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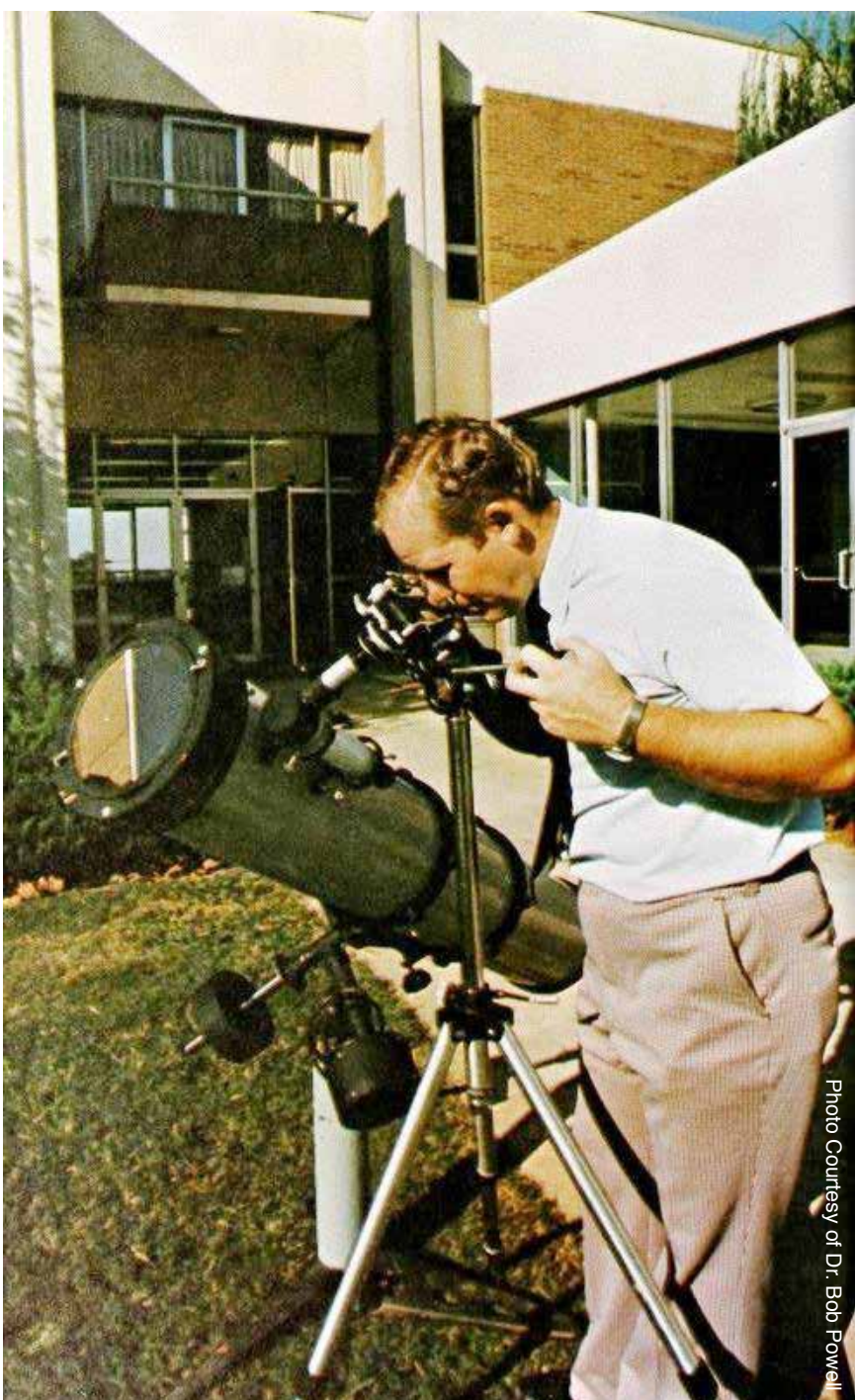


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Dr. Bob Powell is retiring from UWG after 50 years of dedication to serving students within his teachings of physics and astronomy along with serving as director of the Observatory and a faculty advisor.

In September of 1967, Powell began teaching at West Georgia College at 26 years old. He was teaching many physics courses when he started his own research foundation in the same year.

In 1969, astronomy courses became available and Powell was the only professor on staff at the time who had even peeked through a telescope.

The Observatory, located on the west side of UWG's Carrollton campus, was built in 1977 when Powell wrote a proposal to the National Science Foundation and was funded money for a 14-inch telescope. A building and dome were built to stand over the large telescope. In 1979, the Observatory went operational and has since been a resource and experience for thousands of UWG science students.

"When I was probably in the ninth grade, my father and I had gone to a movie in my hometown of Moultrie, Georgia," said Powell. "When we left, we saw a man who set up a telescope on the courthouse square and he was charging a quarter for people to look at the moon. That was my first and closest experience with the moon."

Powell is still in contact with many of his students, including the students in his very first physics class. For the past 50 years, he has taken the time to learn each of

his students' names.

In 2005, Powell became chair of the Physics and Astronomy department instead of retiring.

Even a health problem in 2014 did not stop the dedicated professor from doing what he loves. He continued teaching after recovery and decided to retire after exactly 50 years and one semester of teaching.

"The obvious time for me to retire was May of last year but I like the fall semester," said Powell. "I knew there was going to be the total eclipse of the sun on Aug. 21 so I elected to wait until the end of December to retire."

When Powell began teaching at West Georgia College in 1967, everything north of the campus' Back Campus Drive was not built yet. What is now an old storage room in the Callaway building, used to be a working office for Powell and two other professors.

Most of the buildings we know now as the Ingram Library, Boyd, Pafford and Humanities buildings were just being built. All the faculty and staff had meetings in the University's Campus Center, or what is now known as the 'UCC', where the dining hall was also located. The HPE gym was the hot spot for students because of the swimming pool and basketball courts, since the Campus Recreation Center was not around yet. When Powell first started teaching at UWG, the campus was not half the size that it currently is.

"When I began in 1967, the university's enrollment was something like 2,000 and we of course now have increased over 13,000 students," said Powell. "It was a very friendly campus back then. The students at that time I think worked very hard. I have very fond memories of

interacting with the physics majors as well as others that I taught in science courses, compared to today's students who presumably are better prepared. I am not so sure that our current students work quite as hard and really remember and can apply things that they should have learned in earlier courses, however."

In Fall 1971, Powell became a faculty advisor for the Chi Omega Sorority. A member of the sorority and a student in his astronomy class at the time invited Powell to a flag football game. A few days later, the president of the sorority asked him to be their faculty advisor as he served for the next five years.

One of Dr. Powell's biggest regrets in his entire 50 years of teaching was when he gave up being the sorority's advisor to focus on other things. In 1999, a Chi Omega in his class invited the professor to a spaghetti fundraising event. The sorority asked Powell to serve as their faculty advisor again and he accepted and has happily served since. Powell was named Advisor of the Year for all student organizations on three separate occasions.

Powell has not put much thought into what he will put his time towards after retirement. This devoted professor hopes to keep in touch with many of his previous and current students after his time at UWG ends.

"After my retirement in December, I would like to travel," said Powell. "I have been to 45 out of the 50 states. I would also love to do more things with my grandchildren."

UWG will miss this devoted and engaging science professor who has impacted thousands of students for the past 50 years at UWG.



Editorial

Generation Generalization

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Contributing Writer

Each generation comes with its own name and group of stereotypes. Millennials, also known as Generation Y, are no exception to the rule. This group is known for many things including being spoiled, privileged, lazy and disrespectful. However, “millennial” students at the University of West Georgia have strived to break this stereotype.

Stepping out and making plans for an uncertain future proves to be difficult at any age. Student-ran businesses have sprung up across the campus. These students took

on the role of breaking the odds and working hard to begin their business ventures at an early age.

Wakeelah Haamid, a junior at the UWG, has recently opened her own pasta bowl business named Southern Italy. Along with her new business, she is a full time student with two other jobs. She tries to keep a healthy social life as well. Contrary to stereotypes, Haamid is not lazy nor perceived to be spoiled or privileged. At 21-years-old, Haamid focused her energy on achieving goals that society believed would be too hard for women like her based on a generation generalization.

“I was working my 9 to 5 job one day when I decided that I wanted to make my own money,” said Haamid. “Then I thought to myself that everybody loves pasta. Why not

start a pasta business?”

When she referred to her own money, Haamid meant money that didn’t have to go towards her rent, car or other responsibilities. As a junior in college, Haamid dedicates her time to bettering herself as a student, worker, friend and sister.

“My biggest sacrifice is adjusting to my sleep schedule,” said Haamid. “But budgeting and managing my time and money before each step has been a great learning opportunity.”

Other students have pursued different areas of interest. Several students started blogs for various reasons including hair, makeup, how-to videos and lifestyle. Students enjoy this route because of the comfort of being home, making their own hours and showcasing

their talents.

All of these could contribute to the idea that Generation Y have a self-centered nature. However, being a vlogger or being an active YouTuber requires a lot of attention, work and sacrifice. When someone chooses to dedicate their life to vlogging, income isn’t promised in the beginning.

Even though Millennials are thought to be lazy and self-involved, that can be true for any person in any generation. Students at UWG have decided that they won’t be a part of a generalization of their generation. The majority have worked hard to begin a business doing hair or make-up. Making music or writing words meant to transform someone. They have begun to reshape the thinking process of generations before and after them.

Living West

Wolves Learn How to Dine

Megan Bohlander

Webmaster

UWG Career Services is hosting a Business Etiquette Dinner tomorrow in the lower level of Z-6. This four-course dinner will be led by Dr. Angelyn Hayes, retired Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs at Clayton State University. Students will have the opportunity to practice dining etiquette and professional conversations with future employers.

“Business dining etiquette is one of many professional skills that give students an advantage in their career searches and their career paths,” said Associate Director of Employer Relations, Vicki Hardin. “Just as Career Services works with students to have excellent

resumes and effective interviewing skills, we offer this program to give students another set of tools to enhance their professional success.”

This event teaches students to attain another key factor when it comes to interviews. Gaining knowledge on how to maintain a dining interview setting will better prepare the career path process. It is important to recognize aspects outside of just resume building. The dinner will provide insight that they can further practice after attending.

“The focus of any business dining situation should be the conversation rather than figuring out what to eat or how to eat it,” said Hardin.

The Etiquette Dinner teaches students how to understand the place setting, how to use various utensils in an appropriate way while eating, and how to place utensils when they

are finished eating. Learning this can then help the conversation portion of the dinner. How to professionally talk to in this situation is more significant than deciding which fork or knife to use.

Dining interviews may be more common than people realize but learning the etiquette is important in more settings than just interviews. For example, students may have the chance to network with employers in a dining setting on campus. Many business activities can occur during a meal so becoming familiar with dining etiquette is useful.

This is a chance for students to become more educated on the dining approach and help build their professional development skills. The dinner costs \$10 and students can pay at the Career Services Office.



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Living West

Randoms Acts of Kindness

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The UWG Counseling Center is hosting their annual on campus event, Random Acts of Kindness (RAK), Nov. 13-17. The purpose of this event is to promote student embodiment and encouragement towards one another.

RAK contains a new campaign focus each year; this year being “Kindness Matters”. The counseling center is hoping to collaborate with other local departments to help spread awareness to others and contribute to the event.

RAK is campaigned through various social media sites such as

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and various locations on campus. This helps relay the message to online students, alumni and community partners. This week will consist of several different forms of social interaction and activities for students to participate in.

Monday is Roommate/Neighbor day. The idea is for each student to do a chore they typically would not do. Tuesday is Professor/Advisor/Counselor day. This act of kindness suggests that students write a nice email or leave an appreciation sign on their advisor’s door. Wednesday is Service Worker day which encourages each student to tell their supervisor how great their service was. Thursday is Classmate/Coworker appreciation.

Appreciation can simply be represented by offering a classmate a pen or telling a coworker they did a good job. Friday is the last day of RAK and is referred to as Random Person day. Any small deed such as holding a door open for someone or offering to carry something for a peer is highly encouraged.

“These kinds of activities allow our students to be more interactive with others and promote kindness on the West Georgia campus,” said Lisa Adams, director of counseling and accessibility. “This movement is therapeutic for students currently undergoing stress from school, heading home to family, and upcoming finals.”

The counseling center wants to embody students with

multiple ways to cope during times of doubt and stress throughout their final weeks of the semester. Counselors and other staff members plan to use different forms of communication to spread the word about RAK week.

“We will be working with peer mentors to pass out themed bracelets the first couple days of the week,” said Melissa Gomez, outreach graduate assistant at the counseling center. “We do this because word of mouth is always one of the most effective ways to spread information.”

Random Acts of Kindness is a great opportunity for students and faculty members to relieve stress right before the end of the fall semester.

FAGGOTRY OUT IN FULL FORCE IN HUMANITIES

Daniel Forte

Editor-In-Chief

The bizarre yet brilliant artwork of UWG Senior Dyllon Pendrak turned heads in the second floor of the Humanities building as he displayed his Senior Capstone. “Forces of Faggotry” is a jaw dropping, though provoking display of colors, profanity and sound as the emotions of growing up as a gay male in the south are brought into perspective through artwork.

The gallery was lined with colorful artwork that touched

viewer’s imagination and thoughts that were shaped by Pendrak’s upbringing. There were multiple artworks on display, ranging from paintings, to photography to video.

“My mother was more prevalent in my life than my father, and she really instilled that creativity in me,” said Pendrak. “And from that, drawing became kind of an escape for me.”

Growing up a gay child in Villa Rica, Georgia, he was faced with much adversity and hatred growing up because he was different. The 24-year-old was tormented and terrorized throughout his childhood and adolescence for

being gay, but he was able to find something he could relate to in horror films that spurred the idea for “Forces of Faggotry.”

“After so much torment I had learned to say ‘fuck you’ to my oppressors. And with this transition, I began to relate with antagonists from horror films and used them in my artwork to find empowerment,” said Pendrak. I’m obsessed with many nooks and crannies of existence but none are more prevalent than my adoration for horror films.”

Many pieces of artwork depict people from horror films and novels, such as the Stephen

King novel “Carrie.” The artwork seriously puts into perspective the trials and tribulations a homosexual goes through during their life and makes viewers think about what they hear, say or do always has an impact on someone. “I was equated to evil before I had finished middle school,” said Pendrak.

Pendrak’s artwork may seem unusual and outlandish, but when faced with outlandish hatred for being slightly different he was able to channel his emotions and feelings to work. Pendrak’s brilliance showed how so much hatred and bigotry can be turned into something beautiful.



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News

University of West Georgia Student Shot in Tuscaloosa, AL

Victoria Jones

News Editor

On Nov. 5 Andrew Nijoroge, a University of West Georgia student, was shot two times in the face in Tuscaloosa, AL. The Tuscaloosa Police Department and the University of Alabama Police Department responded around 2:15 a.m. to the parking lot where the 19-year-old was found lying on the ground next to his vehicle with two wounds to his face.

Police said that Nijoroge was in town for the Alabama football game against LSU with friends, but what exactly happened to Nijoroge that night is still unknown. The horrific event happened near what is called, "The Strip" where another shooting took place last month.

"A witness reported that he heard gunshots and then saw an unknown white four-door vehicle leaving the area," said Capt. Gary Hood, Tuscaloosa County Metro Homicide Unit. "The witness then located the victim lying on the ground in the parking lot."

After Nijoroge was found, he was then rushed to DCH Health System, West Alabama Hospital and Emergency with life threatening injuries. Nijoroge has since been transferred to UAB Hospital in Birmingham, AL. According to police, he remains in critical condition.

Some witnesses reported that Nijoroge was shot while selling narcotics to three unknown African American males, but other witnesses say that he was robbed by three males and no drugs were involved. As of now, no report has been made regarding the issue for certain.

Students at UWG are extremely saddened by this news and have created a way to help. A Go Fund Me page has been made in hopes to support Nijoroge's family financially. While Nijoroge has a long road ahead of him, he is moving and showing signs of recovery.

For those that would like to support Nijoroge's family, the Go Fund Me page can be found at <https://www.gofundme.com/andrewnijoroge>. So far, \$5,000 has been donated, but Nijoroge's friends are hopeful to meet their goal of \$30,000 to continue their support.



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Arts & Entertainment

Marvel vs. DC: Which Universe Wins?



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Odera Ezenna*Contributing Writer*

With the 21st century came the rise of comic book movies, which means that more superheroes, and their evil opponents, are making their way onto the big screen.

There are literally thousands of comic book characters, but only a handful of them have managed to make the jump to the big screen successfully. This trend has also given rise to the rivalry between fans of the Marvel Comic Universe and the DC Comics Universe, the giants of the industry.

Both companies have their own iconic characters that stand out amongst the rest. Marvel has Captain America, Iron Man and Spider-Man to name a few, while DC's Superman, Batman, and Robin are arguably three of the most popular characters in superhero fiction. But as more and more of these characters are starting to show up on the big screen, it has become evident that some of them are embarrassingly similar, either in costume, powers or even origin stories.

First, there's Superman, the first DC superhero, and leader of the Justice League, a fic-

tional superhero team. Superman is seen as a brave and kind-hearted hero who firmly believes in justice, morality and righteousness. The same can be said of Captain America, a Marvel superhero and leader of the fictional superhero team called the Avengers. Both characters even wear similar red and blue colored costumes as an ode to their patriotic nature.

Other similar characters are DC's Batman and Marvel's Iron Man; both without superpowers but use their brains, wealth and technology to make up for it. There's also DC's Flash and Marvel's Quicksilver, both with the power of speed, and Marvel's Hawkeye and DC's Green Arrow, both very skilled archers. But with these apparent similarities in their characters, Marvel seems to lead the trend, even though DC Comics was created first.

Studies show that DC movies are lagging behind Marvel in both ratings and earnings. According to the Internet Movie Database (IMDb), the highest grossing DC movie, Christian Bale's "The Dark Knight" released in 2008, made only a little over \$530 million. Meanwhile, Marvel's highest grossing film, 2012's "The Avengers", made over \$620 million at the box office.

So what makes the Marvel Universe so

successful, even though it was created almost five years after DC Comics? In past interviews, Stan Lee, former editor-in-chief and current chairman emeritus of Marvel Comics states that he believes it's because they don't really try hard enough.

"It never occurred to them that we take the work a little more seriously and maybe we have a little bit more of a sense of humor," said Lee. "And maybe people don't like things that are a little bit stuffy. They like things that are whimsical or humorous."

Lee even admitted to obsessively trolling DC back in the day, when Marvel started outselling them in comics. This trolling continued when the Marvel movies began surpassing DC's.

"DC could probably make a lot more money with Superman and Batman if they announced that I'd have a cameo in it," said Lee. "People wouldn't believe it – they'd have to go to the theatre to see it!"

Reports show that Marvel's highest grossing movies are the ones that usually involve more than one of the most famous characters, such as Captain America: Civil War. With the release of the highly anticipated Justice League this week, both critics and DC fans alike can only hope the movie matches or exceeds Marvel's success.

Thank You for Your Service

Ashlee Aukerman*Contributing Writer*

Veterans become trapped within flashbacks of combat too unreal to be understood by others living a "normal" life. Based on a true story, Thank You for Your Service is an eye opener to all unaware of the effects war causes to our veterans. It was released on Oct. 27.

Sergeant Adam Schumann, the main character played by Miles Teller, is a soldier who leaves Iraq as a broken man along with his two "brothers," Solo and Billy. Sergeant Schumann took on three tours before returning home to his wife and two children. He found his purpose in the war, received high awards and became an American hero without his family even knowing. During his last tour, riding in a Humvee through Baghdad, all of their good memories of the war were blown up right then and there.

Most people today believe if an army man returns from war with all of their limbs and no physical harm has been done, they are perfectly fine. This film shows deep into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and the ways it does not only harm themselves but everyone around them, especially their family. During this film, you will see each family slowly rip apart due to the PTSD these veterans bring home with them.

The memory that harms Sgt. Schumann the most is what is shown early on in the film. His comrade, Michael Emory, is shot in the head due to an order Schumann made. While Schumann is frantically attempting

to carry Michael down the stairs, an incident occurs that he is never able to remove from his brain. He began to carry a toxic amount of guilt due to this previous event causing his extreme PTSD.

Solo came home to his wife who wants to have a baby but during the war, Solo began to have extreme memory loss which makes him deeply consider having a child. When the Humvee exploded, due to his memory loss problems, he was unable to perform his duties properly resulting in him carrying around a tragic image. This image haunts him everyday and causes him to only make bad decisions instead of putting family first.

Billy is the brother who does not have the family back home like the other two. He was left by his fiancé who was his only "family" back home early on in the film. When he confronts his fiancé about the situation in a calm manner, he was told to leave her job before she called security. He stated, "Where am I supposed to go" right before making a decision that changed his life drastically forever.

After this traumatic, unexpected suicide, Solo and Adam decide they need to get help. When applying for help, they were told to wait to see a psychiatrist for 6 to 9 months. They did not know if they had that long to survive without help.

This film shows not only how much veterans suffer from PTSD, but also how little they are helped from others in order to survive. Because Thank You for Your Service is so raw, truthful and eye opening, it is a must see to everyone interested in becoming aware of the sufferings of these veterans.

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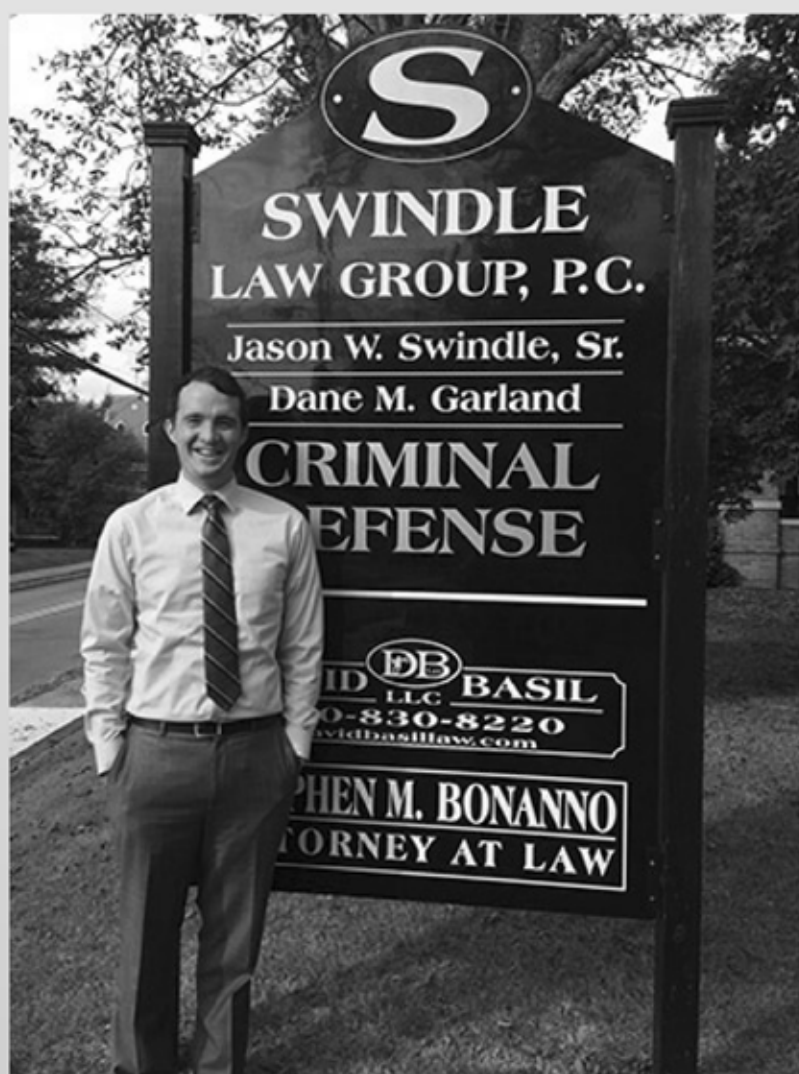
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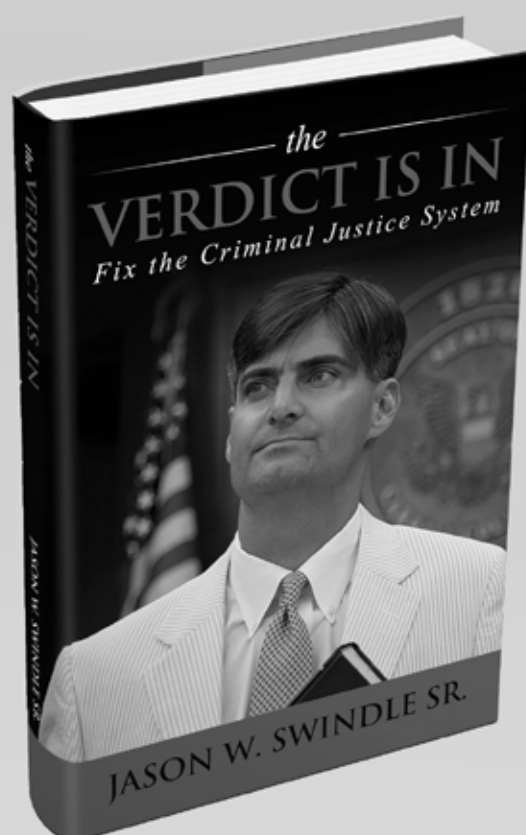
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Sports

UWG Exhibition Game

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The West Georgia Wolves men's basketball team won their opening season exhibition game 116-81 Nov. 2 against the Carver Cougars, a college team out of Atlanta.

Starting out slow, the Wolves began to build up momentum against the Cougars and managed to maintain a large lead throughout the game. By the end of the first half the Wolves led 62-42. Returning junior basketball player Aren Ulmer shared his excitement about the game and the upcoming season.

"This was definitely the most fun I've had during a game throughout the three years I've played for West Georgia," said Ulmer. "The crowd was really into the game. I feel like that motivated us to play to our fullest potential."

3-point Specialist and freshman guard Ray Reeves was also pleased with the team's showing in the exhibition game. Reeves converted on three 3-point shots in the first half along

with junior Jack Shaughnessy, who also scored a 3-point shot in the first half of the game.

"We played very up tempo, pushing the ball, running the other team as best we could, and scored a lot of points," said Reeves.

"It was a great win. We expected a lot of energy during the game, and we definitely got that from the team as well as the crowd," said Shaughnessy.

Out of the 15 players on the UWG Men's basketball team, eight of them are freshmen. Greg James scored 11 points in the first half of the game, including one 3-point, and four points in the second half. Ray Reeves executed three, 3-pointers in the first quarter and three fouls shots in the second half. Carson Culverhouse, scored seven points in the second half. Steven Ross scored six points in the first half and five points in the second half. Deng Nhial made one 3-point shot in the second half and Ovie Magbegor scored four points overall. Jordan Mount made four points in the last few minutes of the game. Glenn Robinson showed out in the last few minutes of the game, making two slam dunks.

This sealed the deal for a 35 point win over the Cougars.

"We definitely have a lot left to learn considering we only have two returning starters," said Robinson. "I will say we had way more positives than negatives throughout the game. I'm eager to see the turnout of this year's season."

"As an upper classman it makes me proud to see our freshmen play at such a high level this early in the season," said Ulmer.

These four athletes agreed that the exhibition game was a good first step in showing their ability to play as a team and provide a progressive measure stemming from last year's losing season.

"We know that the sky's the limit with this team, and we have tons of talent to bring to the court this year," said Ulmer.

The Wolves had a great preseason showing for this year's talent and execution as a team striving to make a positive transformation in UWG men's basketball. The first official game will be held Sat. Nov. 11 against Miles College in Cleveland, TN.



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Tiger Woods pleads guilty to reckless driving, avoids jail

Curt Anderson & Terry Spencer

Associated Press

Tiger Woods pleaded guilty Friday to reckless driving in a deal that will keep him out of jail as long as he stays out of trouble, resolving charges from an arrest last spring in which he was found passed out in his Mercedes with prescription drugs and marijuana in his system.

Woods spoke only briefly during a hearing at a Palm Beach County courthouse, answering questions from a judge about his plea agreement. Prosecutors dropped a driving under the influence charge for the superstar golfer, and the judge warned him to behave.

"This particular plea agreement has no jail time on it. However, if you violate your probation in any significant way, I could revoke your probation and then I could sentence you to jail for 90 days with a fine of up to \$500, is that understood?" Judge Sandra Bosso-Pardo said. Woods, 41, nodded. He did not make any statement during the

hearing or outside the courthouse.

Woods will enter a diversion program and spend a year on probation and pay a \$250 fine and court costs. He has already met some of the program's other requirements, completing 50 hours of community service at the Tiger Woods Foundation, Palm Beach County State Attorney Dave Aronberg said.

Aronberg didn't say specifically what Woods did with the charitable group, but said he met the terms of the deal. Woods also attended a workshop where victims of impaired drivers detail how their lives were damaged.

Aronberg said most DUI offenders do not qualify for the diversion program because they have a prior record or were in an accident. About 2,500 first-time offenders have graduated from the county program since it began four years ago.

"This is designed for first-time offenders, where the person made a one-time mistake and they're going to overcome it," Aronberg said. "Mr. Woods was treated like any other defendant in his situation."

Since he was intoxicated

with prescription drugs and marijuana, according to court records, he will also be required to undergo regular drug tests. Woods is also not allowed to drink alcohol.

Woods arrived at the courthouse in a black sport utility vehicle, wearing sunglasses and a dark suit with no tie. Police officers surrounded him as he walked down a hallway inside the courthouse and they ringed the inside of the courtroom during the high-profile proceeding. Woods was arrested about 2 a.m. May 29 when officers found him unconscious in his Mercedes, which was parked awkwardly on the roadside and had damage to the driver's side.

It's not clear how he damaged the car. Officers checked the area but didn't find that he had hit anything. He was about 15 miles from his home.

His arrest was recorded by an officer's dashcam video and released to the public. Woods had the active ingredient for marijuana, two painkillers — Vicodin and Dilaudid — the sleep drug Ambien and the anti-anxiety drug Xanax in his system but no alcohol, according to a toxicology report

released in August. He completed a drug treatment program in July.

Woods has said he had been self-medicating to relieve the pain from his fourth back surgery and insomnia.

The DUI arrest was the first time Woods had been in trouble since Thanksgiving weekend 2009, when he plowed his SUV into a tree and a fire hydrant outside his then-Windermere, Florida, home. That led to revelations that he had multiple extramarital affairs and a divorce from his wife Elin Nordegren, the mother of his two children. He spent 45 days in a Mississippi clinic where he was treated for an addiction.

Woods' 79 PGA Tour victories and 14 major titles both rank No. 2 all-time. He has not competed since February because of his back injury and is not expected to return this year. His last win was in August 2013.

Woods has said his back is improving. Even though he has been a non-factor on the PGA Tour, Forbes Magazine lists Woods as the 17th best-paid athlete in the world in 2017, making \$37 million, almost exclusively from endorsements.

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