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Weekly Horoscopes

Kaylee Raines

September 27, 2021

Mercury is entering retrograde from Sept. 27 to Oct. 17. During this time of miscommunication and increased relationship issues it is important to prepare for how this transition will affect you based on your sign.

ARIES

Aries, patience is a challenge for you during Mercury retrograde. You value energy that is motivated and decisive- sometimes even impulsive! Mercury retrograde will affect communication and may impact your goals or plans. It is important to step away when you feel triggered so that you can avoid escalating situations or giving in to the way that the retrograde influences your impulsiveness.

TAURUS

Taurus, you value straightforwardness and do not like when people beat around the bush. However, you exert more patience than most other signs. During this time, it is important for you to maintain your composure. Although it is beneficial for you to have this immense patience, it is also important for you to not miss out on opportunities. Don't sit idly, Taurus. Be vocal and express your desires whenever others try to take advantage of your kindness.

GEMINI

Gemini... You have been pushing yourself for so long. Mercury is Gemini's ruling planet, making communication and interpersonal relations natural to you. However, this Mercury retrograde is bringing many things to the surface for you. Take a step back and analyze your life to determine if you have enough balance. Are you overdoing it? Are you overanalyzing relationships and self-sabotaging? Be patient with yourself and don't be afraid to slow down, Gemini.

CANCER

Cancer, your moody nature will become intensified during retrograde. You do not like change or abrupt pivots in your life. Mercury retrograde is a great time for you to challenge yourself and make the changes you have been procrastinating or too scared to achieve. Don't be more

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scared of change than you are of being stagnant or you will never reach your true potential, Cancer.

LEO

Leo, your ability to take the lead and maintain your determination will be tested during this time. Maybe something you have been planning for a long time is not coming to fruition as you had expected or the people in your life are not reaching your standards. If you are unhappy with any relationships this is the time for you to step back and re-analyze whether you are wasting your energy watering a dead plant or if there is something you need to do in order to revive those relationships.

VIRGO

Virgo, you thrive when things are organized and systematic. Please prepare yourself for the chaos of Mercury retrograde so that you are not caught off guard. Make a plan to keep your life in order and maintain your self-care routine. You have a tendency to lose sight of your goals if plans change; please do not allow this to happen to you, Virgo. You have amazing things to accomplish and it is crucial that you remember your purpose and don't allow outside forces to disrupt your mission.

LIBRA

Libra, Mercury is entering retrograde during your Sun season. This means that the initial effects of the retrograde will be intensified for you. You may experience shifts in your relationships and work life. Don't let this phase you, Libra. Everything happens for a reason and it is possible that this retrograde is simply bringing the truth to the surface. You are all about balance and relationships so this energy may challenge your patience and morale. However, keep in mind that this energy is doing what is necessary to restore your inner harmony.

SCORPIO

Scorpio, you have a tendency to put the needs of others above yourself. This Mercury retrograde you will feel drawn to restore that balance. This may require you to focus more on yourself and your own goals than the people in your life. Prepare yourself for any interpersonal conflict that may occur as you distance yourself from people who have consistently relied on you. It may come to light that these people have been taking advantage of you; do not let them manipulate you into ignoring your needs as less important than their needs. Reflect on your relationships and ensure they are not codependent or toxic, Scorpio.

SAGITTARIUS

Sagittarius, you have been distracted by the chaos and drama of those around you. This will come to the surface during this Mercury retrograde and may result in some difficult situations. The people in your life do not have bad intentions but they are distracting you from your goals. You have goals and aspirations for your career and future but have found that many people in your inner circle do not share that same inspiration. You do not need to cut these people off but it is important for you to maintain your path towards your goals. It is possible that you may lose people that are not aligned with your path this retrograde, Sagittarius. Don't let this deter you-keep pushing. What is meant to be will be.

CAPRICORN

Capricorn, you need a change. Whether it is moving, taking a vacation, finding a new job or leaving your relationship, your soul is begging for a clean slate. You have been pursuing dead-end opportunities for a while, leaving you feeling frustrated and confused. However, this Mercury retrograde will force the changes that you have been putting off. Whether you are ready or not, the universe is about to initiate things that are necessary for your growth. Surrender to this energy and you will reap the benefits, Capricorn.

AQUARIUS

Aquarius, you have been holding on to trauma and experiences that are taking a toll on your inner child. This Mercury retrograde will bring these issues to light and assist you in processing these emotions so that you can move on. You have so much potential and it is unfortunate that these past experiences are still impacting you, Aquarius. You deserve to heal and enjoy your life. Focus on self-care and working to love yourself more so that you can continue with your life instead of focusing on the past. Your soul is begging for a change, Aquarius. The time is now!

PISCES

Pisces, you will begin to feel indecisive and confused during this Mercury retrograde. Your deeply emotional nature makes you more susceptible to interference from others around you. Make sure that you protect your energy, as you are often targeted by energy leeches. Do not let others steal your thunder or confuse you with their negative input. People that are jealous will plant seeds of doubt in your mind- protect yourself ahead of time so that their mental and emotional attacks do not stand a chance, Pisces.

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Events on Campus Week of Sept. 27

Alexis Wisler

September 27, 2021

Here is a list of events happening this week.

Monday, Sept. 27

11 a.m. | UAB Homecoming Kickoff | Student Union Lower Atrium

12 p.m. | Raider Homecoming Sashing of the Court | Student Union Atrium

1:30 p.m. | Christians on Campus Bible Study | Rike 044

5 p.m. | Ohio Collegiate Music Education Association Show Choirs in Music Education Event | Creative Arts Center room 279

5 p.m. | Men's Club Basketball Red Robin Fundraiser | Red Robin

6 p.m. | Abilities Study Group | Rike 033

7 p.m. | Collegiate eSports Club Wright State Raid | Millett 033

Tuesday, Sept. 28

8 a.m. | UAB Raider Pride Door Contest | Campus-Wide

11 a.m. | Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Tabling | Student Union Market

12 p.m. | Raj Soin College of Business Meet the Dean Event | Rike Lobby

12 p.m. | Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Tabling | Student Union Upper Atrium

4 p.m. | Psychiatry Student Interest Group Network DIY Stress Balls | White Hall 120

5:30 p.m. | Campus Recreation Running | Alumni Tower

6 p.m. | NPHC Homecoming Yard Show | Student Union Lower Atrium

7 p.m. | Equip 4 Life Why Pro-Life Event | Student Union 163A

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7 p.m. | H2O Church Night Life Group | Oelman 109

Wednesday, Sept. 29

11 a.m. | Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Tabling | Student Union Upper Atrium

2 p.m. | Raj Soin College of Business Meet the Dean Event | Rike Lobby

3 p.m. | Men's Soccer vs. Milwaukee | Alumni Field

3 p.m. | Operation International | Student Union Atrium

6 p.m. | Campus Recreation Hiking | Alumni Tower

7 p.m. | African-American Residential Caucus Don't Forget the Lyrics | Oelman 109

7:30 p.m. | Catholic Campus Ministry Bosco Night | St. John Bosco Chapel

8 p.m. | Compassion in Action Drive-In Movie Fundraiser | Dixie Twin Drive-In

Thursday, Sept. 30

12 p.m. | Career Services Employer Speaker Series | Online

2 p.m. | Christians on Campus Bible Study | Rike 044

5:30 p.m. | Campus Recreation Running | Alumni Tower

6 p.m. | Homecoming Bonfire | Lot 4A

6 p.m. | Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Connexion | Student Success Center 009

7 p.m. | H2O Church Night Life Group | Allyn 124

7:30 p.m. | Catholic Campus Ministry Alpha Cross Event | St. John Bosco Chapel

Friday, Oct. 1

9:30 a.m. | Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center Exhibit at Sinclair | Sinclair Community College

10 a.m. | WWSU College Radio Day Open House | 018 Student Union

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1:30 p.m. | Muslim Student Association Friday Prayer | Rathskeller 008

5 p.m. | Pediatric Interest Group Young's Dairy Social | Young's Jersey Dairy

6 p.m. | Club Soccer vs. Notre Dame | Alumni Field

7 p.m. | Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Informational | Allyn 124

7 p.m. | Residential Community Association Live Band Karaoke | Union Market Dining Room

8 p.m. | Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Recruitment Event | Cinemark The Greene

Saturday, Oct. 2

3 p.m. | NPHC Plot Unveiling | NPHC PLaza

4:30 p.m. | NPHC Unveiling Reception

6 p.m. | Homecoming Pep Rally | Alumni Field

7 p.m. | Men's Soccer vs. Robert Morris

Sunday, Oct. 3

10 a.m. | Club Fastpitch Softball Double Header Against UD | WSU Varsity Softball Field

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WSU Takes Steps to Create Inclusive and Engaging Homecoming

Kaylee Raines

September 27, 2021

Homecoming at Wright State University (WSU) is an opportunity for students to engage with their community in a positive way. This year, WSU is taking additional steps to ensure that activities are more inclusive and engaging.

Promoting inclusion

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Vice President Dai'Shanae Moore coordinates events for WSU's University Activities Board (UAB). She collaborates with many student organizations and plans activities that will be inclusive to everyone.

"I am super excited about The NPHC Yard Show as well as the Parade, Chili Cookoff and Bonfire because you will see so many of our clubs, organizations and alumni all in one area celebrating each other and impressing each other since the beginning of the pandemic," Moore said.

Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL) Associate Director Debbie Lamp is also looking forward to the NPHC Yard Show.

"All the different chapters have their own dances (strolling) and they each do a routine. It means something to them and is really fun to watch. They are really talented," Lamp said.

SIL Office Manager Dylan Collison highlights WSU's gender-inclusive Homecoming royalty as another way in which WSU is becoming more focused on inclusion.

"The court and royalty are both determined on campus involvement. Gender is not a contributing factor. The ratio of traditional men to women is not a contributing factor at all. The point is to be inclusive to all," Collison said.

Promoting Engagement

In addition to promoting inclusion, leaders at WSU hope that Homecoming will spark a passion for campus involvement. SIL Graduate Assistant for Student Programs Doniska Taylor believes that the crown of the Homecoming court represents a bigger message.

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“The crown shows that someone is engaged with students. It is setting a standard for student leadership and shows a level of pride within one’s institution (WSU) as well. They set a criteria and there is a certain level of excellence when you look at this student,” Taylor said.

Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement Brooke Leppla helps to coordinate events to help WSU alumni maintain their campus engagement. This year also marks the 50th Anniversary of WSU’s Alumni Association.

“I think sometimes there is a stigma that we don’t do much on campus for homecoming and that couldn’t be farther from the truth for both our students and alumni. Participating in campus events helps to build pride in our school and help build connections,” Leppla said.

This unification of alumni and current WSU students is another prevalent aspect of Homecoming. The notion of older and younger generations of Raiders networking, sharing experiences and having fun is what Homecoming is all about.

“It has been a rocky ride post-COVID, but we are really excited to welcome everybody home,” Collison said.

Monday, Sept. 27

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Chalk the Campus

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Homecoming Kickoff

Noon | Sashing the Court

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28

Sept. 28 – Oct. 1 | Raider Pride Door Decorating Contest

6 – 8 p.m. | NPHC Yard Show

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29

3 p.m. | Pins of Pride

3 p.m. | *Wright State Men’s Soccer vs. Milwaukee*

3 – 7 p.m. | Operation International

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7 p.m. | Don't Forget the Lyrics

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

5 – 6 p.m. | Homecoming Parade

6 – 10 p.m. | Bonfire and Chili Cookoff

7 p.m. | Royalty Coronation

FRIDAY, OCT. 1

All Day | Wright Day to Give

All Day | Spirit Day

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. | College Radio day

8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Foundation Committee and Board Meetings

7 p.m. | 50th Anniversary of University Housing & [Live Band Karaoke](#)

6 p.m. | 2020 & 2021 Alumni Achievement Awards*

7:30 p.m. | [Trivia Night](#)

Saturday, Oct. 2

9 a.m. | Wright State Alumni Association Board Meeting

10:30 a.m. | Legacy Scholarship Brunch

3 p.m. | NPHC Plot Ribbon Cutting

4:30 – 7 p.m. | NPHC Reception

6 p.m. | Pep Rally

6 p.m. | Sapphire Jubilee

7 p.m. | Wright State Men's Soccer vs. Robert Morris

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For more info on events and locations, visit WSU's [homecoming website >>](#)

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JCPenney Suit up Event Makes Professional Clothing More Accessible

Katie Jones

September 27, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) resources like the JCPenney Suit Up event and Raid-Our-Closet make professional clothing more accessible to students entering the workforce.

JCPenney Suit Up Event

Students registered for the Suit Up event on Handshake were given a number to text for the discount code. With the code, they could receive discounts for up to 30% off on JCPenney items. Items included career wear, shoes, jewelry, handbags, luggage and more.

From Sept. 23-26 students could shop in-person or order online and arrange curbside or in-store pickup.

“I really enjoyed looking at JCPenney professional clothing. It helped me get a good idea of what attire would be appropriate for future employment. I was able to find professional pieces that went along with my personal style,” junior Olivia Bartlett said.

Other professional clothing resources

For some students, even with discounts, it can be difficult to obtain business clothes. Raid-Our-Closet’s goal is to help these students.

Students can schedule appointments and Raid-Our-Closet, a free and donation-based community closet on campus, will provide them with a full outfit to keep. It is open to all students during their time at WSU and a semester after.

WSU graduate student Prithvi Kunapareddi also likes Clothes That Work, a non-profit that provides professional clothing, image counseling and training for those entering the workforce.

Clothes That Work provides clothing through referral or self-pay. For referrals, Clothes That Work will provide a free complete outfit, including shoes and accessories to keep.

With self-pay, job seekers can schedule an appointment and pay \$40 for a complete outfit including shoes and accessories. There will also be a trained client-coach to help with the selections.

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“I had a good experience [at Clothes That Work]. I think it’s definitely something every student can explore, especially because you get clothes for such a good deal,” Kunapareddi said.

Choosing professional clothing

However, choosing clothes is just as important as finding them. When it comes to what students should buy, it is important to think ahead.

In general, basic pieces are a good place to start for people who are new to business clothes. This can be suit pants and a suit jacket with a dress shirt or a professional pantsuit.

Students can also choose a dress, skirt and jacket set or add a blazer. Personal style can be incorporated through ties, scarves and jewelry.

“Buy things that are as versatile as possible. So if you can get yourself a couple of pairs of pants, a couple of different shirts, maybe a jacket or two then you can mix and match those. They’re going to seem like you have a lot more in your wardrobe than you actually do,” Destinee Biesemeyer, Associate Director of Student Advocacy & Wellness, said.

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Crime Report Sept. 8 through Sept. 15
Kaitlyn Chrosniak
September 28, 2021

During the week of Sept. 8, two incidents occurred on the Wright State University (WSU) main campus.

Trespassing

On Sept. 10, an individual was caught trespassing at the Dunbar Library. They were arrested on sight.

Disorderly Conduct

On Sept. 11, an individual was reported in the early morning hours for disorderly conduct and “off public peace.” The disposition of the case remains unknown.

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Faculty Senate Urges University to Implement Stricter COVID Policies

Jamie Naylor

September 28, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) Faculty Senate passed a resolution urging university administration to implement stricter COVID-19 policies.

Covid-19 policies

Convening on Sept. 20, the Faculty Senate discussed faculty concerns regarding COVID and academics.

The Senate passed the 'Resolution on COVID Policies at Wright State University' outlining what actions the faculty want to see the university take in regards to COVID.

Outlined in the resolution, the desire to implement incentives to become vaccinated, require students, staff and faculty to provide vaccination records or undergo weekly testing and require the COVID vaccine no later than spring 2022 among other safety measures.

President Sue Edwards announced new COVID policies meeting some of these provisions at the Sept. 17 Board of Trustees meeting.

Edwards announced a COVID vaccine incentive program for those who upload their records, a partnership with Premier Health to bring a centralized COVID testing and vaccination site to the Dayton campus, as well as adding a Covid vaccine requirement for residential students in spring 2022.

Faculty Senate members such as Senator Labib Rouhana are not satisfied with these policies and called on Edwards to implement a Covid vaccine mandate this semester.

According to Edwards, due to work with multiple faculty and staff unions and navigating contractual language, the university can not mandate the Covid vaccine.

"We are unable to change the conditions of enrollment mid-way through [the] semester," Edwards said.

Academic policies

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The Senate passed multiple policies regarding curriculum, international students and academics. A revision to policy 5120, regarding graduate assistantships, was sent back to the Graduate Academic Policy Committee (GAPC).

The revised policy outlines plans for WSU to publish a graduate tuition rate each fiscal year. This rate determines the cost of all graduate assistance credit hours covered by tuition remission regardless of residency status. Tuition remission pays the cost of tuition for those enrolled in the program.

Not clarified by the policy or GAPC chair David Ladle is the “residency status” clause, the clause determining what tuition students pay based on their U.S. and Ohio residency status. Also not clear is whether it applies to international students or not, causing the Senate to reject the revisions and send it back to committee.

The Faculty Senate will continue to revise and edit academic policies as the fall semester continues.

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Nutter Center Will Not Require Vaccines for Events

Kaitlyn Chrosniak

September 28, 2021

As venues such as Dayton Live begin to mandate vaccines or negative COVID-19 tests in order to attend events, the Wright State University (WSU) Nutter Center will not be requiring such protocols at this time.

Dayton Live

On Sept. 16, Dayton Live officials announced that proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test will be required in order to attend events, alongside current mask policies, beginning Oct. 1.

“Our health and safety policies will continue to be regularly evaluated and adjusted based on community health data, and public health and government guidance,” Ty Sutton, president and CEO of Dayton Live said in the press release. “Based on continuous audience surveys, we know our audiences want us to put additional safety measures in place.”

Other venues local to the area are implementing similar policies as cases rise and normal activities resume. Express Live, for example, announced that proof of vaccine or a negative PCR test would be required within 72 hours of the event. Beginning Oct. 1, being vaccinated will be the only way to attend events at the Columbus venue.

“I don’t think it’s fair to force the vaccine, especially when some people cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons,” WSU freshman communication studies student Hannah Jenson said.

Nutter Center

As of Sept. 24, WSU will not be requiring attendees of events at the Nutter Center to be vaccinated.

“The Wright State Nutter Center Covid policies and procedures are consistent with university safety protocols which do not require vaccination or negative tests to participate in events at this time,” WSU Director of Communications Seth Bauguess said.

WSU does not have a vaccine mandate in place at the time of writing and does not plan for a mandate. The Nutter Center has resumed allowing attendees to purchase tickets and attend sporting events, concerts and other events.

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“I’m really excited to be able to finally see a Wright State basketball game,” WSU freshman sports management student Alyssa White said. “I think that it’s great that they are finding a way to try to bring back the atmosphere to the campus that so many of us fell in love with pre-COVID.”

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Women's Soccer Ends Busy Week Without a Win

Noah Kindig

September 29, 2021

Determined to start the Horizon League Season out strong, Wright State University (WSU) Women's Soccer faced off against the Milwaukee Panthers, the Youngstown State Penguins, and the Green Bay Phoenix.

Their busy week ended 0-1-2, losing against Milwaukee 1-2, before tying both Youngstown 1-1 and Green Bay 0-0 after double overtime.

For a team picked seventh in the League preseason poll, they played exceptionally well against Milwaukee, who was picked first in the poll after winning the Horizon League Championship for three straight seasons.

The Raider Defense and Goalkeeper Jessika Seward kept the Raiders in all three games, only allowing three goals in 310 minutes of soccer this week.

1-2 VS the Panthers

The Panthers were easily the favorite before the match started, picked to be first in the preseason poll and winning the last three Horizon League Championships.

As expected, Milwaukee largely controlled the match from the start, dominating possession early and scoring in the seventh minute.

Gabby Schwartz sent the ball to just outside the box from the halfway line, as Haley Johnson hit a beautiful first-touch finish on a half-volley to the near post for a 1-0 Panther lead.

They scored once more before the end of the first half, with Maggie Woods picking off a goal kick and passing to Lesley Kiesling for a wide-open shot.

With the game going as planned for Milwaukee, it was a surprise to see WSU push back hard in the second half, scoring in the first three minutes to start a comeback. A ball played across the box found Destiny Johnson, who blasted it into the back of the net.

The Panthers held off WSU's attack for the rest of the match, but not without difficulty.

1-1 at home

The Raiders have yet to win at home this season, with their tie against Youngstown making their home record 0-2-2.

The Raiders conceded a goal early in the match once again, this time in the 22nd minute, as Regan LaVigna slotted one past Seward in the Penguins' first shot of the match. WSU took eight shots in the first half, but none would find the back of the net.

The match seemed lost for the Raiders in the 75th minute when Taylor Ulrich received her second yellow card, and the Raiders had to play a person down.

Josie Krupp had other ideas, as just six minutes later she scored to tie the match 1-1 and push the match into overtime. Even with a player down, the Raiders shot just as much as the Penguins in overtime and even took more corner kicks.

But, neither team would find the back of the net. The Raiders had 12 corner kicks to YSU's six, and 24 shots to their 15, but the contest would end 1-1.

An empty scoreboard against the Phoenix

The Raiders seemed to carry their strong defense into their match against the Green Bay Phoenix, but still would be unable to find the back of the net.

While both teams had great chances in the first 90 minutes, neither side would find a goal, pushing the Raiders into extra time once again.

Maddie Mitchell had great shots for WSU in extra time, but she was denied by Green Bay's Annie Mason, ending the 110 minutes in a 0-0 draw.

Biden's Vaccine Initiative: WSU Remains Uncertain About Effect

Jamie Naylor

September 29, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) remains uncertain about mandating COVID-19 vaccines as President Biden issues a nationwide Covid vaccine initiative.

Biden's initiative

President Joseph Biden announced Sept. 9 a new plan for vaccine mandates in the U.S. including a plan requiring employers with 100 or more workers to mandate COVID vaccination in the workplace, according to the White House press release.

Enforced through the Department of Labors' Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the emergency standard includes guidance on COVID mandatory vaccination, testing, masking and physical distancing.

Aimed at health care workers, immunocompromised individuals and the unvaccinated, the standard also encourages employers and employees in high transmission areas to follow its guidance.

"This guidance is also intended to help employers and workers who are located in [areas of substantial or high community transmission](#), who should take appropriate steps to prevent exposure and infection regardless of vaccination status," OSHA's press release said.

Greene County, the county in which WSU's main campus resides, is labeled as a high transmission area according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Legality of plan

The announcement of Biden's plans prompts questions of legality and application to higher education.

According to WSU political science professor John Feldmeier, the legality of the plan is ultimately decided by higher court systems, if and when the bill is officially contested. Due to the emergency situation of the global pandemic, Biden's plan holds legal standing.

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Feldmeier added that while there is no set guidance on whether the plan applies to state universities, logic would indicate that due to the fact state institutions employ over 100 workers and receive federal funding from the state, it would apply.

Wright State's decision

With the new nationwide initiative, WSU remains hesitant on implementing a vaccine mandate for faculty, staff, student workers or students at large.

According to WSU's Communications Director Seth Bauguess, the university is still awaiting guidance from higher government authority.

While WSU's administration waits for guidance, the branch of the American Association of University Professors voice their support of Biden's plan and express desire for a vaccine mandate on campus.

"AAUP-WSU strongly advocates that all students, faculty, and staff be vaccinated and that WSU policy [mandates] it. ... We believe in providing the safest environment possible for our students and for the faculty and staff who serve them," Robert Rubin, president of AAUP-WSU, wrote. WSU continues optional COVID testing and masking. [Learn more here >>](#)

Disability Services at Lake Campus Downsized

Kristina Shue

September 29, 2021

The position of Lake Campus Disability specialist was eliminated at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, but there is still a range of accommodations available.

Hamilton Now Disability Liaison

After the full-time position was eliminated, Tiffany Hamilton became the Office of Disability Services Liaison. Students must contact Hamilton for any accommodation requests at the Lake Campus.

According to main campus disability specialist Angela Masten, there are currently 45 Lake Campus students registered with ODS.

“If a student needs any in-person accommodation, whether that’s a scribe writing out essays or tests, a test read, or just a test proctored, I would be doing all that,” Hamilton said.

The most often requested service is test proctoring, but all services provided at the main campus are available at the Lake. Hamilton works closely with main campus disability services case managers to provide all necessary accommodations.

“When a student applies for accommodations with the Office of Disability Services, I’m not the one reviewing the application at this time, so somebody in Dayton is assigned to each student as their case manager, and then they determine which accommodations they get and then I provide those accommodations,” Hamilton said.

In addition to in-person support from Hamilton, ODS holds virtual walk-in hours Monday through Friday via Webex.

Student Success Center Offers Lake Support

Library and Technology Center director Jamon Flowers has worked closely with Lake ODS staff.

“We worked together like if she had a student that was part of her caseload that then signed up for tutoring services, I would kind of talk to her about the student, some of the student’s needs or how best to help that particular student,” Flowers said.

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Since the elimination of the full-time position, Flowers' ODS involvement has decreased, but the Success Center remains a resource for all Lake campus students.

"Our tutors help everybody; I help everybody as well. The spaces are available to everyone, the computers, everything over there is available to everyone. It's for the Lake campus, they're [ODS students] part of the campus, and so we welcome them like everybody else," Flowers said.

Accessing Accommodations

According to Hamilton, it is critical for students to take it upon themselves to register with ODS if they think they will need any additional support.

Hamilton can be contacted by email at tiffany.hamilton@wright.edu. The main campus ODS can be contacted at disability_services@wright.edu.

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SGA Discusses Increased Security and Upcoming Events

Katie Jones

September 29, 2021

On Sept. 28 Wright State University's (WSU) Student Government Association (SGA) met to discuss increased security and upcoming campus events.

Resolution 21-01

Resolution 21-01 was presented at the previous SGA meeting in response to several security incidents in residential areas.

According to Residential Senator Chad Dudash, incidents included more than four car accidents, bicycle thefts and multiple forms of assault.

To increase security, resolution 21-01 proposes security cameras in six parking lots, a patrol each hour and continued upkeep for emergency call buttons.

Cameras would be located by College Park apartments 2120 and 2170, Honors Hall, University Parks 2090, next to the Village apartments and the pedestrian bridge by Wingerd Service Dog Park.

"Increased security measures would make students feel more safe on campus, increase student morale and provide photographic evidence of any security incidents," Dudash said.

The resolution was sponsored by Dudash and Krista Long, Director of Academic Affairs. It was co-sponsored by five SGA senators and two cabinet members.

After a unanimous vote, the resolution passed.

Raider Mart

In addition to housing security, SGA discussed housing food options. Markus Perry, Director of the SGA Internship Program, is continuing to look into Raidermart's prices and staff's quality.

According to Perry, employees and students have complained about one employee at Raidermart. Perry conducted his own observations as well.

"For the past couple of weeks, I've watched this individual and seen them making fun of students who have disabilities and things like that, mocking them. So that's what I mean by

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quality because it's good to have an organization that's providing food, but when you have people mocking our students, we don't really need you," Perry said.

NPHC plot unveiling ceremony

Following the Raidermart discussion, President Jonathan Ciero read out a message to SGA from former SGA president Adrian Williams.

As former SGA president, one project Williams helped start was the NPHC plots. In his message, he invited SGA to the NPHC plot unveiling ceremony.

The ceremony is Saturday, Oct. 2 at 3 p.m. near BART and is the first groundbreaking unveiling ceremony at WSU in over seven years.

The ceremony will recognize all involved in creating the NPHC plots, including previous SGA members and current campus community members. President Sue Edwards will speak as well.

Announcements and upcoming events

Apart from the NPHC unveiling ceremony, there are a few more upcoming events and announcements for students.

Engineering and Computer Science Senator Anna Spiros is currently looking into SGA sponsoring a blood drive.

On the academic side, Long spoke to students about their experiences with the math and writing centers.

"I've heard a lot of complaints about the math center in particular and its usefulness," Long said. Based on this, Long plans to meet with Tim Litell, Associate Vice Provost for Student Success.

Commuter Senator Alaina Collins is continuing to collect ideas for the commuter lounge renovations and look into funding options.

There are homecoming events throughout the week. These include Operation International on Wednesday at 3 p.m., the Bonfire and Chili Cookoff on Thursday at 6 p.m. and Wright Day to Give on Friday.

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Dayton's Not Dead: Second Street Market

Kaylee Raines

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Every Saturday and Sunday, Dayton residents flock to Second Street Market to support local vendors, artists and restaurants.

Part of the Five Rivers MetroParks, Second Street Market is a vibrant, bustling environment that Wright State University (WSU) students are invited to enjoy.

Assisting vendors to change career paths

Co-owner of Corner Hill Farm Brad Garrett transitioned from his role in Information Technology (IT) to growing crops with his wife after being inspired by the television series "Alaska's Last Frontier." In addition, Garrett enjoys the personal connections that he shares with other vendors and patrons at the market.

"We are getting to be with people who want us to be here and they thank us for doing what we are doing. I didn't get that when I was working with computers," Garrett said.

Similar to Garrett, Bob Santa Barbara of Caffeine Carl transitioned from another industry to his new occupation at the market. He worked for Electronic Data Systems (EDS) until the company downsized ten years ago, prompting him to purchase Caffeine Carl and pursue a new career.

"I enjoy seeing my regular customers, some of which are families where I have seen their children grow up from being five or six years old and now they are graduating high school," Santa Barbara said.

Sentimental aspects of the market

Tammy Zonka uses her artistic skills to produce ornamental corn to sell at the market. Inspired by family traditions with her grandma, Zonka continues to draw inspiration from her youth.

"It is kind of like a legacy thing. It makes me think of good thoughts with my grandma when I was younger, doing crafts with her. Carrying on her legacy," Zonka said.

Similarly, Garrett feels inspired by the Dayton community each time Corner Hill Farm sells at the market.

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“When we come to Dayton, it is fun to connect with the people. There are so many diverse people that come to the market and it connects us with a certain type of people, people that actually want to eat local, farm-raised vegetables,” Garrett said.

With this, the Second Street Market is not just a business, it is a place to connect with the community.

“It is a place for people to come and socialize. It is a home away from home,” Santa Barbara said.

WSU's Dance Team Thrilled to be Performing for Community Once Again

Katie Jones

September 30, 2021

Being back in person has brought new life to Wright State University (WSU) and its students, including the Dance Team.

Adjusting to COVID-19

For the dance team, the pandemic presented unique challenges. Team dance is done best in-person, so members struggled with the transition to virtual practices.

"It's a hard thing to practice over Zoom, right? It's not very efficient to try to have someone play music and then everyone dances to it but it was better than nothing," Lauren Miller, the dance team's Recruitment and Social Media Chair, said.

Along with practices, tryouts were also virtual. Applicants had to fill out an interest form and go through an interview. They were given two routines to learn and then submitted a video of them dancing those routines.

This new format lacked familiarities from past tryouts. There was no immediate feedback about their performance and they were unable to meet members or see what other girls at tryouts were like.

Practices and tryouts were not the only changes. One of the COVID restrictions for the team was no overnight travel.

This meant they would be unable to travel to their national competition. Without practicing for their nationals and with few spectators at WSU games, their dance season was cut short.

Despite this, for some members, COVID was not all bad.

"I think COVID has been a blessing because it's helped us get closer because there was that uncertainty, so we were kind of relying on each other to get us through," Danielle Saul, WSU Dance Team's president, said.

Back in person

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After the shortened season and virtual practices, team members were relieved to be back in person this semester. They still have COVID regulations to follow, such as wearing masks during practice and staying home if feeling sick.

However, being able to meet the coaches and practice as a group has allowed them to progress quicker and connect with each other.

They were also able to attend a dance camp earlier this year in August, where they learned routines for their nationals, Universal Dance Association (UDA).

Along with competition practice, the dance team has been preparing performances for WSU events. They performed for the first time since last year at Student Union After Dark.

“It kind of just resparked, like, my interest in dance because it’s not very fun when you’re just by yourself,” Camryn Harrell, the group’s treasurer, said.

Future plans

Currently, the dance team is looking forward to returning to in-person events. In previous years they have performed at WSU events, hosted fundraisers and gone to community service events.

This year they plan to perform at homecoming and upcoming basketball games. Additionally, they’re preparing for their nationals in January and the UDA competition.

“I’m excited to grow as a dancer, for sure, especially because we haven’t been at the collegiate level before and never thought I would get here. So it’s really cool that I’m able to do it with Wright State,” Harrell said.

For those interested in joining, WSUDT’s Instagram has an interest form or you can contact Danielle Saul at saul.18@wright.edu.

Resume Building: The Key to Landing the Interview

Kaylee Raines

September 30, 2021

September is International Update Your Resume Month. Wright State University (WSU) provides services to assist students looking to obtain a new job because resumes play an instrumental role in the hiring process.

Resume experts weigh in

Mariann Weiss is a Career Advisor for WSU's Career Services. She assists students with mock interviews, proofreading resumes and overall career advice. Weiss asserts that resumes are a crucial aspect of the hiring process.

"Resumes are the first impression that students leave on a prospective employer. It tells the stories of what you are capable of, the skills that you have and what you bring to the table," Weiss said.

Wayne Stark is a Career Consultant for the College of Liberal Arts (COLA). Similar to Weiss, Stark also helps students with their resumes, mock interviews and other career services. Stark emails information about Resume Workshops, Career Fairs and other events to students periodically as well.

"Having a good, solid resume is of critical importance. It is a strategic marketing document. It is intentional and it is developed for a particular goal in mind; a particular position or a particular interest," Stark said.

Students looking for assistance with their resumes are encouraged to reach out to Career Services, who will pair them with a Career Consultant in their respective field that can guide them.

Students weigh in

Seoha Lee is an exchange student at WSU from Seoul, South Korea. Her goal is to gain experience in the United States that she can apply to her resume.

"In my country, having international experience is very important. I believe that my experiences at WSU, combined with my English skills, will set me apart from other applicants," Lee said.

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Peter Khuu studies History at Sinclair Community College and plans to transfer to WSU upon receiving his Associates. However, he is already focused on making sure his resume is ahead of the game.

“Resumes are important. I even have a book that helps me with tips and tricks to updating my resume. I would definitely recommend other students look at books or resources at their schools in order to improve their resumes,” Khuu said.

Professor Spotlight: Erin Flanagan

Erika Jones

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Professor Erin Flanagan is an Introduction and Advanced Fiction writing professor at Wright State University (WSU) with two published short story collections, one published novel and a second published novel in the works.

Who is Professor Erin Flanagan

Flanagan looks like a normal, busy university instructor that teaches Introduction and Advanced Fiction writing and Novel writing courses. On days where she is not teaching, she spends her time with a large family while fitting in the time to become an author on the side.

When Flanagan started her Ph.D. program, she did not know what she wanted to do with her degree and teaching was not something that was at the forefront of her mind.

Flanagan says all teaching did was remind her about public speaking until she decided to give it a try.

“I was surprised how much I liked it... it wasn’t the same kind of nerve-wracking as public speaking [and] it felt more communal somehow,” Flanagan said.

With a large family of five, plus four fur children, Flanagan’s house and schedule are quite full, but she still manages to find the time to put her favorite hobby, writing, in the forefront.

Flanagan started searching for Creative Writing jobs in 2004. It seemed like fate when she ended up finding an opening at WSU after several interviews at different places.

“When I came to campus, everybody was really welcoming and down to earth and it seemed like a good fit,” Flanagan said.

Works of Professor Flanagan

When it comes to the works that Flanagan has published, it rounds up to two short story collections and one published novel. Right now, Flanagan has a second novel that was quickly picked up and will be released next year in August.

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Her first collection was “The Usual Mistakes, and Other Stories” published by the University of Nebraska Press on Sept. 1, 2005. The collection “It’s Not Going to Kill You, and Other Stories” was published by Bison Books on Sept. 30, 2013.

Out of these two collections, Flanagan says that both collections took her around five years each to complete due to also writing novels at the same time. Out of the 24 stories published in both collections, only nine of them were published in literary magazines.

Although novels are significantly harder to write than short stories for most people, Flanagan has managed to write six of them. It was not until book five, “Deer Season,” which reflects her own childhood, that a publisher picked up the work and helped her get it published this year.

While writing can be a daunting task, Flanagan encourages those who want to write to not give up.

“I would say for all writers [that] perseverance is so much more important than talent. You’ve got to stick with it. And as much as possible, remember why you wanted to start writing,” Flanagan said.

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New Housing Projects in Planning Process

Kaitlyn Chrosniak

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In the nine months since Crawford Hoying took ownership of several Wright State University (WSU) housing properties, a number of small repairs and ongoing large projects have broken ground on campus.

Ongoing improvements

WSU Director of Residence Life and Housing Dan Bertzos acknowledged that small repairs have been ongoing in student housing in the months since Crawford Hoying took over, including small paint repairs and carpet replacement.

“There are some other smaller projects that I don’t think everybody would appreciate,” Bertzos said. “They’re replacing all the lighting [in] all their buildings and they’re changing from what kind of lighting was installed 20 or 30 years ago, with energy-saving LED lights.”

Students on campus have proven to be appreciative of these smaller projects occurring on campus.

“I was excited to see the changes in the Woods this year. My dorm felt cleaner and more homey when I moved in than it did last year,” WSU sophomore liberal arts major Toby Symonds said.

Not all students at WSU believe that WSU has maintained all aspects of housing appropriately. WSU residential students have reported that they worry maintenance is not prioritizing requests in a timely fashion.

“I have seen maintenance doing things like random paint jobs while people in my building have been requesting help with a fridge issue or light problem for over a week. It’s frustrating,” WSU sophomore sociology major Clare Burgh said.

Bertzos acknowledged that students who feel their maintenance requests are not being responded to can email housing@wright.edu. Bertzos said the inbox is checked daily, often by himself.

Upcoming projects

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Three main projects are currently in the design process with tentative plans to break ground during the spring 2022 semester. The first of these projects is a dance studio for theater and dance majors.

“A room in the Honors building that was originally designed as a recreation space but seldom used because it’s located a little bit off the beaten track... turning it into a dance studio,” Bertso said. “We know that Honors [Community] has a performing arts floor and Honors is dedicated to those students. We’ve worked very closely with the theater program [for the planning process]”.

The second project currently in the design process for Crawford Hoying involves the space that used to encompass Bridge Cafe within the Honors Community.

“There’s a student organization that’s going to use one half, okay, but the other half they are hoping to set up as a kind of a food and gathering space,” Bertso said.

The final project currently in the drafting project is a 6000 square foot clubhouse. The clubhouse will include a pool, volleyball courts and a deck.

All three projects are still in a tentative planning process.

WSU Sees Enrollment Decline, Increase in Retention

Jamie Naylor

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Wright State University (WSU) sees a decline in enrollment numbers with slight increases in retention and graduation rates.

Enrollment

The census date, or the day the university collects enrollment data for the semester, occurred Sept. 6.

President Sue Edwards presented the census data results during the Board of Trustees public session on Sept. 17. The total census headcount for Dayton, Lake and Medical students is 11,469. Of those students, 10,264 are enrolled on the Dayton campus and another 1,205 students are enrolled on the Lake campus.

Enrollment is significantly lower than in previous years, including 2020. The total census date headcount for the 2020 academic year rests at 12,234 students, according to the FY 2022 budget presentation presented at the June 18 Board of Trustees meeting.

The Wright State Guardian reached out to Jennifer McCamis, interim chief recruitment and admissions officer, about factors contributing to lower enrollment rates and received no response.

Retention and graduation

Retention and graduation rates for fall 2021, collected on the census date, are 66% and 44%, respectively. While comparatively low to similar four-year public institutions in Ohio, like Bowling Green and Cleveland State, these rates increase from previous years.

According to Tim Littell, associate vice provost of student success, the fall 2021 retention rate is up from 62%, and the graduation rate is up from 35%.

Littell did not specify the make-up of this data; however, the U.S. Department of Education catalogs detailed information on these rates. According to the department, of the 6,182 students

who start at WSU, 43% transfer to other institutions, 37% graduate, 19% withdraw, and 1% remain enrolled.

Future plans

While the university remains ambiguous on the cause of enrollment, retention and graduation data, the administration remains clear on what is being done to increase these numbers.

One of the biggest programs working to increase enrollment is the Campus Completion Plan, formulated by the Alliance for Recruitment, Retention and Completion. This group of faculty members is currently analyzing data and strategies, creating guidance on what university administration should do to increase retention and graduation rates.

According to Littell, the plan is set to be submitted to the Board Of Trustees in spring 2022 and sent to the Ohio Department of Education in July 2022.

Concerns

WSU is undergoing departmental reorganization, merging, retrenchment, and staff and faculty separations, causing concern among the campus community that these efforts negatively affect WSU's enrollment and retention numbers.

"We certainly struggled with a number of significant staff cuts and faculty cuts over the past few years. But as we continue to sort of 'Wright Size,' these are [part] of the necessary pains to really provide [an] optimal set of resources for the university," Littell said.

The university plans to continue reorganization and retrenchment. It is unknown how this will continue to affect enrollment and retention data.

Music Review: Ed Sheeran's New Singles

Ellee Rogers

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If there is one thing Ed Sheeran is known for it would be his heartfelt, emotional ballad songs. In recent months, Sheeran has released three new songs: "Bad Habits," "Visiting Hours" and most recently, "Shivers."

His song "Shivers" gives a similar vibe to some of his other upbeat songs like "I Don't Care" and "Sing." In his music video for the new song, Sheeran pays tribute to Elton John with a montage of him in playful pink glasses, a feathered collar and sequin pants.

The video also features exciting elements such as exotic birds, lively dance routines and the costar AnnaSophia Robb. The song speaks on the eclectic-like energy you can feel when you fall in love.

New Album in October

To make things even more exciting, Sheeran has his new album "=" releasing on Oct. 29! Here is a visual of what the tracklist for the new album will look like:

1. Tides
2. Shivers
3. First Times
4. Bad Habits
5. Overpass Graffiti
6. The Joker And The Queen
7. Leave Your Life
8. Collide
9. 2step
10. Stop The Rain
11. Love In Slow Motion
12. Visiting Hours
13. Sandman
14. Be Right Now

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When speaking about “=” [Sheeran said](#) that it is “a coming of age record. I’ve never been more proud of a body of work.” This is definitely thrilling to hear when considering the records and smash-hit songs he has released in the past.

New Tour Scheduled

Sheeran recently announced that he will be going on tour starting in 2022. The tour, called the Mathematics Tour, or “+ – = ÷ x Tour,” will start in Cork, Ireland on April 28, 2022. So far only European tour dates have been released, but do not fear, Sheeran explained that this announcement involves the “next 3 years” of his life so there will be more dates soon.

The tour is said to have locations available in Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America and North America. The first round of tickets for the tour is available starting Saturday, Sept. 25. It is a great time to be a “Sheerio” with all of this new content, music, and tour information steadily releasing!

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WSU Students On General Education Requirements

Emily Mancuso

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Wright State University's (WSU) general education requirements add up to 38 credit hours.

Communication, global traditions and social science classes all need six credit hours each while mathematics and arts/humanities require three each. The remaining credit hours are eight natural science and two electives.

Some believe this requirement hinders students by wasting money and time while others argue it produces well-rounded students in all seen areas.

The case for general education

Most universities around the nation, including WSU, require core classes like the social sciences.

Dr. Pam Garverick teaches Introduction to Psychology, which many students take as the social science component of the WSU core.

"I think it [general education] helps make people more rounded individuals, and gives them more awareness of things in the world," Garverick said.

Brendan Bannon, sophomore Film major, can see both the positives and negatives.

"It depends on the class, like I enjoy certain ones. I enjoyed sociology. I enjoy more of the philosophic debating classes. But when it comes to maths and sciences, it's not my cup of tea, but I power through and try to get the best grade I can," Bannon said.

The cons of general education

General education can also sap money and resources if students are not interested in what they are learning.

Transfer student and French major Dana Raber reflects on her experience in general education courses.

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“The more I think about [general education], the more I’m like why am I spending so much money on things not related to my future job?” Raber said.

Other students feel as though general education classes are less interesting than classes for their majors.

“I’ve been enjoying them [general education courses] a lot less. The issue is I definitely get the most enjoyment out of the classes I’m intending to take and find I’m a lot more awake, having a better time.” Raber said.

As of now, WSU has no plans on changing the current arrangement for general education requirements.

A Prevalent Addiction on College Campuses: Caffeine

Kaylee Raines

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At Wright State University (WSU) there are numerous coffee shops for students and staff to enjoy. However, experts assert that excessive caffeine consumption can be detrimental to one's health.

Psychology expert weighs in

WSU professor Patricia Schiml teaches several Behavioral Neuroscience courses related to psychopharmacology and is knowledgeable about the effects of caffeine consumption. Schiml asserts that one of the biggest issues that result from routine caffeine consumption is tolerance.

"Tolerance is when we become less sensitive to something over time, and therefore, we have to consume more of it to produce the same cognitive effect. It is typical that with repeated consumption of coffee, for example, that eventually one cup isn't enough to wake us up, and we end up needing more to experience the same level of alertness," Schiml said.

In addition to tolerance concerns, excessive caffeine use is believed to influence one's mental state.

"At low to moderate doses, caffeine probably is not associated with any risks in terms of mental health. However, a large, bolus dose of caffeine—think drinking a double shot of espresso on an empty stomach—might make someone feel anxious, and in those prone to anxiety disorders, panic disorder, social anxiety, etc., this might make it difficult to concentrate and or engage in typical activities," Schiml said.

Schiml recommends that people monitor their caffeine consumption in order to avoid triggering these symptoms of anxiety and to ensure that they do not become dependent on caffeine usage in order to function.

Students weigh in

WSU student Sierah Geldbaugh does not drink coffee on a regular basis and avoids caffeine use in general.

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“I didn’t want to be a student that depended on caffeine to keep me awake to do school work. Instead of drinking coffee and energy drinks while studying, I study throughout the day and get a lot of sleep at night,” Geldbaugh said.

University of Cincinnati (UC) student Emmaline Raines is an avid coffee drinker and enjoys visiting local cafes to do homework. Additionally, she credits coffee for balancing the effects of her attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

“Most people don’t understand that those of us who are non-neurotypical can often experience the opposite effects from caffeine— at least in the case of myself and other people I know with ADHD rather than feeling more alert or awake from coffee, it has a calming effect on my temperament,” Raines said.

It is clear the effects of caffeine use are dependent on many factors and vary from person to person. Overall, it is evident that achieving a balance in caffeine consumption is crucial to maintaining one’s health.