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Waffle club, paintball club, skydiving club and more: WSU student life over the years
Makenzie Hoferlin
January 20, 2020

Wright State University is unique in that any student is able to create an organization, and many unique organizations have existed on campus.

Here is a list of some of the organizations that have existed over the years at Wright State:

The Waffle Club

The sole purpose of the club, which was started in 2009: was to make, provide and enjoy waffles at WSU.

Goals of the club were to:

- Coordinate meetings in which members made waffles
- Educate students in culinary arts and food history
- Promote a laid-back environment.

Faculty and administration of WSU were also welcome to join the club as “honorary members” in which they would be “regarded as divine beings and given special privileges including but not limited to taste testing, seat checks, and less work,” according to the club’s constitution.

Toastmasters club

Started in 2012, the Toastmasters club was formed to provide a positive learning environment in which members could learn how to effectively propose a toast.

Members would have an opportunity to develop their oral communication and leadership skills.

This was a club in which members would learn how to give a toast at a wedding, give a eulogy at a funeral or speak at another public event.

Paintball club

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This club is exactly what it sounds like: a club made for and dedicated to playing paintball.

Members of this club met to play paintball and to teach teamwork in a safe environment.

Staff and faculty members were only allowed as adjunct members without vote.

According to the club's constitution, "while member participation is not required, members are strongly encouraged to, and should expect to help in the promotion and organization of the Wright State Paintball club."

Skydiving club

The purpose of this club was to promote and enjoy the sport.

A member of the club was required to jump once a year and attend a meeting once a quarter.

Members also receive discounts at different jumping locations.

Marksmanship club

This club was made to "develop discipline incorporated in basic rifle marksmanship and be able to use it in everyday life," according to the club's constitution.

Other goals of the club include developing basic marksmanship skills and promoting safe use and storage of firearms.

Full membership was only granted to members who attended 66 percent of the meetings.

The Medieval club

Created in 2005, the purpose of this club was to "encourage the pursuit of knowledge of medieval history, culture, science, and warfare," according to its constitution.

There were no membership fees or dues charged to join the club and membership was granted after attending a meeting and registering.

Halo club

The Halo club offered a fun environment to WSU students who shared a common interest to play the game “Halo.”

According to the club’s constitution, “this club’s primary goal will be to sponsor tournaments for anyone wanting to participate.”

Hip Hop Dance Squad

This club started in 2003, existed to develop dance and performance skills and to encourage the pursuit of dance performance.

In 2003, the club was deemed “not in good standing” due to incomplete registration.

The Blanketeers

Created by the organizers of the Project Linus blanket-making event, the club’s purpose was to provide a service opportunity to WSU students.

Goals of the club included providing blankets to local hospitals and clinics for children involved with a traumatic life event.

The Blanketeers also aimed to “provide an annual blanket making event and to raise funds for the program,” according to their constitution.

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Weekly Horoscopes
Star Signer
January 20, 2020

Here are your weekly horoscopes in the form of Lonely Island songs.

ARIES

Who said we're wack? You said we're wack?

You take it back! Who said we're wack?

You talkin smack? You're gonna get smacked!

(You sayin that I'm wack but it just ain't so)

TAURUS

Talk to corporate (like a boss)

Approve memos (like a boss)

Lead a workshop (like a boss)

Remember birthdays (like a boss)

Direct work-flow (like a boss)

My own bathroom (like a boss)

Micro-manage (like a boss)

Promote synergy (like a boss)

GEMINI

We like sportz and we don't care who knows

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From the pregame jokes to the wrap-up show

We like sportz and we don't care who knows

Football Football Football. Tennis. Hockey. Golf.

CANCER

Reach for the stars!

You stand on a distant planet

Skyline of red plateaus

Strange air and vegetation

You're a winner!

LEO

Well I'm a hustler, that's just what I do

I'm always hustling on the avenue

I can sell water to a whale

Or even a shell to a snail

I'm a hustler, life of a hustler, that's me

I've been this way since I came out my mama's puss

I'm always thinking of a scheme

VIRGO

Well, we got a new dance so get up on your feet

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It's real easy to do, and it's called 'The Creep'

Let your hands flap around like a Marionette

Pop your knees up and down, sh-sh-shaking your neck

LIBRA

I've got it all and I'm gettin' more

But I never fall, beat 'em all

Cause you know I'm so humble

I'm so humble, I'm so humble

I'm a superstar, I kick down the door

SCORPIO

A snow white dove in the pitch black night

A rain drop falls from tremendous heights

A wave crashes off of a cliff in Scotland

A child bites an apple, but the core is rotten

TV is free, but what is the cost?

We have GPS and yet, we're still lost

SAGITTARIUS

The house of pancakes is my favourite place

I love the booth seating

And I love-a the taste

My Andros are part of a nutritious breakfast

My necks so big that it broke-a my necklace

CAPRICORN

Because, Cool guys don't look at explosions

The flames are hot but their heart is chilled

Walk fast from the boring explosion

AQUARIUS

I don't know why but today seems like it's gonna be a great day!

There's something in the air that makes me feel like things are gonna go my way

The birds are chirping tweedly-deet, the sun is shining bright!

There's a skip in my step, a pip in my pep and I don't know why!

PISCES

So much pain, so many struggles

But I made it through

I bought the house, it's beautiful

And I kept the old one for my dogs

Sometimes it just works out

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Wright State celebrates Spirit Week
Shaddia Qasem
January 21, 2020

With the start of the new semester, events are lined up and ready for students to come and enjoy and celebrate the fun of the annual spirit week at Wright State University. Throughout the week, University Activities Board (UAB) is hosting an event every day with coordinating organizations and departments.

Spirit Week Kickoff, Tuesday 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

In collaboration with Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL) and the '67 Society, the first event is the [Spirit Week Kickoff](#) on Tuesday, which will include a giveaway of Raider socks, canvas painting, LEGOs, board games, popcorn, snow cones, a caricature artist and more.

Chew On This, Tuesday 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

SIL is also hosting a new leadership program initiative called “[Chew On This.](#)”

“Chew on This is a once a month leadership lunch discussion. Each month will focus on the different leadership topic or category style that you could incorporate into your personal life or into your organization,” said Jeremy Keller, program manager of leadership.

The first of the leadership series is “True Colors” on Jan. 21. Everyone who participates will be able to complete a survey based on how you feel as a leader and is broken down into one of four colors.

Future events in the leadership series will include a guest speaker. Participants are also entered into a raffle.

“[This leadership series] gets students outside of their close-knit bubble of friends and work with other organizations,” said Keller.

House Party, Wednesday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Wednesday is the Student Government Association (SGA) House of Representatives' House Party, a huge tabling fair for student organizations to recruit and reach out to students to try and get them involved on campus.

Spirit Kahoot, Thursday 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday is [Spirit Kahoot](#). In collaboration with the Residential Community Association (RCA), SGA, '67 Society and The Wright State Guardian, all organizations will have a series of questions that students will answer with the chance of winning a prize.

Raider Round Up, Friday 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Hosted by '67 Society and the collaborating organizations, [Raider Round Up](#) is on Friday. This pep rally will hype everyone up before the basketball game with free food and shirts and possible performances from the dance team, Surround Sound or the pep band.

“The best part about this year’s spirit week is that we’ve opened it up to a lot more collaborations. We’ve collaborated with a lot more student organizations this year than we have in [the] past,” said Jeffrey Shehee, UAB’s director of excursions.

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Raiders defeat Cleveland State Thursday night
Makenzie Hoferlin
January 21, 2020

Leading in points for the entire game, the Men's Basketball team started the weekend off with a 75-62 win over the Cleveland State Vikings.

Thursday's game also gave academically-successful student-athletes an opportunity to be recognized for their hard work in the classroom.

During halftime, a special event was held to recognize student-athletes of all sports who earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher during the fall semester. More than 150 outstanding student-athletes were recognized.

After the tip-off at 7 p.m. in the Nutter Center, the Raiders and Vikings were off to the races.

The Raiders started off strong, scoring right from the get-go. They took the lead and kept it throughout the entire game.

By the 12 minute mark, WSU had a 10-point lead. Cleveland State began to close the gap, but the Raiders ended the first half with a score of 32-25, and the they had no plans of slowing down.

Several players finished in double digits Thursday night including G Tanner Holden (2), G Cole Gentry (31), C Loudon Love (11) and F Grant Basile (21).

Freshmen Holden and Basile brought in early points for the team. Holden led the team with 16 points, nine rebounds and four assists.

Basile scored a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds; he didn't stop there, also contributing four blocks for the Raiders.

Gentry ended the night with 14 points of his own, racking up the quick points with four three-pointers. In his 31 minutes of play, he had 5-of-6 shooting and was named Player of the Game.

Love was just behind Gentry with 13 points.

This win brings the Raiders to a record of 16-4 overall and 6-1 in Horizon League play.

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Raider Roundup: What to know and how to go

Sarah Cavender

January 21, 2020

Wright State's student organization, The '67 Society is gearing up for their annual Raider Roundup celebration.

Open to everyone, the event starts at 7:30 p.m. in the McLin Gym before the Men's Basketball game against Northern Kentucky University, which starts at 9 p.m.

What does Raider Roundup have to do?

Students can get two free tickets with their student ID at the gate.

"This year, we have tons of food, giveaways to be used at the game, t-shirts, live performances from the dance team, pep band, show choir, and Raiderthon Morale captains. There are inflatables, yard games, raffle prizes, and a spirit station for face painting and sign making," Aaron Brautigam, president of The '67 Society said.

Last year Raider Roundup brought in, 750 attendees.

"Raider Roundup was the first basketball game I attended and it was so much fun," Logan Rex, student and member of The '67 Society said. "There was so much to do including watching other student organizations, multiple games and activities, and delicious food. It was so awesome seeing Wright State students had a great time while supporting our athletic teams!"

The event is open to all ages with those that attend include students, staff, alumni, families, faculty and community members.

"This event is really the sort-of "embodiment" of what The '67 Society's mission is," Brautigam said. "We work to support Wright State via Philanthropy, Community, and Alumni Engagement. One of my favorite things about Raider Roundup is seeing the Wright State Community come together and celebrate being a Raider."

One of the biggest parties with large scale collaboration

This event is a large scale collaboration with nine other organizations on campus.

"It is really rewarding to see all of my team's hard work come together. They have pulled together to collaborate with many different campus partners to make sure that this is a successful event. I'm

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excited to see how many people show up and go all out! This is one of those events that really highlights what the Wright State experience is all about,” Brautigam said.

Those that are collaborating for Raider Roundup include; Student Government Association, University Activities Board, Residential Community Association, Miracle Makers, The Wright State Guardian, Army ROTC, Barnes & Noble Bookstore, WSU Athletics, and the WSU Alumni Association.

“This is our second year collaborating with '67 Society for Raider Roundup and we can't wait for this year!” Alexis Hobbs, treasurer for Miracle Makers said. “It is such a fun event to have before the NKU game to get students pumped up. We are lucky to be a part of it.”

Student Government has worked with '67 on Raider Roundup for several years according to SGA president Ivan Mallett.

“It's one of the biggest parties open to the public that students host,” Mallett said. “We were glad that Aaron reached out to us again this year and we were able to help provide rally towels for this year's Raider Roundup.”

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Black Men on the Move holding elections, adding new positions
Alexis Wisler
January 22, 2020

Black Men on the Move is currently holding elections for the upcoming academic year. Along with adding a new position with the current election, the organization has several goals for this semester to improve their connection with students across campus.

New position and current election

Black Men on the Move will be holding their annual elections until March of this semester. All positions are up for election including the president.

The group has added a new position to assist the president with administration duties.

“We have all the same positions [up for election]. There is one new position that we created which basically is assistant president when handling things with the administration. We are still [holding] elections, but I think we might have an idea of who the incoming president will be,” said current President Kevin Jones.

Hopes for upcoming years

The group hopes to continue their work on their project, Retain the 9, as well as draw in more student engagement across campus.

The Black Student Union and Black Men on the Move would like to work together in the upcoming semester to generate more collaborations with multicultural organizations on campus.

“As far as the Black Student Union goes, in the years to come we would like to see more of the multicultural organizations create a lane for students that are minorities to sector off into the university,” said Da’von Hicks, current sitting vice president of the Black Student Union. “[Also,] more collaborations so we can have a widespread message because a lot of times we will have certain events with themes that are for awareness but we don’t have the audience that actually needs to hear those things.”

History

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Black Men on the Move started at Wright State in 1985 and works to strengthen the relationship between black men and the rest of campus. The Damon Bell Memorial Leadership Scholarship was started by Black Men on the Move and awards African American students who show academic integrity and leadership qualities.

Because of the group's long and important history, current members feel that it is important to keep the group alive.

"It was sort of a joint thing [between him and Jones] to [continue] an organization that has so much history because we didn't want it to just fall," current Vice President Malcolm Wilford said about joining the group in 2017.

What students should know

Black Men on the Move welcomes any student that holds the group's values and wishes to aid the group in their mission.

"Students should know that it is not limited to any specific gender and it's not limited to any specific race. Our focus is to strengthen the relationship between black men and Wright State University. Whoever agrees with that agenda and believes that they can add to the organization's structure and enforcement of that, we want you," said Wilford.

Students who wish to join can apply through the group's Engage page where they will also find a copy of the group's constitution.

Current elections for the next school year will be continuing until March of this semester.

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Dayton's Not Dead: City Coffeehouse
Marissa Couch
January 23, 2020

The City Coffeehouse may be a new name to the Huber Heights area, but the house has been around since the 1850s.

A not-so-new place in town

City Coffeehouse opened its doors in Dec. 2019 in an old farmhouse located in Huber Heights.

The house was home to politician Clara Weisenborn.

Weisenborn raised her two sons in the home and embarked on her political journey upon her children's growth into adulthood. Clara was a member of Ohio's House of Representatives and later achieved a spot on Ohio Senate, according to The City Coffeehouse's magazine, The Journey.

Weisenborn identified as a Republican and focused her service on health and education.

Whitney Caudill and Danius Williams purchased the home in Oct. 2018. Both owners have their own nonprofits that they own and operate on top of City Coffeehouse.

"You try to become a trade of all things," said Williams.

Williams and Caudill were inspired by Weisenborn's history and the impact she made while living in the home.

"Our expectation is to bring the community together."

"It's meant to be a reflection of the city. We want it to be diverse and inclusive, hopefully that's what people are sensing," said Williams.

City Coffeehouse works with the roaster, Coava Coffee, based out of Portland, Ore.

"Coava has been incredibly supportive. Their products are top-notch and they are actually making a difference in the lives of the farmers that they work with," said Williams. "We love that component of raw authenticity of really partnering with communities that we're doing business in."

Coava Coffee is an ethically-sourced roaster that was started in 2008, according to Coava's webpage.

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“We’ve seen some really cool relationships flourish just from people coming in,” said Williams. “We fell in love with coffee because of what it does. It’s a conversation starter, it’s soothing, it allows people to come together.”

The team behind the scenes

City Coffeehouse includes a diverse group of employees that Williams and Caudill carefully handpicked.

“As we were looking through candidates, we were looking for candidates who would value our core values and were passionate about bringing people together and could benefit from the work we’re trying to do.”

All employees were hired before opening with enough time to train and fully get to know one another before the coffee shop was open to the public.

“Each barista has their own named drink that they were able to decide would be on the menu,” said Williams.

The menu rotates the staff’s favorites.

Andrew Bautista, WSU graduate was hired at City Coffeehouse as a manager.

“No job has made me feel as fulfilled as working here, managing a team and working with coffee,” said Bautista.

Bautista’s staff pick is a popular menu item, the VTC, a vanilla toasted caramel latte with caramel topping.

“During my interview, they asked me to become a manager and after working here I decided that I wanted to open my roaster instead of going into advertising which was my original plan,” said Bautista.

Events to look out for

Williams and Caudill share a non-profit called The City Impact.

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“The City Impact is focused on being a support system for those who care for and support those who are hurting,” said Williams. “Social workers, first responders, people in nonprofit space, so we do a special discount for those folks.”

Some of the City Coffeehouse events will be geared towards them specifically while others will be interactive events to teach the community about coffee.

There are plans to use the space outside during the spring and summer months for community and music events outdoors.

City Coffeehouse is located at 4940 Chambersburg Road, Huber Heights, OH 45424.

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SGA meeting: what you missed

Alexis Wisler

January 23, 2020

On Jan. 21, the Student Government Association (SGA) held a public general meeting during which former University College Senator Zayneb Moumkine spoke out in hopes of reclaiming the position.

According to SGA's constitution, a vacant position can only be reacquired by the person that held it if two-thirds of the Senate vote yes. During a meeting in 2019, President Ivan Mallett declared the position held by Moumkine vacant due to unexcused absences from weekly general meetings.

Moumkine introduced herself to the members of SGA, then gave an apology for her absences.

"I held the university college position and I did a lot of work over the summer and towards the beginning of the semester. But due to some personal issues, I was unable to continue," said Moumkine.

Several members of the Senate asked her questions regarding her intentions and past accomplishments to determine if she should be reinstated.

After a 15-minute executive session, it was declared that the Senate voted not to reinstate Moumkine.

The position will now be open for applications as well as the college of education and human services senator and the director of internal affairs. All job listings and applications can be found on Handshake.

Catherine Hernandez, a student success coach, spoke about the Student Retention Team, which aims to increase course completion rates and overall retention rates. The Student Retention Team is currently looking for associates to assist with office duties and act as peer coaches for students.

Four positions will be open each semester. Students can apply on Handshake by searching for "Student Retention Associate."

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Fires continue to devastate Australia

Marissa Couch

January 23, 2020

Country-wide bushfires have been raging through Australia since November. Australia is currently in the thick of their summer, which begins in December and ends in February.

As the world watches the country rescue its people and animals from the blaze, Wright State University (WSU) President Dr. Susan Edwards is thinking about her family and her former home.

A native perspective

“I think I’m like the rest of the world where you just see the devastation for a large population of diverse animals that aren’t found anywhere else in the world. I think that’s really where this is really struck a chord with the world, but I think it’s a it’s a bigger conversation,” said Edwards.

Edwards has lived in the United States since 2007, according to WSU’s webpage.

“I could probably only name you a handful, and I lived there for 40 plus years, but I can only really name you a handful of years in my memory, where we were not in a drought,” said Edwards.

Australia has a Country Fire Authority (CFA) in which volunteer firemen are sent to fight the fires, according to Edwards.

Edwards’ brother-in-law is a captain in a local CFA.

The precautions

“Australia has always taken these things very seriously because it is one of the driest countries in the world,” said Edwards.

Australia’s summer months are referred to as fire season. Due to the dry climate, Australia often participates in water restrictions during this season, according to Edwards.

The Australian Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) imposes different levels of water restrictions according to the weather. The restrictions include restricted use of hoses and specific times of day that citizens can water their lawn to avoid risk of evaporation.

Australian citizens are accustomed to these practices after having lived in this environment. Fire season isn’t taken lightly, it’s something that is imposed upon the people from a very young age, according to Edwards.

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“Having grown up spending time in those areas as a kid, that’s the sad part,” said Edwards. “Those areas, they will rebuild just like everywhere else but it will always be in the back of people’s mind.”

Edwards had a deep connection to Australian fires from the start. Her father retired from the local CFA.

“He [Edwards’ father] would disappear for weeks on end. People give you time off work to go out and fight these fires. so I remember him disappearing for weeks on end, there’s no cell phones in those days,” said Edwards. “I remember him leaving to go to that and I can still smell the smell of when he came home because it was just this burnt smoke smell.”

The changing environment

“Australia is often thought of as the canary in the coal mine when it comes to the effects of climate change. The effects of climate change being seen here, most severely and the earliest are perhaps what we are looking at in terms of climate change in other parts of the world,” Edwards quoted from Chris Dickman, professor in the Faculty of Science at The University of Sydney.

Kangaroo Island was deeply affected by the fires.

The island has a huge population of koalas and kangaroos, of which they were put there for a safe space. This island contained the only koalas that do not contain a susceptibility to chlamydia, and massive amounts of life have been lost, according to Edwards.

“Something is happening to our climate. We are losing our polar ice caps, and we’re seeing the oceans warming. You know, there is something happening and we’re not really doing a great deal about it,” said Edwards.

Red Cross Australia and the Australia Zoo are two prime sites for donation, according to Edwards.

“I think the thing that people need to be wary of is donating, there are a number of very credible sites for donations out there, but people always need to do their homework on where they donate,” said Edwards.

WSU does not have any students directly from Australia, according to Michelle Streeter-Ferrari, director of University Center for International Education (UCIE).

Artwork in the CAC: We have answers, but more questions?

Makenzie Hoeflerlin

January 23, 2020

“They wanted to make artworks in the space in the building,” said Glen Cebulash, chair and professor of Art for the Art History Department. “And so then they asked me if I would help facilitate that, and that’s what I have done.”

Changes to the Creative Arts Center

Those familiar with the Creative Arts Center (CAC) on Wright State’s Dayton Campus may have noticed some changes to their surroundings lately.

One of the more obvious changes occurred in one of the elevators in the CAC. For the longest time, the elevator was painted a plain grey. Then suddenly, the elevator was painted yellow, covered in handwritten words from top to bottom.

“I think its cool, I was amazed when I first saw it,” said Luma, 25. “I think it took a lot of effort and time to write all that.”

Many of the students at WSU have different speculations and opinions about the artwork in the elevator.

“I think that it just feels like you’re walking into someone else’s brain,” said Maytee, 23. “In the way that it’s just overwhelming. I do like it though in the way that it’s different than everything else.”

An anonymous artist

According to Cebulash, he was contacted through email by Betrüg Kunst, who claimed to be an artist.

Cebulash claims to know nothing about the artist except their name and email address.

Cebulash was not willing to disclose the email address or any of the emails that took place between him and the supposed artist.

“I didn’t know this artist,” said Cebulash. “And I don’t even know whether that’s a man or woman. I think it’s a woman. I’ve never had a conversation with them, but I was interested in what she wanted to do. And so I agreed to help facilitate that.”

Cebulash has only ever communicated with Kunst through email.

“I have no information about this person at all,” said Cebulash. “But there were just a series of back and forth emails, and then I just eventually was convinced that they were serious and that they wanted to do these things, and so I tried.”

Mysterious art project

Upon answering the email, Cebulash was asked to carry out specific tasks, such as writing words in the elevator.

“They’re using me,” said Cebulash. “I’m the facilitator. I helped them realize the piece, but it [the artwork] is theirs.”

Cebulash explained that he does not take credit for the artwork, but simply helps display it for the artist.

In the case of the elevator, Cebulash was asked to write a very famous set of poems called “The Duino elegies” by a poet named Rainer Maria Rilke on the walls of the elevator.

According to Cebulash, the artist spoke as if she had knowledge of the campus.

“She knew about this space,” said Cebulash. “So, I would assume that she must have seen it, but, again, I have no idea.”

Multiple projects

The elevator is not the only piece of artwork that Cebulash has “facilitated” for this anonymous artist. There are several areas around the CAC that display Kunst’s art.

Completing these projects is time-consuming and sometimes difficult.

Cebulash typically spends around 10 hours on a single project and often has to ask for keys to get into locked areas.

All of the art projects have taken place within the last year, but Cebulash has not heard from Kunst since early November.

Cebulash has tried to look Kunst up on the internet but has found nothing.

“I don’t even know if it’s a real name,” said Cebulash.

Sharing the art

Although Cebulash does not know the artist or the purpose behind the projects, he continues to devote his time and efforts to share the art with Wright State.

The real identity of Betrüg Kunst and the motivation behind their secrecy is still a mystery, and it may always be, but there could be a hidden message behind the creations.

It seems Kunst has left the interpretation up to the observers of the art.

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Video Game Talk: “Celeste”

Trey Brown

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A game that is sure to keep your frustration levels at an all-time high, “Celeste” is the most frustrating beauty of a game.

The game’s plot is simple: there’s a young woman named Madeline and she wants to climb Celeste Mountain. Over the course of the game, players are able to witness just how perilous this journey is for her, in both practicality and metaphorically.

The game itself is a platformer where jumping and dashing to open platforms is the key to victory. The only problem is that the level design is amazing and geared to make the player work for success.

In other words, this game is HARD. On the third chapter of the game, I lost over 1,000 times (I’m sure it was 2,000 times over a three-hour session). This was where my frustration stemmed from throughout. But to be fair, I was never frustrated at the game, because I never felt like it was a hopeless endeavor.

The game simulates what it’s like to climb a mountain without actually simulating that at all. “Celeste” is supposed to be a tough game because climbing a mountain is tough, more than that I’m sure.

Which brings me to Madeline, the main character of this sure-to-be indie classic. As the story progresses, we see her layers start to unravel both literally and figuratively. Her dark opposite manifests itself early on in the game and literally hinders her progress up the mountain.

We also see Madeline dealing with her anxiety and insecurities throughout.

A prime example of her anxiety is when her dark side causes a hotel gondola to stop, inducing immediate panic. This may seem like a minor thing at first until you consider that the dark side of Madeline represents her anxiety, depression and insecurities.

To take that a step further, her dark side was gaining the upper hand on her in that moment.

It’s only after she is calmed by her new acquaintance Theo that she relaxes and continues her journey up the mountain. The symbolism in this game is pretty smart to say the least.

Madeline’s climb is a way for her to prove herself to herself; it’s a challenge that she doesn’t want to be scared away from. Madeline is also grappling with her mental health and her methods for coping aren’t sustainable. She makes some friends along her journey who help her see herself in a brighter light.

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She makes the climb successfully and it requires her to be her whole self. Which is a light spoiler but, if “Endgame” has taught us anything, it’s that the journey matters most, not how it ends.

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Former WSU faculty nominated for 2020 Oscars

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The 2020 Oscars will be held on Feb. 9. Among nominations for Best Documentary is “American Factory,” directed by former WSU faculty and alum Julia Reichert and Steven Bognar.

Julia Reichert

Julia Reichert taught film production at Wright State for nearly 30 years in the Department of Theatre, Dance and Motion Pictures. She has since retired from the university with “professor emeritus” status.

Other films directed by Reichert include “Growing Up Female,” “Union Maids” and “Seeing Red.” According to the Wright State Newsroom, Reichert was the 2018 recipient of the International Documentary Association’s Career Achievement Award.

Steven Bognar

In 1986, Steven Bognar graduated from the motion pictures program at Wright State. He was also a faculty member in the Department of Theatre, Dance and Motion Picture alongside Reichert.

According to PBS, Bognar’s first film “Personal Belongings” won several awards including the Golden Gate Award at the San Francisco International Film Festival and Best First Film at the Ann Arbor Film Festival.

A team

Reichert and Bognar are married and live near Dayton, Ohio. Along with “American Factory,” the filmmaking duo have produced several documentaries together including: “A Lion in the House,” “The Last Truck” and “Sparkle.”

According to United States Artists, “A Lion in the House” won a Primetime Emmy and was nominated for an Independent Spirit Award. “The Last Truck” was also nominated for an Academy Award.

“American Factory”

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Produced by Michelle and Barack Obama's production company, this film follows a Chinese billionaire and his company's achievements and setbacks in Dayton.

This company starts up in an old General Motors factory. According to The New York Times, Reichert and Bognar documented the General Motors factory closing and turned it into their 2009 film "The Last Truck."

The team revisited this site six years later to film "American Factory." The film aired on Netflix on Aug. 21, 2019 and won the 2019 Sundance Institute Directing Award.

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WSU vs. NKU: How the last five years played into these schools' rivalry
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Wright State University (WSU) and Northern Kentucky University (NKU) hold the most intense rivalry in the Horizon League, starting in 2015 when NKU joined the league.

NKU and WSU have fought back and forth for years, taking turns earning Horizon League titles and going to the NCAA Championships.

“Our biggest rival every year since I’ve been here has been Northern Kentucky,” said Scott Nagy, head coach of WSU Men’s Basketball. “They’re the closest school in the league. Even if neither one of us were any good, we would have that rivalry built, and the fact that we’re both good just kind of ups the intensity.”

This intense, long-term rivalry began in July of 2015 when it was announced that NKU would be joining the Horizon League.

The addition gave WSU their first national geographic rival since Butler University left the league a few years before.

From 2015 until now, WSU and NKU have put students and fans on the edge of their seats for each and every one of their games.

“I think the biggest thing about playing in a game like Wright State is that we know they are a really good basketball team, but we respect everyone in our league,” said NKU Head Coach Darrin Horn. “Obviously right now, they are in first and we are in second [in the conference.] There is some implication, but that implication is in January. We feel like every game on the schedule is important.”

2015 – 2016 Season

On Saturday, Jan. 9 of the 2015-16 season, NKU and WSU renewed their DII rivalry that saw 26 contests. Wright State was NKU and former Head Coach John Brannen’s first ever home Horizon League match up. The game ended in WSU’s favor 60-46.

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At halftime, the Norse were up 28-27, but during the second half, the Raiders shot 50 percent from the field and 60 percent from the 3-point line. The Raiders held NKU to 18 points for the half; NKU's shooting went from 63.16 percent the first half to 22.73 percent in the final.

At the time, Raiders junior guard Mark Alstork led the pack with 18 points, followed by senior forward JT Yoho with 13 points, and senior guard Joe Thomasson with 11 points and seven rebounds.

None of the Norse broke double digits. The leading scorer for the Norse was senior forward/center Jalen Billups, who broke into the 1,000-point club with a dunk. Billups was one point and one rebound shy of a double-double.

The Norse and Raiders met up for a second time on Feb. 20 at the Nutter Center, starting the DI rivalry off 2-0 in WSU's favor. This game was more evenly matched opposed to the game a month before. At the half, Wright State had the lead 32-27 and even built their lead to 13 points, but the Norse took a run to bring the game within three.

Thomassen still a leading scorer against the Norse with 10 points. Senior center Michael Karena took over for the Raiders with 17 points and sophomore guard Grant Benzinger followed with 16 points.

This battle, three Norse were in double digits led by senior guard Tyler White with 21 points; junior guard Cole Murray and freshman forward Drew McDonald each had 11 points.

Wright state went on to play in the finals of the Horizon League tournament, losing to Green Bay 78-69.

2016 – 2017 Season

This season, NKU made a clean sweep against the Raiders, granting them their first appearance in the NCAA tournament.

In every contest, Alstork was either the top scorer or in the top three with 20 or more points. Alstork lead with 27 points, shooting 4-of-8 from the 3-point line. He was followed by junior guard Justin Mitchell with 18 points and senior forward Steven Davis with 15 points.

McDonald led NKU to their 83-79 win with 20 points and seven rebounds. Senior guard Cole Murray and freshman guard Caron Williams had 14 points a piece.

The following contest was another close game with a score of 83-76 in NKU's favor. Alstork again was the leader in points for the Raiders with 24 points and eight rebounds. Benzinger followed with 20 points and Davis had 13.

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NKU had Murray leading with 23 points, shooting 5-of-10 from the 3-point line. Senior guard Lavone Holland II had 19 points, six assists and five rebounds. McDonald scored 18 for the night.

The last match of the season was in the first round of the Horizon League tournament. Benzinger kept the Raiders in tow with 29 points, Alstork and Mitchell had 22 and 12 points, respectively.

NKU's 82-77 win carried them onto the next round of the tournament where they eventually grabbed their first Horizon League Championship. In that game, four Norse scored in double digits, led by Williams with 17 points.

2017 – 2018 Season

During the 2017-18 season, NKU lost only three times in Horizon League play: twice to Wright State and once to Cleveland State. Post-season, the team went on to play the University of Louisville in the NIT, losing 66-58.

Wright State lost to four conference opponents: Cleveland, IUPUI and Milwaukee twice. The Raiders went on to post-season play, defeating Cleveland State in the Horizon League finals 74-57. The Raiders took the trip to Dallas, Tex. and faced no. 3 University of Tennessee; WSU lost the battle 72-47.

NKU and WSU started the year off with a Thursday night game at Northern Kentucky. Both teams were in a tie and fighting for the first place spot in Horizon League play.

In an extremely close 84-81 decision, but WSU took home a win and a league record of 5-0.

WSU not only took the first place spot in the league, but also broke NKU's 13-game home winning streak.

The Raiders ended the night 13-5 overall, adding another win to their previous five in a row. The Norse fell to 4-1 in the conference and 11-6 overall.

Almost a month later, it was time for NKU to step into the Nutter Center for another round.

NKU fought tremendously throughout the entire game, but unfortunately, it just wasn't enough to keep up with WSU. NKU was always just short of catching up to the Raiders, but eventually, the timer ran out with a final score of 69-67.

It was a tough game for both teams.

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Wright State ended the night 20-8 overall and 12-3 in the conference while Northern Kentucky fell to 19-8 overall and 12-3 in the conference.

2018 - 2019

NKU started last season off strong, ready for the WSU game with a Horizon League record of 3-1, compared to the Raiders' 2-2 record.

Truly anyone's game from the beginning, there were seven lead changes and 10 different ties, keeping everyone on their feet in anticipation.

It was yet another close game between the two rivals, but NKU came out on top for a home victory in a four-point game.

With the final score of 68-64, the win brought NKU to 14-4 overall as WSU fell to 8-10.

A month later, the Raiders were given a chance to redeem themselves, this time on their own court.

Down 16 points in the first half, the Raiders made a huge comeback, taking the lead and eventually winning the game.

By the eight-minute mark, the score was 37-24 NKU and it seemed that WSU would not catch up.

WSU continued to put the ball in the basket though, and by half time, the score was 49-44 NKU. The Raiders continued to push through and eventually took the first lead of the game, 54-53, with just 15 minutes left on the clock.

The score bounced back and forth until the last minute, with the final being an 81-77 win for the Raiders.

The win put WSU in a tie with NKU for first place in the Horizon League.

With both teams 10-4 in Horizon League play, WSU went to 16-11 overall and NKU went to 20-7.

After a win for both teams in the regular season and a tie for the title, it was anyone's game as they met in Detroit for the conference tournament.

In an intense fight for the win, NKU took the Horizon League Tournament Championship title for the second time in three years, ending the season with a 77-66 win over the Raiders.

The Norse entered into the NCAA tournament, falling to no. 3 Texas Tech in the first round.

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Although WSU lost the tournament, they received their first-ever bid to the National Invitation Tournament.

Now

Currently, the Raiders have a record of 17-4 overall and 7-1 in conference play. They have won 10 of their last 11 home games.

NKU is sitting just behind WSU, coming off of a five-game winning streak with a conference record of 6-2 and an overall record of 14-6.

The winner of Friday night's game will finish first place in the Horizon League. With WSU sitting first and NKU in a close second, it could be anyone's game.

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How the Middle Eastern conflict affects WSU students

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After recent actions from the U.S. President against Iran, the political climate is all but harmonious. With talks of enacting a military draft, a possible World War, and considering the large amount of military and international students at Wright State, how will students be affected?

Military students

If military action was to be taken, this would affect those students that are in the Army National Guard, Air Force or international guard in Ohio, or those on reserve status, as well as active-duty students.

“Where those students are concerned, if things escalate and they have to deploy, we [will] work to make sure that [a] disruption is as smooth and seamless as possible,” said Dr. Seth Gordon, director of the Veteran and Military Center (VMC.)

While there are resources that explain to students what they should do if they get deployed, students are encouraged to pay attention and communicate as much as they can with their faculty.

Inform your professor of your position in the National Guard, reserve or military and ask for recommendations. Don't wait.

“We do guarantee they don't have to pay to reapply; they will be readmitted and start where they want and will get a full refund no matter what happens,” said Dr. Gordon.

Gordon also stresses the importance of not acting until you see orders.

Often, students will offer to bring their schoolwork while on active duty. Gordon strongly advises against this; focus on your mission.

“For those students that are in those situations, their education may be disrupted, and it's our job to make sure that it's easier for them to finish when they come back,” said Gordon.

International students

For international students, in the study abroad program or involved with the University Center for International Education (UCIE), concerns as to who they can go to for support might cause worry. Dr.

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Szilvia Jenei, licensed psychologist for Counseling and Wellness Services (CWS) and liaison with UCIE, advises students in need to utilize counseling services.

“The beginning of the semester can be a challenging time for students as they adjust to new schedules and classes. For international students, they may also be adjusting to a new environment and city,” said Dr. Jenei. “When students begin to notice that they are feeling overwhelmed and/or worried, or they notice changes in their eating/sleeping patterns, I would encourage them to talk to someone. Staff at UCIE and CWS are available to provide support and assistance to students.”

Another great resource available for any student to utilize is Student Advocacy and Wellness.

Aside from these services, it is also important for the campus and community, as a whole, to show support.

“Support can be shown by asking one another how the other person is doing, feeling, thinking. So often people ask ‘how are you’ and the immediate response is ‘fine’ or ‘ok’ but if we noticed that our friends or peers are behaving differently, or are showing signs of isolating/withdrawing from others, maybe their ‘I’m fine’ response is masking what’s truly underneath (fear, worry, isolation),” said Jenei.

CWS is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Raiders sweep NKU on Friday night
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On Friday night, Raiders packed the Nutter Center to watch Wright State University (WSU) defend their first place Horizon League title against Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

WSU won the tip-off and did not let down once. Staying in the lead for the entire game, the final score was 95-63.

As league rivals, the game was suspected to be a close one, but the Raiders had different plans.

At the beginning of the month, NKU played the University of Illinois bringing home a win of 68-52. Just two days later on Jan. 12, WSU played the same exact team and lost 72-76.

Such a big lead for WSU came as a surprise to many, but it only fueled the energy in the Nutter Center.

With a win margin of 32 points, this game was the third-largest victory margin against NKU, only falling behind games played when both teams were still in Division II.

A total of six WSU players ended the night in double digits: G Tanner Holden (2), C Loudon Love (11), G Cole Gentry (31), F Bill Wampler (1), G Jalon Hall (0), and G Trey Calvin (10).

Holden and Love led the team in points, both with double-doubles. Holden had 20 points and 13 rebounds while Love had 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Trey Calvin made four three-pointers, earning his 12 points. Bill Wampler was another high scorer of the night with 19 points, just behind Holden.

The Raiders are now 18-4 overall and 8-1 in the Horizon League.

The game was definitely one to remember, with over 6,000 in attendance sporting free t-shirts and glow sticks.

It all started with Raider Roundup up 7:30 p.m., put together by nine different organizations on campus. The event included activities for students such as free food, giveaways, raffles, live performances, and a spirit station.

WSU Head Coach Scott Nagy also coached barefoot in support of Samaritan's feet.

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Governor of Ohio Mike Dewine made a special appearance at the game and even posed for a picture with the student section.