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Weekly Horoscopes
Kaylee Raines
October 4, 2021

It is the time of year when people are watching Halloween movies and all things spooky! Read on to see which classic Halloween movie you should watch based on your sign.

ARIES

Aries, you are notorious for being one of the funniest and child-like signs. Your sense of humor inspires those around you and makes Ghostbusters the perfect movie for you to watch this Halloween. The comical events in this movie reflect the humor that you share with the world. In addition, the positive plot that focuses on rescuing a city from destruction aligns with the Aries tendency to persevere and take charge.

TAURUS

Halloweentown embodies the vibes of Taurus. Taurus might feel like they do not fit in at times because of their unique, powerful energy. Your earthy vibes entrance everyone in your life. This is similar to how viewers feel when watching Halloweentown. The main character Marnie finds out that she is a witch and is able to embrace her true self in order to help save the world. Taurus, this is how successful you can be if you stay true to yourself.

GEMINI

Gemini are notorious for being the twins of the Zodiac, combining multiple personalities into one person. Double, Double Toil and Trouble is a classic Halloween movie starring twins Ashley and Mary-Kate Olsen that follows two sisters that attempt to save their family from the evil powers of their aunt. This classic combination of twins, Halloween and mischief screams Gemini energy and is truly the best fit for you to watch this year.

CANCER

Cancerians are emotional, loyal and romantic. These vibes are seen in Casper as Casper the ghost falls in love with a girl named Kat. The hopeless romantic vibes of Cancers is embodied in

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this complicated romance and the silly interactions with Casper's problematic uncles that interfere along the way. Enjoy this emotional classic, Cancers!

LEO

Leos are some of the most prominent leaders in the Zodiac and all about self-expression. Even when the truth is clouded, Leos are able to see the reality and are firm in their beliefs. Linus from It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown is firm that the Great Pumpkin exists despite mockery and bullying from his peers. Although there is only a false-alarm sighting of the Great Pumpkin, Linus continues to trust that it's real and will eventually show up. This determination and conviction is comparable to that of Leos, making this classic the perfect choice for Leo.

VIRGO

Virgo have a practical and analytical energy but are also deeply spiritual and open-minded. In Sleepy Hollow, Ichabod Crane begins as a skeptic and is reluctant to accept that a headless horseman is resulting in the various deaths taking place. However, he eventually comes face to face with the being and accepts the reality of the situation. The dark, mysterious vibe and plot of this film align with Virgo energy, making this the perfect choice for Virgo this Halloween.

LIBRA

Libra are charming, fun and fascinating. Consistently listed across the internet as the most-watched Halloween movie, Hocus Pocus embodies Libra energy and enchants audiences around the world each year. The shenanigans of the Sanderson sister witches and the budding romance of Max and Allison make for a charming film that is indicative of Libras.

SCORPIO

It is no secret that Scorpio are often viewed as the darkest, most intense sign in the Zodiac. The Halloween movies are full of anticipation and horror, making it a great choice for Scorpio this season. Although the main focus of the movies is how Michael Myers terrorizes countless victims, there is an emotional undertone as there is tension between Michael and his family. After murdering one of his sisters, his surviving sister is hunted by him throughout much of the remaining series. Scorpio, prepare yourself for an intense binge marathon of Halloween!

SAGITTARIUS

Sagittarius are interested in travelling and defying societal standards. This is embodied in *The Nightmare Before Christmas* as Jack Skellington leaves Halloweentown to explore other parts of the world. When he stumbled onto Christmastown, the movie transitions to a series of spooky and fun events that makes this the perfect movie for Sagittarius to enjoy this Halloween.

CAPRICORN

Capricorn energy is dark, strong and mysterious at times. *Monster House* highlights the story of three children that discover a home in their neighborhood is actually alive and violent. There are also stories of the home's former owner being violent and theories that his spirit has possessed the home. Capricorn, this intellectually stimulating and horrific film is the perfect choice for you this Halloween.

AQUARIUS

Beetlejuice is a classic film known for quirky music, eccentric styling and mischievous energy. Being that this movie is not necessarily a Halloween film but fits the parameters of one, this movie is textbook Aquarius. Aquarians seek to defy societal standards and stand out for their unique vibe. This makes *Beetlejuice* the perfect film for Aquarius this Halloween.

PISCES

Twitches is a movie that embodies the mystic, spiritual aspects of Halloween. Being the most psychic sign of the Zodiac, this makes *Twitches* perfect for Pisces. The movie follows twin sisters that move from their magical world to live on Earth. It follows their journey as they are separated by adoption and live completely separate lives until their lives cross again and they unite to battle the forces that destroyed their families. This film is perfect for spiritual, otherworldly Pisces to watch this Halloween.

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Events on Campus Week of Oct. 4

Alexis Wisler

October 4, 2021

Here are events happening on campus this week.

Monday, Oct. 4

10 a.m. | Miracle Makers Child Health Day Tabling | The Hanger

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

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

Tuesday, Oct. 5

11 a.m. | Association of Native American Students Orange Shirt Day | Cultural and Identity Center

11 a.m. | Wright Brothers Day | Student Union Atrium

11:45 a.m. | Miracle Makers Pinata Party

12 p.m. | Equip4Life Free Care Packages | Student Union Upper Atrium

3:30 p.m. | The Peer Success Program Midterms Mixer Madness | Student Success Center 205

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

6:00 p.m. | Women's Volleyball VS. Youngstown State | McLin Gym

7:00 p.m. | H2O church Night Life Group | Oelman 109

Wednesday, Oct 6

10:30 a.m. | Army ROTC Information Tabling | The Hanger

5 p.m. | Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Study Tables | Rike 154

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6 p.m. | Latino Medical Student Association Hispanic Heritage Month Guest Speaker | Online

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

6 p.m. | African-American Residential Caucus Scholarship Workshop | Student Success Center 009

7 p.m. | Tabletop Club Magic: The Gathering Nights | Fawcett 204 and 210

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

Thursday, Oct. 7

10 a.m. | Miracle Makers Bake Sale | The Hanger

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

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

7 p.m. | Women's Soccer VS/ Detroit Mercy | Alumni Field

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

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

Friday, Oct. 8

8 a.m. | Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Rock-A-Thon | The Quad

5 p.m. | Alpha Xi Delta Women's Fraternity Football Frenxi | Practice Fields

6 p.m. | Women's Volleyball VS. IUPUI | McLin Gym

8 p.m. | Collegiate eSports Club Rainbow Six Siege Team Competitive Game

Saturday, Oct. 9

12 p.m. | College Panhellenic Council Red Zone Self Defense | Student Success Center 009

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12 p.m. | Wright State Club Football Game Day | Alumni Field

4 p.m. | Women's Volleyball VS. Purdue Fort Wayne | McLin Gym

4 p.m. | Romeo and Juliet Student-Led Performance | Medical Sciences Amphitheater

6 p.m. | Miracle Makers, RCA, and UAB Drive-In Movie | Parking Lot 4

8 p.m. | Collegiate eSports Club Tryouts | Online

Sunday, Oct. 10

8 a.m. | Campus Recreation Tour de Gym Cycling Classic | Riverscape Metropark

2 p.m. | Romeo and Juliet Student-Led Performance | Medical Sciences Amphitheater

5 p.m. | Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Recruitment Event | Beavercreek

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Men's Soccer Beats NKU, Seconds Left to Spare

Noah Kindig

October 4, 2021

It was a solid week for Wright State University (WSU) Men's Soccer as they played conference games against the Northern Kentucky Norse (NKU) and the Milwaukee Panthers (MKE).

Both games went all the way to double overtime, but the Raiders came out of the week with a 2-1 win over NKU and a 1-1 tie against MKE.

The game-winner by Harvey Slade was off of a WSU corner kick, sent in by Presten Manthey, which Slade headed into the far-post with 11 seconds left before the game would have been tied.

Slade stuns the Norse

The Raiders faced their biggest rivalry of the year on the road, with NKU fans cheering on the Norse through the entire game.

WSU still dominated early, with three corner kicks in the opening minutes and eight shots in the first half. Neither team scored until later, but the game looked promising for the Raiders.

In the second half, NKU broke through first, with Daniel Kaufman scoring in the 52nd minute. Ryan Godding would receive a quick throw-in just outside the box, and two quick touches for Kaufman put him through four defenders, and a quick third touch pushed the ball into the bottom left corner.

The Norse couldn't hold their lead, as hard pressure from the Raiders forced a defensive mistake in the box, and a header from Zion Beaton capitalized, tying the game 1-1 in the 77th minute.

The game went into overtime and then double overtime, with the first team to score taking the game.

It looked more and more likely that the game would end in a tie, as WSU won a corner kick with 40 seconds left to play. Manthey took his time, and connected with Slade around the six-yard box. Slade placed the ball toward the back post, and it bounced off the post for a game-winner.

Slade ran towards the dugout, where players on the field and off mobbed and celebrated their victory, as NKU players laid down where the corner kick had come in, looking on in disbelief.

A taste of your own medicine

The Raiders headed to double overtime again against MKE, but this time the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Both teams scored in the first half, with Beaton scoring his second of the week for the Raiders off of a defensive mistake from the Panthers. They responded six minutes later off of a defensive mistake from the Raiders, this time finished by Adi Vaknin.

The Raiders almost immediately responded, but Conner Osterholt's shot would bounce off the post. WSU continued to pressure, but their 23 shots to MKE's 13 wouldn't be enough for a second goal.

At the last minute of double overtime, the Panthers found themselves in the exact situation the Raiders were in against NKU. A corner kick for the Panthers decided the game in the final minute.

A Panther got the first touch in the six-yard box and was wide open, but wasn't able to redirect it towards the net.

The Next Movie You Should Watch Based on Your MBTI Type

Ellee Rogers

October 5, 2021

The MBTI, or Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, is a personality quiz that groups people into specific categories based on their perspective, decision-making and psychological preferences. Click [here](#) to take the quiz and find out your individual type. Depending on your results, here is the next movie you should watch!

ISTJ – The Inspector

“The Lord of the Rings”

The ISTJ will respect and enjoy the heroic nature of this epic story. Their noble and trustworthy values will shine through in all the big-hearted characters in this film.

ISTP – The Crafter

“Saving Private Ryan”

Known for being the best type to handle tools and the only type out of all MBTI that is recommended for the military, they will fully appreciate this film that displays strength and justice.

ISFJ – The Protector

“About Time”

ISFJs will love this movie for its passion and heartfelt emotion. This is the perfect movie to laugh and cry at.

ISFP – The Artist

“A Silent Voice”

This anime film will give an ISFP the aesthetic beauty and emotional depth they are looking for. The film talks about bullying and amendment.

INFJ – The Advocate

“Fight Club”

This film’s complex psychological turmoil will truly speak to and inspire an INFJ. Get ready for a mind-bend when you watch this one!

INFP – The Mediator

“The Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind”

INFPs will appreciate this Kate Winslet and Jim Carrey film for its realist/surrealist approach and the characters’ open-mindedness.

INTJ – The Architect

“Inception”

This film combines mental and physical complexities to take the INTJ out of their world so they can fully immerse themselves in all of this film’s various realities.

INTP – The Thinker

“The Matrix”

The INTP will respect and enjoy watching Neo’s choice to take the red pill and unravel into truth and discovery.

ESTP – The Persuader

“Kill Bill”

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This film's fast-paced action and suspense will keep the ESTP's attention and interest!

ESTJ – The Director

“Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark”

This film will give the ESTJ a classic story while also letting them escape our mundane reality, the perfect combo!

ESFP – The Performer

“Ferris Bueller’s Day Off”

This movie will capture the ESFP's love for life and the present moment perfectly. They will enjoy the various personalities of the three main lively characters.

ESFJ – The Caregiver

“Clueless”

The ESFJ will appreciate Cher's kind heart and popularity at school. The classic film will capture and display the ESFJ's personality well.

ENFP – The Champion

“Good Will Hunting”

The ENFP will enjoy the characters in this film and Will's struggle with success and failure. The emotion each actor brings to the screen will leave them speechless!

ENFJ – The Giver

“Wonder Woman”

The film's hero will inspire the ENFJ with her strength, compassion and relentlessness.

ENTP – The Debater

“Monty Python and the Holy Grail”

The ENTP will fully enjoy this film for its impressive satire and monumental humor.

ENTJ – The Commander

“American Psycho”

The ENTJ will love to watch the themes of success and power play out in this film. The concept of “making it big” and having all the control will interest the ENTJ and immerse them in this classic film.



WSU and Clark State Renew Partnership For Two Plus Two Program

Brendan Blankenship

October 5, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) and Clark State Community College (CSC) held a signing ceremony to renew their partnership, the Two Plus Two program, on Oct. 1, 2021.

WSU's relationship with CSC

WSU and CSC created the Two Plus Two program to make it easier for students to transfer from CSC to WSU. WSU President Sue Edwards said that the relationship between these two universities is important.

"We're neighbors, and we work very closely together," Edwards said. "Working together is much better than working in isolation."

The Two Plus Two program also came about because of quality and affordability according to CSC President Jo Alice Blondin.

"Wright State has always been our number one transfer partner," said Blondin. "Wright State is very comfortable for our students."

Blondin said that over 43 degree programs were approved and signed off in the partnership. Some of these degree programs include cybersecurity, crime and justice studies, organizational leadership and business.

How students are benefiting from this program

Dr. Tiffany Hunter from CSC, who was previously chosen to be a leader for the National Presidential Fellowship for Community College Leaders (NPFCCCL), says that this program is made specifically for the students.

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Gracie Northington, who is in her first semester at WSU majoring in business, greatly benefitted from this program. Northington said that she had scholarship opportunities and a very smooth transfer to WSU.

“As soon as I was put in the transfer program, all of my credits were transferring so smoothly,” Northington said. “I’ve met with advisors from Clark State, I’ve met with advisors from Wright State. They even communicated with each other to make sure that I had a smooth transfer process.”

Northington said that she was able to be involved on campus at WSU in campus ministry before she transferred. She is now able to enter this semester as a campus ministry leader due to being a part of this program.

Northington’s younger sisters are also CSC students, and they are able to smoothly transfer due to the renewal of this partnership.

Wright State Celebrates Unveiling of Historic NPHC Plots

Jamie Naylor

October 6, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) becomes the first predominantly white Ohio public institution to unveil its National Panhellenic Council (NPHC) plots.

The unveiling

Family, friends, students, administrators and alumni gathered Saturday afternoon on WSU's campus to mark the historic unveiling of the NPHC plots, celebrating Black and Brown fraternities and sororities.

The celebration, a symbolic and emotional affair for Greek life and the Black and Brown community on campus, featured speakers, the opening of the plots via a ribbon cutting ceremony and a reception.

The project

The original idea for the project was formulated over 10 years ago, but officially began when former Student Government Association President (SGA) Adrian Williams passed the resolution to build the memorial garden.

The nine Pan-Hellenic Greek Letter organizations, otherwise known as the Divine Nine, partnered with student leaders, university administrators, construction and grounds crew to make this project possible.

WSU President Sue Edwards, the ultimate approver for the project, cites her desire to provide a safe space on campus for minority students as her reason for supporting the project.

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“I believe that everyone should have equitable access to higher education and that we should create a space where everyone can thrive and be successful,” Edwards said.

Details of project

Work on the plots began May 20, 2021, with the opening of the project being delayed two times due to construction and supply issues.

The overall cost for the project is not yet known, according to Gina Keucher, program director and greek advisor for Student Involvement and Leadership. However, over \$43,000 was raised to build and maintain the project and fund an NPHC scholarship.

History and importance of plots

According to WSU data, African American students only make up 9.7% of the campus population, making the university a predominantly white institution.

While dedicated to the Divine Nine Black and Brown Greek Life organizations, the plots memorialize the struggles racial minority communities have faced over the years and symbolize progress in diversity and inclusion, according to Shaquille Armstrong, president of WSU’s NPHC.

To some community members these plots represent an even more permanent symbol of diversity and inclusion at WSU.

“These plots represent the history that created us and will become the legacy that is all of us,”

Arianna Wooden, secretary for NPHC

Opinions

Students and alumni, especially members of fraternities and sororities, expressed excitement over the opening of the plots.

Students like Johnny Holloway, president of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, hope this will give the campus community an opportunity to learn about Greek Life and diverse cultures.

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Others like Wright State alumni Onome Scott-Emukapor along with Greek Life students Brittney Zazueta and Jada Brown, a University of Dayton Alpha Kappa Alpha chapter member, recognize that the NPHC plots are only part of the diversity and inclusion initiative at WSU.

“I am truly appreciative of what is going on here, this ceremony, this plot. But, let us not be distracted by shiny objects, WSU [still] has a long way to go to truly show [that] they understand [and that] they appreciate and respect what NPHC means to the Black Community and to campus as a whole,” Scott-Emukapor said.

The plots will be fully complete and outfitted with landscaping by spring semester 2022.

NPHC Educates and Celebrates with Stepping and Strolling Events on Campus
Katie Jones
October 6, 2021

On Sept. 28, NPHC (National Panhellenic Council) students and Wright State University (WSU) alumni stepped and strolled at the Yard Show to tell a story about their history, who they are and what they represent.

Strolling and stepping

Stepping and strolling have existed for centuries, going back to the 1700 and 1800s.

“It goes back to slavery time with our history. Our ancestors step, chant and sing and that was passed down to our sacred perspective chapters and organizations,” NPHC Vice President Dai’Shanae Moore said.

According to “From Death Marches to Dance Halls: A Brief History of Strolling,” strolling can also be traced to the historically black Greek letter organizations’ ritual ceremony called the Death March. They define strolling as the final activity for the BT Yellow pledge process where pledges would march around campus reciting poems and singing.

Over time, each NPHC sorority and fraternity’s strolling and stepping evolved, with each organization forming its own unique signature. However, the distinction between the two can sometimes still be confused.

“The difference between stepping and strolling is stepping is more you all making your own beats and incorporating your history. In strolling it’s really more your individual chapters doing something together as one that is also fun,” Moore said.

Yard show

WSU's Divine Nine, the nine historically Black Greek letter organizations, strolled on Sept. 28 to educate WSU about their history and values.

Although there are nine historically Black Greek letter organizations, WSU only has five Divine Nine fraternities and sororities. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.

Announced by emcee Brittany Neal, each performed and showed off their members' talent and dedication. In the middle of a packed Student Union, NPHC members combined strolling, music and dialogue to educate the audience about their individual organizations.

For some organizations, alumni came to perform as well.

"One of the things that I was really happy to see was that alumni came to support and perform because they're always there and I feel like it was really cool," student Alyana Barrera said.

A few performances included props such as canes and handkerchiefs while in others, NPHC members interacted with the audience by handing out roses.

The entire time, each fraternity and sorority was able to share their organization's history and values.

"It was great to learn about [the NPHC orgs] and understand more about where their sorority came from and fraternity," student Danielle Dargan said.



College of Liberal Arts Dean Retiring After Taking Voluntary Separation Plan
Jamie Naylor
October 6, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) College of Liberal Arts (COLA) Dean Linda Caron retiring at the end of academic year 2021-2022.

Retirement

Retiring at the end of the academic year, Dean Caron served WSU for 33 years, five of them as Dean of the COLA.

“It’s a good time for new leadership. It’s a good time for me to just find something else to do and I don’t know what that’s going to be. I’m going to continue to dedicate myself to Wright State until the end,” Caron said.

According to Dean Caron, she took the ‘Faculty Voluntary Separation Plan.’ In an effort to reduce the size of the faculty, the university offered this plan to eligible faculty members who were willing to retire by Dec. 31, May 31, 2022, Aug. 31, 2022 or Dec. 30, 2022.

According to WSU’s Human Resources, the plan entails a bonus payment of up to \$200,000, Emeritus Status, healthcare incentives and possible sick leave payment. Those who enroll in the plan give up recall rights, or the rights to teach at the university in the future.

Replacement Search

WSU President Sue Edwards announced at the Sept. 20 Faculty Senate meeting that the search to replace Caron is set to take place in spring 2022.

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Senator Hope Jennings raised the question of whether or not the search is going to be internal or external. Edwards confirmed that the search is external. External searches consider both existing faculty members and outside applications to fill a role.

It has not been revealed who will make up the search committee, or when the committee will officially start.

Additionally, associate COLA Dean Carol Loranger now serves as interim vice provost for faculty affairs. It is uncertain who will fill her position as Associate Dean.

Accomplishments

Throughout her time at WSU, Caron is accredited for her accomplishments including being one of the founders of the Arts Gala fundraiser for liberal arts scholarships and playing a role in renovating and expanding the Creative Arts Center.

SGA: NPHC Plots, Resolution 21-02, and Effectiveness of Mask Mandate

Alexis Wisler

October 6, 2021

The Student Government Association (SGA) discussed Resolution 21-02, the mask policy and the new NPHC plots at the meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

Resolution 21-02

Sabrina D'Alesandro, SGA vice president, proposed resolution 21-02 which condemns Ohio House Bill 327.

"Ohio House Bill 327 prohibits the training or teaching of critical race theory or diverse and controversial topics in community schools, higher education, state agencies, political institutions and more," D'Alesandro said.

According to D'Alesandro, the bill gives a vague definition of critical race theory and diverse and controversial topics. Teaching these topics would result in a loss of funding if the bill passes.

According to SGA President Jonathan Ciero, the bill has a hearing set for the near future, and although resolutions like Resolution 21-02 make the voice of the public known to lawmakers, it can still pass with resolutions against it.

"This is our way of trying to tell the lawmakers that us representing the student body here on campus condemn the bill," Ciero said.

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According to SGA Faculty Advisor Brian Boyd, the Faculty Council, which represents faculty across 14 public institutions around the state, also passed a written testimony against House Bill 327.

COVID-19 Task Force Academic Subcommittee

Director of Academic Affairs Krista Long gave an update on the COVID Task Force Academic Subcommittee, which raised concerns about the effectiveness of the mask policy on campus.

According to Long, the biggest issue concerning the mask policy right now is that students, staff and faculty have become more relaxed and do not always follow the policy of wearing a mask indoors. One cause of this, according to Long, is indoor events where food and drink are present.

“The problem is that at a lot of events that have food and drink it is really hard to enforce the mask policy. Everybody starts out really well, everyone has their mask on, but as soon as the food and drink come out, it’s really hard to then enforce it once the food has gone away,” Long said.

NPHC plots

Ciero encourages students to visit the new NPHC plots on campus located outside the Student Union by University Hall and to read the plaques on the entrance to understand the importance and significance of the plots.

“Please do give it the respect it deserves. The best analogy is that it’s as if you were going to a memorial in D.C.,” Ciero said.

SGA meetings are held Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and are open to the public.

Esports
Noah Kindig
October 7, 2021

From a club where friends spent time playing games together, to 11 competitive teams across six games, Wright State University's (WSU) Collegiate eSports Club has exploded in growth since 2016.

The growth of eSports

During the past five years, the club has gotten its own space in Millett Hall, fifteen computer systems and play-ready monitors while demand was at an all-time high, and won Student Organization of the Year.

According to Ryan Slater, former president of the eSports Club, all the hours put into this project have fully paid off due to the efforts of WSU, sponsors and the hard work of its members.

"This is a collaboration of a lot of people over a lot of time. I can't thank just one person for this... It's just a little bit of help from everywhere that made a big difference," Slater said.

A player's perspective

Many clubs struggled to retain members and engagement through last year, but eSports was able to grow through playing games online and even began their competitive teams during the pandemic.

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“eSports was able to be played online, and a lot of clubs can’t outreach in an online setting ... for us, there was a constant flow of, ‘We are doing something, there is something going on’,” Slater said.

One of the new teams, Overwatch Gold, had its first scrimmage against Bowling Green State University on Sept. 21.

After their scrimmage was over, members of the team expressed that they continue to improve not for themselves, but for the benefit of their team.

“Now that I am on the Overwatch team, my main reason for coming back is to continue to get better for myself and my team,” Gilbert “Darksnpx” Garcia, a Tank player for the team, said. “My main goal is to get to masters rank this year, and to continue working with and creating bonds with my current team.”

The team’s communication and attitude have not come from years playing together or being the best of friends, rather, they have come from something much more simple.

“It’s just people playing a game that they like to play. The Overwatch team just met,” Autore said. “There were two or three people that knew each other, but they’ve been playing for three weeks, and that’s where they’re at now.”

This connection is what helps the club thrive and continue to grow.

“I have had more fun on this team than I have ever had in other clubs I’ve been in, and it’s only been a few weeks together. I can’t wait to see what connections we grow,” Cal “Calster” Kahoun, another Tank player for the team, said.

The door is always open

For WSU students who just want to meet new people and play some games, the club has a bunch of casual players too. Whether students are looking for a place to have fun, or want to be a competitor for their expanding roster of games and teams, signups are never cut off.

“Signups are always open. Just get in the Discord, fill out the sheet, sign up on Engage, and you’re good to go,” Autore said.

Discord: <https://discord.com/invite/smmV38d>

Engage: <https://wright.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/esports>

Theatre Students to Perform Gender-Bent Classic Love Story
Alexis Wisler
October 7, 2021

Wright State University's (WSU) junior acting class will perform a mystical and gender-bent rendition of Romeo and Juliet on Oct. 9 and Oct. 10 in the amphitheater.

Student-led production

The production of Romeo and Juliet is completely student-led by the junior acting class.

According to junior acting major and co-director Danielle Nissen, the inspiration for this performance came from a sophomore year movement class in which they performed the play's famous balcony scene.

Within the acting department, students are able to put on shows in the Directing Lab. However, this production will take place outside in the amphitheater and is a class-wide project.

"The people in our program have a lot of experience doing stuff on our own... but I think this has taken a step beyond that," Nissen said.

Shakespeare with a twist

This production of Shakespeare's famous play will feature a female Romeo, played by Nissen, and an androgenous Juliet, played by junior acting major Chap Hollin. Several other characters are gender-bent as well.

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In addition, this rendition of Romeo and Juliet will be a more magical and mystical performance than the original, according to Nissen. Most of the magic will come from Friar Lawrence's character, played by junior acting major Zavi Osborne.

"When I think of Friar Lawrence in terms of this show, I think of Dr. Facilier from Princess and the Frog but a little bit better," Osborne said.

Nissen and Osborne encourage students to come to the performance to see what other changes have been made to the classic love story.

"It's not your grandma's Romeo and Juliet," Osborne said.

Passion for performing

For Nissen, performing is a way to share stories with other people and connect with them in a unique way. Nissen fell in love with performing at a young age when she went from writing stories to acting them out.

"When I was little I loved writing and storytelling and eventually that kind of morphed into getting up on my feet and making up those stories," Nissen said.

A favorite part of performing for Osborne is the audience, which she hopes will be excited to see the play next weekend.

"I feel like if an audience isn't really responsive, then we aren't doing our job," Osborne said.

The play will start at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 10.

WSU Struggles to Supply COVID-19 Tests

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Wright State University (WSU) planned to test residential students for COVID-19 following Labor Day weekend, only to run out of tests the first day they were offered. Following the incident, the university is working to maintain enough tests to be able to test regularly.

Labor Day testing

WSU Housing and Residential Life informed residential students on Sept. 7 that they were required to perform an at-home COVID test between the dates of Sept. 8 and Sept. 10. By the end of the day Sept. 9, the university had run out of tests altogether. More tests were to be available the following week, but testing was then described as optional.

“We are trying to have as many residents as possible take the test, but it’s not required,” WSU Director of Residence Life and Housing said in a campus-wide email on Sept. 9.

WSU Housing ran out of tests a second time the following week, causing WSU students to wonder how the university plans to require regular testing in the spring semester.

“I know that they still have some time to figure out the kinks, but if they can’t even offer enough tests to cover students over a holiday weekend, I don’t see how they’re going to actually make COVID testing a requirement,” WSU junior public health student Michaela Banville said.

Increasing COVID testing

At the Sept. 20 Faculty Senate meeting, WSU announced that a partnership with Premier Health was in the works to help provide more testing and vaccination options for students.

“We will be housing a centralized vaccination and Testing Service, it will be actually a third party, our premier health partners will be staffing that for us. And we hope to have that up and running in the next couple of weeks,” WSU President Sue Edwards said during the Faculty Senate meeting.

Aside from the ongoing plans to work with Premier Health, WSU students report that obtaining an at-home COVID test from the university is easier to do when they are not required.

“I felt the need to take a COVID test not too long ago as a safety precaution and it was much easier to get one this time around. They actually had some available this time,” WSU junior biology student Zoe Paxhia-Poppaw said.

The Wright State Guardian reached out to the university for a statement regarding the shortage of COVID testing. No comment was provided.

Freshman Residential Students Reflect on Campus Living during COVID

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As trademark events such as Move-In Weekend, Fall Fest and Boogie on the Bricks conclude, approximately 750 new residential students, many of them freshmen, have settled in their new rooms for fall semester.

This is a drop from the nearly 1,800 who were interested in residential living in fall 2018.

Moving into a completely new space can be difficult for incoming students. This year is different for new freshmen with a few changes to restrictions and regulations.

COVID-19 regulations

Previous residential students may remember being unable to talk to suitemates and not being allowed to have guests.

Director of Housing Dan Bertsois elaborated on the current situation with COVID-19.

“One difference between this year and last year is that if two people wanted to be roommates and if they were both vaccinated, they could live together in the same room. For example, we had thirty pairs of students who asked to live together in the residence halls,” Bertsois said.

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There was also a push to test students who were back from the long Labor Day weekend and lack of tests was a common problem. Bertso clarified on the COVID testing plan going forward.

“Testing going forward is going to be what we intended to do this semester all along which is survey sampling. We’re going to pick a random group of people, residents in the halls, but they’re also going to do the same for staff and faculty. At the same time, the Environmental Safety Office is also testing wastewater like they did last year. And if they identify COVID virus in the wastewater from one of the halls or one of the apartment buildings they will go into that building and do 100% testing there,” Bertso said.

Freshmen experience

“My dorm location is very convenient. It’s nice. It’s clean there. I’ve made more connections with everything on campus. I’ve gotten to know my RA already better and she’s giving me resources that I would never have known if I didn’t,” Marcela Gallegos-Holguin, Hamilton Hall resident and Women, Gender, and Sexuality major said.

Chad Dudash, Residential Senator for Student Government Association, advises freshmen to engage with campus.

“The obvious answer is to get involved. What was helpful for me was to get involved in clubs and organizations and getting a job on campus. But obviously, it’s not that easy for every single student because every single student looks different,” Dudash said.

Even though a large amount of the activities specific for residential students are in the first month, students can still check upcoming events in the weekly email sent to residential students.

Opinion: Will We See More WSU v.s. UD Matches in The Future?

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Since Wright State University (WSU) and the University of Dayton (UD) have existed, the two schools have always tried to prove which university in the city is the best.

Rivalry

Normally, a rivalry like this would bring sports fans around the city to watch game after game, but for Dayton, Ohio residents, it's been disappointing to see the two big schools ignore each other in athletics.

The last time Men's Basketball, the biggest sport for WSU and UD, played each other was in 1997.

Recently, two matches took place between the schools in Women's Volleyball, one at WSU and one at UD.

While the match at WSU couldn't have spectators due to COVID-19 restrictions last year, both matches were incredibly close, went to five sets and had both teams playing at the top of their game.

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The match at UD even featured a packed gym with fans from both sides, UD's Pep Band and this sign from WSU's Men's Basketball team, saying "Play us @ Basketball."

Cincinnati gets it

To see if the UD Men's team will take WSU up on their offer, the first concept to realize is that not just one matchup but a yearly matchup is definitely possible.

An hour south in Cincinnati, Xavier University and the University of Cincinnati always come together once a year in the Cross-Town Shootout, a Men's Basketball game played annually since 1946.

"It's a very special game, not only for both teams but for our community and the alumni as well," Tom Eiser, Associate Athletic Director at Xavier, said.

It's not like the love for the rivalry has any signs of slowing down, either, as ticket sales sell out nearly every year.

"When we have it, it's always the hardest game to get tickets for," Eiser said. "It's the game that a lot of our fans and a lot of our alumni look forward to."

It takes two

Up in Dayton, if a basketball rivalry is going to start between WSU and UD it will take both programs to make it work.

"In all cases when it comes to scheduling, it takes two," Doug Hauschild, Director of Athletics Communication at UD, said. "And even then, sometimes it doesn't work out ... There's a lot of factors fans don't think of."

For both schools, the coaches or administrators might decide against a game between WSU and UD, whether it is for league preparation, overall record, or other factors.

"It always has to be what is in that program's best interest. For any program, you've got to do what's best for your program in your mind," Hauschild said.

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Even if WSU and UD don't play as soon as fans would like, the volleyball matches this year and last year have set a track for basketball to play each other someday in the future.

"I can't predict where there would be other games and other sports, but I'm sure someday it will happen," Hauschild said. "The two biggest sports of both schools are basketball, so that's what most people would be looking to do."

Top Three Haunted Locations in Dayton to Visit

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Although the existence of the paranormal is commonly debated, there are many locations throughout the Dayton area notorious for being haunted. Here are the top three haunted locations in Dayton that Wright State University (WSU) students should check out this fall.

Location One: The Witches Tower

Located within Hills and Dales MetroPark in Kettering, Ohio, this spooky location attracts paranormal enthusiasts throughout the Dayton area.

According to Dayton Local, this tower was the site of the grizzly death of teenager Peggy Ann Harmeson in 1967. While inside the castle, Harmeson and her friend Ronnie Stevens were both struck by lightning. Since then, the interior of the castle has been closed to the public. It is said that her death is what triggered the paranormal events that occur at this location.

"While walking near the path near the tower and taking photos, my friend and I saw and heard things that cannot be explained," Centerville resident Victoria Mohr said.

Location Two: National Museum of the United States (U.S.) Air Force

Although this museum is known for its memorials, aircrafts and history, Google highlights the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force as one of the 31 most haunted locations in the country. According to HauntedHouse.com, it is believed that the spirits of fallen airmen and women who died on the aircraft present in the museum haunt the location.

“Although I have not experienced anything at the museum myself, there is a weird energy there that can’t quite be explained,” local paranormal enthusiast Peter Khuu said.

Location Three: Woodland Cemetery

Known for being the resting place of Wilbur and Orville Wright, the Woodland Cemetery is a beautiful location full of intricate graves. However, there is a mysterious energy that many visitors report feeling during their visit. Multiple news sources, including Dayton 24/7 Now, have interviewed cemetery employees that confirmed there is documentation of these unexplained events.

“I visit the cemetery sometimes during the day and I have never felt any negative energy. However, I do feel a strong presence of some sort. As a spiritual person, though, I can tell that the spirits there are not harmful,” Dayton resident Chelsey Chapman said.

Music Review: Lil Nas X's 'Montero'
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Lil Nas X's New Album "Montero" is Filled with Heart, Soul and Amazing Features

The inspiring and expressive musical artist Lil Nas X was first breaking news back in 2019 for his one-of-a-kind hit song "Old Town Road." That song is now the [highest certified song ever](#) by the RIAA (Recording Industry Association of America) and is currently 14-times platinum.

On September 17, Lil Nas X released his first album, "Montero" and it is being enjoyed just as thoroughly. The album holds 15 songs and tons of vulnerable, heartfelt messages.

The Visuals of "Montero"

The album, which is actually Lil Nas X's real first name, includes incredible artwork and multiple complex music videos. Some of these visuals include him in the recreation of Creation of Adam and photos of him being pregnant with the album.

His first music video for the album called “MONTERO (Call Me By Your Name)” focuses on the theme of sin. While the video includes a thoughtful storyline, what viewers seem to take away from it is Lil Nas X’s lap dance on the devil. His latest music videos for other songs on the album have also kept an artsy yet provocative tone.

Features on the Album

Another aspect of this impressive album is the list of well-known artists Lil Nas X has featured on five songs total. These singers include Doja Cat, Jack Harlow, Megan Thee Stallion, Miley Cyrus and Elton John. Each song has its own flair that truly utilizes the sound and skill of each singer when accompanying Lil Nas X. Check out the list below of featured songs on “Montero.”

Track 3 – “INDUSTRY BABY (feat. Jack Harlow)”

Track 6 – “SCOOP (feat. Doja Cat)”

Track 7 – “ONE OF ME (feat. Elton John)”

Track 9 – “DOLLA SIGN SLIME (feat. Megan Thee Stallion)”

Track 15 – “AM I DREAMING (feat. Miley Cyrus)”

Album Success

While the album is already receiving fantastic reviews, Lil Nas X has already accomplished some impressive feats. He has won two Grammys, both for “Old Town Road (Remix).” One for Best Music Video and the other for Best Pop Duo/Group Performance.

“MONTERO (Call Me by Your Name)” has already won an MTV Video Music Award for Video of the Year and for Best Visual Effects. Time will only tell what other accomplishments this new album will bring.

The Best Fall Related Activities in Raider Country to Visit
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Autumn is the perfect season to get outside and enjoy the spooky atmosphere. Here are some of the best activities in Raider County students can enjoy this fall.

Outdoor recreation

Fall is a great time to relish in the beauty of nature and the changing of the seasons. Ohio offers a variety of beautiful nature scenes.

Those looking for a relaxing walk through the woods with a front row view of Dayton's fall beauty can hike in the Indian Mound Reserve.

The reserve consists of over eight miles of hiking trails, a waterfall and a scenic overlook. The park is located in Cedarville, Ohio and is free to visit.

Fun on the farm

The Dayton region holds a mix of city, suburban and rural areas, including plenty of farms. Another great outdoor fall activity is fruit picking at Peifer Orchards.

Peifer Orchards is a family-owned farm located in Yellow Springs, Ohio. They are open year-round as a farmers market and self-pick orchard. The orchard is currently offering apple and pumpkin picking for the fall.

Graveyard tour

Dayton offers plenty of attractions for those looking for a dark and spooky experience.

One such venue is the Oak Dale Cemetery in Urbana, Ohio. Those up for a drive can visit this historic and scenic cemetery. They offer historic tours of the cemetery with the next tour on Oct. 22. An adult ticket for the tour costs \$10.

Festivals

After COVID-19 canceled many festivals in 2020, several festivals are back in business this fall. Those looking for a more light fall experience can check out the Vandalia Fall Fest on Oct. 9.

Located at Vandalia Art Park in Vandalia, Ohio, the festival features live music, food, arts and vendors. The event starts at 3 p.m. and goes until 6 p.m.