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Rules on local media ownership could see drastic changes

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News Editor

The recent vote from the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) to repeal Net Neutrality has brought the government agency to the forefront of political discussion. What some might not realize is how the FCC has voted to change the rules regarding media ownership, which is independent of its decision on Net Neutrality.

The FCC consists of five commissioners who are appointed by the president. The rules allow for no more than three members of the same political party. Usually, the party affiliation of the commissioners depends on the party that the standing president belongs to, according to Dave Baxter, senior lecturer of communication at Wright State.

In April, The FCC voted to reinstitute the UHF (Ultra High Frequency) discount rule, which was abolished under the Obama administration. First adopted in 1985, the rule allowed media companies to only count half of a UHF station's market population toward the company's ownership cap. This was done "as an incentive for companies to buy UHF TV stations," said Baxter.

The FCC is also considering raising the national population cap on TV ownership, according to Baxter. The current cap as established by Congress in 2003, is 39 percent.

The cross-ownership rule is also about to be reviewed. The rule disallowed any new combinations of TV and newspaper ownership allowed in any one market, starting in 1975 onward. The combinations that already existed were kept in place.

The FCC may also revisit the duopoly rule as well, which places limitations on a company's ability to own more than one TV station in any one market. It ensures that eight separate 'TV voices,' or owners, remain in a market and prevents a single company from owning two of the four top-rated stations. If reviewed, the requirements on ownership of two major stations would likely be lifted, according to Baxter.

These kinds of changes would ease the limitations on local media ownership, allow single owners to control multiple stations.

"All of this is in flux right now," said Baxter. Although the FCC is an administrative agency, "any policy that they come up with is subject to judicial review," he said.

Bitter cold temperatures reach Dayton area

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News Writer

Over winter break, many areas of Ohio felt the drastically cold temperatures. In the Dayton area, temperatures dropped into the negative digits with wind chills making it colder.

Wright State sent out several campus wide emails regarding the wind chill advisory.

There is a process that goes into effect when considering cancelling or delaying operations for the university, according to Curtis Liska, Emergency Management Director and Compliance for University Police.

“There is a multi-phase winter weather procedure that is used to decide to delay or close campus. For extremely cold temperatures, the university relies on the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) Wind Chill Chart to decide whether or not to delay or close,” said Liska.

The NOAA studies climate, weather, oceans and coasts. The university relies on The National Weather Service of Wilmington for weather forecasts.

In times where the temperature and wind chill range could pose a risk of frostbite after 30 minutes, there is a consolation conference call between departments on campus.

“A similar decision-making process is also used for winter storms.” Liska said. “In addition to consulting the NWS weather forecasts when making a decision, the university will analyze temperature, wind velocity, sleet/ice accumulation, Green County Snow Emergency Level status, local, interstate road conditions, number of accidents being reported, etc.”

Over winter break, there were no cancelled student activities according to Emily Sherrets, graduate assistant for Outdoor Resource Center. “However, if we were to have such cold weather during an outdoor trip, we would most likely have to cancel,” Sherrets said.

Facilities management and services took precautions over the break to prevent the cold weather affecting the university. There was a campus-wide email of vestibule doors being propped open to prevent freezing of the building fire suppression systems.

The university police website recommends checking the battery-powered equipment such as a radio, lights, etc. and making sure there is food stocked along with first aid kit, medication and other supplies to be prepared for winter weather.

If outdoors for long periods of time, the website states that you should cover your mouth to protect lungs, keep dry, watch for signs of frostbit and hypothermia.

For a full list of what to be prepared for in winter weather, visit the police [website](#) listed under emergency preparedness.

The university also will post to Wright State Alert! In the event of an emergency. Students can also contact 937-775-3500 to find out if there is a delay or closing or visit the university homepage.

Beavercreek Abuelo's restaurant closes for good

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Features Editor

After 13 years standing not far from the Fairfield Commons Mall, Abuelo's Mexican restaurant has decided to close its Beavercreek doors for good.

After a customer saw a "closed" sign on the doors when attempting to get dinner, the company took to Facebook to explain to the customer.

"With regret, our Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant in Beavercreek, Ohio has closed. All employees were personally notified and our managers were on site to talk with them personally and provide assistance in finding other employment opportunities in the community. We are thankful for our guests, like you, for your loyal patronage over the years. We encourage you to visit our other Abuelo's locations in Ohio or any others throughout the nation," the Facebook comment read.

Social Science Major Kaitlyn Long worked at Abuelo's for nearly two years, and says that the circulating message Abuelo's posted to Facebook is incorrect. "It says that each staff member was personally notified of the stores closing. I was not personally notified."

"The store closed on Dec 31. When doors closed at 9:30 everyone was told the store was closing. I didn't find out until nearly midnight and I only found out on accident. Of course my initial reaction was anger. I had no idea that there was even a possibility and now without any warning i have to figure out how to make money, because i counted on Abuelos to pay my rent and help me pay for school," Long continued.

Long said when speaking to the Regional Manager, he told her that the counters in corporate just didn't see it worth it to keep open.

Abuelo's has not yet announced the reason for the closure and many customers have commented on Facebook to question in confusion. Other users have posted comments pointing the finger to the recently opened (2015) Chuy's restaurant for possibly taking some of Abuelo's business and leading to the closure.

For Abuelo's lovers, the next closest restaurant is at 5010 Deerfield Blvd in Mason, Ohio and then 2833 Dixie Hwy just into Kentucky in the town of Ft Mitchell.

Wright State welcomes over 200 transfer students

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News Writer

This spring semester, the university will welcome a total of 240 transfer students, according to data from the Office of Institutional Research & Analytics.

Craig This, director of Institutional Research & Analytics stated, “last year at this time, we had 255 transfer students, of which 18 were out-of-state students. By Day 14 (official census date) for Spring 2017, we had 488 transfer students, of which 22 were out-of-state students.”

The 2017 fall semester boasted an enrollment of 15,928 at the Dayton campus. Enrollment in the 2018 spring semester is down to 12,924 according to This; this is a 5.6 percent decrease from the previous semester.

In the four weeks prior, registered credit hours were up to 154,075 for the spring semester.

The gross revenue was at \$55,498,262.00 which is down by 7.4 percent compared to last spring semester.

Events coming to the Nutter Center this semester you need to check out

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Features Writer

Throughout the semester a number of interesting events are expected to transpire at the Nutter Center. Athletic games and celebrity guest appearances are the norm for the Nutter Center.

"Big celebrities usually bring crowds, and I think this semester's major event is no exception," said Sam Tendam, director of major events for the University Activities Board (UAB), "When we put on a major event, it's usually something that a lot of people would want to see at a very reasonable price, and our events are a fantastic way to relieve some stress and have a good time."

Whether it's an appearance by a musician or activist or a basketball game, there's bound to be an event that will appeal to a student.

"I think the thing students like most would be names they know, such as Kevin Hart. The big name we're bringing this semester, while I can't release it yet, should be one that a lot of students are familiar with," said Tendam. Comedian and actor, Kevin Hart on his Responsible tour, is expected to make an appearance on Jan. 27, 2018.

In March, the Professional Bull Riders Real Time Pain Relief Velocity Tour will be going on at The Nutter, while in April, the Time Warp Prom will be put on by a local radio station Mix 107.7.

There are three ways an individual can buy a ticket to events like these: online, at the Box Office, or on the phone, according to the Nutter Center website.

More information about other events happening at the Nutter Center can be found [here](#). Check out [UAB's twitter](#) for more information on events.

Hospitals decide to start their own drug company

Sarah Cavender

News Writer

Large hospitals across the country are working to start their own generic drug company after years of facing challenges of getting medications, according to a report by The New York Times.

“This is a shot across the bow of the bad guys,” said Dr. Marc Harrison, chief executive of Intermountain Healthcare, the nonprofit Salt Lake City hospital group that is spearheading the effort. “We are not going to lay down. We are going to go ahead and try and fix it,” he said in a Times article.

The Intermountain Healthcare has faced drug shortages or sudden price hikes on off patent products.

“If they all agree to buy enough to sustain this effort, you will have a huge threat to people that are trying to manipulate the generic drug market. They will want to think twice,” said Dr. Kevin A. Schulman, professor of medicine at the Duke University School of Medicine in the article by the Times.

Dr. Schulman has studied the generic drug market and is advising the effort.

Currently, there are around 300 hospitals involved in the group to start the revolution in the drug business, with more hospitals expected to join.

Over the years, the drug industry capitalized on buying old off-patent drugs and then raising their prices, the most well known case being Martin Shkreli. In 2015, he raised the prices of an old drug known as Daraprim from \$13.50 to \$750 per tablet.

The creation of the new company would primarily sell to hospitals, but officials told the Times they may eventually expand to offer their products.

There are currently 220 hospitals in the state of Ohio; it is unknown if any of their networks will be involved in the group.

Wright State plans to develop innovation lab in Russ Engineering

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News Editor

Wright State currently has plans to redevelop the basement of the Russ Engineering Center into an innovation lab, which would be named the Ronald D. Bullock/Bison Gear Innopreneurship Laboratory.

The project, which will cost a total of two million, is to be funded in part by a philanthropic gift from Ronald D. Bullock, alumnus of the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

Given the recent budgetary situation the college does not anticipate direct university dollars to complete this project, according to Nathan Klingbeil, professor and dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science. It is seeking public funding to cover the remaining one million.

Bullock's gift includes an endowed faculty position -- that means that curriculum would be designed around, and be taught by a faculty member trained in "the scholarship of design and innovation," according to Klingbeil.

The lab will be "a design and innovation space where students can take concepts all the way from an idea to an actual product," said Klingbeil. "The whole idea is to create a shared space for interdisciplinary projects."

Another focus of the laboratory is to promote entrepreneurship. The College of Engineering has been developing the lab with the Raj Sooin College of Business.

Through discussions with Bullock, the College of Engineering aligned its own needs with his passion "to produce the types of engineers that the manufacturing community needs: people who don't just have books skills, but people [...] with the ability to make, design, build, and even think about the business plan," said Klingbeil.

The gift agreement was put into place since 2014. Designing phases of the lab were started shortly after the agreement was signed; the lab was originally expected to be completed in the summer of 2016. The delay has been caused by the university holding off on new construction projects, as well as the passing of the donor and the estate settlement process, according to Klingbeil.

Currently there is no definitive timeline for the completion of the project. Since it would be difficult to complete a project of this scale during the academic year, it is anticipated to be completed during the summer of either 2018 or 2019, according to Klingbeil. "It's an exciting project [that] has been a long time coming," he said.

Steve Bannon agrees to hold interview with special council

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Steve Bannon, former White House chief strategist, has agreed to meet with Special Counsel Investigator Robert Mueller and his team. By doing so, he has avoided testifying in front of the grand jury, at least for now.

This comes one day after Bannon was privately questioned in a meeting with the House Intelligence Committee that lasted for over 10 hours, which he voluntarily accepted an invitation to. During the interview, he was issued a subpoena from lawmakers after failing to answer questions about his transition and time in the White House.

The same day, Bannon was subpoenaed by Mueller. Of the multiple officials from the Trump administration interviewed by the special council, Bannon is the first one to have been issued a subpoena.

“He refused to answer a broad range of questions concerning any meeting, conversation, or discussion that took place either during the transition or while he was with the White House,” said Adam Schiff, ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee in an appearance on CNN.

During the meeting with the House Intelligence Committee, Bannon’s attorney relayed questions to the White House. In turn, the White House counsel’s office communicated to the attorney that Bannon was not to answer certain questions, according to The Guardian (UK).

The date of the meeting between Bannon and Mueller’s investigators has yet to be determined. Bannon is more likely to cooperate with the special council, according to an unnamed source not authorized to speak publicly about the matter.

WWSU radio now plays your favorite songs

Angel Lane

Features Editor

WWSU is introducing a new track request system that favors listener control, according to WWSU President Adam Wightman. If you haven't yet listened to the Wright State radio station, now could be a great time to start.

Wightman said additions include, "a chat with the DJ" feature and a brand new iOS and Android app." The WWSU 106.9 FM app is currently in the works by engineers and will be launched this fall.

Using different popular live event hosts such as Prime Social, the WWSU staff wants to bring their listeners more free tickets and exclusive artist and comedian interviews.

"We have tons of opportunities to win tickets to music festivals and concerts. Follow us and get notified before every giveaway," Wightman said. "All track requests, DJ messages and streaming is all located in the same place: wwsu1069.org."

This means that the best way to make sure you're at the front of the line for cool prizes is to listen in and check the website frequently.

Currently with 52 total staff members, WWSU has been delivering music, sports and talk shows since 1977 according to their website.

A schedule of shows can be found [here](#) and if you are interested in becoming a WWSU DJ click [here](#) for more information.

Womens Basketball wins easily against Youngstown State 73-50

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Sports Editor

The WSU women's basketball beat Youngstown State (YSU) by a score of 73-50. It was the Raiders fifth win in a row and improved their overall record to 14-4 on the year and 6-1 at the Nutter Center.

The Raiders outscored YSU in all four quarters and had their way with them in the paint. WSU scored 42 of their 73 points in the paint.

Four Raiders scored in double figures, including Chelsea Welch with 23 points. Emily Vogelpohl had 13 points and 12 rebounds, and Lexi Smith also recorded a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

WSU held YSU to under 40 percent shooting in the game and under 30 percent from beyond the three point line.

WSU struggled themselves from the three point line, shooting only 2-19 (10.5 percent) from the arc.

It was the Raiders first home game since Saturday, Dec. 30, but head coach Katrina Merriweather said the schedule won't be an excuse to focusing on the task at hand.

"We won't complain about it," she said. "We'll take what our schedule gives us this year and we're pretty happy about it."

Coach Merriweather and the Raiders have done a good job of that, as their home and away splits are almost identical (6-1 at home vs. 6-2 on the road). They've won three straight Horizon league conference games on the road to start out the season.

The Raiders will be at home this coming weekend for two games. First they play UIC Friday at 7:00 PM and then IUPUI on Sunday at 2:00 PM.

Who is the freshman class of 2017?

Sarah Cavender

News Writer

Over the fall semester, administrators talked about the importance of enrollment and student admission.

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

Of the nearly 16 thousand students at the Dayton Campus and the 1,400 Lake campus students, around 2,500 of those students are freshmen who started Wright State in the fall semester

Instead of looking at the new incoming students as dollars and revenue, here is a breakdown of who the class of 2021 are.

According to the Senior Institutional Research and Analytics, of the 2,526 freshman, 97 percent are younger than 19 years old and 25 percent are first generation college students.

The university as a whole has less than 5,000 students over the age of 25.

Forty-six percent of freshmen students living on campus at one of the universities locations in Hamilton Hall, Honors Community, The Woods, College Park, Forest Lane, University Park or The Village.

The percentage of freshmen females is 10 percent higher than males, with female students making up 55 percent of the class of 2021.

This year’s freshman class is also diverse – 22 percent are international students and 21 percent are minority students.

Player Spotlight: Chelsea Welch

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Sports Writer

This Raider Watch goes to Chelsea Welch, a graduate student from Kettering, Ohio and starting guard of the women's basketball team.

In her high school career at Fairmont she scored 1,437 points over her four-years and dished out 400 career assists. She averaged 13.8 points, 3.6 rebounds, 4.1 assists and 3.2 steals per game during her senior year, which helped to lead the Firebirds to the Division I state title.

In her freshman year at the University of Pittsburgh, Welch appeared in 30 games, earning starts in nine of them. She averaged 20.1 minutes per game, along with 4.1 points and 2.2 rebounds. Welch added a career-high 16 points against NC State on 6-of-9 shooting and 4-of-7 from 3-pt range. Sophomore year was similar as Welch saw the court in 30 games once again, averaging 18.6 minutes per game.

After transferring, Welch continued to be a force and was awarded first-team all-Horizon League. Twice she was named Horizon League player of the week. She started all 34 games and scored in double figures in all but one. She has continued her offensive success throughout her second season at Wright State and is currently averaging 21.6 points, 5.1 rebounds, and 5.1 assists per game.

"We are having a great season and as long as we keep improving one day at a time, we will continue to be successful," she said.

Women's Center presents third annual Scarf Frenzy

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Features Writer

The Women's Center will host the third Scarf Frenzy event on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018 beginning at noon on the second floor of the Dunbar Library. The event is a collaboration by the Women's Center, the Library and the Knitting and Crocheting Circle service group.

"What we do is hang scarves and hats on the railings around the stairs, a couple of fake trees we hang things onto, and put many things around that area as we can. Then exactly at noon, I announce okay, please come and help yourself to whatever warm item you need," said Cindy Vanzant, assistant director at the Women's Center

Vanzant also mentioned that she has to encourage students to get up. "When some of the students see others trickling over there," they become interested in parusing the winter gear.

The two groups work on a variety of cold weather necessities such as afghans, blankets, sweaters and more which are donated to Michael's Carehouse, Greene County Children's Services, Hannah's Treasure Chest and other centers and organizations.

As of June 7, 2017, over 179 afghans, and 512 scarves have been made by the knitting group and donated to numerous individuals according to Vanzant.

Vanzant believes this event is a way to give back to the students.

"We wouldn't be here if it weren't for the students, and not only should we help them excel in academics and to be successful, it also important that the students are comfortable and able to attend class. We love the students and they make our day," she said.

"We are all in this together, and doing community service whether it's for your own community here at Wright State or out in the Miami Valley community – it's very important and something we can all contribute too," Vanzant said.

Courts block Trump's rollbacks of DACA

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News Editor

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, a California federal judge temporarily blocked rollbacks of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), which protects individuals who illegally entered the U.S. as minors from deportation, for a period of time.

The DACA program was rescinded under the Trump administration in September last year. From that point, the Department of Homeland Security stopped processing new applications for the program, according to a CNN report.

Congress was given a deadline of March 5, 2018 to reach a resolution on DACA. In the meantime, the 800,000 people who are protected under the program are ensured their ability to live and work in the U.S., according to CNN.

The ruling came the same day as Trump's meeting with both Democratic and Republican lawmakers, in which they discussed DACA and border protection. In his meeting Trump expressed willingness to discuss comprehensive immigration reform – that means taking an in-depth, multi-layered approach, according to Julia Acosta, director of the Office of Latino Affairs at Wright State.

The judge cited Trump's own tweets in the ruling, in which he questioned whether or not it would be productive to block productive and educated people from the U.S., according to Acosta.

The judge's ruling has a potential downside, according to ABC White House Correspondent Johnathan Karl. "Nothing forces Congress to act like a looming deadline," he said. "With that deadline now temporarily at least in question, it may relieve some of the pressure on Congress to act now."

President Trump has expressed frustration with the court's ruling, calling the court system "broken and unfair."

Although the court ruling could be overturned, there is now a window for people to once again apply for the DACA program once again, according to Acosta. "For however long that is, this is a win," she said.

Back into the swing of things: 2018 WSU tennis

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Sports Writer

The tennis program will begin the spring semester with the women opening in the IU Winter Invitational in Indianapolis on Sunday, Jan. 14 and Saturday, Jan. 15. The men's team will open up against Toledo on Sunday, January 21.

This marks the beginning of the spring season, but looking back on the fall season, coach Eric Burns saw that as a building block for where they are now.

"We were happy with some of our individual results for each of the teams. The fall season is more about getting experience and more individual, unlike the spring that is all about team results," Burns said.

The teams were both meshing new faces with those who are experienced, so the fall helped to prepare everyone, according to Burns.

Burns coaches both the men's and women's teams, like some of the other coaches in the Horizon League.

"The majority of Division I teams have a head coach for each team and many have an assistant for each too. In the Horizon League though there are several schools that have the same coach for both," Burns said. "I am lucky to have an excellent assistant in Ben Roeser who handles most of the on court duties with the men's team. It is double the work of a lot of our competition to have one coach and one full time assistant for two teams, but it allows us to get to know more student-athletes and hopefully make more of an impact."

In addition to making a larger impact, he viewed Roeser's added responsibility and how they are able to mix their styles as pros.

Burns expects great things out of the program as a whole.

"Both teams are working to bring a Horizon League title to WSU. The men have won a couple regular season championships in the past... we are looking to get back there and make some noise," Burns said. "The women are coming off back to back runner-up finishes in the Horizon League championship-the highest finishes in the history of the program. They are working to take it another step further and win the championship."

Overall, he feels that the season will challenge everyone, but also be very successful. Both teams share the goal of aiming for a championship and Burns believes in all of his players.

"We really just want our teams to work hard on and off the court and represent Wright State in a positive way."

Cuts in staff spark changes in library hours

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Features Editor

Library hours have changed after 16 positions were cut from the staff which, according to Interim University Librarian Sue Polanka, was due to resignations, retirements and layoffs. This constituted to 25 percent of the staff.

“Many of these positions provided public services through research and instruction, Ask a Librarian, circulation, the STAC and the Special Collections and Archives. Because we maintain 4 service points in the library, some for 98.5 hours per week, we needed to make changes to maintain adequate staffing of the library during our busiest hours,” Polanka said.

The new hours were decided on by analysis of the library’s least busy hours.

“The library will no longer be open on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Students are welcome to use the 24/7 CaTS computer labs in the basement of PLDL during those 3 hours.

During finals study hours, students will have more library hours. We extended our closing time on Friday and Saturday before finals week to 10:00 p.m. and will open at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday,” Polanka said.

While the STAC, information desk, ask a librarian service and special collections and archives will have reduced hours, Polanka says students can still email questions to librarians and archivists or make an appointment [here](#)

Several outreach activities and services that were traditionally offered had to be cut so that staff could cover other core functions.

“Regularly scheduled Research Toolkit workshops, Friends of the Libraries workshops, the CramJam study sessions, the STAC’s Ask A Geek chat service, and the research support desk at the Writing Center,” were subject to the cuts according to Polanka. “Our Special Collections and Archives has cut back on the number of special events and guest speakers as well as the development of new exhibits for library display cases.”

A few of the remaining staff members have seen significant changes in position and nearly all of the staff have taken on additional responsibilities and adjusted their own schedules to maintain service to students.

“The University Libraries remain committed to our mission of providing exceptional research services. In order to uphold this mission, we realigned our hours to keep our limited staff on duty during the hours our students, faculty, and staff use most,” Polanka shared.

Men's Basketball gets huge road win, stays atop conference standings

Brian Patch

Sports Editor

Wright State got the win they'd been working so hard for on Thursday, Jan. 11 when they beat Northern Kentucky University (NKU) on the road 84-81.

This was WSU's first win over NKU since February 2016, and they broke NKU's 13 game home winning streak.

The game was competitive throughout the entire 40 minutes of play. The Raiders would already be at a slight disadvantage due to the absence of Justin Mitchell, their second leading scorer.

The first half saw both teams exchange leads frequently. WSU had a 12 point lead early in the first half, but the Raiders would not be able to hold it. Grant Benzinger scored 16 points in the first half, and WSU made over 50 percent of their shots. The Raiders took the lead into the second half, 40-38.

The second half saw more of the same. Both teams exchanged leads while holding each other to within five points.

With under four minutes left in the game, Mark Hughes gave the Raiders a seven point lead with a layup off an assist from Loudon Love.

NKU cut the lead to just three with 53 seconds to go. On the ensuing Raider possession, Cole Gentry made a tough shot off the backboard to give WSU a five point lead with under 20 seconds left in the game. This led to NKU fouling Wright State, and eventually securing the victory for WSU.

Grant Benzinger scored 31 points to lead both teams in scoring. Loudon Love added a double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

The win improved WSU's conference record to 5-0, and gave them sole possession of first place in the Horizon League.

WSU's ability to make shots helped them pull out the close victory, despite turning the ball over 17 times. WSU shot 55 percent from the field for the entire game.

The Raiders will be back at The Nutter Center on Monday, Jan 15 against Youngstown State. WSU has an eight game winning streak on their home court.

False alarm in Hawaii highlights the looming threat of nuclear war

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News Editor

On Sunday, Jan. 14, Hawaii's emergency management office sent out a false alert, warning residents of an incoming ballistic missile strike. The miscommunication ultimately came down to a single employee mistakenly pressing the wrong button.

Nuclear experts have highlighted the event, warning that mistakes of this nature could potentially lead to an unintended war with North Korea.

"The thing experts all agree on is that North Korea's regime survival is [its] ultimate goal, so we [will] end up at war with North Korea only if there is a miscommunication, or if the U.S. initiates it," said Liam Anderson, professor of political science at Wright State University.

Recently there has been consideration from the Trump administration to conduct a restrained, preemptive strike on North Korea, described as a 'bloody nose' attack. This type of action would likely be in response to provocation in the hopes of deterring future action, stated Anderson.

This incident comes shortly after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) scheduled a January 16 briefing, outlining preparations for nuclear war. Likelihood of survivability depends on your location relative to the point of detonation, according to Anderson.

"In general, if you are anywhere near the detonation, you are dead whatever you do," said Anderson. "The government issues preparations for nuclear war, not because there is anything you can really do to help you survive, but just to make people think there is."

Hawaiian Representative Tulsi Gabbard has called for President Trump to meet directly with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. In the past, Trump has dismissed attempts by Secretary of State Rex Tillerson to start talks with North Korea, but recently stated that he might be willing to do so at an appropriate time, according to a CNN report.

Given that North Korea has already displayed the potential of its missile program and is currently engaged in diplomatic discussions with South Korea, missile testing can be expected to decrease – for that reason, now would be a good time to initiate talks with North Korea, according to Anderson.

WSU Boonshoft School of Medicine student studies addiction

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News Writer

Megan Smith, student of the Boonshoft School of Medicine, shadowed a patient in a weeklong experience at Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation to study more in depth the struggles of an addict.

Smith is pursuing her M.B.A and M.P.H., a dual degree through the medical school. She spent the week at the clinic during her time as a Master of Public Health student.

During Smith's work at the Foundation, there were lectures and shadowing of a resident patient at a drug rehabilitation center.

"Addiction doesn't respect societal boundaries, and I think that's important to recognize as a healthcare provider," said Smith in a press release.

In her time studying at the foundation, Smith learned of the principles of 12-step programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, along with pathophysiology of addiction and the benefits of multidisciplinary care for substance use disorders.

"I learned that recovery from addiction is anything but a linear improvement, and that the human spirit can recover from the darkest of places," Smith said. "I would encourage everyone to seek out a deeper understanding of addiction so that we can continue to diminish the stigma and improve the well-being of our communities."