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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL UPSETS WEST VIRGINIA ARIAN MCNEIL

The Wright State Volleyball team attended the West Virginia Invitational Aug. 25, gaining a big win against West Virginia University, 3-1.

This win over West Virginia is the first time Wright State has won against a Power Five Conference member since 2006.

The match went four sets, with Wright State starting out strong to claim the first set, 25-20.

In the first set, both Celia Powers and Abby Barcus had multiple kills with four and six, respectively. In the second set, the Raiders won 27-25 to take a 2-0 lead on the West Virginia squad. Freshman Lainey Stephenson had five kills and nine assists in the set. Sophomore Teddie Sauer also had five kills throughout the set.

West Virginia came back and won the third set 25-19, even though the Raiders led 16-11 at one point during the set. The match went to a crucial fourth set, with Wright State leading 2-1.

The Raiders battled and won the fourth set 25-21. Stephenson ended the game with a total of thirty-six assists.

The Raiders took home second place in the invitational, finishing with two wins and one loss. Sophomores Abby Barcus and Teddie Sauer were named to the All-Tournament team. Sauer was also named the MVP for the tournament.

The Raiders are off to a good start for the 2018 season with the big win against West Virginia as well as second place in a strong tournament.

Image by WSU Women's Volleyball Twitter page.

NICOLE SCHERZINGER RETURNS TO WSU FOR VISIT SHADDIA QASEM

Nicole Scherzinger, actress, dancer, singer and former member of the popular music group The Pussycat Dolls, visited Wright State on August 27.

She was invited to accept the 2017 Alumni of the Year Award. She spoke one-on-one with Theatre, Dance and Motion Pictures Department Chair Joe Deer and interacted with current students in Q&A style.

Being a past Wright State student herself, Scherzinger spoke of the hard work and determination that came with studying musical theater and dance. When Scherzinger began at Wright State, she told herself, "I'm going to be a sponge and I'm going to get everything I can out of this. I took extra classes [and] Wright State let me do that. It's such a blessing to be here, don't take it for granted."

Traveling down memory lane, Scherzinger was asked about her success on her revival of Grizabella in the famous musical production Cats, her role as Maureen in Rent and the preparation that each role took. Scherzinger also touched on the dedication that was required for her win on Dancing with the Stars.

Scherzinger is not only an acclaimed figure in the Hollywood business, but someone who is kind, down to Earth and does not take success for granted. Scherzinger plays an active role in working with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and travels the world to advocate for children's rights. "You have to give back, always," Scherzinger added.

When asked what she wished someone would have told her in college, Scherzinger said, "you get out what you put in, in anything you do. No one is going to do it for you, only you can make it happen. Don't be afraid to think outside of the box – create it yourself. Anything is possible; let your words speak for itself."

Scherzinger posed for photos and wrapped up the event with her thoughts.

"Authenticity is such an important word," Scherzinger said. "Be authentically you, to bring your whole self into whatever that song, or whatever that character is, or whatever that piece is – that's what will make all the difference."

RAIDER UP! REWARDS APP JAMIE PENWELL

The Raider Up! Rewards app gives users points for attending games in exchange for free Wright State merchandise.

“It [Raider Up! Rewards] gives me motivation to support Wright State sports,” Jonathon Connor, current Wright State student, said. Connor has been using the app for the past three years. This app is free to download and easy to use. It sends notifications of upcoming basketball, soccer, volleyball or baseball games at Wright State along with how many points the games’ attendance is worth. Admission to games is free for every student.

Once at the event, all users have to do is open the app and check in to the event by clicking on it; check-in begins one and a half hours prior to the start of the event. The app will then sense the user’s location and reward points.

Most games are worth one thousand points; however, some games can be worth up to five thousand points depending on the circumstances. Points increase for senior nights and other important games.

Users can also score points by connecting personal social media accounts to the app, inviting friends to download the app or updating their profile.

Once users have accumulated enough points, they can trade them in for free Wright State apparel. This includes hats, sweatshirts, t-shirts, pants and more. There are varying sizes and fits to choose from. Other prizes include an autographed ball of choice or a duffel bag. The most expensive prize is worth 75 thousand points.

After a user has selected a prize, they can either choose to pick up the item or spend only 500 more points to have the item delivered.

While this deal is enticing, beware when the end of the school year rolls around; if points are not used by a certain date, they will expire. Points do not carry over into the next academic year so make sure to use those hard-earned points before they go away!

According to Sam Armstrong, Marketing Program Manager for Wright State, this app has been around since 2012. There are current negotiations to collaborate with Rapid Fired pizza.

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT: 4 PAWS FOR ABILITY SRUTHI TENKAYALA

One of Wright State University's organizations includes 4 Paws for Ability; a non-profit organization aimed towards training service dogs to assist children with disabilities. The main goal of 4 Paws is to provide service dogs for as many children as possible, regardless of their age or disability. The secondary goal is to educate the public on the value of service animals and their respective laws. Veterans dealing with the after effects of active combat, such as loss of limbs or hearing, are also taken into consideration.

In 1998, 4 Paws was founded by Karen Shirk, who survived with the help of a service dog. Since many dog agencies she applied to deemed her to be too disabled, she struggled for years to find a service dog. Once she found and trained a dog of her own, she decided to create a place where people with all kinds of disabilities can have access to a service animal.

With humble beginnings, it took the organization years to get to the point they are at today. Now known as the largest organization working towards placing service dogs, 4 Paws has a 90 percent success rate.

"One of my most memorable experiences so far was watching my previous dog, Volstagg, graduate as a service dog," said Kelly Kleiman, president of 4 Paws WSU. "It's what we work so hard towards and to see it finally happen was incredible."

Service dogs are trained depending on the disability of the child, so there are several types of service dogs available. For example, there are seizure-assistance dogs, autism-assistance dogs, mobility-assistance dogs and many more. Each dog is trained carefully before they are handed over to families.

Before the dogs are trained, they are socialized by volunteers; it is mandatory for volunteers to undergo training as well. Allyson Montero, a former 4 Paws WSU member, described them as intense training sessions.

"We had a full day of training at the headquarters after which volunteers would meet on campus once a month to learn more about the program," Montero said. "Once we are done socializing the dogs, we give them back to 4 Paws for intensive training. That's when they start to learn the medical and obedience part of their training."

The volunteers will spend a certain amount of time training, socializing and taking care of the dogs. "When you see a child meet their dog for the first time and start loving them, it's the best feeling ever. Then, to find out that the child hates physical contact but finds comfort in the touch of his dog is even more incredible," Kleiman added.

Since 4 Paws is non-profit, they would prefer volunteers over paid employees, although they are also welcome. Having much of the agency run by volunteers will help the organization manage finances related to training and placing service dogs. For more information on 4 Paws' goals and missions, go to 4PawsForAbility.org. The link for the on-campus organization can be found on Engage.

photo by 4 Paws for Ability WSU Twitter.

FACULTY UNION STRIKE DATE YET TO BE MADE OFFICIAL LUCAS GONZALEZ

An official strike date has yet to be finalized despite announcements from the Wright State faculty union that the date had been set for Oct. 1. The planned strike date is tentative, according to Martin Kich, president of the Wright State chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP-WSU).

The possibility of a strike is looming due to a proposed contract being negotiated between the union and WSU administration. Contract negotiations were initiated in Jan. 2017 and stalled indefinitely in March 2017. A fact-finding report is due Sept. 11, at which point both parties will vote to accept or reject the proposed contract. At this point, tentative agreements have been reached on about two-thirds of the articles within the contract, according to Kich.

The union does not expect the comprises in the report to be acceptable, according to Kich.

“There doesn’t seem to be any incentive whatsoever” to accept them, he said.

“The administration’s refusal to compromise on a fairly large number of extreme proposals may give us no alternative but to strike,” the union’s strike platform reads.

In a campus-wide email, Wright State President Cheryl Schrader wrote that, “talk that a strike is imminent is still premature.” She said that “the university is working hard” to “avert a strike” by reaching an agreement with the faculty union.

The university hopes that the report will “satisfy both the university and AAUP-WSU,” Schrader wrote in the email. “The university remains optimistic that an agreement can be reached via the negotiation and fact finding.”

Schrader’s announcement follows statements from Director of Communications Seth Bauguess that university administration would not comment on the ongoing negotiations.

Before a strike can occur, both the union and administration must vote on the fact finder’s report. “If either side rejects it, then it is not enforced,” Kich said. The union would have to reject the contract with a three-fifth majority, at which administration would present its last, best offer. At that point, the union may reject the final offer and initiate a strike. The union would be required to give 10 days’ notice to the State Employee Relations Board and to WSU administration of its intent to strike, according to Kich.

“It will not engage in a public debate about the negotiations, but the university will continue to provide updates to its management team and the campus community when possible,” Schrader wrote in the campus-wide email. “The university is committed to maintaining the quality of its academic programs and preserving the opportunity it provides students to achieve their goals.”

SIX TIPS FOR GETTING THAT INTERNSHIP

TINA GUINDI

Having a career is very important; it provides a sense of direction and structure to life. To achieve a career goal, one must stick to a structured path. Careers can also help people make more acquaintances.

Having a career is much different than having a job. Students often ask themselves, “am I too late to apply for an internship in my last year?” The answer to this question is simple: you are never too late.

Here are six steps to find an internship in your career field:

Begin Looking Early

Be aware that certain industries and internships have early deadlines and recruit or hire as early as November. Beginning an internship search during winter break allows for additional time to search and perhaps to make some valuable connections prior to returning to college. Check with your college’s Career Services Office for assistance with finding out which internships recruit early.

Identify Career Interests

First, it is important to know what you want to do. Gaining experience in different career fields is a great idea if you are not quite sure what career you are interested in pursuing after college. Do you want to work with children or are you more interested in investment banking? Are you interested in social activism and making a difference in the world? Maybe you would like to work in an art museum or at a major advertising agency. Internships can give you exposure to opportunities such as these and a chance to “test the waters” of new and exciting career fields.

Network

Speak with friends, faculty, college advisors and career counselors in the Career Services Office about what type of internship you want and when and where you want it. Contacting alumni from your college and taking part in informational interviews can provide valuable information on career options to pursue as an internship. Be sure to send a thank-you note expressing your appreciation to them for taking the time to share their expertise.

Check Out Online Resources

Contact your Career Services Office to see if they have recommended internship resources or if they subscribe to any. Internships.com is a great place to begin searching. You can also check out online organizations and the classified ads in your local newspaper to identify employers who are interested in hiring interns.

Attend Career Fairs

Check with the Career Services Office to find career and/or internship fairs that occur during winter break. Top employers attend career fairs to recruit, screen and hire talented interns and employees. Be prepared to give a 60-second introduction that describes your skills, interests, experience and motivation to the employer. Be sure to follow up with any recruiters you speak with at the fair.

Contact Employers

Call or visit employers in your area and/or areas of interest and inquire about summer jobs and internships. Be prepared to give a 60-second promo regarding your skills, strengths and motivation to work for them.

Contemplate what summer jobs are available and, if interested, consider camp or resort opportunities to gain additional interpersonal communication skills. Temp agencies will provide information about the employment needs of local employers. Follow up with employers whenever possible to arrange an in-person or telephone interview.

BREAKING: FACULTY CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS TO BE DELAYED LUCAS GONZALEZ

The contract negotiation process between faculty and university administration has been delayed. The fact-finding report, a review of the contract from an impartial party, was originally due on Sept 11. It is now scheduled for release on Oct. 29., according to a public email from the Wright State Office of Communications. The Fact-Finder cited “personal reasons” as the reason for the delay, according to the Communications email.

Contract negotiations have taken place since Jan. 2017. “While the parties have agreed on many of the articles in the next contract, several articles remain unresolved,” the Communications email reads.

TOP STORIES: Faculty union strike date yet to be made official

Wright State’s chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP-WSU) does not expect the compromises in the Fact-Finder’s report to be acceptable, according to Martin Kich, president of AAUP-WSU.

The faculty union had set a tentative strike date for Oct 1., which is now projected to take place in November due to the delay in fact-finding. A strike cannot take place until both faculty and administration vote to accept or reject the Fact-Finder’s report.

WRIGHT LIFE: Organization spotlight: 4 Paws for Ability

“This allows the faculty more time to prepare for a potential strike, which could still happen before the end of the semester,” said Noeleen McIlvenna, contract administration officer for AAUP-WSU. “We hope, however, that the central administration will take the opportunity to negotiate a fair contract that puts quality education first.”

Wright State is “hopeful” that the two parties can agree on a contract, according to the Communications email. “The university is doing everything in its power to reach a collective bargaining agreement with AAUP-WSU and avert a strike. Maintaining the quality of academic programs and meeting the needs of our students has been and will always be the highest priority at Wright State University.”

WRIGHT STATE PROFESSOR OF 22 YEARS PASSES FOLLOWING PROLONGED ILLNESS MIKE FALLEN

Dr. Paul R. Griffin, professor emeritus of the Department of Religion at Wright State, passed away on August 17, 2018 at Miami Valley Hospital after a long illness. He is survived by his three children, Kevin of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Jevon of Dayton and Felicia of Cincinnati, as well as nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and other family members, according to Griffin's obituary.

Griffin taught at Wright State from 1988 to 2010. During that time, he served as a professor of African American Religious History, Chair of the Religion Department and the founding director of the African and African American studies program.

Griffin's academic story started at Wright State, where he graduated with a B.A. in Sociology in 1973. Afterwards, he went to United Theological Seminary, where he received his M.Div. in 1976, and then to Emory University, where he earned his Ph.D. in 1983. He taught at Payne Theological Seminary for five years, where he obtained a full professorship and served as academic dean, until finally settling at Wright state.

His area of study focused on uncovering and preserving the distant African American religious past. He wrote two books on the topic: "Seeds of Racism in the Soul of America" and "Black Theology as the Foundation of Three Methodist Colleges: The Educational Views and Labors of Daniel Payne, Joseph Price, and Isaac Lane." He taught courses at the intersection of religion and race.

When Griffin founded the African American Studies program, he "wanted it to be strong academically," said Opolot Okia, professor of history at Wright State. The undergraduate program had a mandatory thesis and Dr. Griffin's hope was that his students would shine and be able to go on to earn Ph.D.s in African and African American studies, which was, at the time, a burgeoning field. He succeeded in this and students did earn their Ph.D.s through the program. However, the role of director of African and African American studies has been removed and the program has been consolidated under the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Wright State.

Griffin's influence was not limited to Wright State; he was an active member in the Dayton community. In 1991, he was instrumental in starting a conference called the National Conference on the Future Shape of Black Religion, where he invited prominent figures in the field to give talks and open a dialogue about African American religious history.

Visitation and funeral services will be held on Friday, Aug. 24 at Greater Allen AME Church, 1620 W. 5th Street, Dayton, according to an email from Ava Chamberlain, Chair of the Department of Religion, Philosophy & Classics.

SPORT CLUB SPOTLIGHT: CLUB FOOTBALL ARIAN MCNEIL

The Wright State Club Football team is gearing up for the fall season, hoping to bounce back from last year's shortcomings.

The team will be back in action starting Sept. 8 for an exhibition game against The Ohio Crush, a local amateur team. Shortly after, things pick up the pace for the team, traveling to Oakland University for the first of six regular season games to be played this fall.

SPORTS: Women's volleyball upsets West Virginia

Oakland should be a challenging game, but it is one that team captain Yousof Houssami is looking forward to. "Playing under the lights is one thing but doing it against a team like Oakland is going to be even more special. I made sure from the start of the season all of the freshman knew how important that this game will be," Houssami said. Oakland has been dominant for many years in the National Club Football Association, not losing a regular season game since 2015 and winning the national championship in 2016. Oakland's prior league-dominance does not scare off the team captain or his fellow players.

"They put no fear in our hearts, just motivation to beat them," remarked Houssami. The tough schedule continues for the team, playing conference-opponent Pittsburgh the following week, whom they split the two-game series with last year. From there, the team hosts Ohio State for a homecoming rematch, a game that last year Wright State lost in triple overtime.

The team has had to rebuild quite a bit from last season with many new additions to the team but also some dependable returners.

"A few players to look out for are club president and team captain Yousof Houssami, defensive end Nolin Jackson, linebacker Korben Robertson and safety Peter Ngoh. New players who I look to make a huge impact are running back Da'Kwan Moore, wide receiver Spencer Dissel, lineman Marcus Lang and quarterbacks Jake Jackson and Skyler McDonald," said Head Coach Ryan Tucker, who is looking forward to the upcoming season.

WRIGHT LIFE: Raider Up! Rewards App

"I am most excited to watch these guys grow as a team and learn to count on one another as well as develop mental toughness needed to excel on and off the field. To me, being a part of a team is a huge contributing factor in helping develop great men and women and that is my main goal," added Tucker.

The team is ready to work hard; a trait that both the coach and the team captain like.

"My favorite part of the team is the hardworking core that we have. This group is full of fighters and we are simply going to be more hungry than other teams, which is why I feel like we will be successful," Houssami remarked.

The Raiders will play three home games this fall at Wright State's Mulhollan Field.

DAYTON'S NOT DEAD: LA COLOMBIANA LUCAS GONZALEZ

Whether it be for college students, foreigners or adventurous individuals, a local Colombian restaurant has something to offer for everyone.

La Colombiana, a family business located at 2495 Commons Blvd., Beavercreek, offers everything from meat dishes, vegetarian meals, desserts and gluten-free options.

"We have all kinds of stuff," said the owner, Ana Rivera, 53. Rivera, who is originally from Colombia, has lived in Kettering for 25 years. She studied Culinary Arts at Sinclair Community College in Dayton.

With the help of her husband Martin, Rivera established La Colombiana in Beavercreek almost five years ago. Her children and siblings also work at the restaurant. Rivera thinks of Beavercreek as an ideal location, she said.

La Colombiana's hours of operations are:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Rivera considers the best items on the menu to be the gluten-free corn empanadas. They are typically filled with vegetables and the customer's choice of chicken or beef, Rivera said. She also recommends the bandeja paisa, a popular Colombian platter of beans, rice, soup, salad, plantains, sausage, pork belly and eggs.

Although spices are commonly used in Colombian cuisine, it is not as hot as Mexican food, according to Rivera. "It's totally different," she said. Their dishes are "a mixture of flavors." Meat lovers can indulge themselves in a wide variety of options including shrimp, salmon, pork, chicken and beef, according to Rivera.

La Colombiana serves dishes made with fresh and authentic ingredients, Rivera stated. The products travel a long distance, coming all the way from Colombia, according to Rivera. Rivera's customers are very diverse, she said. They include young people, international students from Wright State and workers from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. "Here in Beavercreek, a lot of people like to try foods from other places," Rivera said.

La Colombiana is "one of the best Colombian restaurants – certainly the very best in the entire Midwest region," said Cincinnati resident Alejandro Camacho, according to information from La Colombiana's website.

Rivera enjoys running La Colombiana and making Dayton more diverse, she said. "I want to change the perspective that American people have about Colombians."

Customers may notice the artwork hanging on the walls of the restaurant. Many of the pieces depict real places in Colombia, according to Rivera. The art allows locals to "see a different face of Colombia," Rivera said.

WRIGHT STATE TO ENGAGE IN HANDFUL OF MAINTENANCE PROJECTS MIKE FALLEN

Wright State University received 13.6 million dollars in Capital funding for the 2019-20 fiscal year. The money will go toward nine maintenance projects across campus.

The impetus behind the projects is “to look at our highest campus needs and to look very broadly,” said Walt Branson, Chief Business Officer at Wright State. “We might have been able to spend all the funding on any one of these projects but we wanted to make progress in a lot of areas.”

TOP STORIES: Student-Centered Renovations Coming to Dunbar Library

The projects include:

- * Maintenance to building envelopes across campus, targeting walls, windows, louvers and vertical surfaces that are leaking.
- * A campus-wide safety initiative which seeks to make the university safer for students and maintenance staff. It includes “fire sprinkler upgrades, repairs to fire shutters in a few new buildings [and] general fault protection on the roofs of the building to ensure safe environments for maintenance staff,” according to Rob Thompson, University Architect.
- * Repairs to the tunnels beneath the Quad and around the oldest portions of campus.
- * Roof repairs for buildings across campus, specifically targeting the Biological Science buildings, Allyn Hall, Brehm Laboratory and the Mathematical and Microbiological Sciences building.
- * Wireless infrastructure upgrades which will integrate newer devices to keep up with accelerating technology. Some Wi-Fi access points across campus are outdated and this project will bring them in line with current standards.
- * Improvements to the paving of Center Park Boulevard, Loop Road and Raider Road, planned for summer 2019.
- * Upgrades to HVAC equipment and control systems across campus to minimize utility costs and bring these systems up to current standards of energy efficiency. * Two projects targeting the Dunbar Library, which The Guardian previously reported on.

Wright State University will also be adding a handicap-accessible ramp to the east entrance of Oelman Hall, facing the Quad. Construction is planned to begin in September and will last for a few months. This project will be one of the last in a series of classroom modifications that started two years ago.

MENS SOCCER REMAINS UNDEFEATED WITH WIN OVER CINCINNATI ARIAN MCNEIL

The Wright State men's soccer team took home another win Monday night, defeating Cincinnati 3-2. The big win for the Raiders was a back and forth struggle with the strong Bearcat team. The weather was an issue, with the game being postponed due to a thunderstorm. After the nearly forty minute lightning delay, the Raiders came out strong with Stefan Rokvic scoring the first goal in the twentieth minute of the game. The battle wasn't over for the team after the first goal, with the Bearcats bouncing back quickly, scoring off of a corner kick to tie the game at 1-1 fifteen minutes later. As the whistle blew to signify the end of the hard fought first half, the score remained tied at one goal a piece.

After the halftime, Wright State's Deri Corfe regained the lead for the Raiders, scoring in just seven minutes to make the score 2-1. Corfe wasn't done helping his team after scoring a goal, gaining an assist not even five minutes later off of corner kick, which teammate Alec Philippe put into the net. Philippe's goal gave Wright State a 3-1 advantage with twenty-three minutes left to play.

The Bearcats hustled the rest of the match, trying to even the score with Wright State, but were unable to do so. Cincinnati inched closer to Wright State when they scored off of a header in the seventy-first minute of the game, leaving the last few minutes of the game to become a battle for Cincinnati to score another goal, and for Wright State to keep the ball out of their half of the field.

The Raiders finished on top, with the Bearcats unable to tie the score at three all. The 3-2 win leaves Wright State at 3-0 thus far this season. They will be taking their undefeated record into Horizon League Conference play when they travel to Northern Kentucky on Saturday night.

**BREAKING: OIL SPILL ON LOT 4 CLEANED UP, ALL PARKING SPACES NOW OPEN
LUCAS GONZALEZ**

A recent oil spill on campus has been cleaned up following an announcement that parking spaces in Lot 4 may be closed on Friday. The lot has now been opened.

The spill was cleaned up before 11:00 p.m. Thursday night, according to University Police.

On Thursday night, Facilities Management Services (FMS) sent a campus-wide email advising that an oil spill occurred around 7:00 Thursday night.

Up to 60 parking spaces in Lot 4 were anticipated to be unusable on Friday, according to the email.

FMS staff reported that the spill came from the car of an unidentified student. The student was carrying “multiple” five-gallon buckets in their car, of which a “large amount” leaked out of the vehicle and onto Lot 4, according to the email.

The spill spanned over 400 feet, according to the email.

FMS staff worked overnight to clean the spill. Staff from Environmental Health and Safety helped to reduce any potential environmental impacts, according to the email.

No safety concerns have been reported at this time.

NEW CAREER MANAGEMENT CENTER TO COME TO RAJ SOIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

MIKE FALLEN

The Raj Soin College of Business has developed plans to renovate its facility to include a new Career Management Center.

The new space will be used to “facilitate career education, which is everything from giving students the opportunity to explore different careers to preparing students now for future decisions they will have to make to achieve their professional goals,” said Lance Cauley, Director of Career Management at Raj Soin.

The new center will be comprised of three rooms. One will be used to host training sessions for students. Companies from the Dayton area will talk to students about their industries and what they are looking for in potential hires, according to Cauley.

The other two rooms will be used for mock interviews, according to Cauley. “We have employers come to campus all the time to conduct interviews with students and alumni. Now we are going to have a nice space dedicated to helping employers employ our students.”

The center will be equipped with a video recording system, which students can use to record practice interviews, according to Cauley. “We want to do training for students,” Cauley said, “so that they’re familiar with those types of interviews before they get out into the real world and have to do them.”

Construction is planned to begin this year around winter break. It is expected to continue until summer 2019, when it is expected to open.

THE STAKEOUT AND IMPROVISED MUSICAL SRUTHI TENKAYALA

Looking for something exciting to do over the weekend? Downtown Dayton's got you covered! On Sept. 8, check out the yet-to-be-named Improvised Musical with former Music Director Trey Stone. This event will take place at the Black Box Improv Theater located in downtown Dayton on Third Street. As an additional note, this improvised show is one of Dayton's most popular shows. The musical is preceded with a comedic act by The Stakeout.

Audience interaction is what makes The Stakeout's show unique, since the performance will be based on the audience's ideas. Members of the audience will be asked about specific topics or even asked to give one-word suggestions. However, none of them will be asked to come up on stage, so they are still free to sit back and enjoy the show. After intermission, the Improvised Musical will take place.

There is a reason this show is an audience favorite: the entire musical lives up to its title. Every single act is made up on the spot. From the music to the lyrics to the plot of the hour-long play. Leading the show is Stone; he will work his magic on the crowd with his piano playing while the lyrics, plot of the musical and possible dance moves are made up by other improvisers.

For more information about the anticipated event, make sure to visit <http://daytonblackbox.com/>. You can also check out other events happening at the Black Box Improv Theater if you are interested. Tickets are available at \$12 a seat and the show begins at 9 p.m. Make sure to bring your own alcohol. Do not miss out on The Stakeout or the crowd-favorite Improvised Musical!

WRIGHT STATE PROFESSOR TO RECEIVE AWARD FOR RESEARCH
ACCOMPLISHMENTS
LUCAS GONZALEZ

A Wright State professor from the Boonshoft School of Medicine has been recognized by the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG), the world's largest organization for research in family medicine, primary care and related fields.

Dr. Marjorie Bowman, professor of Family Medicine and Population & Public Health at WSU, is one of two recipients to receive the NAPCRG's Distinguished Mentor Award, which acknowledges her leadership as a research mentor. She will receive the award on Nov. 10 during NAPCRG's annual meeting in Chicago.

"I feel very honored," Bowman said. "It is something that I have worked on for years." As a research mentor, Bowman helps medical care researchers conduct ongoing experiments for the benefit of patients, she said. It involves helping them receive formal training, providing encouragement and reviewing the research whenever it is required, according to Bowman. Bowman attributes her recognition to the research of her four former fellows who nominated her to receive the award. "Their amazing work is actually why I received this award," she said in a news release.

Ian Bennett of the University of Washington was one of Bowman's fellows who nominated her. "Dr. Bowman's vision that research is required for the betterment of family medicine and public health has driven her storied career and supported the successful careers of many in the field," Bennet said in the news release.

Bowman's first experience as a research mentor was at Georgetown University. She then started a research fellowship at Wake Forest University and the University of Pennsylvania. She has been involved in research since the time she was in high school. "I have experienced this throughout my life," she said.

"Research is important to help doctors better understand what they do," Bowman said. "The entire process of research enlightens a physician's understanding of what we do and do not know," she said in the news release.

BRANDON PHILLIPS BACK IN THE MAJORS ARIAN MCNEIL

Former Cincinnati Red Brandon Phillips found his way back to playing Major League baseball this past week after playing in the Minors all season.

After ending last season with the Angels, Phillips remained unsigned to a big-league contract but was eventually offered a minor league contract with the Boston Red Sox. For the past two months, Phillips has played on Boston's Pawtucket Triple-A team.

The Red Sox made the decision to bring Phillips up Sept. 4, starting him at second base against his former team, the Atlanta Braves.

Phillips seemed to have not lost a beat in his year away from Major League play, scoring the Sox their first run of the game. Phillips went on to reach base four times, scoring three runs in the game.

At the top of the eighth inning, Atlanta was leading the Red Sox 7-1, but the Sox were not going down easy, scoring six runs to tie the score. Atlanta's Freddie Freeman scored on a solo homerun in the bottom of the 8th, leaving the Red Sox down by one run in their last at bat.

With one runner on, Brandon Phillips was up to bat and he ended the game in style. Phillips hit a two-run homer to win the game, crushing it 432 feet over the left field fence.

Phillips' two-run shot helped the Red Sox to a 9-8 victory as well as a three-game sweep of the Braves. His game-winning homerun seemed to speak for itself, proving that Phillips has still got it.

The Red Sox continue their quest for the World Series title, this time with veteran player and four-time gold glove winner Brandon Phillips along for the ride.

MOVIE REVIEW: CHRISTOPHER ROBIN
JAMIE PENWELL

Disney's latest film, Christopher Robin, brings the audience back to their childhood by telling a heartwarming tale of friendship.

It will make you laugh and, if you grew up loving the characters, may even make you cry. The movie teaches the essential lessons of learning to live in the moment and enjoy every day of your life. It reminds us just how important our friends and family are.

In the live-action film, Christopher Robin has grown up and lost the carefree ways of his youth. He is always hard at work for a job he does not enjoy, barely gets to see his wife and daughter and has not thought of Winnie-the-Pooh or their friends in years.

One morning Pooh wakes up and finds that all of his friends in the Hundred Acre Wood are missing. His only option is to enlist the help of his old pal Christopher Robin. Pooh comes into the real world and takes Christopher back to the Hundred Acre Wood. There, Christopher learns to use his imagination again by pretending to defeat a heffalump. Along the way, he finds Tigger, Owl, Rabbit, Eeyore, Piglet, Kanga and Roo.

Together, the team embarks on a journey in the real world to help Christopher Robin find joy again. In the end, Christopher finally gets to take a vacation from work and bond with his family. Although the movie takes a little while to get going, the animation is incredible and the characters are delightful. The amount of emotion that is portrayed in Pooh's little, black eyes is astounding. It is clear that his love for Christopher is unconditional. Viewers cannot help but admire Pooh for his mispronunciations, inspiring mottos and devotion.

The film was written by Alex Ross Perry and directed by Marc Forster; it stars Ewan McGregor as Christopher Robin.

Christopher Robin was released on Aug. 3. It was given a rating of 70 percent by Rotten Tomatoes and a rating of 7.7 out of 10 by IMDB. It is rated PG for some action.

FIVE APPS TO HELP YOU DE-STRESS

SRUTHI TENKAYALA

Juggling strenuous college courses, possibly with a part-time job or two, along with a personal life makes it pretty difficult to squeeze in time to relax. Sometimes, the anxiety becomes too much to handle and you do not know how to deal with it. Here are a few free apps, all available on iOS and Android, that will help you de-stress.

Mind Meister

For people with too many thoughts in their head and no outlet, Mind Meister is the perfect app. Mind-mapping is a good way to brainstorm and organize thoughts in a visual form. With this app, users can create different maps in all kinds of styles, themes, colors and more.

Recolor/Colorfy

Digital coloring apps have been growing in popularity lately. Coloring is a relaxing act for adults as well as children. Recolor and Colorfy are two of the more popular coloring apps. All kinds of pictures are available to color, from animals and flowers to famous paintings. There are also numerous color palettes.

Pacificia

When you are dealing with anxiety and you cannot put your finger on the cause, Pacificia is the app for you. Based on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, this app helps you identify your triggers and comes equipped with relaxation techniques and mood trackers.

Relax Melodies: Sleep Sounds

With this app, you can create your own mix of sounds and melodies and fall asleep listening to it. The database is filled with hundreds of soothing sounds like thunder, rain, wind and many more. White noise is also included.

Sleep Cycle Alarm Clock

There is nothing better than getting a full night of sleep after a stressful day. No one likes waking up sluggish. Unfortunately, no matter how exhausted you are, sometimes your body refuses to rest for reasons like insomnia or stress. Sleep Cycle helps you track sleeping patterns and sleeping phases, so you can wake up feeling refreshed.

SIX PROGRAMS RECEIVE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

MIKE FALLEN

Six interdisciplinary studies programs at Wright State have been consolidated under other departments. Before the change, the programs used to be “stand-alone units,” according to Linda Caron, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

“We’ve brought them into the department structure,” Caron said. “It’s really just an administrative consolidation. The curriculum hasn’t changed; the courses haven’t changed; the student experience hasn’t changed. Nothing has changed except their administrative home.”

The affected programs include African and African American studies, Women and Gender studies, Crime and Justice studies, International Studies, Liberal Studies and Social Science. Before the changes, a few of the programs had a directorship and all programs had a faculty committee. The directorships were removed but control over the curriculum is “pretty much the same,” Caron said. The responsibilities of directorship now belong to the faculty committee. The consolidations were part of cost-saving measures to improve administrative efficiency, according to Caron. “Anything that saves money and doesn’t impact students is a good move,” she said.

The changes were made carefully to ensure that students were not impacted, according to Caron. She stated that, “The first question we ask when we make any decision is: will it negatively impact students?”

These changes were made amid renewed national discussion about the value of the Liberal Arts. “It is so evident to me how vital the liberal arts are, not just generally, but to this country and this region right now,” Caron said. “We need to do a much better job at getting our word out about how valuable the liberal arts are.”

WRIGHT STATE ALUMNI'S THRILLER GETS FILM ADAPTATION LUCAS GONZALEZ

A Wright State graduate's psychological thriller has been adapted into a feature-length Primetime film.

Angelle Haney Gullett, 44, graduated from Wright State in 2006 with a BA in English and in History. She works as a professional writer. She said it feels like "a dream come true" to have her screenplay adapted to film.

"To see all of these people pull together because of something that has come out of your head is surreal, humbling and beyond exciting," Haney Gullett said.

"Her Worst Nightmare" premiered on Sunday, Aug. 26 on Lifetime. This is the first of Haney Gullett's screenplays to be adapted into a movie. It tells the story of a woman following her rescue from captivity. She attempts to overcome her trauma, only to learn that she is being stalked.

"I'm very interested in what happens after we experience something horrible or violent," Haney Gullett said. "I tend to write a lot of stories that center around survivors picking up the pieces and getting on with their life."

The psychological elements of Haney Gullett's screenplay were drawn from academic writing and research, which she said provides an accurate depiction for an audience. "I hope that if they find it reflects their experience, I have done them justice."

Haney Gullett drew inspiration from real-life survivors' accounts when writing this story, many of which "have never left me," she said. Her other sources of inspiration have included interactions with Wright State professors and experiences as a reporter.

Writing has been a life-long passion for Haney Gullett. As a child, she was enthralled by reading. "I loved escaping into another world from someone else's perspective," she said. She has worked as a freelance writer, Editorial Assistant and Crime Reporter for The Dayton Daily News, Editor at Mazer and Executive Editor at McGraw-Hill Education. She also worked as an Opinions Editor for The Guardian at Wright State.

Haney Gullett advises college students to "try a lot of things" to achieve their goals. "Try everything that interests you and everything that you've read works for somebody else," she said. "One of those things will work for you, but you won't know which one it is until it does."

WHAT'S UP WITH THE UNION MARKET HOURS? MIKE FALLEN

Students may have noticed that the Union Market's hours of operation have fluctuated over the past few years. The inconsistent hours can be attributed to how much business the market receives at specific times of the day, according to Amber Reading, director of marketing at Chartwells, a campus dining services provider. Chartwells works with Wright State Hospitality services to adjust hours of operation.

"Wright State Hospitality Services creates and adjusts hours of operation based on the level of business in the dining locations on campus," Reading said. "Adjustments to the hours of operation are needed should the amount of business increase or decrease beyond certain thresholds."

In fall 2016, the Union Market was open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Then in spring 2017, hours were cut back to Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. They were changed in fall 2017 to Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., which the Union Market has settled on for fall 2018.

Food prices have also increased at the Union Market. Wright State Hospitality Services conducts an annual comprehensive market pricing analysis, which it uses as a guide for pricing. According to Reading, "It is the goal of Wright State Hospitality Services that the pricing on our menu items on campus always be at or below market price."

DAYTON'S NOT DEAD: LUNA GIFTS & BOTANICALS LUCAS GONZALEZ

If you're looking to liven your home with plant life, Luna Gifts & Botanicals in the Oregon District of downtown Dayton is a great place to start.

Luna is a home good store that sells plant life, bouquets, gifts, and more. It is located at 261 Wayne Ave, Dayton. The shop offers over 100 types of indoor house plants, said Carly Barrett, 34, one of Luna's owners.

It also offers a variety of gifts and other non-plant decorations. "If you're looking for something for yourself or for someone else, [Luna] is a good place to come to," Barrett said. "We have something for everybody."

The store's plant catalog changes weekly. It typically includes a wide variety of succulents and cacti which are some of their most popular plants, according to Barrett.

If you're new to caring for plant life, don't worry – Luna sells plants for you. Their ZZ plants and snake plants require low lighting and don't need watered often, Barrett said. "They're very forgiving."

Barrett said she enjoys being located in the Oregon District, which she described as "like a little community". The staff of neighborhood stores "see each other on a daily basis," she said. "We are all very supportive and want to help each other."

Luna is one of three "sister shops" in the Oregon district, along with Heart Mercantile, a boutique, and Hedges & Wolf, a clothing store, according to Brittany Danielle Smith, an owner of Luna. The stores are owned between a group of six longtime friends who attended school and live in the Dayton area, according to Luna's website.

The store is open Monday to Friday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The store will celebrate its second-year anniversary this Saturday. On Friday, they will sell free sprigs with a \$25 purchase; on Saturday, customers will have the opportunity to play spin the wheel for a chance to win free products and discounts; Sunday there will be a ten percent sale on all items, according to Luna's Facebook page. Double stamps and coupons will be available all weekend.

For more information, contact Luna Gifts and Botanicals' number at (937) 608-9525 or email lunadayton@gmail.com.

FRUTTA BOWLS TINA GUINDI

Frutta Bowls started as the brainchild of Brooke Gagliano back in 2016. After spending her time in college focusing on health, wellness and sports, Gagliano sought out a way to pursue those interests while building her career. While she was on a trip out west, she came across the Açaí bowl concept and the idea for Frutta Bowls was born.

Gagliano opened the first two Frutta Bowls locations with great success near her hometown of Freehold, NJ. Her family, all very involved in health and wellness, decided to take the leap of faith with her. Leaving their corporate careers, her family helped to make her dream of creating a healthy and delicious restaurant a reality.

The Frutta Bowls dream started as a local idea with two locations. It has since grown into a nationwide concept, continuing to positively affect many lives along the way. Frutta Bowls not only sets itself apart by its commitment to providing deliciously healthy food, but also by its involvement in the communities surrounding each location.

Each Frutta Bowls location strives to get to know the surrounding community on a deeper level, creating relationships and focusing on giving back. It is their goal to not only be in a community but to be part of the community.

They will be joining the Dayton community in coming months with two locations opening in Miamisburg and in Mason.

Frutta Bowls have an amazing reward program where customers receive two points for every \$1 they spend in the store. When customers reach 300 points, they receive \$10 off their purchase.

Their most popular menu items are:

Acai

Their Açaí base consists of flash-frozen Açaí berries blended at the peak of freshness with ripe fruit to create a smooth sorbet-like texture with no added sugars.

Pitaya

Their Pitaya is mixed with tropical fruits to create a sweet and delicate base, ready for the toppings of your choice. Do not let the beautiful color fool you, this base has no added sugars or colors; the pitaya is naturally hot pink!

Kale

Kale? In a base? Absolutely! By blending kale with sweet tropical fruits, they have developed a slightly sweet base without adding any sugars. Their kale base has a dedicated fan following that just keeps growing!