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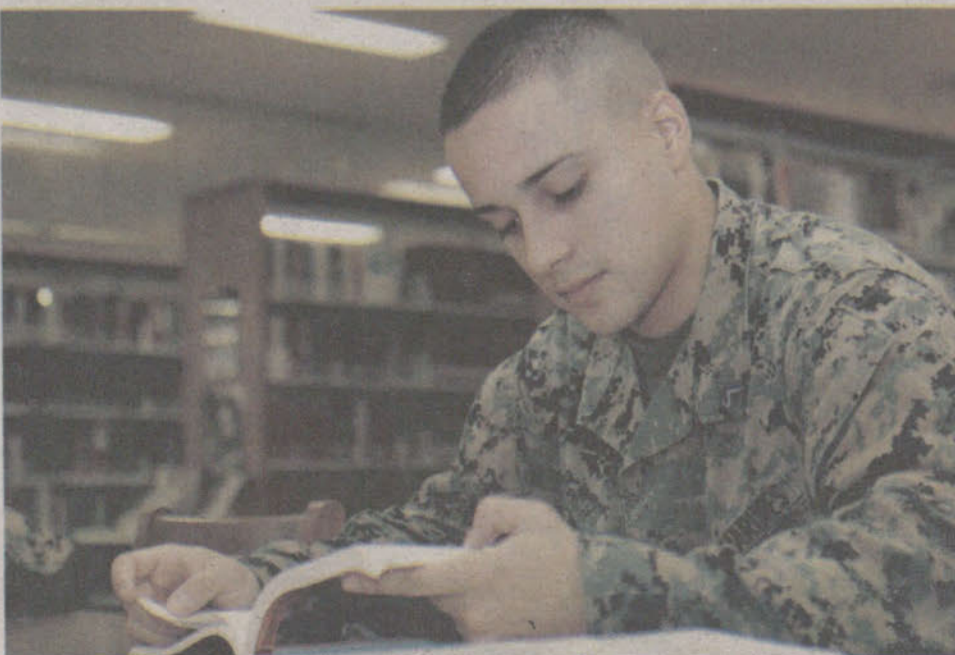
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Thursday, April 26: **Geeks and Greeks** 12-3 p.m. The Quad
Sports Club Week-Field Day: 12-5 p.m. North Lawn
Spring Cleaning Donations: 1-3 p.m. The Quad
NPHC Yard Show: 5-9 p.m. The Woods Basketball Court

Friday, April 27:
April Craze: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Student Union Atrium
International Coffee Hour - "Job & Interview Tips": 3-4 p.m. E190 Student Union

Saturday, April 28:
Movie Night - Man on a Ledge 7-9 p.m., 9-11 p.m. 120 Medical Sciences

Wednesday, May 2:
Barbeque and Basketball Game: 5-9 p.m. Woods Basketball Court

Thursday, May 3:
Pool Party: 8:30-11:30 Student Union Pool

Friday, May 4:
Greek Step Show: 7-11 p.m. McLin Gym, Nutter Center
Drag Show Revue: 8-11 p.m. Student Union Apollo Room

Saturday, May 5: **Crossing into Digital Dimensions: 2012 Conference on Multimodal Composition** Student Union, Rooms E156, E163, and E175

Sunday, May 6: **Greek Week Friends and Family Cookout Kick-Off:** 5:30-8:30 p.m. Alumni Circle (behind Student Union)

Monday, May 7: **Greek Week Field Day:** Rinzler Sports Complex Football Field

Tuesday, May 8: **Greek Week Aquatics Night:** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Student Union Pool
All-Star Comedy Jam: 7-10 p.m. Student Union Apollo Room

Wednesday, May 9: **Greek Week Trivia Night:** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Student Union Atrium

Thursday, May 10: **Lip Sync:** 6:30-10 p.m. Student Union Apollo Room

Fireside Chat: 8-10 p.m. 163 Student Union

Friday, May 11:
International Coffee Hour - "The Ultimate Basketball": 3-4 p.m. E190 Student Union

Greek Week Yearly Awards: 6-9 p.m. Student Union Atrium
Dayton Sports by Tom Archdeacon: 7-8:30 p.m. Paul Lawrence Dunbar Library, 4th Floor

Fight For the Ladies Night: 7-11 p.m. Student Union Apollo Room

Tuesday, May 15: **High Praise Dance Ministry's Banquet:** 11:00 a.m.-1 p.m. Rathskellar
Hair Show: 7-11 p.m. Student Union Multipurpose Room
Peer and Sex STD Educational Forum: 7-9 p.m. Student Union Atrium

Thursday, May 17: **Open Mic Night:** 7-10 p.m. Dixon Hearth Lounge, Student Union

Friday, May 18: **International Coffee Hour - "Saudi Arabia":** 3-4 p.m. E190 Student Union
Apollo Night: 7-10:30 p.m. Student Union Apollo Room

Saturday, May 19: **High Praise Dance Concert/Luncheon:** 11:00 a.m.-8 p.m. Student Union Apollo Room

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UAB Relay for Life retraction

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On April 18th's issue, the article "UAB holding Relay for Life," said that the UAB was holding the Relay for Life, however, Colleges Against Cancer will be holding the relay. The UAB will be participating in the relay as well as holding the kickoff dinner the night before.

The dinner will be held in the Apollo Room in the Student Union on April 19 at 6 pm. The Relay for Life will be held on April 20 at 6 pm until April 21 at noon in the Quad.

Tickets are \$10 for students, \$5 for caregivers, free for survivors and current patients and \$20 for everyone else. There are only 200 seats for this event. To buy a ticket or reserve your seat, email Joseph Gibbons at gibbons.14@wright.edu. Tickets may also be purchased at the Student Union box office or at the door.

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 student orgs at
 April Craze Friday,
 April 27**

Student Governments holds 2012-2013 position elections

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"It's *Student Government*. It all comes down to what the students really want. We [the elected representatives for Student Government] serve as a gateway between the student body and the higher administration that controls the policies enacted in or around campus." - Adam Verdecchia

As for the upcoming year, Student Government's agenda remains moderately tentative. However, the pronounced tone of aplomb and excitement in the voices of Adam Verdecchia (Director of Public Relations for SG) and Jonathan Maze (Chief Justice for SG) was reassuring that Wright State has a lot in store for next year.

In fact, Verdecchia and Maze

took time out of their busy days to sit down with The Guardian and discuss some of the logistics behind the upcoming election, the future ambitions of the Student Government, as well as the overall function of this vital organization.

On the subject of elections: For the convenience of students wanting to take part in the democratic process at Wright State, Student Government will be utilizing the internet accordingly. Verdecchia Candidates running for a Student Government office will be posting their platforms online soon, along with their future aspirations for Wright State policy and what they hope to achieve, if elected.

According to Jonathan Maze, there are still a magnitude of positions open. Applications for cabinet spots are currently being

accepted by Student Government. Students can also apply for positions such as: Chief of Staff, Chief Justice, Director of Internal Affairs, Director of Campus Culture, Director of Academic Affairs, Director of International Affairs, Director of Public Relations, Director of Web Communication, and Director of Student Affairs.

The expected diversity of the tickets comes from the harmonious medley of both previously elected Student Government officials who are running again -- in hopes of continuing their own personal pursuit of what they feel is best for the student body at Wright State -- and new candidates who seek to bring a breath of fresh progressiveness to campus.

The current members of Student Government are greatly encouraging

of every student that seeks to get involved with Wright State's median between the administration and the student body. "If anyone is interested in getting involved or even applying for a position on the Student Government, please get in contact with Adam or I," said Maze.

"It's a great way to learn about Wright State, to learn about yourself, to give back to the community and to establish some networking. I encourage anyone, regardless of your year or major, to take a chance with Student Government and to get involved."



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Staff and students work towards a greener campus atmosphere

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Since its creation in 1970 by a Wisconsin Senator, Earth Day has proven itself to be both effective and a model for how humanity should live every other day of the year.

Every April 22, individuals and organizations from all over the world show some much needed respect for the tender planet beneath our feet. In celebration of this holiday, tremendous initiatives are made by many to clean up the environment around them.

Wright State, a firm proponent of Earth Day, turned this holiday into a week long celebration. All last week, students participated in a plethora of ecological and earth-friendly projects.

Last Wednesday students had the opportunity to help the Army ROTC with their campaign against litter scattered around campus. On Tuesday and Thursday, students had the opportunity to meet up and join organized hikes through the Wright State Woods.

These are a couple of the exciting events featured in Wright State's Earth Week. In addition to various other organized events, students were strongly encouraged by the sustainability proponents to practice more ecological habits, not only to be

done during "Earth Week" but to be done as a natural, daily routine.

As the abundance of fossil fuels continues to diminish, more and more ecosystems are destroyed by careless littering or ravenous deforestation and the human race's harmful imprint on the planet becomes increasingly irrevocable, environmentalism is becoming a hotter and hotter subject on tip of everyone's tongue.

In response to humanity's growing carbon footprint, the faculty and students of Wright State have established numerous organizations, methods of conservation and initiatives to cut back on waste.

Wright State's Sustainability movement exemplifies these earth-friendly efforts.

This week, The Guardian was fortunate enough to sit down and talk to Dr. Linda Ramey, LEED Green Associate and Director of Sustainability, about the successes of Earth Week and Recyclemania as well as how students can "go green."

When asked to define sustainability, Ramey gave a very straightforward response: "Sustainability is the practice of reducing, reusing, and recycling. It means to change our wasteful habits and think ahead into the future."

In concordance with acting in a

sustainable manner, Ramey also firmly advocated the phrase: "Act locally, think globally."

"Taking action within the community, while considering the larger implications of what we're consuming and how we're consuming are things we should strive to do," she said.

Small gestures may seem insignificant, but every act in the name of sustainability and conservation is key.

"Even telling a friend to throw an aluminium can in the recycling bin, rather than the trash can, can make a difference," said Ramey.

On the subject of Recyclemania, Ramey reported that it was extremely successful. According to Wright State's Sustainability web page, our school ranked 36 out of the 240 universities (of similar size to WSU) that competed in the competition.

"Every year we do a little bit better. Hopefully this trend continues," said Ramey.

Wright State had a recycling rate of 46.53%. Ramey says, "If students see their friends recycling and acting in an ecological manner, then they may be more likely to follow suit. Not all peer pressure is a bad thing."

Simply by influencing those around you and actively participating

in community-clean up events are the two main ways in which environmentalists should combat the unfortunate presence of the ecological apathy the majority of the populace seems to have.

Perhaps there truly is something we all can learn from the efforts of Ramey's "sustainable efforts."

Whether or not you believe in climate change as a result of human over-consumption and pollution, preserving the land, which we must all share, for the generations that succeed ours is something of the utmost importance. If we all lend a helping hand to clean up our communities and revise our habits of disposing our "waste," then surely we are taking the proper steps in decreasing our carbon footprint.

Although "going green" has become a bit cliché, it is still imperative that we value the planet beneath us and live for tomorrow, not just today.

Every human must learn to consider the myriad of implications that come with draining the ground of its natural (often limited) sources of energy.

If we are to witness a brighter and "greener" tomorrow, then maybe it's time we view ourselves as guests in Mother Nature's house.

About you WSU

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Allison Cortelli is no stranger to new changes and adapting to new places. When she stepped onto WSU campus for the first time as an incoming freshman this past August, she was ready to embark on the college experience.

Allison is originally from Texas, where her dad served in the U.S Air Force for 10 years, but was later transferred to Germany to work on special military assignments.

Allison attended primary school in Germany for two years until her family was brought back to the U.S. after her father's work in Germany was finished. Altogether Allison has attended nine schools in 13 years. WSU serves as her resting pod for awhile, for which she is most grateful.

The Guardian: What was it like changing schools all the time? Was it difficult?

Cortelli: At first it was hard because I was an only child and making friends was already difficult; let alone there

was always the chance that I would be leaving the next year. Middle school was the hardest because I had made some friends and when I had to leave I didn't know if I would ever see them again.

The Guardian: Do you plan on joining the military?

Cortelli: Right now my boyfriend is training to be in [the] Marines so there is a good chance that I might, but I want to finish my degree first and possibly travel to Europe for a year after I graduate. So I guess we'll see.

The Guardian: Out of all the places you've lived, what was your favorite and why?

Cortelli: I get this question all time and the more I think about it my answer changes every time. Right now I would have to say California. We lived in Monterey and the beach was pretty close so I got used to that quickly. I will have to say that I did miss snow and normal season changes though. I also had made some pretty close friends so that made the experience nicer.

The Guardian: Why did you choose Wright State?

Cortelli: I have family members that live and work here in Dayton so it made the choice easier on my parents since they currently live in Georgia.

The Guardian: Is it difficult being far away from your parents?

Cortelli: At first it was really hard and I missed my mom so much and we would talk on the phone or over Facebook every day, but it is getting easier with time. They actually just visited about a month ago so it was good to see them.

The Guardian: What do you like about WSU?

Cortelli: I love that the campus isn't in the middle of the city. I visited other schools before choosing Wright State and most of them didn't feel like colleges because they were in the city. I also love the tunnels because most schools don't have that. It's like a best kept secret. I've also met a lot of awesome people. There is so much diversity on campus and it fits my life well since I'm friends with many types of people.

The Guardian: What is your favorite food on campus?

Cortelli: That is a hard one. I would have to say the subs in the Union Market, there is a nice variety and I can switch it up. Also I love the Wright Cup and I'm addicted to their milkshakes.

The Guardian: If you could have any super power what would it be and why?

Cortelli: Man you caught me off guard. I guess I would be able to fly because I would be able to go wherever I wanted whenever I wanted. Also I wouldn't have to pay for plane tickets anymore.

The Guardian: Any advice or encouragement to students whose families live out of state or further away?

Cortelli: Live life day by day and don't be afraid to branch out and make new friends. College would be boring if you just sit around missing your family all the time.

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Rainbow Alliance and RCA presents Sex Week

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The Rainbow Alliance and RCA will hold Sex Week to open the discussion on a taboo topic. During the week of April 30 they will hold different events focused on sex.

This is the first Sex Week, but the RCA would like to make it an annual event. The Rainbow Alliance and RCA will kick off Sex Week with an HIV/STI presentation and testing.

According to Brandi Sowers, Vice President of the Rainbow Alliance, Ben Adams from the Aids Resource Center (ARC) will give a presentation. He will talk about different types of STI's and give advice on ways to stay healthy. Adams will also give a pre and post test to see what people learned and what they already knew.

After the presentation there will be an HIV testing. The test is a

simple mouth swab and is completely painless.

"It's important for people to recognize that everyone is at risk and as college students you need to take precautions in order to guarantee your safety and health," said Sowers.

Sowers suggests students be honest with their partners in order to prevent the spread of diseases. Sowers also said it is important to use a condom. The Rainbow Alliance will pass out condoms during Sex Week.

The presentation and testing is free and open for all. It will take place on Monday, April 30 from 2-5 p.m. in 103 and 105 Student Union.

On Tuesday, May 1, they will hold a Sex Social. There will be games, food and a DJ. It will take place in the Student Union Atrium from 7-9 p.m.

On Wednesday, May 2, they will have a speaker who will talk about kinks and fetishes. The speaker will

speak at the interactive meeting in E157 from 7:30-9 p.m.

On Thursday, May 3, they will hold a Who's Your Daddy game show in the Student Union Atrium from 7:30-9 p.m.

The grand finale will be the 9th annual Drag Show in the Apollo Room from 8-11 p.m. on Friday, May 4. The Drag Show will have students dressed in drag as well as a comedy routine by Wright State professor, Michelle Metzner. All tips and proceeds for the Drag Show will go to the ARC.

According to Somers, RCA and the Rainbow Alliance decided to hold Sex Week because sex is a topic that usually gets pushed under the table.

"We're all adults here and we need to be responsible and talk about sensitive subjects," Somers said.

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The Velvet Underground

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The Velvet Underground was a band that was always trying to find itself. The collective figures, led most prominently by Lou Reed, John Cale, Sterling Morrison and Maureen Tucker, were always searching for a distinct, signature sound, and with each new album it looked as if they were trying something different.

The band's debut, *The Velvet Underground & Nico*, displayed an emerging rock presence fruiting to life. The songs are packed with dark themes and tough New York City swagger, characteristics which became staples in the band's demeanor. The album has long been considered the Velvets crowning achievement, but it was by no means everything the band had in store.

Their next record, *White Light/White Heat*, could arguably be considered the first "true" Velvet Underground record, one made without the assistance of an outside voice or Warhol breathing down their necks. It was the band in their rawest and loudest form, with distortion cranked all the way up while flying on amphetamines.

The result was drastically different from their debut, and once again it found the Velvet Underground doing a little soul searching, trying hard to figure out who exactly they were as a group.

So by the time they started recording their third album, you'd think they'd have it all figured out, right? Wrong. Well, sort of. For starters, founding member John Cale left before recording even commenced, causing Doug Yule to step up, whose handsome looks and innocent characteristics were a far cry from the wild and experimental Cale. But with Yule came discipline, and discipline served the Velvets well in the studio. They were all aiming to distance themselves from their Andy Warhol origins, and Yule may have been just the right thing to get some straight songs out of the band.

Those straight songs actually turned out to be pretty dang good. "Candy Says" is floaty and dreamlike, and it's one of the most extreme examples of the band's new "softer" sound. "Pale Blue Eyes" finds the band, especially Lou Reed, at their most sensitive, and it could very well be the most gorgeous song Reed has ever written. "I'm Set Free" with all the hopefulness it seems to give off, actually sounds more like an empty, desperate state of denial once you start digging deep. The lyrics talk of being happy and free, but the music gives off a sense of loneliness, especially during the middle guitar break.

For all the softness going on, there's still plenty of upbeat songs on *Velvet Underground*. "What Goes On" is a stomping, rousing jam led prominently by the powerful organ playing of Yule.

"Beginning to See the Light" continues in much of the same vein. It's catchy, and at times comes awfully close to sounding like a late-era Byrds track. "That's The Story of My Life" is a fun country-rocker that tells the story of well, someone's life, but who's? Reed's? Nobody really knows, but the song itself is only two minutes long, which leads me to believe that whoever it was had an either extremely boring or very short-lived existence. Both of these theories fail to line up with my image of Lou Reed, so I highly doubt the song is autobiographical.

"The Murder Mystery" is where the Velvets make clear that they haven't forgotten about their past, which only adds to the overall confusion. It sees them exploring the avant-garde side of music, the side to which their most known for, and although it starts out great, it eventually hangs on for too long. It does contain some nice vocal intertwining between Reed and drummer Maureen Tucker, and otherwise it would make a great song if it were just cut down in length.

The album ends with "After Hours," a song most well-known for having Tucker on lead vocals. It's another sweet and sincere moment from the group, and a perfect end for the album. Her gentle voice does the song justice that Reed's simply could not have done. It's bare and pure, and follows the minimal lead of the rest of the songs.

The Velvets have always been



a stripped-down kind of band, but throughout this album they are basically standing naked. The songs are beautiful and tender, a stark contrast to the street-tough-New Yorkers they were a year before. But that was the plan all along. The goal was to be fresh and stand-out instead of hiding underneath the experimental umbrella.

There was a reason why three albums in the band finally decided to release a self-titled record. It was the start of something new, something the group wanted to be best known for.

Despite what may have happened over the years, what's left behind is a great collection of songs, a collection that probably wouldn't work anywhere else.

Although they may have constantly been evolving, the Velvet Underground always managed to release albums that felt complete, and this was another example of that brilliant strength.

Push Girls sneak peek premiere at Wright State

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Push Girls is a new reality show on the Sundance Channel that reveals the daily lives of four women who confined to wheel chairs. The Office of Disability Services will screen the first episode before it is released.

According to Jeffrey Vernooy, Director of Disability Services, Wright State was one of the five institutions in the country chosen to premiere the episode. Vernooy was contacted by the producer of *Push Girls*, Katie Lanegran.

The show focuses on the lives of the four women. They suffered spinal injuries either in accidents or from illness, causing them to be paralyzed.

Angela Rockwood lives her life as a model and actress, Auti Angel is an actress, singer and hip-hop dancer, Tiphany Adams is following her dream of becoming a fitness model and Mia Schaikewitz competes in multiple sports and is attempting to go back

to competitive swimming. All four women are living their lives despite the odds.

"They talk about disability, that you can go forward and you can do things," Vernooy said. "There are students that are here to get on with life."

According to Vernooy, *Push Girls* is a step in the right direction. Vernooy said it is not easy to get into Hollywood when a disability is involved.

"We have taken down another barrier," said Vernooy.

Mia Schaikewitz will come to the advanced screening and answer questions from students. The event is free and open to the public. Vernooy encourages students to bring their family and friends. This event is first come, first serve.

"When we see people with disabilities being portrayed as models, parents and teachers, it plays a part in getting them accepted into society," Vernooy said.



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Stars of *Push Girls* from left to right: Angela Rockwood, Tiphany Adams, Mia Schaikewitz, and Auti Angel.

For more information on the show, visit www.sundance.com/push-girls/
The show airs on June 5 at 10 p.m.

CRIME NOTES 2012

April 17— Two front windshield wipers were taken off of a parked vehicle in parking lot 10W. The car's antenna was also bent in half. The student who owns the car said the week before this happened someone took his previous set of windshield wipers and his license plate.

April 19— An unknown individual stole a university HP laptop from the Library Annex.

April 19— The car door lock of a car parked in parking lot 4 was broken out. A CD player, iPod, subwoofers and an amplifier were taken from the car. \$830 loss.

April 19— A car in parking lot 10 was broken into. The items stolen from the car includes 55 Oxycodone pills, cash, a shoulder bag and textbooks.

SG seeks priority registration for GI Bill recipients

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Wright State University's Student Government discussed a proposal in support of priority registration for active military, reservist, guardsman and veteran students under the GI Bill.

The GI Bill only provides 36 months of benefits. Service commitments for training and deployments may alter their class schedule rotation for degree programs and leave them behind academically.

If priority registration for GI Bill beneficiaries is authorized, our military students will receive the same prioritization as WSU Honor and Athletic Students.

The prioritization will enhance

the student in getting core classes to maintain their perspective program schedules.

Nick Warrington, Vice President of Student Government, felt very positive about the pending proposal.

His remarks during an interview reflected WSU's commitment to our military student population. He said he believes the WSU Board of Trustees will agree with the student body and wants the university to be recognized as a "veteran friendly" campus.

Warrington also said he believes WSU's positive relationship with the Veteran's Administration will also enhance recruitment opportunities among the community's veteran residents adding an additional dimension to WSU's diverse student population.

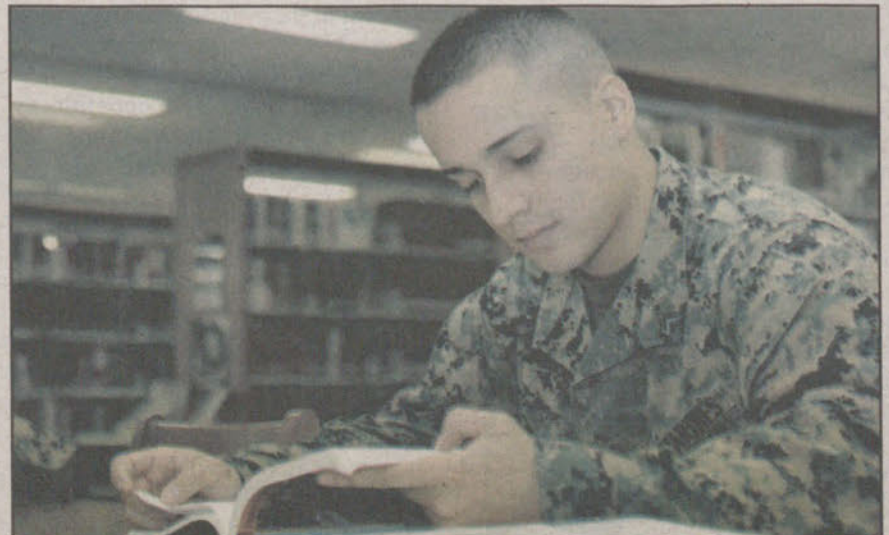


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Event highlights from the week



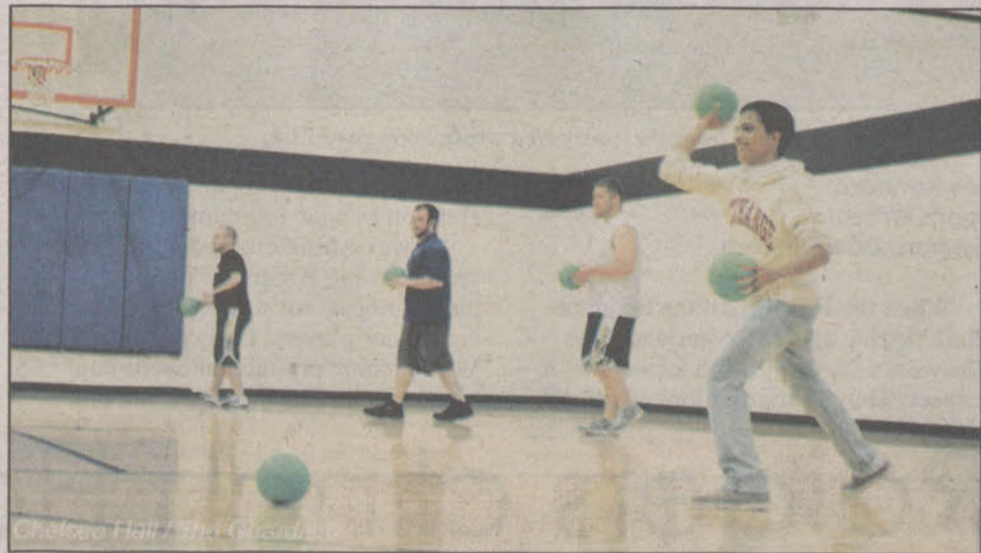
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Over \$18,000 dollars was raised at WSU's Relay For Life this past Friday and Saturday. Seen above are cancer survivors starting off the night with the very first lap around The Quad.



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Performers at the 2012 International Friendship Affair.



Chelsea Hall / The Guardian

Students playing in a dodgeball tournament at the Student Union gym.



Lance Minnich / The Guardian

Members of Sigma Phi Epsilon support Relay For Life by eating at the University Activities Board's Relay For Life Kick Off Dinner.

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Golf places eighth in tune up for Horizon League Tournament



Photo contributed by the WSU Athletic Department

Sophomore Cody Fixari leads the team with a stroke average of 73.4.

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When the Raiders hit the tee at the Earl Yestingsmeier Invitational over the weekend, they didn't know what to expect. They left with more questions

than answers heading into next week's Horizon League tournament.

"It was a little disappointing," said senior Jordan Higgins. "We didn't play our best, but we were also out one of our players, Cody Nickson. We got some production out of Paul VanDeventer [and] he came out and

took the role of Nickson because he was our next guy in line."

Though VanDeventer finished 74th overall after shooting a four-round score of 238, he couldn't make up for the production of Nickson. Without one of their top performers, Wright State finished eighth in the fifteen team tournament.

Nickson, who's battling a hip injury, was disappointed that he couldn't play. But another Cody (Fixari) led the team by shooting a 211, the eleventh-best individual score.

"I played with Cody the first day and he hit the ball really well," said Higgins. "He's putting it really great.

This is the third time he's led the team out of our four events this year, so he's really been consistent."

Higgins wasn't pleased with his own play and finished fifty-fourth, but managed to find optimism.

"I had a disappointing second round on Saturday," he said. "I played a decent first round, shot 74, but I kind of started spraying the ball and missed the fairway in the second round. On the second day, I got off to a bad start but settled down and got some confidence heading into next week."

The eight place finish didn't quell any of the team's concerns. To

finish well at the Horizon League tournament, WSU knows where the most work is needed.

"Off the tee, we need to make sure we're really accurate because there's a lot of trouble off the fairways, and our iron game [needs work] because the greens are pretty slow," said Higgins. "So we need to be in the rights spots on the green to put ourselves in positions to make birdies."

When the Raiders step on the course in Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida for the championships Friday, they'll face a

"We have some confidence because we're one of the highest-ranked teams in the Horizon right now."

challenging course. Their plan is to attack it with preparation and belief.

Senior Jordan Higgins

"It's pretty undulating," said Higgins.

"There are a lot of hills and water hazards, so that can lead to some high numbers if you're not careful where you're hitting your shots. We have some confidence because we're one of the highest-ranked teams in the Horizon right now."

With or without Nickson, the key for the Raiders is a strong mental game. Higgins noted earlier in the season that the team consulted with sports psychiatrists to improve their mindsets.

That work will be put to the test in the most demanding tournament of the season.

Raiders clinch Horizon League Title with victories over weekend

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An atmosphere of celebration filled the court Sunday.

With their sweep of Youngstown State and Cleveland State, the Raiders (18-4, 7-0) captured the first regular season title and number one seed in program history after an unbeaten run through the Horizon League.

"It means a lot," said Head Coach Sean McCaffrey. "It proves that they're the best team. We did it by a lot of hard work and a lot of perseverance, and also we did it by understanding that there is a process to the season and we have these steps to take it. We put things in perspective."

The coronation started with a 6-1 dismantling of YSU on Saturday. In the nine matches the teams played, the

Raiders swept all but one: a 6-7, 6-7 loss by Hayden Joblin to the Penguins' Silviu Mistreanu.

Martin Arguello and the rest of the singles crew—Lauri Makikalli, Michal Lyzwa, Jamison Clark and Ricardo Pineda—all won their matches in straight sets. That theme carried

over into doubles, where the teams of Clark/Joblin, Arguello/Makikalli and Myles Harris/Evan Neuman defeated YSU.

Impressive wins became commonplace for the team this season, but even McCaffrey marveled at their

play Saturday.

"For the first time in quite a while, all of the guys were playing at their absolute best," he said. "We knew going into it that it was going to be a tough match. I was really pleased with how efficient they were."

WSU captured a share of the title

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after the win and found themselves with an anti-climatic match with Cleveland State the next day.

But they won anyway.

"Because we locked down the number one seed on Saturday in the win against Youngstown State, I don't know if there was a letdown Sunday,

but I don't think there was a sense of urgency," said McCaffrey. "It was a close score, 4-3, but I don't think it had the intensity because the whole season didn't hinge on that match."

Though Arguello lost in straight sets along with Neuman and Lyzwa, Joblin, Makikalli and Clark won their singles matches to draw even with the Vikings. The Raiders earned the decisive point in doubles after Harris/Neuman won their match.

When the team returned home, they found themselves in an unfamiliar position: at the top of the pedestal in the conference. But McCaffrey emphasized how fortune can come crashing down without the proper

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mindset.

"We still have work to do," he said. "We're 7-0 in conference, we're undefeated in the regular season, but we knew from the very beginning what the ultimate goal was, and that's getting to the NCAA tournament."

All that remains between the Raiders and the fulfillment of their dreams is two more wins.

They play the winner of Cleveland State and Detroit in the semifinals on Saturday. If WSU wins that match, they'll face either Green Bay or Youngstown State in the final.

To fight off pressure, the team's strategy is simple: stay loose.

"Nothing's changed and we're just going to keep our same schedule, keep it simple," McCaffrey said. "The recipe has really worked, so there's no need to change the ingredients now."

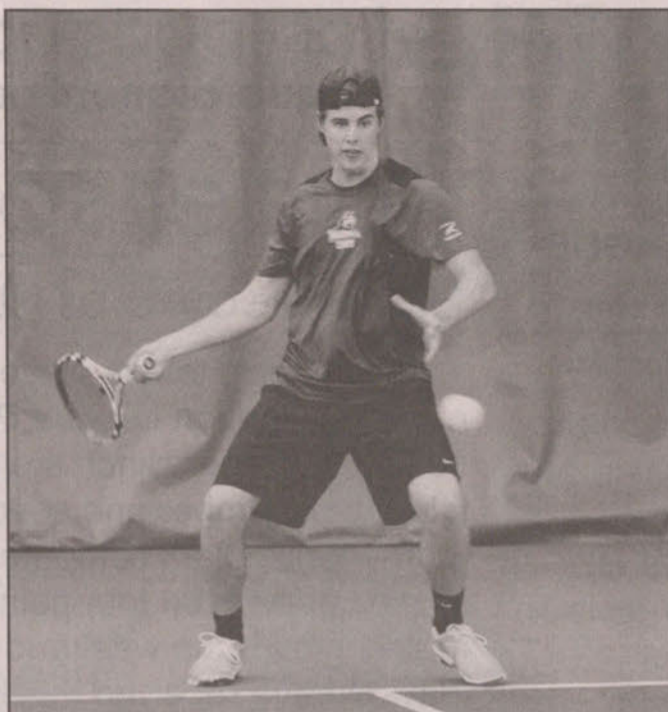


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The men took home Wright State's first ever regular season Horizon League title and number one seed in the conference tournament.

Despite slow start to season, Lady Raiders make way into postseason



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The women snuck into the Horizon League Tournament, clinching the final spot over the weekend.

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At times, the Raiders looked lost, but they found direction late in the season and clinched one of the last spots in the Horizon League tournament.

While Wright State's record (10-12, 4-4) doesn't qualify as a success, Head Coach Sean McCaffrey cares only about the end result. For a team that started 0-5, reaching the postseason seemed implausible. But they turned that dream into reality.

With new life, the fifth-seeded Raiders want to make noise in the tournament and one thing lies in their path: Butler.

"One of their big goals is beating Butler," said McCaffrey. "We didn't do it in the regular season, so we have this extra chance now on Friday to play them. We're hoping we beat them."

If WSU tames the Bulldogs they'll play in the semi-finals Saturday against top-seed Illinois-Chicago. In the other side of the bracket, Cleveland State, Milwaukee and Detroit will fight for the other finals spot.

Butler's record is deceiving and the Raiders can't afford to look ahead. As McCaffrey mentioned, WSU lost their regular season matchup 5-2.

What gives the team confidence is their play this past weekend. The Raiders crushed Youngstown State 5-2 on Saturday before showing promise in a 6-1 loss to CSU on Sunday.

"We played well enough to win Saturday against Youngstown State," said McCaffrey. "I think some of our

women played really well against Cleveland State, but they're just in another league when it comes to how good they are compared to Youngstown State."

At 1-17, YSU looked meek. But the Raiders didn't show compassion.

Against the Penguins, Alex Bastock and Amy Nini won in straight sets, while Chelsea Girgash earned a walkover and Taylor Hines double-bageled (6-0, 6-0) YSU's Jennifer Moore.

Though top players Kayla Tuscany and Masha Peresetsky lost their matches, the doubles teams of Tuscany/Bastock and Hines/Nini put YSU away.

The Raiders traveled to the other end of the spectrum the next day with a 6-1 loss to CSU, yet McCaffrey's optimism didn't waver.

"Cleveland State's really good and being able to come away with one point gave us some momentum for the last match out there, and it really gave the team something to look forward to this coming week when we play Butler," said McCaffrey.

The CSU scores didn't look pretty. Tuscany, Bastock, Nini and Girgash all lost their matches in straight sets, with four 6-0 sets mixed in. But Peresetsky scored the lone singles win in a comeback 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 effort.

It's fitting for a comeback win to prove the final highlight of the Raiders' season. All spring, they battled adversity and turned the tables on near-failure to reach the postseason. In the final act of the season, WSU hopes to rewrite its story with a conference championship.

WSU sports guide

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Baseball

HORIZON LEAGUE STANDINGS

(as of Tuesday, April 24)

Wright State (14-4 HL, 26-13)

Valparaiso (12-6 HL, 18-20)

Milwaukee (10-8 HL, 16-20)

Butler (7-11 HL, 19-21)

Youngstown State (2-16 HL, 4-34)

UIC (9-9 HL, 15-22)

Wednesday, April 25

vs. Urbana 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 27

vs. Butler 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 28

vs. Butler 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 29

vs. Butler 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

at Cincinnati 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 4

vs. Valparaiso 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

vs. Valparaiso 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 6

vs. Valparaiso 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8

at Bowling Green 3:00 p.m.

Friday, May 11

at Youngstown State 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 12

at Youngstown State 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 13

at Youngstown State 12:00 p.m.

Men's Golf

Friday, April 27

Horizon League Championships

Saturday, April 28

Horizon League Championships

Sunday, April 29

Horizon League Championships

Softball

HORIZON LEAGUE STANDINGS

(as of Tuesday, April 24)

Wright State (8-10 HL, 20-26)

Youngstown State (10-8 HL, 26-13)

UIC (7-7 HL, 20-23)

Valparaiso (13-2 HL, 29-13)

Cleveland State (5-10 HL, 13-34)

Loyola (11-7 HL, 18-20)

Green Bay (8-7 HL, 19-19)

Detroit (2-15 HL, 10-36)

Butler (10-8 HL, 20-27)

Wednesday, April 25

at Marshall 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25

at Marshall 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 28

vs. Green Bay 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 28

vs. Green Bay 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 29

vs. Green Bay 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

vs. Ohio 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

vs. Ohio 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

at UIC 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

at UIC 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 6

at UIC 1:00 p.m.

Women's Track

Friday, May 4

Horizon League Championships

Saturday, May 5

Horizon League Championships

Sunday, May 6

Horizon League Championships

Friday, May 11

Cardinal Twilight

Raider sports briefs

Clark selected as HL Player of the Week

Junior men's tennis player Jamison Clark has been named a Horizon League Player of the week after helping his team clinch the regular season conference title and a number one seed in the upcoming tournament. Clark competes in both doubles and singles as he won four points for the Raiders in their matches over the weekend. Five other men's tennis players have received this honor this season. Clark will be back in action with the team in the tournament semifinals as WSU will face either Cleveland State or Detroit on Saturday, April 28.

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Women's basketball adds three to roster

Three new players will be joining the WSU women's basketball team for the 2012-2013 season. Two of the players, Brianna Innocent and Ja'Monica Orton are area natives who played high school ball at Vandalia Butler and Stebbins. Innocent played one year at Edison State Community College in Piqua, producing solid numbers averaging 10.2 points per game while grabbing 6.7 rebounds per game. Orton comes in after spending two seasons with East Central Community College. She averaged 17.4 points per game and 8.8 rebounds as a sophomore. The third player, Tay'ler Mingo, is an Akron native who comes to WSU after playing two seasons at Florida State. She produced solid numbers off of the bench for FSU and brings lots of experience to the team. The three new additions will join newcomer Jasmine Johnson and transfer Tayler Stanton who will be new to the team for the 2012-2013 season.

Have a story idea? Feel free to submit it to Michael Mancz at mancz.4@wright.edu.

Women's Tennis

Friday, April 27

Horizon League Championships

Saturday, April 28

Horizon League Championships


Men's Tennis

Saturday, April 28

Horizon League Championships

Sunday, April 29

Horizon League Championships



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