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Weekly Horoscopes
Star Signer
February 24, 2020

It's Pisces season dear star children! Emotions and miscommunications are not far. What does the universe have in store for you this week?

ARIES

Aries, 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.

TAURUS

For so long Taurus 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 at Tutys, over and over and over again. Let this person know you appreciate them.

GEMINI

Don't let the feelings of discouragement get to you this week Gemini. You are capable and you are powerful. The stars know that picking the right filter for your insta worthy picture is hard, but go with your gut. However you can't go wrong with valencia.

CANCER

Single and ready to mingle Cancer? 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!

LEO

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Have you felt watched lately Leo? 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.

VIRGO

On Thursday you will encounter a man dressed as a warlock dear Virgo. This man has many secrets of the art of studying. Trust his words and apply them to your classes. He might not be a warlock but a teacher but you know it's fine.

LIBRA

Don't pass up that scratch-off lotto ticket machine this week Libra. Get yourself a ticket and you might find yourself \$15 richer! Take that money to a nearby ice cream shop and indulge in your favorite dish. You will meet the love of your life while waiting on your ice cream.

SCORPIO

Are you unhappy with your job Scorpio? The stars sense instability in your career and see that your boss is a total airhead. We suggest starting your own business! Try your hand at flower arrangements, incorporate unique objects and candy into them!

SAGITTARIUS

The moon is centered with Mars this week Sagittarius giving you time to reflect on your relationships. If your partner likes to throw trash on the ground instead of throwing it in the designated trash can then throw that person away. If they treat the Earth like trash they prob treat you like trash too.

CAPRICORN

You'll find yourself in an intense mood this week Capricorn. People will feel you staring holes through their heads and running from you. Take a moment to reflect on why you're emotions are running high. It's okay to admit that you drove to Chickfila on a Sunday.

AQUARIUS

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Avoid people using juuls Aquarius. They are not trustworthy. During the weekend your patience will be tested but you will remain resilient. Try some breathing techniques and a nap.

PISCES

Excitement at work or in your public life arrives this week Pisces. The Moon is encouraging you to get organized and be productive to achieve your goals. Also take time on Sunday to reflect on your habits around health and wellness, those extra Bang drinks might be catching up to you.

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Wright State SGA tables resolutions, discusses SOAR changes

Shaddia Qasem

February 24, 2020

During the Student Government Association's (SGA) general meeting on Feb. 18, members passed one resolution, motioned to table two others and discussed possible updates to the SOAR program.

Resolution 20-07: Recruitment of a Vice Provost for Student Affairs (VPSA)

The role of VPSA, which became vacant on Oct. 18, 2019, is crucial to the advocacy for students.

Without a VPSA, students do not have an avenue to communicate concerns or ideas to administration on behalf of Student Affairs; student empowerment is limited as a result of lack of communication between students and administration.

Administration is urged to recognize the need for a new VPSA and expedite the search process while keeping students involved and informed.

This resolution was put forth with the intention to be tabled during SGA's next meeting.

Resolution 20-08: Honoring Dean's Student Advisory Boards (DSABs)

Resolution 20-08 is dedicated to honoring the work of DSABs for their contributions toward academia and advocacy for students in every existing program on campus.

Resolution 20-8 was passed.

Resolution 20-09: The Importance of a Liberal Arts Degree

The College of Liberal Arts is one of the largest colleges of Wright State, offering over 100 degrees, certificates and programs, each offering unique and vital experiences and learning opportunities.

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Students can gain exposure to: service-based volunteering, student organization leadership, and campus involvement, research projects, study abroad trips, student employment, and work-study, internships and the award-winning theatre.

The Theatre, Dance, and Motion Picture, Art, Art history and the School of Music departments enhances creative environments in Dayton with multiple alumni going on to receive academy and Tony awards.

This resolution was tabled and will be re-visited during the next SGA meeting.

Possible SOAR update

SOAR is a Student Organization Achievement Recognition program designed to help student organizations improve.

Setting up a point system to distribute through an organization's event is an incentive and encouragement for students to get involved, earn points and engage with partners on campus, such as the bookstore.

This is a rough concept still in the works and not a definite update to the program.

SGA meetings are held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Atlantis Room 157A/B in the Student Union.

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Men's and Women's Basketball teams celebrate their seniors
Makenzie Hoferlin
February 24, 2020

As the basketball season is coming to a close, both teams have taken the time to honor their seniors in the last few home games.

Women's Basketball

On Saturday afternoon, the women defeated UIC 79-55, adding another win to their record while raising awareness for the Kay Yow Cancer Fund.

It was a special win for the three seniors: Jalise Beck, Teneshia Dixon and Michal Miller.

Jalise Beck

A guard for WSU, Beck has been a faithful player on the team from her freshman year all the way to her senior year.

Teneshia Dixon

A 6' 1" forward, Dixon started playing for Wright State in 2017 and has stayed on the team since.

She has a game high of 10 points which she earned in the game against UIC earlier this month.

Michal Miller

A leading scorer for the Raiders, Miller is going to be difficult to replace next year.

After playing her freshman year at Arizona State and transferring to Trinity Valley for her sophomore year, Miller finally ended up at WSU where she has stayed to finish out her senior year.

With a game high of 24 points, Miller is competing with her record last year of 11.6 points per game on average.

Men's Basketball

Last Sunday, the men celebrated their seniors with a win over IUPUI of 106-66 while honoring Ryan Custer in senior ceremonies and as Player of the Game.

Center Loudon Love wore Custer's jersey, number 33, scoring 18 points for the Raiders.

Through "Dear Wright State" videos, the seniors expressed thanks to WSU, the coaches, staff, teammates and fans for all the support.

Jordan Ash

"Although our time together has been short, I want to thank you for making me feel at home and a part of the family since day one," said Ash.

Ash played most of his college career at Northwestern University until 2019 when he transferred to Wright State for his senior year.

While at WSU, Ash has played as a guard with game-high points at 11 against Mississippi Valley State.

Bill Wampler

A leader on and off the court, Wampler has been a leading scorer since he joined the Raiders his junior year after transferring from Drake University.

"I came in alone not knowing anyone or what to expect, and I left with a second family," said Wampler. "You've given me the opportunity to grow from a boy to a man."

Recently gaining attention for his advocacy for athletes to speak up against mental health, Wampler has opened up about his struggles and has grown incredibly while playing for WSU.

Cole Gentry

"The last few years have been incredible and I can't imagine playing anywhere else," said Gentry.

Transferring from South Dakota State in 2017, Gentry has been with WSU ever since and has proved to be a vital asset to the team.

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With game-high minutes at 41 and points at 21, Gentry has continued to be a reliable teammate and leader for the Raiders.

Ryan Custer

Now a senior, Custer last played on the court for the Raiders in 2016 before suffering from an accident that left him unable to walk.

Despite this, Custer has remained a part of the Raider family and always will.

“You guys continued to treat me like I was part of the team and that has helped me more than you will ever know,” said Custer. “I love you guys like family.”

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Wright State Crime Notes
Shaddia Qasem
February 25, 2020

During the past week, a total of six incidents, three on-campus and three residential, were reported to Wright State University's Police Department.

Trespassing

On Feb. 14, a trespassing offense was reported in the Student Union, closing with an arrest.

On Feb. 20, a trespassing offense was made in Oak Hall. A drug offense was reported in Hickory Hall the same day.

Drug Offense

On Feb. 15, a drug offense was reported in Hawthorn Hall.

On Feb. 17, a sex offense was reported in Fawcett Hall. A report of larceny in the Mathematical & Microbiological Sciences building was made later that day.

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Black Student Union hosts Heritage Ball

Shaddia Qasem

February 25, 2020

On Feb. 20, the Black Student Union (BSU) hosted its annual Heritage Ball, an event dedicated to celebrating black excellence. Over 100 people were in attendance, including students from other colleges.

Awards

Throughout the ball, awards were given to different organizations and students on campus and included Heritage Ball royalty.

The awards presented were:

- President's award
- Most impactful freshmen
- Impactful faculty
- Best fraternity/sorority of National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
- The Do What You Say You're Going to Do award
- Successful alumni and black entrepreneur of the year

The president's award went to Aleigha Mayle, best sorority went to Epsilon Chi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., best fraternity went to Pi Phi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., most impactful freshmen went to Lauren Harris and Dyamontre Harris, impactful faculty went to Dr. Nicole Carter, black entrepreneur award went to Evan Sumlin, successful alumni award went to Brittney Neal and Do What You Say You're Going to Do Award went to Kevin Jones.

"My favorite part of [the night] was acknowledging students and organizations for their hard work. It's an amazing thing when people do good work and it gets recognition," said organizational leadership major Malcolm Wilford (DJ Sneaks.)

Performances

The night included special performances from the Kappa league, His Presence Ministries, DJ Sneaks and a keynote from WSU alumni Brittney Neal, who now works in Atlanta with the Trap Music Museum.

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“[I enjoyed the moment] when people start arriving in their outfit and socialize with friends and mingling,” said Dorian Buford, BSU event coordinator.

Takeaways

“I hope people [were inspired] to keep going and not think wherever they are now [in life] is stagnant,” said Precious Claytor, president of BSU.

Buford stresses the importance of coming together and standing united, in strength.

“What I took away from the event was acknowledging black excellence and the keynote speech. [Neal] talked about not giving up and always expanding your opportunities to get more out of life and, most importantly, enjoying your time at WSU and [making] connections,” said Wilford.

Events and collaborations

BSU collaborated with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to host Pick Up the Mic and Kill It, an open mic night for students, on Feb. 24.

BSU is also collaborating with Student Government Association (SGA) and Black Men on the Move (BMOTM) on Feb. 26 for a Black History Month event where awards will be given away.

Unity

“This event and organization is open to everyone. Even though it’s called the Black Student Union, anyone is welcome,” said Buford.

Community and solidarity plays an important role in this organization.

“Our motto is Recruit, Retain, Unify for the black community, but that doesn’t mean you can’t join us and do the same,” said Claytor.

BSU will be accepting cabinet applications in March.

Students can keep up with BSU through their Instagram, @theblackstudentunion, Twitter, @thewsubsu and their Engage page.

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Raiders receive votes in AP Top 25 poll two weeks in a row

Makenzie Hoferlin

February 25, 2020

The Wright State Men's Basketball team has received votes in the Associated Press Top 25 poll for two weeks in a row.

What is the poll?

Every week, the Associated Press releases a poll naming the top 25 college basketball teams in the country.

A new and updated list is released every week during the college basketball season and a final poll is released after the field for the NCAA tournament is selected.

Selected AP members who are either sports writers, sports broadcasters or have wide knowledge of the sports teams are the ones who vote on the poll.

Each state has its own voter and voters are rotated every year.

Relevance

Currently, Baylor University holds the no. 1 spot and the University of Dayton isn't far behind at no. 5.

Other colleges receiving votes include Michigan State with 87 and Cincinnati with 14, along with many others.

Although Wright State only received one vote, it is the first time in program history that they have received any votes at all from the AP Top 25 poll.

Wright State has now received a vote in both week 15 and week 16 of the poll.

A record season

Nearing the end of their season, the Raiders currently sit at a record of 24-6 overall and 14-3 in Horizon League play.

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They are also undefeated at home in league play and hold the first place spot in the Horizon League.

With their win on senior day, the team also received a double-bye into the semifinals of the Horizon League Championship.

Wright State is one of the 11 remaining teams in the country with 21 or more victories and the only D1 team in the country in top 10 for both scoring and rebounding.

This year, the league championships will be held in Indianapolis and the Raiders will be playing on March 2 and 3.

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Snow days: Wright State's plan for bad weather

Marissa Couch

February 25, 2020

Spring comes with the risk of inclement weather conditions. This brings the potential for closings and delays for school, including college campuses.

Wright State University's plan of action varies depending on the campus affected.

Dayton Campus

The decision to delay or close the campus is primarily made by the provost with advice from WSU's Chief of Police, David Finnie, as well as the campus' grounds-crew.

"Ideally, we'd like to make a decision as early in the morning as possible when there is a potential delay or closure. We have groups on campus that come in as early as 6 a.m. so the target is by 5 a.m.," said Interim Provost Dr. Douglas Leaman.

Despite campus closing, there are still personnel that have an obligation to come to the Dayton Campus, according to Dr. Leaman.

"Winter weather closures have a very limited group of essential people, mostly focused on facility maintenance for obvious reasons," said Leaman. "Other emergencies have different lists, including some types of natural disasters where there are a number of people that come in to staff phone lines, etc. But with winter weather it is a fairly small number that is needed to keep campus operations going."

There are three classifications of snow emergencies, according to the Ohio.gov webpage:

Level one snow emergencies: Drive with caution

Level two snow emergencies: Travel only if necessary

Level three snow emergencies: Roads are closed and special permission must be given to drive

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“For example, if you’ve got animals under your care, we frequently will give permission and that goes through the area police departments to make sure they can get to campus and take care of things,” said Leaman. “Things do go on here that have to go on 24/7, every day of the year. A lot of that still goes on even when the university is closed.”

Lake Campus

Classes at WSU’s Lake Campus have been delayed twice in the current semester, due to differing weather conditions that impacted the area more severely than Dayton.

“It’s their call to make the decision, which is made in many of the same ways as the main campus,” said Leaman.

There is an expectation for the dean of the Lake Campus to notify the provost about any news of delays or cancellation at the Lake Campus, according to Dr. Dan Krane, interim dean for the Lake Campus.

There is a very limited amount of people that are allowed on the Lake Campus when there is a delay or closure, according to Krane.

“It’s less than 10 people that are allowed to be on the campus including grounds people,” said Dr. Krane.

Lake Campus has a high percentage of commuter students, therefore they have to be more aware of the surrounding roads, which are open and more subject to blowing snow.

According to Krane, there are only about 90 students who live in Lake Campus housing compared to 1,650 students altogether.

“As we’re talking it through in the morning, we’re thinking about the people who are going to be driving through it first,” said Krane.

The intended time frame of making the decision to delay or close the Lake Campus is with at least two hours’ notice, according to Krane.

“Safety is the first consideration. Faculty and staff should exercise their own best judgment. If they don’t feel that the circumstances are safe, they’ll understand and make the decision to stay home,” said Krane.

The decision is not taken lightly for either campus.

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“Universities need to be conservative in their closures because there is a lot at stake. There are lab courses that meet only once a week, there are schedules that become difficult to make up,” said Leaman.

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What you need to know about Wright State summer classes

Natalie Cunningham

February 26, 2020

For many the school year doesn't stop after spring semester. Wright State students can now register for the summer term courses through their WingsExpress account.

The different departments on campus decide the course schedule for each semester, including the summer semester.

The schedule went up on Jan. 21 this year and can be found on WingsExpress, according to Amy Chin, academic advisor.

What to look for

There are different groups for registering for summer courses based on years of college education and academic standing.

Some groups have priority scheduling over others; students can find their group and corresponding registration date on WingsExpress, according to Chin.

Summer breakdown

The summer semester is 12 weeks long but is broken into two terms: A-Term and B-Term.

Some courses are only one term long, meaning they are six weeks. Some courses are both terms long, meaning they are the full semester's length of weeks, according to Chin.

"Summer classes usually, especially if they're A-Term or B-Term, they will cover the same amount of material as you would in a fall or spring class but it's a lot more condensed. As a student it's important to pay attention to your workload and your outside commitments," said Chin. "You might have, maybe, a test once a month in a traditional fall or spring course but in a summer course you might have a test once a week. It's just important to look at your course-load and make sure you're not going to overcommit yourself."

Payment, tuition



Students can select a four-year payment plan for summer and the enrollment dates from April 1 to May 14 have a down payment of five percent.

The enrollment dates from May 15 to May 31 have a down payment of 37 percent. The application fee is listed as either \$25 or \$50, according to Raider Connect.

Last day for summer class registration

The last day to apply for summer semester 2020 is May 4 for A and C-term courses and June 15 for B-term.

Registration for summer semester 2020 for all students will be open on Feb. 22.

Summer semester begins May 11 and fees for summer semester are due on April 15, according to Michael Griest, director of Student Enrollment Services.

Students can request that their financial aid award include aid for the summer semester. Most of the time, there is no additional aid available for the summer semester and the financial aid is divided between the three semesters, rather than just fall and spring semester, according to Griest.

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Music Review: “The Slow Rush” by Tame Impala

Maxwell Patton

February 26, 2020

Tame Impala’s new studio album entitled “The Slow Rush” was released to prospective listeners on Valentine’s Day.

This was the fourth studio album from the Australian band and the release of this record was preceded by five singles: “Borderline,” “It Might Be Time,” “Posthumous Forgiveness,” “Lost in Yesterday” and “Breathe Deeper.”

“The Slow Rush” is a well-made indie record that takes its time telling a story while not dragging it out and making everything seem worn.

Highlights

1. “Breathe Deeper”

The latest single to be released from “The Slow Rush,” this tune turns into an earworm the moment it comes on. Parker’s high-pitched vocals and melodic synthesizers contribute to the track’s instant catchiness, as well as soft but noticeable electric guitar in the background.

2. “Borderline”

This song has been reworked from its original release and that rework adds to the song’s flavor. Strong percussion and synth lead to a memorable track that discusses a relationship on the verge of collapse.

3. “Is It True”

Parker has admitted that he can’t imagine “The Slow Rush” without this track, and I think that his statement is very within reason. A bouncing bassline and catchy, relatable lyrics help propel the track, and it’s incredibly fun to listen to.

Background

Tame Impala was formed by Australian musician Kevin Parker in 2007 after he had posted a few self-produced tracks on MySpace.

Parker signed a deal with Modular Records in July 2008 and released an eponymous extended play as a debut two months later. In order to play his recordings live to an eager audience, the band added two live members: bassist Dominic Simper and drummer Jay Watson.

They appeared at a variety of music festivals in the following years, including Southbound Festival in the Australian city of Busselton as well as the Big Day Out Festival taking place in Australia and New Zealand.

2010 saw the band releasing their first studio album, "Innerspeaker," to critical acclaim. They followed that release with two more albums before "The Slow Rush." "Lonerism" was released in 2012 and "Currents," which featured a more polished sound, was released in 2015.

The singles "Patience" and "Borderline" debuted to a studio audience during Tame Impala's Saturday Night Live performance in 2019, garnering praise. "Part of the thing about me starting an album is that I have to feel kind of worthless again to want to make music," said Parker.

The title for this album was officially released on Oct. 25.

Nothing here seems scattered, and that's a huge positive. There are a few odd edits, but it doesn't negatively impact the album.

The combination of instrumentals featured in "The Slow Rush," mellow at times but intense at others, coupled with Kevin Parker's vocals and skilled production, creates a sonically intriguing work that deserves to be listened to.

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Biggest Takeaways from the Board of Trustees meeting

Natalie Cunningham

February 26, 2020

During a Wright State Board of Trustees committee day on Thursday, Feb. 20, was voted to sell Wright State University's private equity investments to Wright State Foundation. Updates were also given for departments and job openings.

Wright State Board of Trustees decides to sell investments

The proposal was introduced by Trustee Martin Grunder after the investment report.

Trustee Andrew Platt started the motion to sell this investment and Trustee Douglas Fecher seconded the motion.

"The meeting was very good and the offer that I think verbally tentatively agreed to was that the Foundation is willing to consider purchasing these two private equity investments," said Steve Sherbet. "Private equity investments add market value so no discount and as long as the university would agree to pick up a settlement cost and we're estimating the settlement cost, transfer cost, to be somewhere in the 50 to 70,000 dollar range."

The Board of Trustees will discuss options of how to use the money gained from the sale at a future meeting.

The next finance, audit, and infrastructure committee meeting is March 27. The next Board of Trustees committee day is April 30.

Student Affairs Receives Updates On Open VPSA Position

The search committees for a Dean of BSOM and Chair Director of Nursing have been seated.

A visit is being made to Lake Campus to seat a committee for a Dean of Lake Campus.

The hiring of a Vice Provost of Research and Innovation was unsuccessful in the fall and the search will be renewed. The role of Chief Diversity Officer will begin in the fall.

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A program review will be presented in the April Board of Trustees meeting. The review will see how programs are performing and will see if new expansions to programs are necessary. There will also be a retention summit after spring break to assess the university's retention and funding for retention.

Student Affairs Updates

The Because I Said I Would initiative was extended to the Board of Trustees. The SOAR program is set to change and there will be an incentive program for students attending.

Bob Rando gave an update on Counseling and Wellness and the Got a Minute program. There was discussion between Rando and the Board about an emergency fund for students who need help.

Bob Grant gave an update on Wright State athletics and who the sports teams are doing this year.

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Dayton's Not Dead: Rebel Rebel Tattoo

Marissa Couch

February 27, 2020

In the heart of the Historic Oregon District sits Rebel Rebel Tattoo. Owners Josh Wilson and Robbie Bauer had been tattooing together for around 10 years before opening the popular location.

“We made an agreement that if we decided to go, we would go together,” said Wilson.

A prime location

Rebel Rebel Tattoo's location on Fifth St. had been a tattoo shop for about 20 years before, previously owned by Glenn Scott.

“We've gotten to learn more about everyone in the area and meet everybody else. We help each other out,” said Wilson.

Thursday through Saturday is the most common time for walk-ins, usually when more people are frequenting the Historic Oregon District.

“We still catch time between appointments and have people that come in at the right time to do a walk-in. When I first started tattooing, I just did walk-ins, but now it's mostly appointments,” said Wilson.

The dedicated following

Rebel Rebel Tattoo has a long list of clientele, old and new. A large part of the clientele includes people the artists have worked on for years prior.

“Probably 80 percent of the people followed from past locations,” said Bauer.

There are four artists working at Rebel Rebel Tattoo including Bauer and Wilson, as well as Jessica Poole and Kevin McKinnon.

“I absolutely loved coming in here to get my tattoo, and the shop has very talented artists. Kevin was able to draw up the tattoo I wanted perfect on the first sketch. I definitely plan on coming back for more tattoos,” said Lyssa Murray, according to an online review.

‘Patience is important’

With the convenience of services like Amazon Prime and food delivery services that will appear at your door almost immediately, the patience of holding out for a good tattoo is wearing thin.

“Since there’s just four of us here, it’s hard to get to everyone. When people are interested in getting a tattoo and they can’t get it as soon as they want, they might go somewhere else,” said Wilson. “We can’t spread ourselves too thin. Patience is important, it’s really about what you’re wanting the end-game to be.”

The most common tattoos for Wilson and Bauer would be lettering, floral and religious symbols.

“With Pinterest being popular, there’s a lot of super simplistic and minimal designs. That’s typically the walk-ins that we try to squeeze in because they don’t take a lot of time,” said Bauer. “It’s a challenge because they’re so simple because if there is an imperfection, everyone can tell. They’re usually super thin delicate lines and you have to really put trust in the client to make sure they’re still enough.”

While they still enjoy doing these tattoos, the artists look forward to doing different ideas.

“Usually, the strangest requests are my favorite,” said Bauer. “There are probably about 10 subjects of tattoo matter that come in a lot that we’ve been doing our whole careers which is completely fine but every once in a while someone will come in with something off the wall and that gets us pretty excited too. The stranger the better.”

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Potential changes to SOAR could lead to better incentives for student participation

Alexis Wisler

February 27, 2020

Student Government Association (SGA) President Ivan Mallett proposed a change to the SOAR workshop which currently serves as a workshop where members of SGA can teach student organization leaders how to run a successful organization.

According to Mallett, however, organizations no longer need this information.

“What we found over time is that organizations have learned these things. They don’t need to learn how to manage their budgets anymore because they’re doing that and then they’re transitioning and teaching the next person how to do it too,” said Mallett.

The proposed change

Instead of teaching student leaders the ins and outs of running a student organization, Mallett suggests that the workshop be changed to focus on helping organizations improve their student engagement, proposing a point system to boost interest.

How it works

If this change to the SOAR workshop becomes reality, student organizations will earn points that they can then give to students who attend their events. The SOAR workshop will determine how student organizations can earn points, and organizations that attend the workshop will learn how to earn points.

Once a student organization has earned points for themselves, students who attend their events will earn those points as well. Once students have earned enough points, they can turn them in for incentives on campus. The point system is designed to get student organizations working towards their engagement by earning points to give out to students on campus at their events.

Campus partners

Nothing is official yet and no campus partners have been contacted, however Mallett has a few ideas regarding who he will contact if SOAR changes to the point system.

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“Nothing is set in stone, but ideas like get three free swipes for ‘X’ amount of points or 10 percent discount on your parking pass or 20 percent discount at the bookstore are just ideas we’ve had,” said Mallett.

Opinions of SGA

In favor of the point system

“I believe that this incentive program would be not only beneficial for SOAR but also for the culture of campus. Our campus is unique in how we are structured and I believe that we can all agree that involvement is the key to retention. By creating a reward system for students to engage with our community, more students will become involved on campus and have the opportunity to meet and mingle with students from across campus,” said SGA Director of Academic Affairs Samantha Baxter.

Not in favor of the point system

“I personally feel like an incentive program that would [cost] a substantial amount of money doesn’t really fix the root of the problem that I see in SOAR. No matter how much planning that I put into a workshop, I don’t feel like the audience has a compelling reason to be engaged because the same people who are successful on campus are the same people who can successfully mobilize people to SOAR. I’m sort of preaching to the choir in that sense,” said SGA Speaker of the House of Representatives Joe York.

The proposed point system and overall changes to the SOAR workshop are still under debate with SGA.

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Wright through my eyes: Roberto Clemente-Rosa
Marissa Couch
February 28, 2020

Roberto Clemente-Rosa has been a student at Wright State University since May 2015. He moved from the island of Puerto Rico, where he was born and raised.

There is a lot more to Clemente-Rosa rather than just his ethnicity. He is an engineering student, a student leader, a musician, a brother and a son.

“After the 2016 election, everything feels like a divide. I don’t align with any political party, but there’s always an underlying tense feeling in the air. I personally don’t feel that there’s a divide in campus within the students,” said Clemente-Rosa.

Through his involvement with Latinx, Asian and Native American Affairs (LANA), Clemente-Rosa has experienced the unity within cultural diversity on campus.

Clemente-Rosa’s parents were seeking opportunities for their two children, Roberto and his younger sister, when his mother and sister moved to Ohio with Roberto soon to follow.

“Economic issues plague the people on the island,” said Clemente-Rosa. “So my mom came out here to visit my uncle, looked at the state, looked at the city and decided to move.”

Clemente-Rosa was in Puerto Rico, but hours away from his father on the Northeast end of the island while in college.

“My mom and my sister were in Ohio and I was three and a half hours away from my dad, so we were all just spread out. I think it was more difficult for my dad because everybody moved from the house that we grew up in, so my he had the whole house to himself.”

Clemente-Rosa’s uncle was stationed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, which is what put Ohio on the map for the family.

“I honestly didn’t want to move to Ohio. I knew it was a state, and that’s all that I knew about Ohio,” said Clemente-Rosa. “I left Puerto Rico, and it was 86 degrees. I landed in Dayton and it was 19 degrees.”

His trip to Ohio was Clemente-Rosa’s first experience seeing snow.

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“My mom was living in an apartment in Centerville at the time, and I fell asleep on the couch, I was looking out the sliding door into a big yard everybody shares. It was just green, then I fell asleep, and then like two or three in the morning I wake up and everything’s white. I stood up and I thought my heart sank. I was scared, it was like I woke up in a completely different place.”

After visiting for Christmas, talk of Clemente-Rosa moving to Ohio began.

“I’m lucky that I know that I had family here when I moved, I know other people that just moved by themselves, and they had no family, no support group, nobody to talk to or anything,” said Clemente-Rosa.

Wright State was the only university that offered Clemente-Rosa a scholarship.

“That was a done deal and why I came specifically to Wright State. They talked to me and helped me with the transferring and everything, they made it super easy,” said Clemente-Rosa.

Transferring schools

Semesters at WSU are shorter than those in Puerto Rico.

“Over here the pace was super quick. The first two months, my right eye was twitching, and it’s just from getting everything acclimated,” said Clemente-Rosa.

He did Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) in Puerto Rico and moving to Ohio, he knew he would be next door to an Air Force base.

“Engineering got the best of me. I stopped ROTC six months before I moved here, because I didn’t know if I was going to be able to go to Maxwell, Tennessee to basic training and come back,” said Clemente-Rosa.

Clemente-Rosa is still trying to apply for the Air Force. He would still love to be involved with the Air Force whether it’s through contract or a company that works for them.

“I really just got complacent. Moving was a bit of a shocker adapting to the culture, the school, the people, the food, everything was a little bit much. Then the next semester, my grandfather passed away. After that semester I wasn’t the same, so I still want to work with the Air Force as a civilian, but I think I’ve missed my opportunity to be in there in uniform.”

Holidays in Ohio

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“My first Christmas here was sort of depressing, because I can’t compare a Christmas over here to a Christmas in Puerto Rico,” said Clemente-Rosa.

According to Clemente-Rosa, Christmas in Puerto Rico starts the day after Thanksgiving and doesn’t end until two weeks into January.

“Over here at Christmas is the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th and then you throw the Christmas tree out the door. It didn’t really feel like Christmas. I didn’t feel festive,” said Clemente-Rosa. “I can’t compare it to Christmas in Puerto Rico, and I know that’s me, because that’s how we celebrate back home. I know people still celebrate it here in other ways, but I didn’t like it. It felt like I skipped Christmas that year.”

The Puerto Rican American and Caribbean Association (PACO) does Christmas parties where members bring the food and music. Clemente-Rosa found solace in these sort of events.

“It makes it feel a lot more homey. it makes it feel a lot like we’re back in Puerto Rico, although it’s not the same, we know it but it’s our little piece of Puerto Rico. We’re over here, and it makes it feel a lot better,” said Clemente-Rosa.

After the holidays passed, spring semester began.

“We’re still in the cold. It was like a winter was never going to end,” said Clemente-Rosa.

Clemente-Rosa was working out and was training to enlist.

“I didn’t tell my mom till the day of, like an hour before I was going to meet a recruiter. I told her I’m enlisting, and we talked about it. She cried and begged me not to she said ‘we’ve made this change, we moved here, get your bachelor’s first, after you have your bachelor’s if you decide to enlist, then so be it. But you have a bachelor’s so you’re going to be an officer’ and I agreed.”

When everything changed

A few weeks later, his grandfather passed away.

“That’s where everything felt horrible, it was in the middle of the semester. I left for a week. I was grateful to have the office because I was in class when my dad texted me and he told me to get out of class and come home. My dad was a professor, he would never approve of me skipping class. For him to tell me to get out of class, I didn’t even know what to expect when I got home,” said

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Clemente-Rosa. “When he told me we lost them, I was just shocked. I really was numb until we arrived and were at the funeral home and they opened the casket. That’s where I lost it.”

Clemente-Rosa wasn’t the same after the loss of an important family member.

“I lost that semester. I was able to appeal some stuff and repeat some classes and move forward on my bachelor’s but from last semester on, I knew there was a shift in who I was as a person.”

Acclimating to different things has been a ride, according to Clemente-Rosa. He’s worked various jobs, such as bartending, landscaping, and retail, as well as on-campus opportunities.

“I feel that I am integrated completely, people may not know my name, but they know my face. They’ve seen me around campus and specifically in the engineering department. Several professors know me. Most of my colleagues know me around campus. People know who I am, they know me as a cheerful guy.”

The silver lining

LANA was there for Clemente-Rosa when he needed it the most.

“Now that I’ve gone through those hard changes, and I’ve become stronger as a person, I am now the support for those people, because I have students that are going through the same things that I went through,” said Clemente-Rosa.

He went from needing the hope of a group to becoming the hope and helping others in similar situations.

“I understand their changes and the things that they’re going to be dealing with. People, dealing with professors, dealing with the food, dealing with whatever it is, I already went through that. I know how you feel. Let me help you,” said Clemente-Rosa. “So what LANA means to me is that it was here for me and now I’m here for it.”

A divide from within

“I know that they that there’s a bureaucracy that we have to go through, but I feel like our bureaucracy is somehow difficult for us to jump through those hoops and for the other organizations, sometimes it does seem like they don’t have hoops to jump through,” said Clemente-Rosa.

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Last year as president of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Clemente-Rosa had a trip planned with private funding. Everything was going to be covered but the group was denied the trip.

“I’m not trying to call them racist or anything like that, but they made it a little difficult in having to deal with them and being denied things for no reason,” said Clemente-Rosa.

“That’s me as president of a student association where I have to deal with these administrators. As a student I’ve never had a problem,” said Clemente-Rosa. “I’m the one that goes to the professors’ office hours and sit down with them and talk to them and build relationships with them. I’m a nerd, I sit in front of the class and professors will know my face by the end of the first week.”

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Laker baseball season kicks off

Roxanne Roessner

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Spring break is just around the corner, along with baseball season. Baseball season kicked off on Feb. 22, 2020, with their first game at home against Concordia University (Michigan).

Athletics at the Lake Campus include Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball and Baseball. The Volleyball and Softball teams were discontinued in the 2018-19 term.

Men's and Women's Basketball came to a close on Feb. 22; their last games were at Sienna Heights University.

Jim Wendling is the athletic coordinator at the Lake Campus and Nate Tymes is the faculty athletic representative.

All Laker Athletic Events are free and home games are held at the Auglaize-Mercer County YMCA.

Men's Basketball

The Men's Basketball team during the 2019-20 season played 22 games with an average of 77.6 points per game.

Chris Jones is the head coach of the Lakers; the team is compiled of one senior, four sophomores and three freshmen.

Women's Basketball

The Women's Basketball team during the 2019-20 season played 19 games with an average of 63.1 points per game.

The head coach is Logan Lanier Jr. with Sharai Allen and Angela Clayton as assistant coaches. Students may recognize Angela Clayton as a science professor at the Lake Camps.

Their team is built of one senior, three juniors, one sophomore and three freshmen.

The three freshmen all come Eastmoor Academy.

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Baseball

Baseball season is just beginning with five seniors, five juniors, seven sophomores and five freshmen. Their head coach is Chad Geier accompanied by John Bailey, the head assistant and pitching coach, and Scott Montgomery, assistant coach.

Baseball games are played at Montgomery Field in Celina, Ohio.

Students and staff are encouraged to support the athletic department by going to the games and cheering the teams to victory. If there are any questions regarding the athletic schedules, visit <https://www.wsulclakers.com/landing/index>.

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The latest report on gen Z research conducted
Natalie Cunningham
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The latest report on Generation Z and voting research conducted by Dr. Corey Seemiller and Meghan Grace has recently been published. Seemiller is an associate professor at Wright State University. Meghan Grace is a generational researcher.

The recent report includes an introduction to the study, party identification and political ideologies of Generation Z, issues Generation Z believes candidates should focus on, what sources of political news Generation Z use, Generation Z's motivation to vote, and voting intentions of Generation Z, according to the study.

There are 34 states represented in the study. 88.06% of participants reported to be college students. 46.16% identified as men, 50.67% identified as women, 3.16% identified as transgender, other, or prefer not to answer. 75% reported to be White, 6.53% reported to be Hispanic, 6.42% reported to be Black, 3.54% reported to be Asian, 1.88% reported to be American Indian, and 5.42% chose other or prefer not to answer, according to the overall demographics of the study.

“It was important for us to really delve deep into the thoughts, feelings, and perspectives of Generation Z when it comes to voting, rather than just saying to young people, ‘go vote,’” said Seemiller. “By reflecting on Gen Zers’ own words and politics, we were able to put together a research report that offers insight to help support Gen Z in getting to the polls.”

Generation Z includes people born between 1995 and 2010. Seemiller and Grace focus on the differences between Generation Z and other generations, specifically about voting habits and politics. Generation Z differs from other generations as they are characterized as entrepreneurial, responsible, and innovative. Many Generation Z and young people identify as independent on the political scale, according to The Gen Z Hub.

This report was a collaboration between The Gen Z Hub and Ologie.

Ologie is a marketing and branding agency. The report follows up on political opinions and Generation Z's views on voting. The Gen Z Hub is Seemiller and Grace's website which compiles their research, books, and other projects.

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AAUP-WSU executives unanimously reject VRIP offer

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Dylan Collison contributed to this story.

The Wright State Executive Committee of AAUP-WSU unanimously rejected the most current Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program (VRIP) offer.

The VRIP is a one-time voluntary retirement incentive plan to retirement-eligible non-bargaining unit faculty members. The purpose of offering the incentive plan is to assist the university in balancing its workforce while strategically looking at future needs, according to the university. The incentive plan is limited to the first 60 eligible faculty members. After the 60 mark is met, individuals will be reviewed by a case-by-case basis.

“Until the university is able to realize improvements in enrollment and retention, we must continue to pursue ways to balance expenses and revenue in the context of a sustainable forward-looking plan,” according to a university email sent to faculty. “One such approach to managing personnel expenditures that is both people-friendly and uses a best practice approach is offering a retirement program that is voluntary and creates a benefit for both the university and the employee.”

According to an email from AAUP-WSU President Noeleen McIlvenna, AAUP-WSU met with administration on Feb. 13 to discuss a VRIP offer. The offer was issued as an unfair labor practice because AAUP was not contacted and negotiations were not initiated.

AAUP-WSU Chief Negotiator Gretchan McNamara responded with a counter offer: “Different rehire rates, with a defined percentage of TET positions and a maintenance of the current provisions on healthcare through the life of the contract.”

“At the AAUP-WSU’s request, the university drafted and presented an MOU on February 26 that stated that a minimum of 25% of the headcount accepting the provisions of the faculty VRIP would be replaced. The MOU also outlined the opportunity for higher faculty replacement numbers depending upon increases in enrollment and retention,” according to a university statement.

“None of this has been in good faith. Nothing has changed in their attitude towards negotiating with us. We could have been negotiating all year,” said McIlvenna. “We need all members to understand that in refusing an ultimatum for a VRIP, which they need much more than us, we stand firm for the right to bargain.”

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“The idea of a faculty-focused retirement incentive program was first presented to the AAUP-WSU in August and again in November 2019 by Dr. Edwards,” said Wright State.

This is a developing story that will continue to be updated.

Spring cleaning for the mind

Alexis Wisler

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Wright State students get a full week off from classes during spring break before coming back to campus and finishing out the semester.

The stretch from spring break to the end of the semester can be difficult for students mentally; it's important to take the time over the break to do some mental spring cleaning.

Counseling and Wellness Services

How can students refresh their minds over spring break?

"It can be helpful to identify what is getting in the way of a clear mindset by taking inventory of what is currently working and what is not, starting from the ground up," said Staff Therapist Sarah Peters. "For example, are you getting seven to nine hours of sleep on a regular basis, and you wake feeling rested? Are you eating a balanced diet that provides you with adequate energy to fuel your day? Are you moving your body on a regular basis, whether that's walking around campus or using Campus Rec facilities? Are you keeping your living space clean? If you answer 'no' to any of those questions, that may be an area to start implementing a new self-care routine."

What might be preventing students from de-stressing? How can they change that?

"Anxiety can be unpleasant but in and of itself is not harmful. However, our responses sometimes can be, [such as] using alcohol or other substances, procrastinating/avoiding or saying hurtful things. The trick is to find ways to clear the unhelpful things out while keeping an optimal level of anxiety so you feel motivated to engage in your life," said Peters. "Ways to do this include prioritizing your time and tasks, journaling about the things that are bothering you and the ways you want to address them and building a mindfulness practice. Try using an app like Headspace, Calm or Stop, Breathe & Think. We often think that we need to clear our minds of what is worrying us in order to be productive, but usually, it's enough to acknowledge a thought and then intentionally shift your attention back to what you want to be doing. It's challenging, and it gets easier with practice."

Department of Psychology

What is the importance of de-stressing and recharging the mind?

“There is substantial research showing that people who take appropriate rest breaks are more productive. Certainly, students can do that over spring break, but they likely benefit from taking appropriate shorter rest breaks during the academic term,” said Dr. Debra Steele-Johnson. “Even taking a quick break every hour or two when studying, perhaps just a few minutes to walk down the hall or maybe get a cup of coffee or drink of water, can be enough to help students recharge.”

Physical activity linked to mental health

How does physical health play a role in mental health?

According to Psychology Today, exercise is necessary for good mental health.

“Exercise is well known to stimulate the body to produce endorphins and enkephalins, the body’s natural feel-good hormones which can make problems seem more manageable. The simple act of focusing on exercise can give us a break from current concerns and damaging self-talk,” according to Psychology Today.

Spring break gives students the chance to take a break from schoolwork and focus on having fun while taking the time to release built-up stress.

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Letter from the Editor: Guardian Newspaper Day
Sarah Cavender
March 1, 2020

In February 2019, then Student Government President Daniel Palmer signed a resolution making March 1 'Guardian Newspaper Day'.

The story behind this is one that myself and then social media manager, Hailey Scherman will joke about for the rest of our lives but in all seriousness, it is truly appreciated.

Here at the Wright State Guardian we care deeply for our community and the events that take place in it. That's why we dedicate our time and energy in telling the stories of those around us, capturing it through a lens and making sure its documented.

On this day, I thought it might be nice to start a new tradition as well, creating a space to talk about the incredible work The Wright State Guardian team has done in the last year.

Community storytelling

In the numbers, the Guardian team has gone above and beyond.

Producing nearly 80 stories a month each month in the last year provides in-depth information and news for our campus community.

Outreach stories like Dayton's Not Dead give students an opportunity to explore the hidden gems of our neighborhood. The Wright Through My Eyes spotlights the Raiders doing great things on our campus.

Coverage of meetings, events and crime gives insight for our peers to know their campus beneath the surface.

Our team works diligently each and every day to bring you the latest on everything and anything in our community.

Public record requests, interviews and research goes into each story and that is something this team does not take lightly.

A huge thank you for the endless support

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We are committed to serving our Raider community.

In 2017, we launched a new era of news for the Wright State campus and we fully intend to continue the news coverage for you that we have in the last 50+ years.

As I complete my last semester at Wright State and my last semester on the Guardian team, I could not be prouder of the work they have done.

From becoming award-winning to giving students, staff, faculty and administration a voice; the Guardian team has spent the last year becoming exactly who I knew it could be.

Thank you to the Wright State community for trusting in us to tell your stories.

Please continue to support local journalism, and thank a journalist. They are students just like you who work outside the Guardian at part-time jobs and have to keep up with homework.

We promise to continue our work in the community and to grow each and every day.

Happy Guardian Newspaper Day to the best team an editor could ever ask for.

The Wright State Guardian organization changes

In the last year we have seen many new faces and many returning ones. While some of our team from the 2018-2019 academic year graduated, we had many members return for the 2019-2020 year.

We've had so many incredibly talented reporters and photographers intern with us at not just our main campus but also our Lake Campus.

Roxanne Roessner and Shannon McCabe began their work with the organization in the fall of 2019. Roessner is our campus reporter and McCabe is our graphics designer and photographer there.

Our mission of providing coverage to our entire campus community could not be possible without their work and dedication. Producing content each week that serves to inform our community.

Our news team has worked in overdrive this past year with administrative positions changing and covering the community news. Fortunately this year a lot of the news coverage we have seen was community growth.

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Marissa Couch and Natalie Cunningham have taken the Dayton's Not Dead features and created beautiful small business spotlights. Accompanied by our talented photography team, the photos and articles tell incredible stories of the Dayton area.

The Wright Life team, formerly features section, underwent large scale changes over the summer. Pulling away from the pop culture reviews we refocused on the Wright State life in the community. Highlighting students through a redesign of the former student spotlights. Shaddia Qasem and Alexis Wisler have done so many incredibly informative and important stories in the last year on the campus.

Sports also saw a transition in the last year.

Jamie Penwell, the managing editor and Makenzie Hoeflerlin, campus reporter, has blown me away each and every week with their sports and campus coverage.

We do not actually have a designated sports reporter anymore but the stories the team writes always highlight the achievements and work our athletics department has.

Our photographers and production crew; Jessica Fugett, Soham Parikh, Daniel Delgado, and Shelby Prenger continue to add life to stories through photos and videos.

Weekly galleries, a short video episode and now a podcast are all parts of the movement toward encompassing all digital media.

Our business and marketing department spearheaded an entire rebrand of the organization as well as the way we make revenue.

Dylan Collison helped bring the craziest and out of the box ideas into fruition in the last year. Providing our organization a true brand but also being open to rewriting the rulebook with me.

Our interns in the last year provide work that is full of diverse ideas and stories. They have grown so much in their roles but also in the work they are producing.

Laci Wells, Trey Brown, Cheyenne Waddell, Clare O'Toole, Daniel Delgado, Maram Abuhaidar, Maxwell Patton, Natalie Scheidegger, Ariel Parker, and the many others who have come through the Guardian for a brief time.