

10-15-2018

The Guardian, Week of October 15, 2018

Wright State University Student Body

Follow this and additional works at: <https://corescholar.libraries.wright.edu/guardian>



Part of the [Mass Communication Commons](#)

Repository Citation

Wright State University Student Body (2018). *The Guardian, Week of October 15, 2018*. : Wright State University.

This Newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by the Student Activities at CORE Scholar. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Guardian Student Newspaper by an authorized administrator of CORE Scholar. For more information, please contact library-corescholar@wright.edu.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES
BY SARAH CAVENDER

OCTOBER 15-19

ARIES – Single and ready to mingle Aries? Look no further than the local coffee shop! Chat up that cutie that you see on the reg and ask them what their drink of choice is! You're feeling extra confident this week so get out there and meet your special someone!

TAURUS – Something amazing will happen to you in a bookstore this week Taurus. We aren't sure what exactly but the stars show it's wonderful. Will you find \$200? Will you find the best book of your life? The possibilities are endless.

GEMINI – This is your week to shine dear Gemini! We suggest wearing your best clothes and drink lots of chai tea. This will encourage bright and good vibes for your presentations and projects. Your lucky fruit this week is pumpkin.

CANCER – Have you felt watched lately Cancer? Like someone or something has never been far from where you are or studying? The stars suggest you keep a bag of starbursts in your bag at all times. That way you can stay alert and throw them at potential stalkers.

LEO – You are finding yourself in a particularly productive mood this week Leo! You've got a lot on your plate but you know how to divide it up. Make sure to get some R&R this weekend with those you care about though. Mental health is just as important as your physical health.

VIRGO – Don't let the feelings of discouragement get to you this week Virgo. You are capable and you are powerful. I know that picking the right filter for your insta worthy picture is hard but go with your gut. It will give you the right answer.

LIBRA – This will be a very difficult week to keep track of your busy schedule Libra. We suggest sticking post it notes everywhere and consuming large amounts of milk duds for stress relief. The post it notes will eventually be seen by others so they can remind you too.

SCORPIO – Scorpio the stars aren't sure what will happen this week. We suggest writing your own future this week. You are very intelligent and have lots of ideas. Send your stars some sweet notes for encouragement.

SAGITTARIUS – For so long Sagittarius you have felt as though no one listens to you. You're wrong, there is one person in particular who always loves to hear you tell that one story about that time in high school over and over and over again. Let this person know you appreciate them.

CAPRICORN – The stars think you need a little stress reliever Capricorn. We suggest going to an aquarium or zoo to visit the animals. They don't ask you to DD on weeknights like some people. Your lucky fruit this week is avocado.

AQUARIUS – Your Pisces friend seems to have some bad luck this week Aquarius. Make sure you try to share your wealth of good luck and happiness with them. You will also win \$2 on a scratch off.

PISCES – The universe seems to be throwing some bad luck on you lately Pisces. Look for a four leaf clover and consume lots of lemon water. Try being nice to people and good karma will find you. Your lucky vegetable this week is yams.

NEWEST SPORT CLUB: CLUB TENNIS BY ARIAN MCNEIL

Wright State has officially created its newest sport club: tennis. The co-ed Club Tennis team was officially established this month, providing students with the first recreational tennis club on campus.

The club team hopes to start competing this winter and throughout the spring in the Midwest section of the United States Tennis Association. The format for play is typically men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles and a mixed doubles match, which allows for both men and women to compete on the club team. Other big schools who have well-established teams in this league include: Ohio State, Miami and the University of Dayton.

Although the Wright State team is a little late to the party, club treasurer Donny Swiecki hopes to find success. "I think we will do alright in match play but having fun is what's most important to us. We have already had a few group meetings and we all get along really well and are looking forward to really getting to know each other and establishing friendships," said Swiecki.

The team is hoping to create a positive impact on Wright State's campus by providing a way for students to play tennis and by being a group that gives back to the campus and surrounding community.

"I'm really excited to be a presence on Wright State's campus and to be another positive influence on the student body. Club Tennis will be another group that does community service and that will allow us to not only give back to our campus but also our community. It is really important to us that we take this opportunity to give back and to do good work in the world," stated club Secretary, Nicholas Stacey.

Club Tennis is still looking for additional players to join and help strengthen the team. The club prefers experienced players but if you are looking for something new to do the team does offer the opportunity to come out and learn how to play.

Anyone who is interested in playing Club Tennis is encouraged to contact Swiecki at swiecki.2@wright.edu or email the Assistant Director of Competitive Sports, Billy Willis, at billy.willis@wright.edu for more information.

WRIGHT STATE ROTC CADETS HELP CLEAN UP DAYTON NEIGHBORHOOD BY LUCAS GONZALEZ

A Dayton neighborhood has been cleaned through the efforts of Wright State ROTC volunteers and a local non-profit.

On Sept. 22, about 100 Wright State cadets spent four hours clearing overgrowth and debris from the Carillon neighborhood, along with volunteers from the University of Dayton and Cedarville University – a total of 127 volunteers altogether.

The effort was organized in part by Rebuilding Together, a local non-profit organization that assists low-income homeowners, including the elderly, veterans and the disabled. It partners with volunteer groups to clean impoverished Dayton neighborhoods. They work with the city of Dayton to have them collect overgrowth after it has been cleared.

“Our whole focus is providing safe and healthy housing,” said Michelle Hausman, Seasonal Safe@Home director at Rebuilding Together.

Wright State ROTC cadets and Rebuilding Together have partnered once before, last year. This time, cadets were required to participate as part of their training, according to a Wright State news release. The cadets also helped retain an old house by applying primer to it. Others demolished a collapsed garage for an elderly woman who could not afford to hire a demolition crew. “Projects like that... let homeowners stay in their house,” Hausman said. “A lot of times, their house is the last thing they have.”

Hausman said that she enjoys helping homeowners and showing volunteers, “what a few hours can do and how much joy it can bring.” She said that this effort has provided the cadets with confidence and experience in neighborhoods they might not have otherwise been connected to.

“I think a lot of people often forget that older people have a lot of needs and they are often times overlooked,” Hausman said. “I am passionate about our work because I think everyone deserves a safe place to live.”

WOMEN IN STEMM SYMPOSIUM BY SHADDIA QASEM

Women in STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine) is having a Symposium for students in the STEMM field to learn about what the future has in store for them.

“Women in STEMM tend to be underrepresented. There are a lot of women with the skills but maybe aren’t encouraged or don’t have the confidence to go into the field that they really want to in STEMM,” said Katelyn Adams, an engineering student and College of Engineering and Computer Science Senator. “The Symposium is a big event where there will be a panelist of four people. We’ll have a post doctorate, a student, president Schrader and provost Susan Edwards and they will share their experiences in their career paths. They will also talk about obstacles that they have overcome as women in STEMM.”

The Symposium offers opportunities for students, and prospective students, of STEMM to speak with professionals and ask questions to better understand their future career path.

“We will have breakout sessions with a lot of mentors, people in the professional realm and graduate students, that will have a roundtable discussion which will last five to 10 minutes with small groups of students, kind of like speed mentoring with students,” said Adams. “There also will be a miniature career fair. We’re hoping to get employers from nearby hospitals and businesses to come and advertise for their job openings and internship opportunities.”

The Symposium will also include information for incoming students to learn more about what kind of clubs Wright State has to offer.

“We have a club fair so that new students or transfer students can walk around and learn about what they might be interested in joining, club wise,” Adams added.

Women in STEMM is a great way for members to network with one another as well as employers and professionals in the field.

“One of the biggest obstacles that women face in STEMM professions is that they lack mentors. There aren’t a lot of women that have come before us, so the point of this event is to make sure that our female students feel like they belong in their career path,” Adams stated.

The Women in STEMM Symposium will be held on Nov. 13 from 6-8 p.m. For more information on Women in STEMM, visit their website.

WSU CLOSES FISCAL YEAR 18 WITH CHALLENGES AHEAD BY SARAH CAVENDER

On Tuesday morning, Walt Branson, Wright State's vice president finance and operations and chief business officer, sent out a communication email to the campus community to update the current financial situation.

"First the good news. We finished FY18 with a \$10 million operating surplus. This is the first operating surplus that Wright State has shown since 2011," Branson said. "To generate that surplus we overcame many financial challenges during the year and cut spending by over \$53 million from the previous year. For the first time in recent history no units over spent their budget."

The email also addressed reports by local media of WSU current finance situation taking more than two decades to correct the mass over spending from the last few years.

"I want to address a concern I have heard about a recent headline that stated it will take Wright State 20 years to recover from the budget crisis. While it is true that it may take us 20 years to restore reserves to what they were six years ago, fiscally sustainability will come much sooner as we build revenue and regularly realize an operating surplus," Branson stated in the email.

The university released their fact finding post hearing brief report on the Board of Trustees page on its website. The 170 page document was written in the spring of last year prior to President Cheryl Schrader announcing at a board meeting that the school would avoid fiscal watch.

The report states; "the fact that the University is still at serious risk of entering fiscal watch status only reinforces the severity of the financial crisis. Regardless of whether the University is able to avoid fiscal watch status through one-time austerity measures, it will take many years for WSU to recover and restore its long-term financial health."

As Wright State continues to make corrections to its reserves, the strategic planning process will be voted on by the Board of Trustees at its public meeting this Friday.

"Media outlets quoted a report last week that was written in the May and June timeframe, before we closed out FY18 and confirmed a \$10 million surplus," said Branson. "The State of Ohio will not announce our official FY18 Senate Bill 6 score until the spring of 2019. However, based on our preliminary calculations we believe the university's score will be 2.20, well above the 1.75 cutoff associated with fiscal watch. Due to the cutbacks and sacrifices that everyone has made we can say with much certainty that we have avoided fiscal watch."

Branson wrote that he believes that this coming fiscal year will be more difficult.

“I have often said that I think this year in many ways will be tougher than fiscal year 2018. Many units are operating with budgets that are not adequate to sustain them in the longer term. The flexible budgets in almost every area have been eliminated. In my opinion we have stopped the financial free-fall of previous years, a significant feat in and of itself. However, we have not yet re-established a solid financial foundation. It will likely take several years before we fully accomplish that,” Branson said.

Branson ended the email by expressing his appreciation for everyone during the current financial situation. “Your actions have made our amazing progress possible. I look forward to continuing to work with all of you as we make our way through these improving though challenging times,” he said.

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT: COLLEGES AGAINST CANCER BY SRUTHI TENKAYALA

Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) is a non-profit organization focused on promoting cancer awareness amongst college students, staff and faculty. It is a collaboration of student organizations fighting against cancer, with several chapters nationwide. These organizations are aimed towards people impacted by cancer, cancer survivors and caretakers.

“There are many types of cancer out there and everyone is, in some way, affected by the disease,” said Teresa Rapping, president of Wright State’s CAC chapter. “We like to spread knowledge and awareness about the causes and preventions of cancer.”

Through collaborative efforts with other organizations, educational events and fundraisers, Wright State’s CAC works to spread awareness about the causes, preventions and effects of cancer.

“We have fliers at our tables about sun protections, skin care, etc. We also like to do things through our social media accounts because everyone is on social media these days,” said Rapping.

This year, Wright State’s chapter is concentrating on the Relay for Life event, which is a fundraiser taking place on March 15, 2019 in the Apollo Room.

“We spend most of our first semester fundraising and planning. The actual Relay event happens the second semester of the school year,” said Rapping.

In the event, various teams sign up to raise money and walk laps around a designated path. This is to indicate that cancer never sleeps and that the organization will not rest until a cure is found. Teams will create booths and host events where participants can donate for a cause.

Apart from Relay for Life, CAC spends time on volunteer work as well. “We like to participate in different walks for the awareness and fights against different types of cancer,” said Rapping. “Another thing we like to be involved in helping out with is Hope Lodge.” The Hope Lodge is a place where cancer patients and caregivers can live for free as they seek medical treatment.

Cancer patients, survivors and caretakers are encouraged to share their experiences at events, such as the upcoming Relay. The organization has planned a dinner for them, as a toast to their experiences.

“Some like to share experiences with people at Relay and a lot of them bond and connect because of both facing [a certain type of] cancer,” said Rapping. “Anyone that is in CAC has a personal connection to someone they have loved who had cancer or who lost their lives to cancer.”

If you are interested in joining Relay for Life, sign up at <http://relay.acsevents.org>.

MUSIC REVIEW: BROCKHAMPTON, IRIDESCENCE BY SRUTHI TENKAYALA

Following their Saturation trilogy, the hip hop group of 11, formerly 12, released their fourth studio album *Iridescence*. It is the first in their upcoming *Best Years of Our Lives* trilogy. With 79,000 pure album sales, *iridescence* is the group's first album to top the Billboard 200 chart.

Brockhampton made a name for themselves by mashing up genres like R&B, funk and alternative rock with a steady hip hop base to create their distinctive sound. Even for the unconventional, self-produced group, *iridescence* is their most exploratory work to date. AllMusic said, "Brockhampton absorbs what they need from across genres, sharing honest confessions from their varied personal backgrounds (the most striking provided by group leader Kevin Abstract) and reflecting its mixed audience as a voice of their generation."

Listening to this 15-track album is like taking a walk in the dark; you do not know what to expect because of the album's unpredictability. It is not just the sounds that are original, but the song's structure as well. You will even notice the lack of a hook in some songs. What really makes this album stand out are the lyrics: honest and relatable.

The band is not afraid to put their personal issues in the spotlight. "Thug Life", "Weight" and "J'Ouvert" are good examples, where band members highlight their struggles with depression, self-acceptance and personal demons. "Weight" specifically is self-reflective, featuring de facto leader Kevin Abstract rapping about his inner turmoil regarding his role in the group, self-harm and his sexuality.

In a subtler but no less profound manner, they address Ameer Vann's abuse allegations through various tracks and how that affected the group. "J'Ouvert", "Weight" and "Tonya" are good examples. Introspection seems to be a theme throughout the album, be it about mental health or the band's outlook on their growing fame.

Overall, *iridescence* is an album which requires several listens in order to fully understand the messages hidden in strong beats.

COLUMBUS CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN WITH ANNUAL HIGHBALL BY SHADDIA QASEM

Fall time means Halloween; there's no question about it. The end of September usually warrants the start of Halloween decorating and preparation. If you are someone that enjoys events during the fall, consider the highly anticipated HighBall Halloween.

"Highball is what we call the nation's most elaborate costume party. It takes place in the Short North Arts District in Columbus," said Betsy Pandora, the executive director of HighBall.

"The main attraction of the event is the Battelle Costume Couture Fashion Show. The Fashion Show features designers who have applied and compete to create over the top couture style Halloween costumes that we parade down a massive runway and stage in the middle of High Street."

"Short North Alliance is a non-profit organization that serves business and property owners and residents of High Street in the Short North Arts District. We have almost 400 businesses in the neighborhood and help to support keeping the neighborhood a great place for them to do business and support art initiatives in the neighborhood.

In its eleventh year, HighBall is a two-night event that includes different activities for its participants each night.

"Over 20,000 people come each of the two nights of the event throughout the weekend," said Pandora.

Friday night is HighBall: On The Rocks, which is a night of music featuring a decade or artist to pay homage to. Past events have paid tribute to the 1980's era, Michael Jackson and David Bowie, to name a few. Musicians are invited to perform music from that era/artist. Everyone who

attends is invited to dress up according to the specific theme. This year's theme for HighBall: On the Rocks is the 90's, with a performance from the world leading Spice Girls tribute band.

Saturday features the Battelle Costume Couture Fashion Show as well as musical performances and the public costume contest.

Since HighBall is so popular and heavily attended, they accept a wide variety of volunteers. Volunteers get free admission and drinks.

The event begins October 26 through the 27 and admission ranges from \$7-\$130 depending on the package you choose.

“In this year’s Battelle Costume Couture Fashion Show one of the designers that is competing is Elizabeth Bourgeois, the head of the costume design department at Wright State University,” said Pandora.

This is Bourgeois’ first time competing in HighBall Halloween’s Battelle Costume Couture Fashion Show. “I’m trying not to think too much about the “competition” part, and just experiment with some ideas,” said Bourgeois.

Initially, Bourgeois went to college for scenic design. She later switched to costume design after she realized she had a knack for it. Since then, she has been a designer for 24 years.

“Looking back, I started drawing people and clothes around age six or seven, started doctoring and painting my jeans, etc., around 10 or 11. I was a thrift store vintage type 80’s/90’s teenager, so I think clothing as expression has always been a part of me,” Bourgeois said. “My dad had been in the Peace Corp and had all these amazing African and Asian textiles from his travels. My mother and grandmother also had these groovy 70’s clothes and prints. I think they all inadvertently taught me to love fabric and pattern. I’ve taught designers all over the country for quite a while, and I note that some kids just have a costume/fashion gene.”

If Halloween is your favorite time of the year and fashion is your paramour, you won’t want to miss this fashion forward event. After all, “you are what you wear.”

For more information visit the HighBall website.

CAREER CORNER: BEST VOCABULARY TO USE WHEN WRITING A RESUME BY SHADDIA QASEM

Before the start of college life, a resume should be written. College is the start of your career search for the future, so you want to make sure you are prepared to impress employers and leave a mark on their radar.

Whether you are just starting out and do not have much experience or you are ready to show off your resume to an employer, it never hurts to improve the quality of your resume.

Writing a resume can be intimidating because you may not know what to include.

“The first thing that anyone writing a resume needs to realize is that they are very synced, no personal pronouns, with as few conjunctions as possible,” said Lisa Duke, Assistant Director and Advisor to the Career Center.

Resumes can sometimes be misconstrued, assuming they are large paragraphs written about the person, like a biography. That is not the case.

“Writing a resume is a lot of bullet statements that end up being short dynamic statements and incomplete sentences. You won’t see many people putting many periods on a resume after a bullet statement. They are more powerful and action packed. Each bullet statement should tell a [compelling] mini story in as few words as possible,” said Duke.

Once you figure out exactly what should be included in your resume, all that is left to do is figure out the best way to write it.

“We have a formula that we like to share with students when they are getting ready to start their bullet statements. You always start with an action verb, which we recommend being in past tense rather than present tense, just to be consistent throughout the entire resume,” said Duke. “This formula starts out with the action verb and then it describes the situation, task or duty that you did and then you wind it up with a statement talking about what the result was or the reason why you had to do it.”

Besides refraining from using personal pronouns and not using many conjunctions, there is something else to stay away from when writing a resume.

“We always advise against using the phrase ‘responsible for’. When you say ‘responsible for’, it takes away your ownership for it, and you want to make your resume is about you and your impact on whatever you did. Own the action, just don’t say that you were ‘responsible for’ it,” Duke said.

Working with career advisors is a great opportunity to learn the best ways to write a resume and how to get an employer's attention.

For help with vocabulary when writing your resume, visit the Career Center's 24-hour help library on their website. Forbes and Business Insider also have good information on resume writing.

WSU TO ADD POW/MIA CHAIR TO NUTTER CENTER BY TINA GUINDI

Wright State will be placing a chair in the Nutter Center to honor Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action. Student Government Association (SGA) is raising money for the chair in collaboration with the Veteran and Military Center. The fund is called the 'Champion Gradient Fund.'

Ivan Mallett, SGA chief of staff, is leading this project.

"This project is important to me because I am a veteran, and with that, I grew up with a sense of reverence for those that came before me," Mallett said. "Since World War I, around 92,000 Americans have gone Missing in Action or become Prisoners of War. A lot of times these people are forgotten by the general public, so I think it's important for us to put this simple yet powerful memorial to those individuals so they are not forgotten."

According to Mallett the chair is to remain empty in honor of those MIA or POW.

"It remains empty symbolizing that there is always a place waiting for their arrival back home," said Mallett.

Prisoners of War (POW)/Missing in Action (MIA) chairs are found across the United States in sports arenas, stadiums, town halls and state capitals. These chairs are meant to represent service members who are unable to fill them. They also remind us of the men and women who serve our country every day.

Seth Gordon, director of Veteran and Military Center on campus said the VMC is supporting the SGA initiative.

"The SGA has taken the leadership to provide a deeply meaningful and appropriate gift to the WSU community," Gordon said. "The POW/MIA chair recognizes those individuals who are no longer a part of our lives. It reminds us to remember the sacrifice that a friend or family member made to insure that we could experience the joys and celebrations of "normal" life in a place like the Nutter Center. The VMC is delighted to support this student initiative."

Mallett said he is appreciative toward everyone in the university who has supported the project

"I want to especially thank Greg Sample, John Cox, and Dr. Seth Gordon for working with us on this project," said Mallett.

Gregory Sample is the chief operating officer for Wright State and has worked closely with SGA during the process of adding the chair.

“The University is very honored to partner with Student Government and work together on getting a POW/MIA Chair installed at the Nutter Center,” said Sample. “Wright State values its longstanding and strong connections to our military partners and the presence of a single empty chair, identified with a plaque, sends a powerful message and reminder of service members who had been prisoners of war and those who are still missing. The Nutter Center location provides a venue of high visibility and recognition.”

According to Mallett, the hope is to raise enough money to add another chair to the baseball stadium and football field.

Prisoners of War (POW)/Missing in Action (MIA) chairs are found across the United States in sports arenas, stadiums, town halls and state capitals. These chairs are meant to represent service members who are unable to fill them. They also remind us of the men and women who serve our country every day.

It is common for POW/MIA commemorative chairs to be associated in some way with the location in which they are displayed; for example, at a sports venue it might be a folding stadium seat. In a town hall, it might correspond to the building’s architectural style or historic period.

There are two types of the POW and MIA chair: fixed and portable.

Fixed chairs are stadium chairs that bolt to concrete, aluminum and wood decks or floors and can be used indoors or outside. They can be permanently left outside.

SPORT CLUB SPOTLIGHT: CLUB HOCKEY BY ARIAN MCNEIL

Club Hockey has had a long presence here at Wright State and continues to find small successes, even among the unfortunate setbacks they are facing. The team has not had a victory yet this season but they are not willing to give up and they continue to fight each time they get on the ice.

Currently, the team has 10 players, two of which are goalies. There are several stand-out players on the roster including captains Scott Humes and Colin Crews and Vice President Tate Bowen. Bowen commented on the shortage of players, saying, "We have talented players but not enough. We are always looking for new players."

The team is hoping to rebuild the program by increasing recruiting efforts and to keep doing what they are doing. The seniors on the team are hopeful that the program will continue to move forward after their graduation, as they see great potential in it.

"I like the hockey team. I like that there is a sense of family to it. I joined because of my sport but it has given me more than just the opportunity to continue playing hockey. It is truly a great feeling to be able to turn to a support system away from home," added Bowen.

The hockey team does value the members of the team, treating them like family and helping each other through struggles, sometimes even after the personal battle has been won. Senior captain Humes is an example of this; he was diagnosed with cancer and received treatment at Nationwide in Columbus. Due to the gratitude the hockey team feels towards Nationwide, every year they host a charity game in support of the hospital.

This year's Cancer Game is Oct. 27 versus Ball State at the NTPRD Chiller in Springfield. All proceeds from the game will be donated directly to Nationwide. The event will include a silent auction, puck drop, bake sale and chuck-a-puck.

"This game means a lot to us every year. We have a special connection to the hospital because of Scott Humes receiving treatment there a few years ago and it is our way of saying thank you to them and also helping others who have cancer," said Bowen.

The team is looking forward to raising money and playing in a competitive match-up against Ball State. All members of the campus community are encouraged to come watch and donate money to support the cause.

DAYTONS NOT DEAD: LOCAL COUPLE TO BRING BIGGBY COFFEE TO DAYTON BY LUCAS GONZALEZ

A Kettering couple will be bringing Biggby Coffee, a privately-owned franchise based in East Lansing, Michigan, to the Dayton area.

For Jeff and Laynae Meyer, the local franchise owners, Dayton is home – they were born here, went to school here and have raised a family here. They met and started a relationship at Wright State University.

The couple lived in Grand Rapids, Michigan for about nine years, where they fell in love with Biggby Coffee. “We love the culture and ownership of Biggby,” Jeff said. The franchise offers a family atmosphere and, “consistent quality at a great price,” he said.

The couple then moved back to Dayton to be closer to friends and family, Laynae Meyer said. Upon returning, the couple said to themselves, “We want to bring a shop like that back to Dayton,” Jeff said.

Biggby Coffee was founded in 1995 by Bob Fish and Mary Roszel under the name “Beaner’s.” In recent years, the franchise has spread to locations along the highway I-75, including Sydney, Toledo, Piqua, Saint Mary, Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

The couple is ecstatic to bring Biggby to the Dayton area. “We feel great about it,” Jeff said. “We’re so excited that the downtown Dayton area is thriving,” Laynae said.

Jeff and Laynae have signed a lease for their first store near The Flats at South Park apartments in downtown Dayton. It is set to open in March 2019, Jeff said.

They plan to open four to five shops over the next three years. Their objective is to open one every eight months. “As soon as we get this one going, we’ll start identifying additional locations,” he said. They are open to multiple places, including Kettering, surrounding cities and in Fairborn near Wright State.

Jeff and Laynae say they have enjoyed being business partners. “We kept looking at each other and going ‘how can we spend more time together?’” Jeff said. “Why just build a family together, but build a business together [too]?”

HIDDEN ROCKS WITH INSPIRATION BY SHADDIA QASEM

The latest trend to sweep the nation is hidden rocks. What has become somewhat of a scavenger hunt to find these rocks has gone from state to state.

These are not just any regular rocks that people are searching for, these are rocks that people have taken the time to carefully decorate with inspiring messages and loving images.

After the perspective rock is decorated, the decorator proceeds to write instructions on the back and goes out to find a hiding spot for someone else to find the positive message.

The rule is that if you find a rock, you can either keep it and save it for yourself or you can pass on the fun by hiding it in a different spot. You can also join in by designing your own rock and hiding it somewhere; whichever side you are on, the fun keeps going.

Some rocks might come from your own state or they might have traveled from neighboring states like Kentucky or far away states like Arizona.

Since these rocks come from so many different areas around the country, the name of this trend varies.

The great thing about this trend is that anyone can take part in it. Kids are allowed the freedom of creativity and imagination. Adults can have fun with it as well, bringing out the child in them; taking the time to let your creativity flow is also a great form of therapy.

Taking part in something like this is not only a great way to bring positivity into your own life, it is an amazing way to be a part of making someone else's day brighter.

If you see one of these rocks, do not hesitate to pass it on or make your own for someone else to find and enjoy. Continue spreading the happiness; who knows, maybe some of them have made their way onto Wright State's campus.

WEALTHY GRAD: FINANCIAL LITERACY THAT WON'T BORE YOU TO DEATH BY JAMIE PENWELL

The Wealthy Grad event was held Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Student Union.

It began with an informative presentation about financing; attendees were taught the five rules of money, the five words of money and the three cash flow patterns.

The information was presented in basic, comprehensible terms to ensure that everyone could follow along.

The five rules of money are:

- * Give (5 percent of your money)
- * Learn (5 percent of your money)
- * Save (10 percent of your money)
- * Invest (10 percent of your money)
- * Spend (70 percent of your money)

The five words of money are:

- * Income (earned money)
- * Expense (spent money)
- * Asset (brings money into your pockets)
- * Liability (takes money out of your pockets)
- * Cash flow (money transfers)

The three cash flow patterns are:

- * Poor: income goes to expenses
- * Middle Class: income goes to liabilities goes to expenses
- * Rich: income goes to assets

The mission of the presentation was to educate students on how to best handle their finances. They were taught that it is not about how much money you make but how much money you keep.

It was noted that financial struggles are the number one reason students drop out of college. The average college student graduates with upwards of \$37,000 in debt.

Attendees were encouraged to download the mint.com app to help them better keep track their finances.

Tiffany Smith from the Wright-Patt Credit Union, the official financial institution for Wright State, was present to help students by answering any financial questions they might have.

Prizes were given away and, after the presentation, the board game Cashflow 101 was played. It can also be played online.

There is an app one can download for free on their mobile device that will calculate all of their finances for them while playing the game.

Cashflow 101 was designed by Robert Kiyosaki to help players comprehend basic financial and accounting principles. It is realistic and educational.

Kiyosaki is the author of 'Rich Dad Poor Dad', a self-help book on financing. It goes hand in hand with the game.

"I wish it was more well attended," said Reilly Corbett, Wright State student who attended the event. "The presenter was great!"

"He kept us engaged and made sure we knew stuff long term," Corbett explained.

NEW AVIATION RESEARCH GRANT TO TAKE PILOTS OUT OF THE EQUATION BY MIKE FALLEN

Imagine it. You leave your house, coffee in hand, headed to work in the morning. Instead of jumping in your car, waiting in traffic and groaning at construction detours, you hop into a small, unmanned aerial drone and zoom off, leaving behind, or below, those impatient speeders, late workers and all the headaches of your morning commute. This sort of traffic-less utopia might not be so far off.

Dayton, and Ohio more generally, has always been lauded for its innovations in aviation. But, the problems faced by the aviation engineers of the past are very different from the problems they face today. Orville and Wilbur Wright found solutions to problems of mechanical engineering and physics. How on earth will we get this massive thing off the ground? Today, that's no longer the hurdle. Today, commercial jets and airliners and private biplanes and helicopters fill the sky. We've leaped the hurdle of making some massive steel boat float on air but they have always needed a pilot, a person behind the wheel. Now, we want to take the pilot out of the equation. Today, we want planes to fly themselves.

Wright State was recently awarded \$150,000 in funding from the Ohio Federal Research Network, part of a larger \$2 million project, to develop the technologies necessary to make aerial vehicles autonomous. Yong Pei, associate professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, is heading up the project.

"We want the project to do two things," Pei said. "First, we want to maintain Ohio's leadership in aviation, and second, we want to develop the talent and workforce necessary to make the shift toward autonomous vehicles."

"Today, the problems in aviation aren't as much about mechanical and electrical engineering," Pei said. "The problems today are about how to control these vehicles autonomously, to be able to intelligently identify different situations and control them accordingly and to let the vehicle, as much as possible, make the decisions themselves."

The funding comes alongside a push toward redefining what it means to work in computer science. Pei's group includes a few senior undergraduate and graduate students. He wants to encourage more computer science students to consider applications to transportation as a field for students.

"Traditionally, computer scientists work for Google, they work on developing the web and things like that, but there is now a very different domain in transportation, aviation, in health care," Pei said. "More and more we develop these types of technologies to help address efficiency issues, to help improve productivity and overcome human limitations within these disciplines."

FITNESS FRIDAY: BOO-TY CHALLENGE

BY ARIAN MCNEIL

We are not skipping leg day for this week's Fitness Friday. It is important to work all parts of the body, even those we may sometimes forget. This week we have a seven-day fitness challenge that focuses on an all-important body part: the booty. Not only is this a powerful part of the body, useful for many movements and actions, sculpting the booty can give you body-positive vibes.

Day one

- * 20 lunges (10 each leg)
- * 25 squats
- * 20 fire hydrants on each side
- * 15 glute bridges

Day two

- * 10 rainbows on each side
- * 20 lunges (10 each leg)
- * 15 fire hydrants each side
- * 20 glute bridges

Day three

- * 30 squats
- * 15 sumo squats
- * 10 lunges (5 each leg)
- * 10 fire hydrants each leg

Day four

- * Give that booty a rest!

Day five

- * 20 lunges (10 each leg)
- * 25 squats
- * 20 fire hydrants on each side
- * 15 glute bridges

Day six

- * 10 rainbows on each side
- * 20 lunges (10 each leg)
- * 15 fire hydrants each side
- * 20 glute bridges

Day seven

- * 10 glute bridges

- * 10 lunges
- * 10 rainbows
- * 20 squats
- * 20 fire hydrants
- * 15 sumo squats

