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Enrollment causes setback for reserves goal

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News Writer

The board stated the university's revenue will be \$4.8 million less than the planned budget partly due to enrollment loss.

Enrollment has been checked since the beginning of the fall semester, and is used to determine how much the budget needs to be adjusted by looking at the revenue from student enrollment gains and losses.

“We were \$3 million lower on summer revenues. And the fall and spring terms are planned to be \$1.8 million gross revenue reduction,” Jeff Ulliman, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Wright State, said in a Board of Trustees meeting.

The revenue from enrollment is officially determined after the student back out, which pulls students from registration that have not yet paid tuition after three weeks into the semester.

“We create a budget based upon projections and we look at different subsets of the enrollment. We look at undergraduates, graduate students, domestic students, international students, and the full time and part time students,” said Ulliman. “In the end we divide it up by credit hour and project a revenue number. In general, this year we projected about 5% less revenue in instructional general fees than our fiscal year 2016.”

The university is still working to remediate the budget to meet the necessary reserves amount of an estimated \$9.2 million to \$9.3 million.

The breakdown of enrollment has yet to be determined. One of the subsets of the enrollment is the college credit plus program.

The program included 43 high schools offering a total of 44 classes in local schools, according to documentation by the board. The Dayton campus enrolled 673 students from high schools, according to a report in the meeting.

The Board of Trustees will evaluate areas of remediation in the budget. There are also potential position vacancies to come in the future.

Amigos Latinos raise funds for Puerto Rico after hurricane

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News Editor

The Amigos Latinos Student Association is raising money for hurricane relief from Hurricane Maria, which hit Puerto Rico Wednesday, Sept. 20. The fundraiser brought in about \$500 the first two days, and donations other than money are encouraged and accepted.

One of the students running the fundraising was Juan Maldonado, a student from Puerto Rico, who has lived in Ohio for a year. Maldonado is a biomedical engineering major pursuing his master's degree, and works in the Office of Latino Affairs (OLA).

Maldonado was fortunate to hear from his family in Puerto Rico to know they are okay, although others still have not heard from their families. Almost everyone in OLA has family over there, according to Maldonado.

Both Maldonado's family and the news informs him there is no power or water, and supplies such as gas, food and medicine are running low. The streets are blocked from fallen trees and electrical poles. Some people have lost everything and have nowhere to go because everything is closed or blocked.

"We need to be doing something right now," Maldonado said, even though efforts to aid Puerto Rico are limited right now.

An assessment period is in progress for the extent of the damage before anyone can do anything, such as send supplies. Maldonado plans to return to Puerto Rico after the semester ends to help his family and the community, and returning to WSU to graduate.

The Office of Latino Affairs is accepting donations of supplies including food, water and clothes.

WSU bowling program opens their season with a tournament win

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Sports Writer

The WSU bowling program opened their seasons on Saturday, Sept. 16, competing in the UNOH Racer Classic in Lima, OH, with a top three finish for the men and a win on the women's side.

Despite winning this tournament for the fourth year in a row, Colleen Hines, president of the bowling team, said the team still have areas of their game to work on.

"Even though we lead the tournament, we did not necessarily feel that we bowled our best. We threw a lot of strikes but missed too many easy spares."

This spirit of perfection drives the women's team led by Hines, and the goals they have set fourth back it up.

"Our team wants to be ranked in the top 5 on Collegebowling.com. Winning is always a plus, but our main goals are to continue to improve as a team and hopefully be able to bring home a national championship in April."

On the men's side, Clay Stutzman and Cole Skelley, both felt this tournament was a step in the right direction. With a large number of new faces on the team, Stutzman felt the freshmen recruits performed well, despite being thrown right in to start the season.

The goal for the season is to develop everyone so the team is solid for a nationals run, according to Stutzman.

Skelley agreed there is a lot of talent, which over time will be polished and developed.

"[The team] grinded throughout the weekend, but where we finished shows the talent that we have."

Stutzman and Skelley shared the team wants to continue working to put themselves in good position to win conference and compete at nationals.

WSU Mini University daycare center an asset for parents on campus

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Wright State has its own daycare called “Mini University” for parents on campus. Being a parent and trying to get through college can be a difficult task for many.

The Mini U offers financial assistance for student parents in need. “Mini University’s Kindergarten Prep Scholarships offer tuition-free Pre-K to families who qualify. If your child is 4 years old, you may be eligible for free part-time Preschool at our Dayton locations,” according to their website.

Founded in 1987, The Wright State University Child Development Center provides care and education to children 6 weeks to 12 years.

Mini U offers summer camp for school age children, which provides field trips each week, where meals are provided. These extra field trip come at no additional cost to parents.

Shannon Lindsay left WSU a little over a year ago when she had her first daughter. Although she will be back, she said she had no idea that WSU had a daycare program.

“I would absolutely utilize this program if my daughter was old enough and met any other requirements necessary,” Lindsay said. “The hardest part of going to school while having a child would be being away from my daughter. It is hard balancing my studies with family life. My daughter has a hard time not having my full attention when I’m either studying or doing homework.”

Lindsay currently has a family support system, her mother, sister and grandmother to watch her daughter when needed.

“Although I know that completing my studies is the most important thing for me and my family, it is hard being away from the human that gives my life purpose and meaning,” Lindsay said.

Aside from providing education and projects to the children, Mini U even has a library where children are able to pick out a book and take it home with them.

Mini U is open Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about Mini U, call (937) 775-4070.

Future of social work major yet to be determined

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The future of the social work major at Wright State remains unclear, as administrators are still working on a final decision.

According to professor Jennifer Hughes, there has been discussion among the dean of the College of Liberal Arts (CoLA) and President Cheryl Schrader about moving the program out of CoLA and merging it into an entirely new college with allied health.

Although this is not official, Hughes feels the move would make sense for the program and claims this sentiment is shared among the majority of the faculty.

If social work were to be moved out of CoLA, students in the program would have new elective options.

According to junior social work major Jessica Lykes, this could be a step in the right direction. Having a degree under allied health could be more beneficial than a liberal arts degree for a social work major, said Lykes.

Cutting the program has not been mentioned.

The program has experienced exceptional growth in numbers in the last four years, both at the graduate and undergrad levels. "There is a clear need for the social work program; every class has been filled to capacity. Why would Wright State get rid of a program that is bursting at the seams," Hughes said.

The job market need for social work is only expected to increase due to social problems, particularly in the Dayton area, as stated by the Ohio Department of Education.

According to Lykes, factors such as an aging population and the heroin epidemic are factors that call for a need for the program. "I don't see the need for social work disappearing in the near future; quite the opposite actually," said Lykes.

WSU baseball alum Joe Smith makes strides in MLB

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Sports Editor

Joe Smith is a relief pitcher for the Cleveland Indians who spent his college days playing for Wright State.

In his 11 years of MLB service, he has compiled 44 wins and has kept his ERA under three runs per game in his career.

A product of Amelia High School in Batavia, Ohio, Smith came to Wright State to play baseball, and by 2005 he was WSU's team MVP for baseball.

In 2006 he was awarded the Horizon League pitcher of the year, as well as WSU's most valuable male athlete across all sports teams.

Smith was drafted by the Mets in the third round of the 2006 MLB draft, which is fairly high for a relief pitcher. He has played for the Mets, Angels, Cubs, Blue Jays and currently for the Cleveland Indians.

In 2016 Smith was on the historic Chicago Cubs team that won their first World Series title in over 100 years, the longest title drought in Major League Baseball.

He was a free agent in 2017, and signed with the Toronto Blue Jays. He was ultimately traded to the Indians on July 31, 2017, MLB's trade deadline.

As if being a part of history once wasn't enough, Smith was a part of the Indians team who set the American League record for most consecutive wins at 22 in a row. This streak lasted from Aug 24-Sep 15, 2017.

Going into the 2017 postseason, the Indians will have home field advantage throughout the first two rounds of the playoffs.

Smith is a huge part of the Indians bullpen. His 3 quarters delivery makes it extremely hard for right handed batters to get a solid hit. He also has a career high in strikeouts per nine innings this season at a whopping 11.98. The MLB average in 2017 is 8.3 according to baseball-reference.

The Indians open up their postseason play on Thursday, Oct. 5 against the winner of the wildcard game between the Yankees and Twins.

Gunman kills 58, injures 500 more in Las Vegas

Brian Patch

Sports Editor

At least 58 people are dead and over 500 people are injured due to a shooting in Las Vegas Sunday night.

The event happened at a Jason Aldean's performance at the Route 91 Harvest Festival on the Las Vegas strip.

The shooter, now identified as Stephen Paddock, 64, opened fire from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, according to Las Vegas police sheriff Joseph Lombardo.

The onslaught of bullets rained down on over 22,000 people attending the concert. Numerous people were injured not only from the bullets, but from being trampled as everyone ran for their lives.

When officers raided the hotel room, Paddock was dead; it is assumed that he killed himself, according to ABC News. It was then discovered that Paddock had brought ten assault rifles to the room with him.

FBI Special Agent in Charge Aaron Rouse said that they have found no evidence to suggest this was an act of terror, saying there has been "no connection with an international terrorist group."

ABC News also reported that among those killed was an off-duty police officer. Two on duty officers were injured, one of which is in critical condition.

President Donald Trump called the shooting "an act of pure evil", and plans to visit Las Vegas on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

This shooting has surpassed last year's Pulse Nightclub incident, where 49 people were killed, as the deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history.

WSU Board of Trustees consider outsourcing Nutter Center

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News Writer

In recent Board of Trustee meetings, talks of outsourcing the Nutter Center have taken place.

Chief Real Estate Officer and CEO of Double Bowler Properties, Greg Sample, said there has been a decline in outside programs.

There are four groups who regularly utilize the Nutter Center, according to Sample.

“One is academic; we have classes there and faculty. Second is our athletics. Third is open recreation with the gym and other components of the building. The fourth is the external facing Nutter Center, like concerts,” Sample said.

Even though the Nutter Center is used on a daily basis, the number of external events booked at the Nutter Center left the facility unused for 160 days.

“The outsourcing of the Nutter Center could provide the ability to draw more events to the facility,” said Becky Sparks, Business Manager at Nutter Center. “If an outside company could help to maximize the arenas productivity, while preserving the usage of the facility by academia, athletics, and open recreation, it could be a positive change.”

Over the course of the Nutter Center’s 26 years, the way promoters and events are planned has changed, according to Sample.

“Open Rec, kinesiology, and athletics are priority and will remain,” Sample said. “The creativity and unique part of vendor management is figuring out how to enter into a relationship with an outside party so we don’t damage the other three components, but still maximize the Nutter Center from a revenue generation standpoint.”

According to Sample, it is common for universities to seek a third party to work with on venues and events.

“A growing number of universities have moved toward outside venue management of their facilities,” Sample said.

The Nutter Center offers students and the community a wide variety of uses between the classes or recreational uses to the events and concerts that are held throughout the year.

Sparks has worked with the Nutter Center for seven years. “The Nutter Center is very lucky to have the opportunity to touch the lives of not only the students at Wright State but also the community around us,” Sparks said. “It is a great feeling to witness the happiness of WSU

students at graduation, watch the Raider's bring home a win, and seeing happy patrons in the seats."

The conversations are still in the process of assessing the facility and contacting venue managers to find out what can be done during this phase.

Anthem protests spark debate across WSU

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Sports Editor

The NFL has raised major controversy with their protest of the national anthem. Colin Kaepernick first kneeled in September of last year, citing police brutality against unarmed African Americans as the reason for his protest.

Since then, the NFL has gotten major criticism from both sides of the argument. Many people feel kneeling or sitting for the anthem is disrespectful towards the U.S. military, which has caused the NFL to lose many season ticket owners, as well as seeing their TV ratings decrease.

Kaepernick, who started the anthem protests, is without a spot on an NFL team. This prompts many to believe he is being unfairly rejected, or "blackballed", by NFL owners because of his protest.

As a campus of over 10,000 students, Wright State is a diverse university with students from many different backgrounds.

T.J Mohr, a senior organizational leadership major, said he doesn't agree with it.

"I understand why the players are protesting," Mohr said. "But I do not agree with it being protested during a song that unites our great country. I feel it is very disrespectful, and they should find a different way to protest."

Curtis Maxson, an economics major and a peer advisor at WSU's Veteran and Military Center, served six years in the U.S Marine Corps. Maxson said as long as the protest stays peaceful, they are within their rights as American citizens.

"I don't care about the protests. They are peacefully protesting something they disagree with, and that is their right as Americans," Maxson said.

The anthem protests have continued throughout the NFL season, with some teams even electing to not take the field during the national anthem.