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'Never-ending'

Students seek mental health support during in-person semester

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Caitlin Farmer

Sterling Southerland, a junior business management major, transferred to the University of Georgia this semester from Butte College in Northern California. Since he got to UGA, both his course load and work schedule were taking a toll on his mental health, but he was unsure where to go, so he walked into a room at the Tate Student Center and asked if there was anyone he could talk to.

"Transferring to a school like this, it's been hard to know where to find certain resources or who to reach out to," Southerland said. "I'm a small fish in a big pond."

Southerland isn't alone in his struggles. With the ongoing pandemic and the return of in-person classes, club meetings and other activities, mental health care providers at UGA and in the Athens area have noticed an influx of students seeking help this semester.

A mental toll

At the beginning of the semester, Southerland said he was taking 15 credit hours while trying to work 20 to 30 hours a week. He ended up having to drop a class.

"The transition just hasn't been as smooth as I thought in terms of getting a job, managing classes and just the overall workload," Southerland said.

Southerland said he thinks it's good that students are having in-person classes again, but the transition back into them happened very quickly.

"The transition here has not been easy," Southerland said. "I cannot stand eLC in terms of emails, grades, I mean anything, you name it, so it's been hard for me to feel confident throughout any point in this semester."

Chris Corbett, director of UGA's Counseling and Psychiatric Services, said in an email to The Red & Black that CAPS is experiencing one of its busiest semesters ever. He could not share exact numbers, but said there has been an increase in the demand for services, the complexity of student need and the level to which it impacts their lives.

Raymundo Moncayo, a sophomore social studies education major, said he was excited to finally experience an in-person class because the pandemic had greatly impacted that portion of his college experience.

Initially, Moncayo felt he was doing fine, but as the pace of the school year picked up, he became increasingly more stressed trying to balance his classes and organizational involvements.

"This began to take a toll on my mental health as the struggle to get all of this work done was beginning to wear me out," Moncayo said. "It seemed that my teachers were all making tests on the same day and multiple assignments due each week."

“I took test after test and they seemed never-ending.”

Raymundo Moncayo | Sophomore

With the shift back to in-person classes, Moncayo said he feels professors are trying to teach multiple things at once, causing him to feel lost and confused, as well as making him feel they care more about the class as a whole, rather than the individual student. "I have always had close relationships with my teachers, so when I felt that my professors didn't care about me, that also began to take a toll on me," Moncayo said.

Moncayo said by the time he entered October and midterm season was approaching, he began to crash.

"I took test after test after test and they seemed never-ending," Moncayo said. "One week I had five midterms and I had to sacrifice some sleep and my personal health to ensure I did well on them."

A new year

Dr. Nile Sedgwick, a psychotherapist at Athens Psychological Services, said he assumed that students coming back to campus would alleviate some of the anxiety

brought on by the isolation they previously endured due to social distancing and quarantine. But, Sedgwick said there are also a number of students coming to campus for the first time after spending their first year of college or last year of high school in a pandemic, and could be nervous about how to establish a routine.

"I think the pandemic was just a very strange time for a lot of students," Sedgwick said. "They had to quarantine. They ended up back at their parents' house while they were going to school and doing it online. It was all very disconnected."

Moncayo said he found a therapist who has immensely helped him endure the difficulties he's faced this semester, and has found her helpful in managing his stress. At the same time, he said he knows that a therapist isn't always plausible for everyone to obtain, whether that's because of financial or other reasons.

Corbett, the CAPS director, said the reasons that students seek mental health support are "varied and multi-faceted, but the most common are anxiety, depression, isolation and relationship services."

CAPS offers a range of services to students including individual and couples counseling, group counseling, psychiatric services, crisis intervention, transition of care to community resources, well-being and prevention programs, workshops and consultation services, according to its website.

Moncayo said he hasn't utilized any campus resources, such as CAPS, because he feels they often have little availability. He said if he is struggling, he wouldn't want to be put on a waitlist and wait for it to become worse.

Some students have raised concerns regarding wait times for counseling services, costs and session limits, Corbett said. CAPS is continuing to listen to these concerns and actively working to make improvements, according to Corbett.

"We have recently eliminated costs for almost all students and eliminated pre-set session limits," Corbett said. "We continue to explore ways to reduce wait times for services."

Sedgwick said he thinks the increased isolation and loss of routine has ultimately created anxiety for students.



TAYLOR GERLACH/STAFF

USG to require COVID vaccines for some UGA employees

Simran Kaur Malhotra

Some University of Georgia employees must be fully vaccinated by Dec. 8 in accordance with an executive order, according to an ArchNews email sent on Oct. 26.

Executive Order 14042, signed by President Joe Biden on Sept. 9, said that most federal contractors, including those at public universities, must adhere to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's COVID-19 guidelines from the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force.

UGA receives hundreds of millions of dollars annually for federal contracts, according to the ArchNews email.

All workers and visitors to covered contractor businesses must also follow existing CDC advice on mask use and physical separation, according to the Task Force's recommendations.

According to the ArchNews email, all employees that fall into this category regardless of full-time or part-time status must adhere to these guidelines. Student employees are also included in the executive order's guidelines.

With a few exceptions, covered personnel must be fully vaccinated by Dec. 8.

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Quick takes on stories you might have missed this week

1.

Teen arrested after school shooting threat

The Department of Juvenile Justice arrested a 16-year-old student at Cedar Shoals High School after he allegedly threatened on social media to commit a shooting at the school, according to an Athens-Clarke County Police Department press release. Several parents and students reported the threat to ACCPD, who began investigating on Oct. 31. There is currently no threat to the school, according to the release.

2.

Nuçi's Space provides free health care clinics

The nonprofit Nuçi's Space hosted a free health care clinic on Oct. 25, welcoming those without insurance. The clinics have been offered since August, and two more are scheduled for Nov. 15 and Nov. 29. Students from the Medical College of Georgia performed routine tests, and an on-staff clinician wrote prescriptions and referred patients to specialists if needed. Clinic organizers expect patient attendance to rise throughout the series of clinics.

3.

Wild Rumpus brings revelry to Athens

The Wild Rumpus Parade and Spectacle returned to Athens on Oct. 30 after a hiatus last year due to COVID-19. The event started with live music at Creature Comforts Brewing Company and continued into a parade later that night with attendees dressed in Halloween costumes. In the festival zone, open containers of beer and wine were allowed for attendees with wristbands. The event also included a COVID-19 vaccine station.

4.

Cafe Soul event highlights Black student talent

On Oct. 28, the University of Georgia's Black Affairs Council held its annual Cafe Soul event to celebrate the talent of Black students. This year's theme was 1920s speakeasy. The acts included performances of original and covered music, a saxophone player, a poet, individual dancers and a step dance group. Dawg Gone Good BBQ, a local Black-owned restaurant, catered the event. As the event ended, attendees conversed about the displays of talent.

5.

UGA soccer player wins SEC Forward of the Year

Bulldogs soccer player Mollie Belisle has been named the SEC Forward of the Year and is included in the First Team All-SEC after a historic 2021 season leading Georgia soccer from the front line. Belisle scored 15 goals over 18 games. She provided goals in late moments to win matches, including against LSU and Florida. No Georgia player has won the award since 2008, and Belisle is the third Georgia player ever to receive it.



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Athens Mayor Kelly Girtz explained how the ARP has impacted Athens. ZACHARY TATE/CONTRIBUTOR

Mayor breaks down local effects of American Rescue Plan

On March 11, President Joe Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act into law to aid the country's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Athens-Clarke County received about \$67 million in funding as a result of the bill, Mayor Kelly Girtz said.

As a unified city-county government, ACC was eligible to receive both city and county funding from the ARP, totaling around \$58 million.

The county also received \$7 million for public transportation and another \$2 million for housing assistance and support for people experiencing homelessness, Girtz said. The county also plans to spend some of the \$58 million in city-county funding on housing.

"We saw our unsheltered homeless population on the streets more than double in the past 18 months," Girtz said. "It's critical that we be able to scoop up those folks as quickly as possible to get people back on the path of wellness."

Girtz said one of the biggest things the county has accomplished with federal funding is encouraging COVID-19 vaccination. He touted the county's relatively low mortality rate throughout the pandemic. According to the Georgia Department of Public Health, Clarke County has seen 171 COVID-19 deaths throughout the pandemic, compared to a total case count of 20,061 as of Nov. 2.

"It's kind of the most foundational question of life or death," Girtz said. "We've been heavily incentivizing vaccination, and every person who gets vaccinated becomes less of a factor for COVID spread."

Even with the projects that have already been passed, Girtz said the county hasn't spent the majority of the ARP funds. With some of the remaining funding, he said the county is will aid small, minority-owned businesses and people who are experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity.

— Jake Drukman

POLICE BLOTTER

Beer shoplifted from gas station twice

On Oct. 26, Athens-Clarke County police responded to a shoplifting at the Golden Pantry on Prince Avenue. The gas station reported two cases of shoplifting the day before, according to an ACCPD report.

The first case happened at approximately 2 p.m. An unknown man took a 16-ounce can of Miller High Life, valued at \$2. According to ACCPD, the man is a regular at the store.

The second instance of shoplifting occurred later that day, at around 6:10 p.m. A different unknown man took a 12-pack of Bud Light, valued at \$13, according to the report.

ACCPD was able to obtain security footage of the occurrences from the store, but suspects were not identified at the time.

Man shatters glass door at Barberitos

On Oct. 16, an employee at Barberitos on Clayton Street reported a case of trespass with damage to property. According to a report from ACCPD, a man shattered the glass door at the entrance to the building.

Employees refused service to the suspect because the business was closed when he entered, according to the report.

After being refused service, the man kicked the door, shattering the glass.

The report said that the responding officer searched the area for the suspect but was unable to locate him. The employee requested that the suspect be barred from the property and prosecuted if he was found.

House broken into, hot soup left on stove

On Oct. 22, ACCPD received a call about a trailer that had been broken into, according to a report.

The victim told the reporting officer that she had locked the doors when she left the residence on Oct. 21. When the woman returned home on Oct. 22, she found her back door open. It appeared to have been pried open, according to the report.

The victim found her bedroom door, which she normally kept closed, open with black markings on it. Her bed was seemingly slept in. Police were able to lift fingerprints from the door.

The victim also noted that a pot of soup was on the stove. It was still hot when she arrived home, according to the report. Nothing was taken from the house.

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Thursday Crossword - Answer Online November 5

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews 11/4/2021

ACROSS
1 Drinks slowly
5 Sign of fall
10 Repeated sound
14 Actor Wyle
15 "Doe, __, a female deer..."
16 __ up; arrive
17 Out of kilter
18 Flawlessness
20 Gangster's pistol
21 __ Cuisine; line of frozen meals
22 Clock face features
23 "We Had __"; Waylon Jennings song
25 Portable bed
26 Broad treeless expanses
28 Least frequent
31 Wasn't well
32 Window covering
34 Shade of brown
36 David McCallum TV series
37 __ box; larynx
38 Actor Alan __ Jr.
39 " __ Along, Little Dogies"
40 Sweet treat
41 Water lily
42 Oppressive dictator
44 Put up a fight
45 " __ for the money, two for..."
46 __ beans
47 1836 U.S. battle site
50 Provide the money for
51 Org. for Sharks & Sabres
54 Szechuan chicken ingredients
57 Haleakala Crater's locale
58 Pac-Man's path
59 Find a new purpose for
60 __ and crafts
61 Hastened
62 Concluded
63 Abnormal sac

DOWN
1 Pantyhose mishap
2 Dubuque's state
3 Favoritism
4 Bashful
5 Suit coat parts
6 Perfect
7 Swiss capital
8 Man in a striped shirt
9 "Happy Days __ Here Again"
10 Manor & surrounding property
11 Goatee's place
12 Parka feature
13 Possesses
19 Dusting or vacuuming
21 Shipwreck victim's relief
24 Men's accessories
25 __ of Good Hope
26 Feeling of hunger
27 Lawful
28 Risqué
29 __ bike; gym floor offering
30 Anklebone
32 Start of a warning
33 __ of; free from
35 Cozy home
37 Wind direction indicator
38 Emcee
40 Lake boat
41 Give temporarily
43 Frolicked
44 Threw water over
46 Woman's accessory
47 Sleeve contents
48 Clear a hurdle
49 Sculptor's tool
50 TV's "Family __"
52 Shacks
53 Rattle off
55 Prefix for heat or view
56 Bic product
57 Bernie __

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Divided feelings

Red & Black survey reveals thoughts on COVID-19 safety, mandates

Simran Kaur Malhotra

On Sept. 20, The Red & Black launched a survey for students, faculty and staff at the University of Georgia that gathered data on vaccination status and thoughts on vaccination and mask policies on campus. The results showed a high vaccination rate among respondents and mixed feelings about campus COVID-19 policies.

More than 4,300 participants filled out the survey from Sept. 20-30.

There are just over 50,000 students, faculty and staff at UGA, according to fall 2020 university data, which means about 9% of the population completed the survey.

Of the participants, 92% stated that they are fully vaccinated. Around 2% were on their first of a two-dose vaccination regimen, and around 6% were not vaccinated.

The responses about the University System of Georgia and UGA's COVID-19 policies were mixed.

About 48% of respondents said they felt unsafe on campus, while around 36% replied that they felt safe. The majority of students, faculty and staff who responded to the survey, around 69%, said they disagree with the lack of mask mandate on campus.

"The blatant disregard for the health and safety of our university community for the sake of the bottom line is a moral failure by the USG," a survey respondent said.

"The fact that so many profs and staff

members are pushing to make covid vaccines mandatory proves a total lack of understanding of vaccines. It's also an individual's choice to get vaccinated. It's not the right decision for everyone," stated another respondent.

executive order on Sept. 9 mandating that most federal contractors, including certain employees at public universities, must be fully vaccinated by Dec. 8.

A majority of survey participants disagreed with the lack of a mask mandate, and around 22% agreed with the no-mask policy.

"I am pro-vaccine and pro-mask wearing, but I still think everyone should have the choice to do it or not. I support current policies," a respondent said.

A quarter of respondents said they have previously tested positive for COVID-19. The rest said they have never tested positive for COVID-19.

Of the total survey participants, about 15% said they have underlying health conditions, which can increase the chances of a severe reaction to COVID-19.

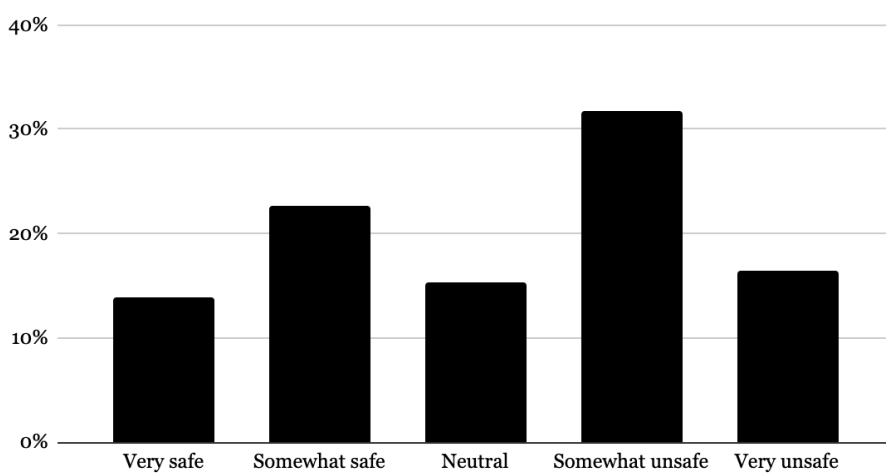
The issue of masking and vaccines on campus has caused controversy this fall, with protests occurring on campus in mid-September at UGA and other USG institutions calling for mask and vaccine requirements. These protests drew counterprotesters, who called for masking and vaccination to

be optional.

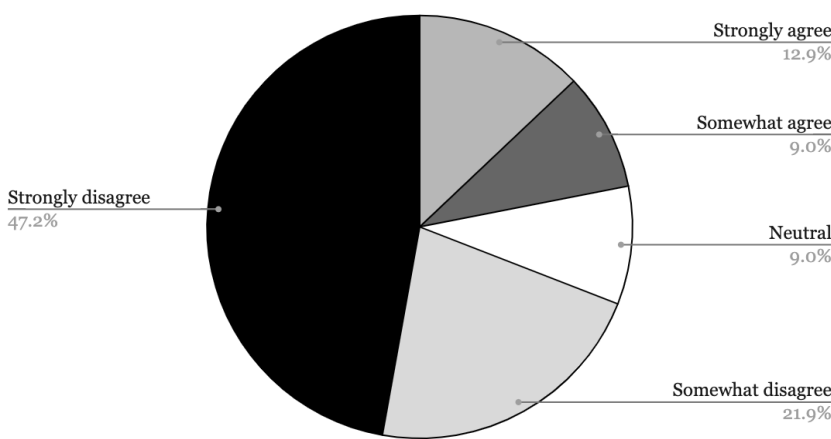
Some UGA professors have taken to Twitter throughout the semester to criticize USG's current COVID-19 policies.

The American Association of University Professors, along with United Campus Workers of Georgia, coordinated the protests and used Twitter to promote them.

How safe do you feel on campus?



Do you agree with the lack of mask mandate on campus?



As of Nov. 2, masks are not required on UGA's campus due to USG's policy prohibiting mask mandates at Georgia's public colleges and universities. Gov. Brian Kemp also issued an executive order forbidding state entities, including USG, from implementing vaccine mandates.

However, President Joe Biden issued an

DEMOGRAPHICS

The Red & Black distributed this survey over email to all UGA students, faculty and staff using SurveyMonkey. The response window was Sept. 20-30. Below is a breakdown of survey responses by role at UGA, race and ethnicity, gender and age.

Role at UGA

- ▶ 67% undergraduate students
- ▶ 26% graduate students
- ▶ 3% faculty
- ▶ 4% staff

Race and ethnicity

- ▶ 68% white
- ▶ 15% Asian
- ▶ 6% Black
- ▶ 5% Hispanic or Latinx
- ▶ 4% multiracial
- ▶ 2% prefer not to say
- ▶ Less than 1% Native American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander and other

Gender

- ▶ 67% female
- ▶ 29% male
- ▶ 2% nonbinary
- ▶ 1% other and prefer not to say

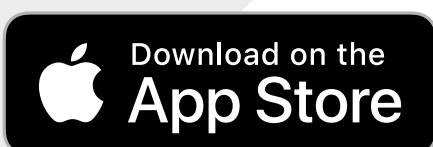
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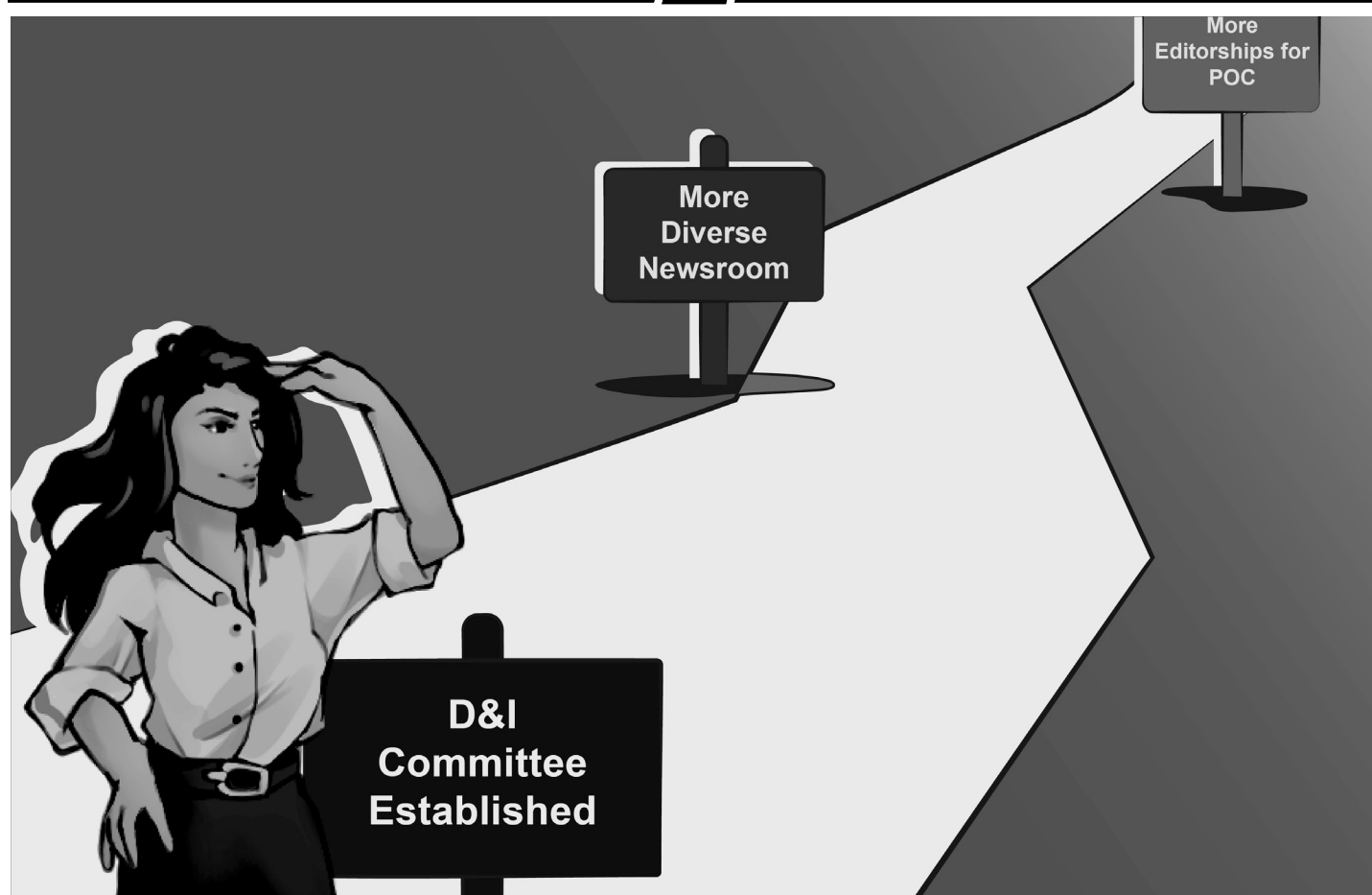
- ▶ 74% 18-24
- ▶ 18% 25-34
- ▶ 5% 35-44
- ▶ 2% 45-54
- ▶ Less than 1% 65+

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Diversity at The Red & Black

Are their efforts working?

Mona Abboud

American, Lebanese and Canadian — those are three labels that help define my identity. Those are the three aspects of myself that give me perspective and diverse and unique experiences.

As a University of Georgia student of ethnic background, it can often be difficult to find my “place” among the majority crowd. I speak different languages: English, Lebanese, French and Spanish. I live a different cultural lifestyle. I eat different foods — some of my nostalgic favorites are Lahme Baajin meat pies, a healthy tabouli salad and fluffy falafel sandwiches. Nearly everything about me screams “ethnic.”

So, how can students like myself feel “at home” in majority-white institutions? The answer centers around increasing diversity and inclusion intentionally. This is precisely the mission that The Red & Black has adopted with the creation of its Diversity & Inclusion Committee.

For The Red & Black, diversity and inclusion is not just about race and ethnicity, although those are key components. This effort also centers around religion, academic expertise, personal points of view and more. Diversity and inclusion is about welcoming students of all backgrounds, academic majors and interests in order to amplify unique and underrepresented perspectives.

While I am not a member of the D&I Committee, I am a proud opinion contributor at this student-led newspaper. Let me preface this piece with that information.

I’ve been able to grow and strengthen my journalistic writing skills while contributing knowledge to my own community. It is this news source that has given me that opportunity, and that itself is a testament to The Red & Black’s value. However, the newspaper is not perfect.

The Red & Black has recognized the need to focus on diversity and inclusion as two necessary components of credibility and relatability. Around 33% of UGA undergraduates and 34% of Athens-Clarke

County residents do not identify as white. That may not sound like much, but for such a small community, that racial profile is colorful.

This past spring, The Red & Black’s paid staff was 74% white and its contributors were 86% white. How can an organization discuss political, cultural and social disparities if its own racial makeup is disproportionately white, and its writers come from a limited number of academic fields?

That is precisely where the Diversity & Inclusion Committee comes into play. With a dedicated team focusing on this issue, The Red & Black has taken it upon itself to try and boost its internal racial demographics and improve coverage of diverse communities.

D&I EFFORTS

- ▶ Creating a Spanish language page
- ▶ Creating a Diverse Source Database
- ▶ Implementing an outreach manager position to recruit diverse staff
- ▶ Community Spotlights highlighting overlooked community members
- ▶ Diverse academic majors like pre-med students writing on health topics
- ▶ Forming connections with diverse student groups

Over the past year and a half, this committee has implemented several actionable efforts to achieve these goals.

Thanks to this committee’s work, The Red & Black has managed to gain valuable perspectives through new racially and experientially diverse staffers.

From Dania Kalaji, the current D&I committee chair, and Sherry Liang — former

editor-in-chief and D&I chair, and current D&I liaison to the Red & Black board — to myself, the committee’s efforts have not gone in vain.

“While we still have more conversations and work to do across our demographics and recruitment, it’s been incredible to watch the fruition of our progress come to life,” Kalaji said.

She points out that the committee’s strong passion and devotion to providing a more inclusive environment for every member has made this very large university feel like home to her — a place where she is celebrated not just as a journalist, but as a human being as well.

I have been able to voice my opinion on numerous issues as an ethnic individual who herself has experienced struggles such as racism and ethnic stereotypes.

From being called a “terrorist” to having my religion assumed, these intricately woven moments add to my content contribution for The Red & Black.

However, we mustn’t be naive. Creating a targeted committee doesn’t fix the issue with the press of a button.

Diversity and inclusion disparities still exist within The Red & Black. Recruitment efforts, although well intended, have not yet yielded the expected results. It isn’t enough to spread awareness on the issue if the makeup of the newspaper remains unchanged.

Despite this uphill battle, I have to give The Red & Black credit for actually recognizing that this issue persists. Many other organizations might have avoided the issue because of its difficult nature.

I’m pleased to know that this publication is taking real and impactful steps towards eradicating its lack of diversity and inclusion. It won’t be easy, but the dedication and staunch organization makes me hopeful that The Red & Black will one day reach a representative level of inclusion.

Mona Abboud is a fourth-year international affairs and communication studies major.

Ending fossil fuel dependency

Green solutions for governments and individuals

Christa Bugg

Fossil fuel usage is one of the leading causes of greenhouse gas production, ozone depletion and global warming — to name just a few negative byproducts of the energy source. All of these are not only damaging the earth but are lowering future generations’ chances of survival.

If we don’t start taking serious counteractive measures soon, the damage is likely to become irreversible. Unfortunately, much of the energy consumption of the United States and the world comes from polluting, nonrenewable resources.

Although the United States is not a leading country in nonrenewable resource consumption, the U.S. Energy Information Administration reports that only 12% of total U.S. energy can be accounted for by renewable sources. That means that 88% of our energy sources are directly contributing to global warming.

In Georgia, it is even worse. The EIA reports that natural gas, nuclear power and coal fuel more than 90% of the state’s electricity generation. If you ask me, that sounds ridiculous. States, countries and continents need to come together to make a meaningful impact on renewable resource implementation.

In Georgia specifically, there needs to be an expanse of public transportation. Transportation accounts for 90% of Georgia’s petroleum usage — the state ranks in the top ten in total consumption of oil — most of which is in the form of gasoline for vehicles. If we had safe, reliable and more extensive bus or train stations, more people could forgo their individual vehicles and travel by public transportation. Mass usage of public transportation would significantly lessen Georgia’s carbon emissions by taking thousands of individual vehicles off the road.

I cannot talk about renewable energy sources and cutting back on fossil fuels without discussing electric cars.

I understand people are frightened by the perceived cost of electric vehicles, but it is worth the value in pollution subtracted and in personal savings.

The Department of Energy has an alternative fuels data center, which features a vehicle cost data calculator where you can compare your car to others, including electric vehicles.



RaceTrac in Athens, Georgia. FILE/STAFF

Using the vehicle cost calculator, I entered the values for my soccer mom 2009 Chrysler Town & Country and a 2015 Model S Tesla. The results were calculated using my commute to and from the University of Georgia — 80 miles round-trip, five days a week — for the approximate 40 weeks that we attend school each year.

The calculated cost of fuel per year is 30 cents a mile for 787 gallons of fuel, which amounts to \$2,361 a year. The annual estimated carbon dioxide emission is 18,888 pounds.

When comparing my car to the Tesla, the data is staggering. The cost of kilowatts for charging the Tesla is calculated at 18 cents per mile, which is about \$668 each year. The estimated annual carbon dioxide emission for the Tesla is 5,079 pounds — less than a third of my Town & Country.

The most important thing is doing what we can to increase our role in reducing pollution and our carbon footprint as a society. A better public transit infrastructure and alternatives to gas-guzzling vehicles are just a couple of the ways that we as individuals can make an impact.

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Corrections

As a student-run news organization with the mission of training journalists, mistakes happen and we do our best to correct them quickly. In the Oct. 21 issue of The Red & Black, the school year of two opinion writers were incorrect. The Red & Black regrets this error and it has been corrected online.

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Georgia players skate by the bench during the Bulldogs Battling Breast Cancer game on Oct. 15. SIDNEY CHANSAMONE/STAFF

Working off the ice

Georgia hockey partners with several organizations to give back

Molly Linder

The Georgia hockey team was established in 1987, founded by a group of students who wanted to create a new tradition in the Classic City. Since then, the team has become a part of Athens' sports, with fans filling up the Classic Center to watch games. While everyone sees what happens on the ice, the team does more outside of playing hockey.

Every year, the team has weekends set aside to support Bulldogs Battling Breast Cancer and Savannah Children's Hospital. It has several events where it partners with Nuçi's Space, an Athens mental health organization that focuses on musicians. This year, it is adding another community event to its schedule, the Veterans Cup in Macon, to commemorate all who have served in the armed forces.

Georgia hockey general manager John Camp understands that they are a hockey team, but he stresses to the players to give back because they are "people first and hockey players second."

"We are citizens of the earth," Camp said. "Not just citizens of UGA, not just citizens of Athens."

Bulldogs Battling Breast Cancer

Bulldogs Battling Breast Cancer is an Athens-based charity that donates money to St. Mary's Health Care System. "The publicity about our charity has really grown," Dwight Standridge, who is a board member with Bulldogs Battling Breast Cancer, said. "The last five years, we've donated six figures to St. Mary's."

Georgia hockey and Bulldogs Battling Breast Cancer teamed up to create an event called "Pink in the Rink," where fans are encouraged to wear pink. The team wore pink jerseys specially made for the series.

The jerseys were then auctioned off, and sold out. The funds from the auction as well as pledges from fans raised over \$10,000 for Bulldogs Battling Breast Cancer, Camp said.

Fans pledged money for each goal Georgia scored. Against Clemson, the pledge per goal reached \$382. The Bulldogs scored eight goals against the Tigers, bringing the total donation to over \$3,000.

Georgia received the Community Service Award twice from the American Collegiate Hockey Association for its partnership with Bulldogs Battling Breast Cancer, Camp said.

"Coach Camp has a really good group of kids," Standridge said. "What I like about him — he really instills in his team and those kids to be part of the community, give back and be involved in making other people's lives better."

Nuçi's Space

Georgia hockey teamed up with Nuçi's Space in spring 2020 to bring awareness to mental health. The Bulldogs used the hashtags "Let's talk about it" and "End the stigma" to help bring awareness to these issues about mental health.

Nuçi's Space and UGA hockey had plans to partner together last year to host a game, but COVID-19 heavily impacted what they were able to do. Instead, the two came together to put on an outdoor "Skate Night" on Feb. 4.

The night allowed people throughout the community to join together in a time of isolation to skate outside with some of the team. This was one way last year they started the conversation about mental health.

Along with Skate Night, the team posted several pictures on its Twitter with tips from Nuçi's Space on how to disconnect from social media.

Camp said that bringing awareness to mental health is important because there is shame associated with seeking help.

"Once you dig into it, you realize the stigma behind it, especially for guys," Camp said.

He said that men often don't say anything about their mental health because of societal stigma. Camp said men are told that speaking on these issues is perceived as a sign of weakness.

This year, the hockey team plans to host a concert before the 9 p.m. Tennessee game on Dec. 3 with Nuçi's Space.

Veterans Cup

This year, the first Veterans Cup will be held in Macon. There are four teams that will compete in the two-game series: Georgia, Georgia Tech, Auburn and Florida State.

The Macon Mayhem, an ice hockey club, partnered with Visit Macon, Spectra and the South Eastern Collegiate Hockey Conference to host the first Veterans Cup to honor U.S. veterans.

Anna Marie Summers, the director of corporate relations for the Macon Mayhem, said seeing sold-out jerseys and packed crowds after hosting college hockey games pushed them to make this a charitable event.

Camp said that the goal of this tournament is to highlight veterans and honor their sacrifices.

The military weekend will start out with college games and it will conclude with games from the Macon Mayhem.

Georgia will start the tournament on Nov. 12 against Florida State and it will end the series with some clean, old-fashioned hate against Georgia Tech on Nov. 13.

Savannah Children's Hospital

During the annual weekend of the Savannah Hockey Classic in Savannah, the Ice Dawgs stop at Memorial Health Children's Hospital of Savannah.

While visiting the hospital, the team brings gifts such as miniature hockey sticks and beanies for the children. The entire hockey staff is included in this event.

"You're brightening that kid's day," Camp said. "We come out of it feeling very fortunate and [with] a sense of, 'Wow, it really feels good to help someone,' and I think that is what carries over to the players."

The hockey players wear a patch for the children's hospital on every jersey they wear. The team wears a special jersey for the Savannah tournament that is auctioned off after the game.

15 Stat of the Week

Georgia soccer forward Mollie Belisle scored 15 goals in the 2021 season. As a graduate student, Belisle had her best collegiate year ever. Her 15 goals is the most in the SEC. Her season earned her SEC Forward of the Year honors, making her the third Georgia player to ever win the award. She also made the All-SEC First Team, the only Georgia player to make the first team this season. In conference play, Belisle scored five goals and earned three assists. Belisle finished the regular season third in the nation in goals scored, falling two behind Nicole Douglas of Arizona State. Prior to her 15-goal campaign, her best season came last year when she scored six goals as a senior. — Drew Hubbard

From Canada to Athens

Isabella Muzzolini's journey to Georgia

Kyle Soto

Isabella Muzzolini is used to the cold. She's from Vancouver, British Columbia, the western-most province in Canada. Basketball, volleyball, track and field and soccer took up most of her time growing up, but soccer meant more to her than those other sports. By the time she was 10 years old, she was already competing at the highest level of youth soccer in her area. She then started moving up the ranks of Canadian youth soccer before attracting attention from scouts representing the Vancouver Whitecaps, which eventually led her to Athens in 2021.

From the academy to Georgia

During her time with the Whitecaps, Muzzolini's team often played against older girl teams, boy teams and local college teams, which undoubtedly helped to prepare Muzzolini for her transition to college soccer. The Whitecaps academy also requires its players to partake in its academic program, meaning all the players that trained together also went to school together. That provided Muzzolini with a college-like experience, and helped prepare her for life as a student-athlete, despite never being to Georgia before her NCAA-sanctioned visit to the school.

"We lifted together in the mornings, we did fitness testing, we had to do ... daily wellness, and all that kind of stuff," Muzzolini said. "I feel like the transition coming to college, other than the fact that it's far away from home and I'm not living at home anymore, was quite easy just because of the way the Whitecaps program prepared me for it."

Muzzolini first popped up on Georgia soccer's radar when Katie Ely, the team's goalkeeping and assistant coach since 2015, traveled to California, where Ely watched the Whitecaps' academy teams and Muzzolini herself. While on the West Coast, Ely met Ryan Clark, the manager of collegiate transition and identification events for the Whitecaps.

In his role, Clark is the bridge between players who want to pursue collegiate soccer and the college programs themselves. He works with players on both the boys and girls sides of the Whitecaps academy, though the collegiate path

is more common in the women's game. The process of moving high school age players onto the next stage begins in the 10th grade, so the players can focus on their technical and tactical development, Clark said.

"A big part of my role is making sure that they land in great places," Clark said. "A big key of this ... is making sure that we're finding the right programs for these players to develop so that they can continue to ideally represent the country, and go on and play professionally, when they're done with their NCAA careers."

In Muzzolini's case, there were numerous factors that played into Clark's evaluation of where she could start her collegiate soccer career. Among those were the potential team's playing style, playing time and how the team has progressed and developed over the years.

Clark believed that Georgia was an optimal school for Muzzolini to attend because of the team's recent progress under head coach Billy Lesesne. Georgia just had a historic season, but the team's SEC season ended on Oct. 31 after falling to LSU in a penalty shootout in the first round of the SEC Tournament. Georgia soccer will find out if it qualified for the NCAA Tournament on Nov. 8.

Prospective players are allowed five official visits to colleges, but Clark recommends that Whitecaps players take only two visits to check out potential schools. In the end, Muzzolini felt that what Georgia offered her, both as an athlete and a student, was too good to pass up.

"When I came on my visit, I just instantly was blown away by all the facilities and all the stuff that they offer, really, academically and athletically," Muzzolini said. "I think that was a big thing for me. I wanted to continue my journey as a student academically, but I also really thought athletics was important and all their facilities and all the resources you get here."

Professional aspirations

Muzzolini desires to play at the professional level after college. She also hopes to play for the Canadian women's national soccer team. Muzzolini was identified as a national team player for her age group from her time in the Whitecaps youth academy, and she's already represented Canada at the youth level in various competitions and age groups.



Isabella Muzzolini is a midfielder. COURTESY/CATHY MUZZOLINI

She was poised to participate in Canada's U-17 World Cup Qualifying campaign, but that was postponed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

On the field, Muzzolini has played for Georgia in the center of the field. In Lesesne's 3-5-2 system, she mostly operates in the triangle of center midfielders that has primarily featured Muzzolini, Abby Boyan and Bella Ponzi. Her role requires her to filter the ball through the midfield and help the team transition into attack. The 3-5-2 isn't a common formation in soccer, but prior experience at the club level helped Muzzolini transition into the team with ease.

Muzzolini started 13 games in 18 appearances for Georgia during this past season, her freshman year.

"As an attacking midfielder, I have so many people to play to, either the strikers up top, or the wing backs or other midfielders ... to go to the attack," Muzzolini said. "I feel like it's a really attacking formation which I like. I'm the type of player who, the more touches I get on the ball, I feel like the better I do within a game."



'Here & Now 2021' Athens Mural Alley displays hope over pandemic

Julianna Washburn

Downtown Athens has been adorned with seven new murals depicting the work of seven different artists. The project, named Athens Mural Alley, was recently installed on the brick walls of the alleyway connecting Clayton Street and Washington Street.

The artists were given the theme "Here & Now 2021" with seven of over 40 proposed murals chosen to be displayed. Members of the BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities were encouraged to apply to amplify and bring representation to the voices of minority communities in Athens.

"We've been made brutally aware that people in minorities do not receive the same care when faced with something that we are all sharing, such as this world pandemic, so we really wanted to be sure that these voices were being heard and that we were listening very intently," Didi Dunphy, the program supervisor of the Lyndon House Arts Center, said.

Artists included were Tayler Ayers, John Ahee, Beau Xavier, Tori Watson, Maria Elias, Elinor Saragoussi Phillips and Luka Carter. Their work resembled their interpretation of the theme, "Here & Now 2021."

"The topic that we designed wasn't really going to be about, 'Oh, what a terrible year 2020 was,' but more of what got us through it and what can we do in the future to make us healthier and better," Dunphy said.

A collaboration between the Athens Area Arts Council, Athens Downtown Development Authority and the Lyndon House Arts Center, the project was made possible in part by the 2020 Arts in Community Resilience Award presented by the Athens Cultural Affairs Commission and Athens-Clarke County Unified Government.

Artist Tayler Ayers created a black and white work that lies at the center of Athens Mural Alley titled "The World is a Melting Pot and there is a Plate for Everyone." Ayers' work was a depiction of his own response to the political climate of the past year.

"I'm adopted, I'm mixed, and both my parents are white. So I grew up in this world where either I am not Black enough or I'm too white. I've kind of grown up in this world of my own," Ayers said.

Ayers said that being exposed to different types of backgrounds helped inspire him to create something that anyone could relate to or agree with — regardless of who they are, what they believe in or where they come from.

"I would just hope that at the end of the day, we can realize that all of these things that we believe in did not preexist until there was a society," Ayers said. "The best thing that we have in common is the fact that we are all human. We all brush our teeth, we all get hungry and we all get stuck in traffic, so we're really not that different."

Latinx artist Maria Elias chose to demonstrate representation of her own identity through a depiction of two



Local artwork is displayed downtown. JESSICA GRATIGNY/STAFF

Latinx people embracing with the word "unidos," which translates to "united."

"I wanted to include something that was in Spanish to have that representation for my community. They deserve to have a space in Athens that they can see and relate to," Elias, a University of Georgia senior, said.

Elias explained she included the two people hugging since it's one thing she believes everyone was missing while experiencing the grief and hardships of the pandemic.

"I am so excited to know that piece will be there for a while," Elias said. "Whenever someone is going through downtown, they'll see my piece and realize we can do this together."

HEALTH: Spikes in demand

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"I think it would make sense that students would be stressed while in the pandemic," Sedgwick said. "With my experience, there are a lot of people who wanted to talk during the pandemic because they were in a state of isolation."

Sedgwick said he believes the advent of telehealth has created more opportunities for counseling services due to its convenience, and has contributed to an increase in people utilizing them. Telehealth appointments happen virtually, whether over the phone or video conference.

An influx of patients

Corbett said he thinks society has reached an important inflection point in how people approach and talk about mental health.

"We have spent years working to reduce stigma and encouraging people to speak up and reach out," Corbett said. "While some stigma does exist, we have made significant progress."



Raymundo Moncayo has struggled with mental health.

JESSICA GRATIGNY/STAFF

Teddi Shriner, a child and adult therapist in Athens who opened her own practice in July, said in an email to The Red & Black that while she lacks data to compare the rate students were seeking help last semester to this semester, she has noticed that many college-aged students have reached out to her for support, especially since October.

Shriner said that she is in a private Facebook group for therapists and mental health providers in the Athens area

and has also noticed an influx of therapists reaching out to see if any other therapists in the city have openings and accept student insurance.

Sedgwick said he tries to take every insurance policy he can get in network with, and even accepts the UGA student health insurance policies.

"Everybody's very busy for sure," Sedgwick said. "I am booked probably two weeks out all of the time, but I don't ever turn new people away."

He said he has noticed an increase in the demand for his work at Athens Psychological Services, especially since the fall semester began.

He thinks it's likely there has been a large increase in students seeking help recently, although he has no hard data to prove it.

Sedgwick said while he's new to the Athens area, he has worked with a lot of college students and notices there tends to be an increase in students seeking help during fall semesters. He previously worked at the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Corbett said the most important thing he wants students to know is that they're not alone and help and support are available.

"There are many who know how you feel and can relate to your experience," Corbett said. "We are stronger individually and collectively when we rely on and support each other."

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Friday, Nov. 5

LIVE MUSIC

What: Attend a performance from the Athens Hip Hop Harmonic.
Where: Zoom
When: 4:30 p.m.
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FILM ROUNDTABLE

What: Discuss women filmmakers and new French cinema.
Where: Zoom; registration required through UGA
When: Noon
Price: Free

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What: Attend a talk from young adult author Kaitlin Bevis.
Where: Athens-Clarke County Library
When: 7 p.m.
Price: Free

Saturday, Nov. 6

LIVE MUSIC

What: Attend a showcase of local artists at WBZA Fest.
Where: The Lewis Room at Tweed Recording
When: 4 p.m.
Price: \$15-\$20

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When: 11:30 p.m.-2 a.m.
Price: \$5



Meme affirmations Instagram pages are on the rise at universities nationwide. ABBIE HERRIN/STAFF

UGA Affirmations Instagram account surpasses 10,000 followers

Lilly Kersh

More than 10,000 people follow the Instagram meme account @ugaaffirmations, making it one of the largest viral college affirmations accounts on Instagram.

The memes feature sarcastic statements that manifest positive outcomes by proclaiming an "affirmation" over an edited visual relating to student life. The captions include statements for success relating to common struggles students face.

Some affirmations broadly address student life problems, such as "Getting Caught In The Tate Starbucks Line Is An Excused Absence," while others poke fun at the university, with one post joking that Creswell Hall is "inhabitable."

The account was created over the summer by two University of Georgia juniors, one majoring in management information systems and the other in animal science, who run the account anonymously.

"We expected maybe 1,000 followers at most," the management major said.

While they may reveal their identities after they graduate, the creators have not identified themselves on the account.

"I don't want people to view the page differently just because they know who runs it.

I think some of the anonymity is one of the most fun parts about it," the animal science major said.

The account creators get nervous about offending institutions with their posts — specifically Athens businesses, Greek life organizations and the university itself.

"But it all seems to go over pretty well," the animal science major said. "I just never know how they're going to take the jokes."

In one post, an affirmation stated that the local haunted trail Zombie Farms would not be considered "cheugy" or uncool. In response, the business jokingly created a discount code, "notcheugyfriday."

Matthew Talbot, a senior studying management at UGA and a member of the Redcoat Marching Band props crew, found the series of Redcoat affirmations — including "The Redcoats Will Play WAP At Halftime" and "I Am Ready To Wear Full Uniform At Noon Games" — highly relatable.

"As long as they can keep the posts fresh and interesting ... it will keep going for a while," Talbot said.

Junior social work major Emma Duncan transferred to UGA this year, and finds the posts and reactions entertaining.

"The page makes me feel a little more connected to all of campus," she said.

MENU ITEM OF THE WEEK Jerk Chicken Plate RASHE'S CUISINE



After seeing mouth-watering photos of Rashe's food on Instagram, I finally tried it out for myself. Rashe's Cuisine is a Jamaican restaurant known for its authentic comfort food, owned and operated by Rashe Malcolm. The restaurant has a small room and a window for customers to place their orders. There is no seating at the restaurant, so the food is all to-go. Most of the meals come with one meat entree and two sides for around \$10 total.

I got the jerk chicken plate with a side of mac and cheese and collard greens. The jerk chicken was so tender that it fell right off the bone and didn't require a fork or knife. After a few minutes, the only thing left on my plate was a pile of bones. The collard greens were flavorful and salty, a delicious contrast to the jerk chicken. The mac and cheese — my favorite item on the plate — had such a unique flavor. It was creamy and smoky, and it melted in my mouth. Rashe's Cuisine is open Wednesday-Friday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at 585 Vine St. Suite 3.

— Olivia Wakim

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'An all-around teammate'

Jordan Davis is humble but successful leader for the Bulldogs

Jake Jennings

Defensive lineman Jordan Davis has quickly become a household name for Bulldog fans over the 2021 season. The senior is a mainstay on a Georgia defense that ranks atop the nation.

Davis stands at a tall 6-foot-6, 340 pounds, a size large enough to cover multiple gaps in the run game. Eight games into the season, Davis has two sacks and 20 total tackles. While he is known by many for his size and strength, those close to Davis know he is more than what he does on the football field.

Becoming himself

Davis went to high school at Mallard Creek, a school just outside of Charlotte, North Carolina. Despite his clear success in college, he was not always viewed as one of the top players in the country.

The senior was just a three-star recruit and the No. 29 defensive tackle in the country when Georgia recruited him, according to 247Sports. He had offers from other schools including Florida, Michigan and Miami, but in the end, chose the Bulldogs.

Davis' high school head coach, Mike Palmieri, said that when Davis first joined the team he was shy, but that quickly changed.

"As he got more confidence as an individual, especially when it came to football, he was great," Palmieri said. "He was upbeat, positive, kind of broke the ice a lot when tensions got high. Just an all-around teammate."

Palmieri couldn't praise Davis enough when talking

about his influence on the team. Mallard Creek was successful when Davis was there, especially in his senior season. He was a part of the Mavericks' defense that went to the 2017 4AA state championship game in North Carolina.

Davis helped push his high school team to a 14-1 record including three playoff wins before being knocked out by Wake Forest High School. Palmieri credited Davis' leadership in helping push the team to success, but even more importantly praised the senior's leadership off the field along the way.

"He just stayed so humble and was just really a leader as far as what he did on and off the field, which is very important," Palmieri said. "The way he carried himself around the building ... you know, the younger kids started to buy in."

In high school, Palmieri saw Davis grow into a strong leader and the coach credits Davis' mom, Shay Allen, with his humble attitude.

"I go back to him being humble. Jordan will never think he is better than anybody," Palmieri said. "And I think that is a tribute to his mom and the way she raised him. She is a strong woman."

Staying strong

College can be an influential place where people grow and go through change, some for the better and some for the worse. For Davis, it was about staying himself, and his teammates have taken notice of his humble but funny personality.

"Man, JD is awesome. He is probably one of the better dudes that I get to be around. He is just a good dude," punter Jake Camarda said. "Any time you are around

Jordan, I can almost guarantee you that he will be laughing about something. He is going to be laughing, he is going to be dancing, he is going to be doing something. That is just him."

Consistency is something Davis had to work hard to find when he came to college. The defensive tackle admits he was scared when he first stepped onto campus, but once he got his footing, he was able to grow.

"I came to college scared. I was like, man, I don't know what to expect. Everything seems so new and I've never been away from my mom for this long," Davis said. "But then you start finding your way, start finding friends, [including] my roommates at the time, and you start getting comfortable."

At the start of the 2021 season, Davis got the chance to return to his hometown when the Bulldogs took on then-No. 3 Clemson in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Davis dominated, grabbing three total tackles, a sack and two tackles for loss in the 10-3 win over the Tigers. He was part of a defensive performance that held Clemson to just 180 total yards throughout the game. After the game,

Davis emphasized how great it felt to play in his hometown.

"It was amazing, honestly. Going home, even beforehand, the anticipation, it was exciting. Just going home with my team and being there with my teammates was fun," Davis said. "I was like, whoa. It was surreal, crazy, and it's crazy to think about even after the fact."

As Davis and the Bulldogs find more success this season, Georgia fans can count on one thing: Davis will stay true to who he is and have fun doing it.



Kearis Jackson had his best game of the season against Florida after battling injuries. KATHRYN SKEEAN/STAFF

Adapting to change Bulldogs' offense staying productive with rotating lineup

Katherine Lewis

It is no secret to Georgia football fans that the team's offense has suffered a number of crucial injuries this season. Through eight games, the Bulldogs are beginning to bring back players after being without them for weeks.

Georgia's starting lineup against Florida looked mostly the same as it has throughout the season, but the team rotated in multiple players who recently recovered from injuries.

Arguably Georgia's most polarizing injury this season is to quarterback JT Daniels. After suffering a lat injury, he has not returned to play since Sept. 25 against Vanderbilt, leaving Stetson Bennett as the starter.

Smart said Daniels could have played against Florida if needed, but stuck with Bennett to remain consistent.

"Ultimately the reason was continuity. Stetson's done a good job," Smart said. "Probably the next biggest thing was that JT had not been in practice as much as Stetson, going back to last week, so we went with the guy that's been practicing the most and been out there the most."

As Daniels remains off the field, he has adapted to a new role in helping players on the sidelines. Smart said he appreciates Daniels' ongoing participation with the team despite the lack of playing time.

"I'm really pleased with the way JT handled things [against Florida]," Smart said. "He was over there helping Stetson the entire time, making calls and communicating with the receivers."

The receiving corps has been hit the hardest by injuries. Kearis Jackson, Georgia's leader in receiving yards in 2020, has been limited this season due to a knee injury.

After seeing the majority of his playing time on special teams for multiple weeks, Jackson again led the team in receiving yards against Florida after a bye week.

"It's been exciting to get guys back ... just being able to get the depth back in the room has been amazing for us," Jackson said. "We know we have been down some at receiver, but just getting those guys back, the bye week came at a perfect time."

The Bulldogs' Darnell Washington suffered a minor foot fracture earlier this fall, but has slowly seen a return to the field. The 6-foot-7, 265-pound tight end was targeted twice by Bennett, recording a season-best 41 yards.

Georgia remains without wide receiver George Pickens after an ACL tear in March. Jackson said that Pickens is ready to return to the field but is sticking to his recovery plan.

"If you're a playmaker, of course you're going to be itching to get back out there," Jackson said. "He's doing the smart thing and taking it day by day ... he knows he's ready to get back."

As quarterbacks and receivers continue to rotate, concern from fans surrounding the lack of rhythm continues. Players agree that the difference is not significant to play.

"We don't pretty much notice," Jackson said. "We just go out there and play football and make sure we do our assignment right."

FIVE FACES TO KNOW

Tyler Badie, running back, #1

Badie leads the SEC in rushing yards with 989, almost 200 more yards than the conference's next closest player. Badie has 157 rushing attempts at this point in the season, which equates to more than 60% of Missouri's total rushing touches. The Tigers' primary back has 11 total touchdowns, a mark that ties him for the lead in the SEC among running backs, and Badie boasts an additional 305 yards and four touchdowns in the passing game.

Connor Bazalak, quarterback, #8

Bazalak is coming off of a Week 9 win where he completed 22 out of 28 passes for 218 yards and one touchdown. He exited the game in the fourth quarter with an apparent hip injury, and is currently questionable for Saturday's clash with Georgia. The sophomore is fourth in the SEC in passing yards with 2,138. He is one of only two quarterbacks in the conference to have attempted more than 300 passes so far this season. He has thrown 13 touchdowns, which means he is tied for 43rd in the country, along with eight interceptions, one shy of the SEC's leader.

Keke Chism, wide receiver, #6

Outside of Badie, Chism has the most receptions on Missouri's team, and also has the most receiving yards overall. Chism has 383 receiving yards in 2021 alongside two touchdowns, tied for the second most among Tiger receivers. Chism led in receptions and receiving yards last year. His 29 receptions average at 13.2 yards per catch, second-highest among Missouri players with more than 10 catches this year.

Martez Manuel, defensive back, #3

Following several transfers during the offseason, junior Manuel stepped into a starting role in the Missouri secondary and has flourished. Manuel leads the entire defense with 50 total tackles. He had a season-high 11 tackles on Oct. 2 against Tennessee, and also has one interception and 2.5 sacks on the year for a total of 24 negative yards.

Blaze Alldredge, linebacker, #25

Graduate student Alldredge is the Tigers' second-leading tackler, and from 2018-2020 was named the team MVP twice at Rice before transferring to Missouri. Of his 49 total tackles, 32 are solo tackles, and in 2021 he has posted four sacks for a total of 37 yards lost. Alldredge is a defensive leader on a team that has struggled to stop the run, thanks largely in part to defensive line insufficiencies. Alldredge's 2021 single-game high for tackles is 13, achieved against Kentucky in September. He registered only one tackle against Vanderbilt on Oct 30.

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Georgia football producing defensive talent in the NFL

Drew Hubbard

With Georgia leading Florida 3-0 late in the first half on Oct. 30, the Bulldogs scored three touchdowns to head into the locker room leading 24-0. The defense led the way, forcing three turnovers in less than three minutes. More specifically, one position group made the difference in Georgia's 34-7 win.

Linebacker Nolan Smith forced and recovered a fumble, while also recording an interception. Fellow linebacker Nakobe Dean also earned an interception, returning it 50 yards for a Georgia touchdown. While Dean and Smith are currently at Georgia, they are looking to join a group of Bulldog linebackers that are making a name for themselves, and their school, in the NFL.

Of Georgia's 32 players currently in the NFL, eight are linebackers, more than any other position. Head coach Kirby Smart said the credit for Georgia's success at the position goes to defensive coordinator and outside linebacker coach Dan Lanning, and co-defensive coordinator and inside linebacker coach Glenn Schumann.

"They both do a tremendous job. One has the [outside linebackers] one has the [inside linebackers] but Dan does a good job calling the defense," Smart said. "Glenn has done a tremendous job developing young linebackers and growing those guys so they can go on to be NFL players."

Currently, former Georgia linebacker Azeez Ojulari leads all NFL rookies in sacks with 5.5 with the New York Giants after being selected 50th overall in the 2021 draft. Former Bulldog linebacker Roquan Smith ranks fourth in the league with 80 combined tackles with the Chicago Bears after being drafted eighth overall in the 2018 NFL draft.

While players like Ojulari and Roquan Smith are having success in the NFL, players like Dean and Nolan Smith are working to join them in the league. Dean currently has 37 tackles, the second-highest on the team, and two interceptions, tied for most on the team with defensive back Christopher Smith. Nolan Smith has one interception and 29 tackles, the fourth-highest on the team. The team leader in tackles is linebacker Channing Tindall.



Nakobe Dean is tied for the most interceptions on the team with two. FILE/STAFF

"Those guys are just indescribable," Christopher Smith said. "They're so fast and so smart. Their position coach, Coach Schumann, he's one of the smartest guys that I've met in football."

The Bulldogs are continuing their positive linebacker trend with new recruits coming to Athens in 2022.

Currently, the team's highest-rated recruit, Malaki Starks, is a five-star linebacker out of Jefferson High School. He is joined by linebacker Jalon Walker, a four-

star recruit and the fourth-highest ranked player in the Bulldogs' 2022 recruiting class.

"I think when guys make decisions on where they want to go to school they want to see what you've done in terms of teaching, developing and growing players," Smart said. "We've been really fortunate, inside backer and outside backer, to put a lot of guys at the next level."

NUMBERS TO KNOW

SEC East titles for Georgia

After coming off a 34-7 win against Florida and a Kentucky loss to Mississippi State on Oct. 30, Georgia has clinched the SEC East and will make an appearance in Atlanta for the SEC Championship. The Bulldogs' upcoming SEC Championship appearance on Dec. 4 will be their fourth championship appearance in five years and their ninth ever. Georgia will look to improve to 4-5 against SEC West opponents in SEC Championship games.

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Points allowed by the Georgia defense

The Georgia defense continued its dominance against Florida, holding the Gators to only seven points. Through eight games, the Bulldogs have only allowed 53 points to opponents, the best in the nation by a large margin. The team with the second-lowest points allowed is Cincinnati with 114. Georgia's average of 6.62 points allowed per game is on pace to be less than 100 points allowed in the regular season.

Missouri's third down conversion rate

While Missouri has had a lackluster season, one thing its offense has done well is convert on third down. The Tigers have faced 115 third downs this season and have moved the chains on 56 of those occasions. In order for the Bulldogs to be successful on defense, they will have to force Missouri into long third down situations that are difficult to convert.

48.7

989

Rushing yards for Tyler Badie

Georgia has faced two difficult tests in a row in the run game from Kentucky's Chris Rodriguez Jr. and Florida's mix of running backs. Against Missouri, the Bulldogs will face yet another tall task in trying to limit the damage done by Tyler Badie. Badie ranks fourth in the nation in total rushing yards with 989 on the season, averaging 123.6 yards per game.

Consecutive wins over Missouri

Since Missouri joined the SEC in 2012, it has faced the Bulldogs a total of nine times. In those nine matchups, Georgia has come away the winner eight times. The Tigers' lone win over the Bulldogs came in 2013 when they beat Georgia 41-26 on their way to an SEC East title. Missouri has struggled against the Bulldogs since 2013, losing seven straight matchups.

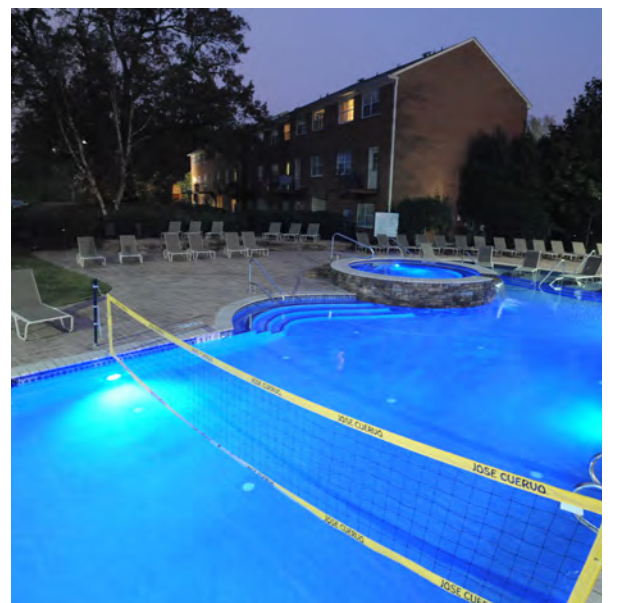
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