

Argus Correction Policy

The Argus aims to be careful and thorough with our reporting, as well as transparent with our readers if our work needs to be amended. We are student journalists, and while we try our best to be diligent and accurate with our coverage, sometimes mistakes slip through the cracks. As soon as we are made aware of an error in one of our articles, we promise to take swift and responsible action to correct it on our website, which holds all of the coverage in our print edition. There is no limit to how long after an article's publication we can issue corrections. With that in mind, we welcome our readers to contact section editors and the editors-in-chief about any errors that make their way into the paper. The best way to do this is to email editors [individually](#) or email the editors-in-chief at argus@wesleyan.edu.

If we need to run a correction or a clarification, the editors-in-chief will issue a formal statement at the bottom of the online article that will inform readers of what is being changed, how we are making the change, and our rationale for the change. A **correction** will be issued if there is a factual inaccuracy or a misspelling of a proper noun within the article. A **clarification** will be issued if we come to a realization that our original language, though factually correct, leaves some ambiguity or room for misinterpretation. The editors may also issue a clarification if they wish to add a comment from an additional source which they feel is necessary for the article's comprehensibility, or if there has been noteworthy reporting since the time of publication that will make the article more factually accurate. In case of a substantial correction, the editors-in-chief, if they deem it appropriate, may also issue an editor's note in the print version of the paper explaining the update.

If a misspelled word (not a proper noun) or a minor grammatical error which does not impede the facts of the article make it past our copy-desk and is published, the editors-in-chief may permit a section editor to make the change on the digital version without issuing a formal correction at the end of the article. This does not include a significant change in syntax or re-writing—such a case would require a clarification. If factually inaccurate information makes it on one of our social media platforms, the editors-in-chief may delete the original post and must issue a formal correction through that platform that acknowledges the mistake and rectifies it. For a developing story, a formal notice on the digital version of how the story has been changed will not be necessary. Instead, the editors should put a notice at the bottom of the digital article that the story is developing, followed by a time-stamp when the story has last been updated.