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Students jarred by new health insurance charge

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Student health insurance is now being added automatically to student accounts. Under the old system, students had the ability to opt out of the optional insurance while registering online.

It is not an attempt to charge students unnecessary fees, said Steve Sherbet, University Bursar.

Many other universities in the country are using the new computer system as well, he said.

"We wanted to maintain the ability for students to opt out of the health insurance option while operating within the parameters of the computer system," said Sherbet.

Last year, only 1,756 students used the student health insurance policy out of over 16,000 registered students, said Sherbet.

The new system does not have the ability to allow students to cancel the fee on the registration page.

Previously, while registering on ROX, there was an option to waive the insurance fee at the point of registration.

The new system

In WINGS Express, students must click on a separate menu entitled "optional services" to waive the fee. Sherbet said that some people have called the office to ask questions, but generally there have not been problems.

Students that may have unintentionally paid for the \$230 health insurance policy must submit a written request for a refund before the first day of classes for the relevant quarter.

No satisfaction

Some students are dissatisfied. "I think it is dumb. If no one notices, they are making extra money. I am going to check on my account," said Doug

Zihlman, a senior accounting major.

The change in policy, which is a result of a change in computer technology, is public information. However, many students feel that the change was not publicized enough. "They should make it clearer while registering," said Jonathon Thompson, a senior international

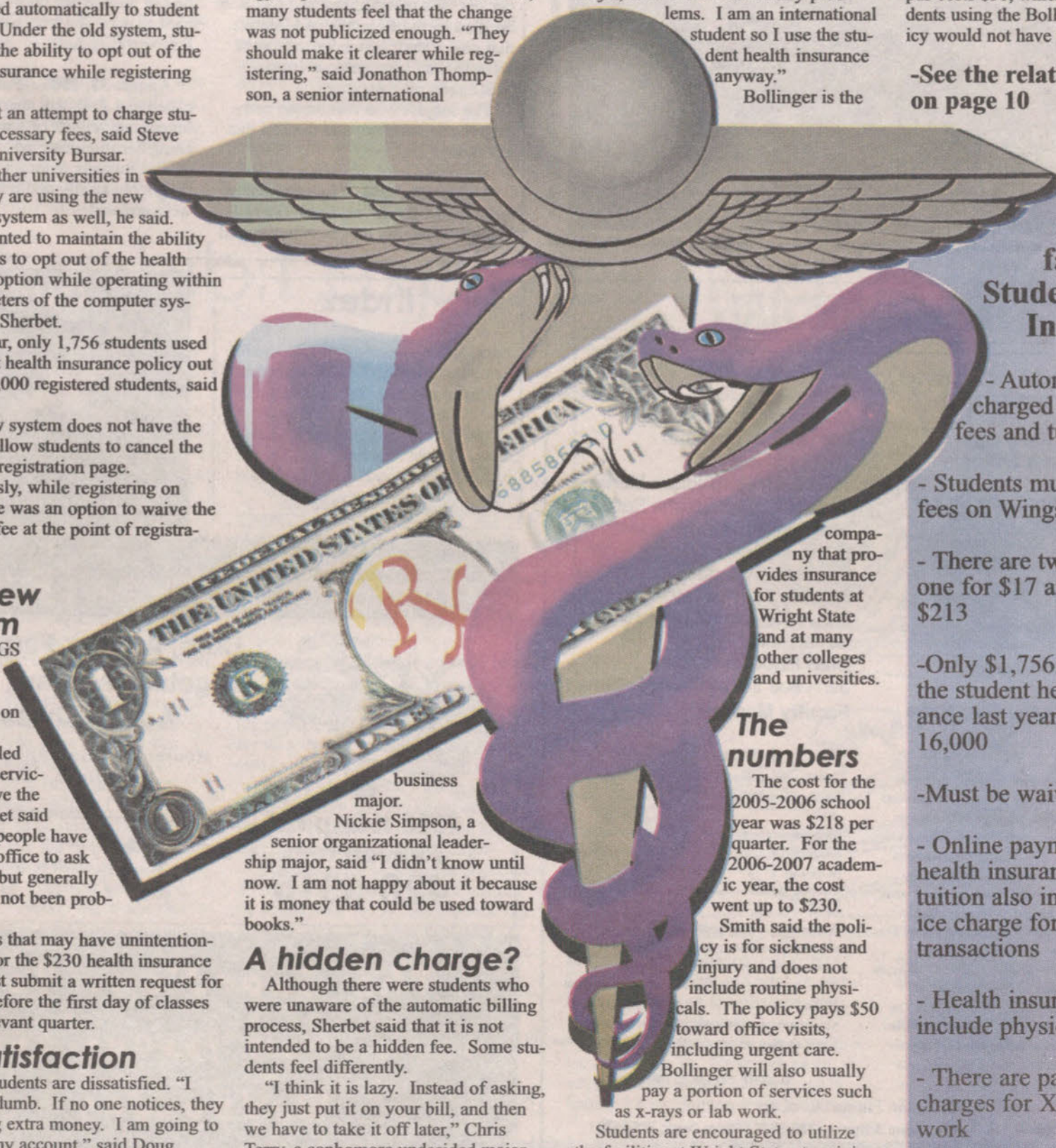
Other students have not experienced difficulty. Heshani Balasooriya, a sophomore early childhood education major, said "I didn't have any problems. I am an international student so I use the student health insurance anyway."

Bollinger is the

size out of pocket expenses said Smith.

For example, an office visit on campus costs \$50, which means that students using the Bollinger insurance policy would not have to pay for that visit.

-See the related editorial on page 10



Just the facts: Student Health Insurance

- Automatically charged to students' fees and tuition costs

- Students must waive the fees on Wings Express

- There are two charges, one for \$17 and one for \$213

- Only \$1,756 students used the student health insurance last year out of over 16,000

- Must be waived quarterly

- Online payment for health insurance and tuition also includes a service charge for credit card transactions

- Health insurance does not include physicals

- There are pay a portion charges for X-rays and lab work

company that provides insurance for students at Wright State and at many other colleges and universities.

The numbers

The cost for the 2005-2006 school year was \$218 per quarter. For the 2006-2007 academic year, the cost went up to \$230.

Smith said the policy is for sickness and injury and does not include routine physicals. The policy pays \$50 toward office visits, including urgent care.

Bollinger will also usually pay a portion of services such as x-rays or lab work.

Students are encouraged to utilize the facilities at Wright States to mini-

business major. Nickie Simpson, a senior organizational leadership major, said "I didn't know until now. I am not happy about it because it is money that could be used toward books."

A hidden charge?

Although there were students who were unaware of the automatic billing process, Sherbet said that it is not intended to be a hidden fee. Some students feel differently.

"I think it is lazy. Instead of asking, they just put it on your bill, and then we have to take it off later," Chris Terry, a sophomore undecided major.



Jennalee Ziegler / The Guardian

Bilal Idriss, an international student from Lebanon, plays some soccer during Move-In Weekend to help him relax.

CRIME NOTES

August 28, 2006 – Police were called to a Zink Rd. apartment because a student reported that, while she was in the shower, a contract worker in her apartment opened the bathroom door.

She told the worker to leave and her boyfriend, who was in her bedroom, came out and shut the door. The worker said that the door was already open and he was checking the floors he had cleaned.

August 29, 2006 – A faculty member in CATs reported that she had been notified by the Republic of Moldova that one of their official government websites had been defaced from a WSU network computer.

The subject who was on the computer was identified, and the FBI has intervened.

August 30, 2006 – Two computers were reported missing from 371 Millet, where faculty members had stored

five computers while construction was being done in the Creative Arts Center. Police were called, but no charges have been filed.

August 30, 2006 – Police were called to the Village Apartments in response to a noise complaint due to yelling. The male who answered the door said that he had gotten into an argument with his girlfriend about Facebook.

The man's girlfriend reported that he had pushed her onto the bed and choked her. The man was taken to Fairborn City Jail.

August 30, 2006 – Police were called to a Zink Rd. apartment to investigate reports of a woman threatening her roommate with a knife.

The students reported that they fought physically and both women were arrested.

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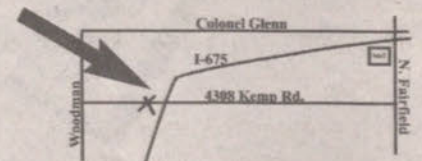
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WSU engineering professor gets 10 months in prison

■ Professor has been on administrative leave since arrest last year

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A Wright State engineering professor has pleaded guilty to charges of online solicitation of sexual activity from minors.

The professor, Samuel Lippert, will serve 10 months in prison with five years of post-release control.

Lippert was arrested twice last year over a period of two weeks. His first arrest happened on Sept. 9, 2005. He was first arrested on campus by the

Springfield police with the assistance of Fairborn police.

He was taken into custody from the Russ Engineering Center, and later pleaded not guilty in Clack County Municipal Court to charges accusing him of trying to lure a 14-year old girl over the internet to engage in sexually explicit exchanges.

Lippert was immediately placed on administrative leave by the university.

After Lippert pleaded not guilty to charges in Clark County Municipal Court he was released on bond. He was arrested two days later in Hamilton after accusations of soliciting sexual activity from a 15-year-old girl in another chat room. In both cases police detectives posed as the teenage girls.

Lippert admitted earlier this summer to engaging in conversation online with a person he thought was a 14-year-old girl. That person was really a Springfield police officer.

He told the Clark County Common



Samuel Lippert

Pleas Court that he took responsibility for what he did. The court noted that Lippert talked to at least 200 other juveniles online.

"Mr. Lippert is on administrative leave," said Iris Harvey, Associate Vice President of Marketing and Communications. "He is banned from the university campus and has absolutely no duties."

"It's depressing to find out that this man had a family," said Tom Pestak, a senior electrical engineering major.

"I was glad to hear that the College of Engineering and Computer Science cooperated with authorities and allowed them to arrest him inside Russ. This is a wake up call to young people to be careful about who they talk to on the

Internet," said Pestak.

"I was about to take a class with professor Lippert," said Catalina Martinez, a junior biomedical engineering student.

"What happened is horrible. If he could still teach at WSU, I would be really afraid to take his course. I would not feel safe going to his office and asking him questions about projects or any particular thing I didn't understand. I have never dealt with a similar situation, so it is kind of hard to predict my real reactions, but I know that if I would try as hard as possible for him not to teach ever again at Wright state, or at least while I'm a student at this university," Martinez added.

Lippert's position at Wright State was in co-operation with the department of orthopedic surgery at the WSU Medical School.

He received his M.S. and Ph.D. in biomedical engineering at Wayne State University in Detroit.

Art exhibit explores health, aging

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Beginning September 9, the University Galleries will present an art exhibition, along with a series of related events, which explore the many aspects of health and aging.

Curators for the exhibit, which is entitled "Time's Body of Evidence: An Interdisciplinary Look at Health and Aging," are Diane Fitch, Carol Nathanson and Kimberly Vito of Wright State's art department. It includes artwork by nine artists selected from over 100 submissions from across the country.

"The complexity of the artwork and subject matter is going to be worthwhile to explore. The complexities aren't always obvious. The art is strong enough to stand on its own," said Tess Cortés, Gallery Coordinator.

There will be an installation piece that incorporates the surrounding space and uses light and video elements. In addition to the collection of artwork, there will be several other events to complement the exhibition. This is the largest programming of this kind in a long time, Cortés said.

Nationally acclaimed novelist Sue Miller will speak at the opening reception. She has written on Alzheimer's disease, autism, tuberculosis, and stereotyping of the elderly. Some of her books have been adapted for film, including "The Good Mother" and

"Inventing the Abbotts." Other events include a concert, literary readings, and two panel discussions.

"I read one of Sue Miller's books and I am looking forward to hearing her lecture," said Eric Miller, a senior middle childhood education major.

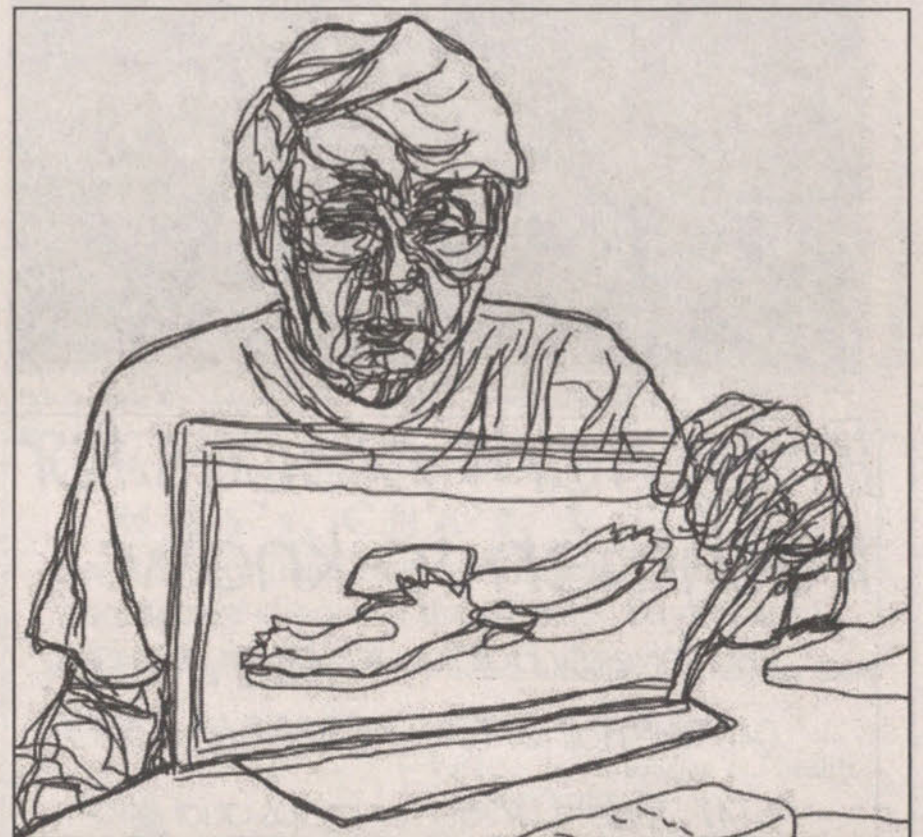
"We have not done enough in this country to celebrate the aging and value their wisdom," said Larry Lawhorne, the chair for the department. The 85 and older age group is the fastest growing segment of the population and that people in all fields will have elderly clients, said Lawhorne.

Students preparing to work in banking, insurance, law, and even education will have contact with older portions of the population. This is a good reason for all students to take part in the events of this series Lawhorne said.

"Aging affects everyone in some way. I plan to go the exhibition and some of the other events," said Kevin Farr, a senior mathematics major.

The concert scheduled for September 16 will feature clarinet music written by composers late in their careers. Dr. Randall Paul, Associate Professor of Music, will perform and conduct a discussion.

The first panel discussion on the following day is entitled "Exploring the Creative and Expressive Dimensions of Illness and Aging." It will include artists and healthcare professionals. The second panel discussion is entitled "Transforming Cultural Perceptions



A portrait done by artist Kathy Desmond entitled "Desmond Time."

about Health Challenges and Aging." Both seek to inform and educate those in attendance, and to offer new perspectives on the aging cycle.

Dr. Thomas Cole will give a lecture on September 30. He serves as an advisor to the United Nations and is known for his Pulitzer Prize nominated

book "The Journey of Life: A Cultural History of Aging."

By bringing in the most contemporary art, students can experience what is happening in the art world now, with regards to a subject that is a social issue, as well as a personal issue, said Cortés.

Wright State First Year Experience receives national recognition



Samantha Woehl of Englewood pushes a loaded shopping cart on move in day.

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WSU was chosen as presenters at the 25th Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience Learning Communities, Peer Instructors & the Foundations of Excellence Self Study. WSU was one out of thirteen universities in the county chosen to partake in this self-study and was one of two that successfully completed it.

Part of the recognition comes from incoming freshmen meeting in the chosen Learning Communities during the first weekend. In these Learning Communities students connect to a small network of peers and faculty that support each other in beginning their success at WSU during the fall quarter.

The Learning Communities are broken down by intended major or University College for the undecided students.

"There are about 75 Learning Community programs that include a two credit hour seminar class in the fall that helps students adjust to college classes. The results are better GPAs," said Doug Saul, Director of Learning Communities Program.

This program is non-mandatory and the instructors are mostly peer based including junior, senior and graduate students.

"The goal is to have motivated students taught by motivated student instructors," said Saul. Knowing that the Learning Community program is so successful gives WSU a chance to expand the First Year Experience past the fall quarter.

"A lot of the faculty and staff care about students through move-in till the end of the first year," said Edwin Mayes, Coordinator for the First Year Experience. The First Year Experience is moving forward with service learning, common reading, and a program that will infiltrate how a student's major can turn into a career, said Mayes.

While the Learning Communities itself has a reported average of 78 percent participation rate and a 75 percent approval rate from students who were a part of it, some students that were not presented with the opportunity, like transfer students, would like to see the program extended to reach out to them.

"There are so many students that sit in their dorms while their freshman roommates go out and have fun. I had to look for activities and find my way around campus myself. Although, if you're the type of person to take initiative you'll find your niche." Gabrielle Howard, senior mass communications major and former President of the University Activities Board.



Two new students work together during first year experience activities at WSU.

Important places for freshmen to know:

- 180 University Hall for academic advising
- 040 Rike Hall for Tutoring Services
- E147 Student Union for maps and info
- Student Health Services in Fred White Health Center for medical attention
- Fall Fest on the Quad this Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. to join student organizations

Wright State Human Resources Club ranks nationally

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Wright State University's Human Resource Club ended a busy 2005-2006 year by being awarded a Super Merit Award, an honor given by the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM).

This award is presented to the best student chapters who participate in a variety of activities that contribute to development and growth of chapter members.

The HR club has also been named a "Top Ten Student Chapter" after receiving a perfect point score.

To receive these points students participate in different activities and programs throughout the year including: mentoring program, community service, attending company tours, and job shadowing.

Their jam-packed schedules lead them to placing WSU's HR club in the top ten out of 430 student chapters.

Current secretary Mandi Jennings, senior, joined the HR club when she was a sophomore because she wanted to make sure that human resources was what she wanted to do as a profession.

"Being an officer is really exciting and so is having the extra responsibility. I want to further WSU's name in the community. It feels really great to be nationally recognized," Jennings said.

The Wright State University's student chapter of SHRM has been put in place to provide an opportunity for WSU students interested in the field of Human Resources to be educated and experienced in the difference aspects of HR work.

Members do not have to be Business or HR majors to join the club. Also there is no class rank or GPA requirement.

The Wright State University SHRM Student Chapter promotes professional development through interaction with local industry's human resource departments.

Their participation with company tours, guest speakers and mentorship program allows students to experience the HR profession before graduation to ensure a successful career after leaving WSU.

For more information in joining about WSU's HR club visit their website at <http://www.wright.edu/studentorgs/hrmngmnt/>

Wright State President announces retirement

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Recently WSU President Kim Goldenberg announced his retirement from the WSU presidency. However, he said that after taking his first sabbatical in 24 years, he will return to serve Wright State.

Goldenberg's last day as WSU President will be January 31, 2007. He will then become a faculty member with the title "President Emeritus."

Taking Goldenberg's job will be current Provost David Hopkins.

"He [Hopkins] has 30 years of experience in higher education," said Goldenberg. "He has strong support."

During his sabbatical Goldenberg has plans that will probably keep him busy.

Issues he will take interest in include safeguarding the health of the

"I will be refocusing and re-energizing. I want to continue building opportunities for resources to flow into the area."

-WSU President Kim Goldenberg

public, securing disaster preparation, energy, the environment, global warming and poverty.

"I will be refocusing and re-energizing," said Goldenberg. "I want to continue building opportunities for resources to flow into the area."

Following his sabbatical, Goldenberg will return to the School of Medicine as a professor.

One of Goldenberg's favorite memories at WSU is "going to celebratory events where we celebrate achievements at WSU."

In addition to those memories, he said he is most proud of the recent reaccreditation, the nationally recognized WSU First Year Experience, and "creating the best possible environment for students."

What was Goldenberg's secret for success?

"I bring in people that are smarter than me," he said, "what a great way to become successful. If I bring in the smartest and best at what they do, my job works better."

Goldenberg is retiring during his ninth year of presidency. He has been at Wright State for 24 years.

"It has been an honor to serve as president of Wright State University. Shelley, my wife and partner, supports this decision. She will miss her dedicated work as Wright State's first lady but also looks forward to increased time with family," said Goldenberg.



WSU President Kim Goldenberg sits in his office. He will retire on January 31, 2007.

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The emergency contraceptive known as Plan B will be available to students over-the-counter soon at Student Health Service.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced on Aug. 24 its approval of over-the-counter distribution of the emergency contraceptive drug Plan B for women aged 18 and older. A prescription is still required for female patients aged 17 and younger who wish to purchase this option.

Plan B, known commonly as "the morning after pill," is a method of preventing pregnancy after a contraceptive fails or after unprotected sex. The pill contains a higher dosage of the same hormones found in other birth control pills.

Wendy McGonigal, Director of Student Health Services, sees a benefit to this option. "(One benefit is) having access to birth control so we eliminate some of the walls and barriers to getting birth control," said McGonigal.

"I want women to be able to choose when they get pregnant, and this is an okay way to help yourself from getting pregnant," McGonigal added.

In the past, female students could go to the Frederick A. White Health Center on campus without an appointment to purchase Plan B. A \$50 fee was assessed to see the nurse practitioner who would administer a packet of the drug for \$10.

"The nurse practitioners here in this office always follow it up with a month of birth control. OBGYNs are saying that's really a good way to make sure they don't get pregnant afterwards and make them start thinking about Plan A," said McGonigal, referring to regular contraceptive use.

The nurse practitioner would also

advise the patient of what the drug does, side effects and address any questions or concerns the patient might have.

According to the FDA, when used as directed, Plan B effectively and safely prevents pregnancy. Although McGonigal has no concerns about the drug's safety, she wants to make sure that students still read the fine print on the label and talk with the pharmacist to be properly educated about the drug.

Area pharmacies, including the Health Center's, have not yet received guidelines about when or if they will sell Plan B over-the-counter and at what price.

"I think it's very important that (WSU students) know about this option, but I think it's also important that if you think you need it, it doesn't protect you from sexually transmitted infections," said McGonigal.

"Plus, you don't know what this is going to do for the rest of your period. The symptoms can last for two months after you've taken Plan B, like possible breakthrough bleeding, spotting and your period's going to be irregular. If you know that that's what's going to happen, you're not going to freak out," she added.

Some critics have suggested that the age requirement will be hard to enforce as in the case of underage purchase of alcohol and tobacco.

"No way," said McGonigal. "It will be stringently enforced. The Board of Pharmacy is much stronger — they regulate nurses, they regulate the doctors, so it will be stringently adhered to, and anybody who thinks it isn't is crazy. Granted, it's good for our 18-year-olds, but teen pregnancy is a problem, and we're denying these kids access to a safe drug," said McGonigal.

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Marian Hogue selected for next Wright State registrar

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Marian Hogue was appointed as the new university registrar. Her appointment was announced by Lillie Howard, Ph.D., the vice president for curriculum and instruction and dean of University College.

Hogue is a university administrator with 21 years of experience in student academic records and a B.S. degree from Springfield College in Massachusetts and MBA from Case Western Reserve.

As university registrar, her major duties at Wright State include managing the development of the schedule of classes, the registration process (including course and room scheduling), and the release of course grades and official transcripts.

"I've been at WSU on a part-time basis since July 31 and am now on campus full-time," said Hogue.

"Since my arrival I've focused on learning about the services offered by the Registrar's Office and how we coordinate our activities with other groups on campus to streamline the process for students."

Hogue comes to Wright State from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. She served there as a registrar since 1985.

"My experience at Case included

managing course and room scheduling, registration, student retention, academic advising, student grievance and disciplinary procedures, degree certification and commencement events for students in the School of Management's graduate programs," said Hogue.

"I also had the opportunity to develop the academic support procedures to offer the MBA degree in Budapest, Hungary. Perhaps, the most enjoyable was planning and attending the commencement ceremony for the inaugural group of graduates."

Hogue is a former president and vice president of the Ohio Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

"I'm also interested in meeting students to both learn more about the university and the student experience at Wright State," Hogue said.

"I believe we can best serve students by providing timely, accurate information and services."

"We will always be working to 'fine-tune' our procedures to continue to increase the level of service to students and others on campus. I'm glad to be at Wright State," Hogue said.

"From day one I've been impressed by commitment and interest of the faculty and staff in making the university a great place for students. I've also found the Wright State community to be friendly and welcoming and I'm delighted to be here!"



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The new WSU registrar Marian Hogue. Hogue comes to WSU from Case Western University.

Financial Education Partnership fights bad credit, predatory lending

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The Federal Reserve Bank and the Community Reinvestment Institute Alumni Association (CRIAA) collaborated with the Raj Soin College of Business to develop a website that provides financial information as well as a directory of financial education service providers in the Miami Valley.

Part of the mission of the College of Business is to be an outreach to the community, and one way to fulfill that goal was with this collaborative effort, according to Fall Ainina, Ph. D., chair of the WSU Department of Finance and Financial Services. This effort is called the Financial Education Partnership of the Miami Valley (FEPMV).

This website and directory, which can be accessed at www.fepmv.org was developed by Ainina and Berkwood Farmer, Ph. D. the dean of Raj Soin College of Business, and was publicly launched on May 31, 2006.

"Credit is definitely something we should keep up with," said junior business major Greg Hamilton. His idea is

backed by the statistic from the Wright State Communications and Marketing website, which informs that Americans carry an average credit card debt exceeding \$8,500 and 1.3 million credit card holders declared bankruptcy last year.

"When we get out of school, we might want to invest, but you can't with bad credit," added Hamilton.

Another contribution of the website is information on ways to avoid predatory lending practices. "Predatory lending practices was becoming a tremendous problem," said David Dewberry, Vice President of the Community Reinvestment Institute Alumni Association.

Ohio and the Dayton region rank among highest in the nation in home foreclosures according to the Wright State Communications and Marketing website. That detail has prompted the CRIAA to take this on as one of their major initiatives, said Dewberry.

If a student wants further information on the website, their phone number is (937) 853-1605 and email address is CRIAA@hocgd.org.

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WSU engineering student gives the wheelbarrow a single handle

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The College of Engineering at Wright State University has a recent invention from one of their own.

Steven Sepeck, a senior at WSU majoring in industrial and systems engineering, created a conversion kit to operate a dual tire wheelbarrow with a single handle.

Sepeck is a man of many talents. He does everything from customizing cars to installing sky lights and building decks; all of which he has done without the use of one arm, a result from a motocross accident in 1998.

After working on a deck for his parents' home with his father, Sepeck found him-self unable to help as much as he did before the accident, he said.

He decided to embrace his challenge and overcome it without giving up the hobbies he enjoys.

Sepeck asked his father to get him a dual tire wheelbarrow and started work on creating a new handle system that would allow him to use it despite his disability.

"I can't stop living and I couldn't

just do nothing. After the accident I didn't want to be that guy who just gave up. I had no choice. I felt a need and had to fulfill it," Sepeck said.

His conversion kit, that can be slightly altered to be used on a single tire wheelbarrow as well, has been in the process of becoming patented for over a year now and he hopes to start manufacturing it soon.

Sepeck plans on pursuing an MBA after graduating in the spring, and will continue to further his career as an entrepreneur.

"I'm a thinking machine and I have lots of ideas. I like to take a bottle, send it out into the ocean and see what comes back."

This will not be the last invention, Sepeck said. He has many other ideas he plans on producing.

"Other people think it's cool that I want to help others in my type of situation. I'm not worried about finishing last."

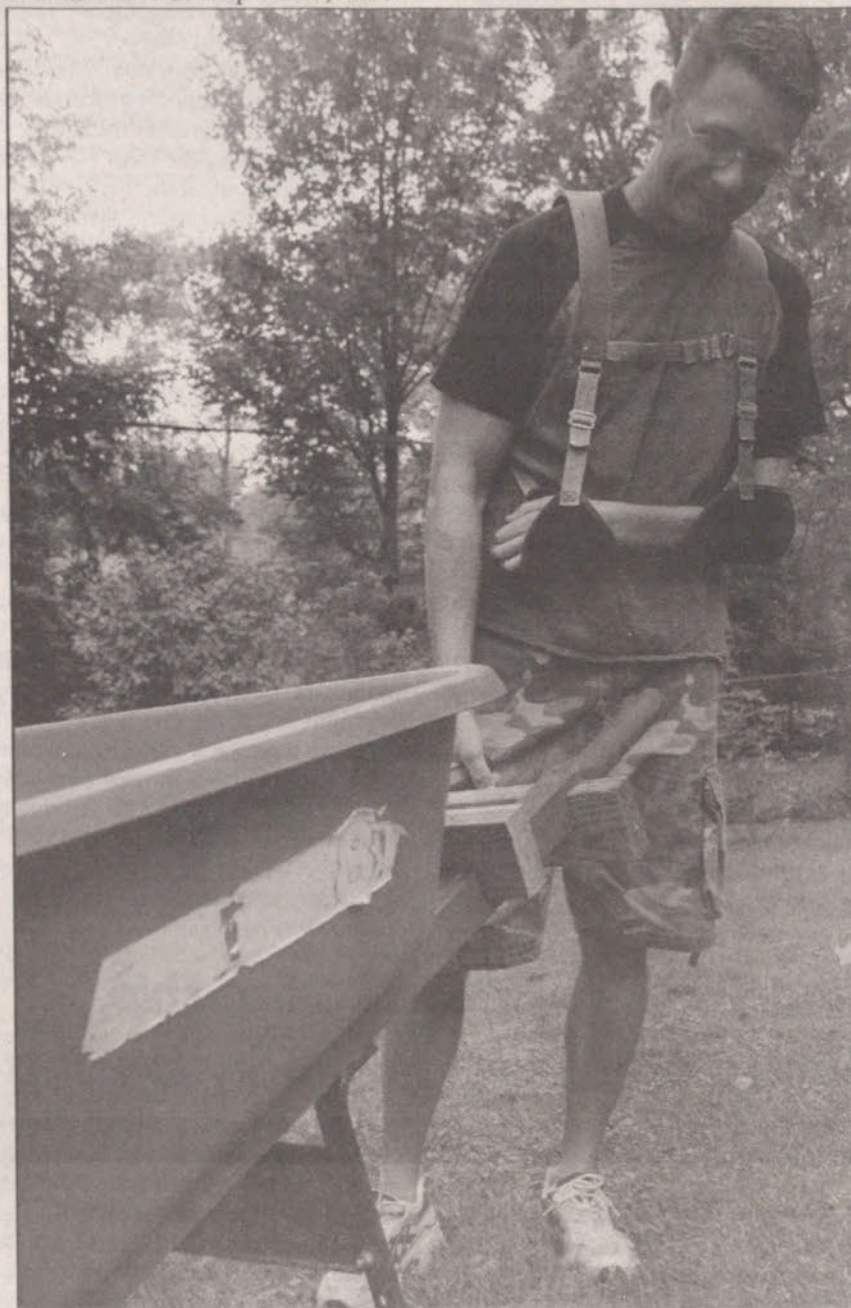
Sepeck has support from his fellow Wright State students: "It's always inspiring to see someone who invents something to help those in need," said Dustin Gray, a political science major.

The College of Engineering and Computer Science praises Sepeck and other students with innovative inventions.

"This shows what people with disabilities can do help others," said

David Reynolds, a biomedical engineering professor.

The only help Sepeck needs now is a manufacturing company to come on board to help produce this kit.



WSU engineering student Steven Sepeck shows off his modified wheelbarrow.

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Studying important for a strong start

Coordinator of Tutoring Services offers study tips and places for students to get help

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One of the first and best things a student should do to get off to a good start in the school year is to get to know their instructors, said David Hurwitz, Coordinator of Tutoring and Learning Assistance at WSU.

"They are the first source of help," said Hurwitz, who is also the instructor of UVC 100, College Study Strategies, and the author of a website that breaks down the "study system."

"Your teacher is the key to your learning," said Raesheena Kennedy, a senior history and African/African American studies major.

Another important thing to remember for doing well is to get off to a good start, said Hurwitz.

It's easier to keep up, than to catch

up, Hurwitz said. "With poor grades your first few quarters, you will have a harder time bringing your GPA up to be able to enter into a college," he said.

"In order to keep up with your studies, good time management is essential," he added.

"Students definitely need to set aside enough time everyday to study," said Hurwitz.

"Not planning your time well is a common mistake made by freshmen and other students returning to school,"

-David Hurwitz Coordinator of Tutoring and Learning Assistance

"Not planning your time well is a common mistake made by freshmen and other students returning to school," he added.

According to the website developed by Hurwitz, which can be

accessed at <http://www.wright.edu/academics/tutor/studyskills/index.html>, if getting or maintaining a high GPA is a goal, students knowing the answers to the following questions will generally have a higher GPA than those that don't.

Another common mistake made by students is not taking notes in class. "Everybody forgets," said Hurwitz.

"Without a written record of lectures, students will miss out on important material that will probably be on their tests," he added.

"One tip is turning all your lectures and text materials into all the questions you can come up with, and review by testing yourself," said Hurwitz.

Also, group studying can be very good. For more ideas and study tips, students can access Hurwitz's website.

There they can sign up for the study skills UVC 100, or schedule time to work with Hurwitz individually on specific study problems.



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Raj Soin College of Business receives \$3.2 million donation

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The Raj Soin College of Business received a \$3.2 million donation in computer software from EDaptive Computing Inc. of Dayton. The donation will help establish a new research center, where business students will learn how high-quality business process management can assist in the success of an organization.

The new research center, called EDaptive Computing Business Process Management Research Center, is supposed to facilitate the processes of institutional bureaucracy. It will provide college business students with the latest technology in the Business Process Management (BPM) field. It will also provide research and consulting assistance to Miami Valley businesses.

"The new technology is going to bring two main things to our college," said Berkwood Farmer, Ph.D., dean of the College of Business. "It will improve the courses, which are offered to both graduate and undergraduate students, and it will make our faculty

better researchers and analysts."

The computer software will help advance the courses in Management Information Systems. Even though the location of the actual research center is still unknown, the opening of the center is expected to be in the fall quarter. Students will be able to get involved by taking classes in MIS.

This large gift is an example of how businesses and private sectors work together better than ever before, according to Farmer. "Not only will this help our students, but it helps in the development of the whole Miami Valley," said Farmer.

"It sounds like the new technology is going to be mainly used for the Operations Management field and other majors alike," said Mitch DeShane, a senior majoring in accounting and finance.

The donator, EDaptive Computing, is a research and development consulting company, with a mission to produce software products, more profitable, efficient and competitive to its customers, who are mainly the military and aerospace.

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Editorial

Double Jeopardy

Students have been welcomed back for fall quarter with raised tuition and new charges.

They can feel the pinch from the almost \$500 increase, but now they also have to deal with the new automatic \$230 health insurance charge.

It seems WSU has added just one more unnecessary problem to an already difficult payment process.

Wright State claims that the charge is added automatically to students' bills to help them have better access to health insurance.

However, out of the 16,000 students here, only 1,756 students actually used the service last year. So why should the university start automatically billing the entire campus?

The university also claims that it is not intended to be a hidden charge, but the way the health insurance fee is set-up is contradictory.

When accessing a student bill, the student is given the option to waive the fee. However, this fee is shown to only be \$17.

That is some cheap health insurance. If everyone could get health insurance for \$17 a quarter, you bet they would. However, that is not the whole charge.

When going through the actual statement, one will notice an additional student health insurance charge for \$213.

It is unclear if this charge is also waived with the \$17. Those who are not careful observers may get stuck paying for insurance that they don't need, or for much more money than they originally thought.

It will be interesting to see how this automatic charge will add to the numbers of those using the student health insurance this year.

One has to wonder what sort of kickbacks WSU will be getting if more students are on the insurance rolls.

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Letters to the Editor

Tune in to WWSU 106.9

■ From Rock to Rap, 106.9 plays good beats for everyone

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When I was a freshman, I made the decision to get involved in some student activities at Wright State. I began with intramural sports (which I highly recommend) but that wasn't enough.

During winter quarter of the 2002-2003 school year I found one of my passions through the exploration of student organizations. That quarter I discovered Wright State's student run radio station WWSU 106.9.

Since beginning at the radio station I have made some wonderful friends and

developed an extremely small cult following. Under the radio handle "Fat Lipp," "The Haymaker" radio show would get calls from the same people every week as well as first time listeners and callers.

While the radio station is a valuable resource and has seen successes (two former DJs now spin for 103.9) I am often shocked at the amount of people on campus that have never heard of the radio station, or never listened to it.

I would like remind everyone that 106.9 offers constant music, uninterrupted by annoying commercials. It also features music not heard on any other radio stations. 106.9 spins rap, metal, indie, jazz and many other types of music that have never seen corporate radio.

Listening to this station will open eyes to new music as well as support a student run organization.

In addition to listening, students can also get involved as an on air personali-

ty. Interested students train for a quarter to learn the ropes before being given an opportunity to host their own radio show.

This is not only a lot of fun and a way to express yourself to numerous listeners, but also speaking and confidence skills.

It gives you a great skill to fall back on if you decide that your undergrad program isn't giving the jobs it promised.

And lastly just think about how easy it will be to pick up someone at a party if you tell them you host your own radio show!

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Hello and congratulations on having found the Opinions page! My name is Joe Sack and I will be the Opinions/Editorial Editor for The

Guardian this year.

Before I go on let me say this: I rely on you. In order for these pages to have anything of substance on them I need people like you to write in and let your opinion be known.

It absolutely does not matter what your opinion is just let it be known. In other words: You know the old adage about opinions and asses? It's true.

And just like an ass, you have to let your opinion fly out every now and then. It is my job to not only fill these pages with student's thoughts, but to also entertain readers. Quality over quantity is my objective.

While on the subject of my objectives I want to say that I believe that

these pages, as well as this paper, belong to you. And seeing how it belongs to you, I want you to use it as a tool.

This paper should be our voice for the things you want done here at Wright State. I hope and assume that the administration of this school reads this publication.

With that assumption in mind I here and now promise to use these pages and my resources to bring forth the problems of students to the administration. Maybe they won't listen, maybe they won't care. But isn't better to try than to do nothing? You see, this is my second year at Wright State and I want to change things.

Some people think that change is impossible, an unreachable nirvana. I think change is something that you have to truly believe in, not just say you believe in.

This year I urge you all to vote in the pie polls, to discuss issues in these pages, and to write in.

This school is like a miniature version of the world, it has problems that need solving, and people that suffer because of those problems.

And just like the real world, this school has people that can solve those problems if they are told what they are. So, it is our job to make our miniature world a little better, by speaking in one voice, together.

President Turner promises change

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Student Government has been hard at work over the summer preparing for the coming year. As we start a new school year we look forward to accomplishing the goals outlined in our platform in addition to undertaking new challenges presented to us throughout the year. Whenever progress is made in a bureaucracy as large as Wright State University, it is truly exciting, so I would like to outline some of the key issues and programs we will be attending to this year.

Over the next few weeks, you will see an expanding recycling program across campus. Student Government has been working closely with the

Recycling Club and key administrators to find creative and innovative solutions to recycling on campus. You will soon see the Russ Engineering Center's and University Hall's trashcans converted to dual use recycling/trash cans.

You will also notice at least two outdoor recycling centers where students can recycle plastic and paper. You may have already noticed that major WSU events now have recycling bins. This is an important first step for Wright State, as many campuses of similar size already have recycling programs.

In addition to recycling, Student Government, with support from the Office of Residence Services, and the Residential Community Association, has launched the "Magic Bus" shuttle service program. "Magic Bus" is a free shuttle service that will transport stu-

dents to exciting area locations on the weekends, such as Graters Ice Cream, The Fairfield Commons Mall, Regal Cinemas, the Rocky Horror Picture show at Page Manor, and haunted houses.

Anyone can request a destination, which makes it a great tool for event organizers, such as residential Community Advisors or student organizations to use. To request a destination location, simply email me, Brad Turner, at turner.94@wright.edu. Lastly, our administration promised to bring more accountability to Student Government and the University administration.

Over the course of the summer, Student Government has developed a brand new website, <http://www.wsug.com>. Here, anyone can view any Student Government

member's agenda and their bi-weekly progress reports. While the website has limited information now, over the next few weeks, you will be able to find a wealth of valuable information and services, including weekly meeting minutes and Online Course Evaluations.

Despite the great progress that has been made on many of our goals, there is still much to be done. We have entered this coming school year with great momentum and will strive to continue building on our success. With that in mind, I promise Student Government will continue working to ensure a bright future for Wright State students.

Transferring to WSU a drag

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Transferring from Sinclair Community College to Wright State University has been somewhat of a challenging time for me. When it came to transferring credits and courses, it's very simple.

Going from a school where you could pay each quarter with your paycheck to having to take out large amounts of loans was a little more complicated.

When I first showed interest in WSU, I was greeted by the staff and was helped with deciding a major that suited me.

Financially, I felt helpless because I

was not informed on anything concerning loans. The assistance from financial aid seemed legitimate but inadequate.

I took control of my financial situations by asking current WSU students, looking online, and using the list that the office had given me... twice. With a three-week deadline until the payment was due, I had to appeal my housing arrangement because I could not find a loan big enough.

Waiting around for my loan to go through and worrying that I could not appeal my housing agreement was not fun. It was very stressful and I felt lost and confused.

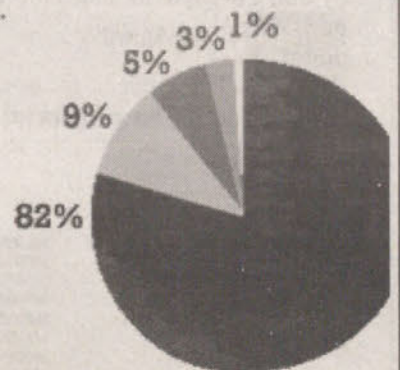
Now that I have things figured out and classes are just about to start, I feel very relieved and secure with my decision to transfer to Wright State.

This week's question:

How do you feel about the switch to WINGS/WINGSExpress?

Pie Poll Of The Week

- it is a source of student headaches, use only if in dire need.
- implements good ideas, needs work
- works great, a helpful tool for students
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First Weekend Frenzy!



Lisa Birch, a junior motion picture major, sends mud flying as she returns the ball in a mud volleyball game.

Returning students helped welcome the new freshmen class as they mingled in mud volleyball, moving in, Boogie on the Bricks and many other First Weekend activities.

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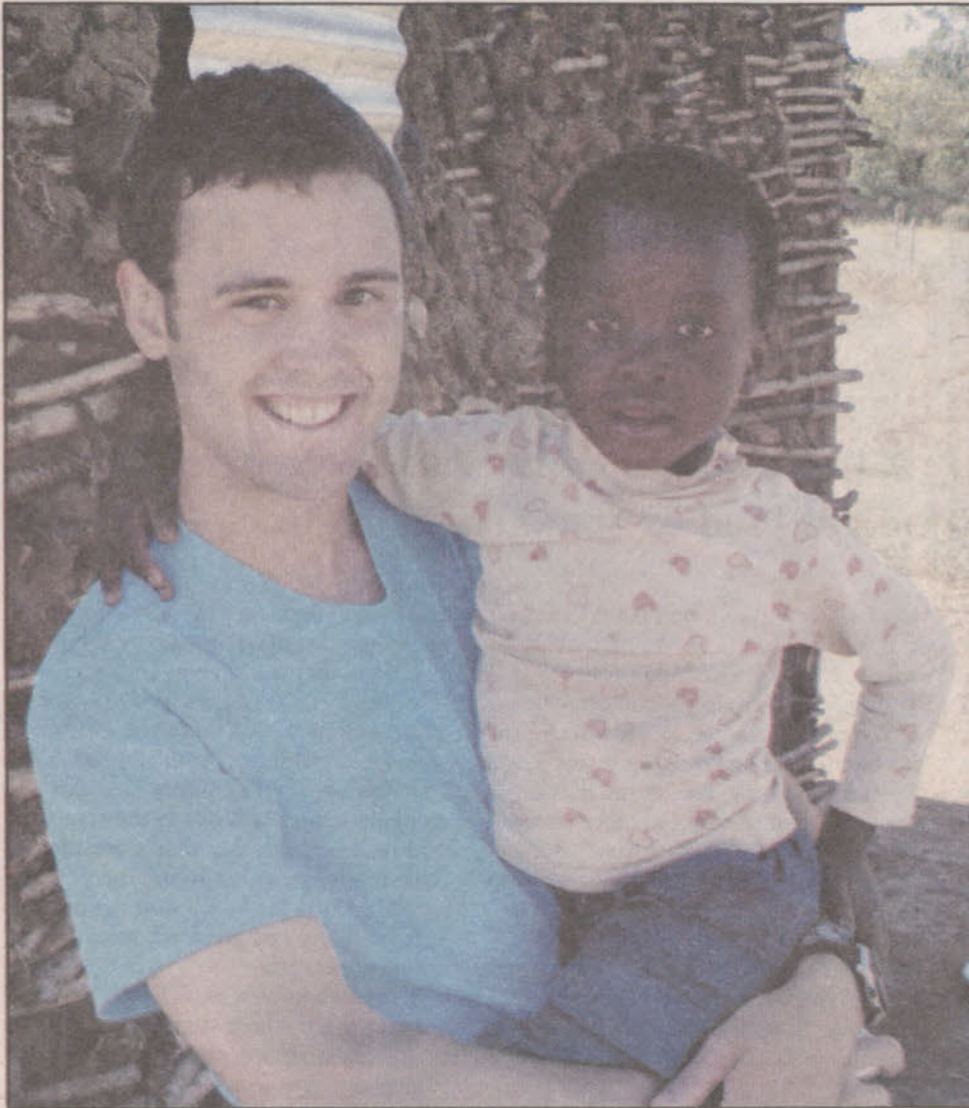
Junior math education major Dave Glassmeyer carries a couch with help from his dad up to the third floor.



Junior communications major Nikolas Huijst remembers to move in his drink glasses, suggested by the middle box.



The crowd reacts as comedian and juggler "Mad" Chad Taylor entertains.



Second-year med student, Andy Diller, holds a child at Carepoint, one of the daycare centers he visited in Swaziland. One child even sported an Ohio State football T-shirt.



Diller assists in a hand amputation surgery. A diabetic woman's hand had become so gangrenous that when the doctor cut her hand, it didn't even bleed.

Photos courtesy of Andy Diller

An Inevitable Death Sentence

Med student spends July in Swaziland

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Falling asleep in one of the most dangerous cities in the world was not an option. During his 15-hour layover in the Johannesburg International Airport in South Africa, the in-flight movie about a South African criminal murdering a traveler at a train station kept running through second-year med student Andy Diller's head. It was a good idea to sit next to the security desk.

Diller was meeting another second-year med student, Greg Thompson, at the airport where they would then hop another plane to Manzini, Swaziland. There, they would spend the entire month of July shadowing doctors.

Swaziland recently became the country with the world's highest known rates of HIV/AIDS infection affecting 38.8% of the population, according to The World Factbook through the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. Swaziland is about the size of New Jersey.

The WSU students were just two of 10 who rotated through an elective as part of the Global Health Initiative, a student-run club on campus that has helped members gain international health experiences through trips to Swaziland and other countries.

"I've always had an interest in everything international, not just international medicine," said Diller. "I decided this is

my one chance to go to Africa and I might as well take it when I can." Knowing it would be an eye-opening experience, Diller packed his suitcases — one for his belongings, another for donated clothes to orphanages — and wrote his check for around \$3,000.

Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital became the group's home base, a 300-bed hospital with internal medicine, pediatrics, surgery, OBGYN and an emergency room.

"They're too scared to do anything about (AIDS). They don't want to talk about it and they don't want to know if they have it because it won't change anything."

—Andy Diller

"There were 15 doctors, and they gave us as much responsibility as we wanted. For the most part, we just shadowed them and didn't do too much on our own since we just finished our first year of med school," Diller said.

Although the doctors spoke English, the patients spoke siSwati, an official language of Swaziland. This language barrier turned into an overwhelmingly lacking connection between doctors and patients, said Diller.

When a diabetic woman's hand became gangrenous, Diller scrubbed in and actually cut part of the bone himself during the amputation. He also delivered babies, several to HIV positive mothers. Life expectancy at birth is approximately 33 years, compared to the U.S.'s 78.

"They realize what (AIDS) is and what the problem is, but they're too scared to do anything about it. They don't want to talk about it and they don't want to know if they have it because it won't change anything," he added.

During free time, Diller visited orphanages, rural health clinics and went on safaris. A soccer player himself, Diller was amazed when he took on the shoeless children on dirt fields for a game.

"There was one little boy named Joseph who I will never forget. He couldn't say anything in English except, 'I like you,'" he recalled, smiling.

The lack of health care and access made it hard for Diller to leave, but he wants to visit a Spanish-speaking country in the future to break the language barrier. Until then, he can only watch the struggle continue, but he'll never forget what he saw in Africa.



Chi Alpha purchases housing on Forest Lane

■ Borrowing a cup of sugar from neighbors might lead to some righteous recipes



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Members of Chi Alpha show off their newly-painted logo.

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During its past four years at Wright State, Chi Alpha (XA), Greek for Christ's ambassadors, has expanded from four to about 90 members. This growth has finally enabled one of the group's latest visions.

As of Aug. 15, XA purchased a five-apartment complex at 1390 Forest Lane. The building is almost entirely leased out by its members.

The vision of a Chi Alpha house was spurred by the experiences its campus pastor, Steve Brannan, had in a XA house when he was younger. After Brannan saw this building last winter, he knew it had a special purpose. Since that time, the members of XA have

been raising the \$365,000 needed to purchase the property. With \$68,000 in donations from their fundraiser "Make Our Year, Buy A Day," XA was able to pay the down payment. Contributors purchased a day for \$1,000. Kettering Assemblies of God bought the building, and the group will pay them the mortgage by leasing four of the five apartments to its members and by more fundraising.

"I'll be curious to see how the people in the other six buildings are and whether or not it becomes two different cultures there between Chi Alpha and what may be the status quo over there," said Dan Bertso, Director of Residence Services.

"I don't mind - I don't know much about them," said Adam Spangler, a sophomore majoring in marketing who

has friends that live on Forest Lane. "It can get kind of crazy around here anyways, so it might be kind of nice."

XA will be having social activities everyone is welcome to. However, junior biomedical engineering major Jason Seidler, who now lives at the house, does not want to stop the other parties. He just wants to "show Jesus."

"The people from Chi Alpha want to be good neighbors too, and we like to have good neighbors," said Bertso. AM Management, Inc., a company that has developed student housing at WSU and Iowa State University, provided the students with beds and mattresses and will contribute more in the future.

According to Brannan, Wright State is excited at the chance to improve its reputation because as Bertso put it, "We've had some people who lived

down there that weren't bad neighbors, but they enjoyed college an awful lot."

"Based on my conversations with the folks from Chi Alpha, they are planning on actively pursuing there what they see as their ministry," said Bertso. XA hopes to have a community area that will help them reach out to the campus, said Josh Latham, this year's president. Even though he is not living there, member Chris Fitch, a junior majoring in psychology and pre-med, thinks it has great potential.

The place known as "The Pit" will not be a place where students can ruin their lives anymore, said nursing grad student and member Jason Thompson. If you did not know who XA was before, the opportunity to learn is now next door. To donate or find out more, students can go to www.daytonxa.org.

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Dave Chappelle shakes Maya Angelou's hand as he tells her, "Maya, you've been a rainbow in my life."

Maya Angelou highlights courage in WSU address

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In her youth, she was inspired by the poetry of Paul Laurence Dunbar, and now the books that made her famous can be found in a secluded corner of our library that bears his name. However, when Dr. Maya Angelou spoke in the Apollo room last night, it was not a quiet affair. With cameras ready and the lights focused, the crowd looked to Angelou for inspiration.

Like the sun outside that demands our attention, the writer was a star in the center of the stage whose presence was enough encouragement to properly start a new school year.

"One of my favorite poems is 'Still I Rise...'" said Crystal Booker, a senior majoring in sociology. "It's the most wonderful poem I have ever heard in my entire life." Behind a podium, the dress sparkled gold and she wore earrings to match.

Beginning with a song, Angelou spoke about "rainbows in the clouds." According to Angelou, since we have already been paid for by our ancestors and now have the possibility to be great, we can prepare ourselves to pay for someone else. "This university is a rainbow in the clouds," she said.

In a speech about courage, Angelou penetrated the emotions of everyone in the room with her sincerity. Living what she calls a poetic existence that has led her from California and Arkansas to Ghana, teenage mother to best-selling author and civil rights activist to movie director, Angelou is referred to as a Renaissance woman.

"It's basically being excited by innovative people who played a big part of

history," said Capri Pointer, referring to why he came. A junior majoring in marketing, Capri found her to be a very inspiring speaker.

Angelou has lectured since 1966. Six feet tall, as she pointed out several times, her humor was as great as her composure. "I like the fact she had a sense of humor. She was down to earth. I appreciated that," said TeLisa Harrison, a senior majoring in communication with a minor in African American Studies. "She was real."

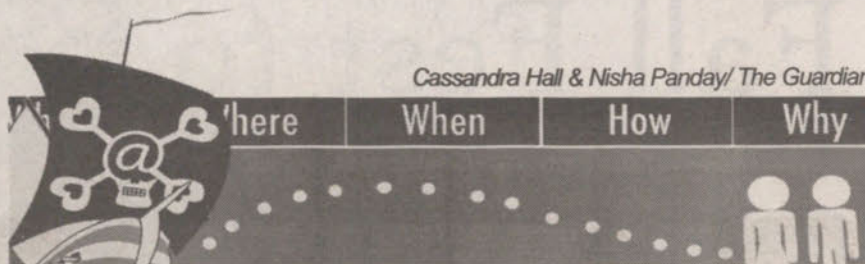
"You need to laugh, and you need to love yourself," said Angelou, who admitted she doesn't trust those who don't. "I just love whenever she read any of her poetry, especially when she sang. Really the whole thing was wonderful," said Charlie Mann, a freshman majoring in musical theater.

Angelou also does not believe in talent, but in work. In her speech she quoted from the Roman playwright, Terence: "I am a human being. Nothing human can be alien to me."

Angelou challenged students to strengthen themselves by having the courage to get out and to be courteous. For example, she challenged them to not use racial stereotypes and instead have the courage to say they do not like it when someone else does something.

Wright State students can be great by challenging themselves, by being immediate and by taking responsibility, said Angelou.

"It's not the easiest thing to be courageous, but it's the most fulfilling. More often we're in competition with ourselves," she added, implying that the only audience member that can jeer you before the lights go out is your own conscience.



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Judicial Affairs Warning: Freshmen advised at orientation to be cautious of online postings

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Have you ever put off that English paper all afternoon because you were busy looking at pictures of that girl you actually hated in high school? Do you check your friend's page for updates before you brush your teeth in the morning? If so, you, like millions of other college students, have a Facebook addiction - and like many addictions, this one can come with some nasty side effects.

The popular networking Web site facebook.com has been in the headlines lately. According to CNN, Kent State University has recently banned athletes from use of the Web site, and numerous other schools are urging students to be aware of the sort of information they are posting on the Internet based on the fact that future employers and police may have access to questionable content.

"I think an outright Facebook ban like the one Kent State implemented is a short-sighted and terrible solution. I think a university would suffer more damage to its image by banning Facebook due to students viewing that university as being anti-free speech and oppressive," said junior computer science major Derick Faller.

According to Gary Dickstein, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Judicial Services at Wright State, students at WSU have received judicial action in the past based on information or pictures posted on Facebook.

"The university does not actively monitor Facebook, but if something is brought to our attention by staff, the police or another student, the university will take action like any other complaint," said Dickstein. Things

that may get a student in trouble include pictures with weapons or of illegal alcohol or drug use on campus.

Judicial Services currently talks to incoming students at orientation programs about Facebook and other networking Web sites, said Dickstein. Students are asked to think about the kind of image they want to project as well as the necessity of exercising caution with personal information.

Facebook ignited controversy last year at WSU after the group "White Students at WSU" opened debate on racial issues.

Students, like anyone else, need to be careful about the information they are posting on the Internet, said Dr. Leo Finkelstein, a lecturer and Director of Technical Communications in the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

"It's amazing how seemingly innocuous and innocent information can be used by those with mendacious intentions," said Finkelstein. "Additionally, when information from one of these sites is captured often from public records databases, the resulting profile can be quite detailed and revealing."

Finkelstein questions employers' use of Facebook in hiring decisions. "This involves using unverified information that may have little relevance to, or relation with, reality, but which may have immense impact on others. Who wants to work for an employer who relies on what is often no more than a bunch of cyberfluff?" he added.

Many students are already aware of Facebook security issues. "I try to be careful about what I post. I have some adult friends I met at church activities, and I judge what I post based on what I would want them to see," said junior liberal studies major Lauren Cuff.

Got a story idea? Need an event covered? E-mail our Features Editor, Katie Strayer, at strayer.6@wright.edu with details!

Fall Fest to BRANCH OUT on campus this week

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In addition to being a great way to get involved with a campus organization, Fall Fest may just be the year's best opportunity to get free stuff.

"Fall Fest is a student organization fair with a little bit of fun," said University Activities Board (UAB) Traditions Chair and event chairperson Emily Keller. According to Keller, around 110 campus organizations will be featured, ranging from Student Government to Habitat For Humanity to Crosswalk. The event will also have inflatables, including what Keller describes as "a giant moon bounce for college students" and an obstacle course.

This year's Fall Fest will be held on Sept. 8 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the North Lawn, with a rain location of the Student Union Apollo Room. Planning for the event began in May of last year.

"My organization will be using Fall Fest as an opportunity to interest students in becoming a part of RCA. We will be handing out information to residents on how to get involved on their campus, including applications for community council positions," said Residential Community Association President Rebecca DeNoewer.

Habitat For Humanity president Amanda Thompson believes that campus organizations are not the only ones who benefit from Fall Fest participation. "Fall Fest not only offers a way for students to become involved, but allows them to see who is in their new community like banks, restaurants and so forth," she said.

Other organizations will feature activities and, of course, the infamous Fall Fest giveaways. Junior computer science major Grant Dennis fondly remembers "They gave away free ramen noodles my freshman year!" ROTC will give stu-

dents an opportunity to participate in its popular climbing wall.

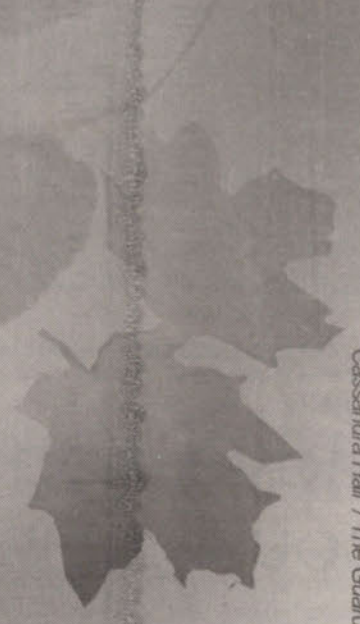
UAB has been actively working with Student Activities to bring in outside vendors like LaRosa's pizza.

Keller wants students to know that Fall Fest is not just an event for freshmen. "It's an event for everyone," Keller said. "I found out about (Fall Fest) because of the free stuff freshman year and kept coming back."

Student Government President Brad Turner was quick to show his support for the activities. "Fall Fest is a fantastic event filled with exciting opportunities to learn about the different organizations around campus and crammed with interesting activities in which to participate. Everyone should attend and be ready to have fun," he said.

"I'll definitely be going to Fall Fest. It's a great place to get a feel for campus life and to meet other students and student groups. You can sort of see where you'd like to

fit in at Wright State," said UAB Major Events Chair Mike George.



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ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

peruse through an art print and poster sale any time on the Quad on Sept. 6.

UAB is having an ice cream social on Sept. 6-7 from 1-3p.m. at the Turning Point sculpture, better known (lovingly) as BART.

Relax with a chair massage on Sept. 8 from 11am-2pm in the SU formal lounge. \$10.75/15 minutes. Sign up for an appointment through the SU Box Office. Cash and checks will be accepted.

The Department of Music presents "Alumni Virtuosity" on Sept. 9 from 7:30-10pm in the Concert Hall of the CAC. The concert will showcase Alumni performances to benefit the concert hall renovations. A \$25 ticket includes a tax deductible gift to the Concert Hall Renovation Fund of \$13. For more info call Victoria Chadbourne at 775-2787.

Students in the College of Science and Math can enjoy a pizza party on Sept. 7 from 2-4pm in 106 Oelman.

The Women's Center Monday Film Series has returned and will show "I Wonder What You Will Remember of September" on Sept 11 from 12:15-2 p.m. in 148 Millet. Check out www.wright.edu/admin/womensctr/events.html for a description of the film. Bring a lunch!

THE RUSS ENGINEERING CARNIVAL WILL BE SEPT. 8 FROM 10AM-3PM AT BART FOR NEW ENGINEERING STUDENTS.

Our beloved Tully's is rising from the ashes of last winter's fire and construction is underway.

A new Starbucks and S&B Nails are now open in College Station, the new shopping center next to Meijer.

Check out the new mall known as The Greene in Beavercreek.

SHOW BIZ BUZZ

- ☆ *After receiving an Oscar for "It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp," Three 6 Mafia is requesting a Pennsylvania judge to dismiss a lawsuit filed by a man who claimed he was beaten by the crowd at a concert during the song "Let's Start a Riot."
- ☆ *Known as The Crocodile Hunter, Steve Irwin, 44, died Sept. 4 after the barb of a stingray put a hole into his heart. Irwin was on location in Australia filming a segment for a series called "Ocean's Deadliest."
- ☆ *After 15 years on the Today show, Katie Couric makes TV history this week by becoming the first female to solo anchor an evening broadcast for CBS Evening News.
- ☆ *Brooke Shields revealed last Friday on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno that Tom Cruise has apologized for criticizing her use of antidepressants.
- ☆ *British graffiti artist and prankster, Banksy, tampered with about 500 copies of Paris Hilton's CD by including a topless picture of her as well as her body with a dog's head. Her "hits" included "Why am I famous?"
- ☆ *Award-winning singer and actress Cher is set to auction of her "gothic" items in a giant garage sale. Organized by Sotheby's New York office and Julien's auctions, Cher will be auctioning off almost 800 items from stage costumes to furniture.
- ☆ *Jennifer Aniston and photographer Peter Brandt have amicably settled a lawsuit that revolved around topless photos Brandt took of Aniston last year. Brandt had taken the photos when he was standing about 300 yards away from Aniston's home.
- ☆ *The American Film Institute named "Singin' in the Rain" as the number one musical in its list of 25 Greatest Movie Musicals. "West Side Story," "The Wizard of Oz" and "The Sound of Music" were some of the musicals named in the list.

Last Call

**B Double E Double
Are Y ou In?**

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Sometimes you just wanna go where everybody knows your name. You choke back a Three Wise Men while your friends are either persuading you to sing a riveting karaoke version of "Eye of the Tiger," or you're ready to hit the dance floor. The things that make our favorite watering holes feel like home are a wonderful combination. But what happens when we've been there, done that too many times to count, and the patrons aren't getting any more attractive despite our growing B.A.C.s?

It's time to do some bar-hopping. I'm talking about the places where you can actually hold a conversation without shouting at the cute guy or gal who just bought you a drink. The Dayton area is full of classy joints that pride themselves in atmosphere and an innovative drinking experience.

This quarter, I will take readers on a tour that profiles just what it is that distinguishes these places from the rest. E-mail me your sipping suggestions - I'd love to hear some stories.

With that, I leave you with a quote from 1988's "Cocktail," starring Tom Cruise (pre-crazy):

"I don't care how liberated this world becomes - a man will always be judged by the amount of alcohol he can consume - and a woman will be impressed, whether she likes it or not."

**Last Call urges students to remember to drink responsibly.*

Dunbar Library to host 'Unreal' gaming experience

WHAT: Unreal Tournament

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 8 from 6-10 p.m.

WHERE: Second floor of the Dunbar Library

COST: Free

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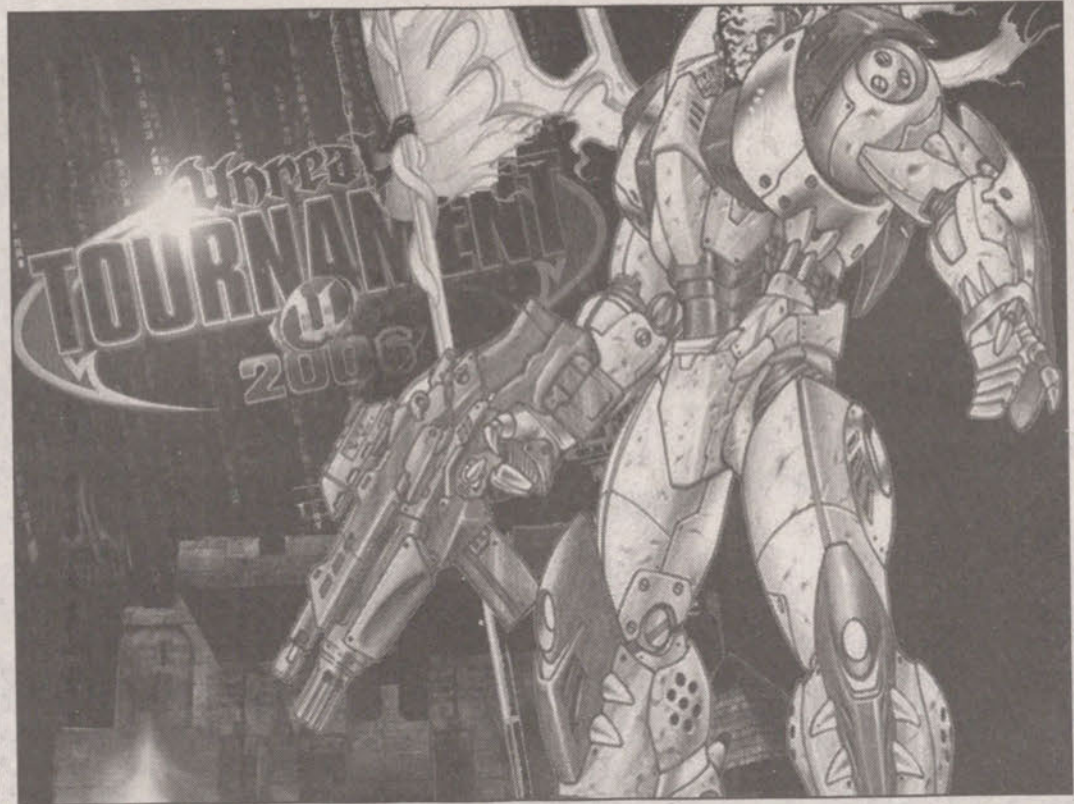
Although the computers on campus are typically not supposed to be used for games, the university is making an exception for one night. Residence Services, University Libraries and CaTS has put together an evening for students to come to the library and play games on the computers in the library.

The event is planned for Sept. 8, from 6-10 p.m. on the second floor of the Dunbar Library. The featured game is Unreal Tournament 2004, set up on dedicated servers that allow students to compete against each other in a variety of group and individual matches. Unreal Tournament was named Multi-player Game of the Year by Computer Gaming World magazine.

Students think that the game is a good choice. "I've only played Unreal Tournament a handful of times, but it was fun, and since it's a first-person shooter, most people will probably enjoy it," said English major Amber Riippa.

Volunteers will assist students in getting that game started and managing the game play. Students unfamiliar to the game will be able to pick it up easily with the help of the volunteers and other experienced gamers.

In addition to the gaming, drinks and snacks will be provided, and information about the Napster and Ctrax music service for students will also be available. Librarians will be there to answer any questions about the library and how to use it, and participants can check out displays of the popular best-seller



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books the library owns. For those into board games and cards, there will be an area set up for these activities as well.

The staff is also excited about what the event offers to students. "We thought this event is a great opportunity for students to meet new people, check out the library and have a blast," said Chris Watson, Director of Library Administrative and Computing Services.

Gamers are excited that the University is now embracing the gaming experiences they enjoy. "The university has so many computers that are already set up and networked, and by allowing gamers to use them, they relieve us of the hassles of hosting our own LAN parties, such as finding a large enough space and bringing our own PCs," said

physics major Scott Eilerman.

All the hardware required to play will be provided and setup prior to the event, so students are not required to bring their own computer or controllers. A valid Wright I card is required for entry.

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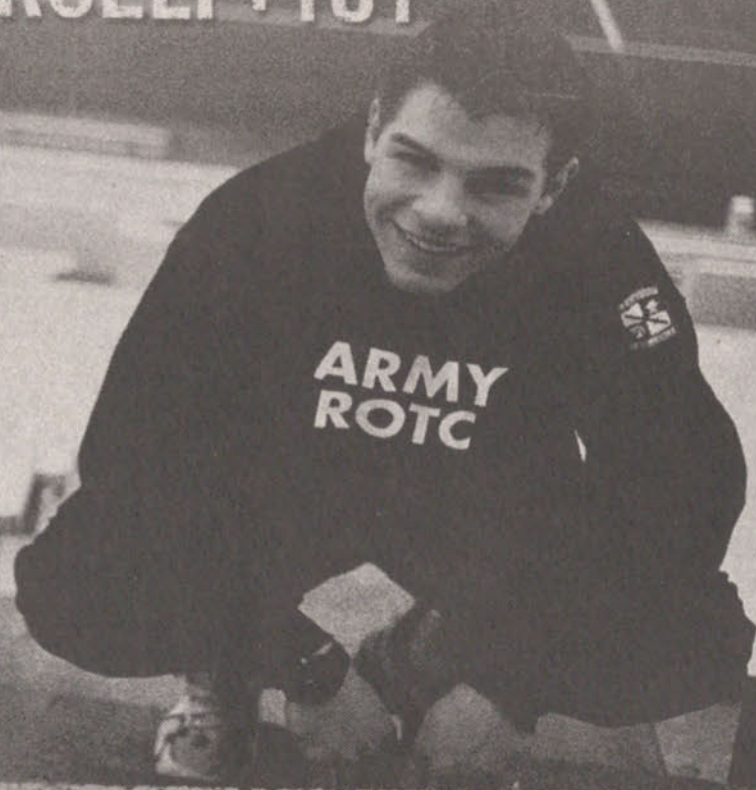
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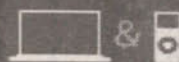


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Baseball goes to NCAA Tourney

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Right: A Wright State runner stretches out to beat a throw to first. During the Tournament the Raiders struggled to bring home their baserunners, as they left nine on base against Oregon State alone.

Below: Hitting was Wright State's strong point in Oregon. WSU pounded out 13 hits against their two opponents. However, against Hawaii the Raiders sent five balls to the warning track. All five times the Raiders wished the ball would have gone over the fence instead.



After snapping a 12 year drought of not appearing in the NCAA Baseball Tournament, the team was unable to record its first tournament win in school history.

But the team still felt as though they had accomplished a lot while at the tournament.

"I feel that we represented Wright State as best as we could without winning a game," said coach Rob Cooper. "We had a chance to win both games. We would have liked to have to have won."

After flying to Corvallis, Oregon to take part in the tournament, the Raiders had the challenge of taking on Oregon State, a team that made it to the College World Series in 2005.

After jumping out to a 3-0 lead after four innings it looked as though the Raiders didn't have a chance against OSU. But the Raiders proved else wise when Aaron Garcia hit a two run double, followed by a John Kopilchack single that brought Garcia home to knot the game at 3-3.

Cooper brought in the Raider's ace, Joe Smith, in the sixth. After pitching 2.2 innings of scoreless baseball it looked as though Smith was going to pull through again, but it didn't happen.

"We needed just one out," said Smith. "I just couldn't get one out."

With two runners aboard the Beavers' Chris Kundra ripped a double into the right field gap to bring home the two runners and give OSU the 5-3 victory.

The very next day Hawaii didn't make things any better for the Raiders as they too defeated WSU by a score of 5-3 and taught them that "Aloha" means both hello and goodbye.

During the game WSU's offense sent five balls to the warning track, but were never able to get one over the fence.

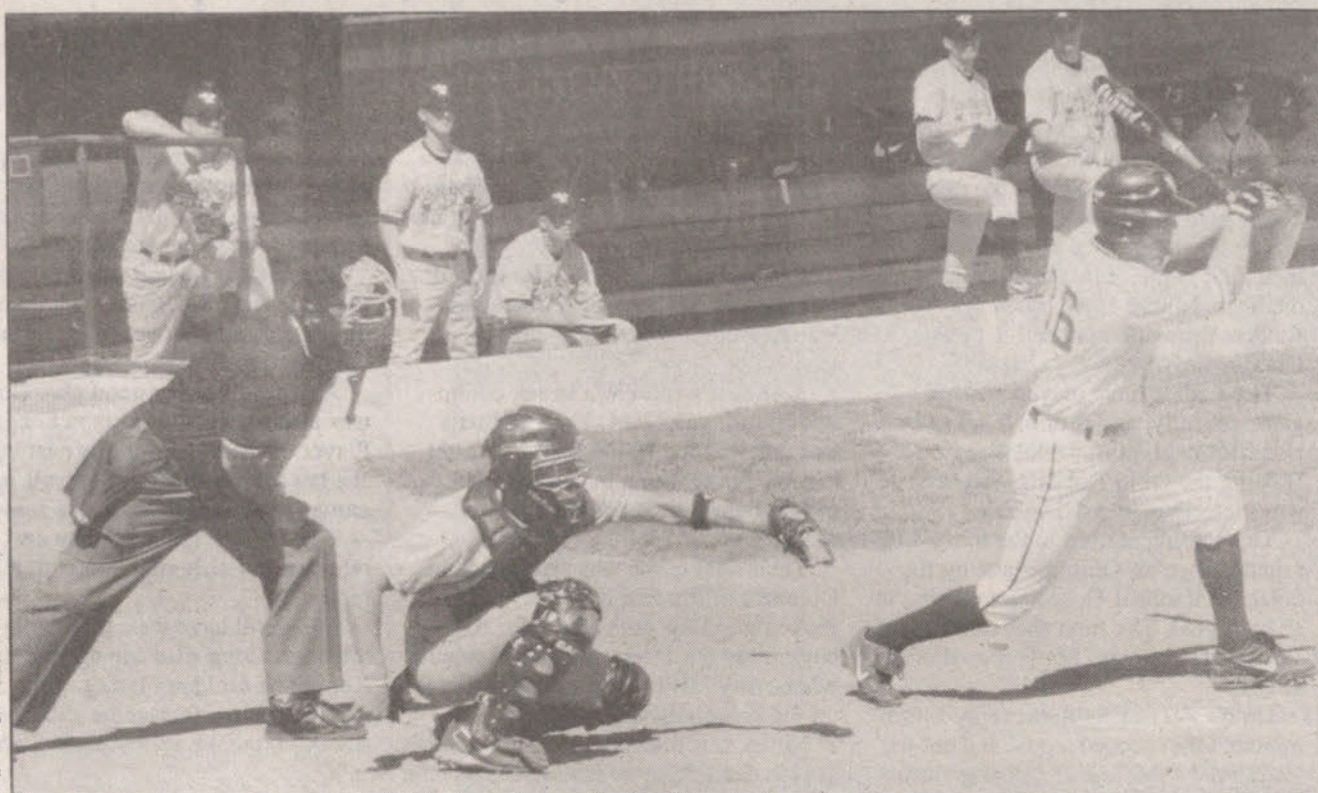
But even though the team didn't win anything on the field, they won over the fans in the crowd.

At the conclusion of the Hawaii game first baseman Jeffery Hammons was summoned to the stands by an elderly Oregon State fan.

"She said I was cute and adorable," said Hammons with a proud grin on his face. "There's just a lot of nice people here."

Looking back though Cooper is still very proud of what his team was able to accomplish on the ball field. He also believes the team is ahead of schedule compared to where they should be.

"If you'd have told me two years ago when I took the job we'd be playing in the NCAA tournament...I would have said 'Gosh I'll take it,'" said Cooper. "So yeah, we're ahead of schedule."



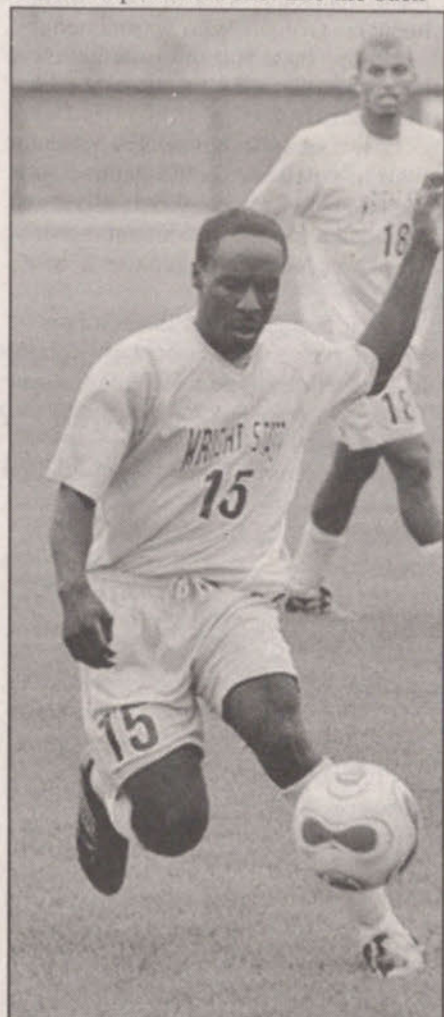
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Men's soccer starts season at 2-2

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The men's soccer team has had an average season thus far with a .500 record as they split the first four matches of the season.

The Raiders wasted no time getting the scoreboard lit up against IPFW in their opening match of the season. Adam Harp drove a shot into the back



Aggressive play by Wright State has led to the Raiders' high scoring this season.

off the net early on to give WSU an early 1-0 lead.

Less than ten minutes after the first goal by Milosevic found the net. Then, just two minutes later, freshmen Braden Fleak beat IPFW goalkeeper Joshua Howell to the punch and got the next goal, setting the score to 3-0, Wright State.

After half-time, Fleak broke loose again and shot one past IPFW's newest goalie Michael Knitter. This wrapped up the scoring of the game, as junior goalie Tobias Mason held off any offense from IPFW.

Wright State had the advantage in the shots category with 14 goals to the IPFW's eight.

The Raiders success would be soured by their next opponent, Saint Mary's Gaels from St. Mary's.

The first half of the match was a stalemate. But that ended in the second period when St. Mary's scored two goals against the Raiders solitary goal.

Fleak continued his streak of fury offensively for the Raiders as he scored the only goal for Wright State.

The game seemed as though it would end in a tie with the score at 1-1 with just 51 seconds left to play.

But St. Mary's had other plans as Gaels forward Carlos Diaz came out of nowhere to score the winning goal.

WSU was challenged twice more during the second period, but to no avail. The Raiders out shot the Gaels 14-6 and snared 3 corner kicks to none during one game.

Underneath the hot Alabama sun, the Raiders then played two games against Birmingham's hometown teams, Birmingham Southern and the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Wright State's first game against Birmingham Southern was won by two goals by Adam Harp and Braden Fleak and two assists by fellow classmate



Tobias Mason clears the ball during action against St. Mary's. Mason has allowed just three goals so far this season, helping the Raiders stay above a losing record.

Jonah Longino.

Harp scored the go-ahead goal from a Longino assist at the 40:26 mark. Fleak would then seal the deal for Wright State when he shot a goal into BSU's net.

Goalkeeper Tobias Mason would record his second shutout of the season, although Birmingham Southern 12 shots on goal.

The Raiders final game in Alabama was against the Blazers of UAB. Things were looking good for Wright State when they were in the lead 2-1, but couldn't hold it and lost 3-2.

Neither had an advantage until the

minute mark when UAB scored a goal, and Wright State fought back with a penalty kick. Michael Conley gave the Raiders the lead 2-1.

When the timer went to the seventy-first minute, UAB broke loose and tied up the game. Ten minutes later, UAB would put the go-ahead goal in the Raiders net.

The Green and Gold now travel to Florida to take on Jacksonville and Central Florida, before traveling back to Ohio to take on Bowling Green.

The men don't come home until September 24 when they take on Butler.

Women's soccer on winning track

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The school year may just be starting, but the women's soccer team has already begun seasonal action.

The Lady Raiders first game was in Nebraska against the 25th ranked Cornhuskers. During the first half, the Raiders drew first blood as a goal from Megan Mattioda drove past a diving Cornhusker goalie, setting the score to 1-0 Raiders.

The Cornhuskers fought back during the thirty-seventh minute when a Jessie Goodell kick was blocked by Steph Comisar, only to be redirected by Savannah Allen for the goal, tying the score even 1-1.

The next eighty-three minutes were scoreless as Comisar and Nebraska goalie Jamie Klages were able to hold off each other's offenses.

The Cornhuskers fired fifteen shots towards the goalposts, while Wright State kicked eight towards the opponent's net.

The Raiders ended in a tie during their first game, a feat that has not been duplicated since 1987, when the Raiders drew up another 1-1 tie at Oberlin University.

The Ladies have played another game recently, and it turned out to be a beautiful beginning for their season. Hosting the Ohio Bobcats Wright State was victorious in a 4-1 match.

The scoring started in the thirty-fifth minute when an Ohio mistake by the defender Rachael Goulding resulting in an own goal. The next shot came off of Desire Morris, with her first goal of the season.

Up by 3-0 during the seventy-fourth minute, Ohio scored a goal and cut the lead to 3-1. The last score came from

Morris's final kick, ending the game 4-1.

Their next two games took them to Lexington, Kentucky for the UK Invitational.

Even though the Raiders and Cardinals couldn't score a goal, the action was fierce in the scoreless tie against Louisville.

Comisar's scoreless streak continued to roll, at 127:44. The Cardinals had out shot the Raiders 19-4. Wright had one more game to compete in Lexington before they could go home again.

Their next game was against the Colonels of Eastern Kentucky. Things looked good for both teams for the beginning, until the twenty-first minute when Amy Miller shot a goal to bring up the score 1-0.

Miller was also credited with another goal in the fifty-nine minute to raise the

score 2-0.

Kristen Olson capped off the scoring of the game after her first goal of the game. When the final buzzer blared, the Raiders took home the win, 3-0.

The Wright State Raiders out-shot the Colonels 17-6. Comisar held off three goals and her scoreless streak continued to 216:44.

As a result of her good play Comisar was also named the Horizon League Player of the Week for this past week. She has allowed just goals in all four games combined thus far this season.

The Raiders left Kentucky and returned to Fairborn, Ohio with a 2-0-2 record.

They will have their first home game after their long road trip against the Kent State Golden Flashes. The Lady Raiders have a four-game unbeaten streak to uphold against Kent State.

Volleyball coach optimistic about season

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It is once again time for the fall sports to start up again here on campus. The Raider volleyball team starts their season off August 25th At Western Kentucky University.

The team ended 12-20 in their overall matches and 5-9 in our conference last year. The two top players last year were Sarah Poling and Jenny Schultz. Poling ended the year with 372 kills, 35 sets, 415 digs and 41 total blocks. Schultz finished with 259 kills, 13 sets, 219 digs and 42 blocks.

There are several changes to this year's roster. The two additional players who have been added to the team are setter Tina Paunicka from Champaign, Illinois and outside hitter Adesua Ituah from Sugar Land, Texas.

Newcomers to the team this fall are Rebecca Awa, Lexi Leonhard, Lili Williams and Samantha Connor.

Awa, a freshman from Ontario, CA, is joining the raiders as an opposite hitter. She has won several awards including the Gatorade Regional Player of the Year, as well as been a four-year letterman at Chaffey High School and she has participated in Rancho Valley Volleyball Club for five years.

Leonhard is also a freshman is becoming a new outside hitter for Wright State's Volleyball team. She is from Temperance, MI where she graduated from Bedford High school, where she was named Second Team All-State, First Team All-Region, and First Team All-Southeastern Conference.

Williams is a joining sophomore from Heath, TX. She was named the Mid-Continent Conference's Defensive Player of the week, and competed last season at Centenary College.

Connor, a junior at Wright State, has played the last two seasons at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, CA. Originally from Anaheim, she has set new records at Orange Coast and helped their volleyball team go on to win the California Community College state championship.

The six returning players this year are Tara Geegan, Sarah Poling, Alisha Kimbro, Lindsey Frank, Lizzy Gunn, Jenny Schultz.

"I am excited about the upcoming season." Coach Catrina Smith said. "Our returners have worked hard in the spring and over the summer to prepare for the season. I am excited about the new players on the team; they all bring something unique to our program."

Volleyball off to rough start

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The volleyball team has had a rough start to their season so far in 2006. In their seven games played the Raiders have only been on the winning side of the net once.

In a five match marathon against East Carolina at the start of the Jefferson Cup Tournament in Charlottesville, Virginia, the Wright State Raiders won the first two games and lost the last three.

The final stats for the game were Poling with 14 kills and 15 digs, Kimbro recording a hitting percentage of .483 and 16 kills and Frank attacked the Pirates with 4 digs, 6 kills and 62 assists.

As a team, the women had only 11 blocks and committed a staggering 6 service errors.

The green and gold once again dropped another set of three matches against the tournament hosts, Virginia.

This games was one of low numbers for the girls, the only players that hit the double digits were Jenny Schultz with a hitting percentage of .417 and 12 kills. her teammates Sarah Poling had 16 digs and Lindsey Frank recorded 33 assists.

Wright State's final matches in the Jefferson Cup were against Georgetown, when they recorded their yet another loss as the Hoyas defeated the Raiders 3-1.

WSU finished the weekend off with Poling giving 12 kills and tied for 9 kills each during these matches were Schultz and Geegan.

The standout player of the tournament was Geegan, who was named to the all-tournament team for recording 30 kills, hitting .288 and blocking 14 assists.

"The competition was very good and we didn't play our best volleyball." said head coach Trina Smith. "We are still learning to how to cut out our mistakes and compete at a high level at all times."

The Green and Gold are now 1-6 and are heading to Florida next to compete in the Smoothie King Invitational, which is hosted by South Florida.

The Raiders start off the tourney against Texas Tech before taking on South Florida and Jacksonville.

Then, the weekend of September 15 Wright State will host a tournament of their own with West Virginia, Akron, and Denver taking part in the competition.



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Jenny Schultz goes up for a spike. Despite The Raiders struggles Schultz has been a bright spot for WSU.



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Soccer teams looking to score big

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For every season, there is a pre-season. And for ultra-spectacular teams, there is a post-season, also known as play-offs. But before there are playoffs and regular games, there is a preseason ranking.

The Raiders, both for women and men teams, have already begun seasonal play, with the women's record standing at 0-0-1, and the guys 1-1-0 record.

Mike Tracy, coach of the men's soccer team, is hoping for a good season and to win the Horizon League conference.

"There are a couple little things, but I think we are going to have a very good year," Tracy said. "Our ultimate goal is to win the conference championship."

Tracy describes the team as a young team, with plenty of experience. The team consists of transfers from other colleges, freshmen, and sophomores, and three returning starting seniors.

He describes the goalies and backfielders as very experienced. He continues on to the midfield, with two-thirds returning to play. The top position though only has a solo returnee.

During three of the last four years, Wright State's men soccer team has

always finished in the top four of the Horizon League. This year, the men are ranked 5th out of the eight teams for the HL.

Coach Patrick Ferguson is in charge of the women's soccer team for the second year. He illustrates the team as a combination of veterans and rookies.

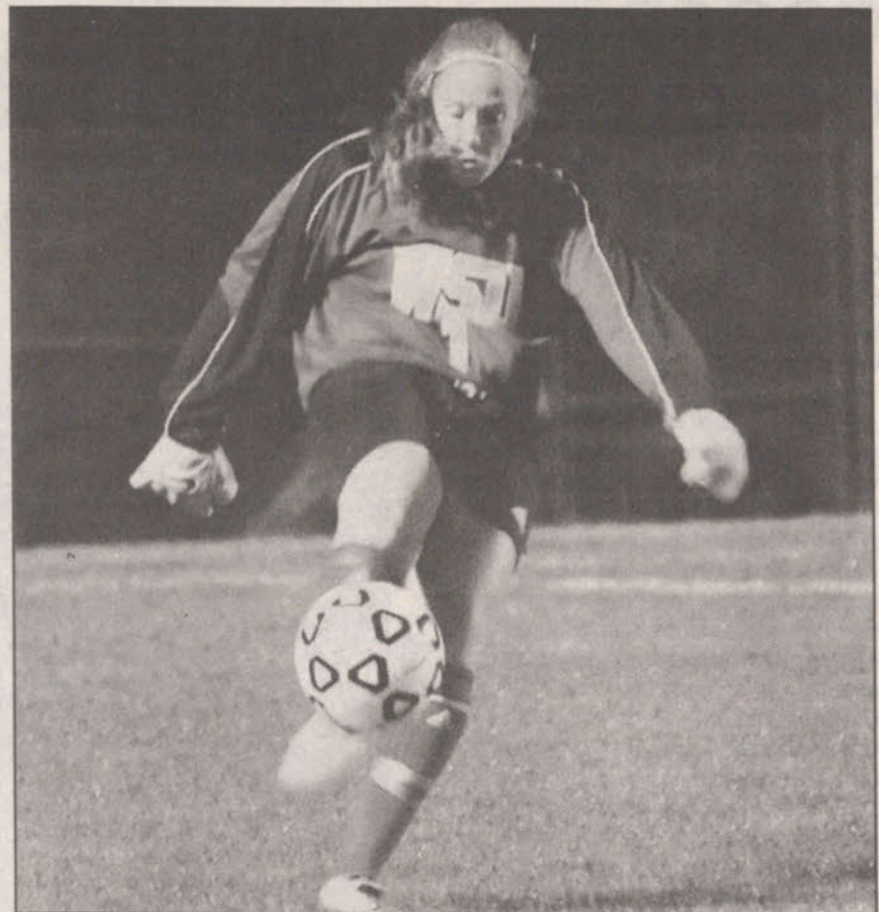
From the eleven starting there are three freshmen, three sophomores, and five seniors and juniors. He points out the defense is the heart of the team. The strongest clutch for the team is the goalkeeper.

"We had a good year last year, setting a lot of records, and had the highest winning percentage in about 15 years," Ferguson said, "This year's team is a lot more competitive, with plenty of good athletes, and we can win the conference championship."

Coach Ferguson is looking forward to the OSU and the Wisconsin-Milwaukee game in the league.

Last year, the Raiders finished fourth in the conference, and this year they are picked third out of the eight teams of the league.

The season might just be starting for the soccer players, but their goal is already in sight. And they share the same goal, to win the Horizon League championship.



Senior Steph Comisar has had two shutouts this season and was named the Horizon League Player of the Week this past week.

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WSU improving current sports before adding football

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With the start of the college football season this past weekend, many students are raising the question: Why doesn't Wright State have a football team?

It's a fair argument for students to ask. Enrollment has increased dramatically in the past few years and the popularity of the sports has exploded with games being broadcasted on primetime television from noon until 10 o'clock at night.

However, on the sports scale at Wright State, the athletic department is taking a more strategic, and maybe better approach, to improving their sports programs.

In the fall of 2005 the school finished building the Pavilion Center, a practice facility for both the men's and women's basketball teams. As a result, the athletic department was able to recruit new men's basketball coach Brad Brownell after the departure Paul Biancardi.

When Brownell was deciding between coaching at Wright State and Ball State, one of the major reasons he chose WSU was because the state of the art practice facilities that were at the university and thought it showed just how dedicated the athletic depart-

ment was to build a winning program.

The department's next move will most likely be building a new facility for the men's and women's swimming and diving teams.

In the past 14 years the men's and women's have combined for 16 conference championships, yet they are one of the few programs on campus that have to share their facilities with students.

At the same time though, no other sports has experienced near the amount of success that swimming and diving has had.

Improving things for their current athletes looks to be the correct path for Wright State to be taking right now.

Instead of starting a new program, such as football, improving the current programs as much as they can is a better decision in the long.

It's simply common sense. Why have a bunch of mediocre sports programs, when a school can have a well-established base in all of their programs? Although they may not be as well known on campus they will still attract better athletes to the school and give the university a better reputation as a sports than having a popular sport that struggles.

Only after a majority of the sports on experience a great amount of success should WSU add football.



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Friday September 8
WSU at Jacksonville
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Sunday September 10
WSU at Central Florida
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WSU at BGSU
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Tuesday September 19
WSU at IUPUI
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Friday September 8
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Hockey Club to hold tryouts

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Wright State's National ACHA Club Hockey Champion team will be holding tryouts this weekend on September 9 and 10 to find new players for the upcoming season, said team manager Gary Dickstein.

In just their third year of existances the team had just one loss last season and won the school's first national championship for club hockey.

Now the team is looking for recruits to help them repeat that feat again this March.

Although the team had just one player graduate from last year's squad, and only a few not returning, Dickstein stresses that no one has a for sure spot on the team.

"There's never any guarantee that any of the returners automatically have a spot for the next year," said Dickstein. "So generally there's 20 to 22 open spots."

For students who are interested the cost of tryouts is \$40, plus they must show up with their own equipment

including a full-face mask.

Tryouts will be held at Hara Arena where the team practices and plays a majority of their home games during the regular season.

Then, when a student makes the cut, there is then an additional charge of around \$1,200 for uniforms, travel, referees and other expenses along the way. The only things students must pay for is food when the team is on the road.

However, if someone does not make the team and still wants to be a part of the club there are always things the team needs help with.

"We are actually looking to expand our volunteer crew," said Dickstein. "Especially someone to help manage the team."

Currently Dickstein takes care of all the team's management situations, but would like to find a student who wants see how a hockey teams runs behind the scenes to help out.

For further questions about being a part of the team, students should contact Dickstein in the Student Judicial Services office.

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Three WSU baseball players sign professional contracts



Aaron Garcia

-Signed with New York Mets Organization

-Has thrown out three runners in five games this season

- Held a .286 batting average for Gulf Coast

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After breaking a 12 year curse of not making the NCAA Tournament, it should come as no surprise that Wright State's baseball team had players capable of playing at the professional level last season.

Joe Smith, Aaron Garcia and Robert Barrett all three signed professional contracts at the conclusion of the 2006 college season, not much to the surprise of head coach Rob Cooper.

"They're three guys that were big reasons for what we did this past season," said Cooper. "Their hard work coupled with the teams success allowed them to walk through that door."

Of the three Smith was the only one to be drafted by a team during the MLB Draft in June. He was selected 94th overall by the New York Mets in the third round. The news was nothing shocking to Cooper.

"I felt that Joe (Smith) was definitely going to get drafted. I actually thought that because of some of the teams that had been in to see him a lot."

As a Raider, Smith had a say in exactly one half of the WSU's 26 wins last season. He lead the entire Horizon League in saves with 13 and also compiled three wins while in the closer position. While accomplishing those feats Smith also recorded 63 strikeouts in just 55 innings of work.

Since signing for the

Mets organization Smith has already moved up from Single-A ball to Double-A. Before being moved up Smith had a 0.45 ERA in 20 innings of work for the Brooklyn Cyclones. He also recorded 28 strikeouts while walking only three.

Also signing for the Mets was Garcia, the man who was behind the plate for the Raiders last season. He batted .333 and had 40 RBI's in the third slot for WSU.

After the draft Garcia inked a contract with the Mets' Rookie League team Port St. Lucie, Florida where he had six starts, all at catchers, and recorded a .286 batting average while throwing out three base runners.

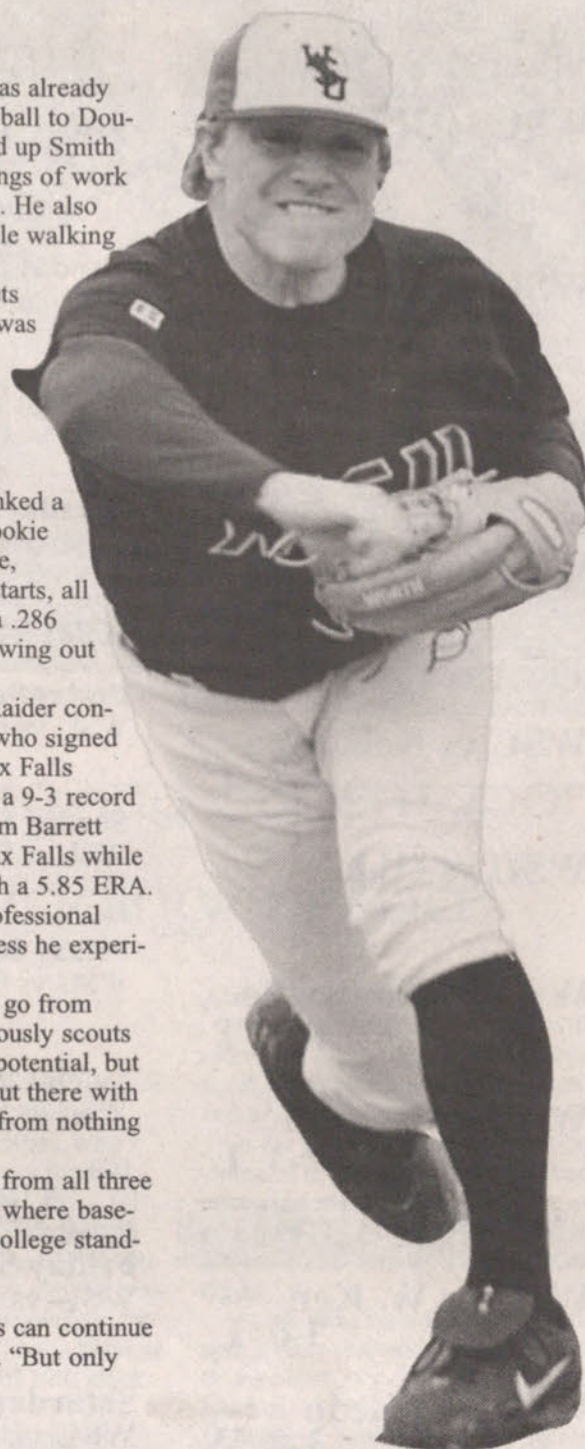
And rounding out the Raider contract signers was Barrett, who signed with the independent Sioux Falls Canaries. After compiling a 9-3 record in a green and gold uniform Barrett pitched 20 innings in Sioux Falls while amassing a 1-1 record with a 5.85 ERA.

The highlight of his professional career so far was the success he experienced in his first start.

As for where they will go from here, it's hard to tell. Obviously scouts think Smith has the most potential, but there are always players out there with story book lives of going from nothing to something.

Cooper has high hopes from all three of his former athletes and where baseball will take the former college standouts.

"All three of these guys can continue to move on," said Cooper. "But only time will tell."



Joe Smith

-Drafted 94th overall by the New York Mets

-0.75 ERA for Brooklyn Cyclones

-Moved up to Double-A squad Binghamton Mets

Robert Barrett

-Signed with Sioux Falls Canaries

- Had a 1-1 record

- Recorded 23 strikeouts and a 5.85 ERA



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