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Astronomy First Date Night: Education Under the Stars

Emily Mancuso

- September 11, 2022
- Wright Life

Wright State University's star gazing club hosts date-night event to provide a safe experience for new couples and students.

Purpose

Hosted by the Astronomy Club, the 'First Date Night' star-gazing event kicked off at John Bryan State Park near Dayton campus.

According to Club President Brad Kerry, the purpose of this event was to provide a safe environment for first dates during the 'Red Zone' of university life, a time of statistically heightened instances of sexual assault that happens during the first semester of college.

The Astronomy Club also partnered with the Women's Center and Rainbow Alliance for the event.

"The reason why we are working with those organizations, they tend to be the ones that have significant amount of resources to address sexual assault and stuff like that. They are also communities that are disproportionately affected by that," Kerry said.

This pairing made for an event that was safe with the inclusion of code words that would let any astronomy club leader know if a student felt uncomfortable with a dating partner. No one used the code word during the event.

While the event took place at a public observatory, students could rest easy on first dates during a time of heightened awareness without the association of being on campus.

"Since it's off campus, the environment's a little more relaxed. You don't have that innate association with school. You don't have to be thinking about classes, all that by being on the campus," Kerry said.

Experience

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In addition to offering a safe experience for WSU students, the club also offered educational opportunities to learn about stars, galaxies and planets.

The club used four telescopes to present better images of the sights, equipping one telescope with professional astrophotography equipment to get high-quality images.

Upcoming President of the Society of Physics Students Neil Eohl appreciated the relationship between astronomy and the physics major.

“I like the science behind what they are doing, becoming a physicist myself, looking at things we describe in Physics,” Eohl said.

Vice Presidential candidate for Astronomy Club and commuter student Misha “M.J” Harris found comfort in the event being close.

“I tend to prefer off-campus events just because I tend to be closer to them,” Harris said.

Harris also mentioned a love for learning about stars and the galaxies despite a limited knowledge of the phenomena.

At the current time, the Astronomy Club plans to bring back this event for next year.

Events on Campus Week of Sept. 12

Alexis Lewis

- September 12, 2022
- Wright Life

Events for the week of Sept. 12 include club tryouts, Lawn Party and a blood drive.

Monday, Sept. 12

2 p.m. | University Center for International Education Conversation Club | UCIE

5 p.m. | Abilities Meeting | Rike Hall 166

6:30 p.m. | American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronauts Meeting | Russ Engineering 146

7 p.m. | Women's Club Volleyball Tryouts | McLin Gym

7:30 p.m. | Troupe Meeting | Oelman 109

Tuesday, Sept. 13

6 p.m. | African-American Residential Caucus Game Night | Honors Community Plaza

7 p.m. | Student Government Association Meeting | Atlantis A/B

9:30 p.m. | Bowling Club Tryouts | Beaver-Vu Bowl

Wednesday, Sept. 14

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11 a.m. | Miracle Makers, Ultimate Frisbee, Fencing Club and Black Student Union Lawn Party | North Lawn

12 p.m. | Asian Student Association General Meeting | Culture and Identity Centers

12:30 p.m. | College of Liberal Arts Employer Spotlight: Total Quality Logistics | Online

Thursday, Sept. 15

5 p.m. | Tabletop Club Game Night | Fawcett Hall 210

Friday, Sept. 16

11 a.m. | Association of Student Nurses Blood Drive | Student Union Atrium

7 p.m. | Astronomy Club General Meeting | Millett 028

7 p.m. | H2O Church & Tabletop Club: Magic the Gathering Booster Draft Tournament | The Landing

Saturday, Sept. 17

1 p.m. | Campus Recreation Introduction to Kayaking | Eastwood Metropark, Lake Entrance

8:30 p.m. | Catholic Campus Ministry Outdoor Movie: Jurassic Park | Catholic Campus Ministry

Sunday, Sept. 18

6:45 p.m. | Kappa Delta Sorority Finance Workshop | Medical Sciences 143

Men's Soccer Opens Home Schedule With Draw Against IUPUI

- Adam Campbell
- September 12, 2022
- Men's Soccer
- Sports
- Wright Life

The Wright State University men's soccer team opened conference play on Saturday against the Jaguars of IUPUI in its first home game of the season.

Leading up to the game

The Raiders came into Saturday's match posting a 0-3-1 record, coming off a tough non-conference schedule having faced multiple top-25 teams.

Entering play Saturday, the Raiders led the overall series versus IUPUI 18-4, going 10-0 at home.

The game

Neither team scored in the first half, but both teams managed to put up six shots each before reaching halftime. The matchup was very physical, with WSU drawing six yellow-cards and IUPUI drawing one yellow and one red card.

After trailing 2-0 in the second half, the WSU team started clawing its way back. In minute 58, Sophomore Conner Osterholt scored the first goal for WSU off an assist from fifth year Nicolas Likulia.

"I was just in the right place at the right time," Osterholt said following the match. "We have a lot to build on and have a lot to look forward to."

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Shortly after, in minute 70, senior Joe Kouadio capitalized for the Raiders and buried a penalty kick to tie the game.

As the match neared an end, both teams scrambled to score a game winner. In minute 88, Kouadio scored what would have been the game-ending goal after a header from a cross ball. The officials waived the offside goal.

“I think it was ridiculous in my opinion,” Kouadio said after the controversial call. “I don’t think I was offside whatsoever.”

Neither team scored a game-winner, resulting in a 2-2 draw. The Raider record is now 0-3-2.

“I think we are starting to realize that we can be who we want to be. Now it is about getting confidence back in our group,” Head Coach Jake Slemker said post-game.

The team will host Duquesne on Tuesday, Sept. 13 on Alumni Field at 5 p.m. before traveling to Green Bay for its second conference game of the season.

News Roundup Week of Sept. 12

- News Team
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From local happenings to national topics and global events, here is the news worth knowing for the week of Sept. 12, 2022.

Local

Dayton Mayor Jeffrey Mims, along with other elected city mayors in Ohio, attended a meeting at the White House last week to discuss the “Communities in Action: Building a Better Ohio” forum.

Dayton received approximately \$140 million for the American Rescue plan. Mayor Mims plans to hear from the community about how to spend the money.

National

The CHIPS Act

President Biden was in New Albany, Ohio last week at the groundbreaking of the new Intel Corporation site. The new site is a result of Biden’s CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, which he signed in August.

According to the CHIPS and Science Act, or U.S. House Bill 4346, its implementation will help strengthen American manufacturers and supply chains through invested research and development.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine announced that Intel chose Ohio for its new semiconductor manufacturing facilities in an event in January of this year. According to the Governor, the new facility is expected to bring in more than 20,000 new jobs for construction workers and employees working directly for the Corporation.

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“Fitting to break ground for America’s future here in Ohio,” President Biden said in a press release on Friday.

Global

Queen Elizabeth II, Britain’s longest reigning monarch, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 8 aged 96. Elizabeth II reigned as Queen of England since 1952.

According to an announcement from the Royal Family, The Queen passed away quietly at Balmoral, one of the family residences.

Her son, now known as King Charles III, has succeeded the throne and heads the British royal family.

Volleyball Falls in Three Close Matches in Iowa

- Noah Kindig
- September 13, 2022
- Sports

The Wright State University Volleyball team headed to Ames, Iowa over the weekend to take part in the Cardinal & Gold Challenge, facing its toughest competition of the year against Iowa, Drake and Iowa State.

The matches

While the Raiders came into the weekend with a 5-game winning streak, it wasn't enough to overcome the Power-5 competition. The team lost in five sets to Iowa and Drake and fell in four to Iowa State.

The Raiders hope to gain confidence through experience after facing high-level opponents to prepare for a home opener versus the University of Dayton later this week.

"It's not necessarily about how we fare in terms of our results," Head Coach Travers Green said before this weekend's matches. "We're gonna at least put a good product in the core. I'm not sure how we'll fare, but I know we'll get better in certain areas that we're trying to improve in."

Adapting quickly

With a brand new coach before the season started, the team needed to hit the ground running to master a new style.

"I think we, as a team, have really worked hard adapting to this new coaching style," right side hitter Callie Martin said. "We worked really hard throughout preseason to be able to learn this new style of, kind of, volleyball that we're playing,"

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With only two weeks to prepare for the first match, Green focused on making sure that the players had all the information to piece together throughout the season.

“We had basically two weeks before our first match, so it was somewhat intentional to overwhelm them with information to start,” Green said. “Then, we just kind of pieced it together and got them more comfortable as we headed into Marshall for our first few matches.”

The team system revolves around offensive speed with quick sets to the outside hitters who then have a better chance to beat the opponents’ block. With WSU’s roster full of strong hitters, the system makes perfect sense.

“We have a lot of hitters coming in and we’re all pretty big hitters, strong hitters,” Martin said. “We’re all smart players, too.”

In Green’s system, the speed of play is about giving the strong outside hitters the best chance to place the ball in the best spots on the court.

“It just opens up more things for them,” Green said. “In our system, if we can run with tempo, we just open more things up so our hitters can just hit a different variety of shots.”

Coming home

After the Cardinal & Gold Challenge, the Raiders will focus on the first full home invitational. The first and third matches of the weekend bring a special element for the Raiders: a crosstown rivalry.

“I am so pumped to open and it be against Dayton,” Martin said. “McLin is gonna get rowdy, so I know the team is excited for that and to finally play at home.”

The Flyers have given the Raiders a close game when the teams have faced off in the past few years, so the two games over the weekend are a perfect test for the Raiders.

“We just have to go with open minds,” Martin said. “We know these teams are gonna be big and they’re gonna be good, but if we just play some great volleyball, I think we’ll give them a good game.”

The Raiders will play the Flyers on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. The team will then play Wichita State on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 11 a.m. and finally the University of Dayton again that same day at 6 p.m. All three games will be in McLin Gymnasium with free admission.

WSU Sororities Welcome New Sisters

- Emily Mancuso
- September 13, 2022
- Wright Life

Wright State University sororities welcome new members during recruitment weekend and bid day.

The weekend

Kappa Delta, Delta Zeta, Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Omicron Pi and Alpha Xi Delta welcomed 60 new sisters on the Sept. 9 recruitment weekend.

According to Emma Miller, Kappa Delta vice president of recruitment and marketing,

recruitment weekend involvement increased dramatically this year, up from just 36 potential new members in 2021 to nearly double that in 2022.

“I think it shows that Greek Life during COVID was kinda struggling, but now that we are back on campus, people can see we’re not like the stereotypical Greek Life like in other schools, and people see this is something I want to be a part of,” Miller said.

The philanthropy round began on Friday, where potential new members got introduced to the philanthropic values and aspirations of a given sorority, which gives each PNM a taste of sorority life.

The sisterhood round took place on Saturday, when sororities elaborated on the kinds of sisterhood events a given sorority holds; this can be anything from getting ice cream to making friendship bracelets. This portion of the weekend functions as a deep dive into the values of a particular sorority while getting to know PNMs, according to Miller.

Membership Vice President of Alpha Xi Delta Antonia Clark noted the values of the AXD sorority.

“We mainly focus on our values of courage, graciousness and peace,” Clark said. “My sorority does a lot based on volunteering hours.”

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The hour-long preference round was on Sunday morning, including a more in-depth conversational round with the PNMs.

After the final round, the bid day reveal began.

Bid day

Bid day, or “the rush,” is a process where university undergraduates join a sorority.

This traditionally involves “running home” to a sorority house after member reveals.

Since WSU does not have sorority houses, the ceremony involved walking down a stage in the Student Union atrium to a student’s particular sorority.

According to Miller, the membership reveal is “double-blind,” meaning that established members do not know who is joining and the new members do not know a sorority assignment until the announcement.

New members were then met with the cheers of new sisters and the beginning of the Greek Life experience. Ariona Kimberly, a new member of Alpha Omicron Pi, reflected on the experience.

“With the girls in Alpha Omicron Pi, I had met them a few times and I just felt comfortable, and I felt like I was at home, and I knew immediately that this was where I belonged,” Kimberly said.

Rowdy Raider Passes 2022

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Katelyn Justice

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- News

Wright State University ended the yellow and white line parking system, replacing it with the Rowdy Raider parking passes, which solicited mixed reactions from the campus community.

Idea origins

According to WSU Chief of Police Kurt Holden, when the COVID-19 pandemic happened and fewer students were coming to campus, faculty parking lots were relatively empty.

The new Rowdy Raider passes are a way for the university to put students first and utilize some of the premium spaces, according to Holden.

“The university wants to show students are first, so these passes are a way to show students they can purchase these reserved spots and have an easier time to park,” Holden said.

The Student Government Association wrote a resolution in support of this change as well.

According to President of SGA Blake Bailey, students are a priority by getting the same parking as staff and faculty; this idea makes parking easier on students by allowing access to closer spots.

Holden also commented on the relative pricing of the Rowdy Raider passes.

“The price is dropped 20% compared to what it was going to be originally, which was in the 400s,” Holden said.

Semester parking passes are \$95, full year permits \$160 and Rowdy passes are \$300, according to a campus wide communication.

Student opinion

Some students have voiced concerns about the new Rowdy Raider parking option.

“These spaces are never full. Are people buying these passes? I feel that it has been harder to find a space because of everyone trying to find a closer spot,” English major Lauren Eifert said.

For other students, the spots present less issues.

“I find it to be easier. I mean, people can park where they want now, not only in white spaces. Since they expanded it to students being allowed to park in yellow spaces, I feel there’s more parking than before,” Engineering major Olivia Wright said.

According to Holden, 185 students, staff and faculty have purchased these passes, with an approximate total of 450 Rowdy Raider spots on campus.

For more information, students can visit the [WSU parking portal](#). Administrators at 118 Campus Services Building are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dayton's Not Dead: Reduce & Reuse Refillery

- Elayna Storts
- September 14, 2022
- Dayton's Not Dead
- Wright Life

From ethically sourced goods to low-waste and refillable products, the Reduce & Reuse Refillery provides sustainable resources for the Dayton community.

How it works

The Reduce & Reuse Refillery offers ethically sourced and low waste household, toiletry, body and beauty supplies.

For refillable items, customers can bring in personal containers or purchase one at the store. The refillery also offers free delivery options for some orders in Montgomery and Miami counties.

About the owner and business

Before opening the refillery, owner Megan Hudson worked as a graphic designer. After a majority of her former company was furloughed, Hudson decided to open the refillery.

Hudson has always been passionate about the environment and using ethically sourced and low-waste products; however, Hudson realized that there was never a store in the area for this.

When Hudson first started at the end of 2020, the business was operating out of a pop-up van. This year, Hudson opened up a brick and mortar shop that is a shared space with Grace Lane Boutique, an ethically sourced clothing brand.

To Hudson, the most rewarding part of the business is the customers.

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“Being able to meet everyone that is so into it. I didn’t realize, like, how many people were as excited about low-waste as I am. Also, getting people introduced to it,” Hudson said.

One refillery employee, E.V. Rose, echoed these sentiments.

Sustainability as a college student

According to Rose, people can get overwhelmed by buying an abundance of products at once. Rose recommends that students start slowly and use the resources currently available rather than getting rid of unused products, as this also contributes to waste.

“I love that we are bringing sustainability to Dayton. The collaboration, the heart, the passion,” Rose said.

According to Hudson and Rose, some convenient low-waste options for college students could be laundry strips, toilet bombs, dryer balls, reusable paper towels, tooth tabs, shampoo and conditioner bars and much more.

“Even if you don’t feel like you are making a difference, there is kind of like a domino effect on how it can help and through influence. Influencing other people, as well as putting your money towards something that can create a change,” Hudson said.

The shop

Reduce & Reuse Refillery is located at 133 East Fourth Street under the Saint Clair Lofts in Dayton and is open Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The pop-up van is located at Second Street Market in Dayton every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and most Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hudson mentioned that a Reduce & Reuse Refillery will be opening in Oakwood with Maraluna, a fair trade shop that offers sustainable home and self products, in November.

Coming Soon: Wright State University's Bike Check-Out Program

- Savannah Harris
- September 14, 2022
- Wright Life

This spring, a recently developed bike check-out program will be making an appearance on the notoriously bike-friendly Wright State University Dayton campus.

What to know

Campus recreation is in the midst of establishing a program that incorporates bikes and attainable, free-range transportation on campus.

"[Bikes] will all be checked out through the Outdoor Resource Center in the Student Union," Director of the Student Union and Campus Recreation Eric Corbitt said.

Students will be able to check out bikes at no cost with no renting involved, according to Corbitt. The bikes will be available for check-out to all students for access to a wide range of locations via bike trails on- and off-campus; this also means that students can take the bikes to any nearby spots for a break from campus.

Not only are the conveniences linked with this type of transportation appealing for students, so are the various benefits that ensue.

"Even for students who won't utilize it as a day to day means of transportation, it will be nice to know that the option is there," graduate student and Campus Recreation member Arian McNeil said.

Additionally, since the latest rise in gas prices, bikes may help students conserve gas, money and time, according to freshman Cole Henderson.

What to expect

Campus recreation is working out policies at this time. Additional rollout of a new bike shelter and two bike-fixit stations is coming sometime this fall, according to Corbitt.

Furthermore, students will be sure to see the bike rental service implementation.

“We will have a full grand opening and a blowout to announce [the program] in the spring,” Corbitt said.

WSU's Campus Recreation anticipates the release of the bike check-out program will take place near the Student Union this upcoming spring.

WSU to Instate Multi-Term Registration and Mid-Term Grades

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- Trey Brown
- September 15, 2022
- News

With two new initiatives on the horizon, Wright State University students will soon be able to schedule classes a term early and view midterm grades.

Multi-term registration

Multi-term registration will soon be an option for those interested students. According to the Multi-Term Registration Guide for Faculty, multi-term registration will allow students to schedule classes one year in advance.

According to University Registrar Dr. Lisa Runyan, this initiative is set to become available for students during weeks 9-11 of the Spring 2023 term, meaning that students will be able to register for courses of the fall 2023 and spring 2024 semesters.

Allowing students to stay planned out for as long as possible gives students confidence to plan other tasks around a school schedule, according to Associate Vice Provost of Student Success Tim Littell.

Littell also explained that multi-term registration will help foster a sense of belonging for students.

“You’re not just a student here in the fall, you’re a student here for as long as you want to be,” Littell said.

For Dr. Amy Thompson, provost of WSU, doing things better means putting in place practices that are student-centered and garnered toward student success. According to Littell, Thompson has personal experience implementing this style of registration.

Thompson spoke about how multi-term registration will facilitate a closeness between student and university.

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“It helps them see themselves here for the entire year, not just by semester. So, you know, they see themselves as a Raider, committed here,” Thompson said.

According to Littell, students will have one month rather than two weeks to view courses before enrollment eligibility.

With students being offered more time to plan, the university has started preparing as well; dates on the campus academic calendar have shifted slightly to aid in this initiative.

Littell noted that changes will be an adjustment for schedule planners and the institution at first but will be worth the shifts.

“That’s the growing pains of doing something better, right,” Littell said.

According to Runyan, the decision to implement this initiative was made after collaboration with the University of Toledo and Cleveland State University, the latter of which has incorporated multi-term registration for years.

According to Littell and Thompson, Cleveland State saw an increase in retention after the integration of multi-term registration; the pair hope for the same success at WSU. As discussed by Provost Thompson in the Aug. 24, Student Government Association meeting, WSU’s retention numbers rest at 63%.

Runyan noted that students will need to stay up-to-date on enrollment registration date availability. While those dates are not outlined yet, Runyan recommends that students keep an eye on the registration date form once the dates are scheduled.

Mid-term grades

In addition to multi-term registration, WSU professors will soon have the opportunity to partake in the mid-term grade initiative, an initiative formed between SGA President Blake Bailey and Thompson.

Bailey researched ways to improve the student experience on campus while Thompson considered ways to increase retention for the university. Meetings that took place over the summer months concluded with the passing of Resolution 23-2 resolution on Aug. 30, 2022.

While this initiative is recommended for faculty during the current term, mid-term grades will most likely be required next semester, according to Bailey.

This is another idea that Thompson hopes will contribute to student advancement.

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“It’s a best practice. Students want to know how they’re doing at the middle of the semester so they can make sure that if they have to correct course in their classes, you know, they need to seek out additional help or tutoring or if they would have to drop a course,” Thompson said.

According to Runyan, more information will be sent out to students as the semester continues.

If faculty plan to share midterm grades this semester, the release date of those grades is Oct. 12, 2022.

WSU Adapted Recreation: Recreation for All

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From wheelchair basketball to assisted exercise, adapted recreation at Wright State University offers activities for both people with disabilities and able-bodied students.

Overview

According to the Director of Recreation Billy Willis, adapted recreation has been serving the Wright State community since the 1990s; the needs of the community and the adapted recreation program itself are ever-changing as time passes.

“Back then, we did a lot more competitive teams, like wheelchair basketball and stuff like that, that would travel. So it looks a lot different now. But so do the needs of our population,” Willis said.

Willis noted the three main components to the adapted recreation program: exercise buddies, program trips and adapted intramurals.

Junior Erin Fitzgerald is the student manager for the adapted recreation program, one of 77 recreation employees who handle 93 recreation-related positions, according to Willis. Fitzgerald currently manages eight participants in this part of the program.

After interested students contact Willis about accommodation, Fitzgerald schedules exercise buddies according to students' respective schedules. Fitzgerald explained that one student is paired with another student to provide assistance using exercise equipment.

“I do try to keep it within, like, nine to five just so people can have, like, the rest of the night and might not be up too early. But there's no set times,” Fitzgerald said.

The second aspect of adapted recreation is the programs trips, which incorporate accommodation for disabilities.

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“The second aspect of the program is we would do trips mainly locally that we’d go to bowling lanes or we would go skiing down at Perfect North. They have an adapted program to get people with disabilities on slopes. We’d go to the Air Force Museum or Cincinnati Reds game, something like that,” Willis said. “Since COVID, that part has not come back yet. But that is something you’re working on and looking to add, hopefully as soon as this semester.”

The third aspect, adapted intramurals, is open to all students. According to participant Kirstin Kennedy, activities include basketball, kickball and capture the flag.

While this is open to both students with disabilities and able-bodied students, a maximum of eight students participated at a given event last year, according to Kennedy.

“We encourage everyone to come to our trips when they’re offered,” Willis said. “The awareness is not there yet. We’re trying. We posted on social media a couple of times and stuff like that. I think a lot of our programs people aren’t aware of.”

Experience

As an able-bodied student, Kennedy finds joy in the weekly wheelchair intramural events on Wednesday nights.

“I had so much fun that first night, and I have just been coming back ever since,” Kennedy said.

Kennedy further mentioned uncomfortable encounters between the adapted recreation teams and the general public.

“It [adapted rec] does not get pushed as much as the other stuff, and when it is pushed, pictures are taken of us without our consent. People just randomly come up and take a picture of us and walk away. It’s really weird,” Kennedy said.

Despite these occurrences, the weekly intramurals have seen an increase in participation, according to Kennedy, growing from eight regular attendees last semester to an average of 12 this semester.

For more information about adapted recreations, students can visit the official program webpage or contact campus recreation at 937-775-5505.

Debate for Governor Unlikely Ahead of Midterm Election

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- Angela Davis
- September 15, 2022
- News

With election day less than two months away, a Ohio gubernatorial election debate seems unlikely despite expectations.

Whaley versus Dewine

As the Ohio midterm election grows closer, voters may expect to see a debate between the two candidates in the gubernatorial election for Governor, incumbent Governor Mike DeWine and former mayor of Dayton Nan Whaley. According to the Whaley-Stephens campaign, DeWine has declined offers to debate.

Dr. Sean Wilson, professor of political science at Wright State University, noted that DeWine has also refused debate offers in the past, notably against challenger Jim Renacci in the 2022 Republican primaries; instead, DeWine has relied on his position as the incumbent candidate.

“Stats show that incumbent governors tend to get re-elected around 80% of the time,” Wilson said.

While Whaley markets debates as a way of making candidates’ takes on the issues accessible to Ohioans, DeWine has relied on a history as Governor to do the same. DeWine calls on a personal record of accessibility throughout a four-year tenure in office.

“Transparency and accessibility to leadership matters, which is why Mike DeWine has held more statewide television addresses and press conferences than any Governor in Ohio history,” the official DeWine-Husted campaign statement said.

The Whaley-Stephens campaign continues to push for a debate between the candidates.

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“We owe it to Ohioans to debate the issues in a format where Ohioans can hear an open exchange of ideas,” the official Whaley-Stephens campaign statement said. “I’m ready to debate Governor DeWine and I hope that he changes his mind and will join me.”

The Ohio Debate Commission invited Whaley to participate in a debate in Akron on Oct. 10; according to the ODC [website](#), Whaley has accepted this invitation and DeWine has not.

Wilson predicted that it would be unlikely for Governor DeWine to accept a debate invitation.

“DeWine will only debate if the polls began shifting because he wasn’t debating,” Wilson said. “So long as they are not, it isn’t rational to give your lesser-known opponent free sunlight.”

The midterm election is Nov. 8, when voters will be casting a ballot for governor, among other positions. For voter registration information, students can read more [here](#).

Student Involvement Hurdling Obstacles to Strengthen Leadership on Campus

- Alexis Lewis
- September 16, 2022
- Wright Life

Student involvement personnel at Wright State University have faced barriers in retaining students and navigating obstacles, but provide resources to students to combat these issues.

Barriers

With nearly 200 organizations on campus, WSU offers multiple avenues to involvement, including organizations, Greek affiliations, academic programming and campus recreation; however, getting students involved initially can be difficult, according to Student Involvement and Leadership involvement mentor Selvin Bacon-Velasquez.

“When I first came to Wright State, I was very shy, you know, I didn’t want to go up to people. I just wanted to get to class and just go home afterwards,” Bacon-Velasquez said. “I think the only thing that I see is that students don’t really go seeking for it.”

Amigos Latinos President Mariangely Bonilla Custodio also mentioned that retaining students long-term presents issues for some organizations.

“It is difficult to have people keep coming back,” Bonilla Custodio said.

Director of the Student Union and Campus Recreation Eric Corbitt also mentioned time and money as barriers to student involvement.

“I think more students than ever still have to work when they’re going to school to either pay for school or maybe they live in an apartment, and that’s got to be a priority for students,” Corbitt said.

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“Sometimes, it doesn’t work with the scheduled events that we have. Academic schedule is a priority.”

Lack of motivation and fear are other obstacles associated with student involvement, according to the Student Government Association President Blake Bailey, who mentioned the difficulties younger students face when venturing into new participation avenues or leadership opportunities.

Navigating barriers

Some students may not know which organization best fits a schedule and set of interests. In these cases, Bacon-Velasquez recommended that students book an appointment with an involvement mentor to identify the most suited organization for an individualized scope.

Corbitt mentioned that student affairs personnel work to offer engaging opportunities for students.

“[Student affairs personnel] need to look at the times when [students] are here and be creative and how we promote activities to make sure that folks know what’s going on,” Corbitt said. “How can we make it as user friendly as possible for the students as far as trends among the different classes?”

According to Bailey, SGA works to represent and advocate for the student population regarding student involvement. These initiatives are in [Resolution 23-1, Establishment of the Strategic Initiatives for Student Experience Task Force](#), which was presented at the Aug. 23 public meeting. No updates about this resolution have been made public.

Students who do not know what organization fits interests and schedules can access information through the Engage website and the CORQ app.

Benefits of involvement

Bacon-Velasquez, Bailey and Bonilla Custodio echoed similar thoughts about involvement, mentioning skills and experiences including leading, networking, communicating and belonging.

“Being involved helps with a lot of things like I mentioned, you know, leadership, you know, especially social networking as well,” Bacon-Velasquez said. “Finding friends, all that good stuff, attending events, just having a good time. You know, it’s part of the college experience.”

Bonilla Custodia also mentioned that strong connections and relationships are built through involvement on campus, describing the current campus as “lively” with resources to help navigate

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support portals, find sources for organizations and transition into both college and involvement opportunities.

For more information about student involvement, students can visit the SIL office at 019 Student Union, which can be contacted at 937-775-5570 and sil@wright.edu.

Women's Soccer Defends Alumni Field in Conference Opener

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Head Coach Travis Sobers landed one of the biggest wins at the helm for Wright State women's soccer, as the Raider team took down the Milwaukee Panthers for the first time in seven years in its conference opener.

The match

Despite the Panthers history of dominance over WSU in the past few years, it was the Raider team that got off to a quick start, dominating the play by sending the ball out wide and generating offense.

"It's just doing the things that we're good at," Sobers said. "Keeping the ball, making sure that we get in areas where we can be dangerous, those one-on-one situations out wide."

The Raiders won a corner kick from a ball sent wide in minute 16. Sophomore Olivia Mace sent the ball to the six-yard box and found Ashley Vaughn at the back post for WSU's first goal.

MKE applied pressure to win a penalty kick and force WSU's Jessika Seward to make an incredible save. MKE's Natalie Auble was able to get through the WSU defense and slot the ball into the bottom corner.

"Milwaukee is always a team where we want to come in and destroy them, but they want to destroy us," winger Olga Massombo said.

Both teams had many opportunities throughout the half, but it was WSU's Lauren Borchert who broke the silence in minute 66 with a cut to the middle outside of the 18-yard box to find the right side netting.

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“Keep an eye out for Lauren, she’s gonna try to finish. She’s a great player to watch,” Massombo said.

A great passing play from the Panthers gave them another goal slotted into the bottom corner, but Massombo took on a one-on-one against a MKE defender on the far side of the box, got separation, and found Alana Nesbit for the dagger.

The Raiders were able to hold off the Panthers for the next 10 minutes and close out the win.

“We have a bunch of players that represent University well and they’re looking forward to the challenge and embracing the challenge that we laid down to them,” Sobers said. “I’m very happy with the group of players that we have and hope that we just continue to build and continue to get better.”

Stopped By Seward

While the Raider attack stepped up to take the match, it was the goalkeeper Jessika Seward who held off the Panthers to secure the win.

When MKE’s Kayla Rollins, the player with the most goals in the league, stepped up to take a penalty kick in minute 22, Seward saved the penalty. The goalkeeper also totaled 8 saves to MKE’s 4. Milwaukee had nine corner kicks, which Seward and the defense kept out of the net.

Seward often came off the goal line to aggressively stop MKE’s attack, showing a lot of confidence as a goalkeeper.

“We’ve played some really good teams, and I just think as long as we play the way that we want to play and keep possession and just go out there strong, we can compete against anyone,” Seward said.

As the Raiders move forward, the roster is confident to flip the script from the troubles of seasons prior and compete in the Horizon League Tournament.

“Just wait and see, and watch out for us,” Massombo said, “We’re looking to be in a championship, so we’ll work hard. Hopefully, you’ll see us there.”

The Raiders head on the road to take on Youngstown State on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 1 p.m. ESPN+ will stream the game.

WSU Volleyball Takes Down the Dayton Flyers in Home Opener

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The Wright State University volleyball team faced off against the Dayton Flyers in a home opener on Thursday with WSU taking the match.

History and results

A win for the Raiders in McLin would put the team over the Flyers 2-1 in recent memory, give new head coach, Travers Green, a first home win and give the Raiders a win over a huge opponent.

The Raiders did not disappoint, taking down the Flyers 3-2 in a third five-set match between the two teams. The win included a breakout performance by WSU's Sam Ott, incredible saves to keep rallies alive and proof in the Travers Green system of WSU volleyball.

The match

Despite the talent of both teams, the matchup sways in UD's favor because of a strong block and height advantage.

While the Raiders average about 6 feet tall in their middle blockers, Dayton has the 6-foot-6-inch Alayna Yates, 6-foot-5-inch Amelia Moore and 6-foot-4-inch Liana Sarkissian filling out the roster; the Flyers average about five inches taller than the Raiders.

WSU managed eight blocks to UD's nine and had 60 kills to UD's 63. Sam Ott, Megan Alders and Taylor Bransfield scored 18, 12 and 12 kills, respectively.

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In Coach Green's system, the Raiders construct an attack through fifth year Lainey Stephenson, who sets the ball swiftly through a quick or cross set, beating the opposing blockers.

"We want our opponents' middle block or block or defense to just have a little bit less time to react and have to be more disciplined in how they move to block or to defend ... It puts a lot of stress on our opponents and really opens things up," Green said.

While the Flyers had successful blocks, the Raiders passed and served incredibly well to overpower the mounting defense. Moore had 12 kills and Yates had 11, coupled with the Raider's 9 service aces versus UD's 3.

"The identity of this team is how we pass and serve, and how keeping that consistent allows us to run with some tempo and speed," Green said.

Across athletics

The rivalry that WSU Volleyball has quickly created with UD has not only affected the volleyball team, but also athletics across Wright State.

The Raiders have proved a worthy opponent of the Flyers. Since the first volleyball match versus the Flyers in 2020, golf, baseball, women's soccer and women's basketball have all faced UD.

"Yeah, I think that's awesome because Dayton doesn't usually want to play us in anything," senior right side hitter Callie Martin said. "The first time they played us we took them to five, second time we played them we took it in five, and now they realize Wright State can play ball."

The Raiders will finish up this weekend's action at McLin Gym versus Wichita State at 11 a.m. and UD at 6 p.m. on Saturday. ESPN+ will stream both matches.

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