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Womens basketball improves to 2-0 with win over Eastrn Illinois

Brian Patch

Sports Editor

WSU's women's basketball team got the win on Tuesday, Nov. 14 by beating Eastern Illinois 81-46. It was the Raiders second win of the season.

The game started out competitive with the score sitting at 19-13 after the first quarter. From the second quarter on, WSU would dominate on both sides of the ball.

Wright State forced several turnovers and even a shot clock violation in the second quarter. They were extremely aggressive against EIU's offense, which proved to be very effective. During the second quarter that lasted 10 minutes, WSU only allowed seven points, less than a point a minute.

WSU fell into a bit of an offensive slump towards the end of the second quarter, only scoring four points in the final four minutes. Nevertheless, WSU took a 36-20 lead into halftime.

The second half brought much of the same. At the end of the third quarter WSU led 56-29, once again allowing less than a point a minute, with only nine in 10 minutes. The fourth quarter saw WSU's offense come to life as they scored 25 points in the final 10 minutes.

Chelsea Welch has an outstanding game with 15 points, eight rebounds and six assists. Mackenzie Taylor and Nia Sumpter each scored in double figures with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Lexi Smith also added 10 points with 5-8 shooting off the bench.

In their first two regular season games, WSU has outscored their opponents

187-98, with an average margin of victory of close to 45 points.

## Shooting rampage in California leaves five dead

Lucas Gonzalez

News Editor

On the morning of Tuesday, November 14, A gunman went on a rampage in Rancho Tehama Reserve in Northern California. He wounded at least ten people and killed a total of five, including his wife, who he fatally shot the night before. The shooter has been identified as 43-year-old Kevin Janson Neal.

There were at least seven separate shooting incidents that took place in Tehama County on that day, according to a report by The New York Times. It is believed that the series of attacks was initiated by the murder of his wife, according to Phil Johnston, Assistant Sheriff of Tehama County. Neal also killed a neighbor before targeting people randomly.

From there, he attempted to enter Rancho Tehama Elementary School, but the school had entered a lockdown before he arrived, according to the Tehama County Sheriff's Office in a CNN report. Neal crashed through the school gates with a stolen vehicle, fired into the windows, and tried, but was unable to break in through the doors.

Of the wounded, six are children, according to the Los Angeles Times. One Rancho Tehama student sustained gunshot wounds but remains in stable condition; others were injured by shattered glass. Another child was shot inside a truck along the road. Only one of the six still remains hospitalized. No children were killed in any of the attacks.

"I really, truly believe that we would have had a horrific bloodbath in that school, if [they] hadn't taken action when they did," said Johnston in a CNN report.

Police engaged Neal near Corning, Tehama County, where he was killed. Two handguns and one semi-automatic rifle were recovered. The guns he used to carry out the attacks were ones he built himself, according to authorities.

Earlier this year, Neal was ordered to give up all his guns because of a restraining order filed against him by two female neighbors. He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and was later released on \$160,000 bail, according to Tehama County District Attorney Gregg Cohen, in a CNN report. One of the two women Neal assaulted was one of the first to be killed in the rampage.

Athletic events over winter break that are fun, cheap and worth your time

Brian Patch

Sports Editor

If you find yourself having to stay on campus over break, you are not alone. Many students stay for multiple reasons, and it's not unusual to become extremely bored. Luckily, both the men's and women's basketball teams have several games over the break, and students can attend them at no cost.

WSU's winter break starts December 16 and goes through January 7. During that time period, the men's and women's teams have a combined total of four games at the Nutter Center.

The basketball games at Wright State are fun and enjoyable for a number of reasons:

### **Free Admission**

Students can attend games for free. Just show your Wright1 card inside gate nine at the Nutter Center to receive not one, but two free tickets. This is helpful because you can bring a friend who doesn't attend WSU for free.

### **Half Priced Food**

Food and basketball are a great mix, and at men's and women's basketball games students get 50 percent off at the concession stands by showing their Wright1 card.

### **Winning Basketball Teams**

In the end, you go to a game to see a good team on the court, and WSU is no exception to that. The women's team returns the majority of last year's team that won 13 games in a row, and the men's team has a lot of new young talent to pair with senior Grant Benzinger, WSU's all time three point leader. Overall, the teams went a combined 26-6 at home last season, putting their best performance out in front of the home fans.

## **Meeting Rowdy**

Rowdy Raider attends all the home games, and he is always willing to take a picture with you. Who wouldn't want to meet our wil'n mascot?

Whether you come alone or with a friend, the basketball games at WSU are a nice way to relax and enjoy the break without breaking the bank.

## Wright State considers reorganizing colleges and schools

Lucas Gonzalez

News Editor

Discussions are currently in place in regard to the possibility of merging colleges and schools at Wright State. A steering committee, which consists of faculty members and deans, will be hosting discussions in which they review and make recommendations for future proposals. There is currently no concrete proposal for any kind of merge that would take place on campus.

One of the goals of the committee is to evaluate the current structure of colleges and schools and to determine what could be changed to better serve the students and community. A major area under consideration for reorganization is Health and Human services, according to Laura Luehrmann, professor of Political Science at Wright State University. There is also the consideration of reorganizing programs from within the College of Education elsewhere.

[The committee] is encouraged to think about: is the current system working the way it is supposed to, or do we need to pull some majors, minors and faculty together in new ways that would make more sense?" said Luehrmann. "Our focus is on students and what students need to complete their degree and get jobs they aspire for."

The faculty agree that any kind of reorganization should not in any way harm the student experience, according to Travis Doom, Co-Chair of the steering committee. "Even to make a great investment, we're not willing to compromise our current student experience," said Doom.

At this point, the steering committee has only met one time, and they have had no proposals to discuss. As it stands, there is only "an assumption that it is important to look at things that would benefit faculty staff and the community," said Linda Caron, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Faculty within the College of Liberal Arts have raised concerns about merging entities on campus together, according to Luehrmann.

Concerns about the potential for merges include the cost, logistics, and complex work that would be involved in it, according to Caron.

The most common concern from faculty members is the timing of the change, according to Doom. "The committee is going to have to address questions such as: is this the right time for the university to make an investment?" said Doom.

"We absolutely have to consider [this question], and consider it very seriously."

Student Government Association to work with state house to lower textbook prices

Sarah Cavender

News Writer

For the last couple months, members of Wright State Student Government Association (SGA) have been working with Ohio's State House to work on bills that could impact schools across the state.

Daniel Palmer, chief policy officer for SGA has been working on House Bill 337 for several months. This bill would create tax exempt textbooks for students saving around \$23 million dollar.

"We're going up to Columbus and lobbying on behalf of Wright State student government to pass this bill 337," Palmer said.

Other bills that WSU SGA members have worked on include House Bill 240, which covers sexual assault and 363, which is about Free Speech on campus.

"SGA supports house bills 240 and 337 and we do not support house bill 363," Palmer said.

The house bill covering sexual assault was created to give universities concrete policies and abilities in handling sexual assault and violence on campus. This is an expansion of the Title IX policy already in place.

"We were able to have them implement interactive education into the bill. This would mean universities would mandate interactive education to all students on sexual violence," said Palmer.

Many of the Ohio Student Government Association members are against the house bill 363 of free speech, according to Palmer.

This is the first full year that SGA has been involved in taking part of the writing and passing of state legislation. The Wright State SGA travel to Columbus every couple weeks, with three to four members representing the organization.

"We are bringing real change to students at Columbus if it gets passed," said Palmer, who is also the Executive Director of OSGA. "We're really doing work to make college more affordable to students and staying active in the state house to make sure they won't be affected negatively by policies."

Ivan Mallett, the Legislative Director of OSGA, works with the rest of the public universities across Ohio and to coordinate the legislation efforts.

"We work with one another through email and conference calls to make sure there is one clear concise voice on what we want to see get done legislatively. It's a challenge to get all 13 universities to agree on all the bills," said Mallett.



Ace your next exam with these resources

Angel Lane

Features Editor

Most students struggle in one way or another with exams. Maybe you procrastinate studying, you just don't get the information or you freak out as soon as the exam is in front of you.

If you don't understand the course material, Jennifer Lobo, director of tutoring services, recommends heading to the math learning center, tutoring services and the university writing center for walk-in help or reserve an appointment.. "Whether you want to lock in your 'A' or want to improve your grades, the Academic Success Centers are the smart choice," she said.

Located in room 122 of the Student Success Center, tutoring services focus on courses level 3000 and lower. Lobo also recommends that students attend supplemental instruction (SI) Sessions, which are group review sessions held in campus classrooms.

"They are a great option. Students can find the SI Session schedule at [the website](#) and attend whenever they want," she said.

If you are a person who just can't sit down and study, Lobo has advice.

"As soon as you get an assignment, break it down into parts or tasks. Decide which part you will do first and start there. Often half the battle is just starting the assignment," she said.

Lobo also recommends finding a way to quiz yourself to figure out what you need to study and what you already know.

"Get away from your notes, the lecture slides, and your book," she said, and if you can't figure it out on your own, "Partner up and quiz each other, pretend you are teaching each other the information for the first time."

Prone to exam-day-panic?

"Practice the subject like you are rehearsing for the exam. If there are going to be multiple choice questions, practice multiple choice questions. If there are going to be short answers, practice writing short answers about the content. When you sit down to take the exam, you will have put yourself in that position before. You'll be more comfortable and confident," Lobo said.

## Dayton hosts regional conference

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News Editor

Sinclair Community College hosted a regional conference known as Impact Ohio. Attendees had the opportunity to observe government officials, business leaders and other experts discuss relevant issues relevant to the Dayton community.

The conference was structured around panel discussions regarding specific topics. Each panel had one moderator and a varying number of representatives to share their perspectives of the topic at hand. Attendees had the chance to write questions of their own and submit them to the panelists.

The first panel, a discussion of the relationship between politics and the media, featured local news media representatives. They shared their input on topics such as the failing of Issue 2, combatting fake news, and repairing the relationship between the media and the public.

Each speaker shared a personal experience in which they were threatened or attacked, to illustrate the hostile relationship that currently exists between some people and the media. "I've never seen anything like this in my life [before the election]," said Laura Bischoff, statehouse reporter of Dayton Daily News.

Following a brief break, the discussion was turned over to a new set of panelists who spoke about the opioid crisis in Ohio. They talked about how opiates work, how addiction starts, and how to combat the epidemic.

Opioid addiction can begin with prescribed painkillers, which can then lead to heroin and other drugs, according to Robert Sprague, member of the Ohio House Finance Committee and Chair of the Committee on Heroin, Opioids, Prevention, Education and Safety (H.O.P.E.S.) Committee. "[The opioid crisis] is a very important issue that we need to continue to address," said Sprague.

Afterward, there was a panel regarding the importance of Dayton to Ohio politics. The panelists talked about the perception of Dayton in other regions of the state, as well as turnout and trends in voting.

The event closed with a dialogue about the state of the Ohio Democratic and Republican parties. It featured Matt Carle, President of Cornerstone Consulting and David Pepper, Chairman of the Ohio Democratic Party.

What is the Rockafield House?

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News Writer

At the edge of the campus there is a long driveway that leads to a cemetery and a large home, known as Rockafield House. It was built in 1969 as an on-campus home for University presidents and was the fifth building to be constructed at Wright State.

The \$200,000 house sits in the middle of a hiking trail and wooded area. It could, at one time contain over one hundred people inside, having 20 rooms and 6 bathrooms.

President Schrader is the first president out of the six to not live in the house. Former President David Hopkins spent one year of his term living in the Rockafield House but moved to another home with his family. He gave the building to the Alumni Association in 2012. As the Alumni Center, the building was used to host the Alumni Association's activities and offices.

"We hosted 175 events and meetings in the three years we had the facility," said Greg Scharer, Executive Director of Alumni Association. "The presidential office became a library and museum with alumni artifacts on display."

Events such as wine tastings, tailgate parties, standalone meetings, and network and social events were all held in the Alumni Center, according to Scharer.

In 2015, an 80-foot tree fell on the house, causing so much damage that the Alumni Association could no longer use the building.

"The tree was the length of the house and it fell around 3 p.m. during a work day. We were fortunate no one was seriously hurt," Scharer said.

Materials used to build the house mostly consisted of concrete. The concrete walls prevented extensive damage caused by the tree, according to Scharer. The expenses of building materials created a cost issue for repairs, totaling around \$1 million.

The Alumni Association has since moved its offices to the Foundation building across from campus and hold their events either there or at the Nutter Center.

As it currently stands, the cost of repairing the house is expected to be greater than building an entirely new structure, according to Scharer. Although it has been considered by administration, there is currently no plan to demolish the house.

## “Thor Ragnarok” movie review

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It is officially official. Marvel Studios always makes good movies. They are like butter right now they are on a roll.

Thor Raganarok stars Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston, Cate Blanchett, Tessa Thompson and Mark Ruffalo. This Marvel caper is about the titular Thor (Hemsworth) racing against the clock to stop the destruction (Ragnarok), of his home Asgard.

Taika Waititi is the director of this film and it is evident throughout. Waititi is known for his comedies like, What We Do in The Shadows and Hunt for the Wilderpeople. That comedic touch that he seems to have, shows in Thor Ragnarok.

Waititi evens voices a character in the film named Korg, who was easily one of the funniest characters in the movie. He also changes the overall tone of the Thor franchise of films, as they had been much darker with the previous two films.

Hemsworth is charismatic as Thor and he flexes his comedic chops in just about every scene that he appears.

Blanchett is out of her comfort zone as Hela, the ultra-powerful antagonist of the flick. Blanchett is good in the role but she is not given much to do but exposit. I would like to see the character appear in future films.

The breakout, scene-stealer in my opinion was Tessa Thompson as Valkyrie. Thompson brought a spunk to the character that you feel in her very first appearance on screen, her future seems bright.

It is always cool to see Hiddleston as Loki and to watch the sibling rivalry between him and Thor evolve. In addition, of course, The Hulk is great and can actually speak. Hulk and Thor on screen together is always great as well.

Overall “Thor Ragnarok” is a fun time and a welcome addition to the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

Rating: 4.5 out of 5

Season recap: WSU football

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Sports Editor

The Wright State club football team went 3-4 on the season, finishing third in the conference and falling short of the playoffs.

The team started the season on a good note. They shut out Miami (OH), winning the game 20 to 0. In this game, quarterback Jonathan Isaacs completed fifteen of his twenty-one attempted passes. He racked up 160 passing yards, along with two touchdowns. Defensively, the Raiders were an unstoppable force. They shutout Miami's team and hauled in two interceptions.

The second game of the season was against Ohio State. This game was a nail-bitter, but the Raiders dropped a close one, losing 22 to 20. This homecoming weekend game went to triple OT, before the Buckeyes were able to close it out. However, the Raiders were able to bounce back quickly, as they shutout the Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville Cougars for their second win of the season.

The team sat at 2-1 as they took on the Miami (OH) Redhawks for the second time. The first matchup between these teams ended with the Raiders shutting Miami out, but this game was flipped. It was Miami's defense who shined, holding Wright State to just three points. This 22 to 3 loss dropped the Raiders to 2-2 on the year.

Next on the schedule was Pittsburgh. The last three games of the season were going to be important in the hunt for the playoffs, with two against Pittsburgh and another matchup with Ohio State. This first game against Pittsburgh saw the Raider offense light it up. The Raiders scorched their defense for 33 points in the victory.

Following this, the team knew they needed a win against the Ohio State Buckeye team that had knocked them off earlier in the season. Looking to avenge the loss earlier in the season, the defense was strong in this game. Despite a great game from the Raiders, OSU slipped out another close game, winning 11 to 6. This led to a rematch with Pittsburgh, where the Raiders felt the sting of being shutout for the first time all season.

As a whole, the team had its struggles, but never lost sight of fighting for a chance at a title.

Week 12 Slump? Get motivated with these tips

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Features Editor

It's that time of the semester -- hard to stay motivated. You're thinking "Do I really need to go to class today?" or "What grade will I get if I just don't do this assignment?"

It's the slump -- students are tired.

Trying to decide if you'll hurt your GPA too badly by skipping a paper? Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Mandy Shannon, head of instruction and research services department at WSU Libraries says the best resources on campus to get on top of a tough paper assignment are the people.

"There's often a misperception that you're totally on your own, and that's not the case. We [have subject librarians who are available for individual research consultations](#). Our librarians are experts not only in research in the various subject areas, but also in teaching students how to do that research," she said.

If you're struggling to get out of bed and get to all of your classes each day, Shannon recommends finding an "accountability partner" to benefit the both of you. "I'd recommend finding a friend or classmate -- even if you're not in the same classes, having somebody you work with can help motivate you to keep going. Schedule regular times to work, but schedule breaks, too, so that you don't get burnt out," Shannon said.

For those who truly can't wake up enough to pay attention, "we do have a Starbucks in the library," Shannon said. If you can't have caffeine, a quick snack could boost your mood enough to get through a class.

If you really find yourself struggling, reach out to a professor, advisor, friend or really anyone on campus.

"Obstacles are going to be different for each student, but one of the things I hear a lot from students that they wish they would've reached out to ask for help sooner than they did," Shannon said. "There are so many people on campus who are truly committed to helping students succeed."

## Administration looking to reduce faculty pay and benefits

Lucas Gonzalez

News Editor

University administration plans on looking at the possibility of reducing faculty pay and benefits as well as increasing teaching workloads, according to an online statement from Adrian Corbett, Chief Negotiator of the Wright State chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP-WSU).

As it currently stands, there is no official proposal for the next contract. A lawyer hired by the Board of Trustees sent a narrative presentation to AAUP-WSU, which outlined the Board's position in regards to negotiations; it contained no specific Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) proposals.

Despite the fact that the presentation provided no specific proposals, it did outline the Board's position on each CBA article and workload agreements, according to Corbett's statement.

AAUP-WSU adopted an amendment to its constitution which called for a strike authorization procedure. On the afternoon of Nov. 8, faculty members voted unanimously in favor of the amendment.

The approval of the strike authorization is a necessary move, according to Martin Kich, president of AAUP-WSU, in a statement he made in a press release.

"Even though most misspending [on behalf of the administration] occurred in areas irrelevant to the university's academic core missions... the administration's budget cuts have actually targeted the academic core," said Kich in the press release. "Any erosion of faculty working conditions is an erosion of student learning conditions."

