a month for the appeal process, and were still charged. They paid because they needed their transcripts to pursue employment after graduation.

Housing continually asked for flexibility from residents and housing staff of AWD due to constant accessibility/elevator and other maintenance

issues. Now, for so many to be charged for very minor or even nonexistent damages/excessive cleaning needs especially after the year AWD had feels incredibly...petty to say the least.

Although we lived with no elevator access to many of our rooms for days on end including an entire week at one point, I haven't heard of any student withholding their rent even though tenants have the right to do so when their landlord isn't making repairs in a reasonable time in the state of Michigan. This demonstrates Housing upholding expectations when they weren't meeting minimum standards themselves. The entire AWD community on floors 7 through 11, some residents with disabilities, walked up to five flights of stairs to access our rooms due to, from our view, an unwillingness to spend the funds needed to fix the ongoing elevator issues.

I aim to uplift the frustrations of many residents with WSU's Housing Department for these reasons and more. From our view, Housing & Residential Life is unwilling to uphold the advertised values of "accessibility" and "inclusivity" by spending funds needed to do so yet choose to harshly reprimand students. The example in this case being the charges that cause holds on students' accounts; holds that may prevent us from being able to register for classes and/or obtain our transcripts and pursue post-graduation opportunities.

From my perspective, this demonstrates a

lack of respect for housings' highly paying customers, which are students. I fail to think of another business model that would treat their highest paying customers in such a fashion with such little accountability and regard. This is antithetical to WSU's aim to "create and advance knowledge, prepare a diverse student body to thrive, and positively impact local and global communities." Importantly, since campus housing is some students' only option at obtaining a college degree at WSU, this is a particularly egregious example of exploiting students' situations for the university's financial gain.

It seems that WSU Housing & Residential Life is diving deeper into a politic that upholds a value of money, profit and cheap, quick fixes over the health and safety of the students they aim to serve. We can create a better future for students to come by actively taking steps to uphold accessibility, democracy, support and accountability as a department. I encourage my fellow students to keep our eyes on what is just and fair, and advocate for it together. At the least, cc the provost.

*Hannah Mathers graduated from Wayne State in May with a Masters degree in Social Work. During their time at WSU Mathers played an integral role in the formation of the university's first Residents Advisors Union.*

# Wayne State must expel transphobic professor Bill Lynch

By Vendl Whitney

"Welcome! I have no violent or transphobic content. I oppose violent threats and actions against women, the medical sterilization of gay and autistic children, and the invasion of women's spaces..."

These words once sat smugly and proudly atop the public Twitter account of Dr. William Lynch, a professor at Wayne State who has been the subject of a controversy after sharing alarmingly transphobic content; he even made sure to sprinkle some casual ableism in there for taste.

Lynch has declared transgender women to be "rapists," "murderers," "invaders of women's spaces" and has referred to trans activists as "terrorists." He has claimed the transgender community is preying on "gay and autistic children," implying that the autistic community has a lack of agency and an inability to think for themselves.

Bill Lynch follows over one thousand accounts, some samples of the content you may expect from said accounts are as follows:

"Men aren't women, lesbians don't have dicks... Men can't get pregnant," Twitter biography of user @Ajao2537920.

"Supporter of LGB without the TQ... Save our children from groomers," Twitter bio of user @Clownhumanity. It is ESSENTIAL to point out that "clown world" is a well-documented alt-right dogwhistle.

"TERF. Proud mother of a TERF," Twitter bio of use @FemaleInTheWild. A "TERF" is short for trans-exclusionary radical feminist, a moniker for those who fervently oppose transgender rights, particularly those of transgender women, as they see them as a threat to, quote, "real women."

Bill Lynch must have his employment with WSU terminated before the beginning of the fall semester. WSU must start genuinely enforcing code 2.28.01. Lynch has crossed the line twice and he is no longer welcome in our learning community.

Free speech purists may point to the first amendment in his defense, but in doing so they diminish the first amendment of those who oppose him, as well as willingly ignoring a structure in WSU's own nondiscrimination policy: 2.28.01.\*4 This policy forbids discrimination towards students on the grounds of gender identity.

Despite his best wishes, there are transgender students in attendance at WSU. His decision to host bigoted content has created an unsafe space for every trans student at this school, as his words embolden groups who wish to hurt us.

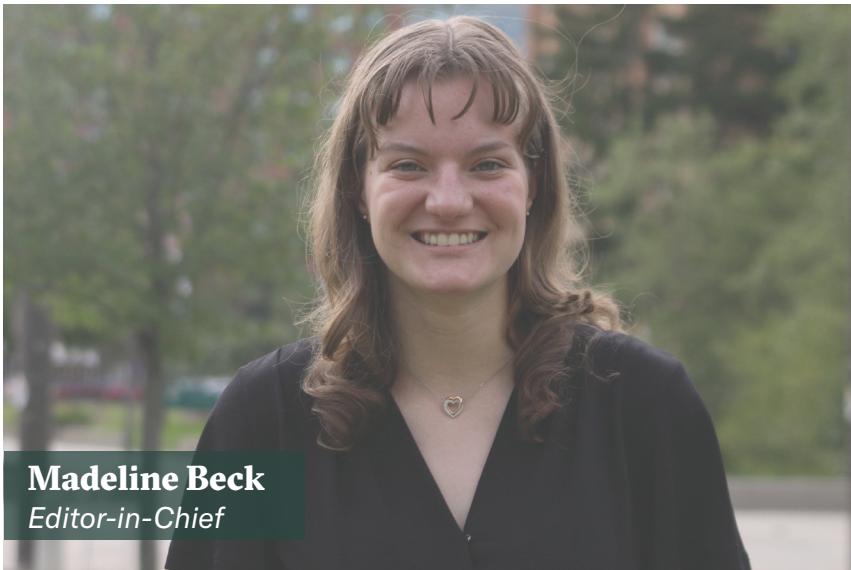
What is also extremely disappointing is the university's response to these comments. While attempting to spread awareness on the unacceptable nature of this situation, College of Liberal

Arts and Sciences Dean Stephanie Hartwell got back to me this week with an HR-tinged and limp-wristed response, claiming she will ask Lynch to "consider how his posts have the potential to negatively impact the student experience." Do these sound like the words of someone who works for a university that forbids discrimination, as per 2.28.01?

One of the more egregious examples of horrible mishandling in this situation is the mere fact that it is, supposedly, "Pride Week" at WSU. How can you even think to hold a pointlessly symbolic, rainbow capitalist celebration of pride while having this spiteful sickness within? All signs point to an indifferent administration, which is not only a violation of the University's own rules; it is a slap in the face to all queer people on campus.

Lynch wants people like me to be relegated to the shadows, to live without embracing our true selves. I will fight against his hateful rhetoric, both on campus and off, until I no longer draw breath.

*Vendl Whitney is a freshman majoring in Digital Art. This article was previously published on The South End's website on April 14.*



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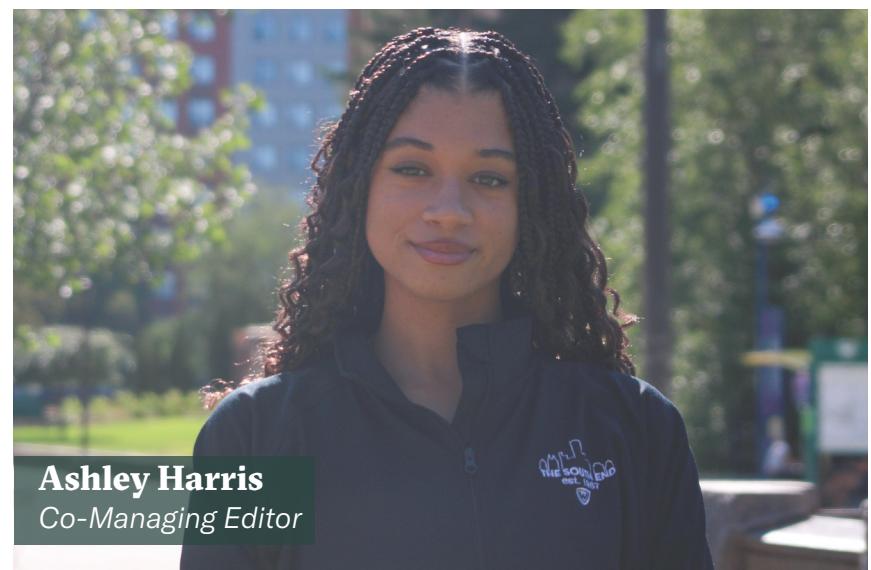
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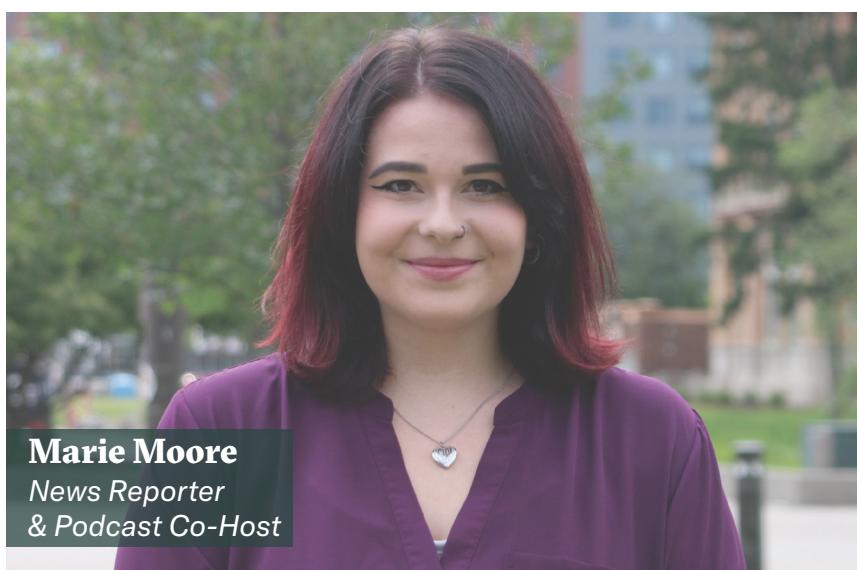
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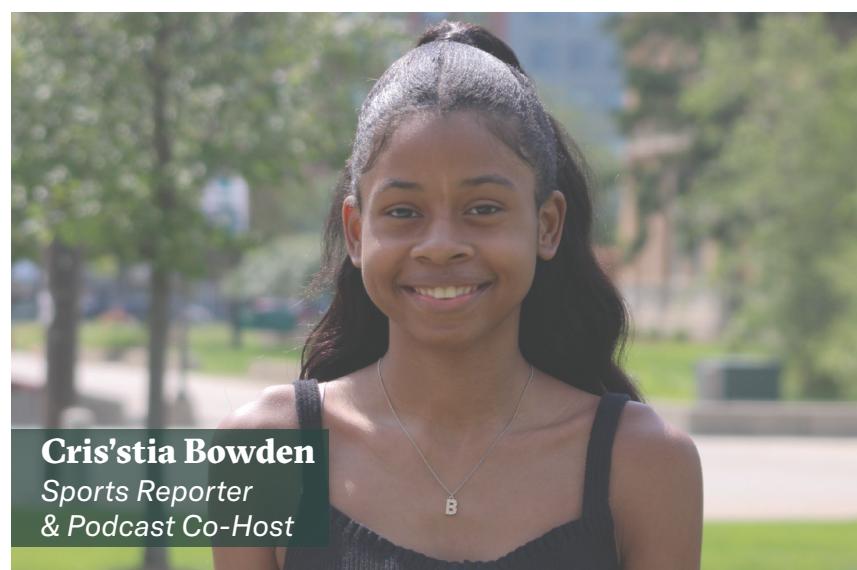
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