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Weekly Horoscopes

Star Signer

January 24, 2022

It can often be difficult to pick a movie to watch or a TV series to begin (or rewatch), but look no further. Read on to discover what movie or show you should watch next based on your zodiac sign.

ARIES

TV series: "New Girl" by Jake Johnson

TAURUS

TV series: "Criminal Minds" by Matthew Gray Gubler

GEMINI

Movie: "Titanic" by James Cameron

CANCER

Movie: "The Notebook" by Nick Cassavetes

LEO

Movie: "Avengers: Infinity war" by Joe Russo and Anthony Russo

VIRGO

TV series: "Stranger Things" by Matt Duffer and Ross Duffer

LIBRA

Movie: "The Outsiders" by Francis Ford Coppola

SCORPIO

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Movie: "The Spectacular Now" by James Ponsoldt

SAGITTARIUS

Movie: "Frozen 2" by Jennifer Lee and Chris Buck

CAPRICORN

TV series: "Gilmore Girls" Amy Sherman-Palladino

AQUARIUS

TV series: "FRIENDS" by Gary Halvorson

PISCES

TV series: "You" by Sera Gamble and Greg Berlanti

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Events on Campus Week of Jan. 24

Alexis Wisler

January 24, 2022

Events for the week of Jan. 24 include Raider Roundup, Men's Basketball vs. Cleveland State and a UAB Movie Night.

Monday, Jan. 24

11 a.m. | Raider Roundup Tabling | Student Union Market

1:30 p.m. | Christians on Campus Bible Study | Rike 157

3 p.m. | Theta Phi Alpha Recruitment Tabling | Student Union Market

5 p.m. | Tabletop Club Game Nights | MedSci 127 and 143

5:30 p.m. | Theta Phi Alpha Recruitment Philanthropy Round | Student Union Pathfinder Lounge

6 p.m. | Christians on Campus Feast and Fellowship | Student Union 008

6 p.m. | UAB Movie Night | Student Union Discovery Room

Tuesday, Jan. 25

11 a.m. | Christians on Campus Tabling | Student Union Market

11 a.m. | Raider Roundup Tabling | Student Union Lower Atrium

11 a.m. | Theta Phi Alpha Recruitment Tabling | The Hangar

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

4 p.m. | Asian Pacific American Medical School Association Mandarin Chinese Language Class
| White Hall 120

4 p.m. | Theta Phi Alpha Recruitment Tabling | Student Union Market

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

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6 p.m. | Black Student Union Black Reality Event | Rike 160

6 p.m. | Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Game Night | Student Union Atrium

6 p.m. | Delta Zeta Sisterhood Pizookie Night | BJs Brewhouse

6 p.m. | Tabletop Club Ludo's Dissonance | Rike 044

7 p.m. | Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority COB Pizookie Night | BJs Brewhouse

Wednesday, Jan. 26

11 a.m. | Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Tabling | The Hangar

11 a.m. | Christians on Campus Tabling | Student Union Market

11 a.m. | Raider Roundup Tabling | Student Union Market

5 p.m. | Management Club Guest Speaker: Kim Paul | Student Union Discovery Room (163) B

5 p.m. | WSU Spirit Week Disney Karaoke | Oleman 109

5 p.m. | H2O Church Night Life Group | Oleman 135

5:30 p.m. | College Panhellenic Council Meet the Sororities | MedSci 120, 125, 127, 129, 141, 143, 145

7 p.m. | Women's Club Volleyball Serve-A-Thon | McLin Gym

Thursday, Jan. 27

11 a.m. | Raider Roundup Tabling | Student Union Market

11 a.m. | Theta Phi Alpha Recruitment Tabling | Student Union Upper Atrium

12 p.m. | WSU Spirit Week Throwback Thursday Game Day | Student Union Atrium

1 p.m. | COB Treat Yourself with Something Sweet with Alpha Xi Delta Women's Fraternity | Dunbar Library Starbucks

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2 p.m. | Christians on Campus Bible Study | Rike 157

5 p.m. | Tabletop Club Game Nights | MedSci 127 and 143

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

6 p.m. | Women's Basketball vs. Green Bay | The Nutter Center

7 p.m. | Club Softball Tryouts | McLin Gym

7 p.m. | H2O Church Night Life Group | Allyn 270

Friday, Jan. 28

11 a.m. | SGA Involvement Fair | Student Union Atrium, Pathfinder Lounge, Rec Commons

6:30 p.m. | Tabletop Club Presents: DND1010 | Fawcett 204

7:30 p.m. | Raider Roundup | McLin Gym

9 p.m. | Men's Basketball vs. Cleveland State | The Nutter Center

Saturday, Jan. 29

8 a.m. | STEPS St. Vincent de Paul Men's Shelter | St. Vincent de Paul Gettysburg Location

10:30 a.m. | Women's Club Volleyball Tournament | McLin Gym

11 a.m. | Delta Zeta Coffee Date Sisterhood | Pettibone

2 p.m. | Women's Basketball vs. Milwaukee | The Nutter Center

Sunday, Jan. 30

11 a.m. | H2O Church Sunday Service | Student Success Center 009

1 p.m. | Men's Club Basketball vs. Robert Morris | McLin Gym

2 p.m. | Men's Basketball vs. Purdue Fort Wayne | The Nutter Center

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2 p.m. | Raider Pups Basketball Game with the Pups | The Nutter Center

Quick News: Top Articles From Last Week

Beck Lenz

January 24, 2022

Here are the top articles from last week from The Wright State Guardian Media Group.

High Levels of Lead found in Wright State University's (WSU) Drinking Water, Two Locations

High levels of lead were found in separate taps in two buildings. These levels, according to the university, are not typical of campus water and are not a serious concern for students. The university is also planning on integrating a new disinfection process known as Clearwater to the water systems.

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WSU Students Gather to Celebrate MLK and his Legacy

The Bolinga Black Cultural Center held two events this past week to focus on Martin Luther King Jr. and what his legacy means to WSU students. The first was an in-person event at the Bolinga center, where students made crafts and talked about what MLK week meant to them. The second event was a virtual presentation on Martin Luther King Jr.'s life as well as his life's work.

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Men's Basketball: Nagy Not Pleased With Team Defense

This article centered on the Jan. 6 men's basketball game, which was the first game back for head coach Scott Nagy who had to miss two games due to COVID-19 safety policies. The Raiders struggled at the beginning of the first half but pulled it together before halftime. This hot streak continued throughout most of the second half and the game ended with a win for the Raiders and a score of 90-72.

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WSU Masking Policy at Nutter Center: Non-Compliance Concerns

WSU's mask policy is active at all times on all days when at campus events and/or inside campus buildings. This also applies to the Nutter Center, but only at WSU sponsored events. Mask and vaccination policies for non-WSU events will likely vary according to who or what is happening at the center.

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SGA to Award Thousands in Scholarships This Spring

Student Government Association (SGA) met on Tuesday, Jan. 18 to discuss two scholarship opportunities for students. These included the annual SG (student government) scholarship fund, currently at \$3,100, and the Endowed SG Scholarship Fund, currently at \$14,982. SGA has formed a scholarship committee to discuss the application process and the awarding of the funds from the annual scholarship.

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Student Org Hosts Tea Party to Raise Money for Afghanistan Refugee Crisis

Emily Mancuso

January 24, 2022

Cultures converged in a tea party event hosted by Muslim Student Association (MSA) and American Medical Student Association Friday in White Hall where students could purchase teas from around the world.

Event

The tea party took place from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the White Hall Atrium. A small cup of tea cost \$1.00. Volunteers served different types of tea which included Indian tea, Moroccan, Canadian maple tea, milk tea and more.

Dessert baklava was also available. Dozens of medical students sampled as they were released from their 11:30 a.m. classes.

“I was curious to try different kinds of teas and desserts and also to come support the two groups that are putting this on,” David Weimer, an M1 medical student at the Boonshoft School of Medicine, said.

The host organizations hope to raise \$300 to raise funds for the refugee crisis in Afghanistan.

The cause behind the tea

This collaboration event was formed to address the crisis.

“The main purpose of the fundraiser is to raise money for the refugee crisis in Afghanistan and then also to do so by bringing together and celebrating cultures of various Boonshoft students with tea,” Kristen Waters, a first-year medical student and Director of Special Events, said.

Students were asked to put down their name and email as well as the amount they donated to the cause. The volunteers for this event accepted both cash and Venmo donations.

“There’s a website in which people can donate...and they’re focused on making sure that the money raised for different people goes to the people from Afghanistan,” Temitope Omoladun, medical student and member of MSA, said.

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Omoladun, as the community outreach coordinator, wanted to fill the gaps in the community outreach efforts. The Afghanistan refugee crisis was an opportunity to address a current issue in public health, which applies to both organizations present.

Both organizations hope that this event can become an annual event for students to both increase the awareness of cultures present at Boonshoft and raise money for worthy causes.

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Students and Alumni Gather to 'Bridge the Gap' at Annual Event

Eliza Jackson

January 25, 2022

Students gathered to attend the annual "Bridging The Gap" event this past Wednesday. Students and alumni from all different organizations, fraternities, and sororities such as African American Residential Caucus (AARC), Black Men On The Move (BMOTM), Black Women Striving Forward (BWSF), AΦA, AKA, ΔΣΘ and more joined in on the activities.

What Is Bridging The Gap?

Bridging The Gap is an event hosted by the BLACKtie and the Black Student Union (BSU). Alumni from different graduating years came together to speak with the undergraduate students and share their personal experiences at WSU.

This event served as an opportunity for the students, giving them a space to be open with people who have shared similar stories and receive advice that will help them with their futures.

This was also significant to the alumni who attended as they were able to help others grow and teach them ways to succeed for generations down the line. Bridging The Gap has been going on annually for five years, each year growing more than the last.

"Being able to give students this opportunity makes me feel accomplished and makes me feel good that I'm setting my peers up to succeed," President of BSU DeShawn Mumford said.

What does it mean to 'Bridge The Gap'

Bridging The Gap means ultimately what it says. It is an occasion for students to meet mentors, create connections, and form longtime friendships within the black community. It is for the black students to gain leadership within their circle and the circles of others, getting rid of generational curses and creating stronger grounds to withhold themselves.

It's a safe haven, where students learn that they don't always have to rush things and can take their time and that they have people to lean on.

"Just know you're not supposed to have it all figured out when you're just 18 and 19 years old," said alumni Cameron Walker.

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To 'Bridge The Gap' means to stress the importance of connections and making yourself known in life. The alumni's biggest advice to incoming freshmen and even graduating seniors is to get to know people, make friends and be seen.

"Keep your network tight because you never know who you're going to need, you never know who's going to be sitting across from you offering you a job, an opportunity," Said alumni and founder of BLACKtie Curtis Mann III.

Students can bridge the gap and share experiences with others who might grow from a helping hand.

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Late Surge Not Enough for Women's Basketball v.s. NKU

Noah Kindig

January 25, 2022

After a loss to Northern Kentucky Norse (NKU) away at Highland Heights two days prior, Wright State University (WSU) Women's Basketball looked to get their revenge over a talented NKU team on Saturday.

The Raiders fell to 50-38 at halftime but clawed their way back into the game as the result came down to a last-second three-pointer to send the game into overtime.

The shot clanged off the rim, sealing the game 82-79 for the Norse, but the Raiders hung with a second-place Norse roster with a nine-game win streak until the very end, outscoring NKU 41-32 in the last two quarters.

"I felt like there was a lot of fight in our players and they didn't quit," Kari Hoffman, head coach for WSU, said. "We had players just step up, and I'm just really proud of them."

Fighting for the ball

In the 59-77 loss two days prior to Saturday's game, the win largely came from the Norse's physical play, scoring 12 more free throws than the Raiders and beating them in rebounds and turnovers.

But the Raiders worked on their physical play and flipped the script just two days later, winning the rebound and free throw battle on Saturday.

"The last game we played them, 75 percent of their points came from turnovers, rebounds, and free throws. Those are things we can control," Hoffman said. "So we hammered that home yesterday, and the players responded."

WSU also drove to the basket for a lot of their offense, looking for points in the paint and battling hard up close, where NKU focused mostly on perimeter shooting.

"We just wanted to get to the basket, because we've been settling for a lot of jump shots," Destyne Jackson, a guard for WSU, said. "So really attacking the basket and drawing those fouls is something that we need to do."

Falling into place

While the Raiders have struggled through their games early into the season, Saturday's game showed that with hard work, the pieces for this team have started to fall into place.

Jackon led the game in scoring with 22 points, junior forward Edicia Beck had a double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds, and junior guard Jada Roberson almost had one as well with 17 points and seven rebounds.

"You know, they're really talented players," Hoffman said. "Edicia had a huge second half, Destyne had a huge first half, and Jada picks up a ton of points that are off the ball from offensive rebounds and playing hard."

Especially when focusing on the style of play the team has used in recent years with physical play and rebounds, WSU could be a difficult challenge for any opponent in the Horizon League.

"We know they couldn't really guard us off the dribble," Beck said. "I think we went to our strengths, and that's what really helped us through the whole game."

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Annual Raider RoundUp This Friday: What You Need to Know

Alexis Wisler

January 25, 2022

The annual Raider RoundUp event is back this year, bringing live performances, free giveaways, food and other activities to the Nutter Center. The event starts at 7:30 in the McLin Gym with the men's basketball game against Cleveland State following at 9 p.m.

"Raider RoundUp is designed to be a large pep rally to let students get loud, show off some school spirit, and get them excited about the most intense basketball game of the year which directly follows the event," SGA Director of Student Affairs Joey Marano said.

Raider RoundUp is open to everyone and students can get two free tickets at the gate with their student ID.

What to expect

Raider Roundup typically features free giveaways, raffle prizes, food, live performances, sign-making, and other activities. The event did not occur last year or in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but in 2019 Raider Roundup brought in 750 attendees.

Students can expect a similar experience to previous years.

"The event is pretty much the same," Student Government President Jonathan Ciero said. "We are really excited for all the raffle prizes and giveaway items in store for students."

This year the event is a black-out, so attendees should show up wearing black attire. Free black T-shirts will also be given to the first 500 students.

"We have plenty of games and activities for students to do before the basketball game starts. This would be the best place to show off your Raider Pride," Ciero said.

The game will also be aired on ESPN.

Hosted by SGA vs. '67 Society

In the past, '67 Society hosted Raider RoundUp, but the organization lost its active status after struggling with membership and was not able to hold the event. Not wanting students to miss

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out on this experience, Student Government Association (SGA) decided to host the event this year.

“Sadly, ‘67 Society is not a currently active organization on campus. This is one of the staple events that happens each year, and we decided to step up and make sure that this event still happened,” Ciero said.

This year, Marano took the initiative to plan the event. This will be his first time attending Raider RoundUp.

“After I learned the premise behind Raider RoundUp, it was clear that it was an event many individuals cared about and enjoyed in the past. I wanted to have this year’s event live up to past occurrences so students have something to look forward to, like being able to just experience a larger-scale event, relax, have some fun, and support our team before the game,” Marano said.

Raider pride

Raider RoundUp is a memorable experience for WSU students, according to Ciero, and he wanted to make sure that students were able to come together and show school pride despite ‘67 Society no longer hosting the event.

“Personally, I am most looking forward to seeing everyone together and excited for the basketball game. I like to tell people that if they choose to go to one basketball game this year, come to this game and go to Raider RoundUp. It is events like these that define what it means to be a college student,” Ciero said.

The sponsors for the event, other than SGA, are The Wright State Guardian, University Activities Board, the Wright State Bookstore, WWSU, Army ROTC, Miracle Makers, Residential Community Association, Campus Recreations and Wright State Athletics.

As of right now, there will not be transportation provided to the Nutter Center.

COVID policies remain consistent with Wright State University and go into effect during university-sponsored events at the Nutter Center. Masks will be required of all attendees at all times unless actively eating or drinking.

Top Five Hobbies to Try During National Hobby Month

Tobi Brun

January 26, 2022

January marks National Hobby Month on the Wright State University (WSU) campus. Here are the top five hobbies for college students to try.

Meditation

The WSU campus has an endless multitude of quiet corners, comfy chairs and secluded spots to indulge in a relaxing meditation session. Meditation has been scientifically studied for students in conjunction with improved mental acuity, focus, and motivation.

WSU's radio station WWSU 106.9 offers a guided meditation show on Sunday afternoons from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Jan. 23, 2022, to May 6, 2022.

YouTube is a useful resource for any beginners in the art of meditation, the internet resource is full of self-guided meditation tutorials and calming background noises to distance oneself from the stress of college life.

Adult coloring books

Coloring is one of the most tried and true relaxation techniques over the past handful of centuries. Coloring has shown to be an asset of art therapy techniques, and to alleviate symptoms of anxiety.

In [an article](#) by Jeremy Carter, Dr. Stan Rodski, a neuropsychologist who has created his own line of adult coloring books, explains this phenomenon.

"We now have technology that can measure brainwaves and heart rhythms, the most amazing thing occurs [while coloring], the beats per minute and brain waves relax. When you have things that you can predict will happen in a certain way, it is calming for us," Dr. Stan Rodski said.

Photography

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The WSU campuses consist of 730 acres to explore and capture through the lens of a camera. The main campus is boxed in by stunning Metroparks and forests for the avid student photographer to explore as well.

Many student organizations rely on student photographers as well as employ them for their services. There is also an array of classes in photography on the class roster for WSU.

“It’s a good hobby to have because it shows your perception of the world through your photos,” senior African Studies major Taylor Morgan said.

Strategic Games

One of the most common hobbies is the wide world of strategic mind games. From the weekly crossword to the strategic role-playing game Dungeons and Dragons (DND), students come together to play, compete and challenge their minds with strategy games.

“Games are helpful to me to decompress at the end of the day,” Zoe Skultety, a second-year graduate student in psychology said.

Learning a new Language

WSU has a wide array of diversity in the languages spoken on campus, and an assemblage of student-led language clubs for Chinese, Spanish, German, French and Arabic.

“I’m learning Hebrew right now, it’s time-consuming but it’s definitely worth it. It could be just a fun pastime, explore your own culture, or a culture that you’re interested in,” senior English literature major Josh Tippui said.

Community Holds Memorial to Celebrate Life of Impactful Alum
Jamie Naylor
January 26, 2022

Members of Wright State University (WSU) celebrated the life of impactful alum and graduate student William Krueger in an emotion-filled memorial ceremony held on Sunday, Jan. 23.

The memorial service

Family, friends and WSU community members gathered Sunday afternoon to honor and reflect on the life of alum William (Will) Krueger, who passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 17, 2022.

The somber affair, held in the WSU Student Union atrium, lasted over two hours as the loved ones of Krueger shared their fondest memories of him and his time at WSU.

Family relations

Krueger, 27, received his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering and was working on receiving his master's in business administration from the Raj Soin College of Business, according to his obituary.

Krueger was also the son of Cheryl Stuart, director of career services. Stuart has worked with the university for over 28 years.

Involvement and legacy

While attending WSU, Krueger was involved in various organizations including Miracle Makers, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and the swim team.

Many of his friends and fraternity members shared memories and stories during the memorial service. Jason Moorman, a close friend of Krueger and fellow fraternity member, led the ceremony while reflecting on his own memories with the young student.

"There [was not] a time you spent with him where you [were not] having a good time," Moorman said. "We share this legacy and the impact he had."

Others spoke of Krueger's positive personality, fun spirit and giving nature.

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“[He] was always cheerful, always smiling,” Jeremy Keller, advisor for Sigma Phi Epsilon, said.

Post-graduation, Krueger went on to work at the University of Dayton Research Institute and continued his graduate education with WSU.

Due to Krueger’s high involvement in Miracle Makers, his family set up a donation fund in his honor for the organization. According to Gina Keucher, advisor for Miracle Makers, the fund has already raised \$4,300. Those looking to share a memory of Krueger or donate to the fund may find information on his [obituary site](#).

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SGA Announces Constitution Changes, Removal of House of Reps

Emily Mancuso

January 26, 2022

SGA (Student Government Association) met on Tuesday, Jan. 25 to discuss new scholarships available through SGA, constitution and bylaw changes and various other governmental affairs.

SGA scholarships

SGA will hand out four scholarships, one worth \$1,000 and three worth \$700. The SGA Scholarship Committee has opened up applications for the scholarships. The deadline for application is March 9.

Preference will be given to those interested in SGA internships or involved in such internships, but scholarship applications will be open to the entire student body. Paid members of the student government will not be eligible.

The SGA Scholarship Committee will conduct interviews at the end of March and announce the recipients in early April. SGA plans to conduct an annual fundraising event for this scholarship program in the coming years.

Constitution and bylaws changes

The constitution and bylaws underwent a few major changes and many minor changes, which include more clear and proper language.

SGA is removing the House of Representatives due to lack of use. Responsibilities will be divided up and given to other positions. Instead of a Speaker of the House, SGA will have a Director of Student Organizations.

A senate chair for the Lake Campus will be added to better accommodate Lake Campus students. This chair will receive voting privileges.

In order for students to campaign for president, they must be at least at sophomore level in credits and have been at Wright State University for at least a year. Prior to this change, students were required to be at least a junior level in credits.

The power of executive orders was explicitly defined in the constitution.



University affairs

The Undergraduate Academic Policy Committee is working on merging the two different policies for undergraduate certificates into one central policy. The merge of policies has altered the definition of undergraduate certificates.

There will be a makeup day, Friday, Jun 24, added on to summer B and C courses due to various holidays during those weeks.

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COVID-19 Impacting Both Wright State Basketball Teams

Noah Kindig

January 26, 2022

While fans are back in attendance for NCAA athletics and some regulations are starting to lift, COVID-19 has had a huge impact on Wright State University (WSU) basketball off the court in recent weeks.

The pandemic hit the women's basketball season harder than the men's as the women's team was forced to cancel eight games in December, including four conference games that were ruled as forfeits.

While the worst of the disease seems to have passed through the program, more cancellations and postponed games could be in the future.

"I think at this point, it's more on the other teams canceling," Kari Hoffman, head coach of women's basketball at WSU, said. "We're not really worried about it, but it's something we can't quite control."

Impact on the women's team

The women's team was forced to forfeit four of five of their canceled games, as ruled by the Horizon League (HL) commissioner.

All four of those forfeited games were at home, meaning that the Lady Raiders didn't play their first home conference game until about two and a half months into the season.

"We were very disappointed," Edicia Beck, a forward for the women's team, said. "I mean, we wanted to play some league games to get better."

But, according to Hoffman, the virus already going through the team means they will be less likely to forfeit any more games this season.

"We will have enough players probably for the rest of the season," Hoffman said. "It's just run through our team in December at this point."

Impact on the men's team

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While the men's team has been able to play all of its games so far, due to four players out with injuries and another four out due to COVID protocols, they were forced to play two conference games shorthanded.

This seven-man roster was able to barely score a win against the Robert Morris Colonials and ended up losing to the Youngstown State Penguins, 87-90.

"The teams that deal with it the best and don't use it as an excuse will do better," head coach Scott Nagy said, refusing to make excuses for the loss.

The team lost by three points while missing two starters and two other seasoned shooters due to those players being exposed to COVID.

With that loss moving the Raiders to 8-2 in league play, the game against Youngstown could be the difference in a regular-season championship, with both the Oakland Golden Grizzlies and the Cleveland State Vikings at 8-1.

But, with their players back in the active roster as well, the men's team looks set to play with a full roster for the rest of the season.

"It was definitely nice to get our guys back," Grant Basile, a forward for the men's team, said after their recent win over IUPUI. "It gave them a little confidence. I think everyone played well, and we had a good week of practice. I think we're ready."

WSU Raider Active Program, KNH Classes, Still Canceled Indefinitely
Beck Lenz
January 27, 2022

When Wright State University (WSU) went online in the spring of 2020, the campus's Raider Active program was canceled. Now students are wondering if the program will be brought back.

What was the Raider Active Program?

The program, which included 49 total classes ranging from archery to yoga, was created to introduce students to sports-focused exercise. It was offered by the Kinesiology department until its cancellation.

According to the program webpage, the benefits of joining a Raider Active class were “the quality of instruction, cost, equipment, and an increase in social interaction.”

Each instructor was chosen because of their mastery of the sport they would be teaching, and students taking between 11-17 credit hours did not pay an extra instructional fee for the class. However, students did have to pay a small lab fee for use of any equipment.

Another goal of the program was to provide a space for students to learn a new sport or skill, make some new friends and get some exercise while trying something that they might not otherwise get a chance to do.

One example of this was the fencing class. On its own, fencing is an expensive sport typically assumed to be almost exclusively for members of the upper class who could afford the equipment. The Raider Active program gave students interested in fencing an opportunity to learn about the sport for a substantially smaller fee than they would need to pay at a private club.

What do students think?

The classes also provided an unexpected bonus: increased club attendance. Tisha Sharma, president of the WSU Fencing Club, first became involved in fencing through the class.

“It was super fun,” said Sharma. “A lot of our members came directly from the classes.”

Sharma noted that the classes were always full of new students.

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From 2017 to the program's cancellation in 2020, Sharma's friend, L. Palacio took seven different Raider Active classes.

"It would be a really great thing if they brought it back," Palacio said.

Another interested party was the former fencing teacher, Cheryl Paquette, who had been working in the Raider Active program for 20 years before the program was shut down. She had good things to say, not just about the fencing class but about the others as well.

"Judo was one of the most popular, because [the teacher] was nationally ranked," Paquette said.

Paquette is a WSU Alumni and was first introduced to fencing through the class. She met her husband there as well.

"The reason I started fencing was because I had a lot of stress, and I thought that a gym class would help me relieve that stress. They need these classes back, especially with all the stress students are under these days," Paquette said. "The University is neglecting student's mental and physical health by removing these classes."

Paquette ended by saying she would teach the class again if the opportunity ever arose.



WWSU Spotlight: The Spirit of College Radio

Tobi Brun

January 27, 2022

Founded in 1977, Wright State University's (WSU) radio station, WWSU 106.9, is staffed by a team of student professionals who call themselves a second family, bringing important and commemorative content to campus.

Who are they?

The team at the radio headquarters at 018 Student Union says that there is something for everyone across all their multimedia platforms, from podcasts to talk shows to live streams, WWSU's content is accessible for any student to consume.

"We are very proud of our versatility and our diversity of content. We offer content from podcasts about politics to music, live DJs playing Friday and Saturday nights, to live talk shows with students here on campus just wanting to get their opinions out. We do a lot of sports talk shows as well, whether that's about Wright State or in the general sports world," said General Manager Shea Neal.

On Sept. 29, 2021, the station participated in World College Radio Day, streaming 17 hours of content on the air, and was awarded the Spirit of College Radio award, one of seven in the U.S.

"I remember when college radio day first started, I was always trying to win the award but never was successful. Glad to see the station is thriving, involving and contributing to the community. Congrats!" Sean Martin, a WWSU alumni said.

What do they do?

In the U.S., less than 10% of colleges have a college-affiliated radio station, according to Neal, and, WWSU 106.9 brings a unique voice and perspective to the student body and the loyal listenership of the station over the past 45 years exhibits that fact.

The station is consistently creating new avenues of content, an example of which would be an upcoming Friday night show entitled TGIF hosted by Chief Engineer, Patrick Schmalstig. They described the show, which will air from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., as an unscripted free form community show for the student body to connect with.

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“The show is hugely interactive. We keep it open to a phone line if anybody wants to call in. People can also interact through the website through the chat platform,” Schmalstig said.

Schmalstig described the core value of the station in three words as, “Freedom of Speech,” and the station prides itself on its integrity of reflecting each individual facet of the student body

“One notable show we had students from six different religions all on the air to talk about religion. We had an atheist, a Baptist, a Christian, an agnostic, a Muslim and a fundamentalist. We had a really interesting discussion, and we learned a lot about each other’s perspectives on spirituality and religion,” Schmalstig said.

To join in

“It’s a common stereotype that a lot of people think that in order to be part of WWSU, you have to be this on-air extroverted talk show host. That’s not true. I would say that we will find a way to incorporate what you love into something that you can do here. Odds are we’ve done something similar to it, or we’re thinking about doing something like that. And if we aren’t, we’re always open to new ideas as well,” Neal said.

He encouraged any students interested in the station to join.

Faculty Senate Members Qualify Course Delivery Policies

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As COVID-19 cases rise on Wright State University's (WSU) campus, faculty members clarify academic policies regarding course delivery methods while reflecting on pandemic difficulties.

Provost's policies

On Jan. 5, 2022, Interim Provost Oliver Evans sent a communication to all university faculty regarding the policies on course delivery for the spring semester.

The communication stated that faculty could not completely change their course mode of delivery from what was published in the course directory. This policy is based on the existing policy 2030, which deals with faculty duties.

"Faculty members have an obligation to meet their scheduled classes throughout the scheduled time unless an alternative learning experience has been assigned in the syllabus as part of the course requirement," the policy states.

Not mentioned in the provost's communication is another academic policy, the Wright Way Policy 4160, which allows faculty members who teach in-person classes to conduct their course up to 20% online.

Faculty Senate President Brian Boyd explains that for the average 14-week course, 20% would be about two weeks.

With the rise in COVID cases on both of WSU's campuses, faculty may use this policy if they contract the virus or if a large number of their students do.

According to Evans, department chairs and college deans are responsible for the enforcement of both academic policies.

COVID concerns

WSU saw the highest number of COVID cases in the week of Jan, 11 to 17, with 190 active cases among students, staff and faculty on both campuses.

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This surge is causing concern among students and faculty alike regarding course delivery, health and safety.

“I think [there is] a lot of uncertainty. I think that faculty, students, staff, administrators are all trying to just navigate this (COVID) the best we can,” Boyd said.

Faculty Senate Vice President Dr. Megan Faragher reflects on the efforts faculty make to plan for COVID disruptions in the classroom and keep students connected through online learning.

“It almost feels like you (faculty) are planning two courses,” Faragher said. “My concern is always retaining students and helping them through all this because [COVID] is a highly traumatic experience all around for everybody.”

AAUP-WSU response

Groups like the Faculty Senate and the Wright State branch of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP-WSU), work with university administration to create and maintain policies like 2030 and 4160.

AAUP-WSU President Robert Rubin expressed support for the policies and advocates for ensuring faculty and student safety during the pandemic.

“We have been working with the Provost’s office, and more specifically with Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Professor Carol Loranger, to ensure that the balance between health/safety and educational mission is achieved,” Rubin wrote.

With these policies, the university plans to continue in-person instruction options throughout the spring semester.

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Wright State's Student to Advisor Ratio Lower Than Previous Years
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Wright State University (WSU) sees fewer students per advisor this semester despite a lower number of advisors this year compared to previous years overall.

WSU advising staff

WSU saw a decline in enrollment in recent years which lowered the students to advisor ratio according to Tim Littell, associate vice provost of student success.

There are five student success suites at WSU that represent each of the five colleges. This is down from seven in previous years according to Littell.

"As enrollments have declined in recent years, we collapsed the number of student success suites from seven to five which reduced some of our administrative overhead and our overall advising staff by only one position in the last two years," Littell said.

Littell stated that there are four vacancies across the five suites. There are roughly 375 students to one advisor.

"As the university continues to strive toward viable and sustainable enrollments, we remain focused on direct service to our students," Littell said.

Advising staff/enrollment at other universities

Other Ohio universities have seen different data on enrollment for 2021. Miami University reported 16,917 undergraduate students in 2021 compared to 15,644 in 2014. The university stated that they changed their advising system and do not have data on their advising staff.

The University of Dayton stated they could not provide data on advising staff due to a different model used for advising. The university has a focus of 1-to-1 attention from advisors and has 475 total advisors according to their advising website.

The Wright State Guardian reached out to Ohio University, but they did not provide a response.

Domestic Student Enrollment Continues to Decrease, International Rises
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Wright State University (WSU) Faculty Senate met on Jan. 24 to discuss concerns in crime and justice studies, COVID-19 impact on campus and enrollment numbers.

Crime and justice concerns

Senators questioned the decision of adding military science as a course in crime and justice studies. Some senators thought that this course did not fit in this program.

Sen. Marlese Durr, a professor in the sociology department, explained that there is only one criminologist in the sociology department.

“I’m really concerned about this, this also impacts the sociology department,” Durr said.
“Because we have a big program and now we’re having an introduction to crime and justice.”

COVID-19

WSU is continuing its surveillance testing for students and faculty that have not uploaded their vaccine cards, according to President Sue Edwards.

Students can either get tested at the testing center or at another medical center that provides COVID testing, according to Edwards.

“You can actually test at a CVS or Kroger, but you must bring those test results in to demonstrate that you actually tested if you are actually part of the surveillance test,” Edwards said.

Edwards also stated that students can get a Pfizer vaccination or booster at the vaccine/test center on Wednesday mornings.

Enrollment numbers

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The Senate is focusing on increasing domestic student enrollment. Edwards stated that international student enrollment continues to increase while domestic enrollment continues to decrease.

“Our domestic students really are an area of focus as we move forward,” Edwards said. “We will continue to grow [international enrollment].”

WSU has seen a 10% overall increase in college applications overall since last year according to Edwards. Edwards also stated that there is a 21% national increase in college applications this year compared to last year.

The Faculty Senate will meet again on Feb. 14 via WebEx.

Dining Services Changes Hours to Accommodate Student Needs

Brendan Blankenship

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Wright State University (WSU) is extending the Union Market hours and closing The Hangar earlier after considering factors such as the closure of the Union Market after the Student Union fire.

Why WSU is changing the hours

After the Student Union fire, Chartwells, WSU's dining services company, learned that one food court could sustain the WSU community; however, there were concerns surrounding variety when the Union Market was closed.

"[The Union] is the hub of campus activity," said Nikki Interiano, director of dining services. "We felt opening [the Market] for extended hours would best serve the campus community."

Interiano stated that the Union Market does not have any national brands like the Hangar does, giving dining services flexibility with their menus addressing the problem of variety.

"This allows us the flexibility to change menus, offer exciting specials and try new menu options without the constraints of national brands," Interiano said.

Student opinions

Some students like that the Union Market will be open longer due to more options at the Union.

Mason Knickerbocker, a student at WSU, stated that there are more places to study and more to do at the Student Union overall.

"Having the Union open, [students] can eat and be where there are places to study," Knickerbocker said.

Divine Eziolise, another WSU student, stated that the Union Market has more options, however, the Hangar is more convenient for students with night classes that live on campus since the Hangar is closer to housing.

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The Union Market is now open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the weekends. The Hangar closes at 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Wright State: 'Not Affected' By Local Police Officer Shortage

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Wright State University's (WSU) student to officer ratio ranks between Beavercreek and Fairborn. Crime and justice studies enrollment is on the ascent in response to national tensions.

Green County law enforcement shortage

Beavercreek faces challenges in its search to find law enforcement applicants.

"Right now, we have 44 or 45 law enforcement, which puts us about five individuals short of our authorized staffing limit," Shawn Sumner, captain of the Beavercreek Police Department, said.

According to the 2020 Census, this puts Beavercreek's officer to citizen ratio at 1-to-1,034. Fairborn is facing similar plights.

"We have 50 [law enforcement] on staff and two more pending academy completion," Terry Bennington, Beavercreek chief of police, said. "Our approximate population [as of January 2022] is 34,510."

Fairborn's officer to citizen ratio is 1-to-685.

Public safety at WSU

Greene County's public service sector shortage hits close to home for WSU and its community.

"The [WSU] Department of Public Safety has not been experiencing problems filling vacancies with law enforcement positions like other police departments may be in Green County. We have not been affected or impacted, and I do not wish to comment on personnel matters for departments that are not our own," Wright State's Director of Public Safety, Kurt Holden, said.

When comparing the WSU police department's staff directory to fall 2021's total enrollment, the student to officer ratio on campus is 1-to-882, ranking right between Beavercreek and Fairborn.

WSU crime and justice studies enrollment surge



However, interest in crime and justice studies is still strong at WSU.

“Our enrollment is usually within the top three for the College of Liberal Arts,” Dr. Karen Lahm, the program director since 2015, said.

Lahm coordinates student internships within WSU’s crime and justice program and has taught criminology since 2001.

“There hasn’t been a decline in enrollment [between 2015 and today]; there’s maybe even more interest. People are coming in with a social justice awareness and a desire to change the system. [...] Ethics, diversity, and de-escalation are a primary focus within our program,” Lahm said.

Going Forward

A more extensive discussion regarding social justice and law enforcement is taking place within the United States.

“Political scrutiny makes getting into the field intimidating, but good men and women are still coming in for the right reasons,” Bennington said.

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Men's Basketball: Moving Forward After a Tough Loss

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With over 5,000 Raider fans in attendance, Wright State University (WSU) Men's Basketball took on Cleveland State University (CSU) at home in the Nutter Center.

While the first few minutes of the game looked like the best WSU had played all year, with a 16-3 start, the game would go to the Vikings 67-71 after a hard-fought battle from both sides.

While the Raiders fought hard, it was turnovers and rebounds that killed them in the end, with the Vikings scoring 31 points off of WSU turnovers.

"Honestly, if you just look at 26 turnovers and 16 offensive rebounds, how are we even in the game?" said Head Men's Basketball Coach Scott Nagy. "I can't remember the last time I had a team that had 26 turnovers."

Taking care of the ball

In WSU's recent games against Northern Kentucky University (NKU) and CSU, their opponents scored 54 total points off turnovers, giving WSU a loss against NKU by 10 and against CSU by four.

"We really shot ourselves in the foot. We had thirteen turnovers in the first half." Tanner Holden, who led the game in points against CSU, said. "We started off hot, but we just turned the ball over doing silly things."

While the Raiders kept both games relatively close, when their opponents switched to a zone defense, WSU wasn't able to break through either time.

"They went to the zone defense, and we've struggled through it now the past two games," Nagy said after the loss to CSU, "I don't know what else to say."

The Raiders are used to facing a man-to-man defense, which is where their early lead came from, but CSU Head Coach Dennis Gates called a switch to a zone defense, completely walling their attack.

"Mainly just their zone defense [was the problem]." Trey Calvin, a junior guard for the team, said. "We don't practice against zone too much."

Moving forward

With the game against CSU having the most fans in attendance all year cheering them on, the loss has taken a toll on WSU's morale.

"Emotions were high, and the crowd really showed up. They gave us a lot of energy. We're mad at ourselves that we couldn't pull this one out for them." Holden said.

But, the Raiders have three more home games coming up, all of which are against other top-five opponents in the Horizon League.

These next few games will show if the raiders can get out of their recent slump, or if they will fall to the pressure.

"Next game, we've got to put this behind us," Calvin said. "We're playing a good team again on Sunday. After a tough loss like this, it's hard to get mentally ready, but we have no choice."

Their next games are against Purdue Fort Wayne on Sunday, Jan. 30 at noon, against Detroit Mercy on Thursday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m., and on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.