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Weekly Horoscopes
Star Signer
February 14, 2022

Some of us clean when we are bored, and some of us clean while we procrastinate, but what kind of cleaner are you? Read here to find out how you clean based on your zodiac sign.

ARIES

Aries, you are the most normal of all the signs when it comes to cleaning. You clean when you see it needs to be done and that is about it. You often get bursts of motivation to clean, but those are few and far between.

TAURUS

Taurus, you are extremely meticulous about cleaning. You have a long drawn out plan and schedule. You have certain cleaning activities that you do every week, month, and year.

GEMINI

Gemini, you are the kind of person that finds cleaning calming and satisfying. You don't always clean, but when you do, you find that it clears your mind and puts you at ease.

CANCER

Cancer, you don't really clean unless it is absolutely necessary. You'll let your room get so dirty that you can't see the floor. However, when dust or dirt accumulates, you find time to clean.

LEO

Leo you are an absolute go-getter. When you set your mind to something, nothing gets in the way, but that doesn't really apply to cleaning. You are so busy that oftentimes cleaning gets pushed aside. You make small efforts once in a while, but that's about it.

VIRGO

Virgo gets the best of both worlds when it comes to cleanliness. They are meticulous when it comes to dirt and dust. You won't find a virgo's room to be dirty. However, they may not

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necessarily be what you call organized. They need a little bit of mess to fuel their creative minds.

LIBRA

Libra, you are perhaps the least likely to clean out of all of the signs. You find it to be a waste of time. If your furniture is going to continue to collect dust, then what is the point? If the floor will continue to attract your clothes... what is the point in picking them up?

SCORPIO

Scorpio, you often use cleaning as a form of procrastination. If you have things that you don't want to do, it is always the perfect time to clean. That also means that if you are having fun, cleaning is not likely to happen.

SAGITTARIUS

Sagittarius, you are one that takes pride in how lazy you can be. You put in the work when it matters, but cleaning does not fit in that category. It is likely that you will only do the dishes when you run out of plates or only do the laundry when you run out of clothes.

CAPRICORN

Capricorn, you are perhaps what everyone would call the clean freak or germaphobe. You like everything to be clean and organized at all times. The coronavirus is perhaps the worst thing that has happened to you in your lifetime and you are terrified of catching it.

AQUARIUS

Aquarius, you are always down to earth and ready to set aside time to do the necessary cleaning and help others with theirs. Don't let this fool you though, even though you clean, it isn't really thorough.

PISCES

Pisces, cleaning is kind of an in-the-moment activity for you. You clean when you feel like it and only when you feel like it. When you do end up cleaning, you go all in and make sure you do a good job. You try to make cleaning fun too.

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Events on Campus Week of Feb. 14
Alexis Wisler
February 14, 2022

Events for the week of Monday, Feb. 14 include UCIE Convo Club, Puppy Kissing Booth and several Valentine's Day bake sales.

Monday, Feb. 14

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

10 a.m. | ACE Valentine's & Superbowl Bake Sale | Student Union Upper Atrium

11 a.m. | Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. Hugs and Kisses | Student Union Market

11 a.m. | Equip 4 Life A Rose for a Life | Student Union Market

11 a.m. | Women's Club Volleyball Valentine's Day Bake Sale | Student Union Market

12 p.m. | UCIE Popcorn Monday | UCIE Office, E19 Student Union

12 p.m. | EWB Valentine's Day Bake Sale | Russ Engineering Center Lobby

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

2 p.m. | UCIE Convo Club | UCIE Office, E190 Student Union

2:30 p.m. | Raider Pups Puppy Kissing Booth | Student Union Atrium

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

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

Tuesday, Feb. 15

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

12 p.m. | EWB Valentine's Day Bake Sale | Russ Engineering Center Lobby

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5 p.m. | UAB Wright Match | Student Union Atrium

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

6 p.m. | Management Club Guest Speaker: Kim Rex | Student Union Discovery Room

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

Wednesday, Feb. 16

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

12 p.m. | Monthly Fraternity and Sorority Life Brownbag Chat | Student Union 103

12 p.m. | EWB Valentine's Day Bake Sale | Russ Engineering Center Lobby

5 p.m. | H20 Church Night Life Group | Oelman 135

Thursday, Feb. 17

10:30 a.m. | Miracle Makers Bake Sale | The Hangar

12 p.m. | EWB Valentine's Day Bake Sale | Russ Engineering Center Lobby

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

3:30 p.m. | UCIE Convo Club | UCIE Office, E190 Student Union

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

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

7 p.m. | H20 Church Night Life Group | Allyn 124

Friday, Feb. 18

12 p.m. | EWB Valentine's Day Bake Sale | Russ Engineering Center Lobby

4 p.m. | On the Socialist Calculation Debate | Pathfinder Lounge

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4 p.m. | Delta Zeta Valentines Day Celebration | Rike 160

6 p.m. | Kappa Delta Sorority Board Game Night | Medical Sciences 127

6:30 p.m. | Tabletop Club Presents: DND 1010 | Fawcett 204

Saturday, Feb. 19

10 a.m. | Single-Payer Saturday – Sick Around the World | Online

4 p.m. | Raider Pups Chipotle Fundraiser | Chipotle

Sunday, Feb. 20

10 a.m. | Black Student Union Church Service | Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

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

2 p.m. | College Panhellenic Council Recruitment Counselor Reveal | Medical Sciences 120

5:30 p.m. | AARC Soul Food Sunday | Honors Community Plaza

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Women's Basketball: Strong Homestand VS IUPUI and UIC

Noah Kindig

February 14, 2022

Wright State University (WSU) Women's Basketball had its best weekend of conference play so far this season versus the Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) Jaguars and the University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC) Flames.

The Raiders fell to the first-place Jaguars 73-60. But WSU gave IUPUI a scare, tying the game at 46 halfway through the third quarter and shooting better in the paint and nearly even from three.

WSU used that momentum to shut down UIC's offense two days later, forcing 30 turnovers throughout the game that would eventually go the Raiders' way, 69-63.

"I mean, to shoot better than them from the floor and almost even from three, that's excellent," Kari Hoffman, head coach for WSU, said after the game against IUPUI. "Offensively, I'm proud of our players and how they played."

Testing IUPUI

The Jaguars have not only been a dominant force in the Horizon League (HL) this season, currently ranked first in the conference, but have challenged ranked opponents as well. The team took Michigan, currently ranked #4 in the nation, into overtime, and beat #25 Iowa at the buzzer with a last-second basket.

The Raiders came into the contest with a plan to deal with three-time HL Player of the Year Macee Williams, putting WSU's 6 '3" Jada Wright on Williams, denying her the shots that she wanted.

"The plan was to not over help and make her make back-to-the-basket moves," Hoffman said. "She still does what she does, but it seemed to work, especially in the long stretches."

The Jaguars would struggle to break through WSU's defense in stretches of the game, allowing the Raiders to stay in the contest by making a 12-3 run in the second quarter and a 16-4 run straight out of halftime.

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“We got them on their heels,” Jada Roberson, a junior guard for WSU, said. “That was the plan, start from the defense and the offense will come. Execute on defense and whatever happens on offense happens.”

By keeping Williams from taking easy shots and with Wright, Roberson, Destyne Jackson, Channing Chappel and other WSU players driving to the basket, the Raiders ended up outsourcing IUPUI in the paint by 18 points.

“To outscore them in the paint by that much, 18 points more than them in the paint, I would never have guessed that against Macee Williams,” Hoffman said.

Taking care of the ball

In the rebound win against UIC two days later, it was WSU’s defense and turnovers that haunted the Flames’ offense all game.

UIC gave up the ball 18 times in the first half alone and 30 times throughout the game, stopping their offense before it could even start.

Jada Wright played a big part in this game as well, bringing down 15 rebounds with four steals and four blocks to secure the game for the Raiders on the defensive end.

On the offensive end, the Raiders balanced scoring incredibly well this game, with six players scoring seven or more points, and all of WSU’s players putting in at least a basket.

“I feel like we’ve been playing together more than we ever do,” Roberson said. “lately, we’ve been having a problem of sharing the ball or getting in the groove of our play, but we executed for sure.”

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Raiderthon: What it is and How to Get Involved Now

Eliza Jackson

February 15, 2022

Wright State University Miracle Maker's hosted a Q&A event on Thursday, Feb. 10 to discuss their upcoming fundraiser event, Raiderthon.

What Is Raiderthon?

Raiderthon is a big end-of-the-year celebration at Wright State University. The Miracle Makers fundraise all year round and at the end of the year, they celebrate to thank the WSU community and everyone who has given their support. It is a 12-hour dance marathon, but students do not have to dance the entire time.

Raiderthon is not all about the dancing. They also have performers, 4 Paws dogs showing tricks and magicians. There will also be inflatables, games, raffles and prizes to be won.

"The big thing that really makes Raiderthon a great event are the miracle kids that come out," President of WSU Miracle Makers, Abigail Adams, said.

Joining the students will be the miracle kids from Dayton Children to share their stories and how meaningful Raiderthon is to them and how the fundraising has impacted their lives.

How have they helped?

Miracle Makers fundraising has raised 360,000 dollars through WSU. Even though Raiderthon has not occurred since 2019 due to Covid, they were able to treat over 380,000 kids each year.

The closest Dayton Children's is conveniently 15 minutes away from WSU. The funds raised have gained access to mental health resources for the children and also helped develop a center for Health Equity dedicated to addressing social determinants of health.

WSU has also funded a Canine Co-pilot program where dogs come to make sure kids feel safe and cared for inside the hospital. They are trained to reduce the stress and anxiety in the kids who might be nervous about different procedures.

How can you help?

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There are multiple ways a student can help the program.

One of the ways is registering as either a team member or an individual to come and volunteer at Raiderthon. Students can join the Morale team and even become an emcee of Raiderthon. They can also volunteer with Miracle Makers and their future events.

“I volunteered with the Miracle Makers my Sophomore year. I didn’t know much about it but I was just happy knowing I was helping out the kids at Dayton Children’s,” WSU student Brittany Lamb said.

Students can also fundraise for the event.

On the Miracle Makers website, there is a fundraising guide with tips to help participants raise money. There are multiple sponsorships within this program including students and organizations from WSU. Some of these orgs are Student Government Association (SGA), University Activities Board (UAB) and Kappa Delta. Each sponsor receives incentives as a thank you for their support.

The last way to help out is to simply attend the Raiderthon event. Students can come and show their support of WSU Miracle Makers and the kids at Dayton Children’s Hospital.

“I loved Raiderthon, I went my freshman year and it was really exciting and colorful,” WSU student Brianna Green said.

The event is Saturday, April 9, and is welcome to anybody, not just WSU students.

WSU Continues Search for Intercultural Specialist After Abrupt Vacancy

Jamie Naylor

February 15, 2022

Search for a new Wright State University (WSU) Latino Center intercultural specialist began after the previous specialist left the university unexpectedly. Students reflect on the lack of support during this time.

Past specialist

February marks the third month the Latino Center has been without an intercultural specialist. The past specialist, Fermine Recarte, who joined the university in spring 2021, unexpectedly left the university in December 2021 for reasons unknown.

“It was just a complicated matter that was addressed through Human Resources and addressed through institutional administration,” Kevin Huang, intercultural specialist for the Asian and Native American Center, said.

Huang further explained that he did not know the exact reason why Recarte suddenly left the university.

Searching for a replacement

Huang, along with Dr. Michael Saville, WSU professor and student advisor to the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, led the search committee to replace Recarte.

The position was posted to the university’s website on Dec. 21, 2021, while the committee formed in January 2022 and the chairs were recently appointed in February.

According to Saville, the committee will start to review three applicants starting Feb. 14. Both Huang and Saville, along with the committee, are looking for candidates that will collaboratively work with students and the other centers. They are also looking for those with good leadership and organizational qualities.

“We did learn that we need someone who has that leadership ability, someone who will show up and be there for the students, someone who will be able to handle the administrative requirements,” Saville said.

Student opinions

WSU students in the Latino and Hispanic communities use the center as a safe space, resources and social support system. Without a specialist to lead the center, many operations and events have come to a halt.

Students like freshman Andre Torres are discouraged over the loss of a leader for the Latino Center.

“Now that it [the support] is gone, it hurts,” Torres said.

Torres, who is of Puerto Rican descent, explained how he used the center to find his social community and how he felt a natural connection with the center and the people in it. He compared the loss of support from the center and the loss of an intercultural specialist to a security blanket being taken from a child.

Now that the center is less active, Torres is looking to other organizations, like Greek Life, to find a sense of community again.

He did report that he would gladly start visiting the Latino Center again if an intercultural specialist was found in the coming months.

An average search and hiring process for an intercultural specialist takes around seven months, according to Huang. The committee is wishing to expedite the process so the center can receive adequate support.

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Upcoming WSU Theatre Productions: Telling Important Stories on Stage
Tobi Brun
February 16, 2022

The Wright State University (WSU) Theatre Department is in its forty-fifth production season in the 2021-22 school year. The collective department is bouncing back from the effects of the pandemic and is returning to its stages with plans in place to ensure the safety of its fans from COVID.

Current Season

For the spring 2022 semester, the theatre department is performing three upcoming shows: “Sweat,” “Gondoliers” and “Sweet Charity.” The current show “Sweat” runs Thursday, Feb. 10, through Sunday, Feb. 20 at the Festival Playhouse in the Creative Arts Center (CAC).

“Sweat” is a prize-winning contemporary drama written by Lynn Nottage that takes place in both 2000 and 2008 in industrial Redding, Pennsylvania.

“‘Sweat’ talks about people who don’t often get a voice. Those are the ones who tend to be affected most by the world around them. Often the choices we make are for survival, not because we want them. But, it’s because we feel they are our only choice. The truth of the matter is until you’ve had everything you know taken away, you don’t know what choice you would make. And that’s what they’re going through in this play,” visiting guest director Shaun Patrick Tubbs said in the show’s press release.

Lead Actress Zavi Odetta said that “Sweat” is a story that needs to be told.

“It’s been an honor to be a part of this show. “Sweat” is a story about real working-class people facing real problems that are still happening today. I am grateful that myself and this talented cast get to share the journey of these nine individuals,” Odetta said.

Covid-19

To any students who wish to view a performance at the CAC but are concerned with the COVID precautions, artistic director of the Department of Theater Dance and Motion pictures Joe Deer reassures that the CAC follows all pandemic guidelines enforced by WSU.

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“Everyone wears masks. Wright State mandates all masks all the time so we’re safe. Ultimately, if somebody is uncertain about coming, they can come and take a seat that’s at a distance, as we are not filling the space to capacity. Otherwise, if you feel unsafe about it, you have to follow what your personal tolerance is,” Deer said.

Overcoming Intimidation: Getting Started at the Gym, Campus Rec

Tobi Brun

February 16, 2022

Located in the Student Union, the Wright State University (WSU) fitness center is home to classic gym equipment and staffed by a knowledgeable community from the recreation department. The fitness center is free to all currently enrolled students and has been since its launch in 2007.

Getting involved

Any student interested in getting involved in the Recreation Center but does not know where to start is not alone, said Recreation Program Director Billy Willis.

“For a student who might be intimidated about where to start working out in a gym, we have many resources. We have a youtube channel with instructional videos, and we have classes for beginners, Hit the Weights (HtW) and Women On Weights (WOW). They are open to everyone as an intro to weightlifting and using weight machines, and some helpful tips on form,” Willis said.

The atmosphere in the fitness center is welcoming and energetic according to student employee Vaibhan Gajjar.

“There are people who really love the fitness center. It’s a very healthy atmosphere for everyone,” Gajjar said.

For students who might be interested in joining a sport but are unsure of joining a team, Willis encourages them to look into trying intramural sports.

“For anyone starting out, intramurals are great. No experience is needed. It’s about having fun and competing for the championship t-shirt. That’s why our intramural sports have a twist on what they are, like water polo for example. You’re floating around in an inner tube in the pool and throwing the ball around for fun. We don’t expect people to tread water for 18 minutes,” Willis said.

The staff will help any student to find the answers that they need.

“If I’m not able to answer a student’s questions, we have great well-trained patrons here that can help,” employee Rachana Giade said.

Accessibility

The Recreation Center prides itself on accommodating the needs of its users within possibility. In the case of WSU student Lily Berkow, the team was able to assist her in accommodating her fitness journey.

“Lily is an avid participant in our program and very active even though her disability did not allow her to do some things. Well, I worked with her dad, and with our maintenance team, we actually designed a tool so that she could use the treadmill properly. Definitely something that we are excited and proud to have accomplished,” Willis said.

COVID-19

For any student who may be worried about utilizing the fitness center during the pandemic, Willis encourages them to come to the gym and see their active precautions taken against COVID.

“We are the cleanest we’ve ever been. People are cleaning their machines, our staff are cleaning the machines...It is very easy to get a workout in our facility in maintaining six to 10 feet, social distancing from others. We do have limits on how many people can go to fitness classes so that we can properly social distance,” Willis said.

COVID Rates Still High in Ohio, Greene County Above State Average

Brendan Blankenship

February 16, 2022

Officials continue to recommend much of the same recommendations such as masking and vaccination to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 as transmission rates still remain high in Ohio.

COVID in Greene County

Greene County, the county that the Dayton campus is located in, released a statement on Feb. 10, that described the COVID situation in the area.

This press release states that there were an additional 36 positive cases on Feb. 9 and an additional 20 probable cases on the same day.

Greene County's current number of cases per 100 thousand citizens is 661.8, which is above the state average of 481.0, according to the press release.

Greene County continues to utilize contact tracing as a preventative measure.

WSU has reported 577 total cases this academic year.

How to continue protecting yourself

Wearing a mask and getting vaccinated is still recommended. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccinations are now fully Federal Drug Agency (FDA) approved.

Greene County officials continue to recommend wearing a mask and getting vaccinated. Getting vaccinated will still greatly decrease your chance of hospitalization and death even with breakout cases, according to the press release.

These officials also continue to recommend other measures such as washing your hands.

"YOU have the power to reduce your chances of serious illness, hospitalization, and death," the press release stated.

It is also recommended to upgrade your mask while there are still high levels of transmission. Dr. Lydia Bourouriba, director of The Fluid Dynamics of Disease Transmission Laboratory at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, explained in a press release on the American

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Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) that masks should be KN95 or FFP2s in certain areas of the world.

“It’s also protection for the person wearing the mask for what is being inhaled,” Bourouriba said.

WSU continues its mask mandate that was reinstated on Aug. 5, 2021.

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SGA Discusses Raiderthon and Black History Month

Emily Mancuso

February 16, 2022

The Student Government Association met on Tuesday, Feb. 16 and presented two guest speakers to talk about Raiderthon and Black History Month and discussed various announcements.

Raiderthon

Abby Adams from Miracle Makers discussed the importance and details of the upcoming Raiderthon fundraiser, held Saturday, April 9. The event is a 12-hour dance marathon to help raise money for the Dayton Children's Hospital. Students can learn more about Raiderthon [here](#).

"Since the organization was first started, we have raised over \$360,000 for the hospital and to put that into perspective, the hospital serves 380,000 kids every single year," Adams said.

Black History Month and Undesign the Redline

Quatez Bernard Scott, the intercultural specialist for the Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center, talked about Black History Month at the meeting. The center collaborated with the library for the Undesign the Redline exhibit. Scott defined the practice of redlining as a discriminatory practice where services were denied to those in "hazardous" areas often determined by race. There are various events on the Undesign the Redline [webpage](#) that students can attend. The Black Student Union is preparing for their Heritage Ball to take place on Feb. 24.

"This has happened, largely, in a lot of large cities in America, Dayton is also not immune to that," Scott said in reference to redlining.

Announcements

The applications for SGA positions are open and students can now file petitions available on the main WINGS page.

All students are encouraged to fill out the 'student life' survey that was recently sent to their emails and posted on social media.

WSU Professor Nominated for Edgar Allan Poe Award

Emily Mancuso

February 17, 2022

Professor Erin Flanagan's first four novels went unpublished. Now her novel "Deer Season" has been nominated for the Edgar Allan Poe Award.

Deer Season and nomination

Professor Erin Flanagan teaches creative writing at Wright State University and balances this with her success as an author of two short collections, one published novel (Deer Season), and one to-be-published novel (Blackout).

"Deer Season" is a mystery novel following a teenage girl's murder in a small town located in Nebraska and the search for her actual killer suspected to be an intellectually-disabled farmhand in 1985. The novel was nominated for a 2022 Edgar Allan Poe Award for "Best First Novel by an American Author" by the Mystery Writers of America Association. Only four other novelists were nominated in this category.

The prestigious Edgar Allan Poe Award is awarded to the best in the mystery genre judged by volunteers and writers alike. Flanagan was informed of her nomination the day after it had been officially announced.

"My friend texted me. I was taking a nap and I woke up and she said 'Congratulations on your Edgar nomination!' And I said what? So I went online. I was like, 'Oh my god, there's my book,'" Flanagan said.

The winners of the subsections of the Edgar Allan Poe Award will be announced on April 28. Flanagan's aim was not to win this award but to express themselves as a writer.

Background

"I'm most interested in writing accurately and empathetically about the Midwest. And I'm interested in writing about women in feminist issues. And I think my overall philosophy is that people are good, but they screw up a lot," Flanagan said.

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Flanagan has appeared frequently in literary magazines (Southern Review, Missouri Review, etc.) and participated in creative writing fellowships, but got her start in creative writing after originally being a psychology major.

“When I was in undergraduate, I happened to take a creative writing class and be like, ‘Oh, this is a lot of fun’ and it was the first class I can really remember taking where I have a lot of discipline to do the work,” Flanagan said.

Flanagan currently teaches fiction writing courses for undergraduate students and hopes for a return of a novel-writing course she has previously taught.

Flanagan’s next novel, “Blackout,” is currently available for pre-order on her [website](#).

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Dayton's Not Dead: Gem City Selfie Museum

Emily Mancuso

February 17, 2022

Gem City Selfie Museum will offer art therapy and impactful photo sets in addition to their already thriving pop-up exhibits to the Dayton community.

Mission

Gem City Selfie Museum has a strong emphasis on community, but also on the importance of mental health.

"This is everyone's museum, it's the community's. That's why I'm so adamant on input and ideas and creating community groups, which will start very soon. Because we want everyone's input and we want everyone to feel like they were a part of bringing this historical museum to the city of Dayton and its surrounding areas," NaAsiaha Simon, founder of Gem City Selfie museum, said.

Simon first thought of the idea of a selfie museum after her first brain surgery in 2020. She saw the importance of photography and art therapy as a form of healing after being introduced to color therapy exercises.

According to the [Gem City Selfie Museum](#) website: "The mission of the Gem City Selfie Museum is to be a space with interactive illustrations that are created to help alleviate anxiety, depression, and stress. Cultivating community engagement and sparking creativity through the use of visual art installations to bring focus to positive life experiences and boost confidence."

Pop-up exhibits will continue to follow the themes of social awareness and mental health, such as disability awareness month and brain tumor awareness month. Teresa Perretta, director of development, hopes to spread the idea of their mission to a wider area.

"I plan to support the Gem City Selfie Museum and the Selfie Squad into global expansion. My goal is for our selfie walls, museums and pop-up events to exist worldwide. Sharing the joy throughout all of humankind, made with love, from the Gem City," Perretta said.

Services

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The most recent exhibit for Black History Month will be open for the duration of February in the main branch of the Dayton Metro Library. Everyone is encouraged to stop by the themed photo sets celebrating the work of famous black artists and educators, all of which are provided free of charge. Similar exhibitions will continue to happen with varying themes.

The selfie museum itself is set to open at the end of spring or early summer of this year. The museum was originally set to open in the summer of 2021, but the COVID-19 pandemic has delayed construction efforts.

The space is 8,000 square feet that includes 33 walls, five rooms and five closets. Every quarter the room themes will rotate to something new, often decided by members of the Dayton community such as regional artists and local organizations. These local organizations and artists may sign up for this on the Gem City Selfie website with a form coming soon. These community groups may choose to be involved in the art and color therapy services offered.

The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Sunday will have special hours from noon to 6 p.m. Prices are \$25 dollars per person per hour and are open to everyone regardless of age. Masks will be required, however, guests may take them off for pictures.

Student opinion

The museum has not revealed its address publicly yet but will be located just 15 minutes away by car from Wright State University in the Oregon District. Freshman Heidi Raber believes it could be beneficial for creative students on campus, but is unsure if college students will be motivated to go to such a business.

“There are a lot of creative people and art majors and also just people wanting to get to know people. But no [people might not visit], because it’s not really at Wright State, it’s in a different location,” Raber said.

Raber also mentioned that the price may be out of range for some students, but appreciates that they offer art therapy.

Interested students can follow Gem Selfie Museum on Instagram at [@gemcityselfie](#).

WSU Waste Scanners: No Additional Testing Despite Covid Spikes

Jamie Naylor

February 17, 2022

Wright State University (WSU) continues to use wastewater testing to monitor COVID-19 cases on campus. No additional testing or COVID precautions were taken for residential students despite past spikes and virus cases.

Wastewater testing project

COVID wastewater testing began at WSU's in January 2021 through the use of scanners. The project was supported by the Ohio Department of Health, which gave the university a half-million-dollar grant to conduct the testing.

WSU has continued this wastewater testing as an additional tool to detect the virus on campus but, only uses it as a data measuring tool to monitor COVID cases on campus.

"The collection and analysis of the data has been occurring to determine if the cases reported in the residence halls correspond to differences observed in the wastewater analysis," Dr. Marjorie Markopoulos, director of environmental health and safety, wrote.

Additional COVID testing has yet to occur in the residence halls because of the wastewater testing, even when a spike was detected.

According to Dr. Ola Kolawole, a WSU research assistant professor and director of the lab that conducts the testing on the wastewater, there was a spike in coronavirus cases at the beginning fall semester, of 2021, when students started to return to campus.

During this time, WSU did not enact any additional COVID precautions in the affected residential halls

"The school just brought out the general COVID testing and vaccination program at that time so there was nothing more specific done because of the spike," Kolawole wrote.

Dr. Markopoulos went on to explain that when elevated levels are detected, Environmental Health and Safety monitors the situation to see if any response is necessary.

The science behind wastewater testing

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There are four scanners located outside residential halls on the Dayton campus and one scanner on the Lake campus. These scanners take samples of the wastewater which are then sent to Kolawole's Lab on the Dayton campus.

Kolawole's lab then extracts Ribonucleic Acid (RNA), a molecule inside the human body, from the wastewater to detect coronavirus diseases.

"We can detect coronavirus genomes in wastewater when someone in the community is infected even without showing any symptom. We can also detect the genome a week before an outbreak occurs," Kolawole said.

A genome is a set of an organism's genetic makeup, according to the National Human Genome Research Institute.

This data then can be used to detect a spike in COVID cases and be used to recommend additional COVID testing.

According to Kolawole, 10 tests are taken each week from the scanners.

Wright State COVID policies

WSU has a COVID vaccine requirement for university employees, a university-wide mask mandate and an asymptomatic testing program.

The wastewater testing will continue until June 2022.

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Raidergang Baseball: Preseason Roundup

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Wright State University (WSU) baseball is ready to go for the 2022 spring season and is already looking like a dominant force headed into their first games against #21 Georgia Tech and #7 Oklahoma State.

The team finished the 2021 season on a 35-13 mark, with a 21-1 record at home at Nischwitz stadium. Their post-season included a Horizon League Championship, a trip to the NCAA Knoxville regional, three players signing MLB Contracts and another two entering MLB free agency.

Despite these losses, Head Coach Alex Sogard has returned a ton of talent, including Preseason Player of the Year Sammy Sass, and has built the team's schedule as difficult as possible, facing off against two ranked opponents from the start.

"We're excited to get going," Sogard said. "I know the guys are ready to compete. We'll get tested right out of the gate, but I'm looking forward to the competition."

Be the best, play the best

The Raiders are no stranger to building a tough schedule for themselves, ranking 24th in the nation last year in the Rating Percentage Index (RPI).

They ranked 31st this year, bringing some big-name schools to their schedule outside of their ranked opponents, including Ohio State, Michigan, Cincinnati, Xavier and Dayton.

"We like to challenge ourselves, especially early," Sogard said. "That's always been our motto. Whatever game or whatever level you're at, you want to try to play the best and beat the best."

For the players, the games against strong competition are always exciting matchups, both for preparation and also to improve.

"We're always excited for those games," Justin McConnell, a junior for WSU, said. "Going down south and playing against those big schools, we always want to take two or three games from those guys."

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The aim of this difficult schedule is to be as prepared as possible for Horizon League play, in order to move forward to NCAA regional games.

“It was great winning the Horizon last year and getting to a regional,” Sass said. “We’re trying to repeat that, and get a few steps farther as well.”

MLB Prospects

For the last few years, WSU has been a funnel for great talent heading into the MLB Draft, losing five players last year, and with several Raiders this year on the lookout for opportunities to the next level.

For both the 2022 and 2023 MLB Draft, four Raiders for each year have been ranked in the top five prospects in the Horizon League, showing that year after year the Raidergang continues to push out athletes ready for the next level.

“I think everybody on our team, that’s their goal,” McConnell said. “Everybody has that dream of playing in the MLB one day.”

These prospects come from great recruiting, but also the effort that WSU’s players put in during the offseason with all of their players working for that MLB dream.

“Our culture is, in my mind, second to none, in the way our guys work,” Sogard said. “When you have 35 guys pushing each other and having the same goal, you can accomplish a lot.”

For Sogard, the players that end up making it to that next level are the ones that never get satisfied with where they are, they keep working for more.

“Those guys we have that ended up going to the next level, they don’t get content,” Sogard said. “They’re always pushing themselves to the next level.”