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Movie review: "Murder on the Orient Express"

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"Murder on the Orient Express" is the recent movie to come out in theaters based on a mystery murder novel by Agatha Christie.

It's the story of Hercules Poirot, a famous detective who is able to know how a crime was committed, and by who,, with the smallest of clues.

He miraculously knows what will happen before it actually happens, and he plans for it.

When Hercules is needed in London, his friend offers him a ride on his train, The Orient Express, and mysterious murder unfolds.

A questionable arts dealer has been stabbed and everyone on the train is a suspect, with the evidence and questions all around, this has been the hardest mystery that he has had to solve yet.

Tensions start to run high as the murderer is on the train and an avalanche has fallen stopping the train literally in its tracks.

While the train is stopped Hercules takes the time to question everyone multiple times and finds a revealing connection to every person on the train.

He solves the mystery and has to make a difficult decision, but I won't give it all away.

In my opinion this movie was great, there are a lot of reviews out there saying it was a dud, but I highly disagree.

I personally thought the scenery was captivating, we saw snippets of countryside's and just countries in general and they look beautiful.

The time period is portrayed well with the clothing, the train and it's interior and how they talk to one another.

The story line is something that kept me entertained until the very end and I was joining in on the guessing game myself.

The only thing I could see that people may not enjoy so much was following along, when watching the movie, you have to pay close attention and focus on the connections, I can see where some would find it hard to follow.

Plus, it's hard to deny this star-studded cast with Judi Dench, Penelope Cruz, Johnny Depp, Michelle Pfeiffer, Daisy Ridley and many more.

If you need some entertainment and good murder mystery this is the movie for you, I highly recommend "Murder on the Orient Express."

Trump Administration to relax ban on elephant trophy imports

Sarah Cavender

News Writer

Last week the Trump administration worked to reverse an Obama-era ban placed on the importation of trophies from hunted elephants. In countries like Zambia and Zimbabwe it is still legal for hunters to kill elephants.

Animal activists are speaking out across social media. Some are sharing an image of Donald Trump Jr., posing with dead animals during trips to Africa to hunt for big game.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service has argued that the hunting fees could aid conservation of endangered animals, according to a BBC report. However, the African elephant population has dropped 30 percent from 2007 to 2014, according to the 2016 Great Elephant Census.

Under the Endangered Species Act, there is an exception that allows permits to import animal parts if there is sufficient evidence that the fees generated will actually benefit species conservation.

Ellen DeGeneres started an online campaign with the hashtag #BeKindToElephants to raise funds for the conservation efforts of elephants.

Elephants have not been removed from the endangered species list. In a list on the World Wildlife Fund website, the Sumatran Elephant is listed as critically endangered along with five other different types of elephants in endangered.

In 2014, the ban was created under President Barack Obama due to lack of data on conservation efforts by Zimbabwe, according to the New York Times.

The Safari Club International sued the Obama Administration when the ban was passed. The Club is a trophy-hunting organization that lashed out the news media and “anti-hunters” for swaying the Trump Administration to lift the trophy ban.

“The fight for freedom to hunt is far from over,” said Paul Babaz, the Club President said in a statement to the Times. “We will be more proactive and not back down.”

On November 17, Trump tweeted that the decision was on hold as he continues further review.

The near-total ban on commercial trade of African elephant ivory would remain in place, according to White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

Men's basketball gets blown out by MSU, fall to 0-3

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Sports Editor

The Wright State men's basketball team lost to the Murray State racers (MSU) 80-61, bringing their overall record to 0-3 this season.

The game was competitive throughout the first half. Loudon Love shot 4-5 from the field and scored eight points to lead WSU in scoring. Parker Ernsthausen also added six points in the first half.

It was in the second half that things started to go south for Wright State. Murray State started to double team Love, forcing WSU to look to other players to make shots. This strategy worked for MSU, as all Wright State players not named Loudon Love would shoot only 6-19 (31%) from the field in the second half.

Murray State would pour on the scoring in the final five minutes of the game to secure the 19 point victory against Wright State.

WSU head coach Scott Nagy said post game that part of the team's struggles come from not having a player that is used to playing the point guard position.

"We played the entire second half without a point guard," Nagy said. "It makes the game pretty hard to do that. Once we get Cole (Gentry), all of that will change. We will have somebody who can really handle pressure and get guys easy shots."

Cole Gentry is sitting out until the spring semester due to his transfer from South Dakota State University.

With Justin Hill sitting out this game with an injury, WSU relied heavily on its freshmen players to play crucial minutes in the game. Redshirt freshmen Loudon Love and Everett Winchester each played 29 and 24 minutes, respectively, and true freshman Jaylon Hall played 22 minutes in the game.

Nagy spoke about his freshmen's performance, and called for the upperclassmen to start making big plays.

"I was very pleased with what we got out of our freshmen, and they will just continue to get better. We just need our older guys to believe in themselves and make those plays for us that they're capable of making."

Love continued his impressive season with 14 points and eight rebounds in the game. Senior Grant Benzinger contributed 13 points as well.

Senior guard Justin Hill will suit up for the Raiders next game against Tiffin University, according to Nagy. That game will take place Monday, Nov 20 at the Nutter Center.

How likely is it the U.S will go to war with North Korea?

Lucas Gonzalez

News Editor

During President Trump's recent trip to Asia, he called for unification of the continent, along with the United States, to confront the threat of North Korea. Trump and the leadership in China have agreed that avoiding a conflict with North Korea is a must.

Despite the aggression from North Korea, neither side wants to start a war, according to Chris Martin, North Korean military analyst.

The danger of either side initiating a war is even lower after Trump's trip to Asia, according to Donna Schlagheck, former chair of political science at Wright State. There is no reason for the U.S. to start a conflict, and Kim Jong Un understands that North Korea is outgunned, strategically and militarily, according to Martin.

Regardless, North Korea's artillery presents "an enormous combat challenge," said Jonathan Winkler, chair of the history department.

The biggest concern at this point is the possibility of an accidental war, according to Schlagheck. That would mean someone misinterpreting an event or another's actions. There are multiple ways in which that could happen -- such as a U.S. aircraft crashing near North Korea; that could be interpreted as a serious threat, which could result in a military conflict.

Even if North Korea didn't engage with the U.S. directly, the chance of war still exists.

"Any overt threat or attack to the U.S., South Korea, or Japan could result in a military conflict," said Schlagheck.

Another danger of the North Korean conflict is pushing Kim Jong Un into a corner. If he is in such a position, it would be impossible to predict how he would act. If the situation escalates to that point, there is a chance that their military will unleash its full power, according to Martin.

If we did engage North Korea, any outcome would be disastrous; the incident could spiral out of control. North Korea's artillery would be hard to get to because it is hidden within the terrain. The most likely target would be Seoul, the capital of South Korea, because it is in the range of that artillery.

A full-force attack on Seoul could be sustained for up to 72 hours, according to Martin. The estimated casualties could range from a conservative estimate of 250,000, up to 3 million if they detonated a nuclear weapon. Notably, about 50 to 75 thousand of those people are American citizens.

U.S. policy on North Korea appears to be in favor of total denuclearization of the country, according to Martin.

The challenge we face is that, for Kim Jong Un, the program is a key tool for international diplomacy, and one that he would not willingly give up.

New hobbies you've been too scared to try

Angel Lane

Features Editor

If you often find yourself bored or wishing you had some interesting fact to share about yourself, a new hobby can be beneficial in more ways than one. While it can be scary to try something new, you could land on an activity that changes your life. The best part is that so many hobbies are completely free.

Starting a blog can be a great way to get out your opinions and emotions. You could even create an alter ego so that you get the relief of getting it all out without worrying that someone you know in real life will find it.

Getting active doesn't have to be a difficult hobby. If you aren't all that into running until you can't breathe and are drenched in sweat, try a more peaceful walk or bike ride through your neighborhood. It can be a quick retreat to either think about the things going on in your life, or to forget them if that's what you so wish. Even yoga is active, but can be incredibly relaxing and has many health benefits both physically and mentally.

Give back to others by finding local places to volunteer. Whether you want to spend time taking care of animals without a home, reading to children in the hospital or feeding hungry or homeless community members, you are sure to feel better about how your time is spent.

Check out YouTube for thousands of tutorials on everything from cooking, photography, playing an instrument, calligraphy and just about anything else you can think of. Learning something new in your free time is great because you are learning something you actually want to be learning.

Whether it's a new language or bettering a skill, you'll come out more educated and excited to share your new hobbies.

Successful "Fiddler on the Roof" run finishes

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Features Writer

Our very own talent at WSU just finished their run of the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Festival Playhouse Theatre.

Joseph Stein's novel "Fiddler on the Roof" is a popular book that was spawned into a musical production in 1964 and a movie in 1971. The story details the life of main character, Tevye, who has five daughters, three of whom want to make their own choices such as marrying for love, while also paying tribute to Jewish traditions and what it means to him and his family.

One of the leading performers, junior Joshua Beasley, portrayed Tevye in the WSU production.

"What I love about the story is that it's a Jewish story at first glance but when you really dig deep into it – it's really a story about normal people who just happen to be Jewish," Beasley said. "It's about being able to just live and breathe and play, and being able to just have fun, engage and tell a story. It's just a lot of pretend mixed in with research and having a great time with wonderful cast mates."

The play has a lot of symbolization when it comes to its' characters and beliefs, and Beasley weighed upon this.

"The reason why it's called "Fiddler on the Roof" is that it's actually a metaphor for the fiddler being on the roof and is not really known nor specified in the show," he said.

In the plot of the show a fiddler happens to fall off a roof and the characters have to make a decision – to protect either their fiddle or themselves. Beasley believes the play shows that you can keep a connection with someone regardless of their religious identity.

"I say at the top of the show that we keep our balance; we prevent ourselves from not falling through with tradition and throughout this whole show there are specific times in which our tradition is taken away from us and is questioned," Beasley said. "I fall off the roof per se and have to choose to save my family or my faith. People can take away from that sometimes you make bad decisions because of what you strongly believe in and you can hurt somebody that you deeply love because of your religion."

DARS to be shut down after December

Sarah Cavender

News Writer

Recently there was a new link added to the Registration and Records page on Wings Express: uAchieve. The new feature, which Wright State has been working on for about two years, is intended to give DARS a makeover.

The colorful and large system shows students their class requirements and completed requirements along with transfer courses and interactive graphs.

WSU has used the DARS system for the last 18 years and after December 15, it will be shut down.

uAchieve should be used with Firefox or Google Chrome, according to Dustin Ternent and Melinda Schneider from the Registrar. "It runs a little faster and better on those compared to Explorer," Ternent said.

"Hundreds of schools across the country have used uAchieve and now they're starting to use it in Japan," Schneider said.

The new system still shows course descriptions, tells students which courses are in progress, and which need to be completed. Additionally, there is now an option to create a PDF print off of course requirements.

According to Ternent, there has been an overwhelmingly positive feedback from advisors as they finish training faculty advisors and advisors.

The new update can also allow advisors to see trends in their student's grades and be more involved than they were before.

With the new program, Advisors can now create exceptions and overrides more quickly.

uAchieve is available for students to use now. There is a complete guide online for the system.

Ternent and Schneider have been asking students for suggestions.

"We want to hear from others their suggestions on what we can make better and what works and doesn't work," Schneider said. "This is mainly for the students and when they're close to graduating they can see where they are."

The Registrar was able to save money during the update of the DARS program by buying the license for the software and then programming it themselves. Schneider and Ternent worked closely with Terry Young from Information Technology on the formation of uAchieve.

The next project their team will work on is implementing graduate degrees in the uAchieve system as well, According to Schneider.

Raider ways to give back this season

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Features Editor

'Tis the season for not only holiday cheer, but also giving back. If you want to give back this year, there are ways you can do just that on our own campus.

Give back to children all around the world this Christmas with Operation Christmas Child. Help a child in need by filling a box with items decided by Samaritan's Purse, the creators of this project, to be the best for these children.

Timri Nolte, director of academic affairs in SGA, said she mentioned the organization to SGA and they were incredibly supportive.

"Students can donate by filling a shoebox with school supplies, clothing, books, toys and other non-perishable items or they can donate cash and we will create a box. We will send photos of the filled boxes to those individuals who gives us cash so they can see their gift before it is shipped," Nolte said.

The event will continue until November 20, so there is still time to donate. If you are not sure where to start, Nolte said Dollar Tree and Five Below items are welcome in these boxes.

"This does not have to be an expensive gift. Once you fill a shoebox, tape it up and drop it off in our Dropbox right in front of the SGA office," she said.

Nolte said thousands of volunteers are in charge of preparing these boxes to be shipped to children. "These shoeboxes will go to over 100 different countries to children-in-need during the holidays," she said.

Contact timri.nolte@wsusg.com or beth.metcalf@wsusg.com or visit the Samaritan's Purse [website](#) with any questions or for more information.

If you don't want to go out and buy things and want to give back to our very own students, there is currently a clothing drive going on through the end of the semester in the Rainbow Office.

"Some of my co-executive board members and our interns suggested the idea after seeing many students on campus without proper winter clothing," Rainbow Alliance vice president Ariel Ya'akov Berry said.

Bring clothing you no longer need to the Rainbow Office in the SU Atrium at B029D and a log will be compiled to keep track of what items have been donated so Rainbow Alliance members can get the items they need.

Only clothing donations are being accepted and they ask that no undergarments be included in a donation.

Contact Berry.147@wright.edu for more information.

Hollywood and sexual harassment cases continue

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News Writer

In the last month, Hollywood has seen a surge in people coming forward to talk about their assault and harassment by other prominent celebrities. The conversation has also gone beyond entertainment and into the media and political world in the United States and beyond.

The publications of Weinstein's three decades of sexual harassment, assault and rape were discovered in a New York Times investigation. Since then, Weinstein has been fired from his production company, Weinstein Co., and expelled from many professional guilds.

After the Weinstein accusations came to light, sexual misconduct became an international topic. The #MeToo movement has promoted a closer examination of how cases are handled and how common women and men face it on a day-to-day basis.

Multiple executives in the entertainment industry have been accused of sexual misconduct, According to a report by ABC News. Names include Hadrian Belove, Shadie Einashal, Director Gary Goddard, Filmmaker Brett Ratner, Producer Chris Savino, Writer/Director James Toback and "Mad Men" Creator Matthew Weiner.

The actors under fire are Richard Dreyfuss, Dustin Hoffman, Robert Knepper, Jeremy Piven, Steven Seagal, Tom Sizemore, Kevin Spacey, Jeffrey Tambor, George Takei, and Ed Westwick. Also on the list were Chef John Besh, comedian Louis C.K., casting employee Andy Henry, Show runner Andrew Kreisberg, and Comedy festival organizer Gilbert Rozon.

Spacey was most recently in the news for his assaults against 24 men. He has since been dropped from the production of "House of Cards."

The list continues with those in media, publishing and business with those like Billboard Magazine Executive Stephen Blackwell, Penguin Random House art director Giuseppe Castellano, and News Republic publisher Hamilton Fish.

In politics, there have been six accused of sexual misconduct; British Defense Secretary Michael Fallon, Kentucky House Speaker Jeff Hoover, Florida Democrat Party Chairman Stephen Bittel, Former President George H.W Bush, and U.S. Senators Al Franken and candidate Roy Moore.

The surge in people speaking out against their accusers is shedding light on the problem faced by both men and women. As a result, the conversation has changed regarding treatment of sexual misconduct within companies, industries, and politics.

GOP House bill could impact education

Lucas Gonzalez

News Editor

On Thursday November 16, the House passed a bill on tax reform. Included in the bill are reforms to financial assistance given to graduate students. What's left is for the Senate to pass their bill and to reconcile the differences between their version and the one passed by the House.

Although it is too early to tell what the tax plan would look like in its final form, we can speculate on what the House bill, in its current form, would mean for education.

Currently, grad students can receive tuition waivers to work in a research lab. This type of aid is the norm for people in STEM fields, according to Dan Krane, professor of biological sciences. What this means is that a university does not charge tuition while a student completes their assistantships.

Under the house bill, grad students would have to pay income tax on their tuition waivers. This comes down to students paying thousands of dollars in taxes.

Also included in the bill are taxes levied against private institutions with large endowments, and taxes on the merchandising that institutions do, according to Krane.

The original White House budget proposal called for a roughly 13.5 percent cut to education, which would affect K-12 as well as higher education, according to an NPR report.

It also called for a stop to student loan subsidies, which could add thousands of dollars more to the costs of college. Another change would be a phasing out of the public service loan forgiveness program, and a simplification of student loan repayment options, down to just one repayment plan.

In the long-term, colleges receiving lower government funding could mean higher tuition rates, which would make it more difficult for students to afford college, according to Hee Yong Shin, assistant professor of economics.

Melody Tankersley, senior associate provost and dean of graduate studies of Kent State University, recently submitted a letter to Senator Sherrod Brown regarding tax reform. The elimination of Section 117(d) of the bill would create an annual tax increase of \$1,425 in taxes, according to Tankersley in her letter.

"If the bill passes, obtaining a graduate degree in the United States could become financially impossible for many individuals," she wrote. "[The] repeal... would forcibly prohibit an entire generation of new researchers and educators from entering graduate studies."

The right way to go would be to increase the budget for education, increase subsidies for colleges, and to lower the tuition, according to Shin.

"The budget proposal, at least in its broadest direction, if implemented would be a disaster," he said.

Nontraditional or vegan Thanksgiving choices

Angel Lane

Features Editor

For someone who is newly vegetarian or vegan, a holiday known specifically for eating a ton of food can be a bit intimidating. If you think about it, though, not every Thanksgiving dish contains meat or animal products as it is.

While turkey or ham is regarded as the main dish of the holiday, switching up the entree can be fun for vegans and non-vegans alike.

Most Thanksgiving sides are made up of fruits and veggies, so the change is not too drastic in that sense. Add some hummus to dip your favorite veggies in as an appetizer, and season your cooked veggies in a new flavor to spice things up.

Thanksgiving may be seen as all about food, but the truth is, what you eat isn't as important as spending time with the people you love and care about and being thankful for all you have.

Senior Bradford Johnson and his family have nontraditional Thanksgiving meals every year.

"Growing up in multiple ethnic groups, Thanksgiving was always different for me depending on which side of my family I spent it with. On my Vietnamese side we would have Pho and eggdrop soup. On my European side it was always a lot of pasta and bread," he said.

Try a vegan pot pie or shepherd's pie as an entree. More of a wrap person? Search different recipes for vegan burritos. As for dessert, not every dessert has to contain milk, eggs, and other animal products. There are tons of substitutes if you don't want to give up an old favorite recipe.

If you're willing to try new recipes, you might just find your new favorite is a classic vegan snack. A quick Google search will give you endless recipes for this rule-free holiday.

Nicole Trexler, 21, was both vegan and vegetarian in the past. She said her favorite vegan dishes were "an amazing cranberry orange sauce with candied orange peel and vegan mac and cheese using daya cheese, nutritional yeast and almond milk, that was awesome."

