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The Office of Latino Affairs to merge with the Asian & Native American Center

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The Office of Latino Affairs will soon merge back with the Asian & Native American Center.

Before the Office Latino Affairs was an individual center prior to two years ago, it was a part of the Asian & Native American Center.

When the Office of Latino Affairs became its separate center “there was an effort to give more resources to the Latino students,” said Dr. Gary Dickstein, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs.

This merge occurred to consolidate resources due to the budget remediation.

"With the appending budget remediation processes, we looked at how we could continue to offer the same best of level services to all of our identity centers," Dickstein said. "There was a natural connection a couple years ago, so we just reconnected groups back together again."

Students will be able come together and interact with other students of different backgrounds.

“The benefits of students being able to interact and learn from others who are different from them will help students become more multiculturally competent people. This is really important to student success,” Dickstein said.

Steps will be taken to ensure the merge is made successfully, according to Dickstein.

“The directors of the identity and cultural centers and I are meeting on a monthly basis to talk about how, collectively, all the identities centers are doing and how they are working together to meet the need of all student identities to ensure there is a smooth transition moving forward.”

## WSU class to tackle poverty in Dayton project

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The Advanced News Writing class in the Communications department will be tackling a project on poverty in the Dayton area. In past years, Ray Marcano ran the class differently; but this semester, he wanted to shoot bigger.

"I always look for the most challenging project that I possibly can," Marcano said. "Not only that, but also I want to help students get the best portfolio they can. When I've done this in the past couple of classes, some students struggled with finding news stories on their own. I wanted to change it up so we were focused on a single issue that's big in the community."

Another aspect of this project was to draw attention to a large issue in the community, according to Marcano.

"Poverty is a big issue in our community that doesn't get the attention that it deserves," Marcano said. "They (the community) think about numbers, they don't think about the face of poverty."

When asked about how he feels students will respond to the project, Marcano said, "I have no fears whatsoever. I think that, in my experience, when the students get excited about something they behave professionally, they write professionally, they give it their all. I think it's actually going to be something that's going to surprise a lot of people and blow them away".

This project is being done in collaboration with Dayton Daily News and the class runs much like an actual newsroom. Marcano, along with adjunct faculty member, Ken Paxson, runs the class with students chosen to be editors and reporters.

Marcano refers to his students as reporters, rather than students. "At the end of the semester, I think the reporters themselves are going to be blown away by what they've been able to accomplish."

WSU senior, Stacy Worley, is serving as the web editor of the class and will put together a website for all of the finished stories to be posted.

"I plan to use elements that I know will work for a project of this magnitude," Worley said. "I have to make sure I have a nice window where I can work on the project between my studies. My other classes are not as intense as this class, so I have to make sure I have a set schedule."

The main goal that Marcano is set on for the class to create is, "awareness beyond the stereotypical base of poverty - that poverty really is somebody and the impact that poverty has on self-esteem," he said.

## Bear Creek Donut Shop review

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It's hard to go wrong when making donut, but what is hard is coming up with new and unique flavors that other donut shops do not have, and that's what Bear Creek Donut Shop has been doing.

Located in Miamisburg, it has become somewhat of a staple in the downtown area, and I must say after trying their donuts, I understand why.

The first one I tried was the unique Oreo donut, a chocolate cake donut with white icing and crumbles of Oreo cookies on top. This one was delicious, it had the Oreo flavor and the donut itself was moist and soft.

Next, was fruity pebbles which is unique, but I have seen in other donut shops. With vanilla icing and topping with fruity pebbles cereal it was great. It was soft and doughy with just enough sweetness and fruitiness to balance each other out.

Staying with the cereal trend, next was the cinnamon toast crunch donut. This delicious donut again had vanilla icing but this time was topping with cinnamon toast crunch, and you definitely didn't need the milk to eat this cereal.

My two favorites were the cream filled and the coconut donuts. The cream filled had thick chocolate icing on top and vanilla cream inside all the way through the donut. It was a little messy but not hard to finish at all, very delicious.

The coconut donut is simple, but sometimes simple is best. It had vanilla icing with coconut flecks on top, it was sweet and light which could be a problem, because I could've had a few more.

The donuts were good but so was the coffee. If you are a coffee lover, the hazelnut cream coffee is the perfect sidekick to any donut.

Bear Creek had other unique ones like maple bacon, smores, m & m's and more. They also had old favorites too like the apple fritter, glazed and sprinkled.

So, whether you like unique donuts or the same old, they can fulfill your many desires in the donut realm. Try Bear Creek Donut Shop on your next breakfast run.

Best places for students to find everyday items

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Students looking for the best deals while shopping for a variety of items can start right here in the Fairborn area. While it is easier to hear about places like the mall and Wal-Mart or Target, there are quality items at much lower prices.

For brand new name-brand clothing, Gabe's (formerly Gabriel Brother's) is one of the best options in town. Gabe's is able to sell clothes for a discounted price because they receive items that stores can no longer sell or have been taken off of the shelves.

The only downside to this is sometimes certain items of clothing can have small stains or defects, but they are usually barely noticeable. You can find clothes with original \$50+ tags for less than \$10. Clothing isn't the end though, Gabe's also sells backpacks, electronic accessories, household decor and more.

Another option for discounted clothing is to go the used route. Most people in our area have heard of Plato's Closet, but for anyone new, Plato's is an incredible discovery. You can sell your old unwanted clothing for cash, and buy the clothing that others no longer wanted or needed.

Often, the clothes and accessories at Plato's will even be brand new with original tags. Plato's has many clearance sales throughout the year for incredible deals. While Goodwill and other thrift stores are a great option for used clothing, at Plato's you are more likely to find up to date styles and options.

Every college student needs food. While Meijer, Walmart, Kroger and Target are usually the go-to grocery stores, there is a better option. Aldi is a store that sells food and grocery items at incredibly low prices. Aldi is a German originated store and can offer such low prices because they sell their own brand of items. From food to household items, Aldi will become your go-to stop.

If you've ever needed a cheap phone charger or phone accessory quickly, Five Below is exactly as it sounds. Deals here are five dollars or less and items range from phone cases, chargers, and other accessories, to clothing, books, knick knacks, makeup and more.

Book lovers should check out Half-Price Books. Both new and old books can be found for fractions of the price. Those who truly enjoy reading can gather with friends and spend hours digging through a world of stories at great deals.

Lock 27 opens new location in Dayton

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Lock 27 has a new location in Dayton, offering their own beer, brewed in-house and a diverse menu.

The company was founded by Steve Barnhart, who left his corporate career to start a brewery, and believes in being authentic.

“Authentically different. There are no other words that carry more weight than these at Lock 27 Brewing,” Barnhart said in a release. “Regardless of whether it’s the broad range of Lock 27 house beers, the diversity of our scratch made menu from our gastropub kitchen, or all the fun we have in our daily routine, I encourage everyone on our staff to always question conventional wisdom. Always look for new ways of doing. Always find new things to try.”

In April of last year, Lock 27 announced their second location would be located in the heart of the Water Street District in the historic Delco building. In the new location, there are two floors overlooking the public plaza at the main entrance of the Dayton Dragons’ home, Fifth Third Field.

Barnhart has a sense of pride about adding to the Dayton historic district .

“We are excited to become a part of the burgeoning Dayton marketplace, and are honored to become the first tenant in the long dormant Delco building,” Barnhart said in a release. “I am proud to see the pace of redevelopment in Dayton being enabled by Mayor Nan Whaley and the City of Dayton, and particularly excited by the development team’s vision for the Water Street District.”

Lock 27 boasts a reputation of great customer service.

“The gastropub is second to none,” said Jason Woodard, of Principal Woodard in a release. “Combined with the full-scale brewery operation, this will create a customer experience like no other in Dayton” Development.

The addition of the new Lock 27 location is also viewed as investment to the downtown area.

“I am excited that retail businesses like Lock 27 Brewing are investing in Dayton and our downtown,” Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley said in a release.

Stop by Lock 27 for made-in-house brews and scratch made menu items from their gastropub kitchen.

What freshmen can expect

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After the first couple weeks of the fall semester come to a close, all students should be settling into a routine.

For freshmen, the adjustment process could include figuring out which building is which, how to navigate the tunnels and adjusting to the workload and lifestyle.

A presentation by Craig This, Director for Institutional Research and Analytics, broke down the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) to give freshmen an idea of what to expect at Wright State.

The NSSE is a survey taken every couple years to study the amount of time and effort students put into their studies and how the institution deploys its resources and organizes curriculum according to their website. Wright State has taken part since the survey began.

WSU was one of seven schools to be recognized and studied by researchers in 2009 for their improvements on the survey, according to This.

“We can take the results of NSSE and say what can we, as a university, do to get more involved?” This said.

The results showed that on average, 14.2 hours were spent studying and 2.5 hours reading class material. However, This mentioned in his presentation that 96 percent of students formed a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information, and that 92 percent evaluate a point of view, decision or information sources.

This also covered the "mean faculty" stereotype in a light hearted way. He gave an example of a teacher who told his students that teachers don't like some of their students either.

“Faculty are human and that’s what my point was, I wanted to do that in a funny way to show [that,] just like students go through things, so do faculty members,” This said.

For more information about this survey and to see where Wright State ranked, click [here](#).

"It" movie review

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I am not a horror movie fan by any stretch of the word, however, even I have to admit that “It” is a pretty great movie.

“It” stars Jaeden Lieberher and Bill Skarsgard as Bill Denbrough and Pennywise, with supporting roles played by “Stranger Things” lead Finn Wolfhard and Sophia Lillies, amongst others.

Pennywise is super creepy, and that is a fact the audience is met with very early in the film.

Skarsgard gives an excellent performance in the role, and lives up to the high standards of his predecessor while also bringing a new sense of terror to the character.

The seven protagonists of the film, also known as the “Losers Club”, are shown going through the struggles of young adolescence while also having to deal with a killer clown.

The young teen actors all give incredible performances, and it was really interesting to see Wolfhard create a different character in Richie Tozier compared to his role in “Stranger Things”.

Lillies also shows a lot of range in her portrayal of Beverly Marsh. There seems to be a real and authentic chemistry between all of the actors, and that is obvious in the film. They all showcase their talents and create characters that seem real and not just movie models of characterization.

All in all, “It” is a horror movie much in the same ilk of “Get Out”. Not when it comes to social commentary, but more so in how smart it is and how it respects the intelligence of the audience.

Director Andy Muschietti wants to scare with visuals, while also engrossing the audience into the characters, the setting and the story. Ultimately, this is why “It” works.

Wright State joins hurricane donation efforts

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Wright State is one of the latest colleges to donate to those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Houston, Texas.

The athletics department has donated ten boxes of clothing and shoes to victims, according to a WDTN report.

To deliver the items, athletics reached out to The Expediting Company, a trucking company based in Vandalia. The current president, Gabe Knight, is a former golfer for Wright State. Knight has described the hurricane as a tragedy, and said he is happy to help those in need.

Bob Grant, Director of Athletics, said that students, athletes and coaches rallied together to assist victims. After seeing the images of the aftermath, people came together to assist. "We're trying to do our small part to help with the disaster down in Houston," Grant said.

A tweet from Kelvin Sampson, basketball coach of the University of Houston, is what prompted the donations to the people of Texas.

"I have had so many of my friends in the coaching profession text and call offering prayers and thoughts for all Houstonians... Well, I came up with something I think coaches at all levels can help with," Sampson tweeted.

Sampson requested 20 t-shirts, 10 pairs of shoes, and whatever help people could give if they could not meet his request.

Since then, various school athletic departments from across the country have stepped up to donate clothing and shoes to hurricane victims in Houston.

WSU photographer Will Jones to leave after 14 years

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After 14 years, WSU photographer Will Jones, is leaving the university.

Jones is the senior photographer who specializes in producing creative photographic images that capture the full array of activities at Wright State University for use in marketing and public relations materials.

Outside of working for WSU, Jones has his own studio in the Cincinnati area, working as a commercial photographer, where he has had the success of working with clients such as Finger Hut, Smartpractice, Disney, Intel, Motorola, GCI and the Phoenix Suns.

Jones received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in photography at the Art Center College of Design in 1982, and later received his Master's of Digital Photography at Savannah College of Art and Design. Jones areas of expertise include commercial and people photography.

He has also worked with a wide range of subjects such as corporate executives, sports celebrities, models, ordinary citizens, studio products and still life.

With Jones' extensive experience in the photography field, he will be leaving this fall to do more freelance work, according to Seth Bauguess, Director of Communications.

“One of the components of my artistic journey is creating and conveying stories through image making; allowing me to communicate to the world around me,” Jones said on his LinkedIn artist statement. “It is my attempt to create insight and balance that can be visually communicated to the viewer. People are the portal that allows visual emotions and spiritual experiences to take place, while one is embarking on a journey of discovery and understanding.”

A farewell party will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at Kings Table from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Academic programs remain intact despite cuts

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In spring of 2017, \$30 million in expenses were cut in part of the budget reduction, resulting in layoffs and decreased spending across campus.

Both administration and department heads worked to minimize the impact on academics.

WSU offers a wide variety of certifications, licensures, endorsements and degree, including 13 associate degrees and over 90 bachelor degrees.

Over the last two years there have been several certifications, minors, and master programs deactivated due to lack of enrollment, according to University Registrar, Amanda Steele-Middleton

“We have not deactivated any programs due to financial cuts,” said Steele-Middleton.

The university has worked toward cutting expenses in other areas to keep the integrity of the academic programs stable.

However, the decision to cut or deactivate is left to the respective departments, depending on their budget. There have been less sections offered due to the cuts and program cuts could come in the future, but it is not probable at this moment, according to Office of Registrar.

“In case there were to be a cut to a program or certification, there would be a phase of teaching out the number of students left; finishing the program for those students to graduate and no longer accept new students,” Steele-Middleton said. “Departments might also encourage students to opt for different classes instead of the ones that are in the program.”

Minors such as Anthropology are doing well under the cuts to the budgets.

“College of Liberal Arts is not cutting right now,” said Tracey Steele, Associate Professor and Chair of the Sociology & Anthropology department.

The anthropology program was a target to be terminated over 15 years ago by the university, but due to such an outcry against it, the school has kept the program in place, according to Steele said.

“We’re thriving,” said Steele. “We have actually seen a slight increase in those that enroll in anthropology. We lost one personnel last year due to the cuts but, as a program, we are doing really well.”

The best way to make a study playlist

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Music and studying go hand-in-hand for most students. It is likely if you glance around on campus, more than half of the students you see studying will have earbuds in or headphones on.

While it is beneficial to listen to certain music while studying, some music can cause quite a distraction.

Music with lyrics can distract the language centers in the brain when you are trying to read or write an assignment.

The best way to work around this is to find instrumental or acoustic instrumental versions of your favorite songs so you still have the music to keep you focused, but not the distraction of the words.

Listening to music keeps your brain active, while sitting in a quiet room can make you distracted by any small sound or movement. The silence also has the ability to make you feel more tired and less willing to get work done.

If even the instrumental of your favorite songs proves to be too distracting, try listening to random calming piano or orchestral tracks. This gives background noise to keep you awake, but you're not tempted to sing along or focus on lyrics.

WSU senior Jasmine Milum likes to listen to music while studying.

"I like conscious hip hop artists because there's more of a smooth R&B beat," Milum said. "I prefer it because the rapping prevents me from being stuck in the song. I'm tuning it out while tuning it in somehow. I also like instrumentals."

Milum said her number one study playlist includes her ultimate favorite artist J. Cole.

Although Milum uses music as a study accessory, not all of it helps her focus.

"I can't listen to artists like Ariana and Katy because I will get up and start dancing," Milum said.

Gem City Jam, the forgotten rivalry

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The Gem City Jam was a men's basketball game played between the University of Dayton (UD) and Wright State University between 1988 and 1997.

It's been over twenty years since these cross town rivals played each other in men's basketball, and many might wonder why.

Scott Nagy, the head coach for the WSU men's basketball team, says he would like to see the game played, but notes that a decision on playing a game between the two schools would most likely come from administration.

"It's a game we would like to play," Nagy said. "But because so many people feel certain ways about it, it has less to do with the basketball programs and more with the institutions making those decisions."

Neil Sullivan, athletic director of UD, believes it does not fit their scheduling model.

"We have tremendous respect for Wright State and their men's basketball program," Sullivan said in a statement. "However, for a variety of reasons, we do not believe it's a game that fits our scheduling model for an at large selection."

An at large selection refers to being selected for the NCAA tournament. If a team doesn't win their conference, a certain number of teams get selected based on their Rating Percentage Index (RPI) and strength of schedule.

The RPI is used to rank all 347 division one basketball teams.

Nagy said he understands why UD would not want to play Wright State, but thinks WSU is better than advertised.

"I can see from their standpoint where they think it's a no win situation," Nagy said. "But they claim that we need to get a higher RPI in terms of putting us on their schedule, but last year our RPI was much higher than some of the teams they play."

One such team that UD is playing this year is Tennessee Tech University. According to NCAA.com, TTU finished last season with an RPI of 274. Wright State finished last year with an RPI of 118.

What this suggests is that WSU is the better team, but also that if UD lost to WSU it would have less of a negative effect on them than losing to TTU. If UD were to win against Wright State, it would look better on a NCAA tournament resume than beating TTU would.

As for the 2017-2018 season, UD and WSU will not be playing each other. In order for the renewal of the Gem City Jam to come to fruition, it seems that UD will have to take the next step.

WSU and UD compete in several other sports on a yearly basis, including baseball, where they play each other usually twice a year.





