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Campus services to make the graduation easier

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Features Writer

There are plenty of options and resources available on campus to graduating seniors and alumni who may need with their plans after college. The Career Center is the place for students to check out if they have questions, or just need guidance from staff.

"We service alumni the exact same the way we provide services for current students. A student can walk in and schedule an appointment, and we would help with alumni as well, so we do not cut them off ever. We provide resume writing services. We help them with cover letters, and jobs. We get them integrated into Handshake and Career Fairs are open to them. Mock interviews and anything related to the job search are services provided to students, alumni and current," said Lisa Duke, assistant director for the Career Center.

Students who are preparing for graduation and afterwards can receive help from the Career Center by getting their resumes checked and making sure it's up-to-date.

"We can help students with the job search and identify other resources for the job search. Talk to them about networking. Help them with cover letters or a specific job they are applying for, we can look at the job posting with them and point out areas they can target on their resume to make them marketable for that job," Duke continued.

Duke emphasized the importance of online tools such as LinkedIn and Handshake where people can network and apply for potential jobs and internships.

"We are that office that kind of teaches you how to market yourself to get to that opportunity to sell yourself to an employer, so that is the significance of our center and why we are here," Duke said.

Career fairs and expos are also an option as they provide graduating students a chance to meet employers and alumni, according to Director of Workforce Development of College of Liberal Arts Wayne Stark.

WSU baseball gets first conference sweep of the season against Youngstown State

Brian Patch

Sports Editor

Wright State Baseball completed the sweep over in-state rival Youngstown State this past weekend, and improved their conference record to 11-4 on the year with a 10-2 record at home. Gabe Snyder became the all-time leader in WSU history in RBI's in game one of the series.

In game one, Gabe Snyder hit two homeruns to bring his season total to 12, just five away from breaking the single season record of 16 at WSU. Snyder would finish the game with six RBI's to lead the team to an 18-4 drumming of the Penguins. Ryan Weiss tossed seven innings of two-run ball to secure the win.

Game two saw a completely different game between the two teams. Unlike the first game, game two played out to be more of a pitcher's duel. WSU pitchers combined to strike out 12 Penguins in the game, and Zane Harris drove in two runs for the Raiders to give WSU a close 3-2 victory and a chance at the series sweep.

Game three reverted back to the offensive side of baseball with both teams scoring in double digits. Chase Sloan hit his first career homerun as a Raider and drove in three RBI's. Four other Raiders drove in two runs to give WSU a 15-10 win and a series sweep.

WSU basketball ready to turn the page

Tevin Carter-Tolbert

Sports Writer

The Wright State men's basketball team certainly had a year to remember. The team ended the season in second in the Horizon League, won the Horizon League tournament, and competed as a fourteen seed in the NCAA tournament.

Throughout the season, this Raider team showed determination to win the Horizon League. Despite getting second in the league, the team had a 14-4 record in conference games. After the regular season games, the Horizon League competed in Motor City Madness. This saw Wright State defeat Green Bay, Milwaukee, and Cleveland State to claim the championship. Along with bragging rights and a trophy, this tournament championship came with a trip to the NCAA tournament.

The team traveled to Dallas, Texas to compete against the Tennessee Volunteers in the first round. The Volunteers played a solid game on both ends of the court and defeated the Raiders, 73-47. This loss did not define their season as head coach Scott Nagy was proud of the work the team put in and how they competed.

"I enjoyed our season...I feel like we had a group of young men that really bonded together, played well together, and cared for each other. I think, for us, those are reasons why we won 25 games."

Moving into next season, the goals still stay the same, as the Raiders look to add another successful season.

"Concrete goals are to win the conference championship, go to NCAA tournament and that's never gonna change. Individually, everyone has different things they need to work on like adding weight or improving ball handling, all those things."

Student Spotlight: Becca Ewing

Angel Lane

Features Editor

Becca Ewing is a 21-year-old physics and math dual major, with a fire for conducting research in gravitational wave astrophysics. In high school, she thought she wanted to study biology, but half way through her freshman year at WSU, she realized she missed doing math.

“I decided to add math as a second major along with biology. I loved biology, but I quickly realized I didn’t want to be a doctor and biology research didn’t particularly interest me either,” Ewing Shared.

Ewing was taking a general physics class around this time, a class she had hated in high school, but her professor continued to persuade her to become a physics major.

“He would talk about how exciting the research was, how much math was involved, and how many jobs you could get with a physics degree. By the end of the semester, I had done a complete 180 and decided to be a physics and math dual major. The longer I’ve been in physics the happier I am with my decision,” she shared.

Since the fall semester, Ewing has been working on a senior project at the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT), funded by the Considine Scholarship—a scholarship for women in STEM.

“My project is on optical scattering – basically we’re looking at how light reflects off of real surfaces. We’re trying to model that phenomenon and specifically we’re looking at improving the existing models for “grazing angles”. That means when light is either shining on the surface or reflecting off the surface at a nearly parallel angle,” Ewing explained. “I’ve really enjoyed this project and we’ve had some great results that I’ll be presenting at a conference in Orlando this upcoming week. In the summer I plan to continue the project and hopefully get it published.”

Ewing also spent two months in Italy on a research experience for undergrads (NSF REU), where she studied data analysis for the Laser Interferometer Space-based Antenna (LISA) Pathfinder.

“I did some data analysis associated with improving the sensitivity of the detector. It was a great project and it reinforced my hope of getting into gravitational wave physics in the future,” she said.

After graduating in just two weeks, the next steps for Ewing include spending five or six years getting her PhD in physics at Penn State where she will study gravitational wave astrophysics. After about four years of postdocs, Ewing hopes to stay in academia and continue doing research and teaching classes.

“I’m really excited to continue doing physics research for the rest of my career. It’s exciting and varied work and it’s what I love to do. I also love sharing what I know and so I’ll look forward to teaching and mentoring students in the future,” she said.

Former Wright State consultant's attorney disputes Inspector General report

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News Editor

An attorney for former Wright State University consultant Rob Wine has disputed a report from the Ohio Inspector General (IG), which states that Wine had received \$2.3 million in "overpayments, unsupported payments, unauthorized payments, or questionable payments," according to a report from Dayton Business Journal.

Wine has brought a \$4.5 million lawsuit against the university for a breach in payment. Wine has stated that he and university officers struck an agreement in which he would receive 5 percent of research-related revenue obtained as a result of his efforts, according to Dayton Business Journal.

It is stated in the lawsuit that Wine helped bring in \$134.7 million in federal and state contracts to the university and that he was paid \$2.2 million, but that the university still owes him \$4.5 million.

Dayton Business Journal reports that the university has denied Wine's allegations and has not issued a statement on any pending litigation.

According to Wine's attorney, Kenneth Ignozzi, there was a verbal agreement between the Wright State provost, president, and Wine. He also alleges that the university had kept track of what it owed to Wine's firm, which it presented every six months, and the university allowed the firm to work for an undefined amount of hours that were not billed or paid, according to Dayton Business Journal.

The IG's office issued a report after Ohio Representative Jim Butler expressed concerns that Wright State, a public entity, entered into a verbal contract in conjunction with the written one.

"That appeared to be a violation on the part of Wright State," he said. "We need to have transparency and accountability of our public institutions for the money they are spending because part of what Wright State spends is taxpayer dollars."

Wine's attorney, Kenneth Ignozzi, argues that upon investigation into the contract, the university stopped paying Wine. He has recently questioned the IG's report, claiming that the office failed to address certain information before issuing its report.

Inaccuracies in the report have also been cited by Ignozzi, including an issue regarding double billing. Dayton Business Journal reports that in a letter to Ohio IG Randall Meyer, he stated that "The billing information clearly demonstrates that there was no double billing, but rather refers to internal retainers for associates and program support with Mr. Wine's firm, not any retainer for Mr. Wine with WSU or its affiliates."

Ignozzi has also raised the issue that the compensation and billing system was created by Wright State, and that Wine simply intended to comply with those rules and practices.

Intramural sports providing students a way to stay active

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Wright State Campus Recreation offers several intramural sports for students throughout the year, including: soccer, basketball, softball, volleyball, flag football and waterpolo, among others. Intramurals provide students with a way to remain active while in school and to meet new people, at a relatively low cost. The cost to participate varies from sport to sport, with the most expensive being softball at \$40 a team.

Nicholas Dues, a Lake campus transfer, has found participating in intramural soccer to be beneficial to him because it allowed him an opportunity to continue playing soccer after high school and gave him a chance to meet new people here at the Dayton campus.

"It's a good way to meet others with similar interests and to have fun outside," Dues said when asked about the best parts of intramural sports.

Students who are looking to join a team, but do not have one can list themselves as "free agents" on the sign-up platform IMLeagues.com. Captains of teams can reject free agents, sometimes making it challenging for a student to join a team.

Sam McCamey also believes that playing intramural sports has benefit and participates in soccer, volleyball, floor hockey and waterpolo. To him, the best part about playing is the chance to win a free t-shirt and to have friendly competition.

"Intramurals are a fun way to spend time on campus, to have pretty good competition, and are an organized way to play with friends," McCamey said.

McCamey does believe there is room for improvement, but in a different aspect of the game -- the referees.

"Sometimes officials are scared to make calls and are also scared that they are going to get yelled at," McCamey said.

The officials for campus recreation are students who attend the university and officiate a wide range of sports.

When asked about the sports being worth the cost associated and the time commitment, both players agreed that yes, they are absolutely worth the one day a week commitment and max of five to six dollar price.

Intramurals are offered at Wright State fall through spring semesters. For more information, stop by the Office of Campus Recreation located at 039 Student Union.

The difference between emotional support and service dogs on campus

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Features Editor

Emotional Support animals are not allowed the same freedoms a service animal on campus, and it is dangerous for any other pets to be brought to campus.

“An emotional support dog is not required to be trained and is only allowed within the individual’s residence and not allowed in common areas or any additional spaces on campus (academic buildings, other residence halls, the Student Union, or the Nutter Center, to name a few),” according to Thomas Webb, director of the Office of Disability Services (ODS).

A service dog is an accommodation allowed under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), while emotional support dogs are permitted under the Fair Housing Act (FHA).

“Unlike an emotional support dog, a service dog can access anywhere on campus unless it presents a significant safety risk (for example, a chemistry lab with likely exposure to toxic substances). A service dog is trained for a specific task to assist the handler in mitigating the impact of their disability. A general example would be a trained guide dog for someone that is blind,” Webb explained.

If a student brings a pet to campus, it poses the risk of spreading illness to service dogs on campus and emotional support dogs in housing. There is also the danger of an animal becoming aggressive with either people or service animals. A few years ago, a 4PAWS service dog in training was attacked by someone’s pet on campus and had to be treated by a vet, according to Webb.

“The average cost of a service dog is \$17,000, so the thought of one getting sick or hurt and potentially not being able to support their handler is very serious. Unfortunately, we have had a few of those cases and the students were referred to student conduct. In some extreme cases, the student may lose their ability to live on campus or other sanctions,” Webb shared.

[Wright State policy](#) outlines that non-service dogs are not allowed inside any Wright State buildings, and emotional support animals must go through an approval process involving ODS, Residence Life and Housing and the Office of Community Standards and Student Conduct.

Tips and tricks for using the library database

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Features Writer

The Dunbar Library's web page on campus has over 250 databases in which students can access numerous academic articles and a wide-range of topics for research papers and projects. Some students may see the database easy to navigate, while others may struggle to find the information they seek, but there are some easy tips and tricks to help figure it out.

"There are several options for students looking to understand how to use the databases more effectively and efficiently. We are transitioning our Research Toolkit work to be available online. One of the workshops that is already available is Stop Searching and Start Finding, which is all about the fundamentals of searching subscription databases to get better results faster," Head of Instruction and Research Services Mandy Shannon said.

The library also has self-help videos which are accessible to students on what subjects they should search for and what proper strategies they should use.

Ashley Novak, social work major, uses the library's database at least once or twice a semester. She does not see the need for specific tips as people who work in the library "come into my class every time we have a research paper and tell us how to navigate the database."

Alex Weiss, 20, believes the database is easy to navigate, but feels like more information and articles for research purposes would be better overall.

"In terms of really understanding how to apply these tools and strategies to the wide variety of databases available, I'd recommend that students contact their subject librarian. We're available for individual research appointments for consultation about library materials, research guidance, and instruction tailored to a specific assignment or question," Shannon continued.

The final tip is for students to check out the Ask a Librarian service found on the library's web page as it offers a variety of options for them to receive help from a librarian.

WSU tennis hopes to gain momentum for the remainder of the season

Tevin Carter-Tolbert

Sports Writer

The Wright State tennis program traveled to Cleveland for a matchup against Cleveland State on Saturday, April 14.

The women's team suffered a close loss, as the Vikings took a close match of 4-3. Luisa Pelayo, Madison Riley and Jillian Milano secured individual wins, as the teams split the six singles matches. The team struggled somewhat in doubles, with the Vikings won all three.

On the men's side, Param Pun recorded the only victory for the Raiders that day. The team was handed a 6-1 loss. Cleveland State's team proved to be solid throughout claiming five of the six singles matches and all three of the doubles.

Each team has three matches left on the season before competing in the Horizon League Tournament. The women's team currently sits third in the conference with a 5-1 record. The Raiders have recorded wins over Northern Kentucky, UIC, IUPUI, Milwaukee and Green Bay. On the year, they have a 17-10 record.

The men's team sits sixth in the conference, with a 2-3 record. These two wins came over Northern Kentucky and IUPUI. Overall, the men sit at 12-9 for the season.

As the end of the season draws near, each team is looking to ensure a spot in the tournament, with only the top six teams in the conference will compete.

The men have matches against Youngstown State and Detroit Mercy to solidify their place in the championship tournament. The women look to gain momentum for the tournament as they currently sit in third and will face Youngstown State, Oakland and Detroit Mercy.

Office of LGBTQ+ Affairs holds annual Lavender Graduation

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Features Editor

The Office of LGBTQA Affairs held its annual Lavender Graduation & Celebration on Wednesday, Apr. 18, 2018. This year's graduation was lead by Shelby Dinkledine, Petey Peterson and other members of the office staff.

"Lavender Graduation & Celebration is an annual ceremony conducted on numerous campuses to honor lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and ally students and to acknowledge their achievements and contributions to the University," Director of the Office of LGBTQA Affairs, Petey Peterson said.

The tradition of Lavender graduation began at the University of Michigan in 1995 with just three graduates and is now an annual ceremony held on campuses across the country.

The color lavender plays a historic role in LGBTQ history and in the community. "It's a combination of the colors pink and black, which were once used to identify and discriminate against LGBT people. The LGBTQ community has reclaimed lavender as symbol of pride and community," Peterson shared.

Graduates at the Lavender Graduation will be presented a rainbow cord by their Guests of Honor.

"Highlighting the accomplishments and successes of LGBTQA+ is so crucial for visibility and to shine a light on all our Queer & Trans students who are possibility models. Showing it is possible to graduate, be student leader anywhere on campus and be out and your full authentic self," Peterson said.

This year marked the third ceremony since the founding of the Office of LGBTQA Affairs at WSU, and according to Peterson, this year feels harder in a good way.

"We have so many engaged and active student leaders and many of them are graduating or moving on to leadership roles in other areas on campus. And many of these students I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with for three years. It is hard to say goodbye but also such a joy to see them thriving and sharing their gifts and talents across campus or beyond WSU," Peterson said.

Peterson feels honored to help uplift the accomplishments and stories of LGBTQA+ students at WSU (#rainbowraiders). "We have so much to celebrate and it feels even more important to do so in the current global, national and local climate for marginalized people and communities."

WSU softball team now 14-25 after fourth loss

Tevin Carter-Tolbert

Sports Writer

The Wright State softball team has lost their fourth game after dropping two at Miami and two at home against Morehead State. The Raiders are now 14-25 on the season and 8-5 in the Horizon league.

Tuesday, Apr. 17, the Raiders played a road doubleheader against the Redhawks. The first game saw the Redhawks take an early lead that they held throughout for the 5-2 victory. In game one, Hannah Susor had two hits in the inning, and Susor and Rebekah Lenos both recorded an RBI. Jordan Kennaw, Madison Mills and Kelly Dillow each added a hit.

Game two saw Miami take an early lead once again, however Wright State rallied late in the game. The late push wasn't enough as Miami scored three in the bottom of the seventh for the walk-off victory. Susor and Madison Whitaker each had two hits and an RBI in the game. Macey Gunther had two hits and two RBI in the game. Lauren Deitrick also provided a hit and an RBI.

The Raiders came home to host Morehead State on Wednesday, Apr. 18 in a mid-week doubleheader. Game one saw the Eagles take a 7-3 victory. Deitrick hit her first home run of the season and Gunther had two hits and two RBI for the Raiders.

The second game saw the Eagles pitching shut down the Raiders, only allowing two hits and one run. Whitaker and Kaitlyn Skinner collected the hits for Wright State and Whitaker scored their lone run.

The Raiders will look to get momentum back on their side as they play host to Youngstown State in a three game series April 24 and 25 in a Horizon League matchup.

Strategic Planning Committee to host open house event

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News Editor

The Wright State Strategic Planning Steering Committee will host an open house forum on Friday, Apr. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union Hearth Lounge. At noon, President Cheryl Schrader will deliver remarks about the university's strategic plan.

During the event, which is open to the campus community, the committee will present its revised statement of university values and focus. Attendees will have the chance to learn about the strategic planning process and provide feedback on the committee's progress.

Also presented will be 15 new strategic initiatives, which were developed during the March strategic planning summit.

"The strategic initiatives address a multitude of areas at Wright State, including academic programs, teaching, and learning; service-oriented culture; campus experience for everyone; research and innovation; and strategic relationships and partnerships," according to an email from the Wright State Office of Communications.

The steering committee will continue its work over the summer, working with community volunteers to further develop initiatives, goals, and objectives that is to be integrated in the final strategic plan, formally named The Wright Path to 2025: Pride, Transformation, Potential.

"Over time, this process will help us shape both our culture and our future," reads the email. "The planning process will put our institution in a position to thrive in higher education's changing environment, help the university achieve financial sustainability, and foster a campus atmosphere that provides graduates with opportunities to excel in fields that define the future."

More information on strategic planning, including a timeline of the process, is available on The Wright Path webpage on the university [website](#).

Wright State University provost candidate withdraws from race

Lucas Gonzalez

News Editor

Wayne Vaught, dean for the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) has withdrawn from consideration for Wright State University provost.

Public forums and private meetings that Vaught was scheduled to attend, which were set for Apr. 19 – 21, have since been cancelled, according to an email from the Provost Search Committee.

According to Seth Bauguess, director of Communications at Wright State, Vaught withdrew for personal reasons.

Like Wright State, UMKC has been struggling with financial difficulties. Kansas City Business Journal reports that just today the university announced the elimination of 17 positions. Over the past few years there have been attempts to cut \$24 million from the university budget.

UMKC is one of four University of Missouri campuses located within Kansas City. During the summer of 2017, the University of Missouri system had to slash \$101 million from the budgets of all four campuses, which has resulted in the elimination of nearly 500 positions.

“We are facing a period of significant budget constraints that will require us to take bold actions to become a stronger academic institution in both the short and long term,” said University of Missouri System President Mun Choi, according to a Kansas City Star report.

The next candidates will visit over the course of next week. More information about the provost search process is available on the university [website](#).

