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Org Spotlight: English Club
Holly Souther
Features Writer

The English club was started by Carolyn Stoermer, an English professor, and has existed on campus for a couple of years. The club has done numerous activities from book sales, to fundraisers and drives and to holiday parties and events.

"We do a lot of different things. Our main goal is to promote the love of reading and literacy at Wright State and in our community. Most recently, we did a children's book drive and holiday party so it's kind of relaxing talking about our favorite children's books and donating them to Hannah's Treasure Chest to go to children for Christmas this year," said English major Kayla Mosley.

Another English club member, Dylan Ward, discussed how the club does book sales on campus along with outside activities involving the community.

"We also donate to a women's prison and how it includes a small library run by the prisoners. We are also promoting literacy and learning in that environment as well to help people who are in that situation and have an easier time at returning after their time spent," he said.

Thursday and Friday meetings can last between thirty minutes to an hour. Mosley and Ward mentioned that at these meetings they discuss what activities they are planning next whether it is "a book drive, a book sale, or party or event to bring people around."

"As a creative writing major, I love literature and I enjoy just being able to engage with the literary community with the way we do," Ward said.

English club meetings will resume in January 2018. "We are looking for more people to join and we have recently made our Twitter account and we are on Facebook," according to Ward.

WSU men's basketball prevails against Kent State

Tevin Carter-Tolbert
Sports Writer

Last week, the Golden Flashes of Kent State traveled to the Nutter Center for the Raiders seventh home game of the season. After a tough game for both teams, Wright State prevailed, winning 63-54.

Each team's defense came to play, as both teams struggled to shoot from the field. The Raiders were 20-of-52 on their shots and the Golden Flashes went 19-of-52. Another issue both teams faced was turnovers. The Golden Flashes committed 24 turnovers while Wright State committed 16.

Despite a low percentage from the field, Wright State had four players score in double-digits. Grant Benzinger led the team with 13 points and went a perfect 5-5 from the free throw line. Parker Ernsthausen and Jaylon Hall contributed 11 points each, while Everett Winchester dropped 10. Winchester was also perfect from the line, going 4-4 on the night.

After the game, Benzinger and Winchester were asked about the team's balanced scoring throughout the game.

"It's really hard on them. You can focus on one guy to stop, but then you have four or five other guys that can do what that one guy can do. You have to pick your poison as the other team," Benzinger said.

Winchester added how players have to step up in certain situations. "The coach has stressed having people step up in big time moments. We have a lot of guys that go out on the court every day and play hard," he said.

The team have grown a lot and are now coming into their own, and how they play like they've been here before -- despite it being early in their careers, according to Benzinger.

Coach Scott Nagy spoke of how he enjoyed the way the team played, despite not shooting well.

"It's not very often you go 4-22 from three and win games, but I thought all the things of who we want to be, we did tonight. Obviously, we want to be better offensively, but I'm less concerned about that and more concerned about us staying at the level we were defensively."

The Raiders look ahead to the University of Toledo this Saturday, December 16. This game will be at Toledo at 2 p.m.

Toledo enters 5-4, while Wright State enters at 6-4.

Discussions on proposed interim policy regarding grad researchers to continue
Lucas Gonzalez

News Editor

University administration have proposed an interim policy for graduate student researchers, which is still in discussion phases.

Under the proposal, the university would only provide tuition free remissions for “externally sponsored programs that provide full Facilities and Administrative costs and support a graduate research assistant stipend for a minimum amount of \$3,400 awarded competitively per semester,” as stated in a faculty senate document.

To be eligible for an award, graduate students would have to be registered for a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester. Limits apply to the award total as it corresponds to the number of semesters of tuition per award, according to the document.

To date, Wright State has supported graduate students through a policy that matches the stipend investment for a student supported through a faculty member by paying the tuition for those students, according to Doom.

“Our research capability has grown substantially over the period of time [in which] that policy has been in place. It’s [now] reasonable for the institution to consider the total expense that the policy now brings to the university,” he said.

There was a 360 review of the research office, in which it was recommended that the university require tuition to be charged to research grants for GRAs, according to Walt Branson, vice president for finance and operations and chief business officer.

“We felt like going there immediately might not be the best thing... so we proposed an interim policy where we would scale it back to where, based on the size of a grant, you would get so many tuition waivers allowable,” said Branson.

Additionally, there has also been a call for an overall review of graduate support. “We thought this would be a good interim policy while we do the overall review, which may take us in a different direction,” said Branson.

The university currently spends about \$3 million in tuition waivers for graduate students on sponsored programs. The university is seeking to recoup \$1.5 million – half of that amount – in order to spend that money on other budgetary priorities, according to Branson.

Faculty who support graduate students through externally-funded awards have expressed concerns over the proposal, according to the Faculty Senate document.

“For many faculty, the tuition-remission cost-share is the primary enabler of their research productivity and represents an important condition of their employment. The university simply cannot afford the negative impact on morale and research production that the proposed policy will realize,” the document reads.

Due to their concerns with the initial proposal, the Faculty Senate has counter-proposed a different set of actions, according to Doom.

So far, some changes have been proposed and discussed for several years. Although there is no fixed date for the final decision, the goal would be to move forward reasonably quickly, according to Sudkamp.

Google hires thousands to remove offensive material on YouTube
Sarah Cavender
News Writer

Google announced recently that they will be hiring 10,000 people to begin reviewing videos and comments that could violate YouTube policies.

The company is also planning to change its criteria on YouTube channels that can carry advertising with more restrictions.

The policy changes and newly-hired mediators come after the site had several incidents this year. Advertisements found near hate videos and profanity and violence were found in their kid friendly platform. Several popular channels were removed for the posts.

Advertisers were quick to pull their ads from the website following the incidents.

YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki, CEO stated in a blog post that the company needs to put in more mechanisms to filter out content.

"We want advertisers to have peace of mind that their ads are running alongside content that reflects their brand's values. Equally, we want to give creators confidence that their revenue won't be hurt by the actions of bad actors," Wojcicki stated.

YouTube has also been using machine learning algorithm to remove videos, 150,000 of which have been removed from the website since June, according to a CNN report.

Many of the new hires are not just content reviewers. The company is also hiring for positions in engineering and policy specialists to work on their machine learning technology to maintain appropriate content.

DIY Starbucks favorites
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Features Writer

Coffee is a universal drink people consume on a daily basis whether it's for morning fuel or for stress. People will rush into Starbucks or a local coffee shop, no matter the weather or the price, which can involve long lines and impatient customers, all for coffee.

"In spring 2017, the number of people who visited Starbucks within a period of 30 days amounted to 37.8 million," as stated by the website called statista.

On campus over the past couple of months, numerous students have ventured into the library's Starbucks for their favorite order or seasonal favorite.

"Depending on the season, it's a different type of mocha. Winter, I really liked the salted caramel mocha," junior Mackenzie McGillivray said.

Starbucks prices are often high and it can be difficult to purchase your favorite coffee order each week. This is where recreating a homemade version comes into action. Homemade versions are less expensive, and you get to pick what ingredients you want to incorporate.

To recreate the salted caramel mocha coffee at home, there's a few solutions to do so. The ingredients can consist of "1 shot of espresso, or $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of coffee, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ – 2 tablespoons of caramel sauce, 1-2 tablespoons of cocoa powder, pinch of sea salt, and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of milk," according to the website 52kitchenadventures.com.

Then, you can choose to use an espresso machine or not. With an espresso machine, the espresso is prepared first. The cocoa powder, sea salt, and caramel sauce become combined in a mug or a cup, while the espresso is poured over the ingredients. Milk slowly gets added in, then stirred to finish the homemade version.

Without an espresso machine, the preparation is slightly different. Exchange espresso for coffee, and use the stove or microwave to heat it up instead. Repeat the following (like above) with all of the ingredients combined, then stirred.

It's entirely up to you to add whip cream, or another type of ingredient to complete your drink.

Now you have recreated your own Starbucks order at a much less expensive price.

Perks of online classes
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Features Writer

On campus, there are three types of ways students can attend class; in the classroom, online, or a hybrid mix where they are partially online, and partially attend class.

Online classes are popular to students as it allows them to have more flexibility in their schedule or grant them more freedom in how they approach learning.

"I love the convenience that it offers to students who have complex lives- a lot who have families, who are working, who are athletes, parents who are older, life. A lot of life is happening for college students and the convenience gives them the opportunity to take classes and further their education while also managing other aspects of their life. I think it opens up possibilities." J. Alex Alexander, senior lecturer for the department of communications said.

Alexander also said she believes a bonding experience can occur through the use of a computer screen and "the reduction of speech anxiety when a student is in their own element. I think it is quite innovative personally, the convenience I love, the skillfulness that we are utilizing technology. It offers me as a faculty member a lot more flexibility," she said.

Online classes can also be drastically different from the classroom environment.

"Teaching face to face is where we are all together at the same time, can have discussions, students can ask questions and get answers right away as opposed to when I'm teaching online – I get one question at a time and email people back. Different prep and different mentality," Alexander said.

Perspective on online classes varies from person to person.

"I like the flexibility and that I can create lectures and assignments on my own schedule, whereas I am teaching in person I have to show up at a certain time and place. What I don't like is that it is harder to prevent cheating on exams and quizzes when they are administered online as opposed to in person," Carmen Culotta, instructor of psychology said.

Culotta believes that when a student takes an online class, it requires more self-discipline and self-teaching, and that you have to invest in time in these classes just as you would in a regular classroom.

Besides online classes and classes on campus, the hybrid course is also available.

"Hybrid courses is where the majority of work is done online, but students still come to campus to take exams. I teach some hybrid courses as well. I like these courses because it does make cheating more difficult, keeps students engaged, and gives them an opportunity to get to know the professor a little bit," Culotta said.

Senior Nancy Shuler recommends online classes as the flexibility aspect of it has helped her schedule.

Wright State faculty sign pledge against unfair contracts
Lucas Gonzalez
News Editor

Last week, an overwhelming majority of teaching faculty who are a part of the Wright State chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) have signed onto a pledge to reject any contracts they determine to be unfair to WSU faculty.

More than 82 percent of members signed the pledge, according according to a recent press release.

“Over the last two years, the university has eliminated more than ten percent of its teaching faculty through attrition,” stated Martin Kich, AAUP-WSU president, in the press release.

“The Board and administration now seem to want to gut the faculty contract to allow for further, rapid reductions in the number of teaching faculty simply to meet immediate budget targets.”

This announcement was made as the university continues its attempts for budgetary remediation. Some faculty members are concerned about the security of their positions because of contract negotiations, according to a report by WDTN.

The pledge is intended to signal that the faculty will not accept any contracts that make further cuts to teaching at the university. Measures which make more cuts to instruction would negatively impact the quality of education and the university’s primary sources of revenue, according to the press release.

Over the time span of four or five years, administration exhausted over \$100 million in reserves, with the Board of Trustees’ approval, according to the press release.

“We are concerned that quality of instruction will be compromised in order to sustain a variety of schemes that were supposed to produce additional revenue streams for the university but have instead, without exception, cost the university tens of millions of dollars,” said Kich in the press release.

The status quo for higher education is changing, according to a statement from Wright State President Cheryl Schrader in WTDN. “A confluence of factors is driving academe and our university to do things differently,” she stated. “Changes are required not just in how we engage students in the classroom or conduct meaningful research in the laboratory, but also in how we do business.”

“[Administration] seem very willing to ignore the longer-term consequences of having dramatically fewer full-time faculty--less expertise and fewer and larger classes. That’s not the ‘fix’ WSU needs,” said Kich in the press release.

Winter break that doesn’t involve leaving town

Angel Lane

Features Editor

It’s nearly winter break -- which means you might see people from your classes going on amazing trips to warm and sunny adventures. While you might initially feel like you’re missing out and wasting away your break, you can have a great time in the comfort of your own hometown.

International studies major Chad Clayton pays for his own schooling, so he doesn't spend a lot of money to have a good time.

"Over break I really try to relax and not do much of anything as much as I can, besides the mandatory work. My favorite part is those first few days when I can just do nothing but sleep and recover from finals. I hang out with fraternity brothers, read, and play video games mostly," Clayton said.

Psychology major Jimmy Jahn enjoys break because he can see and spend time with his loved ones without worry constantly in the back of his mind.

"In the past I'd see old friends and just play video games as well as exchange gifts. This year I plan to go dancing at clubs or hitting up the bars. Now that I'm out of a toxic relationship, I need to get out more, and what better time to do that with people who care about me," Jahn said.

Jahn said he also enjoys video games and hanging around accepting people. While saving money is important to him, sometimes fun is worth a splurge. "As I mature into an adult, I'm trying to budget more, however knowing myself, I'll probably spend it all for a good time," he said.

So curl up in bed and take a trip to whatever world you'd like using Netflix, games or simply the friendship of other people. You'll save money and still make memories.

Women's Center breaks down the implications of defunding Planned Parenthood
Lucas Gonzalez
News Editor

Back in June of this year, the Senate revealed its healthcare bill. Included in that bill was a plan to defund Planned Parenthood – a promise that President Trump has vowed to keep.

The defunding has started slowly. People previously hired by Planned Parenthood are getting laid off, and the organization can no longer waive the fees for its services, according to Nicole

Carter, director of the Wright State University Women's Center.

"I think [a big part] of the reason they're trying to defund Planned Parenthood is because of the abortion issue," said Cindy Vanzant, assistant director of the Women's Center.

However, abortions only make up about 3 percent of the services that the organization provides, according to Vanzant -- and not all Planned Parenthood offices offer abortions. The Dayton Health Center, for example, has a Planned Parenthood office that does not offer the service.

Birth control, another service provided by Planned Parenthood, has helped lowered the rate of unintended teen pregnancies -- which is at its lowest in thirty years, according to Vanzant. This allows women the opportunity to go to college. "[They can] get an education so that when and if they decide to have children, they can afford [it]," she said.

Affordable access to birth control allows women to pursue a degree and avoid poverty. The percentage of women in school has increased in part due to organizations like Planned Parenthood, according to Vanzant.

The ramifications of complete defunding would include lack of access to health and educational resources. Limited access to comprehensive sex education could result in increased teen pregnancies, STDs and dating violence, according to Carter.

Men would also be impacted as well. Planned Parenthood offers STI testing, condoms and vasectomies -- all of which would be limited should the organization be entirely defunded, according to Carter.

Additionally, marginalized communities and low-income people would be disproportionately affected. This includes college students, many of whom are struggling financially, according to Carter.

Statistics show that eight out of ten African American women are the sole providers of their home. On top of that, one in four of that demographic live in poverty, according to Vanzant. Access to birth control allows them to limit their number of children to the desired amount; simply put, having less children makes it is less difficult for these women to provide for their families.

"[Defunding Planned Parenthood] is essentially defunding opportunities and access," said Carter.

Here's where your tuition money is going

Sarah Cavender

News Writer

Recently Wright State's Board of Trustees proposed a six percent increase to the upcoming 2018 freshmen class both in state and out of state students. That would mean a \$262 increase, according to a Dayton Daily News article.

The new tuition lock, known as the "Wright Guarantee" program, would stay locked for four years. The program would be the highest tuition guarantee allowed by the state, but it has not yet been approved by the Ohio Department of Higher Education. The increase is part of an

attempt from the university to generate a revenue to cover the \$6 million this year to restore its reserve fund.

If implemented, Wright State would become the fourth public university in the state of Ohio to integrate a tuition guarantee program.

The current undergraduate flat rate for in state/commuter tuition is \$4,365. For a non-Ohio resident, it is \$8,675, along with an additional \$4,718 for room and board.

A flat rate for tuition is the amount of money a student pays when enrolled in 11 to 18 credit hours. Individual credit hours cost \$394 for in-state undergraduate students, and \$791 for out of state students.

“Anyone who is taking 11 to 18 hours assessed rate is broken into two components,” stated Steve Sherbet, the university bursar and director of treasury services. “One part is \$3,791 which is the instructional fee. This covers academic support services, advising and other student needs. The other \$574 is a general fee.”

A general fee is made up of services such as student support services, student organizations and student activities.

“Many other institutions go by per credit hour rate. The flat rate was started 25 years ago with the possible belief that Wright State’s pricing was more attractive for students to go full time,” said Sherbet.

Offices of registration and Raider Connect were unable to identify the breakdown of tuition.

What it’s like to be pregnant in college
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Features Editor

Mass communications major Jessica Huber found out she was pregnant in April, just after spring semester of 2017. Some students’ biggest fear is getting pregnant while still in college and not being able to finish, but Huber proved that with perseverance, it is absolutely possible.

“My biggest fear after finding out was how was I going to tell my parents and if I was going to be able to graduate like I originally planned,” Huber said, “The biggest struggle about being pregnant and trying to maintain all my classes was how to stay healthy and not over do it. Pregnancy is very hard on your body and my main problem was the amount of sleep I was not

getting. Dealing with my body going through major changes and being constantly tired, it was hard to stay motivated to finish my homework as the semester went on.”

Huber said her son is what kept her motivated to stay in school, even though it was the hardest thing she’s ever had to do.

“In 9 months, I finished a total of 9 classes. Four in the summer and five in the fall. It was worth it because I did it all for not only myself but for him. Once he was born, I realized that it wasn’t about me anymore, it was about him. It was the easiest decision I had to make this entire pregnancy because he is the reason why I am finishing,” she said.

With constantly questioning from other students about how she could possibly manage school while being pregnant, Huber decided she didn’t care what others said because she was determined to walk on her graduation date.

“My due date was December 18th and my graduation date was December 16th. After I would tell people that, they would laugh and say ‘looks like you won’t be walking this December.’ In the back of my head I kept saying that I was going to walk whether I had him early or not. Which worked in my favor because he was here a month earlier than expected,” Huber said.

Huber’s son, Adrián Robert Ortiz, was born Nov. 16, 2017.

Upset of a lifetime: 1999 WSU vs. MSU

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Sports Editor

The Wright State men’s basketball team owns one of the greatest upsets in NCAA history, and most people wouldn’t even know it.

On December 30, 1999, Michigan State came to the Nutter Center to take on the Raiders. They were ranked at the time, and hadn’t lost a game to a non power five school in the last two seasons.

Calling this MSU team good, or even very good, would be a severe understatement. They were coached by hall of famer Tom Izzo, and had been to the final four the previous year. They were

led by future NBA players Morris Peterson and Mateen Cleaves.

WSU came out and played extremely well in the first ten minutes. They had the lead up to five, and they never trailed in the first 10 minutes. This early start wouldn't last, but was crucial for the remainder of the game. Michigan State took the lead into halftime 32-26.

The Raiders continued to fight hard throughout the second half. Kevin Melson, who averaged almost 19 points a game that season, had several key buckets to keep WSU within striking distance. He would finish with a team high 16 points in the game.

Joe Bills, a freshman starter for WSU, remembers Melson's impact during this game.

"Melson was fantastic," he said. "He was our best player and probably the only man on our team that could match the athleticism of MSU."

As the clock ticked down, the Raiders would take a two point lead. Bills said the team never got overconfident, but he knew when a big play sealed the game.

"We played fantastic but I think we always knew that a win wasn't a sure thing," he said. "Late in the game Thomas Hope deflected a MSU pass into my hands and I felt like that was the first time I believed that we were actually going to win this game."

That steal would be a huge play, as it caused MSU to have to foul Wright State. WSU would go on to make the free throws, and secure the biggest upset in WSU history.

The final score was 53-49, and the fans at the Nutter Center stormed the court. Bills said it is still one of his fondest memories.

"It was a special moment," he said. "Being able to share that moment with my teammates and family is something I'll never forget."

Michigan State would go on to win the national championship that year, making this win even more special for Wright State.

"The fact that they went on to win it all makes the memory a little sweeter," Bills said. "People don't have to wonder if it was a good MSU team we beat, it was literally the best team that year. Well, except for one perfect day for the Raiders!"

What does tenure mean for faculty members?

Sarah Cavender

News Writer

There are several different types of teachers a student can have in the classroom throughout their college, including adjunct, professor or proctor.

Many of the professors that are employed at Wright State are tenure track positions.

“Tenure ensures the retention of talented permanent faculty, secures faculty autonomy and forms the basis for the development of an intellectual community. Above all, tenure protects the academic freedom of faculty to conduct their teaching and research without constraint by interests both inside and outside the University or economic pressures,” according to the preamble of the university policies and procedures.

Those that can earn tenure include professors, assistant professors, and associate professors.

Some positions offer tenure upon hire. This applies to faculty who are not represented by the collective bargaining agreement.

“Tenure is a commitment by the University to provide a series of continuous annual appointments to faculty members,” stated the policy. “These appointments can be terminated only by resignation, retirement, removal for cause, or retrenchment.”

Those with tenure positions can be suspended or terminated for reasons such as: fraudulent credentials pertaining to employment at the university, incompetence or dishonesty in teaching, scholarship, or professional service, substantial and manifest neglect of duty, personal conduct which presents a serious threat to health or safety of anyone else within the university.

A faculty member may also be disciplined for severe and continuing harassment or discrimination. When a Bargaining Unit Faculty Member is accused or reported, an investigation and hearing is held with the university president and a representative of the AAUP-WSU.

However, those that are in a position of research, adjunct, or visiting are unable to be considered for tenure.

The decision on promotions or tenure are made by the WSU Board of Trustees based on a variety of documentations, work and recommendations.