

# Student Perspective: Some Peace Traditions Fading Fast

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Students of William Peace University have walked side-by-side on Peace's road to change. Peace is known for its respected history, yet its new outlook on tradition appears uncertain. The university's overall focus appears to be more focused on expanding their external reputation, rather than focusing on appreciating their student body. Traditions have always been a vital aspect of Peace, yet this year's number of student based activity events has declined tremendously. Several campus traditions have been removed from Peace's schedule.

### Bus Trips

Bus Trips allowed students the opportunity to travel with classmates at a mere cost. The trips would take up a weekend worth of time, yet produced a memory that would last a lifetime. One trip was scheduled for each semester; the fall semester destination was New York City, NY, and the spring destination was Orlando, FL. However, this past year, Peace has not scheduled any Bus Trips.

### Durham Bull Baseball Games

Being so close to Durham, NC, the home of the minor league baseball team, The Durham Bulls, it has been a favorite past-time for Peace students to attend the games as a group. In past years, an email would be sent out a day or two in advance, informing students of a sign-up sheet for a bus ride to the baseball field. Attending these events created a way for students to spend time off campus, along with allowing students to intermingle with classmates. However, this past year, Peace only attended one baseball game.



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### Cheerwine & Design

Cheerwine & Design, a spinoff of Wine & Design, gave students the opportunity to be part of an instructional painting class. The event would take place in Peace's largest lecture hall, which allowed for more students to attend and participate in the event. During the class, students were given a choice between painting Main building, or the iconic fountain. Being that the class was taught step-by-step, students were able to leave the class with a beautiful painting which could be part of their memorabilia. However, this year, Peace has not offered Cheerwine & Design.

### Fall Cocktail

Students had been on-edge, waiting for the announcement of this year's Fall Cocktail. Being that last year's event took place towards mid/late October, and this October had passed with no talk about the traditional event, students were beginning to wonder if Fall Cocktail was going to take place this year. Fortunately, dates were announced the beginning of November, and Fall Cocktail 2017 took place on November 10th. Stated above are just a few of many traditions that have diminished. Hopefully, the values of the University does not change much more and traditions are revived. In order to recover diminishing traditions, campus event coordinators should keep all traditions active by incorporating original values, with new activities. Students should be offered more off-campus activity opportunities. Students should also be able to have a confident mindset on the overall morale of their campus mentors.



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Take a second...picture yourself staying in your pajamas all day long. Perfect right? Well, people who work from home get to experience this as much as they want. A recent article in Forbes Magazine stated, "We have access to email, chat, video conferences, cloud collaboration software, and dozens of other technologies that now make it possible for almost any office job to be done completely and remotely." For some, this is the absolute dream. However, there are many who would prefer being in an office setting instead. "My dream would be to one day stay at home to work for a living. This would give me more time in the mornings, instead of trying to commute and getting stuck in early and late traffic. I think I would also

feel a lot more relaxed being in my normal space," said Ryan McCann, a senior at Wake Tech Community College. According to "SmallBiz Ahead" by The Hartford, "Some 30 million Americans, or 1 in 5 U.S. workers, work from home at least once a week, research shows, and that number is expected to increase 63% in the next five years."

This can be related back to individual personality types. If one is more of an introvert, then they would probably enjoy staying at home and not speaking to anyone all day.

On the other hand, if one is an extrovert, they would like the office setting and being able to communicate with their fellow co-workers.

"The American workplace is changing to reflect these capabilities; as more jobs become tied to computers and more millennials (who embrace new technology readily) enter the workforce, working from home is a rapidly growing trend," stated Forbes.

The Hartford also stated that working from home, or WFH, decreases real-estate costs, tends to attract better talent and can lead to happier, more productive employees for companies.

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# The Reality of Sexual Assault on College Campuses

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The statistics of sexual assault on college campuses are increasing each year in the U.S. Understand the meaning of the definition, and hear from students and their opinions.

There was no one in sight when "Sarah" was walking across the empty parking lot at her school in downtown Raleigh. It was a normal evening when her life would change suddenly. Sexual violence can range from sudden attacks to date rape and other unwanted contact.

One in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college, according to NSVRC.org (National Sexual Violence Resource Center).

NSVRC.org goes in detail on what is considered sexual assault, warning signs, and statistics of rape in our culture, including assault on college campuses on their website.

More than 90 percent of sexual assault victims on college campuses do not report the assault.

63.3 percent of men at a university who self-reported acts qualifying as rape or attempted rape, admitted to committing repeat rapes.

"Sexual violence is any type of unwanted sexual contact, words, and actions of sexual nature against a person's will," according to NSVRC.org. "Ranging from sexist attitudes and actions to rape and murder." Why is college rape happening? William Peace University (WPU) students weigh in on the topic.

"College rape is happening because so many underaged students are getting their hands on things that are illegal such as roofies, or harder drugs," explained Kenisha Mangum, a WPU senior. "College students are still learning and haven't fully developed the necessary awareness of certain things, maybe from being sheltered from 'street talk' or otherwise by their parents before entering college."

A predator may use different ways to project sexual assault, such as, force, threats, manipulation, or coercion to commit sexual violence.

"I think rape is happening on college campus because of ignorance," explained



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Shamonte Bailey, WPU senior. "I believe girls are just not paying close enough attention to their surroundings or situations, and men just feel they're entitled. They want for instant gratification."

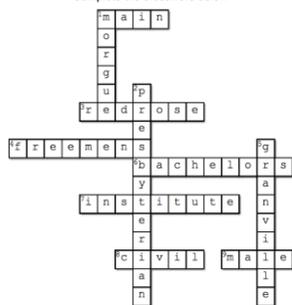
There is a common idea that it is men's responsibility to not rape women or foster the idea of "rape culture," which is rape normalized due to collective attitudes in society, according to NSVRC.org.

Holding an ill-defined idea of "rape culture" could somehow convince a male that having sex with a women without their consent will be okay.

"If men rape, it is not because of an inborn character defect that would be impossible to remove," according to NSVRC.org.

### William Peace University's History Crossword Puzzle

Complete the crossword below



#### Across

- The \_\_\_\_\_ Building was turned into a Confederate Hospital during the Civil War. (main)
- WPU holds a dance each year called the \_\_\_\_\_ Ball each Spring; a tradition that has been upheld since the college opened. (redrose)
- Following the Civil War, Main was turned into a \_\_\_\_\_ Bureau. (freemens)
- In 1996, the first students earned their \_\_\_\_\_ degrees. (bachelors)
- The original name of William Peace University was Peace \_\_\_\_\_ due to the fact that it originally offered education to boys (institute)
- The outbreak of the \_\_\_\_\_ War halted the construction of Peace College. (civil)
- In 2012, the first class of \_\_\_\_\_ students were allowed to attend William Peace University. (male)

#### Down

- While the Main Building functioned as a Confederate Hospital the 4th floor served as the \_\_\_\_\_? (mortgage)
- Through out Peace's history it has been closely associated with the \_\_\_\_\_ Church even though it now also student (presbyterian)
- What county was William Peace the founder of WPU bc in? (granville)

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