



In the Cards



Kenzie Syiem knows firsthand the severity of COVID-19.

Syiem '23, an English and Spanish major from India, tested positive for the virus last month. She couldn't get out of bed for a week. She still feels fatigued easily, a lingering effect of COVID.

On Wednesday, Syiem was one of the first people in line to create a card of thanks for the frontline workers administering the COVID-19 tests to students, faculty and staff. The event was sponsored by the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity, which provided the paper and markers for those who wanted to create cards.

"Especially right now, when they're serving so many people, it's hard to feel appreciated when they're in the humdrum of testing so many people," Syiem says. "This is just a reminder that we appreciate what they do."

Syiem borrowed a quote from the late Maya Angelou to express her appreciation: "They may forget your name, but they will never forget how you made them feel."

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Her Type



Masha Vlasova's inspiration for her short film "Her Type," came from a familiar source: Her mother.

"We were sitting in her kitchen, and (my mother) finds so much joy in new technological development," says Vlasova, an assistant professor of studio art at Wofford College. "She happened to download FaceApp on her phone and was really excited about playing around with it."

FaceApp uses filters to allow people to look younger, older or present as a different gender.

"She took a picture and she put a male filter on my face and just had this wonderful, unscripted response because with the male filter I look like my father, who's been deceased for some time and they've been divorced for a long time," Vlasova says. "She was kind of like, 'Oh my gosh, here's my ex-husband looking back at me through this ridiculous application.'"

Vlasova worked with her mother, who is a Russian immigrant and a professional actress, to recreate that reaction in a 4-minute film, one that took only two hours to shoot in her mother's kitchen.

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‘Tennis ... makes us better people.’



The South Carolina Tennis Association profiled men's tennis coach Rod Ray. He shared his philosophies on life and tennis. The writer described their conversation as, "Talking with Ray is a lot like watching a great tennis match. He moves back and forth between topics about life and values and the importance of college tennis. His pride in his players' athletic accomplishments is outranked only by his pride in their academic accomplishments and success after college."

Read the article.

JEDI Student Survey

Students are invited to participate in a **survey with the college's Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee** to inform the committee's strategic visioning process. The survey should be completed by Feb. 28.

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