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EWB Holds Halloween Bake Sale for International Projects

- Zachariah Smith
- November 1, 2022
- Wright Life

Engineers Without Borders is a committee of engineering students determined to make change. Last week, the organization held a bake sale to raise funds for its national and international projects.

The sale

The bake sale took place from Oct. 24 to Oct. 28 in the lobby of the Russ Engineering Center.

Diana Johnson, public relations officer for the organization, expressed EWB's idea behind the choice of location for the bake sale.

"We chose the location because the Russ Lobby gets a lot of traffic, especially during the middle of the day. Everyone comes out of class, and I know I get hungry around that time," Johnson explained.

The bake sale included store bought items as well as freshly baked homemade goods from various members of EWB.

"We are selling baked goods baked by our members. We have some that are store bought and some that are homemade, and we're selling it to raise funds for our projects," fundraising chair Rachel Aelballentine said.

President Alexis Lemieux voiced the motivations for the week-long bake sale.

"Rather than having it be only one day, it was a matter of making more funds for the club to be able to fund our international project that we are currently working on," Lemieux said.

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Lemieux also expressed EWB's satisfaction with the outcome of the bake sale.

"Based on the last 3 days, it seems it has [met expectations], we didn't really have a ceiling on how much we wanted to make, but just from the profit from the last three days, we've definitely made enough to where we feel satisfied," Lemieux said.

Engineers Without Borders

Aelballentine explained some national and international projects that EWB is currently producing.

"For local projects, we designed an observation deck to be built at Russ Nature Reserve in Beavercreek, and then for our international projects, they're finishing up building hand washing stations in Uganda," Aelballentine said.

EWB took a trip to Uganda last summer for an assessment of its project and are planning another trip next summer, according to Aelballentine.

There are various other EWB events that students may attend as well.

"We have bingo night on Nov. 10, which is in the Student Union, but we'll have some food and a fun time to hangout and meet people. Next semester, we will have our annual fundraising dinner in March," Johnson said.

For more information on EWB, students can contact the organization by email or through Lemieux's email address.

Eight Months Later: The Russia-Ukraine War

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- Trey Brown
- November 1, 2022
- News

Many events have unfolded since Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022. In months of fighting and reckoning with the consequences of war, a major concern is when the war will end, and more importantly, how it will do so.

Prospects for peace and war

On Monday, Oct. 24, 2022, the School of Social Sciences and International Studies held an event that updated attendees on the events that have transpired since the invasion.

Drs. Vaughn Shannon, Sean Pollock and Liam Anderson all presented on the war from various perspectives, with each professor speaking on the context behind the war in some way.

Shannon outlined how Russia has felt an increased amount of angst in relation to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Pollock detailed the Russian president's reliance on fake history as a motivator, and Anderson ultimately considered how this war could end.

This event came after the Russian annexation of four Ukrainian territories in September. Separate from the event, each professor spoke individually about what the current prospects are for the war and how it may end.

What happens next?

"[Vladimir] Putin's maximalist goal is the reconquest of Ukraine by Russia and, at the very least, the annexation of majority Russian-speaking Ukrainian lands," Pollock said.

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The history professor concluded that both sides will have to compromise in order for the war to end; however, Pollock is not too optimistic about that happening any time soon.

Shannon thinks that the war will continue for a long time if both sides remain headstrong. Shannon warns that the conflict may take years to culminate in an ideal form of compromise, harkening back to recent American history in Iraq.

“It can be eight to 10 years before people get [to a compromise],” Shannon said.

Anderson views the current predicament of the war as a game of “chicken,” which the political science professor explained as a game where two parties are steering towards each other in a risk-filled dare. The loser is the one who avoids the impact.

Speaking on the consequences of the war, and how Russia has performed “badly” against Ukraine, Anderson does not foresee many viable options for the Russian president.

“There’s zero possibility that Vladimir Putin can just withdraw. Without taking control of these regions that are now part of Russia, he can’t withdraw,” Anderson explained. “So, if things continue to go badly, then his only option is to escalate it to a higher level.”

From there, Anderson proposed that, in the case of Russian escalation of the war through the use of nuclear weapons, the response from the United States would be pivotal.

Anderson states that a lack of response from American forces against nuclear action would symbolize a message of encouragement, whereas a direct attack against Russia from the U.S. may prompt all parties towards what Anderson calls “a very dangerous path.”

Homecoming Season Changes to Winter

- Savannah Harris
- November 2, 2022
- Wright Life

After many years of celebration and unity between present students and alumni, Wright State University's Homecoming transitions from the fall season to the brisk winter.

What is Homecoming?

Each fall season, WSU's Homecoming invites all alumni back to campus to connect and celebrate with current students, according to WSU associate athletic director Brandon Hays.

"It's an opportunity to invite alumni back to campus and improve relationships, or build relationships, with our alumni and is also an opportunity for our students to celebrate school spirit," director of the Student Union and campus recreation Eric Corbitt said.

Homecoming allows students to get involved on campus and connect with others through various events while simultaneously supporting the university and its sports.

The change to winter

Homecoming centers around a series of sporting events in order to heighten participation and bring anyone connected to WSU together; according to Corbitt, Homecoming used to be centered around basketball, though since the early 2000s, there had been a focus on the university's soccer programs.

"We weren't getting a ton of participation, and over the years, it evolved. I think the pandemic gave us an opportunity to relook at it," Corbitt said.

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Due to the lack of participation, a few departments and organizations came together to pitch the idea of switching the favored event to the winter season to be centered around the university's popular basketball games.

"It was led by alumni and athletics, but there were several other groups involved, all the way from marketing and communications on campus, student engagement, there were so many groups at the table," Hays said.

According to Hays, basketball is the highest attended sport for WSU's home games, so the move to winter made sense, regardless of its challenges.

The associate director clarified that Homecoming will be held Jan. 23 through Jan. 28, the latter of which includes a men's basketball game against Green Bay at 7 p.m. in the Nutter Center.

According to WSU senior and involvement mentor of Student Involvement and Leadership Chauncey Collins, due to the weather, many of the events may likely be held indoors.

Other than the games in the Nutter Center, most events during the week of Homecoming will be held on the academic core of campus, such as the Student Union, according to Corbitt.

"There's really nothing we did in the fall that we couldn't do in January, even though it's winter. So, it's an opportunity to kind of reframe it again, try something new and really highlight our biggest sport," Corbitt said.

Anyone can participate, and all students, organizations, faculty and staff are encouraged to get involved in the events and attend the basketball games.

For more Homecoming information and ticket purchasing options, visit the [WSU Homecoming webpage](#).

From Filmscreen to Musical Stage: “Sister Act” Comes to Wright State

- Alexis Lewis
- November 2, 2022
- Wright Life

The Wright State University performance team is taking on “Sister Act,” the joyful, heartwarming and witty musical about how one aspiring performer remolds a convent choir to find its true voice.

About the show

“Sister Act” takes place in Philadelphia in the late 1970s, when nightclub singer Deloris Van Cartier ends up in a convent. While in this convent, Cartier transforms the choir and the whole nunnery.

Ensemble member Julia Brosas described the musical structure.

“The story is about Deloris discovering her own identity and security and also teaching these nuns how to raise their voice and be able to do what they need to do, but to do it joyfully and in a way that they can express themselves,” Brosas said.

Greg Hellems directs this feel-good mix between sitcom and drama.

Behind the scenes

Pam Lavarney is the set designer for the performance. Lavarney explained that preparations for “Sister Act” began at the end of the spring 2022 semester, giving the team around six months to construct the sets.

Lavarney explained that the setting includes a church placed within a gritty, urban environment with additional brick buildings, alleyways and graffiti based on period pictures. When compiling visual research, Lavarney found some interesting shots.

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“So, I actually found some really great pictures of some old churches in Philadelphia, including some abandoned ones, which were kind of half in ruins, and that was very inspiring to the director and me,” Lavarney noted.

With over 20 ground plans and at least 10 settings, the challenge of creating movable pieces is one obstacle the production crew faces, according to Lavarney.

“You have a lot of scenes, it’s got to move pretty cinematically and fluidly,” Lavarney said. “It’s like a big Tetris where all of the pieces need to figure out not only where they go on stage, but how they move when they go off stage.”

On the stage

Brosas explained that the rehearsal process adheres to the following operation: rehearsing music, blocking, learning choreography, running through and tech rehearsing.

Once the team has committed the singing, dancing and operating to memory, the group incorporates other portions of the production, including lighting, amplification and sound cues.

For Brosas, the most exciting part is Cartier’s teaching moment. Brosas explains what makes this part both unique and comical.

“These nuns are so neat and so obedient and so wonderful, but they can’t really carry a tune all that well,” Brosas said. “Deloris teaches these nuns to use their voice in a positive and expressive way that sounds nice to the ear. It’s very, very energetic.”

The why and how

Brosas explained that WSU’s theater program is special because it gives opportunities for both acting and theater majors to partake in the show.

The talent of the whole cast is evident to both Lavarney and Brosas.

“[The performers] are at the top of their profession,” Lavarney proclaimed. “The first thing that makes us special, especially for a public school the size of Wright State, is the level of training and the level of talent in our acting and musical theater students because that’s why you go see a show, right?”

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Lavarnway also praised the design and technology program, which has produced strong work in its facilities. Besides the energy, time and effort of the crew, paired with the lively environment of the show, Brosas provides another reason for students to see the musical.

“This is kind of getting out of that mid semester slump. It’s a great opportunity for students to come and kind of just sit in the dark for two hours and enjoy Deloris’s story and see this all come to life, with some fun singing and dancing before getting back to the to the realities of college life,” Brosas mentioned.

The WSU School of Fine and Performing Arts is showcasing “Sister Act” from Nov. 4 to Nov. 20. Tickets are available for purchase from the ticket office website.

Boba Blast and Chopstick Etiquette Event

- Alexis Lewis
- November 2, 2022
- Wright Life

Asian-interest sorority holds boba and chopstick etiquette event for a cultural learning night.

Background

According to the organization's Engage page, the Wright State University chapter of Kappa Phi Lambda Inc. is a multicultural sorority that promotes sisterhood and cultural diversity.

Sierra Hinton, Kappa Phi Lambda President, explained the organization's purpose and mission.

"Kappa Phi Lambda is an Asian interest, but not Asian exclusive, sorority. We do host cultural events and it's just a safe place where girls who have this Pan-Asian background, or just even interested in it, can have friendship together, but also be able to share our cultures and ideas together since we do have similar backgrounds," Hinton described.

The event

Hinton explained that boba is made from tapioca starch or "pearls," usually paired with sweetened milk or fruit in tea. The drink combination originated in Taichung, Taiwan.

The organization welcomed over 20 attendees, providing insight about the history, ingredients, types of jellies, flavors and a video of boba tea production. After the boba presentation, Hinton and Vice President Jo Velasco described the background of chopsticks dating 5,000 years ago in China with the religious, cultural and folkloric history.

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The sorority leaders also explained the dos and don'ts of chopstick use. Then, attendees were able to practice using chopsticks with boba mochi ice cream and boba candy.

The why and the future

Hinton explained the reason for holding the event.

"We want to be able to teach others about our culture, and we are Pan-Asian, so we like to choose various topics. This time, we felt we wanted to do boba since that's really in popular culture right now," Hinton said.

Velasco explained that the organization plans events during the summer, compiling research before the month of the event.

"We really want to make sure that our events are precise, and we want to make sure that all the information is accurate as well," Velasco said.

Alongside building community, Hinton explained further significance in cultural events.

"It's just really good to bring light to things that maybe other people wouldn't really think or know about if they have not experienced it at all or even know that it exists," Hinton said.

Velasco explained that Kappa Phi Lambda's events are open to everyone.

"It's not 'show up because you're Asian,' it's nothing like that at all. We want to make sure that everyone knows that they are allowed to come to our events, you know, we encourage that," Velasco said.

WSU's Kappa Phi Lambda is finalizing plans for events in the spring semester. For more information and a schedule of events, visit the sorority's [Engage page](#).

Iranians Protest Against Brutality

- Elayna Storts
- November 3, 2022
- News

As conflict in Iran continues due to the government's enforcement of strict modesty policies, illiciting protest and anger among Iranian citizens, global communities react to the situation.

Background information

Dr. Liam Anderson, political science professor at Wright State University, provided context about Iranian rule and history.

In 1979, Iran's democratic regime was replaced by the now strict Shi'a Islam religious regime. Before 1979, the United States was in allyship with Iran; however, in 1980 with the new regime, that allyship ended.

Anderson explained the differences in cultures between the U.S. and Iran: the U.S. is very individualistic, whereas Iran has more of a collectivist culture.

Events in Iran

On Sept. 16, 2022, Iran's Morality Police arrested Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old woman, for not wearing a hijab; Amini died in police custody, according to a release from the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

This act against Amini, as well as other Iranian women and children, was a catalyst for protest. Anderson further described the ruling nature of the Iranian leader.

"The Supreme Leader of Iran, Ebrahim Raisi, is a religious cleric and you don't argue with him," Anderson said.

As protests continue, so does brutality, resulting in more harm and deaths.

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“On Sept. 30, 2022, after Friday prayers in the provincial capital, Zahedan, security forces fired live ammunition, tear gas, and metal pellets at protesters and bystanders, killing at least 80 people, including several children. Hundreds more were injured,” the USDT announced in an Oct. 26 press release.

According to Anderson, the United States policy on Iran is evident through sanction enforcement. The U.S. government has declared sanctions against the Iranian government for the sake of accountability, according to Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken in the announcement.

“The United States is committed to working to promote justice and accountability for human rights violations and abuses in Iran,” Blinken said. “We will continue to find ways to support the people of Iran as they peacefully protest in defense of their human rights and fundamental freedoms.”

President Biden announced similar sentiments of support for both Iranian women and Iranian citizens at large, who are protesting against the violent acts the regime has enacted.

“The United States is making it easier for Iranians to access the Internet, including through facilitating greater access to secure, outside platforms and services,” Biden reported.

Men's Basketball Prepares for Davidson

- Noah Kindig
- November 3, 2022
- Sports

After a program-defining 2021-22 season, Wright State men's basketball will try to do it all again with a new roster facing off against the Davidson Wildcats on Nov. 9.

Preseason preparation

Head coach Scott Nagy explained that the team has been working since the summer, bringing in transfer players and providing a chance to mesh with the older players. The Horizon League preseason poll placed the returning champions third, making the team even hungrier for success.

"There's a level of desperation coming off a pretty good year last year and how it finished. It would be easy to be satisfied, but I think there's a pretty good level of hunger and desperation that I like to see from our team," Nagy said.

New faces

After the team's success in the HL and the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament, several Raiders transferred up to bigger schools. Nagy reached out to previously contacted players, filling out the roster with talent from other schools.

"A couple guys transferred from last year, so people are kind of writing us off this year. So, our job this year is to prove people wrong and be the best that we can be," Amari Davis, a transfer from the University of Missouri, said.

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Davis attended Trotwood-Madison High School in the Dayton area, leading the local school to a state championship. Davis has played against Wright State while playing for fellow HL school Green Bay but will now play much closer to home.

“Just to be in the backyard, it feels good. I’m gonna have a lot of people in the stands rooting for me and the team,” Davis said.

Davis fills the spot that guard Tanner Holden left after transferring to Ohio State University. The head coach commented on Davis’s abilities on the court.

“He’s a tremendous mid-range player,” Nagy said, “I mean, there aren’t really many guys that can shoot the percentage he shoots from the floor with as many mid-range jump shots as he takes, but he’s very good at it.”

Nagy also brought in a 6-foot-9 transfer from Evansville, Blake Sisley, who was on the Missouri Valley’s all-freshman team. When paired along with C.J. Wilbourn and Brandon Noel, Sisley gives the Raiders options in the paint.

“We have a lot of guys this year, a lot of good options. We’re all competing for the same spot ultimately, but we work well together, and we have great chemistry,” Sisley said.

Finally getting to play

In Nagy’s opinion, one of the most talented players on the roster could be forward Noel, despite having never played any college basketball. Injuries and redshirts kept Noel out of the game for two years. The forward can play a personal first game in November.

“He’s in an unusual situation of being a junior in college and a freshman in college basketball who hasn’t played a minute, but you know, might be the most talented guy on our team and doesn’t really know it yet,” Nagy said.

For Noel, watching players like Loudon Love and Grant Basile in those redshirted two years has provided learning opportunities about the mental parts of the game and how to translate that into a personal style of play.

“It’s interesting though, to see the two years of me sitting out how much I can learn,” Noel said. “I can translate that physically because I know more, I know what I’m supposed to do.”

The first few games will be nerve-racking for Noel after having to wait so long to play, but the redshirt freshman will trust the process.

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“And it’s going to be a learning process, you know, especially when I put that jersey on for the first time. I think I’ve had a lot of time to prepare for this, and we still have more time together,” Noel said.

With size and talent, Noel could be a big asset for the Raiders in and outside the paint.

“We’re trying to convince him of that, but you know, he’s 6-foot-8, 235 [pounds], moves like a guard and can shoot it and I mean, there’s really not much he can’t do. I think the big deal for him is going to be confidence,” Nagy said.

The first Raider basketball game is at home in the Nutter Center on Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. Viewers can also stream the game on ESPN+.

Application for Federal Student Debt Relief Now Live

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- Angela Davis
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- News

The application for federal student debt relief is now live; however, aid is currently paused due to legal challenges. Still, borrowers are encouraged to complete applications for relief.

Federal student debt relief program launched

U.S. President Joe Biden announced on Oct. 17 that eligible students can fill out an application for federal student debt relief.

The Biden administration's plan will forgive up to \$10,000 in federal student debt for those earning less than \$125,000 a year, according to the president's remarks. Students in this bracket who received a federal Pell Grant are eligible for \$20,000 in total debt relief.

According to Biden, more than 40 million Americans stand to benefit from the new program.

The application is live at the Federal Student Aid website. It is available on both desktop and mobile browsers, and requires only the applicant's name, Social Security number, date of birth and contact information.

According to the FSA office, any loans disbursed by June 30, 2022 will count toward the forgiveness program. Any loans disbursed after this date do not qualify.

Further information about qualification, refunds for past payment and next steps after application are available on the FSA website.

Borrowers at Wright State

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Wright State University awarded more than \$14 million in need-based federal student aid across both Dayton and Lake campuses for the 2021-22 academic year, according to the university's Common Data Set.

For the 2020-21 academic year, 44 percent of Wright State's main campus students received federal student loans, averaging \$6,676 per borrower, according to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

Kim Everhart, director of financial aid at WSU, said that the new federal program will be beneficial for student loan borrowers at the university. The financial aid office at WSU notified anyone who has taken out a federal loan and who could potentially qualify for forgiveness of this status.

"The deadline to apply is December 31, 2023," Everhart explained. "So they have a full year, but I would not wait. We're hoping to see the majority of the applications come sooner rather than later."

Everhart also emphasized the simplicity of the application process.

"It's very fast. It's simple. It takes less than five minutes," Everhart assured.

Legal challenges

After the Biden administration announced the program, legal challenges rose through the courts.

On Oct. 21, the Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit ordered an administrative stay that prohibited President Biden and the administration from forgiving any student loan debt under the program until the court has ruled on the appeal, according to the court order.

It is still unknown what effect this challenge will have on the debt forgiveness program, but according to the FSA office, applications are open with a paused release process.

"We will continue to review applications," states a notification on the FSA site. "We will quickly process discharges when we are able to do so and you will not need to reapply."

For more information about Wright State financial aid, students can visit the RaiderConnect services website.

Midterm Grades Survey Feedback

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- Trey Brown
- November 4, 2022
- News

This semester, faculty at Wright State University had the option of submitting midterm grades for students to view. Here are some opinions from the campus community about this progress update.

Faculty submit midterm grades

With support from the Student Government Association in resolution 23-2 and a recommendation from Provost Dr. Amy Thompson, faculty members began to voluntarily post midterm grades for students to observe.

Dr. Patricia Schiml, a psychology professor, was one such volunteer. Schiml was more than willing to take on additional work for the sake of student success.

“While there is a bit of work involved with calculating and posting these grades, I was happy to do so because it provided students with important feedback,” Schiml said.

Schiml acknowledged that faculty with a broader number of students over multiple sections may have to dedicate more time to calculating grades. Faculty senate President Dr. Brian Boyd agrees that larger class sizes might mean larger workloads for teachers submitting midterm grades.

Dr. Angela Johnson also submitted midterm grades. From Johnson’s point-of-view, submitting midterm grades is a helpful way for students to know how a class is going.

“I think this is a very good idea that should help students be very clear on their grades in their courses,” Johnson said.

Associate Vice Provost Tim Littell provided some of the major takeaways from this first semester trial run of midterm grade submissions.

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“It really does come back to a great demonstration of the relationships that our students and our faculty have formed that are really laser focused on student success,” Littell said.

Students weigh in

Graduate English majors Arwa Alqahtani, Aisha Idrees and Abi Bond all received at least one midterm grade; each student agreed that knowing grades at the midway point was beneficial.

“To have the actual grade gives students a lot of insight as to their progress and where they might need to improve or where they’re doing well already,” Bond said.

Alqahtani mentioned the helpfulness of knowing grades and class growth.

“I like to know my progress so I can do more and work more on my assignments and my classes,” Alqahtani said.

Idrees spoke about the value of having this information.

“I think that if teachers posted the midterm grades, that would be better so that I can see what I’m doing,” Idrees said.

Students can find more information about midterm grading through the registrar’s office [website](#).

Volleyball Downs Northern Kentucky for 17th Straight Win

- Noah Kindig
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- Sports
- Volleyball

Wright State University volleyball has switched into a new gear this season, setting a program record by winning 17 straight games as of Nov. 1, despite just losing one of its biggest players.

Coming into the match

The Raider team now has a wave of momentum behind it after a win over rival Northern Kentucky, now holding a 14-0 record in-conference and nearly securing a Horizon League Tournament in its home gym.

“Yeah, I’m kind of speechless. We’ve had to overcome a lot this week, and I’m just really proud of our team and how they battled tonight,” Travers Green, head coach for the team, said.

Something to play for

After rupturing an Achilles tendon, Lainey Stephenson, fifth year setter for the Raiders, has played a final game for Wright State. The setter has been a rock-solid team-player since 2018, passing at least 1,000 assists every season.

“First, it’s incredibly heartbreaking and sad,” Green said. “She’s been a huge part of our team and our identity for a very long time.”

With over 4,600 assists total, Stephenson has the second most career assists in program history and was a reliable leader on and off the court for the Raiders. Despite that loss, the Raiders have rallied and still have yet to drop a game in conference play.

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“I don’t know if I have the answer or the right words,” Green said. “Our whole team feels for what Lainey is going through, and what I’ve told our team is ‘teams with purpose are really hard to stop.’”

With the HL Tournament close by, the Raiders are very likely to take first seed, meaning playing the conference tournament at home. With a big chance to win and something to play for, WSU has something to prove.

“We have been doing an amazing job in our conference play, but in order for us to reach our ultimate goal, we have to work through the finish line, and that’s going to be a big one for us,” Green said.

A 1-2 scare

The Raiders’ win streak almost snapped on Tuesday night against Northern Kentucky, as the Norse took set two and three to put WSU down 1-2; but, the Raiders rallied, taking the next two sets against the No. 2 team in the league to continue its win streak.

“I was just really proud of how our team came together. Our team has an incredible belief in themselves and in those moments, we rely on that heavily,” Green said.

After recovering in set four, the Raiders dominated in set five, thanks to the team’s strong hitters and the atmosphere in McLin Gymnasium. The Norse crumbled under the pressure with WSU winning 15-9.

“Just how we approach late game situations and pressure, that’s one of the things I’m most impressed with is how we handle that,” Green said. “A lot of times, attackers get a little tentative, they get a little nervous, and we’re going after it in those moments.”

Green’s new system puts focus on quick offense, setting up hitters to succeed.

“I think we all really came into the season with open minds, and we knew things were going to be different,” WSU right side hitter Callie Martin said. “We were really prepared to adapt to a style that worked out well for us.”

Katie Meyer stepped into the setter position after WSU lost Stephenson and showed great ability against NKU, leading the team by passing out 50 assists, getting 21 digs and playing consistently throughout the match.

“Katie has sacrificed a ton to be in this program,” Green said. “It’s bittersweet in a lot of ways, but now she has the opportunity to shine. We believe in her, and she’s put in the work to be in this position.”

A Twist on International Education: Study Abroad & Fashion Show

- Zachariah Smith
- November 4, 2022
- Wright Life

The University Center for International Education held a fair and fashion show on Nov. 2 for cultural education and study abroad information.

The fair

Joy Wanderi, the Associate Director at UCIE, explained why the center held the fair and what this event meant.

“This is a way for us to celebrate all the cultures we have here at Wright State, but also give the opportunities for students to study abroad,” Wanderi said. “We had both domestic and international groups represented here as a part of International Education week, which is a department of state initiative to celebrate cultures globally.”

Wanderi mentioned the impact COVID-19 had on the center’s ability to host events in recent years.

“One thing is to connect with each other. I think COVID-19 took that away from us, and this is the first time bringing back this event. We wanted to connect with each other and let the Wright State community know that we have a lot of cultures and diversity here,” Wanderi said.

Fashion show

The fashion show included students from all over the globe dressing in traditional clothes. Frank Buabeng, a graduate assistant at UCIE, voiced opinions on the fashion show.

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“My favorite clothes from the fashion show were from Japan. I like how we had so many students stop by to hear about study abroad. It was more of an informal event, very easy going and informative,” Buabeng described.

Megan Trickler, a coordinator at the study abroad program, explained why the study abroad experience can be daunting for some students. Trickler mentioned that some students are not familiar with a foreign language, which detracts those students from studying abroad. Trickler debunked this myth.

“I can send a student to over 50 different countries, and all their classes are taught in English. They do not need to have a university level of a foreign language to be able to participate in programs,” Tricker explained.

Another reason students are offput from studying abroad is a delayed graduation date, according to Trickler.

“[Students] can take many different classes in every major, it’s never a matter of transferring credits, they are always Wright State classes,” Trickler said.

Trickler notes a final reason students choose not to study abroad: financial restrictions.

“There are many programs that are very affordable. Some programs involve a waived tuition, so you only pay the fee of the program, which can be the same price as Wright State tuition,” Trickler said.

Trickler also provided further information for students who are interested in studying abroad. Students can visit a study abroad information session at UCIE every Wednesday from 1-3 p.m.

Students can find more international education events and information on UCIE’s Engage page.

Raiders Draw in Season Finale Against Detroit Mercy

- Adam Campbell
- November 4, 2022
- Men's Soccer
- Sports

On Wednesday, the Wright State University men's soccer team took Alumni Field to host Detroit Mercy University in the 2022 regular season finale.

Background and significance of the match

Entering the match, WSU led the all-time series 19-13-2. Last season, DMU defeated WSU 1-0, eliminating the Raiders from postseason play. The Titans entered play with a 4-6-5 overall record, going 3-2-3 in Horizon League play. DMU was clinging onto the sixth and final spot in the postseason tournament.

Wright State came into Wednesday following a 2-2 draw against Cleveland State the previous Saturday. Following the tie, WSU needed to win outright – with a Cleveland State loss – to secure first place. The Cleveland State team ultimately tied in its match, clutching the regular season title.

The season finale

The match got off to a quick start for WSU. The Raiders had efficient ball movement and were able to find gaps in DMU's defense.

Within the first few minutes of the match, the ball struck senior Joe Kouadio's eye.

"I was trying to block the long ball, and the bottom of his stud skid against my eyeball," Kouadio said.

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The issue did not seem to last long, as Kouadio got the Raiders on the board early in minute 11. Kouadio ran up the left side of the field before entering the box and striking a goal between the keeper and the left post. The goal was a personal second in two games.

“I just ran down the line and got a nice pass, cut in, made the fake shot and put it in by the post,” Kouadio described. “I have switched positions and am more in front of the goal, giving me more chances.”

In minute 23, the Raiders struck again. This time, Kouadio drove the ball down the side of the field and entered the box before crossing it in and finding junior Reece Allbaugh for the second goal of the match.

“I took a touch, the defender stepped, and I just smacked it into the top of the net,” Allbaugh stated.

The goal marked Allbaughs’ second in the last two games.

“I’m feeling confident, and my teammates are giving the ball in good positions to score,” Allbaugh noted.

WSU gave up a goal in minute 33 and took a 2-1 lead into halftime. The Raiders tallied 13 shots in the first half with five saves from Jonathan Kiewer of DMU, who won HL defensive player of the week last week.

The Titans went on to score its second goal in minute 55. Following the second goal from DMU, neither team managed to attack, ending in a 2-2 draw.

“Unfortunately, we kind of let off the gas and then had to dig in to get a tie,” head coach Jake Slemker said.

Heading to the postseason

Following Wednesday’s regular season finale, the Raiders clinched the No. 2 seed in the HL tournament, giving the team a first round bye.

“The bye is huge and gives us a chance to get our legs back under us and rest,” Kouadio said. “There is no team in the league that we are scared of. We’ve played them all before, and I’m really looking forward to it.”

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WSU will take the field on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 4 p.m. against the winner between IUPUI and Detroit Mercy. The Raiders drew 2-2 ties against both teams in the regular season. The postseason action can all be found on ESPN+.

Men's Soccer Championship Bracket 2022 | Image from Twitter @HorizonLeague

2022 HORIZONLEAGUE MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

November 6, 10, 12

Quarterfinals

Sunday, November 6
at No. 3 seed IUPUI
at No. 4 seed Oakland

(4) Oakland

Match #1
1:00 p.m. ET

(5) RMU

(3) IUPUI

Match #2
1:00 p.m. ET

(6) Detroit Mercy

Semifinals

Thursday, November 10
at No. 1 seed Cleveland State

(1) Cleveland State

Match #3
1:00 p.m. ET

(2) Wright State

Match #4
4:00 p.m. ET

Championship

Saturday, November 12
at No. 1 seed Cleveland State

Match #5
1:00 p.m. ET

2022 Champion

Final Regular Season League Standings (w/seeds)

1. Cleveland State
2. Wright State
3. IUPUI
4. Oakland
5. RMU
6. Detroit Mercy
7. Green Bay
8. Northern Kentucky
9. Purdue Fort Wayne
10. Milwaukee

Matches 3/4 – #2 seed will play highest-remaining seed after QF and #1 seed will play lowest-remaining seed after QF

All times subject to change.

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Absentee Voting: A How-To Guide

- Elayna Storts
- November 5, 2022
- Election 2022
- News

Here is a guide to absentee voting ahead of the Nov. 8, 2022 midterm elections.

What is absentee voting?

Absentee voting consists of requesting the ballot ahead of time and then mailing it in or dropping it off to a ballot drop box. In either case, this is done on or before election day.

What is needed?

First, citizens must be registered to vote. Voter registration for Ohio closed on Oct. 11 with absentee ballots to be requested no later than Nov. 5.

Next, voters can request voting ballots through the Ohio Secretary of State [website](#). Ballots submitted via mail should be sent to the Ohio Board of Elections. The post date must be no later than the day before the election, Nov. 7.

Most county election offices also serve as drop-off ballot locations. Ballots must be dropped off before 7:30 p.m., the time when polls close, on election day.

Why vote via absentee?

According to Stephanie Buettner, the president of the Feminist Leadership Majority Alliance, absentee voting is a good option since it provides an opportunity to vote before election day. Buettner mentioned the benefits of absentee voting for college students specifically.

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“You can vote from where you are located at the moment instead of going all the way back to your hometown to cast your ballot,” Buettner said.

Buettner views voting as an important civic act.

“I think it is important to vote because it’s one of the best ways for citizens to have a say in how our government is run. Also, it gives an opportunity to seek change if you are unhappy with how things are being run,” Buettner said.

Voting polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 8.

Tim Ryan vs. J.D. Vance Live Debate

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As election day approaches, the two candidates running for Ohio Senator face off in a town hall debate on Fox News.

About the candidates

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The town hall event

Tim Ryan and J.D. Vance both discussed topics for 30 minutes each during the debate on Fox News, which took place on Nov. 1. The two candidates sat down with Bret Baier and Martha MacCallum to discuss important topics.

The topics discussed included inflation, the overall political climate, crime and community safety, immigration, employment and election integrity. Some specific topics were the Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, the Inflation Reduction Act and the Jan. 6 attack.

Throughout the debate, audience members were able to ask questions as well.

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Vance commented strongly on election integrity.

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On the topic of crime – spurred on by the political climate – the two nominees discussed the attack on Nancy Pelosi’s husband, Paul Pelosi. Both candidates provided condolences.

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The crowd later applauded Ryan after further explanation.

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Senate Election Overview

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J.D. Vance and Tim Ryan compete for Ohio's open senate seat. Other open seats are highly contested in several swing states.

Ohio's Candidates

Read about Vance and Ryan's recent debate [here](#).

J.D. Vance

James David, or J.D., Vance is the Republican candidate for the United State Senate in Ohio. Vance was born in Middletown, Ohio; a marine, author, lawyer and investor, Vance focuses on job loss, addiction and economic turmoil, according to the official J.D. Vance for Senate Inc. website.

"The U.S. Senate needs someone who knows what it's like to live in a left-behind community, not a career politician who has done nothing for the people of Ohio," Vance states on his campaign website.

Vance's platform is focused on the topics of national leadership and national decline, unnecessary spending in the presidential administration and improving natural energy and manufacturing.

Other key topics of Vance's platform are border issues, an end to drug epidemics, big technology, foreign policy, small businesses, an end to abortion, Second Amendment rights and post-pandemic Ohio. Students can find more information about the Vance campaign on its official website.

Tim Ryan

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Tim Ryan is the Democratic candidate for the United State Senate in Ohio. A native of Niles, Ohio, Ryan has served in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2003 and is a member of the House Appropriations Committee and Congressional Manufacturing Caucus.

According to Ryan's official House of Representatives biography, the representative is particularly interested in the economy and well-being of Northeast Ohio.

"He is a champion of efforts to make college more affordable, revitalize America's cities and improve the health and well-being of American families and children," the biography states.

Protecting reproductive health, addressing climate change, fortifying American manufacturing and ensuring social programs are important to the Ryan campaign, according to the official biography. The biography also notes a focus on economy and energy, as well as education.

"Investing in education is an investment into our economy, our quality of life and most importantly it is an investment into our children's future," Ryan states in the biography.

For more information about Ryan's platform, visit the House of Representatives [biography](#).

Swings states in national races

Georgia, Arizona, Nevada and Pennsylvania are states with highly contested races, according to John Zogby, founder of the Zogby poll, in a U.S. Department of State press briefing.

In Georgia, Republican candidate Herschel Walker is facing off against Democratic Raphael Warnock. According to Zogby, Warnock slimly led in the three weeks ahead of election night. Zogby describes this race tersely.

"Georgia – wow. Georgia, for those of you who have been following American politics, Georgia is the new Florida," Zogby said.

Arizona Democrat Mark Kelly and Republican Blake Masters are running against one another in a race that shows no significant trendline, although Zogby says that Kelly, a retired astronaut who has been in the senate for two years, looks to be ahead.

Nevada has produced two candidates whose race is too tough to call, according to Zogby. The Democratic Catherine Cortez Masto, the first Latina elected to the senate, is the incumbent candidate who holds a slowly dissipating lead against Republican Adam Laxalt.

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“And that is just way too close to call, and it’s trending back and forth, back and forth,” Zogby said. “Ground zero is the state of Nevada.”

Finally, Zogby says Pennsylvania is producing an issue of non-voting. Democrat John Fetterman is up against Republican Mehmet Oz, famous host of “The Dr. Oz Show.” As of Oct. 26, Fetterman led the race by 1.8 percentage points in the race that Zogby says is deadlocked.

Students can find more information about the battleground states in the U.S Department of State press briefing.

Events on Campus Week of Nov. 7

- Alexis Lewis
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- Wright Life

Events for the week of Nov. 7 include Residential Link Up, a pop-up photo booth and an eSports event.

Monday, Nov. 7

3:30 p.m. | Omicron Delta Epsilon & Economics Club: Inequalities: How Can We Address Them in Economics? | Rike 016

5 p.m. | Abilities Meeting | Rike 166

6 p.m. | National Society of Black Engineers & Black Men on the Move Professionalism Workshop | Oelman 112

8 p.m. | Residential Community Association Residential Link Up | Rike 160

Tuesday, Nov. 8

12:30 p.m. | University Activities Board Raider Pop-Up Photo Booth | Student Union Atrium

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

6 p.m. | Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. Makeup & Girl Talk | Rike 158

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

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

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Wednesday, Nov. 9

11 a.m. | Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Pie a Poodle | The Quad

12 p.m. | Asian Student Association Meeting | Millett 154

6 p.m. | Rainbow Alliance Meeting | Rike 166

Thursday, Nov. 10

3:30 p.m. | TESOL Club Social | Millett 242

4:30 p.m. | Engineers Without Borders Bingo Night | SU Apollo A/B/C

6 p.m. | Campus Recreation Dolly Sods Weekend Backpacking | Dolly Sods Wilderness, West Virginia

Friday, Nov. 11

9 a.m. | Student Organization Budget Committee Process Training | WebEx

7 p.m. | Astronomical Collaboration Meeting | Millett 028

Saturday, Nov. 12

3 p.m. | Collegiate eSports Club Winter WonderLAN | Millett 033

Sunday, Nov. 13

10 a.m. | H2O Church Service | The Landing

11 a.m. | Catholic Campus Ministry Mass | CCM

News Round-Up Week of Nov. 7

- News Team
- November 7, 2022
- News

From local happenings to national topics and global events, here is the news worth knowing for the week of Nov. 7, 2022.

Local

The college basketball season is nearly set for tip-off as the Wright State Raiders take official on-court action this week.

According to the team [website](#), the WSU women's basketball team will play on the road against the Toledo Rockets on Monday, Nov. 7 at 11 a.m. This is the first game of the regular season for both teams. The Raiders won their first and only exhibition game against Ohio Dominion on Saturday, Oct. 29.

The WSU men's basketball team will begin the 2022-2023 regular season at home against the Davidson Wildcats, which happens to be the alma mater of one Stephen Curry ('09). The game will be played at the Nutter Center on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m.

National

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) November 2022 Winter Outlook predicts warmer-than-average temperatures across the East and Southwestern United States and wetter-than-average conditions in the Pacific Northwest and Great Lakes states this winter.

Further, NOAA predicts continuing or developing droughts to occur throughout the West, the Great Basin and the Plains states.

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According to the Climate Prediction Center at NOAA, there is a 75 percent chance of a climate pattern known as La Niña during the 2022-23 winter season. This would be the third consecutive year of this phenomenon, an uncommon occurrence.

La Niña occurs due to “the periodic cooling of ocean surface temperatures in the central and east-central equatorial Pacific,” according to the National Weather Service. These conditions typically occur every three-to-five years, but can sometimes happen more often.

During La Niña, weather patterns in the U.S., as NOAA has predicted, are typically warmer and drier across the South and East, and wetter in the Midwest and Pacific Northwest. Stormier conditions in the North are likely as well.

Global

The U.S. with the United Arab Emirates signed a clean energy contract on Nov. 1 called Partnership to Accelerate Transition to Clean Energy (PACE), in Abu Dhabi.

On Oct. 29 in South Korea, more than 150 people were killed in a stampede in Itaewon.

North Korea tested an intercontinental ballistic missile this week. South Korea detected 180 North Korean warplanes after the test of the missile.

Protests in Iran continue and the number of arrested have climbed to 14,000.

Local Issues Overview: Greene and Montgomery County

- Emily Mancuso
- November 7, 2022
- Election 2022
- Politics

From bail requirements and voting regulations to tax levies, there are several issues on the Montgomery and Greene county ballots this midterm election. Here is a breakdown of all the issues.

Montgomery County Issues

Issue 1

If passed this constitutional amendment would require courts to consider factors like public safety when setting bail amounts. Proposed by the Joint Resolution of the General Assembly, this amendment would apply to Section nine, Article one of the Ohio Constitution. Only a majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

If passed, the amendment will be effective immediately. This issue is also on the Greene County ballot.

Issue 2

Another constitutional amendment issue two would prohibit local governments from allowing non-electors to vote. Under this provision proposed by the Joint Resolution of the General Assembly, only a U.S. citizen who is 18 years old or older and who has resided in Ohio for at least 30 days, would be able to vote in state and local elections. Only a majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass. This issue is also on the ballot in Greene county.

Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Sinclair Community College District

This levy is a renewal of a tax benefit for the Sinclair Community College District. The money raised by the levy would benefit the expansion of job training, educational services, technology and health sciences. The first due would be in 2024. A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Greene County Issues

Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Greene County

This levy would fund the operations of the Mental Health Recovery Board of Clark, Green and Madison Counties'. The levy would start collecting funds in 2024. Only a majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) City of Beavercreek

The City of Beavercreek is hoping to pass a new proposed tax levy of which the funds would contribute to the construction, and repair of local roads and bridges. Funds would be collected beginning in 2023. A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) City of Beavercreek

An additional tax levy for the City of Beavercreek is one that would provide funding for the city police department. Including funds for building maintenance and officer salaries. A majority affirmative vote is needed for passage.

Local Liquor Option Beavercreek – Precinct 1 (Sunday Sales)

This ballot issues would enable businesses with D6 liquor permits to sell wine and mixed beverages on Sundays. A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Women's Soccer Takes Early Exit in Horizon League Tournament

- Noah Kindig
- November 8, 2022
- Sports

The Wright State University women's soccer season is over after the team fell to the Youngstown State Penguins in the Horizon League Tournament.

Match details

While the Penguins and Raiders had a similar amount of chances throughout the match, YSU had much more confidence, especially in the first half.

A rough tackle in the box gave Taylor Berry a penalty kick for the Penguins, giving YSU a 1-0 lead in minute 35. From there, the Penguins played confidently, holding possession and looking for more chances.

"Especially at our level, that's the only difference in the game. When you look at the teams that are at the top end of college soccer, they play with that confidence because they've worked hard," head coach Travis Sobers said.

The Raiders had chances in the second half but could not find the back of the net until it was too late. Berry made a second goal of the day in minute 86, but 30 seconds later, Michelle Rings scored for WSU with a penalty kick.

It was too late for the Raiders to recover, as the Penguins took the match 2-1, ending the Raider season.

"That's been the biggest thing since I came to Wright State, it's about finishing," WSU midfielder Olga Massombo said. "We have the players and we have the chances, we just have to finish."

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WSU's starting goalkeeper Jessika Seward echoed that the team must focus on finishing and being poised.

"I think the biggest thing for us is playing the way we know how to play and being confident," Seward said. "Not panicking in the attacking 18 and just putting away our chances."

Player awards and recognitions

Despite leaving early in the postseason tournament, the Raiders played well in the regular season. The HL recognized the team for these efforts.

Marcella Sizer highlighted WSU's awards, earning Offensive Player of the Year from six goals and three assists throughout the season.

Massombo joined Sizer on the All-League First team, as play on the wing and leadership helped develop the Raider offense throughout the year.

Lauren Borchert's offensive efforts landed the midfielder a spot on the HL Second Team with four goals and an assist for WSU this year. Borchert was a scoring threat from anywhere in the attacking third.

Finally, freshmen Elise Canter and Kaylee Pham made the HL All-Freshman team, as both played significant minutes for the Raiders. Canter found four goals in a personal first ever season of collegiate soccer.

Meaning and future

An 8-7-3 record and a fourth place finish in the HL is not program-defining but is a start for a team that has not had a positive record since 2019. The early exit against Youngstown State is a disappointment, but WSU has to look to the future.

"Yes, we will make mistakes. Sometimes, it's not going to be the way that we want it, but we've just got to keep going at it. The more we practice, the better we get," Sobers said.

9:00 PM Election Update: Confirmed Results

- Noah Kindig
- November 8, 2022
- Election 2022
- Politics

Early in the 2022 Midterms, the Associated Press has called results for some races, including Governors, U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

Governors

There are not too many surprises of winners from either political party as Republicans take five southern states, including Florida with Ron DeSantis, and Democrats take Illinois, Massachusetts and Maryland.

The GOP also took New Hampshire with Chris Sununu winning reelection as the vote has already been called.

Ohio has moved back and forth throughout the night, as Nan Whaley started the night in the lead, but Associated Press declared Mike Dewine the Ohio Governor a few moments ago.

Texas is close as well, since Beto O' Rourke held a 200,000 vote lead on Incumbent Greg Abbott, but has since lost that lead.

Senate Race

The National Senate race is holding close, as Democrats currently hold 38 seats and the GOP holds 37. As 51 is the magic number for both parties, every vote could count over the next few days.

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Since other parties currently hold two senate seats, it is possible for a 49-2-49 split or a 50-2-48 split, requiring independent votes for a majority over the next two years.

No major surprises have slipped through in the senate, as voters have gone mainly with the same vote as the governorship. Still, in Georgia, Democrat Raphael Warnock and Republican Hershel Walker are deadlocked throughout the first 2 million votes.

House of Representatives

The GOP has started quickly, with many elections called quickly in southern states, Indiana and

Pennsylvania going their way. The GOP currently holds 45 seats to the Democrats' 24, with many more states still to go.

With a large amount of red across voting maps, the GOP has a lot of districts close to being called in their favor across the south.

RCA Hosts Live Band and Open Mic

- Zachariah Smith
- November 9, 2022
- Wright Life

The Residential Community Association held an open microphone karaoke night with a live band in the Student Union for a fun, relaxing evening on Friday.

The event

Ramata Ngaide, the co-advisor at RCA, voiced the tradition of open mic night at RCA.

“Live band is pretty much a traditional event. We do this every year, and this is the fifth year of hosting,” Ngaide said.

RCA hired a professional band, “Live Band Karaoke”, as well as an audio visual team for the night, according to Mathew Correll, the Residential Academic Ambassador at Hamilton Hall.

“Tonight consisted of a live band having a lot of fun playing with many students on campus. We all had fun supporting each other and dancing around while being silly,” Correll said.

The event was ‘open mic,’ allowing students to request a song before performing on stage, according to Correll.

Students in attendance expressed thoughts of the event as well as if it aligned with expectations.

“It did not go to my expectations because I expected everyone to sing a lot worse than they do. There was a good turnout of people who can actually sing, which is a little surprising,” Isaac Meyer, a financial services senior, said.

Student Emrys Gardner shared thoughts of the event, including some personal growth reflection.

“It’s a lot of fun, I wasn’t expecting to go up and sing, but I finally got the courage to do it,” Gardner exclaimed.

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Meyer also voiced motivations to partake in the event.

“I saw a poster up in the Creative Arts Center, and I wasn’t doing anything tonight so I said ‘why not do some karaoke?’”

Future of RCA

Ngaide expressed the outlook for RCA in the coming weeks.

“Next week, the RCA board is going to Kent State for a conference with RCA boards from different schools,” Ngaide said.

RCA is also hosting a premier of “Black Panther 2” for students at Regal Cinema Fairfield Commons starting Nov. 14, according to Ngaide. More information about RCA and its events can be found on the organization’s Engage page.

National Senate Race Update: Swing States

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Alexis Lewis

- November 9, 2022
- Election 2022
- Politics

The Associated Press has called some United States Senate races in these highly contested swing states with some still on the ropes.

Pennsylvania | John Fetterman (D)

Democrat John Fetterman wins against Republican Mehmet Oz. The Pennsylvania Department of State reports a tight race with Fetterman at 50.81% and Oz at 46.77%, a separation of roughly 200,000 votes.

Georgia | Advance to runoff

AP reports that Democrat Raphael Warnock and Republican Herschel Walker will partake in a runoff in December to decide the winner.

Under Georgia state law, a candidate must reach the general election majority; however, the candidates are currently deadlocked with Warnock leading by less than one percent, about 40,000 votes, according to the Georgia Secretary of State office.

Arizona | Unofficial

After showing a Democratic lean, the gap in Arizona's Senate race between Democrat Mark Kelly and Republican Blake Masters has started to close. Currently, Kelly leads with 51% of the votes. AP confirms that this race could take multiple days to count and be official.



Nevada | Unofficial

Democrat Catherine Cortez Masto and Republican Adam Laxalt are in a race that is still too close to call. According to the Nevada Secretary of State website, Laxalt currently holds a 2% lead over Cortez.

More updates about official election results will be posted once official.

Men's Basketball Falls to Davidson in 2OT

- Noah Kindig
- November 9, 2022
- Men's Basketball
- Sports

Wright State men's basketball took its home opener to double overtime against the Davidson Wildcats but could not close out the win, falling 102-97.

The game

Despite coming back from being down seven in the first overtime, fouls and free-throws gave Davidson the edge.

While losing the first game of the year is crushing for a new team, fighting an Atlantic-10 powerhouse to the end is a good sign heading into Louisville on Saturday and Bowling Green the following week.

For Scott Nagy, head coach for WSU, the most impressive aspect of the game is that even when momentum was not on the Raiders' side, the team did not quit.

"Being down seven with a minute and a half to go and getting back in the game, those are the kind of things that lifted our team last year. When things didn't look good, they didn't quit," Nagy said.

Big players

Tonight was a good indicator of the big points the WSU offense will run on this year, specifically Trey Calvin and Amari Davis on offense, as well as hustle and rebounding opportunities.

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Calvin exploded at the start of the game, finishing the first half with 17 points to lead WSU to a 52-36 lead at the break. Calvin finished the game with 37 points, a career high. Davis had a double-double with 17 points and 13 rebounds in a Wright State debut.

“It’s great to see him do what he did for us tonight. 13 rebounds and 17 points is a dang good basketball game for his first game at Wright State,” Nagy said. “He always shoots a high percentage, he just does.”

For Davis, who played at Trotwood-Madison High School here in Dayton, playing at Wright State gives a feeling of being in high school.

“Like high school all over again, to be honest. It was a nice crowd that showed up today. Students were there too, so it was like Trotwood all over again,” Davis said.

Davis started at Green Bay and was a massive attacking threat against WSU, but now the senior guard can combine with the other offensive outlets the Raiders have.

“I remember playing against him, he’s scoring 30 or 35 on me. So, it’s good to have him on my side now,” Calvin said.

Looking to Louisville

A loss to start the season when victory was so close stings for the Raiders, but the team has to look forward to its next game. With Davidson likely being the hardest opponent in the regular season, the Raider team is optimistic about its chances on Saturday.

“Louisville doesn’t know who they are as a team either, and they are a team that we can beat,” Davis said. “I don’t think they’re better than Davidson, so for sure, we’re confident going into that, and I think we can win.”

For improvements going forward, the Raiders gave up far too many free throws for Davidson to come back. The Wildcats attempted 36 free throws throughout the game, whereas WSU could only attempt 15. This gave the Wildcats 22 free points.

“It’s too hard to win games when they make more free throws than you attempt,” Nagy said. “I mean, that’s what we’re trying to do to people.”

Lack of free throws coupled with diminishing offensive capitalization for WSU gave the Wildcat team the space it needed to come back in the game and upset the Raiders on home court.

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“We just had too many empty possessions on offense, a couple turnovers,” Davis said. “When their best player gets going, it only takes one shot for them to go.”

The Raiders look ahead to take on Louisville on Nov. 12 at 1 p.m. ESPN+ will stream the action.

Raider Nights in the City: Possible Comeback

- Savannah Harris
- November 10, 2022
- Wright Life

Wright State University's student governing body, while on a budget, hopes to bring back Raider Nights in the City, a variety of off-campus events and trips for enhanced student experience.

What is it?

According to the Student Government Association Chief of Staff Ryan Diaz, the Raider Nights in the City program is an opportunity for students to purchase relatively cheap tickets for events around the Dayton area.

"It originated from last year's SGA President, Jonathan Ciero, when he wanted to give students opportunities to enjoy events we might otherwise not easily get to go to," Diaz said.

Current SGA President Blake Bailey mentioned that there were personal favorites from last year's Raider Nights in the City. The president hopes to implement some this year; including Dayton Dragons games, hockey games, theater performances and other excursions.

Dean of Students Chris Taylor provided financial and practical benefits of the program.

"It involved a series of events for which SGA supplemented ticket costs and provided transportation," Taylor said.

What to expect this year

This year, SGA did not receive adequate funding for Raider Nights in the City. This did not stop the organization, which continues to discuss and plan events for students this year.

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“It was determined that SGA didn’t need [Student Organization Budget Committee] funding for this event since our organization exists primarily to represent the student body and not to plan events. We are also planning on obtaining the funding from the president’s office or other sources like we did last year,” Diaz said.

According to Bailey, if there were to be events held this semester, the group would take students ice skating and wait until the Spring to plan an eventful trip to Kings Island or Scene 75.

“We will be contacting the local arenas and probably asking Jonathan [Ciero] how he did it last year. To my understanding, we would likely spend money and purchase large amounts of tickets at a discount, and then charge a small amount for each ticket,” Diaz said.

According to the chief of staff, SGA is still trying to figure out how to continue Raider Nights in the City and hopes to bring the program back next year as well. Events and plans are still under discussion, and SGA will provide updates as each trip becomes official.

“It really depends on the next few presidents’ philosophies,” Bailey clarified.

For students interested in updates from SGA and Raider Nights in the City, visit the organization’s [Engage page](#) or its [WSU information page](#).

WSU Receives Million Dollar Donation for New Veterans Program

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- Trey Brown
- November 10, 2022
- News

Local company and long-standing sponsor of Wright State University, Reynolds and Reynolds donates over three and a half million to the school of business to launch a program for veterans and to provide additional aid to business students.

Gift from Reynolds and Reynolds

According to a WSU press release, Reynolds and Reynolds recently donated \$3.6 million to the university. In the release, university President Dr. Sue Edwards said that this is one of the most substantial donations in WSU's history.

Entrepreneurship for veterans

The Reynolds and Reynolds donation will allow Wright State to take part in the Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans. The EBV is a program that comes from Syracuse University on behalf of Syracuse's Institute for Veterans and Military Families, according to the WSU release.

According to Syracuse's [EBV webpage](#), the program is open to "post 9/11 veterans with Honorable discharge", who are interested in starting or learning more about running a business venture. Veterans do not have to be enrolled as students prior to applying to the program, according to the WSU press release.

Dr. Tom Traynor, dean of the Raj Sooin College of Business, believes that the donation provides a wonderful opportunity for the Dayton region.

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“The gift for the Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans is going to be terrific for this region because there are quite a few veterans in the area as well as future veterans,” Traynor said.

Traynor explained that the gift from Reynolds and Reynolds will pay the costs of the EBV program, which will include a 30 day online course that will create an equilibrium in terms of learning the fundamentals of entrepreneurship and an eight day workshop at WSU.

Director of the WSU Veteran and Military Center Dr. Seth Gordon says that there are multiple schools that have this program as well.

The VMC director explained that any veterans who are interested in enrolling in the program can do so by filling out the EBV application from the Syracuse University enrollment [portal](#). Upon acceptance into the program, there is only one thing that veterans would need to do after.

“The only thing the veteran has to do is get themselves to the airport. Everything else is paid for,” Gordon said.

Paid items include a plane ticket, transportation, food, amenities and the curriculum itself, according to Gordon. The VMC director also spoke about how the office would participate in the program’s happenings.

“My assistance would be in using my network to basically say ‘here’s some possible sponsors and here are veterans who also are entrepreneurs and let’s engage them,’” Gordon explained.

For Gordon, the donation from Reynolds and Reynolds expands Wright State’s reach, considering that veterans from all over the nation could choose the Dayton campus as an EBV location.

That said, Gordon is particularly excited about the facilitation of relationships that the program will create. Networking opportunities for veterans will also arise; in theory, the EBV program will help veterans with entrepreneurial pursuits while also providing mentorship and community, according to Gordon.

“I know that people like to put things in dollar amounts, but relationships have real value, and this is a relationship-focused endeavor for Wright State,” Gordon said.

Scholarships for business majors

In addition to the \$3 million given to facilitate the EBV program at Wright State, Reynolds and Reynolds is donating \$600,000 to fund scholarships for students in the College of Business.

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According to Traynor, the goal of these new business scholarships is to help students with high financial needs that remain after initial aid has been disbursed.

“The scholarships are going to be \$5,000 a year for students, starting this year, starting their sophomore year through their senior year. So three years and \$5,000 each year,” Traynor said. “It’s gonna benefit 45 different students, that’s a significant chunk of students.”

Nexus: Into the Minds of Creatives

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- Zachariah Smith
- November 11, 2022
- Nexus
- Wright Life

Nexus is a magazine that began as an insert in the Wright State Guardian student newspaper in 1965 and has since been published regularly. Some artists behind 2022 published Nexus creations discussed deeper insight into ideas and creative processes of the submission.

About Nexus

The literary magazine started as only accepting creative writing, but has since expanded to include illustrations, photography and other non-written art forms. Today, Nexus is published in a digital format and accepts submissions from the Wright State University community, including students, staff, faculty and alumni.

Gavin Mead | “Morte”

Gavin Mead, a senior photography student, recently submitted a photograph to Nexus. Mead used a double exposure in the submission, which involves layering two images on top of each other.

“It was a double exposure I did on 35mm negative film. I just wanted to combine gothic and Victorian-esque portraiture with the broken theme of memento mori. I also wanted to utilize my friend’s house as it had so much cool detail in it,” Mead said.

Mead also voiced the reason for submitting. After noticing a flier in the Creative Arts Center, Mead decided the idea would be beneficial.

“I wanted to start putting more work out there by whatever means necessary, and I figured uploading there would’ve been a good idea to do it,” Mead said.

Mead provided an insight into the creative process and collaborative journey of the submission.

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“I actually worked with my model a lot as it’s important to see what their ideas are too. Also, I made sure I got a good sense of the house so I could make the feeling of the photo consistent,” Mead detailed.

Anna Hedges | “My Explanations”

Anna Hedges, a freshman in vocal performance, recently uploaded a poem to Nexus.

“I uploaded a poem I wrote a couple years ago. It was during COVID where I joined an online social justice youth camp through the University of South Carolina,” Hedges said.

Hedges also explained the creative process of the work. During the camp, the organizers did an exercise for the participants to write about where each is from. For Hedges, this experience caused self-reflection.

“I started thinking I’m not from where I live because I move around a lot. This one didn’t really feel like a process, it was more of me spewing whatever I had in my mind,” Hedges said.

Chloe Combs | “an imitation of self”

Chloe Combs, a liberal studies junior, lately uploaded a photograph submission to Nexus. Combs expressed the background and process of the submission.

“It was for a class, we had to do something with mirrors, and my family has a corn field behind their house, and my brother is a good model. I just asked him to put a mirror under his face and point it at the sky because I thought it would look pretty,” Combs said.

Combs also voiced the desire to be unique in the submission.

“I don’t want to make boring pictures, anyone can take a picture, but I want to make mine more interesting,” Combs said.

Reflection on creativity

The three artists also voiced personal opinions on creativity as well as advice to students who are considering uploading to Nexus.

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Mead and Combs expressed that one can be born with a creative talent but work hard to complement it.

“It’s about how much you push yourself to actually produce work,” Combs said.

Mead expressed a similar view. To Mead, creative roots do not have to start with family or inborn talent.

“People need to learn their craft to further develop their creativity,” Mead explained.

Hedges, however, expressed a different view.

“I used to think it was learned. Now, I think it is something you’re born with and you either foster it or you don’t,” Hedges said.

All three creatives urged students who are considering uploading to do so.

“I would say do it. I think it can be a very cool thing to foster other young writers,” Hedges exclaimed.

Combs agreed with Hedges. According to Combs, one benefit of the Nexus submission process is that nobody has to see the face behind the work. Combs provided a personal philosophy about submitting.

“You only live once, nobody’s going to see your face on the work, it’s just a picture of whatever you upload,” Combs said.

Readers can find more information about the Nexus Literary Journal, submissions and authors on the official journal website.

Greek Life: Phi Kappa Tau Welcomes New Members

- Zachariah Smith
- November 13, 2022
- Wright Life

On Nov. 12, Phi Kappa Tau held an associate ceremony for newly joined members of the fraternity in the Endeavour Room of the Student Union.

The ceremony

Greek life at Wright State University provides an opportunity for students to find companionship and give back to communities through service and programming, according to the official [WSU Fraternities and Sororities webpage](#). In the case of Phi Kappa Tau, the formation of brotherhood is the main goal, according to President Dylan Collison.

Drake Berlin, the Director of Chapter Services of Phi Kappa Tau, gave a breakdown of what the ceremony consisted of.

“Ultimately, this is our associate ceremony in which we affiliate these guys with the fraternity, so they express their interest to be associated with the fraternity by taking an oath,” Berlin said.

Vice President of Phi Kappa Tau Donnell Smith voiced personal opinions on committing to the fraternity as well as the sense of brotherhood gained in joining.

“After meeting with the recruiter, they made me feel this organization is really good for what I’m trying to do later in life. I’m trying to lead my own company,” Smith said.

Smith also expressed that Phi Kappa Tau provides a strong sense of brotherhood with male friends.

History of Phi Kappa Tau

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Mike Keir, a founding colonist of Phi Kappa Tau, explained the creation of this fraternity.

“I was an original colonist back in fall 1973. I was initiated back in ‘75, and I was with the chapter through to 1978. I was sergeant in arms and worked with the recruitment committee a few times,” Keir said.

Keir committed to Wright State after graduating high school and receiving a letter from Phi Kappa Tau about an interest in forming a chapter. Expressing an interest in chapter affairs, Keir also had personal motivations behind attendance.

“I wanted to see them get back together, I was one of the original members 49 years ago. I was really sad to see them go dormant a couple years back, and I’m very happy to see it back. It’s a legacy, and I would hate to see it go away,” Keir exclaimed.

For more information on fraternities and sororities, visit the [Student Involvement and Leadership page](#) about Greek life.

Events on Campus Week of Nov. 14

- Alexis Lewis
- November 14, 2022
- Wright Life

Events for the week of Nov. 14 include an author lecture, Thanksgiving bake sale, immigration lawyer advising and a movie night.

Monday, Nov. 14

9:15 a.m. | “Invisible Child” Author Campus Lecture | Paul Laurence Dunbar Library

2 p.m. | University Activities Board Make-and-Take: Recipe Jar | Student Union Atrium

6 p.m. | National Pan-Hellenic Council Mental Health Workshop | Rike 060

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

Tuesday, Nov. 15

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

5:30 p.m. | Black Student Union Study Tables | Oelman 112

6 p.m. | C.J. McLin Jr. Scholars Association Meeting | Medical Sciences 141

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

Wednesday, Nov. 16

12 p.m. | Fraternity and Sorority Council Brownbag Chat | SU 103

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3 p.m. | Indigenous American Culture Student Association Meeting | Multicultural Lounge

4 p.m. | Campus Recreation Adapted Intramurals | SU Gym

Thursday, Nov. 17

11 a.m. | Women's Club Volleyball Thanksgiving Bake Sale Fundraiser | Hangar & SU Table 01

2 p.m. | Commuter Student Association Meeting | SU 029A

4 p.m. | Amigos Latinos Student Association Tutoring Opportunity | El Puente Learning Center

5 p.m. | Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance Sex Education | Millett 286

7 p.m. | Latino Medical Student Association Meeting | White 120

Friday, Nov. 18

1 p.m. | University Center for International Education Immigration Lawyer Advising | Pathfinder Lounge

3 p.m. | College of Health, Education and Human Services DSAB Cards for Kids | Educational Resource Center

4 p.m. | UCIE Badminton Tournament | SU Gym

6 p.m. | Tabletop Club DND1010 | Fawcett 210

7 p.m. | Korean Club: How to Say Hello | Medical Sciences 143

8 p.m. | Residential Community Association, UAB, African Student Union & African-American Residential Caucus Movie Night: Black Panther 2 Wakanda Forever | Regal Cinemas

Saturday, Nov. 19

8 a.m. | Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers Six Sigma Lean Green Belt | Medical Sciences 145

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Sunday, Nov. 20

11 a.m. | Catholic Campus Ministry Mass | CCM

12 p.m. | H2O Church Baptism Sunday | H2O Church

News Round-Up Week of Nov. 14

- News Team
- November 14, 2022
- News

From local happenings to national topics and global events, here is the news worth knowing for the week of Nov. 14, 2022.

Local

WSU alum works on Black Panther

“Black Panther: Wakanda Forever” released on Friday, Nov. 11, which features production design from Wright State University alum Hannah Beachler ('05).

Dayton Veterans Day parade

The Dayton Veterans Affairs office held a Veterans Day parade on Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Dayton VA Medical Center. At the parade, there was a B-25 flyover, food trucks, classic cars, drill and dance teams, live music and military vehicles, among other entertainment programs.

National

Hurricane Nicole

Hurricane Nicole made landfall near Vero Beach, FL on Nov. 10 as a category one hurricane, according to a release from the office of Governor Ron DeSantis.

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DeSantis extended a State of Emergency order to all 66 Florida counties on Thursday in anticipation of the storm damage. President Joe Biden has also approved Emergency Declarations for the state of Florida and the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

The National Hurricane Center classified Nicole as a tropical depression as of Nov. 11, and the storm continues to move north. The center expects Nicole to cause sustained winds, heavy rain and possible flooding in the Carolinas and Appalachians.

Senate races

New updates from the Associated Press shows Democrat Mark Kelly as the winner of the Senate race in Arizona. AP has also called the tight race in Nevada, showing Catherine Cortez Masto winning at 48.8% to challenger Adam Laxalt's 48.1%. With these wins the Democratic party continues to hold narrow control of the U.S. Senate.

Global

Next week, Chinese leader Xi Jinping will travel outside of China for the first time since 2020, according to a report from the Associated Press. Along with attending the G-20 Summit in Bali, Xi will convene with President Joe Biden and other world leaders.

According to a statement from White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, Biden and Xi will meet on Nov. 14.

“The leaders will discuss efforts to maintain and deepen lines of communication between the United States and the PRC, responsibly manage competition, and work together where our interests align,” Jean-Pierre wrote.

Big Topics on the Ballot Take Form

- Elayna Storts
- November 15, 2022
- News

Big topics on the election ballot this year included statewide issues 1 and 2 and national issues like the Dobbs decision on reproductive rights.

Issues 1 and 2

The Ohio Secretary of State office provides the constitutional amendment that passed in the Nov. 8 election.

“[The proposed amendment would] require Ohio courts, when setting the amount of bail, to consider public safety, including the seriousness of the offense, as well as a person’s criminal record, the likelihood a person will return to court and any other factor the Ohio General Assembly may prescribe,” the official Issue 1 amendment states.

Student Government Association leaders at Wright State University weighed in on Issues 1 and 2, speaking on the impacts of both.

According to Ryan Diaz, grad student and SGA Chief of Staff, Issue 1 requires courts to consider other factors when determining bail, such as the potential risks to society.

Blake Bailey, a junior political science major and the President of SGA, explained Issue 1 in two parts.

“The first part of Issue 1 will allow for judges to consider public safety when determining bail. The second part of Issue 1 says it would no longer be required that the [Ohio] Supreme Court determine the procedure for setting bail,” Bailey explained.

The Issue 2 amendment requires that only citizens of the United States who are 18 years old and registered to vote for a minimum of 30 days can vote in the state.

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Issue 2, according to Diaz, prevents people with green cards or permanent residence from voting in elections. For the grad student, Issue 2 is personal.

“I think that it’s going backwards. People with green cards, like my grandma, not that she ever really voted anyway, but she could locally vote, so she can vote for levies, presumably school boards, that kind of thing,” Diaz said.

Diaz continued by saying that paying taxes here is the same as paying to live here.

“You know, taxation without representation is objectively bad. I mean, that’s kind of what our government is founded on,” Diaz expounded.

On election day, both Issues 1 and 2 passed at a 77% vote of yes.

Civic engagement amongst youth

Sara Suzuki is a postdoctoral research fellow at the Center for Information & Research On Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE), a nonpartisan research organization in Medford, Massachusetts. CIRCLE is specifically focused on civic youth engagement in the U.S.

Suzuki spoke about the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* (Dobbs decision), inflation and the

economy, employment and voter rights/access to polls as well as climate and racial justice issues. Suzuki mentioned that some relevant issues have taken less precedence in recent years.

“I would also add that some major issues that have sort of fallen a little bit because of these recent events in our nation, but still very important issues for young people, are climate and racial justice issues,” Suzuki said.

For Suzuki and CIRCLE, the team has seen that young people care about more issues than one, which creates dialogue about poll access. In conjunction with this, Suzuki stated that in a recent poll of people aged 18 to 29 years old, data showed that over three-quarters of young people approved of the Inflation Reduction Act, more than any other generation.

“A lot of young people really believed that it was a positive direction and that it will help them and their families,” Suzuki described.

Suzuki explains that this data speaks to a generation inspired to take action at the polls, specifically for issues that hold a personal investment. To that end, Suzuki presented more research about how young people have been inspired to vote.

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Suzuki shared that surveys showed the Dobbs decision inspired 41% of young people to vote today.

For more information about youth voter turnout, visit the [CIRCLE website](#). Voting information and election results are at the [Secretary of State website](#) and [The Wright State Guardian election coverage site](#).

Dayton's Not Dead: GEMS Boutique 937

- Zachariah Smith
- November 15, 2022
- Dayton's Not Dead

GEMS Boutique 937 is a graphic design-focused boutique selling GEM's branded products as well as local designer creations.

Behind the scenes

A co-owner of GEMS, Christien Armstrong, provided the meaning of and story behind the boutique.

"We like to think of GEMS Boutique as a staple for downtown. GEMS is actually an acronym for 'Giving Every Moment a Shot,'" Armstrong said.

Armstrong also voiced personal ideas and history behind the opening of GEMS. Armstrong was a manager of a local shoe store prior to GEMS and has a history with fashion; in highschool, Armstrong would make clothes for people, excelling in graphic printing.

Armstrong's mother was a fashion designer when Armstrong was growing up but was never able to get product into a store, according to Armstrong. This incited the motivations for Armstrong to open a fashion boutique.

And now, GEMS Boutique aims to provide a platform for local designers looking to sell garments.

"The first idea that we had was to help other designers in the city, being able to have a storefront to sell their stuff. We have a little bit less now, but in the beginning, we probably had about 8 designers in here who would rent out space and pay a small fee to have their stuff in store," Armstrong explained.

The boutique

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Opened in August 2021, during the midst of COVID-19, Armstrong expressed the risk of opening GEMS Boutique.

“We obtained the space in March but got the keys by August, so we’ve been open roughly a year. It was a risk-taking situation when we got the place. We obtained it right during COVID-19, so we took a shot,” Armstrong said.

Behind the open plan store, GEMS Boutique has a space behind the scenes that is a work in progress, according to Armstrong. Previously owned by a comedy club, Armstrong aims to convert the space into a live-networking area for local designers to meet and share ideas.

Armstrong also expressed a previous affiliation with Wright State. In the summer of 2003, Armstrong enrolled in the ‘Wright Step’ program in arts. The program provided individuals with the opportunity to gain a scholarship to Wright State however Armstrong never completed the program, yet he still supports the University and it’s students.

“I would love for Wright State [students] to come down,” Armstrong said.

For more information about GEMS Boutique, visit the [store website](#) or call 937-248-8933. The boutique is located at 514 E. Third St. in Dayton and is open Tuesday through Friday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 1:30-7 p.m.

Compassion in Action Takes on Local Volunteer Opportunity

- Savannah Harris
- November 16, 2022
- Wright Life

Earlier this week, a non-profit shoe and sock donation organization teamed with Wright State University's compassion team to hold a volunteer-based event located at the House of Bread to aid those in need.

Event

According to the Shoes 4 The Shoeless [webpage](#), the organization provides new shoes and socks to children in need in the Southwest region of Ohio.

WSU's Compassion in Action organization attended the event, providing additional sets of hands to distribute shoes and socks. The treasurer of Compassion in Action, Logan Cummings, described the organization's purpose.

"Compassion in Action is a volunteer organization here at Wright State itself. So, our goal is to reach out to other organizations and local charities and ask them if they need help with stuff because that's kind of our whole thing," Cummings said.

Cummings, along with President Kaitlyn Miller, both gave a helping hand during this event.

According to Miller, the event included a simple process of sitting with a child or adult in need, sizing feet and bringing back two pairs of shoes to choose from. Miller provided insight about the experience.

"[The kids] feel like they need to give something back, like they're confused. Like, 'why are you giving me shoes for free,' kind of thing. So, that is really eye-opening," Miller said.

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According to Cummings, there is a very large need in the United States and within the local community that people do not realize. This need and experience is surprising for the treasurer to witness.

According to the United States Census Bureau, in Ohio in 2021, there were 1.5 million people below poverty – amounting to 13.4% – while the national poverty rate sat at 12.8%.

How to get involved

There are many volunteer opportunities around the local area and within one's own community. For student's searching for an organization to join and delve into the work of helping others, Compassion In Action is one of many choices.

"We always post [events] on Engage and just have it open to all students here too, and they can just sign up through there," Miller said.

For those who want to leap right into the non-profit organization S4TS, Cummings mentions that the group welcomes volunteers. Students can find information on the S4TS [webpage](#) or the Compassion in Action Engage page.

"Once you have that volunteer time, you see what you can do to help," Cummings said.

Native American Heritage Month: IASCA Lecture Series

- Emily Mancuso
- November 16, 2022
- Wright Life

On Nov. 14, members of the Indigenous American Culture Student Association educated the campus community about the rich history of multiple Native peoples as part of Native American Heritage Month.

Native American Heritage Month

According to the National Congress of American Indians, Native American Heritage Month is a time to commemorate the cultures and histories, alongside important contributions, of Native people.

In the spirit of this month, the IASCA has and will continue to conduct educational and fun events, including a Navajo rug presentation, LGBT-IACSA Film Fest and more.

The IASCA Lecture Series was the third of such events following the Commencement Busk on Nov. 3 and Corn Husk Dolls on Nov. 9.

The President of IACSA, Eliza Lazarus-War Lo Pe Hee Hendrix, elaborated on the importance of this month.

“We feel a responsibility to help fill in a lot of gaps people have when it comes to Indigenous Americans and who we are,” Hendrix said.

Lectures

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Student Brad Kerry began with the history of the Chippewa trade system in the Great Lakes region, dispelling myths and educating on the advanced technology and knowledge that the Chippewa possessed.

“The Chippewa has a very advanced understanding of geometry, and with these canoes with their knowledge of navigation and knowledge of geometry, they were able to [create] these [hyper-accurate] maps,” Kerry said.

Kerry also spoke of the intricacies of Chippewa watercraft, territory, fur trade, agriculture and ore extraction.

Asian Student Association President Ryan Diaz presented on the Apache warrior Geronimo told through Geronimo’s own words interspersed with the history of the Apache, which sometimes differed from the historical record of this famous Native American.

In addition to Kerry’s dialogue, Diaz also dispelled common myths associated with Native people.

“Contrary to popular belief, [Geronimo’s] also a farmer. A lot of people don’t think of the Apache as farming people, and it’s worth mentioning that this farming is not the same as what you think of. This is subsistence farming,” Diaz said.

Diaz went on to describe the farming methods of the Apache, traditionally thought of as a “warrior tribe.”

Diaz used this history to provide context to the story of Geronimo. Diaz explained the murder of Geronimo’s family at the hands of Mexican settlers while also explaining Geronimo’s stay as a prisoner of war in Florida.

To conclude the lecture series, Hendrix presented on the Ancient Aliens Conspiracy, correcting the many falsehoods the television series spreads about Indigenous American civilization.

For more information and educational events from the IASCA, visit the organization’s [Engage page](#).

Raiders Take Game Against BGSU

- Adam Campbell
- November 16, 2022
- Men's Basketball
- Sports

Following an impressive victory over Louisville this past weekend, the Wright State University men's basketball team returned home to square off against the Falcons of Bowling Green State University on Tuesday night.

Before the game

Senior guard Trey Calvin earned Horizon League player of the week last week following a 37 point performance against Davidson with the game-winning shot over Louisville.

In matchup history, both the Raiders and Falcons claimed eight wins over 16 meetings.

The game

The Raiders started the game sloppily, frustrating head coach Scott Nagy.

"We messed up a couple things early, and it bothered me so much that I couldn't get myself pulled back together emotionally," Nagy stated.

The Raiders relied on a solid defensive performance to help propel the team through the evening.

After coming back from an injury that had the forward sidelined the entirety of last season, freshman Brandon Noel had a personal best performance of the season, posting a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Noel commented on this gameplay with a focus on the future.

"I am happy with it, but there are a lot of things I could have done better. I'm going to keep going, and I'm grateful to be out there," Noel said.

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WSU took a five point lead into halftime, leading 32-27. In the second half, WSU relied on the offensive side of the ball to pull ahead.

“In the second half, we couldn’t stop them, but they couldn’t stop us,” Nagy noted.

BGSU scored 12 points in the first two minutes in the second half. On WSU’s end, senior transfer Amari Davis posted 19 points, shooting 8-13 from the field.

“I’m perfecting my midrange shot everyday. Anytime I get in those positions, I just shoot it with confidence,” Davis explained.

Nagy utilizes Davis in situations that the coach also emphasizes for WSU on defense. Nagy described how this plays out on the WSU side.

“A lot of the shots Amari takes are shots we try to force the other team to take: contested midrange jumpshots,” Nagy said. “He is an exceptional midrange shooter.”

WSU had nine players in the scoring column, making it difficult for other teams to scout the Raiders. Nagy commented on the independence of the team and its decision-making on the court.

“I don’t know what we are going to do. I just put the trust in the players, and we give them a lot of freedom offensively,” Nagy said.

Despite having 15 turnovers and allowing multiple Falcon offensive runs, WSU held on and won by a final score of 80-71.

Moving forward

With the victory, WSU moves on to 2-1 and will return home Thursday evening to face Defiance.

Viewers can find the game on ESPN+ and listen on WWSU 106.9 FM.

Ohio Unemployment Returns to Pre-Pandemic Levels

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- Angela Davis
- November 17, 2022
- News

Two years after the height of COVID-19, unemployment rates in Ohio and the Dayton area have returned to pre-pandemic levels. With lower unemployment comes more opportunities in a number of industries.

Unemployment rate trends

After the COVID-19 pandemic led to high unemployment rates across the country, the job market has started to recover.

Before the pandemic, the Ohio unemployment rate trended around 4%. During the height of the pandemic in the second quarter of 2020, unemployment in Ohio rose above 10% for a three month period between April and July, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In Dayton, the peak was 15% in April 2020, according to reports from FRED Economic Data at the St. Louis Fed.

The BLS now puts the U.S. unemployment rate at 3.5% as of September 2022. In Ohio, that number is 4%, nearly a 1% decrease from September 2021.

FRED data puts the unemployment rate in Dayton specifically at 3.8%, which is down half a percentage point from last year.

The job market

Lance Cauley, Associate Director of Career Services at Wright State University, explained that unemployment in Ohio and the Dayton area often trend around 3-5%, having leveled off during

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pandemic highs. The Dayton labor market is typically healthy, and a healthy labor market means plentiful job opportunities for Dayton residents.

“We have a record number of employers that are interested in recruiting Wright State students and alumni specifically for opportunities in the Dayton region,” Cauley enthused. “We have a lot of good industries that drive a lot of the amount of the employment growth.”

Industries recruiting in Dayton include healthcare, education and defense. Cauley further explained that these are industries that usually maintain the need for work. As a result, the Dayton market stays stable, while other areas might not follow any predictable trend.

According to Cauley, there is a very high demand for Wright State students from job recruiters.

Speaking about the career fair that was held last month, Cauley said that career services did not have enough space for the multitude of interested employers.

Wright State students and alumni looking for work in the area will find many interested employers as well. For more information about employment options in the Dayton area, visit the [WSU career services page](#).

Faculty Senate: Continued Discussion on Campus Parking and Midterm Grades

- Elayna Storts
- November 17, 2022
- News

During the November Faculty Senate meeting, members discussed feedback from the midterm grade survey among other items of importance, such as parking, commencement and registration.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee letter

The President of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Brian Boyd, conducted the meeting on Nov. 14 at 2:30 p.m. in the Student Union Endeavor Room. First was the call to order followed by approval of October meeting minutes.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee wrote the Faculty Senate Executive Committee a letter regarding the new campus parking system.

The contents of the letter consist of updates to the Wright Way Policy 7410.4, staffing issues, student reactions to the new parking system, faculty parking difficulties and the lack of transparency while implementing the new parking policy.

The committee believes that the current parking policy is confusing as it states that the policy has been updated but still holds the content of the old parking system.

According to the committee, due to retirement and other staffing issues, full-time parking staff went from three people to one person. The committee asked that the administration provide a detailed budget analysis on the parking and budget cuts currently occurring at the university. The committee also explained in the letter how the new parking policy decreases WSU's revenue by about half a million dollars. The committee is skeptical if the new parking policy was the best choice for the university.

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There has been no survey given to students about the new system change, but the committee mentioned working with student government. Student government wrote a letter with the overall thoughts of WSU students about the policy.

The committee also noted that a lot of faculty are not happy with the current parking situation as it has become harder for faculty to find parking, especially during the midday hours. The committee believes that consultation with faculty was necessary prior to changes in the policy.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee believed that the implementation of the new parking policy to put students first was meaningful; however, there was a lack of transparency to not only students, but faculty and staff as well.

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee sent the documents to Director of Public Safety Kurt Holden to help fix matters.

Prerequisites

The committee decided in a unanimous vote that the management of prerequisites would be solely by the registrar. The automated prerequisites can be opted in or out based on departments.

Midterm grade survey feedback

Guest speakers Tim Littell, associate vice provost for student success, and Blake Bailey, student government association president, shared a report of the midterm grade survey.

Littell presented the data from the survey: 86% of faculty submitted participation rosters, and 116 students on rosters that never attended classes dropped those given courses.

35% of faculty submitted a midterm grade, amounting to 14,623 grades. 7,481 students received at least one midterm grade.

“80% of students who responded to the survey thought that their midterm grades were helpful. Two-thirds of them wished that their faculty member had submitted midterm grades for all their courses,” Littell explained.

For more information on the midterm grade survey, visit [this previous Guardian article](#) and Littell's powerpoint attached to the November Faculty Senate agenda.

Meeting overview

University Provost Dr. Amy Thompson encouraged faculty to go to commencement, which is only four weeks away on Dec. 9 and 10. The faculty deadline for registration for commencement is Nov. 21 at 5 p.m.

Thompson also mentioned a “First Destination Survey” that collects post-graduate plans for graduates to help assess WSU’s impact on student success.

On Nov. 11, spring course registration opened to all students; Thompson encouraged students to register as soon as possible.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will occur on Dec. 5 at 2:30 p.m. in the Endeavor Room of the Student Union.

WSU and Religious Expression

- Emily Mancuso
- November 18, 2022
- Wright Life

Wright State University boasts multiple religiously affiliated organizations on campus, expressing a variety of major faiths and practices.

Christianity

According to the WSU Engage site, there are 11 faith-based organizations on campus. Out of these 11 organizations, seven are Christian organizations, making up just over 60% of all WSU religious organizations, which also include Islam and Judaism.

According to the Pew Research Center, approximately 70% of surveyed Americans in 2014 identified as Christian.

H2O Church President Julia Forbes says that the church attracts a mixture of Wright State students, graduates and other young professionals around the area.

H2O will often express faith through campus tabling, Sunday services and Life Group, a Christian gathering where a small group meets for Bible discussion, prayer and connection with the H2O community.

“For me, I come from a family that is more culturally religious,” Forbes said. “I love being able to be on campus with my H2O community. I know that they love me and have my back no matter what. We also constantly encourage one another to grow closer to God.”

Islam

Much like the H2O Church, the Muslim Student Association focuses on a blend of faith and community.

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According to MSA president Marwah Almuzoughi, activities include sports tournaments, regular Friday prayers and regular boys and girls Halakha, a Muslim gathering for religious discussion with a religious scholar.

According to the Pew research study, 0.9% of surveyed Americans identified as Muslim, but Almuzoughi explains that there is still a strong sense of community from the over 200 registered members in MSA and the approximately 500 Muslim students on campus.

“When I was in high school, I wasn’t around Muslims, but when I moved to Wright State, there is a little bit more diversity than I had in high school. Now, I have friends of the same religion. We can talk about things, it makes life a little bit easier,” Almuzoughi said.

As a minority religious group, a large part of MSA is educating the greater campus population.

During Muslim Culture Night on Nov. 4, domestic and international students from a variety of nationalities and cultures gave traditional performances, provided food and created a space to educate others about the diversity of the Islamic faith.

Judaism

As the oldest surviving monotheistic religion representing approximately 1.9% of Americans, the Jewish faith has a rich culture and history to explore.

The organization J-Shoft, which serves the Jewish community in the WSU Boonshoft School of Medicine, connects Jewish students or people interested in learning more about Judaism who go to medical school by providing activities and community, according to co-president Hilary Kleppel.

Kleppel explained that these activities include traditional Jewish holiday celebrations and a weekly Friday Shabbat dinner in a potluck style with attending members.

In addition to the previously mentioned groups, J-Shoft welcomes all students regardless of faith or identity.

“We are a very open group who are happy to share in our religion and share our religion to people who are interested in learning,” Kleppel said.

A very recent addition to campus in 2020, J-Shoft is the only current Jewish organization at WSU.

Gothic Gala at WSU: Queer Prom

- Alexis Lewis
- November 18, 2022
- Wright Life

LGBTQA+ leadership on Wright State's campus to hold dinner and prom for the campus community.

Chosen Family Feast

The Chosen Family Feast is the precursor event leading up to Queer Prom. On Saturday, Nov. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m., the LGBTQA+ Center will hold the annual event in the Student Union Endeavor Room as a celebration of one's chosen family before the upcoming holiday breaks, according to the center's assistant director Emily Yantis-Houser.

Yantis-Houser described the meaning of "chosen family" and how this term plays a role in the environment and lives of many people in the LGBTQA+ campus community.

"'Chosen family' is the idea that family is made up of people who intentionally choose to nurture and support one another regardless of blood or legal ties," Yantis-Houser began. "We recognize many LGBTQA+ students, staff and faculty come from unaccepting and unsafe family [and] home situations and may be going home over winter break to those situations."

During the event, the center will provide a holiday dinner consisting of turkey and vegetarian lasagna, among other fixings; according to Yantis-Houser, there will also be an opportunity to make corsages and decorate cookies and ornaments, among other activities.

Queer Prom

Queer Prom directly follows Chosen Family Feast and lasts from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Apollo Room of the Student Union.

In the fourth annual Queer Prom, Rainbow Alliance is raising money for the LGBTQIA scholarship with fundraising activities, including the sale of raffle tickets and song requests.

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According to Rainbow Alliance President Emily Winkelman, there are 17 baskets up for grabs in the raffle from shops in Yellow Springs, Equitas Health and campus organizations, including Student Involvement and Leadership, Abilities and Astronomical Collaboration. Students can choose preferred baskets when submitting raffles.

This year's theme, "Gothic Gala," was a unanimous vote for Rainbow Alliance; this theme encapsulates the Addams Family with red and black decorations, according to Vice President Alex Baughman.

Baughman also explained the meaning of Queer Prom.

"It's an opportunity for students who maybe weren't able to participate in prom in the way that they wanted to during high school and also just a nice little party," Baughman said.

Winkelman added to this, explaining further the difference between prom experiences at different stages in life.

"There's a lot of people who cannot go with their partner, and especially queer people, and there's a lot of people who haven't come out yet," Winkelman said. "It's important because we just make everyone feel safe, and I think a lot of people have grown since those dances when they were younger, and they've become more of themselves and more unique individuals."

The president and vice president mentioned that Rainbow Alliance welcomes volunteers to help decorate for the dance, noting an arrival time of 3 p.m. in the Apollo Room.

For more information about Queer Prom and Rainbow Alliance's future events, such as an educating and free testing for HIV/AIDS event on Nov. 30, visit the organization's [Engage page](#).

Women's Basketball Dominates Home Opener

- Noah Kindig
- November 20, 2022
- Sports
- Women's Basketball

Wright State University women's basketball dominated the Ohio Christian Trailblazers in its home opener with nearly 3,000 fans in attendance for the annual education game.

Coaching standpoint

The 98-37 final score gave second-year head coach Kari Hoffman a chance to play 12 players on the roster with success on defense and offense across the board.

With five players in double digit scoring, and the maximum number of minutes someone played being 25, this game was a chance for the entire roster to show what it can do on the court.

"I think we are pretty deep, I really do," Hoffman said. "We're on the verge of finding out what a couple of players who are returning from injury can do, and so I'm happy to give them some minutes, and I was happy that there was a lot of success across the board."

Rebuilding

After WSU struggled last year with a 4-19 record in Hoffman's first season, the team needs a chance to rebuild and develop. The Raiders had a 0-2 record to start the 2022-2023 campaign after losses to Bowling Green and Toledo.

But, the Raiders did not break from the losses and focused on getting better throughout the week to win on Thursday.

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“We started out pretty slow in our last two games, and that’s been frustrating,” Hoffman said. “But, we didn’t want to focus on that, we wanted to be our best selves.”

To continue forward, the Raiders have a tough non-conference schedule with a lot of away games. Hoffman committed the team to a difficult schedule, but this choice will improve the Raiders in the long run.

“Obviously, I’ve set us up for a really tough one this year, but hopefully it’ll make us stronger,” Hoffman said. “We’ll be back here in two weeks and hopefully not feel like strangers here.”

With away games at Ohio State and Tennessee highlighting the schedule, hopefully tough opposition can pay off in the team’s first conference matchup in early December.

Education Day

The first home game of the season was a special one for WSU, as education game day brought kids from around the Dayton area to watch the basketball game.

The game is often the highest-attendance game of the year for the Raiders, and this one might be as well, with around 2,900 fans in attendance for Thursday’s action.

The energy of the fans and students in attendance were big for Hoffman and the Raiders, pushing the team to nearly 100 points on offense.

“I love education game day,” Hoffman said. “Those guys were awesome today, just you know, waving their little glow sticks and just bringing the energy. They really wanted us to get to 100, but I’m glad our players didn’t push that much.”

The 98-37 win was a stepping stone for a program that needed a win and to see what it is working with, all leading up to a non-conference matchup against Ohio State and later the team’s first conference game.

The next Raider home game is against Robert Morris on Dec. 2 at 6 p.m.

Events on Campus Week of Nov. 21

- Alexis Lewis
- November 21, 2022
- Wright Life

Events for the week of Nov. 21 include Black Family Feast, a bake sale and club meetings.

Monday, Nov. 21

3 p.m. | Indigenous American Culture Student Association Sterlin Harjo, Reservation Dogs and Indigenous Identity | Oelman 109

5 p.m. | Tabletop Club Game Nights | Fawcett 210

6 p.m. | Black Student Union Black Family Feast | Student Union Apollo Room

7 p.m. | Troupe Meeting | Oelman 109

Tuesday, Nov. 22

11 a.m. | C.J. McLin Jr. Scholars Association Bake Sale | SU Table 02

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

5 p.m. | German Club Meeting | Millett 286

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

Wednesday, Nov. 23

6 p.m. | Rainbow Alliance Weekly Meeting | Rike 166

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Sunday, Nov. 27

11 a.m. | Catholic Campus Ministry Mass | CCM

6 p.m. | Abilities Study Tables | Rike 018

Volleyball Sweeps Conference Championship 3-0 Over Rival NKU

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- Noah Kindig
- November 22, 2022
- Sports

Wright State University volleyball is headed to the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament for the second time in three seasons after sweeping the Northern Kentucky Norse 3-0 in the conference tournament.

The '22 season

This season has been a standout performance for the whole Raider squad, which went undefeated in conference play (20-0) and won 23 straight games on the road to a Horizon League title.

For first year head coach Travers Green, the title is proof that the former Mississippi State associate head coach deserves to run the program.

“It’s been such a privilege to have this opportunity, but also to have things go the way that they did. A lot of things had to go right, from us being welcomed to the pieces we had, it’s incredible,” Green said.

23 in a row

Winning a conference championship is one thing to give a momentum boost to a roster, but the Raiders pushed this season to its limits, sweeping the conference championship 3-0 for 23 straight wins.

“What we did this season is unreal. To go undefeated the whole time, and everybody’s on board, and everybody put in the work every single day,” Taylor Bransfield, a middle blocker for WSU, said. “It just shows all our hard work and what we did to get here. It’s incredible.”

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The Raider offense dominated opposing defenses in the tournament through the number of attacking threats. Sam Ott paced the Raiders with 13 kills and five service aces, but Megan Alders, Callie Martin, Aaliyah Byers and Bransfield all stepped up on championship day.

“Since we’re so spread out and balanced across the board, anybody can do anything and all of our hitters can put the ball away,” Bransfield said. “It helps so much because their block doesn’t know which way to go.”

While NKU’s block was solid throughout the match, WSU’s hitters were able to spread out and force the defense to keep moving, allowing the Raiders to punch through.

“We built our system throughout the year in how we attack certain things. We have teams that are similar to NKU in terms of their schemes, but we just have really talented players,” Green said. “We try to keep things simple so they can just be able to play and be free.”

Why we celebrate

For WSU’s players, this season’s championship brings even more joy than the previous victory because the team can truly celebrate it. Tournament Most Valuable Player, WSU’s Jenna Story, won with the Raiders two seasons ago, but COVID-19 restrictions stopped fans from attending. Now, Story can celebrate.

“Yeah, the energy was just crazy, and we haven’t experienced that here yet,” Story said. “It’s amazing that we can have other people to celebrate with because they’ve all helped us get where we are today, and we couldn’t be here without them.”

Bransfield, who was injured during the championship game the last time the Raiders won, had to go through months of surgery and recovery to play again. Now, Bransfield has the chance to celebrate the win and play in the NCAA Tournament for the first time.

Bransfield stepped up for the Raiders this year after recovery, hitting 320 kills in the 2022 season, just short of a team high 322.

“We all have each other’s back, and it just is what makes the team so great,” Bransfield said. “We are so prepared every day, and everyone believes and trusts that we can do it.”

The Raider team now waits for the announcement of its first-round opponent one week after the victory, as the NCAA Volleyball Selection show airs Sunday, Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

ALSA Tutors at the El Puente Learning Center

- Savannah Harris
- November 22, 2022
- Wright Life

This past Thursday, the Amigos Latinos Student Association visited the El Puente Learning Center to aid Spanish-speaking students in educational opportunities.

The event

On Nov. 17 from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Wright State University's ALSA traveled down to the El Puente Learning Center in Dayton and spent some time with students.

According to ALSA President Mariangely Bonilla Custodio, the organization helps students with challenges ranging from homework and reading to grammar and pronunciation.

"We are giving back to the community and tutoring ESL children who may only know Spanish, like Spanish is their first language. So, sometimes they struggle in grammar, pronunciation, and their parents are also Spanish speakers," Custodio said. "Sometimes they might not have the help they need when they go home to get their homework done."

Vice President Isabel Nicolich reflected on personal experiences that act as motivators to do more.

"As a first-generation student myself, I know some of the struggles these children are experiencing. Before I volunteered, I told myself, 'If I could just help one student with their homework, that would be enough.' Seeing a student's face light up when you help them is motivating in itself," Nicolich said.

Being a part of the Latin community heightens Custodio's desire to help people succeed and feel comfortable in the United States.

Latino Center Assistant Director Catherine Hernandez Hogan mentions a constant search for opportunities to connect students to the local Latino community.

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“It’s a natural opportunity for us to connect them and let them see Latino college students succeeding and let the Latino students be a part of the solution of helping them improve their reading comprehension so that they can have awesome opportunities,” Hogan said.

According to Nicolich, many first-generation students feel a ‘catch up’ dynamic in regard to fellow peers, so this event gives ALSA the opportunity to connect with and support the Latino children in the community.

How to get involved

For students interested in volunteering and getting involved in the surrounding community, there are upcoming opportunities in ALSA. According to the president, the organization volunteers around two to three times a semester and will have more El Puente tutoring events and volunteer events this upcoming spring.

Students do not have to be a member of ALSA nor know Spanish to lend a hand.

“It is open to everyone,” Custodio clarified.

Hogan and Custodio are the contact points for more information.

Student Government Association: Election Resolution

- Elayna Storts
- November 23, 2022
- News

Wright State University's Student Government Association hopes to pass a new resolution that would allow students, faculty and staff to have election day off.

Election resolution

SGA proposed a new election resolution 23-06, which states that students, faculty and staff would have election day off.

Brandon Blair, Vice President of SGA, explained that the goal of the resolution is not only to get election day off, but also to attach it to a weekend, creating a break period. For example, if election day is on a Tuesday, students, faculty and staff would have that Monday before off.

The resolution names organizations that have tried to implement similar changes, such as the Black Student Union, Black Men on the Move, Wright State Votes, Left of Center and College Republicans.

The vice president mentioned that no singular person or organization came up with the idea and that many have tried to do this before; however, those resolutions did not pass. SGA hopes that this time will be different.

According to SGA President Blake Bailey, SGA sent the resolution to university Provost Dr. Amy Thompson, who then gave it to the registrar, who will then provide feedback and recommend to SGA what can be done.

Bailey explained that if the resolution does get passed, the earliest it could be implemented would be the next academic school year.

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Alaina Collins, Commuter Senator of SGA, helped write the resolution. According to Collins, reading similar resolutions from other universities helped determine the format and outline of the WSU version.

SGA members spoke about why this resolution is important for Wright State.

“We want students to be able to have more opportunity to go and vote, especially since we are at a heavy commuter school. I know I had to go back to where I live where I’m registered to vote,” Collins said.

Collins believes that this will allow students to have more time to go home and vote.

“I think Wright State deserves their beliefs to be reflected in the office, and part of that is being able to go and vote,” Bailey noted.

To learn more, feel free to attend the weekly SGA meetings that occur every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Atlantis Room of the Student Union. SGA meetings are also available to attend virtually through WebEx.

Men's Basketball Goes 2-1 at the Vegas 4 Tournament

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- Noah Kindig
- November 27, 2022
- Men's Basketball
- Sports

Wright State University men's basketball had its last games before conference play this week in Vegas, going 2-1 at the Vegas 4 Tournament versus Abilene Christian, UC Riverside and Weber State.

Game Overview

The Raiders' loss versus UC Riverside showed some of the roster's weaknesses, but the Raiders continued to score and defend well throughout the game. Now, the team focuses on fixing those weaknesses before its first conference match versus Robert Morris on Dec. 1.

Dynamic Duo

Offensively, the Raiders run through senior duo Amari Davis and Trey Calvin, with Calvin able to score from anywhere on the court and Davis focusing on the mid-range game and rebounding.

WSU spreads the ball across its offense, but the team needs Davis and Calvin to lead the charge; otherwise, the rest of the team can not make up for the lost ground.

The loss to UC Riverside was the only time that neither Calvin nor Davis had double-digit points, and the Raiders lost 65-70. Three other Raiders had double-digit points to try and salvage the game, but WSU could not catch up without the offensive duo running the offense.

Brandon Noel has been the sixth man for WSU this season, with the capability to take over the game after subbing in for AJ Braun.

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Noel came off the bench with double-digit points in all three games and double-doubles in two of the three games. Noel's best tournament game was a 23 point performance against Weber State, where the forward shot 10-11 from the floor, efficiently leading WSU in points.

Looking at the conference

The trouble for the Raiders to start conference play most likely will not be the team's opener versus the Robert Morris Colonials but its second match versus Youngstown State.

The Colonials have struggled to perform offensively recently, scoring 51 points in its recent loss versus the University of Dayton and losing two games in a row before its last two non-conference matchups.

With defensive-minded players like Tim Finke on the lineup, the Raiders will successfully deal with the Colonial offense.

Sunday's matchup against Youngstown State could be troublesome. The Penguins sit at 4-2 overall, holding close games against Notre Dame and Navy in its only two losses.

The Penguins team is a significant threat offensively, scoring 90 points or more in three of its six games; however, it also struggles defensively, causing high-scoring games for both teams whenever the Penguins play.

Events on Campus Week of Nov. 28

- Alexis Lewis
- November 28, 2022
- Wright Life

Events for the week of Nov. 28 include Grilled Cheese Hotline, Diverse Worlds of Mesoamerica Lunch, La Comida End of Semester Celebration and a movie night.

Monday, Nov. 28

2 p.m. | University Activities Board & Rainbow Alliance Make-and-Take Tie Dye Shirt | Student Union Atrium

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

Tuesday, Nov. 29

11 a.m. | The '67 Society Winter Grad Fest 2022 | SU Apollo

11 a.m. | UAB De-Stress Coloring and Bracelets | Dunbar Library Group Study Room

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

4:30 p.m. | Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity Study Tables | Rike 060

5:30 p.m. | Miracle Makers Grilled Cheese Hotline Sponsored by Frisch's | Forest Lane Community Center

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

Wednesday, Nov. 30

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11 a.m. | Indigenous American Culture Student Association Diverse Worlds of Mesoamerica Lunch | Millett Atrium

6 p.m. | Rainbow Alliance Meeting | Rike 166

Thursday, Dec. 1

11 a.m. | Amigos Latinos Student Association La Comida End of Semester Celebration | SU 108A & Pathfinder Lounge

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

Friday, Dec. 2

11 a.m. | UAB Proud to be a Raider Day | SU Atrium

3 p.m. | Muslim Student Association Winter Drive | Bridges of Hope

7 p.m. | Astronomical Collaboration Meeting | Millett 028

8 p.m. | Residential Community Association Movie Night: Thor; Love and Thunder | Oelman 109

Sunday, Dec. 4

11 a.m. | H2Ohana Service | Student Success Center 009

6:30 p.m. | Catholic Campus Ministry Mass | CCM

Miracle Makers to Host Grilled Cheese Hotline Event Tomorrow Evening

- Adam Campbell
- November 28, 2022
- Wright Life

The Wright State University Miracle Makers will host one of its largest events of the semester this Tuesday.

The event

On Tuesday, Nov. 29, the WSU Miracle Makers will host the annual Grilled Cheese Hotline. The event will last from 5:30 p.m. until midnight. The hotline, which is sponsored by Frisch's Big Boy, is one of the most anticipated events of the year.

"It is one of the biggest fundraisers we do throughout the year. It is a great time for us to bond as an organization and connect with the community," Executive Director Amber Barga mentioned.

Students can purchase a grilled cheese sandwich for \$2 or tomato soup for \$1. Members within the organization will deliver to anywhere on campus or to apartments on Zink Road for an additional \$2 charge. Otherwise, students can pick up orders in the Forest Lane Community Center.

Background

Miracle Makers is a student-run philanthropic organization that hosts events and raises funds and awareness for the Dayton Children's Hospital, according to the organization's [Engage page](#). The two biggest events of the year include Raiderthon and the Grilled Cheese Hotline event.

Roselynn Duncan is a first year member in Miracle Makers. After searching for many ways to get involved on campus, Duncan realized that Miracle Makers was the best fit and is excited to work the Grilled Cheese Hotline event for the first time.

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“I wanted to join an organization that could impact others. I want to work in the medical field and thought it would benefit me to work for kids at Dayton Children’s,” Duncan said.

The cause

All proceeds from the Grilled Cheese Hotline will go to Dayton Children’s Hospital and will be applied to the “Greatest Need” fund, where the hospital will provide funds for families with children in the hospital who may need financial help. This includes food and bills.

Students can call to order at 937-423-7229 or online by filling out a Google Doc form prior to or during the event. To learn more about the event or other upcoming events, follow Miracle Makers on social media @wsu_mm.

News Round-Up Week of Nov. 28

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- News Team
- November 28, 2022
- News

From local happenings to national topics and global events, here is the news worth knowing for the week of Nov. 28, 2022.

Local

According to the Dayton Police Department, one shot was fired during the Dayton Children's parade on Nov. 25. Investigation of the incident is still underway by the department.

Governor Mike DeWine announced on Nov. 21 that 33 Ohio universities and colleges will receive a total of \$5 million in funding for safety and security projects. Wright State University, Ohio University, Cleveland State University and Central State University are a few colleges included in this grant.

The Wright State University volleyball team dominated in semifinals, earning an automatic bid to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championship.

National

A Search and Rescue team responded to an incident in the Narrows of Zion National Park in Springdale, Utah on the morning of Nov. 23.

One woman died while hiking with her husband, according to a news release from the National Park Service.

According to the release, the couple began experiencing hypothermia-like symptoms during the overnight hike.

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Visitors to the park found the woman unresponsive on the trail and administered CPR. When Zion Search and Rescue arrived, the team administered further emergency aid, but the woman was deceased.

Visitors and park rangers found the man with some injuries. Park rangers transported the man to the Zion Emergency Operations Center.

“The Washington County Sheriff’s Office, Utah Office of the Medical Examiner and the National Park Service are still investigating the cause of the woman’s death,” according to the news release.

Hikers are encouraged to take necessary precautions during the colder months.

Global

The FIFA World Cup is back, and the event has provided a fair share of upsets early on in the tournament.

On Wednesday, Nov. 23, Japan defeated Germany in a shocking comeback victory. Japan scored a goal with 15 minutes remaining, according to the [official website](#) for the global event. From there, Japan took that momentum and used it to score another goal, eventually winning the game 2-1.

The win is seen as the biggest victory in the team’s history on this stage. Players also honored their country’s entertainment culture by donning uniforms inspired by popular soccer-themed manga/anime series’ “Blue Lock” and “Giant Killing.”

Another upset of note occurred a day earlier between Saudi Arabia and Argentina. The Argentinian national team features superstar Lionel Messi, but the 2-1 upset by Saudi Arabia created a whirlwind of excitement for the team and shock amongst the crowd who witnessed it.

Teams to Watch at the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar

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The biggest sports event in the world is officially underway, and the FIFA World Cup 2022 has already surprised fans with fantastic soccer, entertaining matches and surprising teams.

With 32 teams in the group stage fighting for 16 spots and a chance at glory in the beautiful game, it can be tough to find which teams rise above the rest. These are the teams to watch for the rest of the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

The expected

With the strongest regional leagues and some of the largest emphasis on soccer globally, European teams and South American rosters usually stand above the rest in international competition. This year has been no different.

England has put together a robust and well-balanced lineup under head coach Gareth Southgate. The English side in this tournament is several players deep at any position with local talent quickly rising through the ranks of the premier league.

The team's convincing 6-2 win over Iran was clouded by the recent 0-0 draw versus the United States, but the English roster still sits at the top of group B and is almost certain to finish first place in the group.

Spain is the next European powerhouse in this tournament, shocking the soccer world with a 7-0 thrashing of Costa Rica. The team balances experience with younger talent to dominate possession of the ball and create chances with so many players on the ball that can finish.

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Brazil is the nation that always seems like it is going to be in the finals – and for a good reason. The team has competed in every World Cup and has won the most out of any country. This year doesn't look any different, either, as Brazil took its home opener against Serbia 2-0.

After Brazilian superstar Neymar was taken out of the match due to injury, Richarlison scored both goals for Brazil, including what could be the goal of the tournament. Richarlison has nine goals in a personal last seven international appearances and will have more to come.

The surprises

The most exciting part of this World Cup has been watching the potential of teams from lesser regions, as those teams stand up and take down some of the biggest teams on the planet.

Argentina was the roster that was supposed to dominate group C with an opening match against Saudi Arabia, a country that has never had much success internationally. After a minute 10 penalty gave ARG's Lionel Messi the opening goal, the game looked over.

What was completely unexpected was for Saudi Arabian to strike twice in five minutes, taking down the Argentine roster 2-1. The Saudis only had three shots on target to ARG's seven, but the Saudi Arabian team made its opportunities count.

Japan versus Germany shares a very similar story, as Germany scored a penalty early on, and the game looked over; but, Japanese attackers Ritsu Doan and Takuma Asano connected twice in eight minutes to stun the Germans, despite only having four shots on target versus GER's nine.

Canada is not a country thought of when talking about soccer, but the Canadian roster brings an exciting form of attacking football to the tournament centered around star Alphonso Davies. The Canadian team may have lost its opener to Belgium 0-1, but the match looked like a Canada win.

Finally, the U.S. has a roster of young and upcoming talent but has struggled to score. The roster has netted two ties so far, and a win versus Iran will seal a spot in the round of 16. The U.S.'s 0-0 draw versus England is a huge step for the team and proves it will fight against any opponent.

Best Animes to Watch on a Cozy Snow Day

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December is nearly here, which means that winter is not too far away. With a higher likelihood for snow on the uptick, here are a few anime to binge on a snow day.

Writers Note:

These series feature episodes that take place during the winter; however, these series are not *entirely* set during the season. Each one establishes a cozy vibe in some way, shape or form. After all, this is an essential element of a great snow day.

My Senpai is Annoying (2021)

Those looking for a short romantic comedy series should check out “My Senpai is Annoying”. This series centers around an office full of interesting characters, but more specifically Futaba Igarashi’s annoyance with her senpai, or known as the person she wants to impress.

At 12 episodes total, this is a great option for viewers who want to finish an entire series in one sitting.

This series is currently available to watch on Funimation.

Horimiya (2021)

Kyoko Hori is a popular student with a cheery disposition, while Izumi Miyamura is a loner type who always seems to mope around. As the two navigate their differences, they eventually learn that the similarities exist in multitudes.

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“Horimiya” is a slice of life, romantic comedy series that will surely have you feeling merry as the snow taps on the ground, and at 13 episodes, there is not a big time commitment to withstand either.

“Horimiya” is available to watch on Crunchyroll.

Komi Can’t Communicate (2021)

Shoko Komi enters high school with the goal of making 100 friends. It is a lofty goal, sure, but one that is made even more difficult due to her crippling social angst.

This series is, again, a slice of life series “Komi Can’t Communicate” is a relaxing series that will have audience members laughing at all the eccentric personalities who pop up in Komi’s everyday life.

There are two seasons available to enjoy on Netflix.

Haikyuu!! (2014-2020)

This acclaimed sports anime is perfect for people who are looking for a side of excitement to go along with a main dish of snug.

“Haikyuu” is, at its core, a slice of life story that revolves around a boys volleyball team that is determined to re-establish the legacy of Karasuno High School. Along the way, the team competes against an eclectic mix of opponents that are just as easy to root for.

This is a story full of endearing characters, amazing character development, rivalries and great competition on the volleyball court.

It is worth noting that there are currently 85 episodes of the series in total, so maybe this is an anime to enjoy over many snow days.

“Haikyuu!!” is available to watch on Crunchyroll.

Mental Health Task Force at Wright State University

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Leaders across a variety of departments at Wright State University have created a mental health task force to create and sponsor continued opportunities for mental health awareness.

What is JED?

JED is a non-profit organization that two parents started in 2000 after the two lost a son, Jed, to suicide. From that point onward, the organization has worked to develop blueprints for suicide prevention while becoming a national leader in young adult mental health awareness in the process.

“We do this by equipping individuals, strengthening schools and mobilizing communities,” the organization’s website states.

The organization now has a national program known as JED Campus, which has over 380 colleges and universities that is ever expanding. JED Campus offers a four-year commitment that promises hands-on program and policy guidance for partnering institutions.

Mental health task force at WSU

Provost Dr. Amy Thompson spoke about the goals that the mental health task force set in place at a Student Government Association meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022.

Provost Thompson established the task force in early Oct. and then brought the matter before the student government. At the meeting, discussion about the task force beginning the transition process into a JED campus took place.

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“We are working on getting funding to become a JED campus,” Thompson said.

Thompson made clear that the task force is in its beginning stages as the group is currently fleshing out goals.

According to Thompson, the mental health task force comprises a select group of leaders across a wide array of departments, ranging from student government leadership to faculty in social work and counseling to public safety officials.

“We’re all working together to address the issue of mental health on campus and to try to make sure that we have resources and preventions and that we are addressing that on this campus,” Thompson said.

Next steps

Thompson says that the mental health task force wants to do as much as possible to support students, faculty and staff on campus.

“We have this innovative group that has come together to work on this issue for faculty, staff and students,” Thompson said. “This is something that we’re really trying to push to the forefront and create awareness.”

Counseling and Wellness Services are available at WSU with an office at 053 Student Union. Students, faculty, and staff who want to schedule an appointment can do so by calling 937-775-3407.

Campus Orgs. Host De-stress Event Ahead of Finals

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As part of a week-long series of de-stressing activities before finals, the Dunbar Library collaborated with the University Activities Board to host a coloring and bracelet-making event on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Event

According to Student Success Librarian and Organizer Heather Back, the de-stressing events originally only consisted of meeting the puppies from 4Paws, an organization on campus that organizes the care and training of up-and-coming service dogs.

“In 2019, prior to my hire, the De-stress for Success was only [4Paws] fuzz therapy,” Back said. “And once I arrived, I wanted to expand it.”

This expansion now includes the following throughout the week: Fuzz Therapy with the Raider Pups (4Paws), Coloring and Jewelry, Galaxy Slime, Game Night, Yoga and Meditation.

During the Coloring and Jewelry event, Back partnered with UAB to make the event a success.

“[UAB] thought we should do one last event to de-stress and calm down,” events director for UAB Ashonti Nixon said.

Previously, UAB had assisted in putting together a “lip scrub making event” for de-stress week.

Nixon provided coloring materials, coloring pages and bracelet making materials. The director also instructed on how to make these bracelets.

Opinion

The expansion of De-stress Week has seen dozens of students attending the most popular events of Fuzz Therapy with Raider Pups and button-making, according to Back.

Student Heidi Raber attended the Coloring and Jewelry event.

“It was really nice and easy-going just to come up whenever you wanted to. The host was so welcoming, and there were so many different activities to do. I had a lot of fun coloring,” Raber said.

For more details on Destress Week events, visit the Dunbar Library’s Instagram page [@dunbarlibrary](#) or the [UAB Engage page](#).