Winter Wonderland

A record snowfall turned the Wofford campus into a winter wonderland on Jan. 16. The National Weather Service recorded 6.5 inches of snow at Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport. The previous Jan. 16 record was 5.7 inches in 1965.

Terriers enjoyed sledding and taking in familiar sights that were covered with snow. The campus community is grateful for the commitment from teams working in facilities, housekeeping, AVI dining services and Campus Safety for working diligently to ensure that students were safe and fed.
Making the grade

Wofford students Blake Batten ’23 (seated) and Sarah Buckmaster ’24 assist students working on math assignments during homework club at Prince Hall Apartments.

The first time Jacqueline Hansen ’24 met the students she would be working with in an after-school homework club, she was hooked.

“I just fell in love with it,” says Hansen, a sociology and anthropology major from Clover, South Carolina. “The kids are always so happy and eager to learn. When I go there, even if I’ve had a bad day, they just make everything better.”

The clubs meet twice weekly at two Spartanburg Housing apartment complexes, Prince Hall and Camp Croft Courts. Wofford students assist elementary and middle school students in completing their homework assignments.

“We’re trying to bridge gaps and provide educational opportunities,” Hansen says. “We want to make sure the kids don’t get left behind.”

The clubs have received national recognition, earning Spartanburg Housing a 2021 National Award of Merit in the resident and client services category during the 2021 National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials Online National Conference and Exhibition.

The clubs got their start as a project during the 2019-20 academic year through Wofford’s sustainability seminar led by Dr. Alysa Handelsman, assistant professor of sociology and
Anthropology. The seminar is part of Wofford’s Milliken Sustainability Initiative.

Alex Hill ’21 and Cierra Fowler, Spartanburg Housing’s director of resident services and community engagement, partnered to design the club. Hill and her partner in the class, Carlyle O’Herron ’20, went door-to-door conducting surveys and led a focus group to get input from the community.

Networking opportunities

Wofford students Pierson Hotchkiss, Colin Bertram, Collier Leatherman, Luke Willis and Jackson Edwards are continuing a college tradition by working at Prices’ Store for Men. The store has been open since 1904, and it’s a popular place for students to shop and work.

By Noah Ravan ’23
Student Intern

Prices’ Store for Men opened in downtown Spartanburg in 1904 and has been supplying Wofford students with clothing and opportunities ever since.

“As I understand it, in the early 1900s, many Wofford students were from rural communities in the South,” says store owner Harry Price. “When they would arrive in Spartanburg, Prices' would outfit them in proper college attire. That relationship has been built upon for almost 120 years.”
A 1904 photo of Prices’ storefront includes a young man wearing a coat and tie, which is described by Price as being proper college attire for the time.

Prices’ Store for Men also provides learning experiences for Wofford students interested in business.

“I like to think that working in a retail environment and being exposed to all aspects of an entrepreneurial environment is a great way to prepare for the business world,” says Price. “Developing personal relationships with customers and networking is a key to success.”

Dawson was a ‘Jeopardy’ contestant

“Jeopardy” host Ken Jennings poses with Clark Teaster Dawson ’06 on the game show’s set. Dawson appeared on the show that aired Jan. 13

Clark Teaster Dawson ’06 spent 10 years in pursuit of being a contestant on the television game show “Jeopardy.” It happened in November, and the show aired Jan. 13. She talked to The State newspaper about her experience. Read the story.