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**February 23** – An officer patrolling University Park observed suspicious behavior from two male students and one female student; one male student walked away while the other two remained when the officer approached. The remaining male student hid an object under his coat. The student had a half-empty pack of beer and officers smelled alcohol on his breath. The student said he was 21, but had no I.D. except his Social Security Number which officers used to discover he was 20. The female student carried a plastic bag of beer cans. The female said she was 19 and had a couple of beers earlier. When asked about the other male student's identity, the female said he was her boyfriend, but didn't know his last name, his car or what he wore.

The remaining male student had

an address for the other male student. The female and her boyfriend were cited for underage drinking; the other male was cited for underage drinking, disorderly conduct and falsification.

**February 24** – An officer saw a male student in the driver's seat of a car throw several McDonald's bags and trash onto the ground, but could not identify which student was the driver because he was too far away. Officers approached to speak to the males about the trash and one admitted to driving the car from an off-campus party. The students smelled like alcohol and one carried a backpack filled with beer. The officers watched the students pour the beer out and issued citations for underage drinking.

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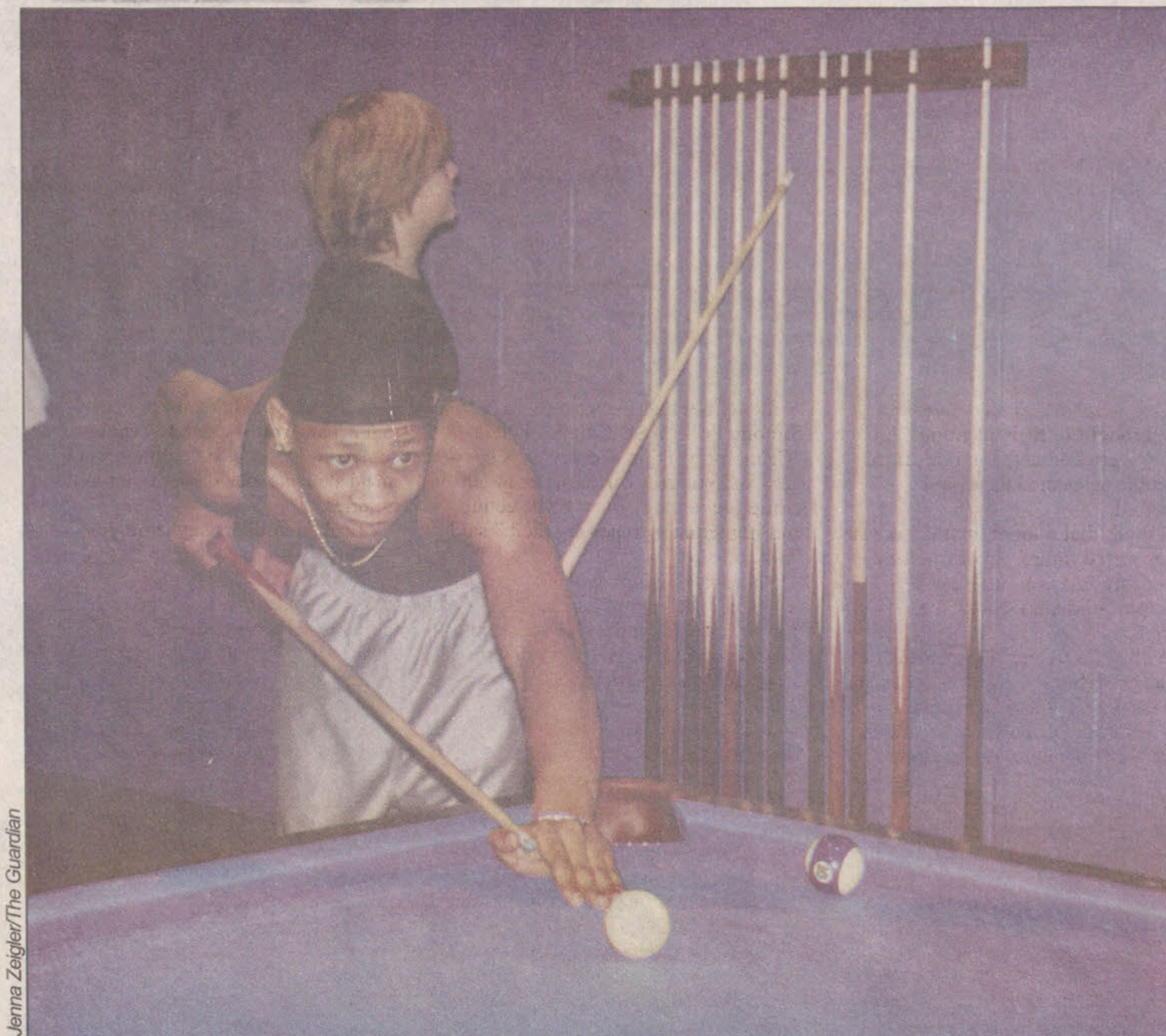
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Billy Cameron plays pool at WSU's fun day for the Building Bridges Program of the Montgomery County Courts.



# Bed bugs still a problem

## ■ Meadow Run would not comment on continuing problem

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Apartments at Meadow Run have had a bed bug problem since last year and students say it's still a re-occurring issue.

The apartments on Duncan Drive, off Zink Road, have had continuing problems with the bed bugs, although there are monthly pest inspections. Meadow Run declined to comment when contacted.

"The students aren't told there are bed bugs unless one of the students get the bed bugs and tell everyone else," senior Allen Cline said. He also said that this is a problem because the bed bugs travel throughout the apartments and get into furniture and clothes.

Students may find out that there is a bed bug problem in their apartment complex and have to remove all their items in their apartment, but upon returning to their apartment the bug problem still had not been fixed. Cline believes that the problem persists because there are some students that share furniture from apartment to apartment and because of dumpster

diving.

"It makes you not want to be in your apartment and want to move out," senior Michael Smith said.

Nicholas Thomas is another student that has had bed bug issues. When he found out there was a bed bug problem in a nearby apartment, he was disappointed. "I thought that the problem would not keep reoccurring but it has," Nicholas said.

Students say that they are not informed by anyone when there may be a problem. "What I don't get is how people that keep their apartment clean keep getting the bed bug," Cline said.

He also thinks that Meadow Run is not doing enough to get rid of the reoccurring problem.

"I think that it is a terrible situation to be in and something should be done," junior Jessica Smith said.

"If I had a big bug problem in my apartment and nothing was being done to solve it, I would have to move," junior Eric Thomas said.

Dan Bertos, the Director of Residence Services, said that they do inform residents if a situation may affect them. There was a bed bug problem last year at Springwood Lane on the on-campus of the Boston apartments and Residence Services sent an inspection crew that was able to solve that issue quickly, said Bertos.

The crew targeted the area where the students said that there was a bug

problem and was able to detain the bug issue successfully and resolve the issue quickly.

"If there was a bed bug problem, as was in Boston in the fall, we contact all residents so they can watch for any pest," Bertos explained.

He also said, "For example, broken pipes in the fire sprinkler system might cause water damage in other apartments, so we contact students so they can watch for any water problems."



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# Many campus thefts attributed to unlocked doors

## ■ Some students living on campus have suspected maintenance for thefts

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Theft in residential dormitories and apartments on campus is mostly due to students not locking their doors, said John Crawford, Director of Facilities for AM Management.

Crawford denies that theft is due to AM Management employees. AM Management maintains on-campus housing, and several theft victims have blamed AM, according to police reports.

No employees have ever been fired by AM Management on suspected theft, but one summer contractor was fired in the summer of 2006 when

missing items in several apartments were brought to their attention. All parties were contacted and informed about the suspected theft, said Crawford.

"I think that a lot of theft is because of unsecured units," said Crawford. "Doors are left unlocked and we can't force (the students) to lock their doors."

In 2007, WSU had eight recorded instances of burglary down from nine in 2006. In 2004 and 2005, there were three instances of burglary, according to the WSU's annual security report.

Theft in the residential housing is attributed by both police and maintenance to the amount of electronics brought in by students including laptops, iPods, televisions, stereo equipment and more. Apartments on campus hold more valuable things because those students are more likely to stay on-campus during breaks and weekends.

"Crime prevention is a pattern of attitudes and behaviors directed at

reducing the threat of crime," said Simone Polk, WSU Chief of Police. "Crime prevention is everyone's business and students can assist us in our crime prevention efforts by detecting and immediately reporting theft," said Polk.

Since the beginning of Winter quarter, there was no reports classified as theft in the residential area on campus, but several instances of "missing property," according to the WSU police's Daily Case Log.

Security concerns Residential Services, the WSU Police and AM Management, who are considering ways to improve security in residential areas more prone to theft like the Woods, a section of nine dormitories mostly used by freshmen students. One solution presented was gating the community residences.

All of these are just possibilities right now, said Crawford.

Despite locks on all doors and bedrooms in WSU on-campus apartments, Crawford estimates that it's a "50-50

chance" a door will be unlocked when maintenance must come to repair something. The WSU police recommend students lock doors, even in dormitories.

"Lock your doors any time you leave your room, including just going down the hall to the restroom," said Polk. "Contact Residence Services if there is a problem with the doors, locks, windows and screens of your room."

Employees go through extensive background checks, they must sign an agreement, we check police records, sometimes credit reports and they must pass a drug test, said Crawford. AM Management also hires summer contractors who must go through the same tests.

AM Management does not hire any grounds or custodial staff, only maintenance staff and summer contractors for summer maintenance. WSU provides all ground and custodial staff needed for residences.



# International students rate WSU

## ■ Faculty and academics set WSU apart

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International students ranked teaching and research quality as the two most important factors for deciding to study here and recommendations and friends the two least important factors for deciding to study here.

International students were surveyed fall quarter about their satisfaction with choice of destination, application, and the university experience including arrival, orientation, learning, living and support.

The University Center for International Education (UCIE) released the results of the survey, International Student Barometer, conducted by i-graduate International Insight, to various university departments Wednesday Feb. 27, in an effort to improve the international experience "from beginning to end."

The survey is a benchmarking tool to see how Wright State compares and how it can compete. "Little by little, our efforts include networking with other departments. If other departments are aware of the needs of international students and of the cultural differences, they may be more prone to help out," said Claudia Espinoza, UCIE Director of International Student Recruitment and Alumni Relations.

Out of 607 international students on campus, 109 participated, representative of the international student body, said Michelle Streeter-Ferrari, UCIE director.

"A lot of this is based on percep-

tion. Also, a lot of its expectations," said Ferrari.

The results were taken from a second wave of surveys. The first wave was summer 2007.

UCIE has been very supportive of the students, said Ragu Mungara of the Indian Student Association. He said his international experience has been great. "I see a lot of new life in the UCIE this year."

The i-graduate survey also ranked the university website and friends as the two most common factors for helping international students choose Wright State.

Other results showed technology and employability were considered very important to learning this time of year. However, while technology had excellent satisfaction, employability

Multicultural experience is an issue. "That's really something we're trying to push. There's still a lot we can do to get them more integrated," said Ferrari.

Internet access and safety were rated most important to the living experience. Similar friends and worship facilities were rated least important. Internet access related to living had excellent satisfaction and transportation links and financial support were given low satisfaction.

Living satisfaction improved in all areas since summer except sports and worship facilities. As more schools set benchmarks, Wright State will have to work harder because everyone will be raising the bar, said Ferrari.

The support of the international office and the Student Union also had

campus wide effort to have the needs of students met," said Espinoza.

Student life, recreation aspects like the gym, new friends are things Mungara likes about Wright State. "I don't feel like something is missing."

To improve the international experience, UCIE is working on a strategic fundraising plan for the first time and other efforts. "We've made a huge push in terms of customer service and really valuing every student that comes through the door," said Ferrari.

Other efforts also include the fall quarter open house, fireside chat, customer service retreat and surveys. Wright-Patt was invited to come to UCIE to open accounts with international students and Social Security administration was invited for processing, said Ferrari.

Students are now notified before they arrive of career fairs so they can plan trips accordingly and students are communicated to through e-lluminate sessions, said Espinoza. The first alumni reception in India is this March.

UCIE has good networking with other schools through the Ohio International Consortium project Study Ohio. "We don't see it as we're competing with each other. We see it as how can we compete as a state?" said Ferrari.

There are an average of 1,000 international applicants a year. In February alone, there were 250 applicants.

Based on available funding, UCIE would like to do the i-graduate survey every year.

I-graduate is an independent benchmarking and

research service that surveys more than 150 institutions in nine countries, with feedback from 250,000 students since 2005. Principally used in the United Kingdom and Australia, Ferrari said Australia is America's biggest competitor for international experience.

## How WSU Was Rated

### High Ratings

Teaching quality  
Research quality  
University website  
Technology  
Library  
Internet access  
Safety  
International office  
Student Union

### Low Ratings

Student employability  
Career advice  
Work experience  
Integration  
Transportation links  
Financial support  
Medical care  
Faith provision  
Course content

Elin Asv/The Guardian

and career advice at Wright State were given low satisfaction by the international students.

Learning satisfaction has improved in all areas since the first survey wave in summer 2007 except for academics English, course of study content and multicultural experiences.

high satisfaction.

These results indicate the importance of technology, academics and libraries to international students and the perception of safety in Ohio and Dayton, said Espinoza and Ferrari.

"It is important to note that even though this starts in our office, it is a



# Grad student runs for office

## Matthew Niesenhoff ran unopposed in the primaries

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Wright State graduate student Matthew Niesenhoff is running for the Ohio General Assembly as the democratic representative from Greene County.

He is running on a platform of education funding reform, and is also concerned about the foreclosure crisis and its effect on Ohio homeowners.

"The education funding issue has gone unaddressed for 17 years. The Ohio Supreme Court reviewed the system ten years ago and agreed the system was broken," Niesenhoff said.

He said there has been some increased funding, but the formula has not been fixed; he believes this process will take two to three years.

Under the current system, the state's schools are funded by a base amount that is complemented by local taxes. Niesenhoff believes the system is flawed because higher tax base schools get more money than schools in poorer districts.

He believes his familiarity with the models that addressed the issues in Michigan, Florida and Maryland qualifies him to address the problem here.

In Maryland, the legislature convened a commission that adjusted the funding formula to allow counties to fund the schools instead of leaving it up to the tax base, Niesenhoff said.

In Florida, citizens produced a constitutional amendment that forced legislators to address funding, Niesenhoff said. He said he would support such an amendment in Ohio if necessary, but would "prefer to let the legislature do its job."

He said the important thing is to obtain "effective, thorough and adequate funding" for schools.

Niesenhoff is also concerned with mortgage reform.

"Ohio is the number two state most affected by the mortgage crisis," he said. He supports the training for first-time homebuyers proposed by Ohio Treasurer Richard Cordray.

"Over 500 homes have been foreclosed on in Greene County," Niesenhoff said.

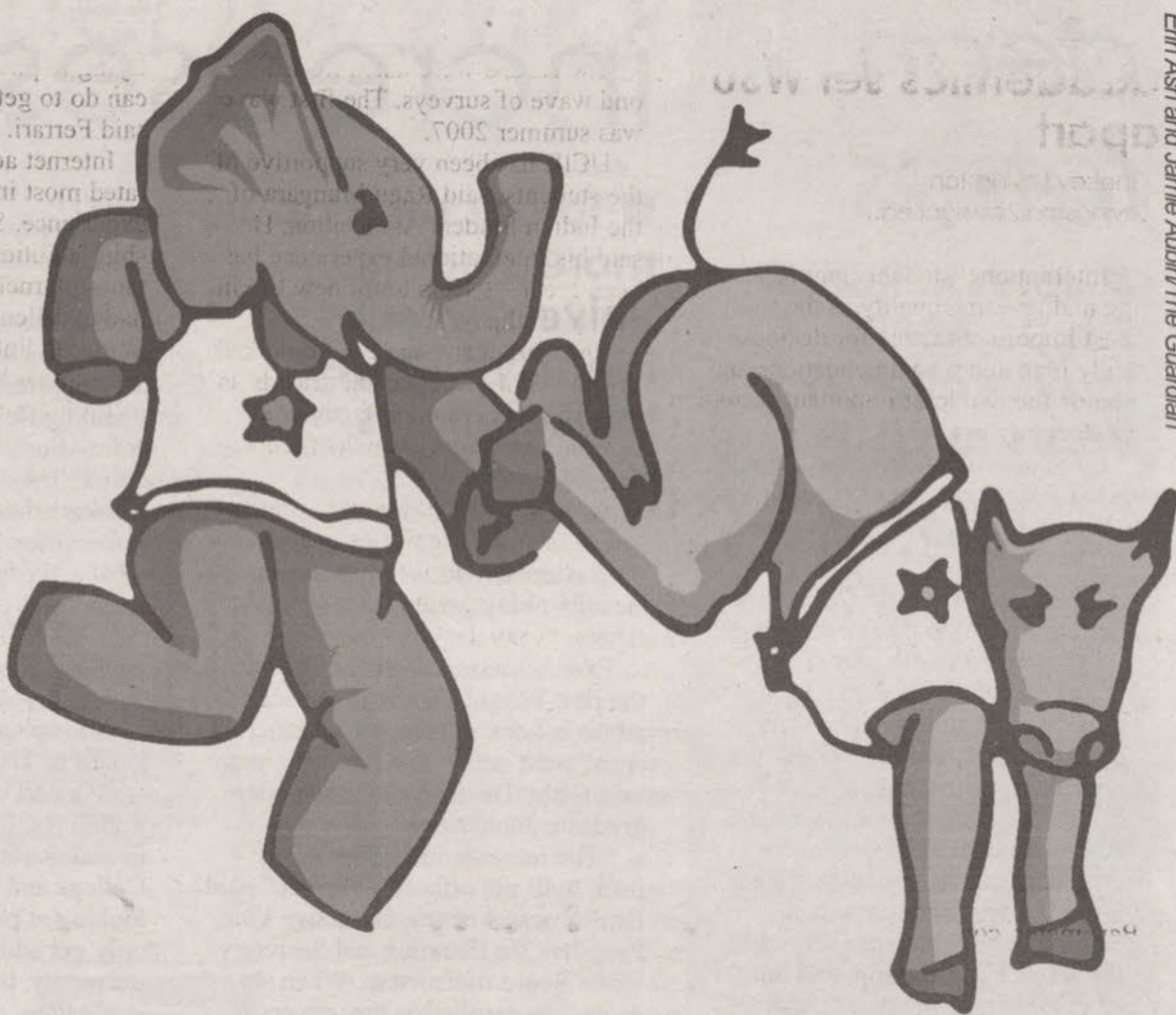
He is running unopposed in the democratic primary Tuesday, March 4,

and faces five republican opponents in the November general election.

Niesenhoff earned his bachelor's degree from Curry College in Milton, Mass. He is working toward his master's in education and a teaching license

at Wright State.

"The Ohio House is going to be changing hands this November, and having a democrat from Greene County is very important," Niesenhoff said.



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# Study abroad offered for interested students

## No foreign language required for applicants

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There is a study abroad for interested Wright State University students available for all.

When studying abroad students can take classes that count towards their degree, so that they will be able to graduate on time.

A foreign language major or minor is recommended for students, but Wright State offers many ambassador programs that are conducted in English.

"I would love to study abroad and have an opportunity to get an internship," Senior Alex Johnson said.

During the winter quarter, Vanessa Walton, Study Abroad Peer Advisor, has been offering study abroad general information sessions in the UCIE (E 190 Student Union) conference

room.

The meetings have been held every Thursday from 3-4 p.m. to inform students about studying abroad.

The meetings have given students the opportunity to hear about the programs that are offered to WSU students.

Wright State offers study abroad programs that range from three weeks to an entire year.

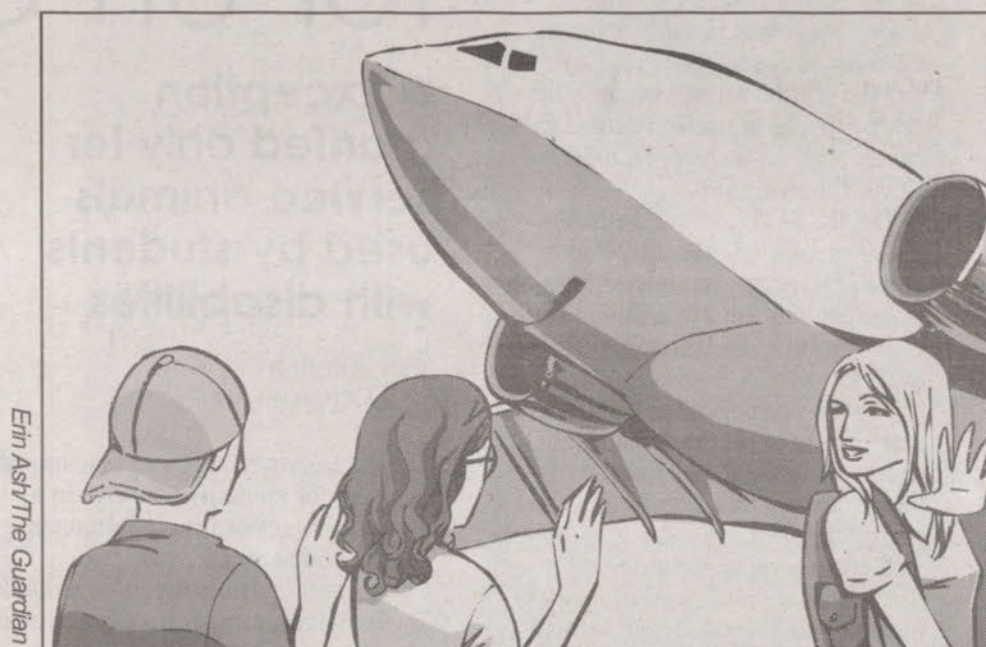
Students can study abroad in countries including France, China, or Mexico that will not only offer classes in English, but also provide extensive study of a native language.

Study abroad allows any Wright State student interested in travel and those who wish to expand their knowledge about other cultures.

"Studying abroad would be great to experience to see other cultures in the world," junior Matt Smith said.

"I always wanted to travel to Italy and to be able to go to school there would be great," Senior Ashley Miles said.

For International students at Wright



Erin Ash/The Guardian

State University the University Center for International Education (UCIE) will be offering a health insurance that should be beneficial for them during their tenure at Wright State.

A student health insurance plan is offered by Wright State to help cover hospital expenses for students who

need it.

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## SOPP dean retires

■ John R. Rudisill, P.h.D., ABPP, leaves after 29 years at WSU

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The dean of Wright State School of Professional Psychology (SOPP) has recently retired.

John R. Rudisill, P.h.D., ABPP said that he loved his job as the dean of SOPP, but the job left him with little leisure time.

"I'm looking forward to being able to have more discretionary time with my wife, family, friends, music, sports, hobbies, travel, reading, community service, editorial service and writing, and limited professional practice," Rudisill said.

He replaced Emmett Orr as dean in 2001, and has been a member of the Wright State faculty since 1997. He first worked as voluntary clinical faculty and started in 1979 as a full-time faculty member, first with the medical school and then with the SOPP since 2002.

"Dr. Rudisill did a lot for the SOPP and will surely be missed," senior John Witten said. Students all seem to agree about Rudisill.

"He will be missed because he always made himself available for students and was nice," junior Chris Johnson said.

Dr. Rudisill said that he has many great memories at Wright State University, but one of his favorites was the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of SOPP.

"I was privileged to share the platform with all the previous deans of SOPP in celebration of the history of this wonderful program," he said.

Before joining Wright State, Rudisill was chief psychologist at the Dayton Mental Health Center. He earned his bachelor's degree at Denison University and his doctorate from Indiana University.

The School of Psychology has not named a full time replacement as of yet.

## WSU intentionally increases enrollment

■ To accommodate more students, university will identify budget inefficiencies

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The number of WSU applicants is steadily rising, while tuition remains frozen.

Even with the enrollment rate on the rise, Wright State will not seek to admit fewer students, but will increase enrollment one to two percent a year, said Cathy Davis, director of undergraduate admissions.

"The increase in applicants, by itself, will not affect the budget," said Dr. Robert Sweeney, Executive Vice President for Planning and Secretary to the Board of Trustees. When students stay enrolled in the university, this helps the budget, despite the cost of tuition.

"In the last two years, our yield percentage [of admitted students who

enroll] has been 49 percent. It's actually a pretty high yield rate. Most of our competitors are lower than that," said Davis.

Yield percentage is different from normal percentage.

Once students are admitted, the Planning Department is working with Admissions to get the students to enroll. They decide how individual students should be contacted, what information to provide to them, and what activities to plan around move-in to ensure a positive experience.

"The challenge is to convert the applicants into new students," said Dr. Robert Sweeney, executive vice president for planning and secretary to the Board of Trustees.

"As part of our strategic planning initiatives, Enrollment Management, in collaboration with University College and the academic units, are looking at programs designed to not only get additional students into the university, but to improve retention, graduation, and career placement rates."

The university has been doing several things to accommodate the additional students such as identifying

inefficiencies in the budget, becoming better stewards of money, and planning.

"The enrollment growth is intentional," said Jacqueline McMillan, associate provost for Enrollment Management. "We're doing it in a strategic way so that we can manage our growth. That's our goal. As the enrollment is growing, we need to be responsive to students."

Even with more students enrolling during the tuition freeze, WSU can still come out ahead financially. Not only is the university receiving more state subsidy, but they also have tuition investment returns to utilize, as well as a budget surplus which also yields investment returns.

The cost of new students to Wright State is generally associated with contacting them. Whether students are contacted through the internet, snail mail, or by phone there are costs involved. Students can also carry greater costs when there is not room for them in the classes they need to take. It becomes costly when additional faculty members must be hired to accommodate students.

## Fish only pets allowed for on-campus residents

■ Exception granted only for service animals used by students with disabilities

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The only pets allowed on campus are fish for students who live in a dorm or in on-campus apartments, said Residence Services.

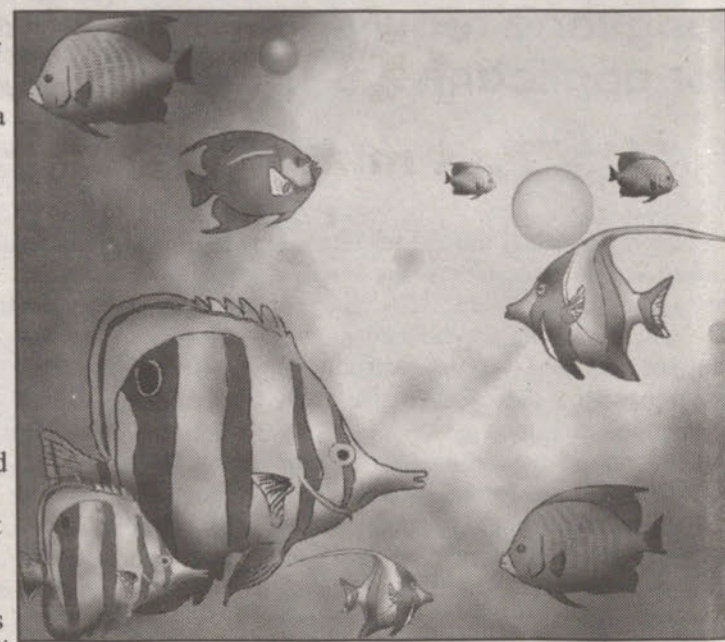
"Regular patrols are done around campus looking specifically for unauthorized pets," says Residence Services administrative assistant Shana Hoskins. "If one is found, then disciplinary action will be taken. In some cases it can lead to eviction."

There is only one exception to the strict pet policy, and that is if an individual has a disability and requires assistance from a service animal such

as a guide dog.

"Each floor of a dorm is supposed to be like a family," said Kristen Cepulich, a communications studies major. "If people had pets in dorms, then they would have to keep their door closed all the time and it would hurt the close relationships that are formed."

"I understand why the policy is in place," says Xi Chen, also a communications studies major. "On the other hand, I think that students are responsible enough to care for pets. As long as your roommates and the people around you do not mind, I think people



should be allowed to choose animals besides fish."

For more information on the pet policy or any other housing questions, email the Office of Residence Services at [housing@wright.edu](mailto:housing@wright.edu) or call (937) 775-4172.



# Off-campus dining options offered in spring quarter for Wright1 card

## ■ Locations to be announced; may include Wendy's

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Starting in the spring quarter, students will be able to use the flex dollars on their Wright One cards at to be announced off-campus food locations because of Tell Us More.

The Tell Us More Campaign has

improved student food choices, facilities and scheduling by providing students with a direct way to address issues regarding their university experience through focus groups and email.

"The general consensus of the group is to make students' lives on campus easier," said Kathy Morris, associate vice president for Student Affairs and a member of the campaign.

In order to collect student opinions, the group conducted a total of 17 different focus groups consisting of

freshman, transfers and continuing students. They also looked at email responses sent in by students.

Armed with student suggestions, they worked to provide more food options, improved student facilities and scheduling.

"We heard from students that there were things we should improve on and we worked on them," said Barbara Bullock, director of Institutional Research, who also works on the campaign.

The selection of restaurants will be limited in the spring, but more options will be added in the fall.

A list of included restaurants has not been set, but may include places like Wendy's. Bars are not included.

"The more options we give students, the better it is," said Morris.

"We want to make things more convenient and easier for the students," she said.

"I'm excited about being able to use my Wright One card off campus. I would love it if Chipotle was included," said Adam Bell, a Spanish major.

Students also voiced complaints saying the class schedule was not posted early enough.

The group worked with the Bursar's office to make the schedule available a week or two earlier than before.

"We wanted to get that schedule out there so that students would have plenty of time to meet with advisers

and plan before they were scheduled to register," said Bullock. Students responded positively to the changes.

"I've had trouble with registration before. It's great to know that there's someone I can turn to if I have a problem," said Crystal Miller, a psychology major.

The campaign started out a year and half ago as an informal, voluntary meeting of administrators and faculty who desired to help students be more successful.

With ideas abundant, the group teamed up with the Center for Urban and Public Affairs (CUPA) to conduct survey work.

"The question that was burning was what makes it hard to be a student at Wright State," said Morris.

Members of the campaign wanted to hear what students thought about their university experience.


They wanted to find out what students like about Wright State and what bothers them.

"I think that any chance for input from students is a fantastic idea," said Katybeth Mannix, an English major.

"You have to give your students voices," said Bullock.

"If you don't ask those questions, we will never know how the students feel," she said.

Students are welcome to send any issues or comments about Wright State to Barbara Bullock at [tellus-more@wright.edu](mailto:tellus-more@wright.edu).



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## WSU Pharmacy no longer accepts Wright1 cards

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The Wright1 Card is not available for use anymore at the Student Union pharmacy because of the upgrade Wright1 needs paid for the card's use, said John Bale, Associate Dean for Fiscal Affairs.

After Bale did a cost benefit of the upgrade and people who come to the pharmacy during the week, he found they were losing money rather than gaining.

Bale said there have been five customers per week on average since they've had the Wright1 Card access. Most often then not, these customers per week pay with Visa or Master Card.

Taking the number of people using Wright1 Cards and the upgrade, Bale found that there is a "60% coast factor with sales... [and it's] not a smart idea [for us] to spend money while we lose it."

Bale has decided to revert back to what the pharmacy did seven or eight years ago and not accept it. However, he is making some phone calls to try to gain some sort of a discount for students and faculty.

Drew Goodall, a sophomore Biological Medicine student said, "If I had money on my Wright1 Card [and needed medicine] I would've [gone to the Union pharmacy]."

John Bale did say that, "Wright1 is in the process of upgrading access to pharmacies across the street from the University." Thus, students and faculty could still use their Wright1 Card and not have to travel a great distance off campus.

Bale states, "If we get concerns from students and faculty [because of travel or price] we will... [try to] revisit the Wright1 Card option."



## Editorial

### Starbucks, Starbucks, Starbucks

If you're a WSU student looking for a cup of coffee nearby, you have only a few choices: Starbucks, Seattle's Best (which is owned by Starbucks) or Kava House (which, by the way, isn't within walking distance like the other choices, a big factor for campus residents).

Why so slim? Like other colleges across the country, WSU has a large coffee-drinking student population, but unlike Miami, UD, and even Sinclair, WSU has few choices for coffee.

And not to be overly anti-establishment, but Starbucks really has become the McDonald's of coffee. The baristas know only what's on the menu, and if you try to ask for a skinny latte, they will probably insist that they always come with sugar-free syrup. And let's not get started on the quality of their beans.

So if you don't like Starbucks, for whatever reason, you're basically stuck.

Why doesn't this area have more choices for good coffee? You can drive to Yellow Springs, which has at least two coffee shops that aren't Starbucks with a fraction of the population of Fairborn.

Or you can go downtown, where Dayton-based Boston-Stoker serves a mean cup of coffee with a great atmosphere. But, again, this is a UD location. Why does UD get good coffee and we get McDonald's?

Granted, Fairborn isn't exactly a prime market for coffee shops, but what about Beavercreek? It's certainly ritzy enough for a few cute coffee shops with Wi-Fi – residents would give it plenty of business.

So this is a call to coffee shop owners everywhere: we want you. We want our coffee. Think about opening up shop around here, and you will save us from perpetual coffee boredom.



8:30 a.m., Monday, finals week: Dazed, the zombified students make their way to the watering hole/Wright Cup, desperate for nourishment.

Erin Ash / The Guardian

## Letters to the Editor

### Older Dems critical of youth movement

#### ■ Reader believes veteran Democrats and youths share different political views

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Senator Barack Obama and Senator Hillary Clinton's nationwide campaigns are respectively the largest, most complex, resource consuming, people-motivating, and open-ended efforts over which either one of them has ever afore presided.

Obama has been an inspirational

model of good governance; Clinton is a fractious mess.

How come her highly touted experience did not make a difference from day one?

The candidacy of Barack Obama has excited a whole new generation of previously disinterested young Americans.

Though this large and swelling involvement of youth should set Democratic Party members singing "Happy Days Are Here Again," some regular and older members seem averse to joining the movement.

Instead these members expect the young people to temper their idealism and switch allegiance to a candidate of their elders' choosing.

This wave of change is not going to happen if the incipient enthusiasm of these young people is squelched.

The bulk of the newly involved will drift into the dead center of an apathetic public that has little faith in any political party's capacity to set this nation on a path that bodes a more promising and inclusive future for working, middle-class, and destitute Americans.

Before good old Democrats let this happen, best they remember John F. Kennedy's inaugural charge to the American people of his time: "Let the word go forth from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans."



Letters to the Editor Continued...

# WSU staff member view on athlete priority

## ■ Staff member responds to submission about athletes' unfair advantages at WSU

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The university actually has a very consistent registration policy. It's overall design, from early registration for student athletes and Honors students to the registration pecking order based on credit hours achieved, is to promote timely graduation.

The foundation of the design is to provide for the most uniform schedul-

ing flexibility possible.

Student athletes get "priority" registration times, not to privilege them or give them an "advantage," but to help them overcome the disadvantage of their highly-regulated schedules.

Simply put, their time outside of class is already so highly-prescribed that they have little flexibility left to overcome being locked out of a class.

Similarly, Honors students get "priority" registration (only if they meet specific requirements) because of the limited availability of Honors courses.

While it speaks well of you, Aaron, that you are trying to take 18-20 credit hours while juggling two jobs, you still have much more freedom to make that aggressive schedule work than do

student athletes and Honors students.

The University recognizes that that flexibility will diminish as you get nearer to graduation, which is why it allows students with more credit hours to register earlier than students with fewer credit hours.

The frustration you and some of your fellow students surely feel is understandable.

The system is not perfect; some students still find themselves locked out of a class now and then despite their (the students' and the university's) best efforts to prevent it from happening. Nevertheless, the system is designed precisely with fairness in mind.

The next time you're feeling frustrated about the situation, try this exer-

cise: compare the difficulty you are having making your schedule work -- a schedule with perhaps 6-8 class and work variables -- to the difficulty of creating a completely fair scheduling process involving some 16,000 students, hundreds of professors and instructors, and countless class scheduling combinations.

The variables in such an effort are an order of magnitude greater than the ones you face and so rightly characterize as a difficult task.

I don't know if that will actually make you feel any better, but rest assured, the University doesn't want to flip you the finger or stuff you in a locker; it wants to use all its fingers to help you open the door to your future.

## PIE POLL

### The votes are in!

57% of voters feel athletes get unfair advantages.

**Do you feel athletes are given unfair academic advantages?**



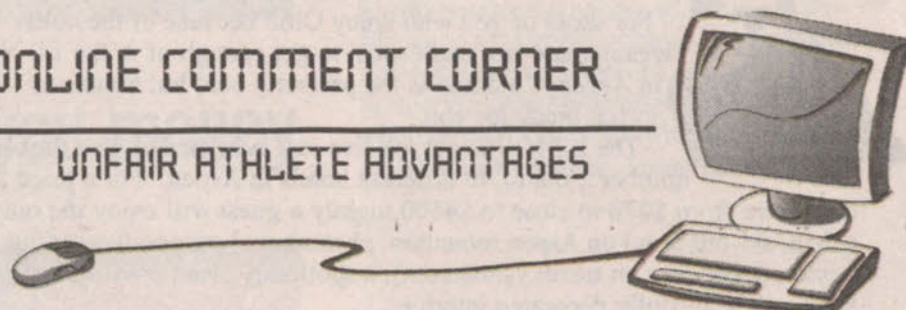
Visit us online to vote on next week's question:

**Who did you vote for in the presidential primary?**

37 people voted in this week's poll.

## ONLINE COMMENT CORNER

### UNFAIR ATHLETE ADVANTAGES



These comments were submitted online by readers in response to the article "Staffer mad about athlete privileges" from the Feb. 20 issue of The Guardian, in which a student asserted that athletes had an unfair academic advantage at WSU:

*"If athletes are really such an asset to WSU that faculty and administrators are willing to pamper them with all these allowances, what does that say about other students, the ones who also work hard and also indirectly create revenue for the school?"*

"I had an African American Politics class once with Scottie Wilson and Will Graham (I think it was them) of the men's basketball team. They did not show up until halfway through the quarter, and when they did show up they sat together in the back, did not participate, and then complained because they had to take the same final exam as everyone else."

"I myself have never been locked out of a class I have ever needed, but then again, I was always on top of things and scheduled the very first day I was eligible."

"Are you involved in anything at WSU that is not related to the Guardian or the writing center and bashing those that are nothing like you? Just because athletes excel on the field, does not mean that they do not excel in the classroom."

"Honors students and athletes are not the only folks who have to carefully plan classes--look at the plight of commuter students who drive from long distances. If anyone should be given a special registration privilege it should be all of the commuter students."

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# Vaction ideas for student

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Spring break is upon us! By now, many students have already begun daydreaming about and/or planning their spring breaks.

If you're struggling to decide where exactly you want to go for spring break, here's a list of some feasible and some fanatical vacation spots for college spring breakers.

Each vacation has been rated on the "Spring-Breaking-The-Bank" scale, one being "Hey, I can afford this!" and ten being "This week, on Forbes Top Most Expensive Vacations..."



## The "I-Haven't-Gotten-Cold-Enough-Yet" Vacation

For those of you who enjoy Ohio because of the cold weather and just can't seem to get enough of it, the Lil Nell in Aspen, Colorado is the perfectly cold but luxurious spring break for you.

The Lil Nell is a AAA five-star hotel and is also ranked number 2 out of 40 different hotels in Aspen. For a price tag anywhere from \$270 to close to \$4500 nightly a guest will enjoy the only ski-in, ski-out hotel on Aspen mountain, phenomenal service (according to customer reviews on travel.yahoo.com), a spotlessly clean environment as well as a beautifully decorated interior.

Outside of the hotel there are plenty of things to do to keep a spring breaker occupied: The Aspen Art Museum, Wheeler Opera House, Theatre Aspen, Aspen Golf and Tennis Club, numerous shopping hot spots and countless trails and lakes to go to if you just want to take a couple days to relax and reconnect with nature, not to mention Aspen is also number one place in the country for skiing.

**\*Feasibility: 6**



## The "I-Don't-Wanna-Grow-Up-I'm-A-Toys-R-Us-Kid" Vacation

For those of us who have never quite kicked the nostalgia of being a kid, here is the perfect vacation for you.

Comfortably situated in sunny, warm Orlando, Florida, Disney World was the dream-reality of legendary cartoonist Walt Disney. The original theme park, the Magic Kingdom, was built in 1967 and opened October 1, 1971 and has grown in popularity ever since. The home of Cinderella's Castle, The Magic Kingdom encompasses about 100 acres and contains 48 rides and attractions. The Magic Kingdom is one of four different theme parks that combine to create Disney World.

In order to make guests trips to Disney World easier, Disney added 23 themed hotels. Hotel prices range from \$75 nightly for one of the four Disney Themed Value Resorts to \$1400 nightly for a room at one of the ten Deluxe Resorts.

In order to get the most action for your money's worth, a seven-day park hopper pass is recommended. The park hopper pass allows you to jump from on theme park to another and back again for as many days as the pass is valid. For about \$230 you get 7 days of park-hopping pleasure.

**\*Feasibility: This one depends on which hotel you decide to stay in: 3-9**



## The "Trump-Is-My-Daddy" Vacation

Just won the lottery? Parents just got a million dollar raise and you're feelin' the love? Your father really Donald Trump? Then kickin' off the top of the list is a vacation that will help unburden you (or your parents) from all that excess money.

The Mansion MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada was reported by Forbes 2006 Hotel list to be the most expensive hotel in the world. With a ticket of \$5,000 a night if you're staying in the hotel and \$15,000 if you have a large party (up to 18 people) and decide to rent out a Villa.

According to reviews on citysearch.com, the \$5K nightly ticket at The Mansion gets a customer their own private indoor pool, butler and on-demand chef, a private casino, grand salon and screening room.

To top that off, the Mansion is so exclusive, not only does it have its own secret entrance, it doesn't even have a website. The MGM Grand has its own website but excludes the Mansion. In order to be a guest at the Mansion, one has to be cordially invited.

**\*Feasibility: Hope you have friends in high places: 10**



## The "I-Get-Homesick-Easily" Vacation

For those who prefer not to jump half way across the world or even the country to have a great spring break, Cincinnati is a great place to spend your spring break. It's close, it can be on the cheaper side and...it's close.

For starters, there are the attractions that many know are already there: the Newport Aquarium, the Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and the Great American Ballpark.

There are a wide variety of hotels that are sure to fit your cash flow. Hotels range from the \$197 nightly Hyatt in the center of the action in Downtown Cincinnati to the \$74 nightly Comfort Inn, for those who feel physical pain opening their wallets.

On top of a wide array of daylight activities and one- to five-star hotels, the Cincinnati nightlife is as vibrant as the city itself. With hot spots like the Metropolitan Nightclub, Dave and Buster's, The Doc Nightclub and Club Clau, you're sure to find something to keep your spring break hot, while not traveling too far from home.

**\*Feasibility: 2-5**



## The "It's-Good-To-Be-Single" Vacation

February, the month of love, has passed, now comes March and spring break, the perfect time to be single and enjoy hanging out with friends.

Sweet, warm and almost always sunny (they have at least 240 sunny days out of the year) Cancun is located at the very tip of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and is nicknamed "The Caribbean Jewel of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula." A regular hub of activity and tourists, Cancun heats up even more come March, the spring break season.

It's warm clear waters, 80-degree average temperature and constantly sunny days seem to hit a chord with thousands of spring breakers. The average price of decent hotels in Cancun ranges anywhere from \$120 to upwards of \$500 nightly.

Other than spending time on the beach, there are hundreds of things to do in Cancun such as Jeep Adventure Tours, shopping, scuba and snorkeling adventures, Coco Bongo (which is a Cirque Du Soleil-esque show), museums and historical/archeological tours of the area.

Although the day life in Cancun is entertaining, it's the night life many students flock for. There are quite literally hundreds of hot night spots to hit in Cancun, such as Senor Frogs, Congo Bar and Barco Pirate's Night, a club on a ship that, according to reviews on travel advisor.com, "will take you on a dastardly and piratical night-time cruise."

**\*Feasibility: 5**



# budgets: real or imaginary



## The "Eagle Scout" Vacation

Enjoy being miles away from civilization? Eating nuts and berries for a week sound appealing? Then this little wilderness excursion may be the perfect spring break for you. A week's worth of backpacking in this fine location will have you back in touch with mother nature before it's time to go back to school.

Havasupai is located in Scottsdale, Arizona. This "Grand Canyon Oasis" is a hidden treasure: an oasis of lush, spring-fed pools, cascading waterfalls and dense vegetation. Hikers can trek along narrow side canyons, through underwater grottos and past gardens of ferns and watercress.

The view from Havasupai overlooks the Grand Canyon. Close by lies the Native American Village of Supai, the most remote village in the country, where even the U.S. mail still arrives by packhorse. The cost of this Havasupai excursion is about \$1550.

**\*Feasibility: 7.** Just be sure to pack bug spray - they're growing 'em big this year...



## The "Dane-Cook-I-Just-Gotta-Dance" Vacation

If you're like Dane Cook and "just gotta dance" then this spring break will have you gathered in a circle around your purses and shakin' it in no time. This is the club-hopping vacation, but on a national level. A classy chic dress code is applicable for all mentioned nightclubs.

Start out at home base, Cincinnati Ohio, the Metropolis Nightclub. Then after a night of dancing take a day to recover in one of the fine hotels in Cincinnati (for listings see "I-Get-Home-Sick-Easily" vacation), take some time to explore the sites around the city then head to the next location.

Chicago, Illinois. Head on over to the Ontourage night club on Ontario Road. The club is made up of two dance floors, one spinning house music and the other techno. The name itself stems from the street (Ontario Road) and the idea of "Entourage." It's an upscale club, so stay classy when you dress for the night.

Next spot, hop a couple states and land in Las Vegas, Nevada. They call it "Sin City" for a reason. Get your party on and head to the TAO Nightclub. This club is famous, or infamous, for its celebrities that love to stop by and party it up with commoners. Such famous faces include Paris and Niki Hilton, Bono, Mariah Carey and Usher.

TAO is home of a hand-carved 16-foot Buddha. The design of the club includes everything from lush velvets and silks to waterfalls and century-old woods and stones.

And last but not least, end your club-hopping spring break in none other than Hollywood, California. Mood Night Club is the resident young celebrity night club. Both stars and star-gazers frequent this chic trendy joint to either party it up or rub shoulders with celebrities. At Mood, hip-hop, R&B, and rap are the genres of choice. Amidst all the night club action, wallflowers and singles on the prowl can congregate at the stunning wooden bar lit by candles and accented by Balinese carvings.

**\*Feasibility: Due to constant partying, and either continuous airfare or cost of gas, 8-9.**



## The "Wish-They-All-Could-Be-California-Girls" Vacation

If your perfect vacation includes words such as "Malibu," "surfing," and "Beach Boys," then California is your vacation homeland. California's got it all: beaches, warm water, sun, fantastic dining, Hollywood, nightclubs, shopping and more.

To start off your California Love Vacation, take a trip on over to THE Laguna Beach and hit the waves, but if you prefer a slightly more laid-back and less crowded beach atmosphere, head on over to Malibu's best kept secret, Paradise Cove. It's relaxing, calm, soothing waters will have you forgetting that back home we're six feet deep in snow.

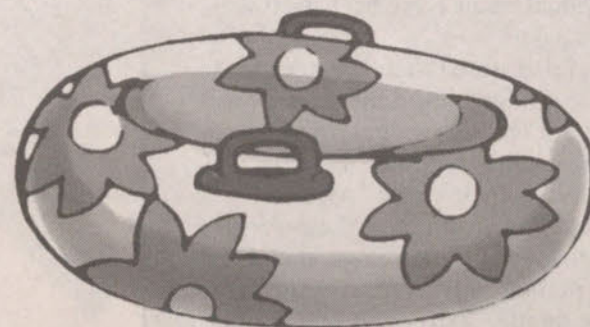
After several days of rendezvousing at the beach, it's time to hit up some dining spots. California is famous for its sushi, so it's Hollywood's Geisha House. The Geisha House prides itself in combining ancient Japanese recipes with new modern flares.

If raw fish isn't your thing, there are always hot spots such as Eat. on Sunset Blvd. and Bella Cucina Italiana on Las Palmas.

Once you've rejuvenated your senses with beach relaxation and exquisite cuisine, it's time to shop. Rodeo Drive boasts some of America's best shopping with stores, including Maxine, Chanel, Parke and Ronen and Helmut Lang.

Last but not least, what would a California vacation be without Hollywood? To end your California rendezvous, take a stroll along Hollywood Blvd, the Walk of Fame, Guinness World Records Museum, The Wax Museum, Grauman's Chinese Theatre and the Kodak Theatre.

**\*Feasibility: 8**



## The "I'm-So-Broke-I-Ain't-Goin'-Nowhere-But-Crazy" Vacation

Alas, the sad truth of being a college student is that, if you're among the masses of college goers, you're probably broke. No worries, you can still have your own good time with some buddies over break and never leave home/dorm!

A blast from the past, break out the card games, find that old Life/Monopoly/Chutes and Ladders board you haven't seen in years and get gaming! For the more "electronically inclined" college student, break out the X-Box Live and Guitar Hero.

Invite your friends over to chill, watch movies, make food, and play board games. To cut costs, make some sort of food requirement. If someone wants in on your shindig, admission requirements are one of three things: a bag of Doritos, some Rockstar energy drink for the marathon gamer or at least another game in hand.

For the more reclusive student that purposely chose not to go to a beach in order to avoid the crowds, staying home and catching up on some badly needed sleep never fails to please the sleep-deprived college student.

**\*Feasibility: 1**



# So, what exactly does Student Government do, anyway?

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"The purpose of the Student Government (SG) is to advocate for and represent the interests of students at Wright State University. Student Government is committed to promoting student participation in the overall policy and decision-making processes of the university, enhancing the quality and scope of education at the University, and promoting the general welfare of the student body."

In laymen's terms, according to Senior Pre-Med student, TJ Hufford, the current Student Government President, "the Student Government is the link between the University administration (its faculty and staff) and the students."

Hufford stated that the Student Government handles all major student affairs such as parking, campus safety, and helps resolve disputes between students and teachers, etc. To clarify, more often than not, the Student Government deals with student organizations and not individuals, although individual cases have been dealt with in the past.

Hufford stated that "people don't realize all the behind the scenes work that goes on...if you get rid of Student Government altogether, students would lose their voice." Without Student Government, if there were ever to be any abuse cases brought up by a student organization against any of the faculty, staff or the administration as a whole, the students would have no representation, no collective voice, which means no power. It is because of that fact that Hufford believes the Student Government is vital to Wright State.

For those who participate in the Student Government, Hufford noted that the experience and connections gained through the Student Government are invaluable. Hufford noted that the networking he has gained during his presidency has helped him make life decisions.

He also noted that, as a representative of the Student Government, one has to do a fair amount of public speaking. Hufford stated, "I spoke at the Nutter Center in front of 11,000 people," and that through that experience "I gained confidence. When you accomplish something for the rest of the students, it's a good feeling. Anyone can make a difference."

Up until recently, the majority of students applying for positions in the Student Government came from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Hufford believes that, in the past, the concentration of applicants were Liberal Arts and Sciences majors because, "not to make a blanket statement," but they tend to be more politically-minded. This year, Hufford states, it's more varied. When it

comes to choosing candidates, it's "not so much the major, but the drive. It's become more diversified."


Hufford encourages students to drop by the Student Government office and talk to the elected officials. "If you ever have any problems, the

SG is an open door." For more information on the Student Government, its role in everyday student life and a list of the Wright State Student Government Representatives, check out the SG webpage at <http://www.wsusg.com>.

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# Team Reach holds Student Run/Walk-a-thon

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On February 28 and 29, the student union played host to a walk/runathon that was used to help raise money for a teen youth center in Troy, mainly to help fund the purchase of athletic equipment.

The event, which featured two treadmills in the rec center, was sponsored by Haulette and Homan Equipment, who agreed to donate a specific amount of money per distance that

students can walk or run on the two treadmills.

"We decided to have a walk/runathon because it kind of goes with the athletic theme that we have going. Our goal is to buy at least shoes for the teens at the center and the walk/runathon seemed to be the most fitting event," stated Mike Schibler, a senior management major and a part of Team Reach for MGT 411, who put on the event.

"Our team decided to put on this event to benefit a youth center for

troubled teens in the Troy area as part of a project for class," continued Schibler.

The youth center that benefited from the event is a live-in center for youths who have drug-related problems or have found themselves in trouble with the law. By holding this event, the members of Team Reach were able to use their resources to help those who are less fortunate.

"We set some general goals and everyone in the group worked together and now everything has come together

and we feel confident that we are going to meet, and probably exceed, our goals," stated Schibler.

Although Team Reach has no other events planned just yet, things of this nature may be on the horizon for the members of the class.

"Each of us have been involved in other benefits for charity in the past and probably will be just as active in our communities in the future," said Schibler. For more information about the event, please contact Mike Schibler at [schibler.4@wright.edu](mailto:schibler.4@wright.edu).

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# The best part of waking up: WSU area coffee

## ■ One reporter reviews the prices, menus and overall atmosphere of the area's top coffee spots

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Coffee—the college student's second favorite beverage, (I hope I don't need to mention the first) is essential for any student to survive the busy-body lifestyle that college presents.

It keeps us up to study for those dreaded midterms, gives us a place to take our first dates, and it's also a great quick fix the morning after we have a few of our first favorite beverages.

Luckily, the area houses plenty of destinations to get our coffee fix - some of which we see everyday, and a few others we may not know about. Hopefully, this list will help you choose your next coffee break.

### Starbucks

**What is it** - The widely regarded Juggernaut of all coffee shops across the country. Inside you can grab your favorite tall, grande, or venti beverage ranging from your typical decaf coffee, the sophisticated caffè latte, or to satisfy your sweet tooth, the popular white chocolate mocha frappuccino.

Aside from coffee, Starbucks offers

a wide variety of bakery items and beverages. Inside you will also find many different items ranging from cd's to coffee at-home kits.

Starbucks has become such a popular destination that you rarely find the establishment less than half full. The laid-back lifestyle coffee houses once provided is now a perfect hangout spot.

**Price** - The expanding franchise does do a decent job of keep pricing relatively low, ranging from \$1.50 for your basic small cup of coffee to \$3.50 for a Chai tea or something of that sort.

**Verdict** - Starbucks is a perfect destination to take your date after a movie, or a nice little spot to chat with some friends. If you have a long night of studying ahead of you, I would avoid the busy atmosphere that Starbucks provides.

**Hours** - 5:30 a.m. till 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 5:30 a.m. till 12 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 7 till 11 on Sunday

### The Kava House

**What is it** - The Kava House provides a Boston coffee shop-type feel with its homemade signs, friendly staff, and random decor throughout. With a menu that packs well over 75 items ranging from the winter menus candy-cane latte, to the zebra mocha, The Kava House offers a little something for everyone.

Even if you're not a coffee drinker, they have a lunch menu with sandwiches and wraps that would pair well

with soda or a smoothie.

The only downfall of this particular establishment may be that most Wright State students have never heard of it. Located next to Wallaby's and La Rosa's pizza, The Kava House is a place you should definitely check out.

**Price** - A bit more than Starbucks, ranging from \$1.40 for a small coffee to \$4.25 for a triple beverage. With 75+ items, however, something will fit your price range.

**Verdict** - The perfect place to get away and have a study session; quiet, friendly, and just the right amount of room to tuck away and get some work done.

**Hours** - 6 a.m. till 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. till 11 p.m. Friday, 7 a.m. till 10 p.m. Saturday and 9 to 5 Sunday

### The Bridge Cafe

**What is it** - Unless you live in the honors dorms or around that area, the bridge cafe may be foreign territory to you.

Located above and behind the C-store, the bridge cafe offers a wide variety of specialty coffees, lattes and mochas. It also features milkshakes and smoothies.

A relaxed student-oriented feel, the Bridge Cafe also features free wi-fi and cable television, which is essential to the college student.

**Price** - Similar to the other coffee shops at Wright State, most of the drinks range from \$1.00 to \$3.50, depending on how fancy you want to

go.

**Verdict** - Try it out. It's a nice little place to grab a quick drink and check your e-mail.

**Hours** - 3 p.m. till 12 a.m. Monday through Thursday, closed Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. till 12 a.m. Sunday

### The Wright Cup

**What Is It** - Everyone has seen it: that little coffee stand that rests to the right of the entrance to the student union. While a smaller menu in comparison to the other establishments, the Wright Cup does make the drinks they serve in a timely and tasty fashion.

With cappuccinos, lattes, and Chai teas, the Wright Cup serves many of the typical drinks you would find at a coffee establishment.

Alongside these drinks you can find smoothies and frozen yogurt and many different baked goods.

The one draw back may be that they are located next to a heavily trafficked door which makes for a bad study stop.

**Price** - The best coffee for your buck of the places mentioned: \$1.00 for a small cup of coffee or \$1.50 for a grande.

**Verdict** - A nice place to grab a quick coffee before class; not always the quickest service, however, considering the line from 10 until 2 is usually eight to ten people long.

**Hours** - Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. till 11 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday closed.

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# Men open HL Tourney with win

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The men's basketball team finished its regular season and began tournament play last week.

The Raiders entered the final week of the season needing a win, one of their last two games or a loss by Cleveland State to clinch the No. 2 seed and a bye through the first two rounds of the Horizon League Tournament.

Faith wasn't with the Raiders though. Wright State lost their final two league games of the season and finished tied for second with the Vikings, who earned the higher seed on a tiebreaker.

First the Raiders took on rival Butler, where they lost a close, hard-fought game. WSU trailed the entire second half, but remained within striking distance before eventually falling 66-61.

Vaughn Duggins led the Raiders with 17 points while Todd Brown and Will Graham scored 13 each.

Wright State then traveled to Valparaiso looking to avenge a home loss to the Crusaders early in the season. The Green and Gold trailed by as many as 15 in the first half before climbing back into the game and eventually forcing overtime.

A Will Graham layup with 19 seconds left put the Raiders up one. Valpo rushed the ball back down court and nearly turned it over before the ball found its way to Shawn Huff, who scored as he was fouled with 2 seconds to go. Wright State lost 75-73.

Brown finished with 13 points, while Graham added 12. Senior Jordan Pleiman finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Many hoped the Raiders would return to the Nutter Center for at least

one more game this year. Nobody hoped they would do so as a No. 3 seed, needing to win two extra games to return to the NCAA Tournament.

Wright State's last home game of the regular season was a tough one-point win over Detroit, their first round opponent. The Raiders needed a buzzer-beater to top the Titans in the first contest at the Nutter Center.

WSU didn't need any late-game heroics Tuesday night. After a sluggish first half the Raiders led 27-24. They were 2-11 from beyond the arc.

In the second half Wright State exploded, hitting six of eleven three-point attempts.

"That really helped us blow the game open," head coach Brad Brownell said.

The defense also stepped up, holding the Titans to only 13 second-half points.

Senior forward Scottie Wilson finished one rebound shy of another double-double with a team-high 15 points and 9 rebounds. Duggins, despite limited minutes in the second half due to foul trouble, finished with 12 points.

The Raiders snapped a three-game losing streak and improved to 21-9 with the win. They advance to the second round of the tournament, where they will get another shot at the No. 6 seed Valparaiso at 6 p.m. at Butler. The Crusaders are the only team in the Horizon League that Wright State has not beaten this year.

"We need to win four straight," said Wilson, "but we have to play one at a time."

All Horizon League students receive one free ticket to the second round games.

The games will also be streamed live online for free through the Horizon League Network.



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Freshman Todd Brown drives to the hole against Detroit on Tuesday. Wright State won 60-37 to advance to the second round of the Horizon League Tournament.

# Women finish home schedule

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The women's basketball team finished out their home schedule last weekend, and in the process earned another shot to play in front of the Nutter Center faithful.

While it may have been the game before senior day for the Raiders, it was rookie stars that took over in a game that should have been named "Freshman Night."

Coming into last Thursday's match with the Loyola Ramblers, Wright State found themselves in a two-game winning streak and weren't about to let that come to an end on their home court.

The first half was a classic seesaw battle, with the Raiders heading into the locker room at the half down by one, but the ladies led a strike of strong offense from the start of the second half until the final buzzer, winning 64-57.

WSU held the edge in shooting in the second stanza, 58 percent to 54 percent, and in free throws, sinking 15 of 23 while Loyola went just two of two.

Most of the Raiders' foul shots were knocked down by freshman standout Shey Peddy, who went 11 of 12 from the line and also added 17 points in the second half to give her 21 on the night.

However, it was another freshman

who completely took the court by storm, LaShawna Thomas put in a career-high, 24 points, including going 11 of 13 from the floor.

From there, the team went on to play UIC on Senior Day at the Nutter Center last Saturday.

Illinois-Chicago put up a fight throughout this contest, playing a fast-paced offense along with aggressive defense, but it was the Green & Gold's 15-0 run closing out the first half that really extinguished the Flames.

The Raiders went only four of 24 in the second half but cleaned up at the free throw line, hitting 13 of 20 versus their opponent's five of seven, closing the game out with a final score of 56-

48 in favor of WSU.

Peddy led Wright State with 13 points and nine rebounds while Sierra Crayton made good on the title of Senior Day, nearly completing a double-double with ten points and nine rebounds.

With the win, the team wrapped up a home game in the Horizon League quarterfinals, to be held March 12. The squad now holds a two-game lead on second place in league standings, with two contests still to play.

The Raiders, 14-13 overall and 11-5 HL, will hit the court against league-leading Green Bay on Thursday night at the Kress Center.



# Senior night for women's basketball

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The dream of all college athletes is to go out with a bang, and for three seniors on Wright State's women's basketball team, that dream is coming true right now.

"This is my last year, so I'm gonna go hard," said Sierra Crayton, one of the women playing in her final season for the Raiders.

Crayton has made good on her word, stepping up and setting career highs in six different stat categories this year, including single-game points (20 at Cal Poly), free throws made (8 at Cal Poly) and rebounds (11 vs. NDSU and Milwaukee).

Another senior playing her heart out this season is Whitney Lewis, who had a spectacular junior season, averaging 11.4 points per game; but has seen that increase this year to 11.7. Lewis also reached a milestone this year, scoring her 1,000 career point at WSU, something she wasn't exactly aiming for coming into her final season: "Actually, I didn't even know until somebody told me," laughed Lewis.

On the Raider's road to recent success, one player that's been sorely missed by Head Coach Bridgett Williams and her teammates is the third senior, Danielle Duncan. After playing in 11 of the team's first 14 games, Duncan broke two of her fingers against Detroit and has been sidelined for the team's last 12 games.

"It's been frustrating but I just try to be there mentally for my team, cheer them on or tell them things I see that can make them better," said Duncan.

The team has kept morale high this year, though, playing their way to an 11-5 Horizon League record, 13-13 overall.

This year's success comes as no shock to Duncan, however. "I knew we were gonna be good." Duncan continued while laughing, "we always had the potential this year, we just had to live up to that potential."

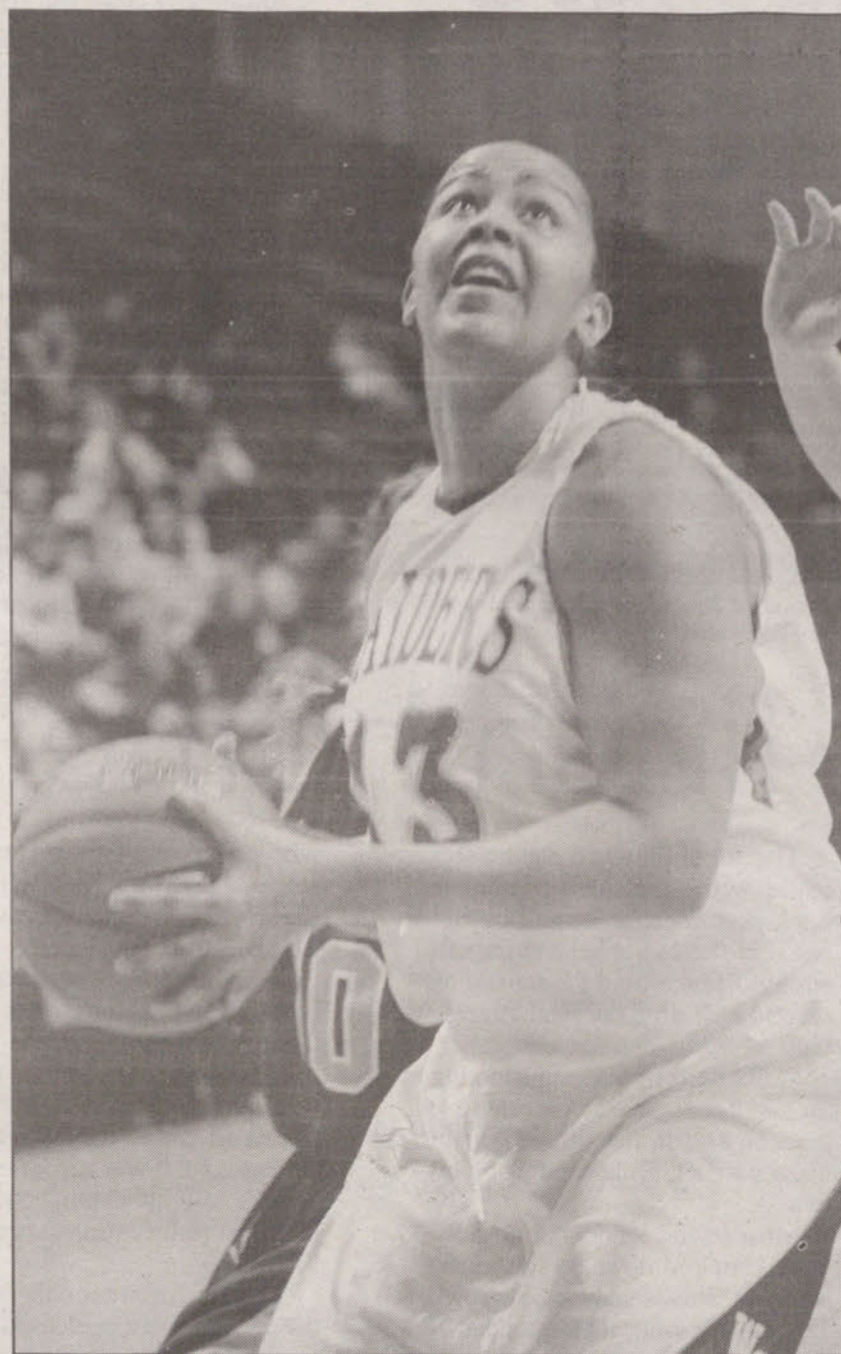
The 2007-2008 squad has definitely lived up to that potential so far, and these seniors are happy about the timing.

"Seeing us struggle and now we're doing well—it makes all the bad days seem a little better," noted Lewis.

Crayton attributes some of the success to the team's personalities coinciding this season, saying: "In the four years I've been here, I think this is the most chemistry we've ever had and it's good to see that."

As the commercial says, "Almost all student athletes will go pro in something other than sports," and these Raiders are no exception. Lewis and Crayton both plan to go to grad school after this year and Duncan will finish up with school and take her state board tests, and hopes to begin work in a hospital as soon as possible.

Until they hear their names announced at graduation, however, they will continue to take care of business on the basketball court, though they aren't all serious, as Duncan points out, "I just enjoy being on this team. We have fun and we all enjoy each other and just have a good time. We're having fun and winning with it."



**Wright State's three senior basketball players on the women's team played their last home regular season game of their career on Saturday. Sierra Duncan (top left), Whitney Lewis (above) and Danielle Duncan (left) each played at Wright State all four years of their career.**

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# Baseball off to rough beginning

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After their first two series', the Wright State baseball team and its young pitching staff re still looking for their first win.

The team headed into their three-game series at Washington State last Friday in need of a solid game after being swept by Arkansthe week previous.

What they got in the opener was their most lopsided loss of the season, falling 13-4.

The Raiders started the game strong with two-run homeruns in the first and third by junior Jeff Mercer, making for all Wright State's runs in the game.

The Cougars, however, weren't lying down and came out with vengeance in the third inning, scoring eight runs on two different Raider pitchers, giving them a 10-4 lead.

If there was good news for the Wright State pitching staff in this game it was junior Rylan Ostrosky, in his first outing of the year. He struck out four batters and didn't allow a

walk in three innings of work.

Saturday saw a more balanced offensive game from the Raiders but would ultimately end in a similar fashion as the previous meeting.

The match was a seesaw from beginning to end with a few lead-changes in the first five innings but Washington State would ultimately lock the game down with consistently successful at-bats.

Both Gerald Ogrinc and Ross Vagedes knocked had home runs with Mercer driving in another pair of RBIs. Unfortunately sophomore starter Bryce DeWeese didn't have his best outing allowing five runs, four earned, in 3.1 innings of work.

The series finale would see another big day for Mercer and Vagedes, getting two hits apiece with Vagedes knocking in his second long ball of the year. But in the 7-4 loss, it wasn't enough.

Wright State, now 0-6 overall, travels to South Carolina this weekend to play in the Citadel Shootout, first against UNC-Asheville on Friday at noon.

# Softball finds wins in Tenn. tourney

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The softball team had their first winning series of the season last weekend in Chattanooga, Tenn. They won three of five games.

Friday they split a pair, beating Jackson State 7-1 and losing to Kentucky 5-1. Pitcher Sharon Palma was dominant against Jackson State, holding the Tigers to two hits and one run over five innings.

Offensively, Kristen Bradshaw led the Raiders as she was 2-for-4 with a two-run single during a five-run rally in the fifth inning. Louie Haney capped the scoring with a solo homer in the seventh.

The next day Wright State rode a six-run second inning to a 9-4 win over Buffalo. After loading the bases, the Raiders scored two runs on an error and a fielder's choice before Jherica Williams launched a grand slam.

Williams finished the day 4-for-5 with five RBI's. Pitcher Ashleigh Jackson picked up her first win with

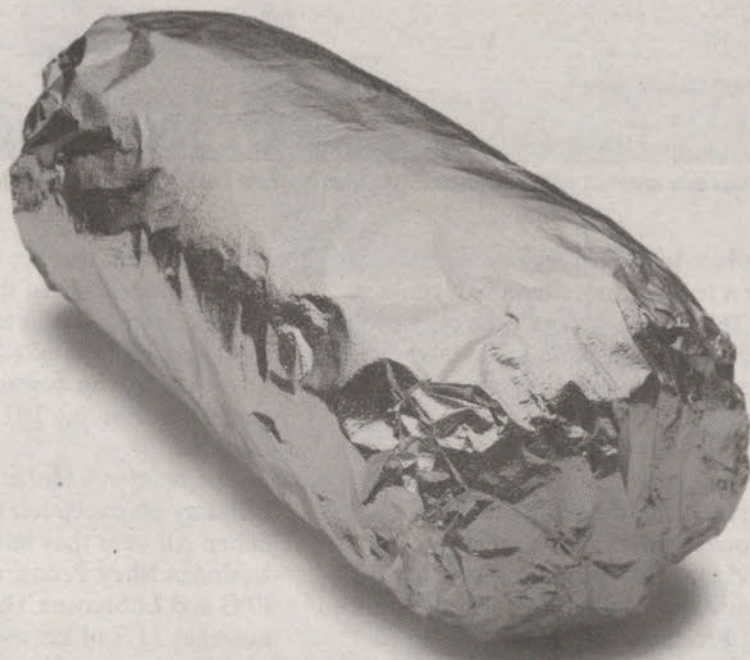
five solid innings before Perkins stepped into the circle to finish off the Bulls.

The Raiders finished off the tournament with a split, topping Marshall 9-3 before falling to Morehead State 5-4.

Allison Cox led Wright State over the Thundering Herd, going 3-for-4 with a two-run homer and two runs scored. Cox also was the winning pitcher, improving to 2-2.

Ashleigh Jackson was also 3-for-4 with a two-run homer. She scored twice and drove in four. Perkins again finished the game for the Raiders with 2.2 innings of no hits, no walks, and no runs to pick up her first save of the season.

Several Raiders put up big numbers over the weekend. Over five games, Jherica Williams hit .412 (7-for-17) with seven RBI, Bradshaw hit .333 (6-for-18) with six batted in, and Perkins hit .357 (5-for-14) with six runs scored. In the circle she pitched 11.2 innings of relief, striking out eight while giving up just one run to pick up a save.



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# Freshmen stepping up for WSU



Freshman Troy Tabler (left) and Shey Peddy (right) have played a big role on each of their teams despite the fact they are both only freshman. Peddy has been the leading scorer for the Raiders all season. Tabler hit a key 3-pointer for Wright State in the men's first round game against Detroit on Tuesday.

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Rookies are supposed to spend their first year sitting on the bench, observing and learning from the upperclassmen, right? Don't tell that to the freshman athletes here at Wright State who have been putting on a clinic for fans of all types of sports since the start of 2007-2008.

In the fall, most fans of Raider sports felt like this year would be a 'rebuilding year' for most of the teams, one being the women's soccer team. With a roster made up of 25 players, 13 of them were freshmen.

Perhaps the rookie with the most on her shoulders was goalkeeper Meghan Hackerson, who was replacing Steph Comisar, a player that allowed an averaged of just 1.01 goals in 20 games her senior year, including making 77 saves.

"I was pretty nervous coming in,"

said Hackerson. "A lot of times when I made a mistake, it was pretty obvious...I learned a lot, really fast."

Those mistakes were few and far between as Hackerson ended her season having played 20 games, making 79 saves and allowing an average of .85 goals per game. Not too bad for a freshman.

Another player that stood out for the women's soccer team was forward Amber Kasmer who would light the goal up all season on her way to garnering honors such as first team All-Horizon League and All-Rookie honors from SoccerBuzz.com.

"As a freshman, you're usually always scared," said Kasmer, "In high school, my freshman year was bad so I was afraid I was gonna screw up."

The rookie forward did anything but have a bad year, leading the team in goals scored (12), points (29) and shots on-goal (31). The team finished with a 13-6-1 overall record, one of

the best in school history, pretty great for a team of more than half rookies.

The women weren't the only soccer team at Wright State with standout freshmen; the men had a young ace of their own in Carl Ebers.

Ebers may have scored only one goal all season and assist all season but he certainly made his presence known on the field, earning the Horizon League Newcomer of the Year Award and being named to the All-Freshman team by CollegeSoccerNews.com for his solid midfield play all year.

The trend has been no different in the winter season, where 10 of 16 indoor track events saw their top performers be freshmen athletes. These events include everything from the 600 meter run to the 5,000-meter run by runners such as Alyssa Glenn, Marissa Bozue, Kelsi Nutter and Natalie Hopwod, no chance of the freshman fifteen hitting those rookies.

Don't think that the most popular Raider sport is out of the loop either, with the men's hoops team seeing solid bench play from freshmen like Troy Tabler who averages 5 points a game, contributing 141 points so far this year.

The women's basketball team is certainly no exception to the rule either. All year they have been led by freshman Shey Peddy, averaging 15.5 PPG and LaShawna Thomas, who averages 11.7 of her own. The team is now 11-5 against Horizon League opponents, which is a lot better than their 8-8 season a year ago.

In the history of Wright State sports, 2007-2008 should be remembered as "The Year Of The Freshmen", as most all the new players have stepped up and filled roles normally reserved for upperclassmen and helping make sure this is not a rebuilding year.

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