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Weekly Horoscopes
Star Signer
February 7, 2022

We all bring something special to our group of friends with our unique personality. Read here to discover what kind of friend you actually are based on your zodiac sign.

ARIES

Aries, you are the supportive friend. You value your friends like no other and do everything you can to support them in their endeavors, beliefs and futures.

TAURUS

Taurus, you are the motivational friend. You see the best of everyone and every situation. Oftentimes, your friends look to you to share your positivity and make light of a dark situation. You like to encourage others that they are capable of doing anything they set their mind to.

GEMINI

Gemini, you are the wild and fun friend. You are always willing to try something new, even if it is something you could never see yourself doing. You love to have a good laugh and you are carefree enough that your friends can always count on you to say “yes”.

CANCER

Cancer, you are the loyal friend. You are a constant in all your friends’ lives and you do your best to keep up with them and be there for them through everything they do. No matter what happens, you always bounce back from a fight and keep your promises.

LEO

Leo, you are the compassionate friend. You may not have a billion friends or be “the most popular” but you have the best relationships and that is all that matters. You are extremely compassionate towards all of your friends and they are always grateful for your generosity.

VIRGO

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Virgo, you are the problem-solving friend. You are the glue that holds your friend group together. Often the one to break up fights or keep them from happening, you often remind everyone why they are friends to begin with.

LIBRA

Libra, you are the hilarious friend. Everyone knows that when they are with you, they will be laughing. You tell the best jokes and overall just have a funny personality. You are crazy enough that you'll do anything to get a laugh.

SCORPIO

Scorpio, you are the dedicated friend. You are extremely passionate and know that friends are so important in life. You will do anything for your friends and know that they will do the same for you.

SAGITTARIUS

Sagittarius, you are the brutally honest friend. You are not afraid to say it like it is no matter what others think. All of your friends know that you won't sugar coat your opinion. They also know not to take your comments too personally.

CAPRICORN

Capricorn, you are the loud friend. Everyone hears you coming before they see you and recognizes you by the sound of your voice. It isn't uncommon for your friends to hear your obnoxiously loud and contagious laugh through the walls.

AQUARIUS

Aquarius, you are the emotional friend. You tend to take everything very seriously and feel your emotions very strongly. You have a great love for all of your friends and people often tell you that you wear your heart on your sleeve.

PISCES

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Pisces, you are the late friend. No matter who you go to spend time with or what you are doing, all of your friends know that you will be the last to show up. It is something that you can't help and your friends know. Everyone has accepted that you will be late, including yourself.

Events on Campus Week of Feb. 7

Alexis Wisler

February 7, 2022

Events for the week of Monday, Feb. 7 include women and men's basketball, UCIE Convo Club and an Encanto movie night.

Monday, Feb. 7

9 a.m. | Cru Men's Group | Student Union Explorer Room

12 p.m. | Popcorn Monday | UCIE Office 190 Student Union

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

2 p.m. | Convo Club | UCIE Office 190 Student Union

5 p.m. | Tabletop Club Presents Game Night | Medical Sciences 127 and 143

6:30 p.m. | ACE Cosmic Match | Allyn 124

7 p.m. | Cru Men's Group | Student Union Explorer Room

Tuesday, Feb. 8

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

2 p.m. | Delta Zeta Study Night | Dunbar Library

5 p.m. | Raiders Got Talent | Apollo Room

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

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

7 p.m. | Cuffin Season Event | Oelman 135

Wednesday, Feb. 9

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

4 p.m. | ACE Color the Night Sky | Allyn 210

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

Thursday, Feb 10

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

2 p.m. | Delta Zeta Study Night | Dunbar Library

3:30 p.m. | Convo Club | UCIE Office 190 Student Union

4 p.m. | Raiderthon 101 | Student Success Center 009

5 p.m. | Tabletop Club Presents: Game Night | Medical Sciences 127 and 143

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

6 p.m. | Personal Mission Statements with Joyce Winters | Rike 044

6 p.m. | Game Night with Delta Zeta | Rike 166

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

6:30 p.m. | Movie Night: "St. Guiseppe Moscati: Doctor to the Poor" | Dr. Brueggemeyer's home

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

Friday, Feb. 11

3 p.m. | ACE Constellation Creation | Medical Sciences 127

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7 p.m. | Movie Night: Encanto | Oelman 109

Saturday, Feb. 12

9 a.m. | Campus Recreation The Adventure Summit | Student Union

1 p.m. | STEPS Fingerprinting at BSOM | BSOM White Hall

1 p.m. | Club Basketball vs. Toledo | McLin Gym

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

Sunday, Feb. 13

2 p.m. | Men's Basketball vs. Northern Kentucky | The Nutter Center

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Men's Basketball Keeps Championship Hopes Alive With Oakland and Detroit Wins

Noah Kindig

February 7, 2022

A four-game homestand against top teams in the league looked scary for Wright State University (WSU) Men's Basketball, especially after losing their first game to the Cleveland State Vikings 67-71.

The Raiders were able to rally in their next matches, keeping their Horizon League (HL) championship hopes alive after this weekend's games, crushing the Detroit Mercy Titans (DET) by 31 points and the second-place Oakland Golden Grizzlies (OAK) by 11.

With these wins, WSU not only shook up the HL standings by beating three top-five teams but has turned their own season around, locking down the league's best shooters with their defensive play.

"Our defense is getting there, it's just getting to where it gives us a chance to maybe be a championship team," said WSU Head coach Scott Nagy. "We've got a long way to go, but our defense is starting to ... when we struggle offensively, it carries us."

Double down on defense

Nagy has pressed into his team hard this year to improve on defense.

WSU has had several games where the offense was on fire but where the defense fell short, losing five games so far where the Raiders scored 75 points or higher.

A big goal Nagy has pushed for his defense has been limiting opponents to one point per possession, an incredibly difficult goal to achieve against the Titans and the Golden Grizzlies.

For DET, guard Antoine Davis was averaging the highest points per game (PPG) in the entire country coming into Friday's game, and for OAK, their offense was averaging the highest PPG in the HL, with forward Jamal Cain averaging almost 20 PPG.

But, WSU was able to achieve that goal in both games, limiting Davis to 15 points and Cain to 13.

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“We got the stops when we needed to get them,” Nagy said after the win over OAK. “We held them to one point per possession, which with Oakland, they’re one of the top offensive teams in the league, so that’s pretty good for us.”

Showing depth

While Grant Basile, Tanner Holden and Trey Calvin have been the stars for WSU all year, this weekend’s games showed that the Raiders have more depth than meets the eye.

While only putting five points on the scoreboard against OAK, Tim Finke had an incredible night in supporting his teammates finishing with seven assists and eight rebounds, almost getting a double-double without getting double-digit points.

He also guarded Cain nearly all game and was an integral part of why the forward averaging 20 PPG could not find success against the Raiders.

“Tim Finke, he’s an MVP of the game for me. He guarded one of the top players in the league and wrestled with him all night,” Nagy said. “Tim is so undervalued on our team, and I know the other people get more attention because of the scoring, but I’m super happy he’s on our team.”

Against DET, five players would score double-digit points on the Titans, including freshman AJ Braun, who has earned himself a regular spot on the starting lineup, and Andrew Welage off the bench, who has started to show some confidence with his shooting.

Freshman Keaton Norris shot 3-3 from the three-point line against OAK, scoring nine off the bench and making his final shot with under four minutes to play, putting the Raiders up by six and breaking the Grizzlies’ spirit.

“That shot he hit was the biggest shot of the game,” Nagy said. “I think that was probably the back-breaker for them.”

Residential Assistant Program: Addressing Struggles With Recruitment

Jamie Naylor

February 8, 2022

Wright State University's (WSU) residential assistant program faces challenges due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic while students currently in the program remain reluctant to talk about the issues.

Challenges due to COVID

All aspects of campus life, including residential life, have been impacted by COVID-19. This extends to the residential assistant (RA) program.

According to Jenifer Attenweiler, associate director for residence life and housing, programs RA's would normally conduct face to face with their residences had to move online all of 2020 and most of 2021.

This virtual environment prevented RA's from strongly connecting with their residents.

"It's really hard to build relationships with residents when everything is virtual," Attenweiler said.

Due to this connection issue and a lack of interest in the position, the RA program has faced recruiting issues.

"We (housing) struggled with people not wanting to take on more responsibility than being a student," Attenweiler said. "We had some difficulty in recruiting because expectations of the job are different."

Recruiting efforts for the academic year 2022/23 RA program were extended into the current spring semester.

Details of the program

The RA program is an extensive process. Before candidates are even interviewed and considered for placement in the program, they must take the one-hour credit course: "Topics in Residence Life."

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According to Attenweiler, this requirement was waived last year due to COVID but has since been reinstated.

Once students are accepted into the program they must go through a week and a half of training before the new academic year starts.

After the new academic year starts, RA's do various jobs such as planning residential events, holding office hours and having on-call hours where they are available if a situation in a residential building arises.

The only compensation RA's receive is a complementary single room in their assigned residential hall, a meal plan and the waiver of their residential activity fee. Using the average 2021/22 guaranteed housing and meal plan rates, this totals to about \$5,443 per 14 week semester before taxes and extra incurred costs.

RA opinions

The Wright State Guardian reached out to 13 current RA's to get their perspectives on the program. 11 did not respond, one referred us to speak to higher-level administration and one reported that she did not end up taking the position.

WSU student, Sierra Hinton, applied for and was offered the RA position for this spring semester, however, she ultimately turned it down due to the time commitment and other factors.

"It is very time-consuming and I am much busier this semester than usual. Many friends also warned me not to take it due to their own personal experiences," Hinton wrote.

Hinton did not expand on what those personal experiences were or what she was warned against.

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SGA Clarifies Constitution Changes, Removals

Emily Mancuso

February 8, 2022

On Jan. 25, SGA (Student Government Association) announced a revamp and edit of their constitution and bylaws, which continue to be clarified as time progresses.

Constitution

According to previously announced changes, The House of Representatives is no longer a part of SGA. The responsibilities will be absorbed by the Director of Student Affairs and Director of Student Organizations. The House of Representatives had decreased participation in town hall meetings, so it was determined that it would not be proper to continue with this branch.

“The idea behind striking the whole entire branch and then switching the Speaker of the House position over to Director of Student organizations is that it more fits in line with a ‘How can we help you?’ type of question, instead of ‘what can you do for us to help you?’ type of thing,” President Jonathon Ciero said.

The director of student affairs will assist with major SGA events and running the annual SGA student life survey. This position will then brainstorm and put into action motions based on the results of this survey.

The director of student organizations will help be the voice for student organizations and collect feedback from these organizations. They will also assist with organization collaboration events.

The removal of speaker of the house for the House of Representatives makes room in the budget for the Lake Campus senator position while also accommodating for the director of student organizations position.

The Lake Campus senator position will not take affect until the 2022-23 school year. This senator will better represent the interests of the Lake campus and will have voting privileges.

Liaison senators also did not have voting privileges, leading to their removal.

“It [liaison removal] is a good way to make sure that there is voice in vote because the liaisons to senators didn’t have voice in vote, they could put in some feedback. But when it came down

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to making any impact on changes, they didn't get a say," Diana Johnson, director of external affairs, said.

Another senator position removal was the university college senator, which was officially changed last year due to budget cuts. The recent change officially removed it from being mentioned in the Constitution.

The qualifications for running for SGA President remained the same, with requirements for running for Vice President being changed slightly.

For President, applicants must be a sophomore at the time of application with at least two consecutive semesters as a Wright State University (WSU) student. Vice President applicants may be a freshman at the time of application with at least two semesters as a WSU student.

"What was written last week said juniors at the time of application, which was not our intent. We were thinking juniors at their appointment, so this meeting actually outlined how we were going to roll back that change. It is now sophomores [for Vice President]," Chris Jenkins, Policy Administrator, said.

Bylaws

SGA presidents historically use the executive order power very sparingly in recent years, with the power being used approximately once for each of the last three SGA presidents. The recent change to the SGA bylaws explicitly mentioned and gave executive order power to presidents.

"It is left vague intentionally because it's been set up for unforeseen circumstances and so we can't legislate something that's unforeseen," Ciero said.

The policy administrator would have the power to strike down anything that they feel violates the SGA Constitution and Bylaws. The limits of this power come from the policy administrator acting as a judicial branch.

The Constitution Committee agrees that the most important thing that comes of these changes is that it creates clarification for students. The Constitution and Bylaws are traditionally read through at least once a year and changed every few years.

New Local COVID Contact Tracing Guidelines: WSU's Remain Unclear

Jamie Naylor

February 9, 2022

Local public health departments instate new COVID-19 contact tracing guidance while Wright State University (WSU) remains unclear in their tracing program.

New guidance

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) issued new COVID guidelines regarding contact tracing in late January.

The guidance advises local health departments to discontinue universal contact tracing and adapt an outbreak model.

“The Ohio Department of Health recommends that local health departments shift from universal contact tracing, case investigation and exposure notification to a cluster or outbreak-based model,” the memo states. “This strategy prioritizes people in high-risk settings.”

Outbreak-based contact tracing extends to schools, universities, businesses and large residential communities according to Samantha Webb, a public health nurse at Greene County Public Health.

Science of contact tracing

Contact tracing is used to help slow the spread of COVID by informing people who come in close contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus. There are two models of tracing, universal contact tracing and an outbreak-based model.

According to Webb, universal contact tracing, used since the beginning of the pandemic, is a method of contact tracing where all parties who were exposed to COVID are contacted. Outbreak-based tracing focuses on group settings.

If someone in a group contracts COVID, only those in that group and those close to that person would be notified of the exposure in an outbreak-based model.

The outbreak-based model is more effective with the Omicron variant as the variant spreads quicker.

“With Omicron, its clinical course is so short the changes make sense,” Webb said. “ It (universal contact tracing) was not having the impact it is supposed to have.”

Wright State’s program

WSU has its own contract tracing program, managed by the COVID task force and Environmental Health and Safety (EHS).

According to Chris Taylor, dean of students, if a student, staff, or faculty member tests positive, they can fill out a form that will then alert Environmental Health and Safety and Student Advocacy and Wellness.

Student Advocacy handles any classroom contract tracing and assists students in finding medical resources.

According to Taylor, WSU’s contract tracing program has not changed since fall 2021 and there will be no increases in staffing the program despite the Omicron variant.

It is uncertain what contact tracing model the university uses. It is also unknown if the university will follow the new ODH guidance.

EHS was unable to be reached for this article.

Discussion Underway for 'No-Hate Campaign' Initiated by Previous Bias Incidents
Brendan Blankenship
February 9, 2022

Discussions are underway at Wright State University (WSU) to start a campaign called the “no-hate campaign” that will combat discrimination and injustices on campus.

No-hate campaign

Vice President for Inclusive Excellence Dr. Matthew Chaney introduced this campaign at the December faculty senate meeting in 2021 after an [incident of racial injustice](#) occurred on Nov. 27, 2021, according to a statement from the Black Student Union (BSU).

This campaign came from WSU as a response to biased incidents on campus according to Dean of Students, Chris Taylor.

“The goal was to address some issues that have arisen on campus regarding race and other possible bias,” Taylor said.

Taylor said that this campaign is meant to educate students and faculty on biases to make a more welcoming environment for students and to create a sense of community.

“Probably not everybody feels welcome, anywhere any given day,” Taylor said. “But we want to make sure that [students] here, the [workers] here feel as welcome as possible.”

What groups would like to see from Wright State

The same statement from BSU released on Dec. 8, 2021, stated that the group is working with the university to implement changes in the university.

The statement discusses subjects like addressing microaggressions and implementing bias training for incoming students.

Leaders of other organizations have also voiced what they would like to see from the university. Director of the Women’s Center at WSU, Dr. Nicole Carter, stated that any campaign that is designed for this purpose will benefit the university.

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In specific regards to the no-hate campaign itself, Dr. Carter had three things she would like to see from the program.

Dr. Carter said that the name of this campaign is highly similar to the “No H8” program that is specifically designed to combat violence against the LGBTQ+ community.

Dr. Carter also mentioned that she wanted to see this campaign work with other organizations that are in place to combat injustice and discrimination such as bias incident response team (BIRT) committee and the Racial Equity Task Force. The BIRT committee is also overseen by Chaney, according to Taylor.

Dr. Carter said that she would also like to see this campaign cover all minority groups including women and the LGBTQ+ community.

The No-Hate campaign is still under development, and more information is expected to be released later in the spring semester.

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WSU Dance Team Reflects on National Competition in Florida

Tobi Brun

February 9, 2022

The Wright State University (WSU) dance team traveled to the UDA Nationals in Orlando, Florida to compete in Division 1 Hip-Hop finals. The team ranked 13 out of the 14 nationally ranked teams after a successful season of appearances.

Competition

The team scored 93.6167 points, narrowly beating out Northern Kentucky University (NKU) by 1.06 of a point. They competed on Jan. 15 to the theme of “Florida.” Their tracklist consisted of Florida-based and themed songs, such as “Miami” by Will Smith, “Conga!” by Miami Sound Machine and “I Like It Like That” by Cardi B.

“This was the whole team’s first year being at UDA and I am super proud of how hard we worked to dance at this competition,” dance team member Alayna Barrera said.

The UDA Nationals were the highlight of the school year performances, according to graduating senior and team President Danielle Saul.

“I have danced my whole life and going out there and then competing like we did on the floor, it was the best that we’ve ever done that routine as a team. Then being able to watch it come to an end was amazing for me,” Saul said.

COVID-19

The NDA Nationals had been postponed for the 2020 and 2021 dance seasons due to COVID-19.

“We worked so hard for it last year too and weren’t able to get there. So we committed all of our energy towards those practices, then getting there. It is just a really good feeling to finally be able to say you made it,” Treasurer Camryn Harrel said.

Up next

The dance team has a handful of performances left in the 2021-22 school year.

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At the NCAA WSU Men's basketball game against NKU on Feb. 13, the dance team will perform during the Halftime show.

SGA Approves Two SEC Nominations

Alexis Wisler

February 9, 2022

Student Government Association (SGA) nominated two students for the Special Elections Committee as well as discussed other ongoing and upcoming business at their meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 8

SEC Nominations

“Next week officially starts SGA’s election season,” President Jonathan Ciero said.

With the upcoming election season, SGA presented and nominated two students, Alex Carner and Megan Dennison, for the Special Elections Committee (SEC).

Both candidates gave a quick speech to introduce themselves and argued why they should be elected for the SEC. SGA went into a quick executive session.

The nominations were put to vote and both student nominations were approved.

Petitions

According to Ciero, petitions to run for a senator position or the presidential position open up on Monday, Feb. 14.

More information can be found on the SGA website or the SEC Engage page.

Student Trustees search

Applications are still open for the Student Trustee search.

“If you know anybody for Student Trustee, send their application to Sabrina [D’Alesandro],” Ciero said.

Commuter Culture at WSU: Overcoming Barriers to Involvement

Emily Mancuso

February 10, 2022

Commuter students make up the majority of Wright State University's student population, yet they can still feel out of place on campus. Student organizations and the Commuter Student Association aim to help commuter students feel like they belong.

According to [national data](#), 88% of WSU students identify as commuter students.

Commuter Student Association

The Commuter Student Association is the voice of commuter students, connecting them to campus and pushing their involvement. Alaina Collins, president of the Commuter Student Association and Commuter Senator for Student Government Association, believes that the pandemic has convinced more students to choose to commute.

"I feel like with the pandemic and everything, I know like a lot of people are just kind of more comfortable either living at home or living in their own apartment off-campus versus in a dorm where you have shared facilities or share common areas," Collins said.

Collins also remarks that commuter students seem more pressed for time than their residential counterparts, theorizing it may be due to equal parts the driving time spent and commuters being more likely to have a job on top of being a student.

Collins' advocacy for commuters has led to improvements in the Commuter Lounge, a university area designed especially for these students.

Debbie Lamp is the associate director for the Student Involvement and Leadership and works with the Commuter Student Association. Despite living away from campus, Lamp says that students often get the same opportunities to get involved with events such as First Weekend or the apps such as CORQ which lists campus events.

"I think sometimes students don't think of themselves as commuters if they live off of Zink Road, so close that they can literally walk to campus. But they don't live in campus housing, they're commuters," Lamp said.

Student involvement

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Student involvement can vary drastically between commuter students due to a wide range of commuting time but also life responsibilities. Kaylee Raines, President of the Korean Club and commuter herself, knows it can sometimes be difficult to get involved on campus as a commuter but tries to accommodate commuter needs. Events take place on and off-campus and carpooling is a regular occurrence.

Getting involved can make commuter students feel more at home on campus.

“College students are busy with homework, earning money, and balancing other obligations. If they choose to participate, they will do so because a club makes them feel included and sparks more fun in their lives,” Raines said.

Campus events are listed on [Engage](#).

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Rainbow Alliance: Celebrating Success and Jumping Hurdles

Tobi Brun

February 10, 2022

Rainbow Alliance, a student-run organization, works tirelessly to achieve their goals despite certain incidences of pushback from administration and community members.

The organization is dedicated to serving and educating others about the LGBTQIA+ demographic of students on campus.

Mission

“Our mission statement is to bring education to campus about various LGBTQIA topics and just being a general safe space for our LGBTQIA students to have places where they can feel safe and have a voice of their own,” President Kirsten Spires said.

The student organization is partnered closely with the LGBT+ Center to provide educational meetings, panels and events to establish a community of inclusivity on campus.

“We do work a lot with the LGBTQIA center, they’re more of a resource space to get you connected. We’re more of like the social resource. Our big thing is to put on events on campus and provide an active open community,” Spires said.

Rainbow Alliance prides itself on creating relevant and educational content each week at its weekly meetings to help illuminate a specific group or topic in the LGBT+ community. The organization holds meetings weekly in the Student Union Atlantis room on Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Impact

Throughout the pandemic, Rainbow Alliance has maintained a thriving online community on Discord and other social media platforms. This was an important point for Spires because of the impact of the pandemic on mental health, even more so on marginalized communities who would feel more isolated.

“Rainbow provides a unique space where people are able to make new connections by being themselves,” Internal Affairs e-board member Alex Baughman said.

Goals

Rainbow Alliance has achieved many of its long-term goals in the past handful of years, according to Spires.

In 2019, the group and the LGBTQIA Center partnered on a successful effort to introduce Gender Neutral bathrooms on the WSU campus.

In recent years they have also made strides towards gender-inclusive on-campus housing options, and the streamlining of the name change service for transgender students.

Pushback

Rainbow Alliance has celebrated huge success in recent years, but that has not come without roadblocks for the goals they have been working hard to achieve.

In 2021, they painted The Rock outside of Millet Hall in honor of Transgender Day of Visibility on March 31. The Rock was defiled following the ceremony. However, the administration and community quickly jumped into action following the act of vandalism, and the rock was repainted.

The pushback after the installation of the campus-wide gender-neutral bathroom was unexpected, and the administration deemed it necessary to remove the majority of the gender-neutral bathrooms. However, in an agreement with the LGBTQIA Center and the Rainbow Alliance, at least one gender-neutral bathroom is available in each building on campus.

Moving forward, Vice President Jules Naylor is hopeful about the increase of education and acceptance for the on-campus population.

“I would like to see the effort for more connections being made on campus. I like to see other students branching out, and getting to learn and explore different groups, regardless of their own identities and beliefs. I want to help build a sense of allyship among everyone on campus, across communities, not only within communities,” Naylor said.

Upcoming

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Rainbow Alliance announces the upcoming topics for the meetings on their social media. The week of Feb. 1, the topic of the presentation was Awareness of Asexuality, and on Feb. 9 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. the topic is Sexual Education presented by Planned Parenthood.

The organization is partnered on many upcoming events on campus to look out for, such as the Annual Drag Show on March 19 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Apollo room.

On Feb. 18 they are partnering with the Black Student union on a panel discussing individual experiences as Queer people of color from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

WSU Preparing to Launch New Student Safety Advocates Program

Beck Lenz

February 10, 2022

Wright State University's Department of Public Safety (WSUPD) is preparing to launch a new safety program with students at the forefront.

The new program aims to bridge the divide between the department and students by enlisting students to help keep the campus safe. These students, known as Student Safety Advocates (SSAs), will work with the police department to aid and assist their fellow students. Several students have also been hired to work as parking attendants through the program.

Programs in the past

This isn't the first time that WSU has had a program of this nature.

"We had a student patrol program years and years ago, and that program was abolished because of funding," Lieutenant David Cox, second-in-command at the police department, said. "We sat down and we did some brainstorming. How could we bring our students into the fold and have better interactions [with our students]?"

Ultimately, the decision was made to bring back the student patrol program, except this time new-and-improved and more focused on student involvement. Part of the money to implement the new program came from the Student First Fund, which awards grants to students and student-focused initiatives on or around campus.

How to spot an SSA

SSAs will be easily recognizable around campus, each wearing a uniform and walkie-talkie that feeds back to police dispatch. And although the program is not entirely up on its feet just yet, student members have already been helping out on campus.

"We have them working at events like basketball games... back in December we had our student safety advocates as well as our student parking attendants helping out at the Tran-Siberian Orchestra concert," Cox explained.

Student benefits of the program

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“This program does teach leadership skills, it will also teach them customer service skills, so they’ll be able to get real-world experience in addition to their education... especially in any kind of law enforcement or first responder career,” Ben Lootens, the department’s student supervisor, said.

Students interested in applying for the program are encouraged to do so through Handshake, or by emailing Lootens directly.

Opinions

WSUPD is excited about this new program.

“The officers that I’ve spoken with, after working with the student safety advocates and parking attendants, they absolutely love it,” Lieutenant Cox explained. “We’re a very community-oriented department. We like working with our students and having our students in the department... It’s a good feeling.”

Chase Weyrauch, a Freshman on campus, is also excited about the program.

“I believe it will be an improvement. More representation [in the department] will be good,” Weyrauch said.

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Wright State eSports Adds Call of Duty Competitive to Their Lineup

Noah Kindig

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The Wright State University (WSU) eSports Club has continued to expand into new games this semester, announcing their varsity Call of Duty roster on Jan. 10.

The team competes in the Collegiate Call of Duty League (CCL) in its Midwest Division and currently sits at a 3-3 record, despite the team forming a short time ago and having almost no time to practice.

The team was picked to be at the bottom of their group before the season even started, but they have defied those expectations. Taking maps off of top teams like the University of Akron and almost taking an incredibly close match off of Bowling Green State University, they came down to the final round of the final map.

“I know we’re three and three right now. It’s not where we want to be, but with how well we played against [BGSU], we know what we have to work with,” Torey “Neptune” Carroll, the captain for WSU, said.

The Format

In the CCL, a match consists of a best-of-five format, with the first team to win three maps taking the match. The maps alternate between three modes, the first being Hardpoint, where teams fight over control of a point that constantly moves.

The second is Search and Destroy (S+D), where the attackers try to plant and detonate a bomb with the defenders trying to stop them. The third is control, where attackers try to take control of defense-controlled sites.

The Raiders have found the most success in S+D, with WSU undefeated in the game mode heading into their Week 3 matches against BGSU and The Ohio State University (OSU).

Cross “Youtzy” Youtsler is the master of S+D for WSU and has won multiple rounds while alone against multiple players to save his team.

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“I do that all the time,” Youtzy said. “That’s what people know me for. I got all this knowledge from practicing with friends where we would play just competitive search and destroy over and over.”

WSU has also shown good results on Control, especially against BGSU, where Neptune had an incredible performance, ending that map with a 37-18 kill-death ratio (KD).

Off the Cuff

Because WSU hasn’t had much time to properly practice, their strategies haven’t been fully developed yet for competitive play. Still, the Raiders have been able to pull some incredible plays completely on the fly, allowing them to win maps in very stressful spots like their S+D win over BGSU, where they were able to pull a win on the final round 6-5.

“I was a little stressed, I’m not gonna lie,” Jeremy “Jerm” Delaberta, a player for WSU, said. “You can’t make any more mistakes ... but we ended up winning three straight and taking them out.”

With more time to practice, WSU will look to make it to an in-person CCL tournament at the end of the year in Houston, Texas.

“I feel like once we’ve decided how we’re going to compete, we’ll play better,” Neptune said. “At the end of the year, 16 teams go to an in-person tournament, and we 100 percent want to be one of those teams.”

'Wright State, Wrong School': Addressing the Raider Pride Issue

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Wright State University (WSU) students quickly become familiar with the phrase "Wright State, Wrong School" after stepping foot on campus. However, alumni and students argue that this school has more to offer and reflect on what "school pride" means to them.

Becoming a new person

Without Wright State, Charline Phung says she would not have become the person that she is today.

"I feel like I definitely got to know myself more and meet other people... from the beginning of my freshman year to now I definitely have opened myself up," Phung said.

One reason for this is the people that Phung, a recent graduate, met during her time at WSU. Phung credits ASA, the Asain Student Association, for introducing her to new people and pushing her out of her introverted comfort zone.

One piece of advice Phung would give new students to make the most out of their time at WSU is to get involved.

"I would encourage them to go out of their comfort zone and meet other people and join clubs. I was definitely a shy person and I couldn't really imagine myself now, four years ago, if it weren't for meeting these new people," Phung said.

Brooke Leppla, Associate Director of Alumni and Donor Marketing and Communication, matched Phung's sentiment, saying the best part of her experience at WSU was getting involved with Greek life. Leppla says one of her favorite memories during her time as a student was the day she got a bid for her sorority.

"The feeling of jumping off stage into the arms of my new sisters who were so excited to have me was amazing. The countless memories to follow and even still being close with a lot of them today will always make me forever grateful I joined," Leppla said.

While Wright State is a small school compared to other Ohio colleges, it is a school rooted in community that allows students to find a sense of belonging and reach out of their comfort zone.

Endless opportunities

Senior fine art major, Solane Bass, praises WSU for the creativity it fosters in its students. Bass started her journey at Wright State double majoring in fine arts and computer science. Wanting to focus more on her artistic side and graduate within four years, she decided to change her double major to minoring in computer science instead.

Bass acknowledges that she might not have been able to combine her two passions and bolster her creative ability at another school.

“There are a lot of colleges; there is a wide variety of education you can get here,” Bass said.

Bass takes pride in being a Raider because of the opportunities and education in two different fields she has received during her time at WSU.

“School Pride, to me, is graduating and going ‘Oh, I was able to do this because of Wright State’ or ‘I learned this at Wright State,’” Bass said.

In agreement with Bass, Leppla commends WSU for the possibilities it gives its students and the way that it prepares them to take what they know and make a difference.

“The innovative majors and impact that you can directly see WSU graduates make in the Dayton community and beyond is amazing. So many Raiders doing so many amazing things for Dayton and Ohio,” Leppla said.

Once a Raider, always a Raider

Leppla has been a part of the WSU community since her freshman year in 2001. After graduating, she accepted a job with the university and has been involved with Wright State ever since. She loves the community and the fact that WSU is big enough to give students the college experience but small enough to not be overwhelming.

Leppla knows that school pride means something different to everyone, but for her, it means showing up for Wright State and sharing with others why she loves being a Raider.

“I cannot tell you how many times I’ve had to cringe at the stupid ‘Wright State, Wrong School’ joke. Raiders do have to fight more for ‘university street cred’ in comparison to other universities in our area for whatever reason, but dang it the amazing friends I graduated with doing awesome things in their careers, the bright and motivated students I had the pleasure of advising on campus in various capacities, the state of the art facilities to learn in, the active

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alumni base [and] the direct impact that our students and graduates have had on Dayton specifically leaves me with nothing but overwhelming school pride,” Leppla said.

Bass takes pride in where she comes from and loves being a part of the Raider family.

“Whether you’re a new student, or you’ve been here a while, or you are recently graduated, or you graduated 50 years ago... we’re all still Raiders. We’re all still here,” Bass said.