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Weekly Horoscopes
Star Signer
November 16, 2020

Sometimes you get lucky enough to be home alone and have some time to yourself. Read on to see how you spend these few lucky hours based on your zodiac sign.

ARIES

Aries, you are perhaps the most basic when it comes to being home alone. As soon as you hear that door close, you blast the music and it's an instant Karaoke/dance party for one.

TAURUS

Taurus, when you are home alone, it is the perfect time for you to raid the kitchen for your favorite snack. There is no one around to judge your weird food combinations.

GEMINI

Gemini, when you're home alone, you don't even realize it because you are asleep, and you usually don't wake up until everyone is home again.

CANCER

Cancer, you do everything by yourself these days and being home alone is a usual occurrence. You can't afford to treat it like something special. It's usually the same old, same old.

LEO

Leo, time to yourself is a rare occasion, so when you actually get it, you spend it well. Along with belting your favorite songs at the top of your lungs, you actually leave your room and enjoy the empty house.

VIRGO

Virgo, whenever you are home alone, you see it as an opportunity to invite some friends over and have a good time. Don't get too wild and crazy though.

LIBRA

Libra, for some reason, the only time you can convince yourself to clean is when nobody else is around. You take the empty house as a sign to reorganize with no distractions.

SCORPIO

Scorpio, when you are home alone, it is the ultimate time for self-care. Do whatever makes you happy and take some time to destress.

SAGITTARIUS

Sagittarius, when you are home alone, you tend to be a bit paranoid. You are usually just thinking up the worst possible scenarios of what could happen.

CAPRICORN

Capricorn, you are already the baking type, but when you are home alone, you take trying new recipes to a whole new level. That only leaves one person to try your home baked goodies, and that's you!

AQUARIUS

Aquarius, when you find yourself home alone, you see it as an excuse to dive into the deep dark world of youtube. Be careful, you'll be 50 videos in before you realize you have an addiction.

PISCES

Pisces, when you are home alone, you are either talking to yourself or daydreaming. The bridge between fantasy and reality seems to dissolve.

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Election 2020: Highest Voter Turnout in Over a Century

Jackson Cornwell

November 16, 2020

The 2020 election saw record numbers of voter turnout, the highest in over a century.

Greene County

Greene county had a voter turnout of nearly 85,000 votes. 60% of that went to President Trump.

Representative Mike Turner soundly beat challenger Desiree Tims with 57,031 (66.12%) of the votes cast, compared to Tims' 29,223 (33.88%).

State Representative Bob Hackett shared similar success against his challenger, Charles Ballard.

Warren County

Warren County had a turnout of 79.4%, 133,111 out of 167,624 registered voters cast their ballot. This is up from 2016 where 78.40%, 119,450 out of 152,350 registered voters, voted. This was an increase of 15,274 more registered voters and 13,661 more votes cast.

Trump took Warren with 85,069 (65.4%) votes to Biden's 45,040 (34.6%).

Montgomery County

Montgomery saw over 250,000 votes cast by election night. Barely over 50% of these votes went to the President-elect.

Turner narrowly held off Tims in Montgomery, only gaining 55% of the vote. Similarly State representative Naraj Antoni beat Mark Fogel with 53% of the vote.

Ohio

Biden out-performed Hilary Clinton across the state yet still fell short in the end. Biden performed well in counties where a majority of the population holds a college degree, younger citizens and more diverse communities, whereas Trump managed to hold rural communities.

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The six largest counties in Ohio favored Biden. Cuyahoga (Cleveland) and Franklin (Columbus) were 65-66% for Biden, Hamilton (Cincinnati) and Lucas (Toledo) held 57%, Summit (Akron) at 54% and Montgomery (Dayton) just over 50% according to the Dayton Daily News.

These counties alone make up over 40% of Ohio's population.

Of special interest, Ohio had over 56,000 poll workers on Nov. 3 working in all 88 counties, an increase from past years and most being first time workers.

Is Ohio a swing state?

Senior political science major Leah Samantha Baxter and senior international studies major Ivan Mallett both attest that Ohio is a solid red state.

All Ohio House districts have remained the same for the last 16 years, 13 Republican held and 3 Democratic. Ohio has consistently elected a Republican governor since 1990, excluding one single term Democrat in 2006.

2020 marks the first time in decades that Ohio has not contributed to the winning presidential ticket, signaling the end of its importance as a key swing state for future elections.

Early voting

There were more early votes cast this election than ever before.

Jacob O'Connor, a junior communication studies major, says he voted early to come in contact with less people because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

"I also needed to go back home to vote so early voting was an assurance that I would be able to do my civic duty," said O'Connor.

Masters student Emily Bundeson said that she waited to vote on Nov. 3 because she likes "the excitement of [voting day],"

She mentioned that there was no line when she went and was able to walk straight in.

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Right Now: Virtual International Education Week In Full Swing
Maxwell Patton
November 16, 2020

International Education Week will be coming to Wright State University (WSU) during the week of Nov. 16-20, featuring a series of virtual events for students to learn about different cultures.

The purpose of International Education week

The week started as a joint project between the U.S. Departments of State and Education to “celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide,” according to the project’s website.

Director of the University Center for International Education (UCIE) Michelle Streeter-Ferrari believes that this celebration is useful for all students, regardless of where they come from.

“It’s to celebrate international education but also highlight the importance of engaging in international education, both for us bringing talent here to the U.S. through international students, but also engaging our domestic students to learn about the world and to participate in international opportunities such as internships and study abroad,” said Streeter-Ferrari.

A virtual environment for events

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, in-person activities for International Education Week have been put on hold. Instead, students can connect digitally to participate in events. Despite the hectic conditions of the fall semester, the event allows students to forge a deeper connection with each other than if they just searched for information online.

“There’s no more important time for us to learn about other cultures, other political systems and other customs because what we’re learning through the Internet is very superficial,” said Streeter-Ferrari. “It’s not like sharing an international meal with an international student or learning about a different holiday. Those are things that we’re not going to learn at a superficial level. We’re going to learn through personal exchange with others.”

To foster this connection, the UCIE staff tailored their workshops and events to fit an online environment.

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“We have had to change our programming to meet the needs of our audience in the midst of a pandemic,” said UCIE Associate Director Joy Wanderi. “We picked events that would only work for a virtual audience.”

Events that will be featured during International Education Week include a cooking event run by Chartwells on Monday, a yoga session Tuesday and multiple study abroad workshops throughout the week. There will also be an international photography competition and an open mic night on Nov. 20, where the winners of the photo contest will be announced.

Streeter-Ferrari believes that the transition to online events has not been an easy one.

“I know that people have Zoom fatigue,” said Streeter-Ferrari. “We’re doing our schoolwork online, we’re seeing family online, so we’re trying to combine things that are serious and learning opportunities for folks to engage but we’re also trying to do fun things.”

Electrical engineering student Devadharshini Soundararajan, who is an international student from India, has found that online learning, in some cases, helps her learn better than if she were in person.

“The classes are being recorded,” said Soundararajan. “We had an exam, and it was easy for me since, as it is a recorded class, I got an opportunity to listen to it again and again if I couldn’t understand a particular topic.”

A host of international food

An aspect of the virtual events Streeter-Ferrari is less than enthused about is the inability to provide international food for the students.

“The best part of International Education Week is that we’re eating all week, and folks love to try new foods and learn about different new foods,” said Streeter-Ferrari. “That’s been hard, but by doing some cooking and other events where people can get their own ingredients and make the food, that helps.”

UCIE will also be encouraging students to order food from international restaurants near campus to help the event resemble its in-person version.

Who can participate?

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International Education Week is open to everyone including prospective and current students and members of the community as well as students from different state schools throughout Ohio, as these universities are sharing their International Education weeks.

Streeter-Ferrari finds this to be an appealing benefit by hosting these events virtually.

“There’s no limits to who can participate, and that’s the nature of International Education Week,” said Streeter-Ferrari. “It’s trying to get everybody involved and learn about the world and learn that by understanding each other, we can advance everybody’s cause. I think there’s been so much division, definitely in the U.S. but across the world, and I think that by experiencing each other’s cultures, trying to see each other’s point of view, that’s how we move society forward.”

Students can study abroad through UCIE virtually at the moment, visiting different countries around the globe through their computers. For example, during a normal school day, a student could work at an internship in the U.K. in the morning and learn Spanish in Chile in the afternoon.

“That’s a new thing that I think, moving forward, we will be returning to in-person activities and education and study abroad, but I think some of these components we’ll have to keep and we will keep them,” said Streeter-Ferrari. “We find it nice that we can spend our day with different people across the globe and not have to leave our living room. It’s a brand new world for sure.”

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Three Separate Sexual Assaults Reported, Awaiting Police Reports
Kaitlyn Chrosniak
November 17, 2020

During the week of Oct. 18, three separate sexual assaults were reported on the Wright State University (WSU) main campus.

The assaults

“The term ‘sexual assault’ means any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, tribal, or State law, including when the victim lacks the capacity to consent,” according to the United States Department of Justice. This definition is also used by Wright State University police when on the scene for the following reports.

The first assault reported occurred on Oct. 18 outside of the Nutter Center. The charges associated with this assault were abduction, rape by force and unlawful restraint.

The second assault occurred on Oct. 20 in the Village apartments on campus with charges of rape by force and unlawful restraint.

The third assault was also reported at the Village apartments on Oct 23. The charge associated with this report was rape by force.

At this time, the police report associated with the third sexual assault was unavailable. The Office of Grand Council was unavailable to provide a statement at this time.

The impact of sexual assaults

An Informational Safety Bulletin was released to students following the first two sexual assault cases reminding students of WSU standards in relation to sexual assaults.

“It is a violation of university policy to engage in sexual activities without affirmative consent from your partner,” said the Informational Safety Bulletin.

Sexual assault has a lifelong impact on the health and wellbeing of its survivors.

“Sexual assault can impact mental health and substance abuse significantly: 13%–51% of women meet diagnostic criteria for depression following sexual assault,” said University of Michigan Psychology Professor and Researcher, Rebecca Campbell, Emily Dworkin and Giannina Cabral in a 2010 research study. “23%–44% experience suicidal ideation with

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2%–19% attempting suicide; dependence on alcohol can be seen in 13%–49%; and 28%–61% report the use of other illegal substances.”

For more information on how you can help yourself or another survivor of sexual trauma at WSU, go to:

<https://www.wright.edu/inclusive-excellence/office-of-inclusive-excellence/title-ix-gender-based-violence/helping-a-survivor-of-sexual-assault>

This story is developing

Editor's Note: The Office of General Council was contacted in order to obtain updated police reports regarding the Oct. 18 and Oct. 20 sexual assaults, but no reports were provided. No police report was provided for the third sexual assault case. The Office of General Council was unavailable for comment.

Giving Thanks: Raiders Share Impactful Books

Ariel Parker

November 17, 2020

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and while the holiday is going to be much different this year, you can still hold onto the heart of the holiday: thankfulness.

Most of us have read that one book or book series that made an impact on our lives or ignited our first love of reading or storytelling. Below some Raiders share what books have made the most impact on their lives.

‘Anne of Green Gables’

If I were to pick one book I’m thankful for, it would be ‘Anne of Green Gables’ by L. M. Montgomery.

I was a late bloomer reading this book. While I vaguely knew about this beloved book series, I never had the opportunity to read them when I was young, and it was not until I watched the Netflix TV show ‘Anne with an E’ for the first time—and fell in love with it—that it pushed me to finally pick the book up.

Stepping into that lovely world that Montgomery wrote was like going back to your childhood. Reading the book for the first time as an adult did not stop me from enjoying it at all, and I know that if I had read it as a child, I would have absolutely pretended to be Anne! I would recommend this to anyone, but especially for those who have not read it yet and need a little wholesomeness in their lives right now.

‘Harry Potter’

Senior English major Shaddia Qasem said that the books she is most thankful for are the Harry Potter books by J.K. Rowling.

Beyond her love for the books, she grew up watching the movies with family, and it has become a representation of quality time spent with loved ones.

“We don’t get enough of that right now, so I think back to those fond memories and miss them very much. It felt like simpler times,” said Qasem.

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If you find reading as a delightful escape from reality, Qasem suggested that delving into the wizarding world is a perfect way to explore fantasy in the comfort of your home.

“Whether you read the book or listen to it on audio, you are promised an adventure like no other that will leave you wanting more, wishing magic was real and dreaming that you, too, were a wizard,” said Qasem.

‘The Waves’

Dr. Annette Oxindine, a professor of English, said she is most thankful for Virginia Woolf’s ‘The Waves’.

“The book wasn’t easy going at first, but by the time I was about a fourth of the way through, I knew I’d never feel totally alone in the world again,” said Oxindine.

According to Oxindine, she knew absolutely nothing about ‘The Waves’ when she first pulled it off the shelf in her hometown library the summer before she turned twenty. Woolf’s name was vaguely familiar, and she knew she loved the sea. So that was enough for her to pick up the book.

“I didn’t know then how important that book—or Woolf—would turn out to be in my life. I wrote my PhD dissertation on Woolf. But everything I’ve ever had to say about that book has been woefully inadequate. The fact of its very existence continues to amaze me and matters so much more than anything that can be said about it,” said Oxindine.

Oxindine confesses that not all readers are going to love this book, “but those who do love it tend to love it hard.”

“My advice to all readers is this: find the books you need, and don’t worry about what other people think about them,” said Oxindine.

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WSU Professors Skeptical About Election Fraud Claims

Jamie Naylor

November 18, 2020

With the 2020 election called for Biden, Wright State University (WSU) professors and poll workers concede that there was no widespread election fraud in this election, predicting that the legal tactics of the Trump administration will have no effect on election results.

Legal battles in key states

Soon after the election was called on Saturday, Nov. 7, President Trump's campaign quickly filed lawsuits in key states like Pennsylvania, contesting mail-in ballots that arrived late, and claiming widespread voter fraud despite no evidence.

"There's no evidence of widespread fraud," said Dr. Edward Fitzgerald, a WSU political science professor. "These lawsuits are primarily political, the Trump administration lost the election, but they want to create a narrative of how they lost."

This is not the first time the Trump administration has claimed fraud in elections. Back in 2016, he blamed his popular vote loss on election meddling and voter fraud. Trump's base is trying to change the results of the election through these lawsuits this year.

Dr. Sean Wilson, a WSU political science professor and legal expert, is not concerned about the impact of these lawsuits.

"These little rinky-dink arguments are not likely to work, the elections are statistical ties in those three states (Pennsylvania, Georgia and Arizona), and therefore I think it's unlikely to change the result."

Recounts

Recounts, another legal method the Trump campaign is using, are occurring in states such as Georgia, Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Recounts can be by hand or by machine. They could add votes to either candidate's campaign. Wilson is more concerned with said recounts.

"You've got to watch these recounts, I think they are more consequential than the lawsuits right now," said Wilson.

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However not all experts agree, Fitzgerald believes the recounts will not change the result of the election.

“Recounts will maybe turn a handful of ballots but the margins in these states are thousands of votes,” said Fitzgerald.

Voter safety is being questioned in states like Arizona. Republicans are saying sharpies caused ballots to be invalid. Other issues raised have been around voter confirmation.

“I feel like that the system was really the best way of going about it, as soon as you are finished with your ballot, it is your decision,” says Dylan Wilson a WSU student and poll worker for Champaign County Ohio.

Despite continuing to lose legal battles in these key states, the Trump campaign continues to show no signs of conceding, despite the unlikelihood of the election result changing.

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WSU Basketball: Fans Will Be Missed

William Baptist

November 18, 2020

When the Horizon League announced conference schedules, they also announced that fans will not be allowed at basketball games in the month of December.

The Board of Directors will reevaluate these changes at a later date, but due to the ongoing impact of the coronavirus there is concern regarding if fans will be allowed at any point during the season.

Wright State students

Wright State University (WSU) has led the Horizon League in attendance every year since Head Coach Scott Nagy has arrived.

“Disappointed, one of the best parts about the game is the sense of community that is built among the students who attend throughout the season. I look forward to returning to the stands when it is safe to do so,” said WSU student Ivan Mallett.

Students are remaining optimistic even though there is so much uncertainty surrounding attendance at the games.

“While I doubt it’s getting better, it’s only through December for now, so we might be able to later...but nothing is going to beat the Nut House atmosphere,” said WSU student Blake Keucher.

How this affects the team

This will have a major impact on home and away games. For road games, they won’t experience playing in front of the visiting crowd and the tough environments they normally had to deal with.

“There is an advantage to being seen as the villain on the road. At the same time, it will be hard to bring our own energy all the time since none of us have had to play in front of no fans in a really long time,” said starting Center Loudon Love.

For home games, WSU won’t have their fans cheering them on and bringing that energy every game.

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“It will be very different because we have a strong crowd and good attendance so we will definitely sense the change. Our student section brings a lot of energy and they will be missed,” said Love.

This will force the team to bring their own energy to every game, and they won’t be able to feed off of the energy from the crowd.

“We take pride in playing well in front of our fans who support us. We know they will still be watching but we will certainly miss them not being in the arena,” said Nagy.

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SGA: Mask Drive, Arts Gala and Fall Semester Grades

Alexis Wisler

November 18, 2020

The Student Government Association (SGA) met over WebEx on Nov. 17 for its weekly meeting and discussed a mask drive, a possible arts gala and grading for the fall semester.

Mask drive

Commuter Senator Sabrina D'Alesandro is working on a mask drive that will take place next semester. D'Alesandro is currently collecting masks, but will be officially collecting them in February. Students who wish to donate a mask can reach out to D'Alesandro or wait until the official collection day.

"To make sure that this is a really well planned out event, I will be officially collecting the masks Feb. 5. However, up to this point, I have collected 93 masks so far," said D'Alesandro.

Arts gala

College of Liberal Arts Senator Victoria Solomon is working with the College of Liberal Arts Dean to host an arts gala. As of now, no date is set and whether or not the gala will be remote or in-person is unknown.

"We're currently in the phase of 'yes, we're having it,' but we have steps of what's happening, like 'if the pandemic takes this shift, then we have to take a different approach.' But that's our meeting that's coming up in two weeks to kind of decide if it's official or not," said Solomon.

Fall semester grades

SGA President Adrian Williams announced that he has been talking with Wright State University President Edwards and other administration about grading this semester.

"For the past week or so I've been working with President Edwards and Faculty Senate President Luehrmann on what can be done about grades this semester," said Williams.

At this time, Williams was unable to provide any further details.

Anyone who wants to attend SGA meetings can do so on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. over WebEx.

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Timeline of Appointment for New WSU Trustee Uncertain
Nicolas Benvenuto
November 18, 2020

Wright State University's (WSU) Board of Trustees are patiently awaiting news of their newest trustee as Gov. Mike DeWine has initiated the appointment process.

As it stands today, WSU's Board of Trustees is composed of eight voting members, two student trustees and two national trustees.

Each year, a new trustee is appointed by the governor of Ohio to fill the spot of a retiring trustee.

Student trustees are appointed to two-year terms and act as the voice of the student body during Board of Trustees meetings.

"The process is completely controlled by the Governor's office," said WSU Director of Communications Seth Baugess. "Individuals interested in serving make an application through the state of Ohio. We announced our latest Trustee in August and await news of our next professional Trustee when the Governor's office is ready."

While the Governor's office is in complete control of the appointment process, a timeline of events to come is currently unforeseeable.

"Our appointment process remains ongoing at this time," said Ohio Governor's office Press Secretary Dan Tierney. "I do not have an estimated timeline."

Who are the Board of Trustees

Voting Members:

- Tom Gunlock — Chair
- Marty Grunder — Vice Chair
- Andrew Platt — Secretary
- Sean T. Fitzpatrick
- Michael C. Bridges
- Douglas A. Fecher
- Bruce Langos
- William W. Montgomery

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Student Trustees:

- Olivia Sneary
- Dhishant Asarpota

National Trustees:

- Anuj Goyal
- Vishal Soin

Student Trustees

Student Trustee Olivia Sneary says that her love for WSU only furthered her drive to become a student trustee while attending WSU's Boonshoft School of Medicine.

"I had been very involved in student organizations, President's Ambassadors and as a student employee in the Office of the President," Sneary said. "Wright State gave me a great undergraduate education, which enabled me to have the opportunity to apply and attend medical school at the Boonshoft School of Medicine. I wanted to find a way to give back to the community that opened so many doors and influenced my life in endless ways."

Though 2020 has presented WSU with an unprecedented number of challenges, Sneary feels as though students, staff and faculty have shown a level of mental fortitude that embodies the Raider spirit through and through.

"I am optimistic that we have the resources and brain power to push through these times," Sneary said.

"2020 has been a wild year for all universities across the nation, but I have seen how dedicated our administration, faculty, and staff have been at trying to make seamless transitions between in-person and online classes," said Sneary. "This has been a huge learning curve for everyone involved, especially all of us as students, but student leaders and organizations have come together and used creativity and innovation to give others a great experience at WSU. This is not what any of us expected this year to look like, but our community certainly knows how to come together and support one another in times like this, and that gives me a lot of hope about the future of the Wright State Community."

Echoing the tenacity at which the WSU community has faced the challenges brought forth by the coronavirus, the latest Trustee to be announced, Dhishant Asarpota, says that the resiliency of the WSU community is one to behold.

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“I am proud of how resilient our university has been in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic,” Asarpota said.

“From the facilities team outfitting our campus with the essential safety measures to professors adapting to online learning, our community has worked seamlessly to ensure the delivery of a high-quality education to all of our students,” said Asarpota. “Student organizations have even shifted to virtual social events in an effort to maintain camaraderie! Although COVID-19 continues to loom over us, we can rest assured that our Raider family is ready to tackle any challenges the pandemic brings our way.”

While Asarpota is only three months into his two-year term as a student Trustee, he says that he has learned a great deal about the student community, and the passion by which Raiders lead.

“I am honored to be serving the Wright State Community,” Asarpota said. “In my short time on the Board, I have learned a great deal about how our rich student community, dedicated faculty and staff, and passionate leaders find unique ways to impact our Raider community. Furthermore, I am especially proud of how zealous our students and faculty have been in using their platforms in pursuit of social justice.”

A full list of WSU’s Board of Trustees and breakdown of their individual expertise may be found here: <https://www.wright.edu/board-of-trustees/members>

For a full list of Board of Trustees meetings and available public sessions, visit: <https://www.wright.edu/board-of-trustees/meetings>

Dayton's Not Dead: Eudora Brewing Company
Maxwell Patton
November 19, 2020

Eudora Brewing Company in Kettering, OH offers its customers a warm atmosphere to eat a hearty meal, grab a drink, brew their own beer and pick-up Thanksgiving side dishes.

Starting the brewery

Located at 3022 Wilmington Pike in Kettering, the brewery was started by Daytonian Neil Chabut. He became interested in craft brewing while attending the University of Dayton.

"I started homebrewing when I was in college, and fell in love with the creative aspect of brewing, along with the scientific aspects," said Chabut. "I worked at a homebrew shop and met a lot of cool people, learned a lot of stuff in a very short amount of time.

Chabut was inspired to start the business because, at the time of its conception, there were no craft breweries in the Dayton area.

"Over the next year or two, I put together a business plan, visited as many breweries as possible, learned as much as I could about brewing on a professional level and running a business, and learned from people in the industry," said Chabut.

Eudora Brewing Company opened on Wilmington Pike in 2013. The business soon outgrew its original location and relocated to a 20,000 square foot space down the street in Jan. 2019. This move was needed to accommodate for more brewing equipment and seating, and to put in a full-service kitchen.

Brewing beer from scratch

Customers have the opportunity to brew their own beer at Eudora Brewing Company. After scheduling an appointment, they can choose from several beer recipes on Eudora's website and bring that recipe to life in Eudora's brewing facility. The brewing process takes about two and a half hours.

After it is brewed, the batch must ferment for three to five weeks before the customer can package the beer for consumption. A single five-gallon batch can fill 40 twelve-ounce bottles.

In addition to that alcohol, Eudora serves 18 of its beers on tap and a variety of dishes from its kitchen. A portion of each sale is donated to charity: water, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit that delivers

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clean water to those in need, especially in developing countries. Customers are also invited to throw spare change into one of three jerrycans mounted on the wall as part of the “Chuck the Buck” fundraising game.

Chabut chose the name “Eudora” for the business because of his mission to give back to the less fortunate. The phrase “Eudora” translates to “a gift” in Greek.

Pandemic precautions

The coronavirus pandemic has caused sales to be unpredictable at Eudora Brewing Company, which has led Chabut to make a few changes behind the scenes.

“We’ve made some changes as far as layout goes, and we’ve added a hostess for seating during busy hours,” said Chabut. “We’ve also made lots of adjustments in the kitchen and behind the bar. It has been a pain, and it doesn’t even seem like our efforts have helped, because of the huge spike in cases right now. It’s frustrating.”

All private events at Eudora, including those in the Thunderball Room, have been suspended due to the pandemic. An additional precaution taken by the business is that all customers must wear a face covering when they are not sitting down.

Everything but the Thanksgiving turkey

To boost sales during the pandemic and chilly fall season, Eudora is selling pre-made Thanksgiving side dishes for customers to take home.

“It’s also meant to help people who won’t get to visit their families or friends this year, and won’t be able to cook everything on their own,” said Chabut.

These sides include mashed potatoes with Thunderball Oatmeal Stout gravy; sweet potato casserole with ricotta cheese, toasted pecans, whiskey-soaked raisins and a drizzle of honey; green bean casserole in a creamy bechamel sauce with caramelized onions topped with parmesan gruyere and panko bread crumbs; and stuffing made with Big Sky Bread Co. English muffin bread.

The business has also partnered with Ghostlight Coffee Shop in Dayton to offer pumpkin and pecan pies, allowing customers to purchase everything they need for Thanksgiving dinner, except for the turkey, in one place.

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These dishes will be available for pre-order until 9 p.m. on Nov. 20 and can be picked up between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Nov. 24 and Nov. 25.

Planning for the future of Eudora has been difficult due to the pandemic. Chabut hopes to expand the business to distribute kegs and eventually can their brewed beer to sell it for outside consumption.

Student opinions on Eudora

Media studies majors Tyler Frierson and Tia Clyburn had never heard of Eudora Brewing Company, though all are interested in visiting the business and purchasing side dishes for Thanksgiving.

“From looking at the menu, I’d probably be most interested in the Kentucky Pecan Bourbon pie or the green bean casserole, as they both resemble dishes I would usually have at my family’s dinners,” said Clyburn.

Meanwhile, Frierson is intrigued by the sweet potato casserole.

“I think it’s for a good cause, and I’ll be here, so I’ve got to get Thanksgiving dinner some way,” said Frierson.

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Student Opinions: Online Learning and The New Normal

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Wright State University (WSU) students have been learning remotely for the past two semesters. Students have noticed a negative impact on their relationships within the classroom and have mixed thoughts on what the new normal will look like.

Online learning

Fourth-year mechanical engineering student with a minor in business Jon Peterson currently lives off-campus with his family.

Peterson attends one on-campus class per week, but still feels limited in their social interactions. They also have to focus on their job along with school work.

“The main cause of my stress would be online schooling. It seems that professors believe that online schooling is best done by giving out more assignments and quizzes. I do not learn online as well as I would as if I was in a classroom which makes these frequent quizzes more challenging. For me, this increase is terrible because I still am working a job and it is hard to balance work, college and a social life with these increased assignments,” said Peterson.

Senior psychology major Cody Daniel takes all online classes along with living in the Dayton area with three roommates.

“We’re not at odds with each other or anything, we respect each other’s space even though we’re cooped up,” said Daniel.

Both WSU students believe that in-person learning is easier for them than essentially teaching themselves online. According to Daniel, if the coronavirus pandemic was not here, they would be going out more and meeting new people.

Social interactions

According to Peterson, the coronavirus pandemic has limited their social interactions, such as going to bars and restaurants.

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“There’s just no way to talk or connect with peers. Online is really inorganic and there’s no incentive or motivation to do stuff. The entire social aspect of college life has been stripped away, which is unfortunate, but necessary,” said Daniel.

Daniel has stopped going to different organizations and clubs because of a lack of involvement but has hope for the future.

“I think this sort of isolation will foster a new appreciation for social interaction. Once everything comes back, I think there will be an uptake in clubs and organizations because of this,” said Daniel.

Preparing for the future

Daniel has family members who have been impacted by the coronavirus and asks that people wear masks to protect themselves and others from getting sick.

“It’s such a small thing to do that not only helps you and other people around you. I understand that it’s not what people are used to, but I would rather have a minor discomfort rather than getting a horrible disease,” said Daniel.

Peterson shares Daniel’s feelings about wearing masks during the coronavirus pandemic.

“I personally do not enjoy wearing masks but I understand that the best way to end this pandemic as fast as possible is to wear them. I know many people who do not like them or refuse to wear them, but I do not think it is my place to try and force them to wear them,” said Peterson.

Success Coach of the Student Retention Team Catherine Hernandez believes that these situations will help students in the future.

“A lot of the challenges that students face at the university are really just preparation for life after the university,” said Hernandez.

According to Hernandez, students struggling with the remote structure may find themselves in jobs that have remote work. If students learn to be successful in doing online college and can adapt to these changes, they will be better equipped for the future.

“It’s been a really long road, but these times will pass eventually. I’m sure that there will be changes, some good and bad. It’s the small stuff that we have to do in order to go back to our regular activities. We’ll be alright,” said Daniel.

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Success of Innovation Weekend Speaks to Students' Resiliency

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Wright State University's (WSU) Innovation Weekend showcased the resiliency of WSU students as they worked together on solutions to mitigate climate catastrophes from the comfort of their own homes.

What is innovation weekend?

Hosted once per semester since spring of 2018, Innovation Weekend gives students at WSU the opportunity to work in teams to create solutions to real world problems, before offering these solutions to a group of judges.

This semester, the event took place from Nov. 6 to Nov. 8 and utilized Microsoft Teams as a platform for participants to engage with their fellow teammates and mentors.

"Presentations on Friday evening by subject matter experts included how climate change impacts land, water and air; an overview of the carbon cycle and why carbon dioxide is more prevalent in the atmosphere today; how firefighting turnout gear functions; understanding how to mitigate risk to life and property; and the psychological aspects of changing habits that negatively impact the environment," said College of Science and Mathematics (CoSM) Director of Academic Services Nicholas Christian.

After Friday's presentations, students broke up into two teams and began to brainstorm ideas. Mentors were available to assist the groups while they worked on solutions to these real-world problems.

"The mentors worked with the teams to challenge their thinking, provide expertise, and help them with their final presentations," Christian said. "This year we had graduate students, faculty members from CoSM and faculty from the Boonshoft School of Medicine to serve as mentors."

Christian says that the success of Innovation Weekend speaks to the resiliency of WSU students, faculty and staff.

"The continued interest in Innovation Weekend shows that WSU students are interested in opportunities to consider and propose solutions to big picture questions facing our world today," Christian said. "Innovation Weekend allows students the opportunity to work alongside industry leaders to answer the big questions and dilemmas the world is currently facing."

Participant reaction

WSU senior Sydney Woods participated in her second Innovation Weekend and said that despite a lower than usual turnout, the weekend was a success.

“There were enough people for two teams this time around, when previously there were several,” Woods said. “Communication went well nonetheless, and the mentors did an amazing job. They offered their knowledge as well as improvements that we could make to our final presentations before we proposed solutions to the judges.”

Woods said that while the virtual format made communication among teammates different, students were able to work together without issue.

“We laughed a lot on my team,” Woods said. “One of the fire shelters had a nickname of the baked potato bag, and we all thought this was really funny. Getting to be a part of this one last time during my senior year was great.”

Former WSU student Gabriel Pabon said that it was nice to see that despite coronavirus rules and regulations, the university is still able to provide students with virtual events that stimulate thought, and afford students the opportunity to work together albeit online.

“One of my favorite things about WSU was the connections that you could make with other students. It seems like the university is doing a great job at continuing these traditions even during these uncertain times in which we live,” Pabon said. “It’s important that students continue to safely be involved and engaged, even during the coronavirus. Connections and relationships with fellow students are a major part of being in college and WSU does a great job at facilitating this.”

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Wright Through My Eyes: Abby Smith
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With three dogs, three guinea pigs, a bearded dragon, a fish tank and a cat named Miles, Senior Abby Smith is more than just a Music Education major at Wright State University (WSU).

As a pet lover, older sister and trumpet player, Smith will graduate this May with her Music Education degree and hopes to teach in the Dayton area to keep in touch with her family.

Why Music Education?

“I mean, it made me who I am,” Smith said. “I was a really shy kid in middle school and high school, but my band director helped me and being in band helped me come out of my shell and make friends.”

Because being in band was such a positive change for Smith, she hopes to give the same experience to kids like her.

“I know that wherever I go, there’s going to be kids who are like I was,” Smith stated. “I hope that I can share my experiences with them, and they can open up just like I did.”

Smith is already starting to work with band students, working with both Beaver Creek and Troy High School’s marching bands, and interning with the MidEast Performance Association.

Smith says that music is her entire life.

“It’s everything, not just because it’s my major,” Smith said. “When I play my trumpet, there’s nothing like it.”

When asked which instructor at WSU influenced her the most, it was impossible for her to pick just one.

“All of them have been amazing. There are so many that I think of... Dr. Jagow, Dr. Zehringer, Dr. Jobert, my trumpet instructors, and I’m sure I’ve missed so many,” Smith listed. “All of my instructors here have been so wonderful and they have amazed me so many times.”

A pet lover

Not all of Smith's pets were planned.

"I've always been more of a dog person, so I never thought of adopting a cat. But, we found Miles when he was 4 pounds, and he looked bad," Smith said. "When we fed him and patched him up, he behaved like a dog, and didn't want to leave, so we kept him."

When asked if she thinks she has too many pets, Smith said she loves them all.

"I love all of them... In the future, maybe I'll become a crazy dog lady or something, but for now, I'm happy," Smith said.

Senior Recital

Smith's senior trumpet recital will take place on Monday, Nov. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the Creative Arts Center. When asked if she was looking forward to it, Smith said that she was, but it was happening a bit too soon.

"I wish I could say I'm one of those people who don't get nervous for performances anymore, but I'm not," Smith said. "I'm still looking forward to my recital, and I enjoy the pieces that I'm performing."

If you are interested in attending a music senior's recital, more information can be found on the Wright State School of Music Facebook Page, found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/WrightStateMusic/>

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Wright State Picked As Top Team For Third Straight Year

William Baptist

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The Wright State University (WSU) men's basketball team was voted the number one team in the Horizon League preseason poll, while receiving 37 of the 44 first place votes.

The Raiders have been selected as the favorite going into the season for the third consecutive season. They earned a total of 517 votes, while Youngstown State, who finished second in the poll, received 423 total votes and three first place votes.

Loudon Love

Loudon Love is going into his redshirt senior season, and was named the Horizon League's preseason player of the year and earned a First Team preseason selection.

"Loudon was selected based on voting by the League's head coaches, sports information directors and select media members," said Horizon League Director of Communications and Digital Media Strategy Dan Gliot.

Love was named the Horizon League Player of the Year last season after averaging 15.9 points per game and 9.7 rebounds per game. He also earned a selection to the Lou Henson All-America Team for the second consecutive season.

Love is already in the record books for this program, and this season he will look to firmly establish himself as one of the most accomplished players to ever come through WSU. He needs 26 rebounds to pass Bill Edwards for the most rebounds all-time in program history. He currently sits at 15 in the all-time scoring list in program history as well.

Love was named to the watch list for the 2021 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year award. He is among 20 players across the country named to the list, which is announced by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

"It feels great and it is a testament to what we have built over the years. I would not be in this position today if it wasn't for my teammates and coaching staff," said Love.

Scott Nagy

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Ever since Head Coach Scott Nagy arrived at WSU, the accolades have been pouring in for him and his team. Nagy has received three straight Horizon League Coach of the Year honors, and his team is poised for another big season.

Last season was historic for this Raider program after winning 25 regular season games and the first outright Horizon League regular season title in program history.

The team has not finished with lower than 20 wins ever since Nagy arrived. Before he came to WSU, the Raiders last 20-win regular season was in 2008. Nagy has changed the standard for this program as they sit atop the Horizon League.

“The culture has been established in the recruiting of young men who embody what Wright State basketball is all about... We have an expectation now to be picked at the top of the league and we look forward to the challenge of having the target on our back every night,” said Nagy.

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Breaking: Limited Parking Starting Dec. 1
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In a campus-wide email Friday afternoon, Wright State University (WSU) Facilities Management and Campus Operations announced limited parking that would begin Dec. 1 and carry on into the spring semester.

Because of limited activity on campus and the anticipated snowfall in the winter months, parking will be limited in order to mitigate unnecessary expense to remove snow in all parking lots.

Closed Lots

Lot 4a, Southern portion of lot 4, a portion of lot 11, and the entirety of lots 6, 7, 9, 12, 13 and 14 will close beginning in December.

“Signs will be placed in these lots, and we ask that no one park or drive into these lots,” according to the email.

Open lots

Those visiting campus during and after the month of December are being asked to park in lots 1, 2, 3, or a small portion of 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18 and Forest Lane.

“Modified parking in certain lots allows Facilities personnel to focus time, energy, and resources on primary lots, roadways, and egress paths and ensure safe travel for the entire campus community during periods of inclement weather,” according to the email.

Faculty, staff and students may park in any space available other than marked “A” spaces.

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Breaking: No Fans At Non-Conference Basketball Games

William Baptist

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The Wright State University (WSU) Athletics Department has announced that fans will not be allowed to attend non-conference home games for men's or women's basketball.

The Horizon League announced fans will not be allowed to attend conference games in the month of December. WSU followed this announcement for their non-conference home games due to the ongoing impact of the coronavirus.

Attendance at conference games after December will be revisited at a later date.

"This announcement, which takes into consideration the rising case numbers in the area, aligns with Wright State's commitment to the health, safety and wellness of its student-athletes, coaches and staff, along with the University community and Dayton region at large," according to a press release.

Media members will still be able to attend home games in a working capacity, as long as they follow the procedures and protocols that are put in place by WSU.

Boonshoft School of Medicine Welcomes New Dean

Alexis Wisler

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On Nov. 1, the Wright State University (WSU) Boonshoft School of Medicine received a new Dean, Dr. Valerie Weber, who wishes to take an already great school and make it even better.

Her goals as Dean and message to medical students

Dr. Weber wants to make the Boonshoft School of Medicine a place where revolutionary medical work happens in the community.

“One of my goals is to really work with all of our hospital partners in the region, our community partners, our partners in public health and to really, as the medical school, be the leader of some real work to be done,” said Dr. Weber

Noting the difficult year that students have been faced with, Dr. Weber also wants to use her voice as the Dean to improve life for the students. Dr. Weber realizes that the pandemic is not the only hardship students have had to face this year, but that racial inequalities and the fight with the Black Lives Matter movement has been weighing on students as well.

“The other thing is to really improve things for the students. It’s been a really difficult year with the pandemic and then on top of the the tragedies affecting black Americans, and really affecting all of us, and so ‘how do we create an anti-racist environment?’ and ‘how to create a more welcoming and inclusive environment for everybody here?’ That’s something that is really important to me and will be working on that over the next year and into the future. It’s a job that you’re never done with, but it is something that is extremely important to me,” said Dr. Weber.

While she has big plans for the School of Medicine, Dr. Weber says that the beginning of her time as Dean has been and will be spent learning and becoming a part of the WSU community.

“My first period of time is really about listening and learning. You can’t come into a place with preconceived ideas. Of course, I do have ideas about things that I’d like to work on,” said Dr. Weber.

What led her to WSU

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After growing up and attending medical school in Pennsylvania, Dr. Weber saw an opening at the Boonshoft School of Medicine at WSU. Her brother has lived in Dayton for nearly 30 years, so the opening caught her attention.

Although she found a passion for medical education early on in her career, Dr. Weber admits that she did not think about becoming a Dean until a couple years back when a mentor of hers gave her the encouragement needed to go the next step in her career.

“My dean that I worked for who was a close friend and mentor of mine was very encouraging that we need more women deans. Because only 20% of medical schools have deans that are women. So there’s a big gender disparity in academic medicine,” said Dr. Weber.

Dr. Weber saw how great of a school the Boonshoft School of Medicine is and felt determined that she could help push it over the edge to become even better for its students.

“The reason that I came here is... seeing the need for community-based medical schools—that’s what we call medical schools that are really rooted in the community— and seeing the potential for the school that’s already a great school to become even better and to grow,” said Dr. Weber.

As for her first weeks at WSU, Dr. Weber says that she misses the atmosphere of students on campus but commends WSU for the way that they are treating the pandemic.