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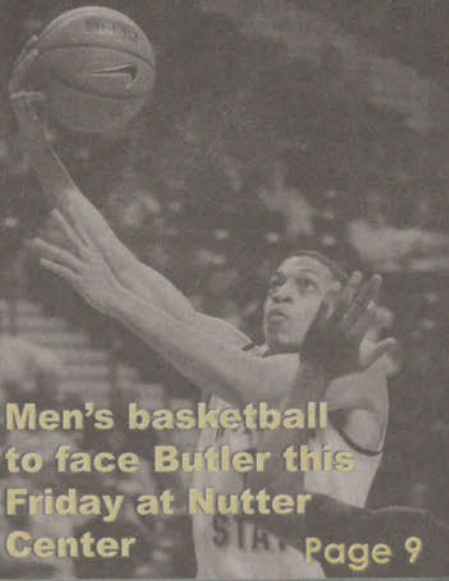


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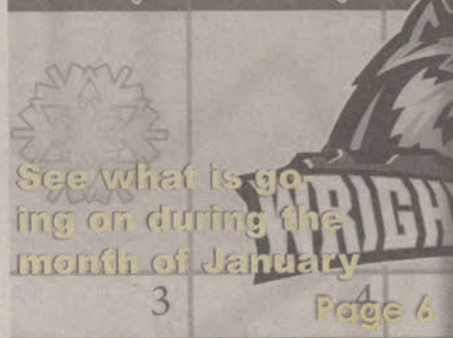
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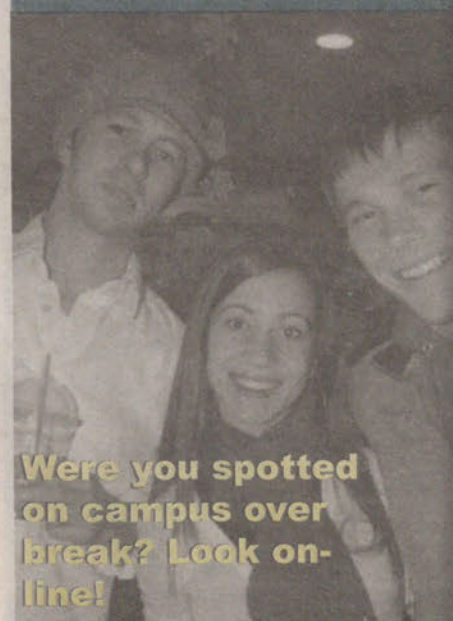
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Dec. 28 - Shortly after 2 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Pine Hall to investigate a possible hit and run incident.

The damaged car was parked on Village Drive.

The vehicle was struck on the driver's side bumper and the quarter side panels.

Damages were confined to minor cracks, dents, scrapes and paint transfer.

The owner of the vehicle said the vehicle is able to run, but there is a grinding noise coming from the driver's side of the car.

There are no known suspects at this time.

Jan. 1 - Officers noticed two "moderately intoxicated" males walking down Zink Road.

The males were said to be "staggering" as they approached the police.

Both males were issued citations for alcohol offenses involving minors.

Because of their moderate level of intoxication and the extreme weather conditions, police gave the males a ride back to their apartment in the Province.

Jan. 4 - A female told officers that her purse had been stolen from her wheelchair.

The female had visited Millet Hall and the Wright Cup (Student Union) earlier that day. She did not notice the purse was missing until she got back to her apartment later that evening.

Jan. 3 - A Residential Advisor called police to handle a fight in progress on Zink Road.

Police supplied Residents Services with all needed information.



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Preventing credit card fraud

What students can do to keep their credit cards safe

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During the holidays, millions of people used credit cards to purchase that special gift for someone. Now criminals are using some of those same credit cards to purchase special gifts for themselves.

And college students are no exception.

Credit card fraud costs credit cardholders and issuers \$500 million a year. Most often credit cards are stolen from the workplace, gym or unattended vehicles, according to www.spamlaws.com.

Credit card theft is a growing problem. As of 2007, 59 percent of identity theft involved the use of existing credit cards by criminals and up to 22 percent had to do with the establishment of new credit cards in another individual's name, according to www.creditcardslovetoknow.com.

"Wright Patt Credit Union (WPCU) attributes the increase in credit card fraud to the fraudsters getting smarter. The people committing the fraud or stealing the card numbers get smarter every time and find a way to get more card numbers," said Jocelyn Austin, Card Services Manager at WPCU.

Many college students use credit cards because they make it easy to purchase things online and build a credit history at the same time. While those are good things people should be aware that WPCU has not seen a specific group of people being targeted for credit card fraud, according to Austin.

Prevent your card from being stolen

Anyone can be a victim of credit card fraud but there are ways people can protect themselves from it.

1. Be sure to put credit cards in a safe place. People should never leave their credit card or something containing it in a dorm, apartment or vehicle unattended.
2. When making online purchases people should make sure they are dealing with a legitimate trusted merchant and are on a secure website, according to www.credit-management.bestarticles.com
3. Never give credit card information out through e-mail or over the phone unless you are dealing with a trusted merchant.
4. Avoid lending out credit cards and always have the back signed.

More ways people can protect themselves from credit card fraud are listed on www.spamlaws.com.

"It is good to keep an eye on statements and to report any fraudulent activity right away. It is also a great idea for card holders to call their credit card company

and make sure that they have fraud tools in place to track and monitor fraud," said Austin.

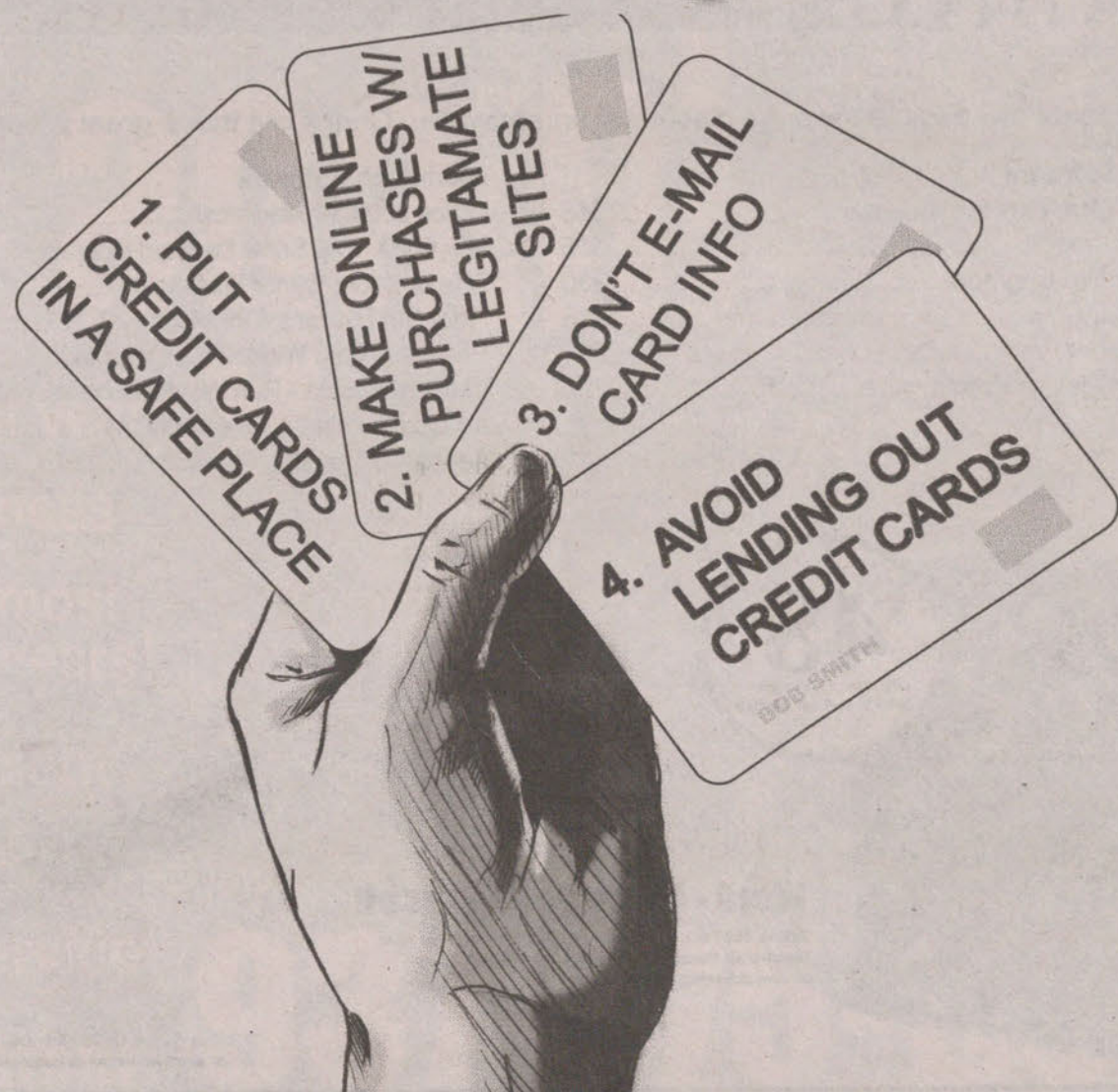
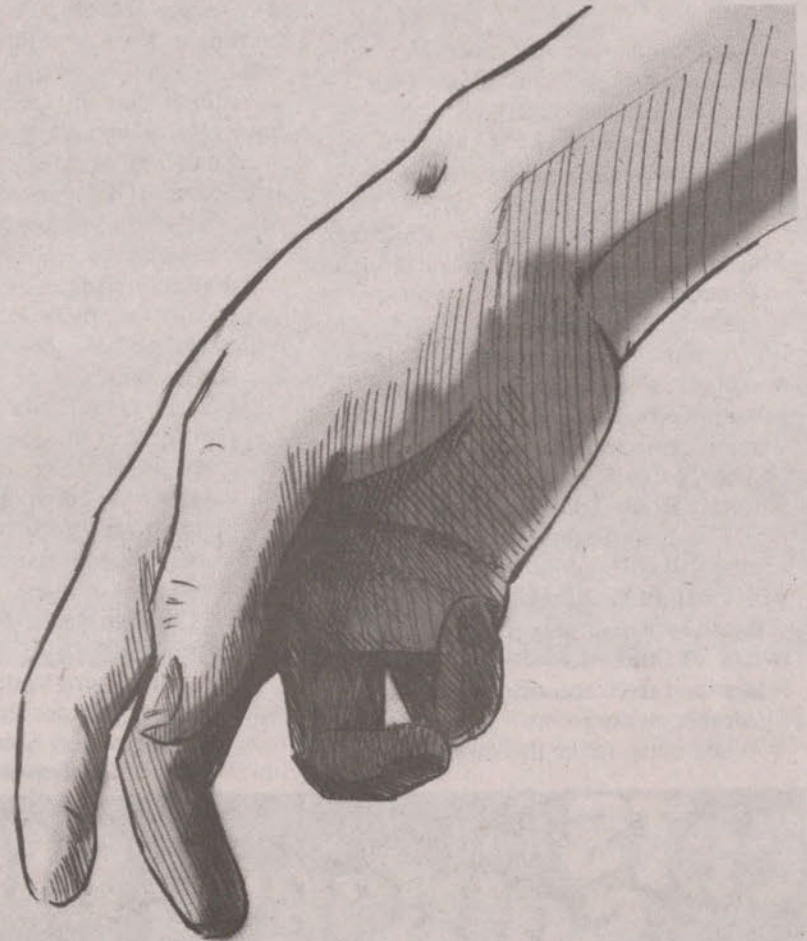
People can also purchase liability protection from many credit card companies. Doing so will ensure students are not held responsible if their credit card is stolen.

"(When credit cards are stolen) people should call their credit card company right away, get the card blocked, and a brand new card number issued and dispute started. The sooner they get the card blocked the better. It can stop the fraudster from using the card repeatedly and hitting the person with more fraud," said Austin.

Good to know

People should be aware that according to law once a person reports a credit card stolen he or she cannot be held responsible for any fraudulent charges. However, depending on their credit card company and protection plan they can be responsible for a \$50 liability charge, according to www.spamlaws.com

For more information call 912-7000 or e-mail [Jocelyn at jmaustin@wpcu.coop](mailto:jmaustin@wpcu.coop).



Break does not have to end yet

Go to Cincinnati or Kentucky for a weekend

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Vacation is over. However, The Guardian has a prescription for your post-vacation back to school blahs.

Get away this weekend this term, to the Cincinnati or Northern Kentucky area.

The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center is a great place to visit in Cincinnati. It is located downtown near the Ohio River.

The museum tells the story of slaves making their way through the Underground Railroad, according to www.freedomcenter.org.

The Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The cost of admission \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students with a valid I.D. Admission is \$8 for children between the ages of 6 and twelve. A child under the age of 6 is admitted free, according to www.freedomcenter.org.

When done, make the short drive to

Northern Kentucky to visit Newport on the Levee. At the levee, you will find shopping, dining and entertainment.

Newport on the Levee has many stores you can choose from, Claire's, Hot Topic, Journeys, Sports Depot and Barnes & Noble Booksellers, according to www.newportonthelevee.com.

After all that shopping, you might have worked up an appetite.

You can eat at Bar Louie, Dewey's Pizza, AOI Japanese Cuisine, Mitchell's Fish Market and many other restaurants, according to www.newportonthelevee.com.

Looking for entertainment? Catch a flick at the AMC Newport 20 Theatres or go to the Funny Bone Comedy Club and laugh. See who will be performing at the comedy club at www.newportonthelevee.com.

Check out the Newport Aquarium. It is open all year from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$13 for ages 2 through twelve. Children under 2 are admitted for free.

Want somewhere to stay overnight? You can choose from 3 hotels in Newport, Comfort Suites, Holiday Inn Express or the Travelodge.

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Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky is a great place to get away to for a weekend break from school. Newport on the Levee is filled with options to entertain yourself.

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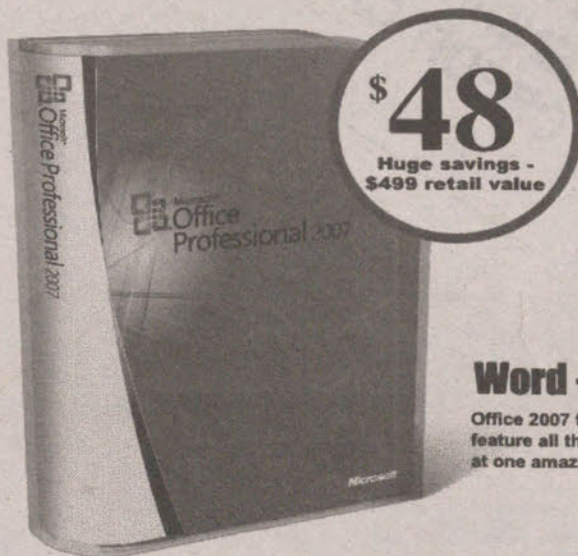
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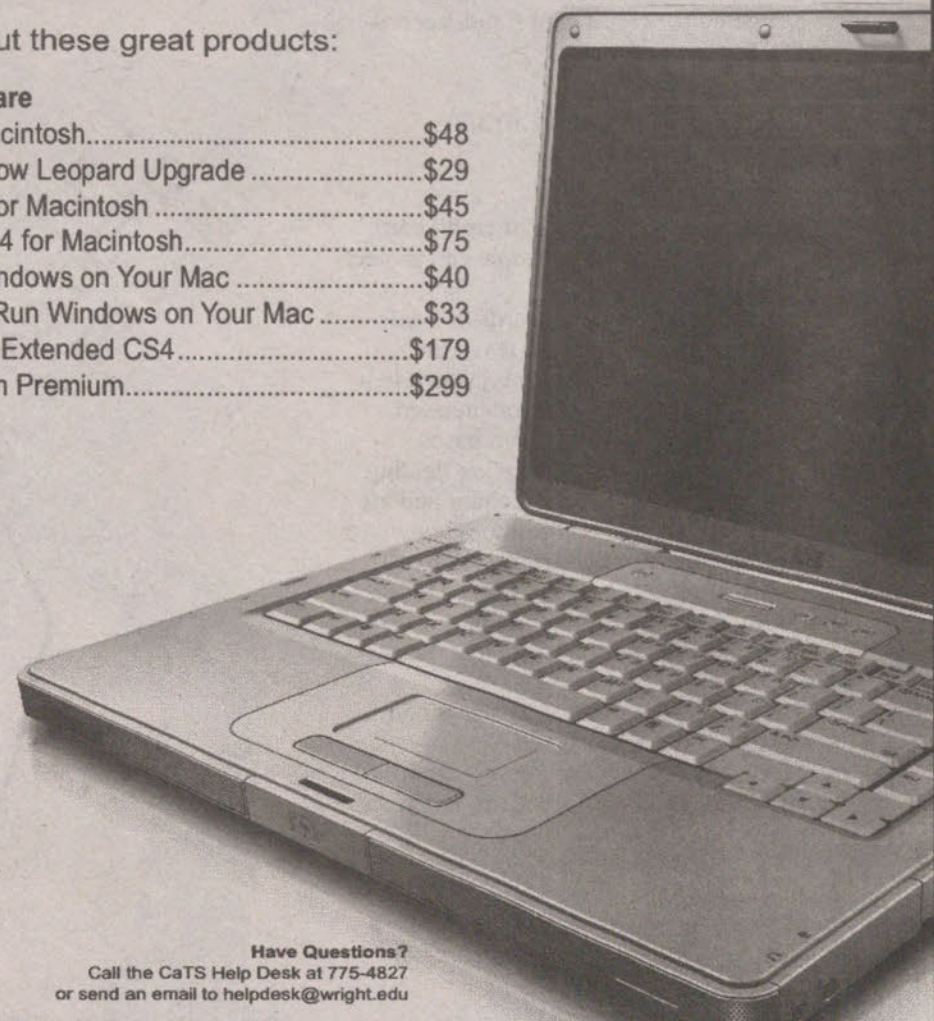
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Jay-Z 'beatz' all of his competitors

■ A review of the new Jay-Z album "The Blueprint 3"

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Billboard Hot 100, according to www.jay-z.com.

"D.O.A. (Death of Auto-Tune)" is another popular song on Jay-Z's album. This song is catchy and has a great rhythm to it.

He talks about how other musicians use an auto-tune tool to correct their voices while singing. The song is up for two Grammy awards, best rap solo performance and best rap song, according to www.jay-z.com.

One of my favorite songs on the album is "So Ambitious," featuring Pharrell. In this song, Jay-Z raps about some people who told him he would not amount to anything in life.

This is one of the softer songs on the album, due to the voice of rapper Pharrell. Jay-Z may be the most accomplished musician ever.

"The Blueprint 3" is Jay-Z's 11th number one album on the Billboard 200, according to www.yahoo.com. The accomplishment puts him in first place among all recording artists.

Jay-Z has surpassed both the king of rock and roll, Elvis Presley and the king of pop, Michael Jackson. Surpassing either of these artists is a milestone by itself.

This is a great album. I recommend it to any fan of music.

Jay-Z's album, "The Blueprint 3" is full of great songs and great artists. The album features Rihanna, Kanye West, Alicia Keys, Drake, Young Jeezy and Pharrell. This is Jay-Z's 11th solo album.

One of the most popular songs on his album is "Run This Town," featuring Kanye West and Rihanna. It has a great rhythm and beat to it.

The strong voices of Jay-Z and Kanye West enhance the softer voice of Rihanna. "Run This Town" is nominated for a Grammy award for best rap collaboration and best rap song, according to www.jay-z.com.

Another great song is "Empire State of Mind," featuring Alicia Keys. It is an ode to New York City. Throughout the song, he talks about different spots around the city.

Alicia Keys' strong voice adds much to the song. "Empire State of Mind" reached number one on the



Album cover photo courtesy of HipHopDX.com

"The Blueprint 3" is Jay-Z's 11th number one album on the Billboard 200, according to www.yahoo.com. The accomplishment puts him in first place, surpassing Elvis Presley. Jay-Z's latest album is jam packed with guest artists such as Rihanna, Kanye West, Alicia Keys, Drake, young Jeezy and Pharell.

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Raiders ready for showdown

■ **Momentum on the side of Wright State going into Friday's contest with Butler, their biggest home game of the year**

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Things are looking up for the Raiders.

At the halfway point of the 2009-10 season, Coach Brad Brownell's boys are three wins better than they were coming back from winter break last year and the most exciting part of their slate is just heating up.

Through the first 15 contests of the year, Wright State is 10-5 and an even better 3-1 in Horizon League play.

The only loss they've had in their last five games was a one-point nail-biter at Loyola in Chicago last week.

The Raiders have kept it close when on the losing end all season, only two of their losses coming by more than five points.

Not bad.

The best part about this team is that their success can't be chalked up to one dominant player; they've made it a team effort since their first outing where every Raider that dressed scored

a point.

Three different Wright State guards are currently averaging double-digits; sharpshooter Troy Tabler and team-leaders Vaughn Duggins and Todd Brown are putting in at least 11 per game.

The big men have also made their mark, senior forward Cory Cooperwood continues his aggressive play, leading the team in rebounds per game and shots blocked. Also, 6-8 junior Cooper Land has set a high bar for three-point accuracy, nailing .375 from beyond the arc this season.

These reasons and a few extra bode well with the team's biggest game of the year coming up this Friday when nationally ranked Butler comes to town.

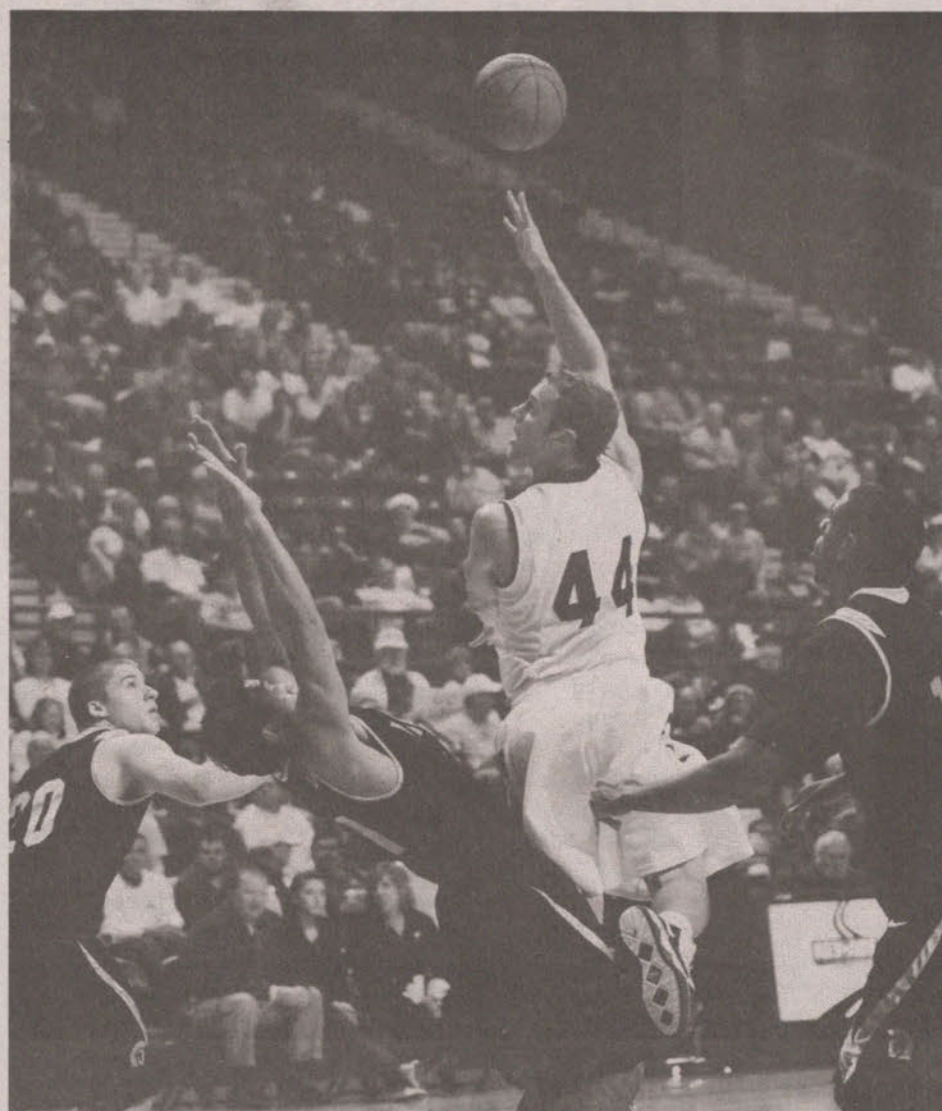
The Bulldogs (10-4, 3-0) have visited the Nutter Center plenty of times over the years but few times when the Raiders have been so lights out at home.

Wright State is a perfect 6-0 so far in the friendly confines and this game is a guaranteed sellout.

All of Butler's losses have come away from Indianapolis and the Raiders have a history of shocking the Bulldogs in Dayton.

If you're a Wright State student and only attend one sporting event your entire school career, make it this game.

The action gets under way Friday night at 7 p.m.



Guard Vaughn Duggins has returned to the court in strong form, averaging 12.9 PPG.

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-Held a 9-4 overall record and a 3-1 Horizon League record

-Went a perfect 6-0 at the Nutter Center

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Women's hoops begin HL season

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While everyone was away for winter break, the WSU women's basketball team faced a blizzard of talent. Unfortunately, the Raiders came away empty handed in games against Ohio State, Boston College, Vanderbilt and Cincinnati.

However, the Raiders now have entered conference play and have a focus of making a run for the Horizon League title.

Despite their 68-47 loss at Detroit, a game in which the Green and Gold led by three in the first half, the Raiders now hope that playing tougher competition last month will have them geared up for league play.

As 2010 has begun, head coach Bridgette Williams and the team is focused on putting them in a good position to compete for the league championship.

"I feel like we're on track, our nonconference schedule has prepared us and that's all you can ask for," said Williams.

The Raiders have also been on the road for most of December and will wrap up their month long road tour this weekend in Wisconsin.

For the Green and Gold, being at home should be a good thing; they have a 3-1 overall record at the Nutter Center for the season.

"It's (the championship) possible for any team to win, it's how hard you work, compete, focus and continue to

play hard," said Williams.

LaShawna Thomas currently leads the team in scoring at 10.5 points per game. Ty-Myra Davis is the leading rebounder, averaging 5.2 per game.

Heading down the home stretch of the season, the Raiders expect to see plenty of tough competition each game.

"All games are a must win for us, we want to win as many games so we can possibly host the league tournament," said Williams.

Williams also said that fan support is crucial to the team's success. On Jan. 14 the Raiders will host '80s night, also their first game at home in over a month against Loyola.

"We are going to step up to give our fans a quality game, they will see a group of young ladies working to establish themselves in the conference," said Williams.

The team is asking all to come out and dress in their best eighties attire because an iPod nano will be given away to the best male and female costumes.

Also, there will be coupons to restaurants given away at the event as well.

"It is going to be a festive environment, we want our fans to get crazy and have fun," said Williams.

The Green and Gold will be seeking their first conference win of the season this weekend when they travel to take on Green Bay this Thursday at 8 pm and then go to Milwaukee on Saturday at 9 pm.



Forward Ta-Myra Davis, a defensive power, leads the Raiders in rebounding with 5 a game.

Courtesy Schultz/The Guardian

The 2009-10 Raider winter break athletics report

Check out how your favorite Raider teams performed during winter break

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Welcome back, Wright State students, the Raiders have been here all along.

Since break started, four different teams traveled to a total of six states, in addition to home and practice schedules that allowed for few days off.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team played ten games over break, going 4-6 and going as far as Massachusetts for contests while the rest of us relaxed at home.

Men's Roundball

The men's roundball squad also played a hefty slate during break, 13 in all, going 8-5 in that stretch and flying as far west as Washington state and as deep south as Mississippi for tough road contests.

Swimming and Diving

Swimming and diving aren't typically sports you would associate with below-freezing weather but that didn't stop the two Wright State powerhouses from hitting the pools over break.

The teams had a solid showing at the always tough Miami Invitational in Oxford last December, with the men finishing fourth of seven schools, including a third place finish from sophomore Hermanus Botha in the 50 freestyle. The women took eighth place of ten teams.

From there, swimming and diving dominated the competition in sunny Tampa, Florida, sweeping the dual

meet and combining to win a total of 25 out of 28 events at the University of Tampa.

Women's Track

The very same day the aqua-Raiders were sweeping in Florida, the women's track squad kicked off their 2010 season with an impressive finish at the Purple & White Invitational in Columbus, where they placed second of five squads.

At the meet, Wright State put down six first-place finishes including the Athletic Department's 2009 Female Athlete of the Year winner Cassandra Lloyd picking up where she left off, winning the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 8.92.

So while the rest of us were busy playing Wii Sports, the Raiders were competing like there was no such thing as a winter break.

Now do your part to make sure the winter quarter is as successful as the break was.

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