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Seven time saving college hacks to help you finish the semester

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Features Editor

One of the biggest issues in college is the lack of time, but there are ways you may have never thought of to save time easily. Whether it involves ways to quickly finish your household chores, or ways to study and get assignments done faster, here are seven time saving college hacks to get you through the rest of the semester with more time on your hands.

Double Speed

If you've waited until the last minute to watch a video assignment for class, watch it in double speed. Many video sharing websites and even film sharing sites allow up to two times the speed to watch it faster. If you've recorded a lecture and are trying to study more information more quickly, this tip applies here as well. When you decide to take a break to watch your favorite YouTuber, keep the distraction to a minimum by also watching this in double speed.

Fast food at home

There are tons of microwave hacks online to help you make your favorite meals in a pinch. For breakfast, there are scrambled eggs in a mug. At lunch time, there are tons of microwave meals, but Google can help you to find healthier options to simple frozen dinners. Craving dessert but don't have the time or equipment for baking? Check out microwave brownie and cake meals.

Easy Grocery Shopping

Have you ever walked into the grocery store and you just can't remember all of the things you need? Plus, no one wants to spend forever before a trip going through every cabinet and the fridge drawers to find every missing item. The hack here is to take a photo of your fridge and cabinets and as you stroll through the aisles and see something you think you might need, you have photo evidence to double-check.

Meal Prep

Everyone has heard this one before. Preparing meals for an entire week seems like a lot of work, but another method of food prep is just planning exactly what you are going to eat each day. This prevents you from standing in front of the fridge forever thinking you have "nothing to eat" when a simple plan the night before of what your meals for the next day will be can keep you from skipping meals and spending way too long contemplating.

Prepare as much as possible the night before

Spending too much time in the morning looking for the items you need and picking out clothes can cause you to be repeatedly late. If you decide on things the night before and have your bag already packed as the last step before you head to bed, you will get to sleep in slightly in the morning as well as have less stress and more time to get to class or work.

Don't be afraid to rest

This one seems like you should be doing the opposite, but when you reason it out, it makes sense. If you know for a fact you are going to drowsily stare at your books or computer screen until you fall asleep, never getting the work done, let yourself have that small nap. Get everything ready for when you wake up, and go straight into the nap. If there is a time commitment, don't forget to set an alarm. When you feel more rested and aren't struggling to stay awake, you will get the assignment done much more quickly.

Laundry

If you know you won't put clothes away after laundry, get a second basket for clean clothes. The first basket is for dirty clothes that need to be washed, and having a separate basket to put clean clothes in after laundry will save you time and allow you to come back to fold and hang everything when you have more time (or energy).

Several Raider baseball players begin pro season in the coming weeks

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Sports Editor

A number of former WSU baseball players are gearing up for their seasons in Minor League Baseball (MiLB) and preparing to continue chasing their dreams of making it to the show. Four of the players discussed in this article are from WSU's historic 2016 season where five Raiders were drafted by MLB teams.

The only active player in MLB that played at Wright State is Houston Astros relief pitcher Joe Smith. There are several Raiders in the farm systems of major league teams that could make their mark in the coming years.

Sean Murphy

WSU's most well known farmhand is Sean Murphy, the former Raider catcher who was drafted in the third round by the Oakland Athletics in 2016. Murphy was well known for his defensive skills over his offensive skills coming out of college, and that followed him into his first professional season.

He proved doubters wrong in the first half of 2017 when he hit .297 with nine homeruns in just 45 games in Advanced A ball, earning him a promotion to AA, two levels away from MLB. He ultimately struggled with his new team, hitting .209 in his final 53 games.

Nevertheless, Murphy continued to amaze scouts with his defensive skills, and proved his bat can be better than advertised. He even began the year as the fourth best catching prospect in all of baseball according to MLB.com. Murphy will start the 2018 season in AA, giving him a solid chance to make AAA sometime this season, and maybe even a September call-up with the Athletics.

Jesse Scholtens

Jesse Scholtens was drafted by the Padres in the ninth round of the 2016 MLB draft, and along with Murphy will begin the season at the AA level.

Between three different levels in 2016, he posted a miniscule 1.69 ERA as a relief pitcher before moving into a starter role for the 2017 season. There, he posted a respectable 3.60 ERA over 25 starts at the A(Full) and A(Adv) levels.

Scholtens will look to crack a Padres rotation that is considered one of the worst in MLB. If Scholtens can continue to provide solid production in the AA and AAA levels this season, he will leave the Padres no choice but to give him a big league call-up in the coming years.

Mitch Roman

Mitch Roman was also taken in the 2016 MLB draft, but was picked in the twelfth round by the Chicago White Sox as a second baseman.

Roman had a fantastic year in Rookie ball in 2016. He hit .332 with 33 RBI's and 26 stolen bases in just 67 games. This incredible performance earned him a promotion to A(Full) ball for the 2017 season. Roman took a step back last year by hitting .254 while only stealing eight bases and striking out 120 times in 132 games. The White Sox still thought highly enough of Roman to promote him to A(Adv.) ball for the 2018 season. With a rebound year this season, Roman could find himself right back on track to being a top prospect in the organization.

Robby Sexton

The first of the Sexton brothers was taken by the Boston Red Sox in the fourteenth round of the 2016 draft. Being a late round draft pick didn't stop Sexton from producing right away, as he pitched to a 1.80 ERA in his first six professional starts in 2016 Rookie ball. During that season, opposing batters hit just .208 off him.

In 2017, Sexton bounced between being a starter and a relief pitcher, and ultimately ended up with a 3.86 ERA over 12 starts and 15 appearances out of the bullpen. Sexton seemed to find his groove towards the season's end, ending with a 1.75 ERA over his final 25 innings of work.

Danny Sexton

Robby's brother, Danny Sexton, went undrafted in the 2017 MLB draft, but signed with the Padres shortly after. Danny's pro debut didn't go quite as smoothly, as he ended his season in rookie ball with a 6.75 ERA in 30.2 innings.

There were some positive signs however, as he was able to strike out 35 batters over that span, showing he is capable of missing bats at the pro level. More than likely Sexton will begin the season back in Rookie ball for the start of 2018.

Weekly Horoscopes

Aries: Looks like it's time for a wardrobe change, Aries. We recommend building an entire wardrobe completely made of polka dots and stripes. Not only will it save you time getting dressed, but also a great conversation starter.

Taurus: Brushing up on your history doesn't have to be boring, Taurus. Try listening to the popular musical Hamilton. Not only will you learn a lot of history, but you will have fun at the same time. Happy listening.

Gemini: Setting a goal for yourself is a good way to measure your progress, Gemini. It can be anything, it's what you think is best for you. Might want to stray away from setting a goal to how many Twinkies you can eat in a day

Cancer: Give a go at expanding your vocabulary this week, Cancer. Download a dictionary or a thesaurus app to change up your normal day-to-day conversations. Not only will you sound more intelligent, but it be great for those papers you need to write.

Leo: You will find yourself doing some traveling in the near future, Leo. The term traveling does not necessarily mean you will be going far away. It could simply mean you're exploring a small town near you. Happy travels.

Virgo: Preparation for certain situations is key, Virgo. But not everything in life can be prepped for, like a tsunami in tornado alley. Probably not likely. Please do not adapt the doomsday-prepper life style.

Libra: If you're going to invest in anything, Libra, invest in erasable pens. They are all around a great invention, but they will always be needed. This way you have the professional look of a pen, but the forgiveness of an eraser.

Scorpio: A new hobby is coming your way, Scorpio. While there are many possibilities, we highly recommend stamp collecting. Not only will you always have a stamp if you need it, and you won't be bored as easily.

Sagittarius: Time to start planning your next adventure, Sagittarius. With the weather warming up, why not try your hand at camping? This is where you can connect with nature, and disconnect with technology. Win-win.

Capricorn: Time does not heal all wounds, Capricorn. Well, at least emotional wounds, it usually heals physical wounds. But it's okay; one day you will be able to forgive the person who stole your tokens at Chuck-E-Cheese 10 years ago.

Aquarius: Love is not always easy, Aquarius. It can mean making sacrifices for the one you love. Like sitting through the latest romantic comedy with Channing Tatum. Just smile through the pain, it's totally worth it.

Pisces: Graduation is approaching quickly, Pisces, but this is not time to start slacking off. So yes, this means that you need to keep going to class, and care just a little bit. Hang on, you're almost there.

WSU men's basketball finishes in top 25 final mid-major poll of the season

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The Raider men's basketball team finished one of the best seasons in school history with a top 25 finish in the final mid major poll of the year. The Raiders finished the year ranked 22 in the poll.

The mid major poll only includes schools that are not in a power five conference, the American conference, the Mountain West conference, the Atlantic 10 conference, or the Big East conference. Essentially, it is for schools that are in conferences with less historical basketball prestige.

This news puts the icing on the cake for what has been a fantastic season under second year head coach Scott Nagy. WSU went 25-10 overall, including impressive records against conference opponents (14-4) and on their home court (14-2). The season included a Horizon League championship and a trip to the NCAA tournament for the third time in WSU's division one history, and the first since 2007.

The Raiders were the only Horizon League team in the final top 25 poll, with rival NKU finishing just outside the 25 spot. Loyola-Chicago, who made the magical run to the final four, finished in the number one spot.

Wright State provost candidates to visit campus next week

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On Tuesday, Apr. 4, The Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Search Committee announced in a campus-wide email that the finalist candidates for Wright State provost will visit the university starting Wednesday of next week.

During their visit, candidates will speak in forums in which they share their research experience and vision for the university. Forums are open to the public and will be live-streamed on the university [website](#) for those unable to attend.

Students and community members who cannot attend are also encouraged to submit questions for candidates before Thursday, Apr. 12. The question form is also accessible [online](#).

The public will have the opportunity to provide feedback on each candidate through an online survey, which will be available for two business days after the candidate's meeting. Each candidate will be announced the day before their visit to campus.

"During each candidate's visit to Wright State, they will also meet with President Cheryl B. Schrader, Provost Thomas Sudkamp, students, researchers, the President's Leadership Team, Councils of Deans, direct reports to the provost, community members, the Board of Trustees, the Provost Search Committee, and representatives of the Faculty Senate and Staff Council," according to the announcement.

The schedule for public forums is as follows:

First candidate:

Wednesday, Apr. 18 in 101 Neuroscience Engineering Collaboration Building

Open vision forum: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Research forum: 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Second candidate:

Friday, Apr. 20 in 101 Neuroscience Engineering Collaboration Building

Open vision forum: 2 to 3 p.m.

Research forum: 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.

Third candidate:

Monday, Apr. 23 in the Student Union Apollo Room

Open vision forum: 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Research forum: 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

Fourth candidate:

Wednesday, Apr. 25 in 101 Neuroscience Engineering Collaboration Building

Open vision forum: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Research forum: 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

More information on the provost search process is available [online](#).

Open forum participants share their feedback

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Wright State administrators have organized and held several forums that are open to the public. Two of the most prominent open dialogues are the Let's Talk series, which was initiated by President Cheryl Schrader and the Strategic Planning forums. The community response poses mixed feelings on these efforts.

Rebekah Bower, program director for the Athletic Training Program, has attended both a Strategic Planning and Let's Talk forums.

"I believe the Let's Talk on the college reorganization was premature and not really a "let's talk" forum," Bower said. "We were lectured at for three fourths of the time frame and then a short time period was allocated for Q & A. Many of the stakeholders, faculty and staff who this would impact, were not informed and consulted before this discussion, which resulted in hard feelings and anger from some individuals."

Many found the Let's Talk as a good resource for those to express their concerns, but shared concern for the time constraint on the question and answer section.

"I found the meetings interesting and nothing like I thought they'd be," said Becca Webb, administrative specialist for the Department of English Languages and Literatures. "The Let's Talk forum had a lot of consternation, which I found unhelpful. I feel that these types of opportunities should be used to bring us all together and not fight for individual factions (staff vs. faculty, students vs. employees, classified staff vs. unclassified staff, etc.), but not everyone feels the same, apparently."

Mary Holland, associate registrar, attended two Let's Talk forums in person and watched one over live stream. She said that the forum focused on the university budget was beneficial.

"I appreciate the willingness of WSU leadership to meet face-to-face with the larger campus community and to field our questions, especially in this challenging and emotionally charged climate. It has given me a better understanding of the complexities faced," said Holland.

John Martin, associate professor for the Raj Sooin College of Business feels the Strategic Planning Summit was beneficial.

"I think that opening the lines of communication is a good start," Martin said. "There are many other opportunities to do so, including surveying students, employees, and community members about their satisfaction with our university. We have so much talent here at Wright State and we need to leverage our collective talent to be the university of choice for students and employees in this region."

Many preferred the Strategic Planning meetings over the Let's Talk forums.

Rebecca Edwards, associate professor of the Religion Philosophy and Classics department, said that she attended the Let's Talk meeting on the university budget.

"Unfortunately, the discourse ran pretty much one way, with the administration making a presentation, countered by faculty, staff, and students airing their grievances," she said. "The Strategic Planning session I attended was well organized. At each table there seemed to be a mixture of students, staff, faculty and administration. The questions were broad enough to allow everyone to participate in the discussion. The presence of President Schrader made me feel that the suggestions made during the forum were at least heard by the administration."

Campus units enter the next stage of academic reorganization

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Wright State's Academic Reorganization Committee (ARC) has recently submitted a report to Provost Thomas Sudkamp, providing a "first best fit" proposal for reorganization, primarily focused on health and human services.

Now that the ARC has submitted its report, an implementation committee has been formed for the purpose of collecting data and determining whether or not the proposals outlined in the report make sense, based on logistical factors.

The ARC was a committee charged by Sudkamp to consider the most suitable reorganization model for a new college focused on health professions and health sciences, according to Faculty Senate President Travis Doom. The committee consisted of one administrator such as a dean, and one elected member of the faculty senate from each college and unit on campus.

The initial committee was "perfect for getting things started," according to Doom. "But when you talk about putting together a final implementation plan, you need people who are experts in the area for the programs that are most impacted."

Representation of the recently-formed Implementation Committee consists of representatives from only the programs or colleges that could be potentially affected by the proposed academic reorganization model. Membership includes program chairs, a dean and chief business officer from colleges – in other words, people who understand the costs of the programs, the number of students, and accreditation, according to Doom.

The report lists the following units as participants in the drafting of an implementation plan: the College of Nursing and Health, the School of Professional Psychology, the Department of Social Work, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Kinesiology and Health.

"The intent of reorganization is to enhance student pathways for success and improve student outcomes, as well as to support development of new educational programs, research areas and partnerships," reads the report. "Reorganization should be implemented with an intended goal of lifting all impacted programs. All reorganized units should be placed in a college with an academically sound or complementary fit."

The reorganization process is a largely student-centered objective, according to Sudkamp. "We have over 40 programs across campus dedicated to health and human services, but they're all over the place. Lots of students and other people didn't know we had such an expansive set of offerings because it's hard to find them," he said.

A key factor of consideration in the process is identifying “shared college experiences that allow students to find the right program” and reducing barriers between programs, making it easier for students to move between them if they so choose, according to Doom.

Sudkamp has met with deans and chairs of the potentially affected units. The Implementation Committee will continue its work over the next few months. Although there is no definitive timeline for completion, the goal is that a final plan is completed by this summer, according to Sudkamp.

“If you look at all of the good things that can happen and I think will happen within a year or two of the process, the students will be key beneficiaries,” said Sudkamp.

Faculty Union presents the “Faculty Make The Difference” contest

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The Wright State chapter of the American Association for University Professors (AAUP) have started a photo contest for students to participate in, which has been titled “AAUP Faculty Make The Difference.” The contest lasts until Apr. 20.

Students may participate as an individual or as a registered student organization. They stand to win a monetary award, which will be coming from faculty members themselves, not from university spending.

Participants must post a video or photo showing how faculty members make a positive impact to a social media account. Tagging the AAUP social media accounts, using the hashtag #faculty makethedifference, and if participating as a student organization, tagging or hashtagging your organization are required for each entry.

Registered student organizations can win \$100, \$200, or even up to \$300 for their org, depending on how they place in the contest. Individual students may earn \$50 each. An overall best prize of \$100 will be awarded to the student with the post that “best captures the essence of [the] contest,” according to a contest flyer.

A point system has been developed for the purposes of organization placement. Five points will be given for each new video or picture, two points for a video/picture with a professor in it, one point for a video/picture in a campus classroom or building, and one point for liking a union social media account. Multiple posts are allowed throughout the duration of the contest.

The Faculty Union had previously launched this contest around December of last year, but due to advertising, participation was lower than expected. “We had one prize winner and we put it up on Instagram, and we had another contest winner who didn’t leave any contact information,” said AAUP Member and History Professor Noeleen McIlvenna.

This time, AAUP Student Intern Jasmine Howell has helped with advertising and increasing student engagement for the contest. She promoted the contest directly to student organizations and made the flyers. Howell’s role also included updating the details of the contest itself.

“Faculty Make the Difference” is intended to show how faculty make a positive impact on the educational experience of students at Wright State, according to a contest pdf on the university website.

“It was provoked by sitting through many Board of Trustees meetings over the last years, watching the scroll of pictures on the official WSU slideshow and seeing almost no examples of teaching and learning in classrooms, said McIlvenna. “We wanted Administration to know we care about WSU and about recruitment.”

McIlvenna hopes that the contest “generates images that show a thorough picture of Wright State and show why students come here.”

Daniel Palmer to become SGA's next president

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Beginning in fall semester of 2018, current sophomore Daniel Palmer will take on the role of president of Student Government Association (SGA). Initially, Palmer felt surprised and extremely happy upon the news his team had won the election.

“It was a tough campaign against two great student leaders at Wright State. The surprise portion was mainly in part due to my absence from Wright State that week. I was in New York City representing the Model UN team. This, however, is a true testament to how hard my team worked,” he said.

Palmer’s trip to New York City had been planned a year in advance, and happened to fall on the specific week that voting would take place. Being in New York and struggling to energize students to vote led him to put all of his trust into his team while he was away, according to Palmer.

“My biggest goal with campaigning was to share our message with as many people as I could, and to do it in a professional manner. I believe that we had a great message to share with our students. I did not want to get involved in non-substantive debate and personal attacks,” Palmer said.

Some of Palmer’s biggest plans for his future presidency fall under campus beautification and safety. Other points of emphasis include textbook affordability, celebrating campus diversity and inclusion and working with groups all across campus to achieve our goals.

“We want our tunnels to look nice and to be something that we brag about to prospective students. Along the lines of beautification, we want to work with other student organizations to make the outdoor amphitheater a place where students can do a multitude of things from plays to Bid Days for our Greek Organizations,” Palmer explained.

Along the lines of safety, placing cameras and emergency buttons in the tunnels is being discussed. “We think that this is a good step in keeping our students safe. Additionally, we want to establish a protocol for active shooter situations so our students can react and find safety,” he continued.

During his time in SGA, Palmer has served on many committees with a focus on university policy, including the Undergraduate Academic Policies Committee, Inclusive Access Implementation Committee, Undergraduate Student Success Committee, and many more.

“I also believe my work in Columbus has prepared me for this. I have a good relationship with many elected officials and the Chancellor for Higher Education. Through my interactions, I have learned the importance of professionalism and policy that affects higher education. I can implement this knowledge to my interactions with Staff, Faculty, Administration, and Students on campus,” Palmer said.

The role of SGA president will open up many doors, as well as teaching the importance of serving others and bringing about great change, according to Palmer.

“It’s crazy to think that in ten years, I will be in my thirties. In this time, I see myself as a practicing attorney that is serving in an elected office in Columbus or Washington D.C. My dream job is to become the President of the United States. Although a tough task, I will continue to pursue that dream,” he said.

For Palmer, the most important part of his new role will be to shape the university for years to come, and to make people proud of Wright State. “I am extremely humbled for the opportunity to serve my fellow students next year. My administration and I will have an open door policy and want to hear the concerns of our students. We are here for them,” he said.

RCA is set to host the annual CAACURH conference

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The Residential Community Association (RCA) is set to host an event called Central Atlantic Affiliate of College University Residence Hall (CAACURH) on Nov. 9, 10, and 11 of this year.

RCA won a bid over a video conference call to host the event at Wright State where over 400-500 student leaders and delegates from across the USA are expected to appear.

“CAACURH is where leaders from a bunch of different universities come together to do res-life stuff. Conferences are held throughout the year, such as business and leadership. There's a big national conference that includes all of the regions, so we will be hosting RLC (Regional leadership Conference), which is the leadership conference in the fall,” said Marukla Clayton, conference co-chair for CAACURH.

The conferences take place every year at different locations and universities. Student leaders and delegates, up to nine of which can be residential students, will participate in the event.

“Every university has a residence hall association and a large on campus student body population. Wright State’s res hall is called the Residential Community Association,” said Clark Harrison, CAACURH’s Conference Hotel and Facilities Chair.

Harrison said that these conferences enable the different res hall associations to gain insights and take ideas from other universities on how they run their program. It provides opportunities for “leadership experiences and ways they advocate for their residents,” he said.

A schedule of events is planned to include keynote speakers, leadership discussions and legislations, and an array of activities and awards for leaders and delegates. Clayton believes this conference will be a way to shine some light on what Wright State has to offer, and that student leaders will “grow and be able to come together.”

Since the conference occurs in November, Clayton feels there is plenty of time for the students to work together “putting in the time and effort to make this event a success.”

Conversations about Honors Dialogue Events by the Honors Program

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The University College's Honors Dialogue Events is a series of discussion events about new ideas, concepts, and important issues found in the world for incoming and first year students, initiated by the Honors Program. The dialogue conversations take place five to six times a semester in multiple locations across campus.

Some of the requirements for incoming students to be accepted into the honors program include: score in the ninetieth percentile on the ACT, maintain a 3.25 GPA or higher in high school, or rank in top tenth of their graduating class. Students must meet two out of the three requirements.

If students do not meet these criteria, they can reapply during their first year as a freshman, according to Susan B. Carrafiello, director of the University Honors Program.

First year and incoming honors students must attend at least one mandatory dialogue event to fulfill their honors program requirement. "We've always tried to have faculty lead events that cover a wide variety of topics," Carrafiello said.

The main significance of the Honors Dialogue Events is to grant first year students an opportunity to learn more about social issues in the world. Students are also exposed to new concepts that are centered around their major including nursing, engineering, math and science, and many more. It provides learning experiences in and out of the classrooms.

"I just think there's a lot of learning at the university which takes place outside of the classroom. Every undergraduate college is sponsoring all these wonderful opportunities, and they are a way to help guide students to those opportunities. We encourage any student, honor student or not, to go out and find these events and attend them because you can learn so much," Carrafiello stated.

Intramural Referees at WSU love the game as much as players do

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Life can be difficult for referees, but the intramural refs here at Wright State show a love for their job and enjoy the experiences it offers.

Ryan Gruffey, in his first semester as a referee, enjoys this job and the benefits it has.

“You can’t really beat it... You’re not playing, but you’re active and involved in the game and it leads to many being certified.” His favorite experience so far was being a referee for the championship game of co-ed basketball. “It’s rec league, but it’s competitive. It’s just kinda cool to see them actually get there.”

Zach Ratliff, in his third year as a referee and second year as a supervisor, loves the experiences he has been able to have due to this job.

“My favorite memory as a ref is my first year in basketball and the late games I was doing score. I had my supervisor sitting with me and we were narrating the entire game. We had little microphones and commentated on the game. It’s a really relaxed environment. We have a workshop over in Dayton and we can compare ourselves to the bigger universities and we seem to have a pretty good program.”

Hunter Wallace, in his second semester of refereeing, is able to stay connected with sports despite not being able to play anymore due to injury.

“My favorite experience was going to UD and meeting a lot of different universities and seeing what it is like. It opened my eyes and it shows it’s a lot bigger than Wright State.”

Music review: Golden Hour by Kacey Musgraves

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Kacey Musgraves is a progressive country singer well-known for going out and beyond when it comes to her lyrics as they break the mold of the typical conservative country genre. She has no fear when she sings about individuals questioning their religion, recreational drug use, or practicing safe and consensual sex.

Musgraves released her third studio album, 'Golden Hour' on March 30, 2018. The folk-country pop mix of an album consists of 13 tracks centered around love, healing, and finding peace within herself and her environment. Some of her songs may inspire childhood memories or evoke memories of falling in love for the first time.

Her voice is soulful in its own way, as she can retain country roots and yet has a different type of quality voice all together. "Space Cowboys" and "Butterflies" are two songs that were released before the album's launch and have a bit more a peppy upbeat flair. "High Horse" is an even faster-paced anthem on an album that would make you think of a Top 40 song.

The track "Golden Hours" is reminiscent of dreamy evening hours when the sun shines just so. "Baby don't you know? / That you're my golden hour / The color of my sky" are lyrics found in the song and reflect a person in love comparing their significant other to the last hours in the day. It's something we all do when we are in love and this track sums the experience up beautifully.

"Rainbow" is the final track found on the album and has a soulful yet sad atmosphere. Musgraves shared on social media that the song was her grandmother's favorite. The song is ultimately about loss, family, and freeing yourself from burdens - something we can all relate to.

Musgrave's album stands bright among the various country music currently out with its' passionate lyrics. This is definitely something worth listening to.

What does it take to play college baseball?

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Across the world, people play baseball at all ages. From the kids playing tee-ball to the majors and everything in between, baseball allows for development of skill as well as the development of the person.

College is a building block in a player's career. This is where they have been evaluated in high school and now will be under the microscope of major league teams looking for the best prospects.

Jeff Mercer, head coach of Wright State's baseball team, has a vision when he recruits players out of high school.

"When recruiting position players we follow a very strict model based on athleticism and defense, we want to shrink the game defensively," Mercer said. "We have a detailed set of physical attributes we look for when recruiting pitchers, mostly based on joint mobility's, arm slot and hand size. Player personality isn't an inexact science, but we try to be thorough to find players who have the same goals as our program. They want a degree, they desire personal development, they want to play professional baseball and win championships."

The model of having strong defensive players has Wright State sitting at number seven in the nation for fielding percentage.

Mercer also shared his experience with what the MLB scouts look for in a player and the tools that they like to see.

"Professional scouts first look for the best athletes, then for the best baseball players; ideally they want a terrific athlete that also has a high level understanding of the game. Physically, the five tools are speed, arm strength, defense, hit for average and hit for power."