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WSU School of Medicine professor faces sexual assault allegations

Sarah Cavender

News Writer

Dayton physician Arun Aggarwal is under an investigation for two accusations of sexual assault.

In December of 2013 and August of 2014, he allegedly touched the breasts of two female teenage patients at Dayton Children's Hospital. His work with Dayton Children's was tied to a contract with the WSU School of Medicine.

Aggarwal, who taught as an associate professor at WSU School of Medicine, was hired in June of 2013 as a non-tenure track faculty member. With a background specializing in pediatrics and gastroenterology, he became Director of Motility within the Division of Gastroenterology and Nutrition in September of 2014.

A 2013 performance evaluation of Aggarwal described him as "a very welcomed and valuable member of the GI team and member of our faculty." The review continued with statements regarding how Aggarwal became a "very good clinician" and praised his teaching abilities with residents and students.

In June of 2015, Aggarwal took three weeks of parental leave, according to a Personnel Action Form, and received a letter from the WSU School of Medicine later that month, which stated he would be placed on administrative leave due to the complaint and investigation.

His position was terminated from Dayton Children's for not renewing his clinical privileges on Sept. 4.

WSU followed with a termination letter of his assistant professor position, citing his termination was for not serving in a clinical role, which violated the offer agreement. The letter also stated, "Pursuant to the H1B regulations, as the H1B employer we are liable for the reasonable costs of return transportation to your last country of residence."

Aggarwal is currently suing the university over his termination. The Medical School was contacted for more information but declined, stating, "consistent with its long established practice, the University does not comment on pending litigation."

In May 2017, Aggarwal's medical license was revoked by a state medical board. He then attempted to flee the country earlier in August, but was arrested in Washington D.C.

According to Dayton Daily News, on August 31, he was arraigned in Montgomery County Common Pleas Court and will enter a not guilty plea with a \$500,000 bond.

Black Student Union all-white icebreaker a success

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Features Writer

The Black Student Union (BSU) hosted their annual ice breaker event Saturday, Sept. 2 from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Wright State University BSU was founded in the early 70's and has been hosting the icebreaker event since the 90's.

This year's theme was an all-white affair, encouraging participants to wear white clothing, and the annual event was held to kick off the school year after the first week of classes. Although the BSU focuses on the African American student population, they're inclusive to students of all races.

The BSU is one of the big eight organizations on campus offering support to other black organizations.

"We're actually over the other black student organizations on campus. We support and promote their events to allow students to see what organizations they can get involved in," BSU secretary, Chanell Murray, explains.

The all-white theme was "basically an idea that was thrown out there that a lot of our members agreed on. We definitely generated other themes, but we figured this is the last weekend you can wear white [a no-white-after-Labor-Day fashion rule], so why not go with an all-white party," BSU secretary Murray said.

Most students showed up in all-white outfits, but others found ways to incorporate white into their attire, following the all-white theme. Students spent the night dancing and listening to music while socializing with peers.

"It's the beginning of the semester and I always like to start off by having fun with my friends. While supporting the Black Student Union, I thought all-white theme was cool, that's what brought me out," WSU junior, Jordan Frazier, said.

The BSU hosts other events throughout the year. "I love going out to what BSU puts on. They have great events every year, I'm really excited to see what they have in store," Frazier said.

"To the Bone" movie review

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"To the Bone" is the new Netflix original movie that shows the insights and dark reality of anorexia.

The heart-wrenching movie tells the story of Ellen, played by Lily Collins, who is a 20-year-old struggling with anorexia, along with depression and family issues.

Ellen has spent most of her teenage life being taken from one recovery program to the other, each time leaving a little thinner and a little more detached from life itself.

There is one last hope though, in a group home for youths with an unconventional doctor who has an odd way of treating patients, played by Keanu Reeves, and it might just do the job to recover Ellen of her anorexia.

While spending her time at the home, she falls in love with a boy named Luke.

At the group home, we find that Ellen's amazing art could be the reason as to why she is wasting away, and is convinced that nothing will help.

When she thinks there is no longer anything at the home for her, she leaves with her mom to Phoenix, where she loses herself in the desert and has an eye-opening dream. She's dead and she is looking at this image of skin and bones lying on the sand and is disgusted, upset and every emotion floods her body.

Ellen wakes, to find that she is still alive but barely hanging on and returns to the group home, where we leave her.

"To the Bone" is super emotional, you will find yourself crying at the different encounters she has with her family and her new love, and also from what is causing her so much pain.

Yet, we still see the dark humor throughout which is different for a concept and topic that is this serious.

I would tell you to watch it, it's an interesting and different take on a controversial topic that we find hard to stomach, and that many people don't like to talk about. Learn a little more about the dark reality of anorexia.

WSU trans* population and resources

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Features Editor

Currently there are a number of resources available for trans* students on campus.

The trans umbrella includes any individual who is not a part of “traditional” expectations of gender and roles in society. An example would be a non-binary individual, meaning they could identify as both a man and a woman (bigender), a different gender (genderqueer) or no gender (agender).

Director of LGBTQA Affairs Petey Peterson uses they/them/their pronouns, and is serving in their third academic year.

"From my perspective in this role, I probably interact with work with support engage with a solid 30-40 trans students," Peterson said.

These are the students that utilize campus resources. "There's obviously more folks who fall under the trans umbrella who never feel the need to access our resources who I may never get to meet. Maybe they aren't out on this campus. I would say we probably have in the hundreds of trans folks on this campus, maybe even more."

A campus wide LGBTQA+ needs assessment will be launched this year, according to Peterson. This assessment will provide concrete data needed to progress in the future.

Wright State is taking steps to make sure trans* students will have any needed services, advice and resources they can offer.

The implementation of gender inclusive housing means students can request special housing related to gender identity or sexuality. Once a student requests this form of housing, specific questions will be asked of their chosen name and pronouns, and contacted by Residential Life and Housing.

The suite style housing means there does not have to be an LGBTQA floor.

"It worked out, we have not heard any major complaints yet," Peterson said. "We're gonna grow that to be more efficient next fall and we're gonna work on a similar model for returning students."

It is more common for a negative event or action to happen at a university where the college will then implement some sort of LGBTQA resource, according to Peterson.

“I think the first step that WSU took in the right direction was committing to starting the office of LGBTQA affairs,” Peterson said. “We were founded in Jan. of 2015 and Wright State did that proactively, they did it because students organized and worked for student government and basically wrote a proposal for more space that kind of led instead to an office.”

The all gender restrooms on campus resulted from a conversation with the vice president of student affairs and the director of the student union. It was as simple as changing the sign, Peterson said.

“Instead of stick figures it shows you what’s in there so maybe if you don’t wanna go into a restroom with a urinal, you know that’s what you’re walking into and you can choose. Everyone has informed consent now.”

The use of all gender bathrooms shows commitment to diversity and inclusion at WSU, according to Peterson.

“We are probably one of the only universities in the country that has an all gender multi stall restroom. Most campuses when they have gender neutral or all gender restrooms, they are single occupancy.”

Although Wright State is making strides, improvements can still be made.

“I think we could do a lot better in finally implementing name change processes and communicating that to the campus,” Peterson said. “I would definitely love to see in every major building on campus a set of all gender multi stall restrooms, and in addition to that us doing a better job communicating needs to campus. I think the biggest gap is really around pronouns. It’s new for a lot of folks. They’ve never had to practice that or introduce themselves with pronouns, it takes a lot of education and outreach.”

For a list of resources for trans* students as well as other students who are looking to become more informed, you can go to the [WSU LGBTQA website](#).

Fairborn to host first Raider Race

Lucas Gonzalez, Kevin Jones

The first Raider Race will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., where participants race through the city of Fairborn and complete various challenges.

It is a “beefed up scavenger hunt, like The Amazing Race,” Mary Beth Reser of the Wilderness Agency said. The Wilderness Agency is the marketing agency for the city of Fairborn, where they are helping the city create, form and market the event.

The contest will be composed of teams and individuals. Those who are more competitive will be placed in one of the 30 teams of four.

First place wins a trophy, a prize package and #BraggingWrights. If you do not win first, there are prizes handed out throughout the entire game.

Heath Marker, a senior who will be competing, is looking forward to positive energy and competition at Raider Race. Marker has competed in similar events such as the Great Dayton Adventure Race and other small-scale scavenger hunts, often with his friend Doug Benedict, a junior.

Another Wright State junior, Katie Howard will be competing on a team that she assembled with her friends. Her team is not competing to win prizes, but simply for the satisfaction of winning. Howard's interest in Raider Race came from curiosity.

"I really hope it's going to be a high-energy event," Howard said.

This year, Wright State University in Fairborn will be celebrating its 50th year as an independent institution. In celebration of 50 years of Raider pride, Wright State has collaborated with the city of Fairborn on the evolution of the Raider Race, believing it will help its students become more familiar with the city of Fairborn.

The incoming students, who mostly reside in Fairborn, can come out and see what the city has to offer in a fun-game like way.

The route will begin at Central Park at noon, then continue through downtown Fairborn and then eventually wrap back around and finish at Central Park.

The point of Raider Race is to “test their courage, strength and wit in fun ways.” To learn more about the event, view the [website](#) or contact the Wilderness Agency at (937) 931-3011.

Avoiding the 'Freshman 15'

Sarah Bezich

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When going to college, it can sometimes be hard for students, especially freshmen, to adjust. It's one of the first steps of independence in most people's lives. One thing that can be hard to manage are eating habits.

Colleges offer meal plans that give students easy access to a wide range of food, but some people abuse it.

"I gained a little bit of weight when I first started college, and I think it happens because you're away from home for the first time and you've got control of your own food, and you're eating whatever you want. Especially with the meal plan, you get "free" food, so it's hard not to eat as much as you possibly can," Wright State junior Bret Miller said.

Even athletes who held great physiques in high school can become victims of increased body weight. Freshman Anthony Grunkemeyer expressed that people who played sports in high school had certain eating habits, but when they go to college and are not playing sports, they don't change their eating habits to reflect their new level of activity.

Some students say they have experienced the 'Freshman 15' during their first year of college, others have come forward to call it a myth and debunk it.

An article called "The Myth of the Freshman 15," by Peter Janiszewski shared his story by saying he did not notice any significant increase in body weight during his first year of college.

"If anything, the initial stress of being away from home, the foreign environment, the increased academic workload, being forced to eat cafeteria food instead of my mother's delicious cooking actually caused me to drop a few pounds," Janiszewski said.

Janiszewski concluded it's more of a "Freshman 2" than a "Freshman 15".

As hard as it may be for some people to avoid weight gain, there are ways to swerve around it. Consider avoiding any late-night meals.

Normally, your body is doing less activity and burning less calories as you get ready for good night's sleep. Also, make healthier choices when it comes to the food the college provides for students. Think about skipping out on the Mountain Dew and replacing it with a water or sweet tea and give yourself some time to work out a few times a week.

Wright State provides a great workout room at the Student Union, take advantage of it!

Your education shouldn't put a burden on your health. Always keep time open for yourself.

Stop syllabus shock in its track with these tips

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Features Editor

When it's only week two of the year, it can be overwhelming to be handed a list of every single assignment you are responsible for through the semester and start planning ahead immediately.

"When students examine all course requirements at once, it can be overwhelming and sometimes cause students to be unmotivated, anxious, and depressed," according to WSU alum and current Developmental Advising Specialist at West Virginia University, Colton Metzger.

"By reviewing one syllabus at a time, students will be focusing on the information in smaller, more manageable portions. Taking small breaks between reviewing syllabi will help clear the mind and reduce anxiety," Metzger said. "Additionally, students will be more likely to retain information gained from the syllabi based on the fact they are reviewing the information in smaller portions and examining each syllabus with a fresh perspective."

Metzger recommends if you start to feel overwhelmed while planning your assignments for the semester, you should take a break and focus on deep breathing techniques and calm thoughts. He believes planning ahead will keep things less hectic throughout the rest of the semester.

"Simply having a plan in place at the beginning of the semester increases organization and structure throughout the semester. That said, I do believe writing down important deadlines within the first week is important to the overall success of the semester," Metzger said.

It is crucial to take it one syllabus at a time so that you focus on each class and absorb what you are reading, according to Metzger.

"Writing down the deadlines should only be done after review of each individual syllabus and a small break. This allows adequate time to understand and process all coursework expectations for the semester and create the weekly and semester plans with a positive, logical outlook," he said.

"The Good Doctor": a must-watch for this fall

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If you're looking for a new show to follow this fall while inside on a cool night, try "The Good Doctor"

This show comes to ABC on Sept. 25, it stars Freddie Highmore as Shaun Murphy, better known as Norman Bates from Bates Motel.

He plays a young surgeon with autism and savant syndrome, and relocates from a quiet country to join a prestigious surgical unit.

Using his medical gifts, he saves lives and defies the odds in his challenging career and skeptic colleagues.

This series was announced as parts of ABC's fall lineup, and will air Monday, 10/9c, according to the ABC website.

The other new shows coming to ABC include The Mayor, Kevin Probably Saves the World, Marvel Inhumans and Ten Days in the Valley.

The "Good Doctor" is the first to start this fall lineup, so grab a hot drink and a comfy seat and watch some good television.

Student Success Center works to fight enrollment loss

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University enrollment is down 1.8 percent, according to information revealed by the Dayton Business Journal.

This information comes not long after the school had a \$31 million budget cut to programs, positions and other spending.

The Student Success Center is working to increase retention at the university, and employs hundreds at their tutoring and writing center. The center also houses advising offices and centers for math and writing.

"There are challenges in different pockets," said Tim Littell, executive director of Student Success and Associate Dean. "We've had increases in our college credit plus program, the high school students taking college credits, there has been a decrease in transfer students, and slight decrease in continuing college students and new students."

Littell cites the number of returning students as one of his priorities in the work his department is doing. In his time at the university, Littell has seen the percent of retention rise from 59 percent to around 67 percent over the last several years.

"I'm excited and optimistic about the future," Littell said, referring to the changes in budget planning and the new president.

There was a 15 percent reduction in the Student Success Center when their budget was created.

"We had to prioritize programs and services, saying what are the most important things that we do for students in the life of the academy that gets them to complete courses and gets them to stay enrolled to come back," Littell said. "For us was targeting tutoring that students need the most help with. And academic advising. Good advising will result in good retention and good course completion."

The Success Center is working toward creating more efficient ways to combine courses that are developmental and their core major courses. Along with the course improvements, the center has started to make advising more centralized and balance the caseloads.

“What we need to get better at is the processes in which these folk work. I’m convinced that the things that don’t work well at Wright State aren’t because of the people; it’s because the processes we developed are old or don’t work as efficiently as they could,” Littell said.

Women's soccer beats St. Bonaventure 3-0

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Sports Editor

The Wright State women’s soccer team dominated St. Bonaventure, winning 3-0 at home Thursday, Sept. 31. It was WSU’s third win of the season, and their first win on their home turf.

The Raiders came into this game looking for their first win at home after their last home match ended in a double OT loss to Western Michigan.

Wright State took the lead early with a goal by senior Sarah Colvin, with an assist from junior Aaliyah Patten.

The Raiders closed out the first half with another goal. Freshman Brittney Petrosky bounced an impressive header into the net for the first goal of her college career, assisted by Monica Hennen.

WSU finished the first half with nine shots, while holding St. Bonaventure to five.

The Raiders held their moment in the second half. Wright State took 14 shots in the final 45 minutes of play, while holding St. Bonaventure to only four.

Sophomore goaltender Maddie Jewell shut out St. Bonaventure by not allowing a single goal, and blocking four shots.

Wright State ended the game with 23 shots on goal, a season high, while only allowing St. Bonaventure to take nine shots the entire match.

4Paws for Ability to welcome 19 dogs to campus this fall

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A total of 19 new 4Paws for Ability service dogs-in-training will be on campus by mid-September.

This is the most Wright State has ever had at one time, according to 4Paws WSU President Desirae Vance. The previous record of 4Paws dogs on campus was 12.

Currently about six dogs are on campus, including Vance's foster Romeo. This semester, about 66 handling members will be joining 4Paws WSU. This includes fosters, co-fosters, handlers, co-handlers and sitters.

4Paws for Ability is located in Xenia, Ohio and is a nonprofit that works with colleges and universities across Ohio and Kentucky to give students the opportunity to socialize service dogs-in-training. Each college program has its own process of applying, and its own rules for handling the dogs, although most of the rules are the same for all volunteers.

The dogs will live with students for the semester or longer, depending on what 4Paws has planned for their future. From there, dogs may continue with their socialization, go through evaluations for advanced training, or even get a career change, which means they will be adopted out as a "regular" pet.

4Paws service dogs-in-training can go almost anywhere a service dog can go in public, including classes, excluding science labs. These dogs have become a common sighting around Fairborn.

Visit 4PawsforAbility.org to learn more about how you can get involved, or apply to be a handling member for 4 Paws WSU on OrgSync for the upcoming semester.

Wright State golf team names new head coach

Brian Patch

Sports Editor

Brian Arlinghaus, the assistant coach from last year's Wright State's golf team, was promoted after head coach Pete Samborsky stepped down this summer.

Arlinghaus came to WSU in 2015, where he previously served as the head golf coach at Miami University-Hamilton. While coaching there, he met coach Samborsky while trying to help Chris Ross, a player on the team, transfer to a school with division one golf.

"I got in touch with coach Samborsky because I heard he was looking for a player," Arlinghaus said. "So I put him in touch with Chris Ross, and he eventually decided to offer Chris a spot on the Wright State team."

Arlinghaus and Samborsky were randomly paired together at a golf tournament they were competing in. After the tournament, Arlinghaus was offered the job as an assistant head coach at WSU.

"I was more than thrilled at the opportunity," Arlinghaus said. "It's kind of crazy how Chris came to Wright State from Miami University-Hamilton and then I came after him."

After being the assistant coach for two years, Arlinghaus was the prime candidate to take over when Samborsky decided to step down.

"I am really excited," Arlinghaus said. "There are a lot of challenges and a lot of work that needs to be done, but at the same time it's a great opportunity for these players to make an impact on the school and community by taking this program to where it needs to be."

For many teams, a new coach may signal a rebuilding year, but with Arlinghaus being very familiar with these players, the goal is nothing short of a competitive season.

"Our goal is to win our conference championship, and go to the NCAA tournament," Arlinghaus said. "We have a very good schedule in the fall and the spring, and if we achieve our personal goals we will in turn achieve our team goals".

The WSU golf team opens their season on Sep. 5 at the Crusader Collegiate event in Chesterton, Indiana.

Sushi Do now open for business

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Sushi Do, located in the previous location of Jamba Juice in the Student Union, is now open for business.

The decision to do away with Jamba Juice was prompted by decreased student interest, as well as input from the student body itself, according to Amber Reading, Director of Marketing of Hospitality Services.

The results of surveys conducted by Hospitality Services revealed the majority of the student body sought healthier food options than those provided by Jamba Juice.

Initially, the proposed replacement for Jamba Juice was Freshens. However, “due to the space and configuration needed to properly implement the brand, it was determined that Freshens would not be the best option for this location,” Reading said.

Sushi Do is able to utilize the available space, and has been a partner of the university for four years. For these reasons, Sushi Do was the best option to take over the space, according to Reading.

The options provided by Sushi Do will be introduced in phases.

In phase one, which is currently active, Sushi Do will offer the same grab-n-go sushi rolls previously available in The Hanger and Union Market, but with additional selections as well.

Phase two options are expected to include hot cuisine.

Sushi Do is located toward the entrance of the Student Union closest to the Union Market. Its hours of operations are Monday - Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Discounts for a college student on a budget

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Fortunately for college students, many businesses offer student discounts on things like food, technology, insurance and entertainment.

Fast food restaurants including Buffalo Wild Wings, Arby's, Subway, Dairy Queen, Pizza Hut, Burger King and Waffle House offer 10 percent off of purchases.

Chick-fil-A offers a free small drink with any purchase. McDonald's offers a free cheeseburger or McFlurry with the purchase of a value meal. Chipotle offers a free small drink with any burrito purchase. Show your student ID at these locations to take advantage of the perks of being a WSU student.

For Spotify music listeners, the app offers 50 percent off a premium account, which offers students the ability to enjoy their music without the ads, and download playlists for approximately \$4.99 per month. The regular Spotify account is free, which is what most listeners prefer, even though it has ads and only plays music by shuffle.

The New York Times newspaper has 50 percent off of print subscriptions, and The Wall Street Journal offers a subscription for one dollar a week for 15 weeks, which is roughly six papers per week. Newspapers and magazines are also available at the library where patrons can check out older issues and read current issues at the library.

Certain businesses around campus, such as Gigi's Cupcakes, accept Wright1 card swipes and meal plans as a form of payment.

Different businesses have different rules and variations about their student discounts. Always make sure to ask your local businesses about any additional discounts they might offer and double check on the rules and requirements.

Tips to finding the best in-class snacks to keep you going

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Features Editor

One of the many struggles in college is finding the energy to get through the day.

Dr. Laura Rouhana teaches Biology of Food at Wright State. Although she notes she is not a registered dietitian nutritionist, she keeps up with research in nutrition to use her findings as a scientist.

In order to get needed nutrition and energy to power their mind and body throughout the day, students might have no choice but to snack.

Although it is tempting to grab the sweetest snacks you see for a quick energy boost, a crash is inevitable and it can lead to you feeling more lethargic each day.

“Ideal snacks should be nourishing and satisfying, providing a mix of carbohydrates, protein and fats as well as vitamins, minerals, and health-promoting phytochemicals,” Rouhana said. “To keep energy levels up, there should be a blend of nutrients in the snack that provide both quick and longer-term sources of energy along with those that contribute to fullness.”

The most common snack Rouhana sees are different types of granola bars. Granola bars are commonly seen as a healthy snack, but this isn't always true.

“If you are eating a bar-type snack, the number one concern is to check the sugar level and possibly switch to another brand. I also believe there is enough scientific evidence at this point to especially avoid items sweetened with a high fructose syrup.”

Candy and chips, which are commonly eaten in class, are considered a "no" to Rouhana.

“For candy, someone eating a few squares of dark chocolate is OK,” Rouhana said. “Otherwise, a bag of gummies doesn't count as fruit. Also, chips and other crunchy things in class are a no out of courtesy to those sitting near you.”

While many students don't know how they'd get by without small snacks during the day, there are conflicting arguments as to whether snacking is deemed okay.

“It is debatable among nutrition experts whether or not one should snack at all,” Rouhana said. “At the extremes, some advice promotes eating two to three meals a day with no snacking, and the opposite advice is that people are best served by eating only small, snack-sized portions of healthy food throughout the day.”

Pay attention to your body, and you will find a routine that gives you energy for class, work and homework.

"I think people know best for themselves whether or not they are feeling healthy," Rouhana said. "They need to take the initiative to find the types of food and eating routine that allow them to feel optimal in both brain and body as they go throughout their day."

WSU Basketball player Ryan Custer returns home

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Wright State basketball player Ryan Custer returned home for the first time since his accident in April, where he shattered his vertebrae at a party in Oxford, OH. Custer was welcomed home at the airport by numerous family members and friends.

Custer and his family have endured nearly five months of surgeries, intense therapy and uncertainty. Custer visited multiple hospitals, and was even a part of a stem cell research study at Rush University in Chicago.

During his time away from home he was visited frequently from friends, including WSU basketball players and head coach Scott Nagy.

The support from his team and Wright State University as a whole has helped him through the toughest of times, according to Custer.

“They’ve been incredible. The students, the athletic director, the team, they’ve all been incredibly supportive and have been there for me throughout these few months,” Custer said. “I get texts from the team everyday asking how I’m doing. I’ve even gotten cards from people I’ve never met wishing me well. It all means a lot to me.”

Ryan’s journey does not end here, and will begin more physical therapy at Good Samaritan Hospital in Clifton, OH in the coming weeks. Custer plans to stay positive and continue to be the best he can be.

“I just plan to work as hard as I can,” he said. “I just want to stay positive and work as hard as I can. Now that I’m back home I want to do stuff that I used to do, and just do stuff that any 19-year-old would do”.

Wright State drone policy still in the works

Lucas Gonzalez

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The Wright State University Police Department is working with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) to devise a comprehensive policy regarding the usage of drones on campus. The policy is still in draft form, and has not been officially released to the public.

“Our policy has to jive with the Air Force Base’s policy,” Chief of Police David A. Finnie said. Some rules in the drone policy have yet to be defined, according to Finnie.

It is believed drones may be limited to an altitude of 400 feet, but this has not been confirmed. WPAFB will determine whether the rules and regulations of the police department’s draft policy are sufficient to ensure safe usage of unmanned aircraft.

The policy may allow law enforcement to use drones as a tool for their investigations.

Drones with video footage capabilities could assist police with locating missing persons, analyzing crime scenes and surveying an area. However, “drones would not be used to interfere with the operations of the institution or violate privacy to the community,” Finnie said.

The specifics of the policy remain unclear. The police department will continue to work with WPAFB to devise a set of regulations to ensure safety for the community.