



Building hope



Sarah Buckmaster '24, left, Drew Wilson '23 and Dr. Alysa Handelsman talk while standing outside a burned and abandoned building in the Una community.

By Robert W. Dalton

When cotton was king, Una, Saxon and Arcadia were flourishing communities. But the demise of the textile industry devastated the three neighborhoods northwest of Spartanburg, and today they contain the greatest density of condemned properties in the county.

Led by Dr. Alysa Handelsman, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology, and Dr. Jennifer Bradham, assistant professor of environmental studies, nine Wofford students spent

the summer identifying and mapping those properties. They found 48 condemned properties – nearly 11% of the 431 condemned properties in the county – in a four-mile radius.

They also discovered a large number of abandoned properties, but those are not included in their data because they haven't been documented by city or county officials.



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Wofford's among the best



Wofford College earns a spot on The Princeton Review's list of "The Best 388 Colleges," ranking No. 14 for its alumni network. Wofford also ranks No. 10 in Degree Choices ranking for value.

Wofford College once again has a spot on The Princeton Review's lists of the best colleges.

The publication released its list of "The Best 388 Colleges" on Aug. 17, and **Wofford made the list** while also earning a spot on its list of the "Best Southeastern" colleges and being ranked No. 14 on the publication's ranking of the "Top 20 Best Alumni Networks" for private colleges and universities.

"Choosing a college can be an overwhelming experience," says Dr. Nayef Samhat, Wofford's president. "Wofford's continued recognition from prestigious publications reinforces our commitment to student success and our constant attention to enhancing the student experience. One of the best aspects of this list is that our students were consulted, and their voices shape the reviews."

The Princeton Review chose the colleges based on data it annually collects from surveys of 2,000 college administrators about their institutions' academic offerings. The company also reviews survey data provided by current college students. Only about 14% of America's 2,700 four-year colleges are profiled in the book.

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Remembering Corry W. Oakes III '89



■ Corry Oakes III '89 died Aug. 7. He was a former chair of the college's board of trustees.

Corry W. Oakes III '89 brokered a lot of big deals during his lifetime. But it was his family, the relationships that he built along the way and small acts of kindness that he valued most.

Oakes, the CEO and a co-founder of OTO Development and the former chair of the Wofford College Board of Trustees, died suddenly on Sunday, Aug. 7. He was 55.

"Corry was an amazing man of character and integrity," his brother, Alex Oakes, said during a memorial service held Friday, Aug. 12, at Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium. "We were brought up to work hard, love one another and respect others, and I think most of the people here know that's what Corry did. He was a competitor, he was a leader, a teacher, he was a giving man and a humble man. Life gives you so many days. What you do with them is up to you. Let me tell you, Corry filled his up."

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Remembering Dr. Dennis Dooley



Dr. Dennis Dooley, professor of English emeritus, died Aug. 13. He was 79.

Every other year during his Wofford tenure, Dr. Dennis Dooley, professor of English emeritus, took a group of students on a month-long trip to Ireland during Interim. Over time, those trips became the stuff of legend.

Dooley, who taught at Wofford for 40 years, died Saturday, Aug. 13, at his home in Spartanburg. He was 79.

David Wright '91, president of WrightEngage in Chicago, joined Dooley for one of his Ireland tours as a 20-year-old. He says it was everything he expected, and more.

“We went to the Lake Isle, a few of us climbed Ben Bulbin and got a little lost, and went to the Abbey Theatre, all places Dennis had taken us to before in a classroom in South Carolina,” says Wright. “All this and innumerable high crosses, pub crawls and tales of the Easter Rebellion.”

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Athletics updates

Wofford volleyball selected as preseason SoCon favorites.

Oddy, Mohammedi named to SoCon men's soccer preseason team.

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